

The third and latest (2022) edition of this dictionary and thesaurus of contemporary figurative language and metaphor has been updated to better reflect the language of groups, social media, and social change. The work seeks to identify language used figuratively in everyday contemporary English, along with its distinguishing collocates. The first entry is *ablaze*, and the last entry is *Zuckerberg* (*the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.*). Each entry is tagged by what cognitive linguists sometimes describe as target and source; in general, each entry seeks to highlight a physical basis. Tags include ones like shape; direction; weight; trips & journeys; past & present; feeling & emotion, etc. The compiler is a lifelong EFL teacher of adult military students in Saudi Arabia, and his interest in figurative language arose during his work. The result reinforces that language used figuratively based on our lives and experiences is common and important in all types of communication. For example, a “tug-of-war” from the experience of our childhood can describe a struggle with radar on a plane that results in hundreds of fatalities, and a “conversation” nowadays often suggests much more than simply a talk between two people. The work has implications for ESL / EFL teaching, which tends to focus on the literal meanings of words, usually the first sense in a dictionary. Clearly, more attention should be paid to other senses of words, and this work will help to identify and classify them. This is a reference for ESL / EFL teachers, curriculum developers, materials writers, and teacher trainers. However, it has also been found useful as a dataset by linguists and computer experts interested in metaphor detection, natural language processing (NLP), artificial intelligence (AI), and social-media analysis. Preliminary short discussions based on the work include (1) 60 + common metaphors (2) Collocation (3) Epithets (4) Persons (5) The “container” metaphor (6) Grammatical metaphor, fictive verbs, etc. (7) Past, present and future (8) Allusions (9) Euphemisms (10) Gestures and bodily reactions (11) Shapes and parts-whole (12) Animacy (13) Persistence, survival and endurance (14) Quotations (15) Synonyms and opposites (16) Lessons and exercises (17) To the ESL / EFL teacher, which focuses on how the dictionary and thesaurus impacts the knowledge and experience base of the ESL / EFL teacher and (18) An alphabetized list of the thesaurus categories.

A Dictionary and Thesaurus of Contemporary Figurative Language and Metaphor 2022

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Dedication

To my father—a teacher and a theater man. I thought of you every time I added a word or expression to the category of *theater* in the thesaurus.

And to my students—Emiratis, Hondurans, Mexicans, Moldovans, Ukrainians, Kosovars—past, present and future.

But this work is especially dedicated to the adult military students I taught in Saudi Arabia, starting in 1983 and ending in 2017.

The lyric from Mutanabbi that you taught me will beat in my heart as long as my heart beats.

I know the desert well,
The night, the mounted men.
The battle and the sword,
The paper and the pen.

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Introduction

I compiled this work with my adult Saudi Arabian military EFL students in mind. The third entry in this dictionary—*about-face*—is something I've seen my students do many times on the *maidan*, or parade ground, in Dhahran, in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. A literal about-face, not a figurative one. The literal tends to come first in English language teaching and learning, and in our dictionaries, but the figurative usage can be right behind, if only taught. Of course, the figurative meaning of *about-face* relates to reversal: a government can do an about-face on something such as a policy.

In my classroom, when I would casually mention that a hurricane had an eye (resemblance), or a bed had a foot and a head (orientation), and not only the earth but also a school had an atmosphere (environment), my students would often react with astonishment and dismay.

"English is crazy," one of my students said, memorably. A Harbi. Or a Mutairi, maybe.

And yet, those same students had no problem exemplifying figurative uses of words. When I taught a group of students the figurative use of *magnet*, and gave them a little time to think about it, one student shot his hand into the air and pronounced, "Makkah is a magnet for Muslims."

I highly praised him—a Zahrani, I recall...

The key for such exemplifications lies with collocation. With *magnet*, the important collocating preposition is *for*: X (be) a magnet *for* Y. This little formula with its collocating preposition allows students to create their own, novel exemplifications.

I remember once teaching basic English in a dusty classroom overlooking a parade ground ringed by date palms, in the early days of personal computers. The vocabulary item I was teaching was *window*. I introduced the word in the usual, literal way, but I also mentioned that TV shows could be a window (*portal*) to other countries and cultures. This was in the old days before smartphones.

And a bearded naval officer—a Qahtani?—shot his hand into the air and said, slyly, "Windows."

It took me just a second to get it. Well, of course! Microsoft Windows!

Another time, I remember teaching a lesson on shopping that included the word *mall*. This provided me the opportunity to speak for a brief moment about mall rats, girls and boys who go to malls to flirt. Saudi Arabia has malls, girls, and boys, of course, but flirting is not supposed to

occur, and premarital sex can be a death sentence. Not only that, but in Saudi Arabia comparing a man to an animal of any type is potentially a deadly insult.

After the lesson, a cadet approached me and confided in a whisper, "My brother is a *big* mall rat!"

I loved how he modified the phrase with *big*!

In fact, it was my Saudi students that got me interested in the figurative and metaphorical use of language in the first place. They would talk to me of Islam as a *path*, refer to the character of a person or nationality as being *straight* and *crooked*, insult people as *snakes, devils, dogs*, and *pigs*, and compliment me on my "white" heart. In Riyadh, the center of the country, I taught in view of a prominent ridge called "The Camel's Nose" in Arabic. When I taught in Jeddah, in the western part of the country, I learned from my students that the city was known as "The Bride of the Red Sea," and it was from Arabic poetry that I learned expressions like, "Her face gleamed like the moon on the 14th of the month."

I have not thought of pigs, hearts, geographical place names, cities, and the moon in the same way since.

It's interesting to reflect that there are no actual pigs in Saudi Arabia, the cradle of Islam where the Qur'an forbids the eating of pork. And yet, you hear the word all the time there, not in its literal sense as the animal, but as an insult. And that is how it is entered and categorized in this work. Animals are commonly related to insults, just as they are commonly related to character and personality and many other things, including predation and epithets.

I'm sure you can think of many examples.

"If you are not a wolf, a wolf will eat you," is a proverb I learned in Saudi Arabia.

I like the figurative world because it is connected to the natural world, a world I admire, and not just through the window of an automobile. It includes creatures from childhood like monsters and witches, as well as words that come from "grown up" subjects like astronomy, history, physics, and medicine. In the figurative world, words still refer to older technologies and practices like sailing, mills, farming, and hunting, and somehow I understand them. The figurative world maintains allusions to literature, to the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, Dickens, Mary Shelley, and the Bible. In the figurative world, drumbeats still carry a message, a simple object such as a coin or a chain can express a fundamental relationship, a pancake can express a shape or configuration, and a "tug of war" between an aircraft and its crew can have real consequences, resulting in hundreds of fatalities. Troop buildups on a border can be described as a "geopolitical

game of chicken.” A bubble can symbolize a pandemic. Layers of Swiss cheese can symbolize protection from a pandemic. Waves sloshing in a bathtub can symbolize transmission during a pandemic.

Figurative language offers synonyms, antonyms, and makes connections. You can be *up to your neck* or *up to your eyeballs* in something. Take your pick! If you have a problem, you can *tackle* it or *punt*. Both those words come from American football. Or, you can kick the can down the road, something I often did as a boy. You can *stroll / coast / waltz / or sail* to success. You can say, “That ship has sailed,” or you can say, “That train has left the station,” depending on whether you are into ships or trains. When it comes to resolution and conclusion, you can *bury the ghosts, or put something to rest*. If you wish to avoid or separate yourself from something, nautically you can *steer clear of it, or give it a wide berth*.

And the figurative world makes just makes sense. Is it any surprise that words and expressions from the field of education often relate to assessment? Alcohol to restraint and lack of restraint? The family to relationship? A crutch to help and assistance? The theater to attention? Gambling to fate, fortune and chance? A boat or a horse to control? Religion to messages? Sleep to consciousness and awareness? The tongue to speech? Health and medicine to condition and status? Targets to weapons? Weight to substance? Clothing to concealment? Chess to strategy? A table to negotiation, or inclusion? A door to access? Affliction to wounds and scars? Love and marriage... to pursuit, capture and escape?

That last tends to surprise and delight those who haven't thought of it before.

The figurative world is a great way to organize words and phrases to produce language that really sounds natural, the type of language that we seldom if *ever* teach from our textbooks, and that our students often surprise us with by acquiring on their own, outside our classrooms. It is the difference between “I understand” which we teach and “I see” or “I get it” which we don’t. As English language teachers, we tend to think of the future as a grammar lesson. But the future can also be thought of as movement, direction and even as a container. The future is forward. And if the future is forward, then the past is... behind! The same for progress. Achievement is up, decline is down. The same for proper conduct. Direction is very relevant to numbers. Sales are up! Down! Soaring! Plummeting! Sky-high! Rock-bottom! Through the roof!

Not to mention that the future may relate to the horizon.

Saudis will spend the night out in the desert on full-moon nights, and spend a night out around a bonfire in the winter. Like Russians, they enjoy searching for mushrooms in season, except in their case they are hunting for desert truffles. In Saudi Arabia a young man might walk miles to get from one place to another. While walking, he will notice the *ashes* of old campfires, and the

footprints of those who have walked the *path* before him. He will pay attention to the *weather*, and to the *light*. If he is out past sunset and has planned ahead and carried some wood, he might light a *fire* for warmth or companionship, and notice other such lights on the horizon, or across a valley, and he will notice the *stars* in the sky. Such a person will already know the physical bases of words like *trail*, *fire*, *footprint*, *beacon*, *weather*, and *star* and will feel the shock of recognition in their figurative and metaphorical usages.

The figurative and the literal can become controversial, as the following examples attest:

- A few days after 9/11, President George W. Bush's use of the word *crusade* was widely questioned when he said to the nation: "This crusade, this war on terrorism, is going to take a while..."
- In 2011 in the US, the elected politician Gabrielle Giffords and others were shot after Giffords' district had been targeted on a map with cross-hairs by an ideological opponent. In a coda, in 2019, Roger Stone apologized to Judge Amy Berman Jackson for posting an Instagram photo of her next to a rifle scope's crosshair. She said, "Roger Stone fully understands the power of words and the power of symbols... There's nothing ambiguous about a crosshairs." And in a coda to that coda, in 2022 a court heard a case involving that original cross-hairs symbol and *The New York Times*.
- In 2020, after the Trump campaign called on volunteers to monitor the vote, Sheryl Sandberg, the COO of Facebook, said, "I think what people are worried about in this ad is that he says 'army of supporters'... We believe the language 'army of supporters' is not really calling for an army but is calling on people who are normal campaign volunteers."
- In 2021, President Trump, after losing his bid for reelection, said, "And they're not taking the White House, we're going to fight like hell..." His supporters would later storm the U.S. Capitol, resulting in his second impeachment and trial, with much debate about political speech. "Are we going to put every politician in jail, are we going to impeach every politician who has used the words *fight* figuratively in a speech? Shame!" said Senator Rand Paul. Said Michael Van Der Veen, from the floor of the Senate at the impeachment trial, "The reality is, Mr. Trump was not in any way, shape or form instructing these people to fight, or to use physical violence. What he was instructing them to do was to challenge their opponents..."

Figurative usage is not just important in politics. Wall Street "mines" newspaper articles and tweets for the figurative usage of words like *abyss*—as in "Greece is at the edge of a financial abyss"—which can spark declines in the market. In language, the idea of substance can be associated with weight, and cognitive linguists have conducted experiments based on the idea that the actual thickness and weight of something, like a paper file, can influence people's attitudes about the substance of a person.

Metaphor is nothing new: the ancient Greeks discussed it. Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., in his book *Word Origins* (published by Grosset & Dunlap, New York, 1950), wrote, “*Up* and *down* are two other strange words that tie into the mysteries of space and even of religion and our human ideas of values,” in the chapter entitled “word oddities,” and he goes on to explain and give good examples. In 1836, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, “Light and darkness are our familiar expression for knowledge and ignorance... Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope.” (*Nature*, Chapter 4, “Language”). Cognitive linguists speak of metaphors like these as BAD IS DOWN, GOOD IS UP, KNOWLEDGE IS VISION, PAST IS BEHIND EGO, and FUTURE IS IN FRONT OF EGO.

For students learning English, this dictionary should help them learn the figurative uses of words. The entry word is, in most cases, a basic one. The collocations are rarely more than two or three words, slightly harder, and the exemplary fragments and sentences are a bit harder yet. This basic English (to include figurative language) is the foundation for all those other Englishes: academic English, aviation English, business English, medical English, military English, scientific English, technical English, English for Peace and Conflict Studies, etc.

It took decades for the fruits of research on collocation to get into our curriculums, materials, and dictionaries. The Oxford Collocations Dictionary finally appeared in 2002, and the revised and updated version of the military curriculum I taught for so many years in Saudi Arabia—the American Language Course (ALC) created by the Defense Language Institute (DLI)—currently contains many excellent exercises based on collocation. Both were a long time coming. It is my hope that the next big effort for the ALC/DLI and in language teaching in general will be to incorporate the figurative uses of words into curriculums, textbook exercises, and learner’s dictionaries.

60+ common metaphors

These metaphors are based on the work and represent a lot of language. The bolded words are categories in the thesaurus and the italicized words have entries in the dictionary. The first metaphor relates the hand to attainment and possession. A hand, *of course*, can relate to many other things: see the category **hand** in the thesaurus for the many things a hand can relate to. But the hand relating to attainment and possession is a common metaphor.

1. The **hand** can relate to **attainment** and also to **possession**: “It was *in my hands*, but it *slipped through my fingers* and now it is forever *out of my grasp / reach*.”
2. **Sleep** can relate to **consciousness & awareness**: “The government is *sleeping*, and our politicians need to *wake up*.” So can the **eye**: “A minority of *clear-eyed* scientists *saw it coming*. Still, non-scientists were *blindsided*, and, when the catastrophe occurred, it was a real *eye-opener*.”
3. **Royalty** often relates to the **superlative**: Burger King; Mattress King; Aretha, the *Queen of Soul*; “*aristocratic* wine at democratic prices” (an advertisement); “Banff, the Canadian National Park, is the *crown jewel* of the system.”
4. A name relates to **reputation**: “Life is for one generation; a good *name* is forever.” “You have *blackened our name*.” “That company has *a good name*.”
5. A **horse** can relate to **control & lack of control**: “We need to *rein in galloping / runaway inflation*.” “Hydroelectric dams *harness* the power of rivers.”
6. **Mining** can relate to **searching & discovery**: “I began to *dig into* the old case and *uncovered* some interesting facts. Not all the *leads panned out*. It was in the old police case file, however, that I struck *gold*.”
7. The **family** commonly relates to **relationship** and to **division & connection**: “Intelligence officers have always held an *orphan / stepchild* position in the military compared to the *favorite son* status of tacticians and logistics officers.”
8. Language from the **military** and **weapon** categories is often linked to **conflict** and **accusation & criticism**: “Facing *sniping* from his own party and a *fusillade* of criticism from the opposition, he has *fired a broadside* in his defense.”
9. The **theater** often relates to **development**, and also **attention, scrutiny & promotion**, and **performance**: “It is only the *first act* of the legal *drama*, but already the *spotlight* has focused on jury selection. The trial promises to be quite a *show*.”
10. **Chess** often relates to **strategy**: “It’s a geopolitical *chess game* and the *pawns* in the struggle have no idea what the *endgame* will be.”
11. A **table** can relate to **position, policy & negotiation**: *sit down at the table; on the table; off the table; come back to the table; turn the tables*. Also **inclusion & exclusion**: *a seat at the table*.
12. **Movement** and **direction** can relate to **action, inaction & delay** and **progress & lack of progress**: “We’ve got to *move*, and we’ve got to *move forward*, not *sideways or backwards*.”
13. The **center & periphery** often relate to **society**: *mainstream; center; fringe, on the margins*.
14. **Height** can relate to **importance & significance** and **primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence** and **superiority & inferiority**: “LeBron James is literally and figuratively a

towering figure at the height of his career, at the very pinnacle of success, head and shoulders above his rivals. And while his star may now be at its zenith, it must be that every star will set.”

15. **Journeys & trips** can represent life. After college, you *set out / embark* on a *course*. You encounter *crossroads* or *forks* in the road and choose your *direction*. You might *follow in someone else's footsteps* or *blaze your own trail*. You will *cross that bridge* when you come to it, encounter *obstacles* in your *path* and take *shortcuts* and *detours*. *Milestones* along the way might include marriage, children, and promotions. Life can be a hard *slog*, and some *fall by the wayside*. But hopefully you will be happy and content when you *reach the end of the road*, especially if you are one of those who took “the [road] less travelled by.”
16. A **line** often relates to **behavior**: “You are *out of line*. You have *crossed the line*. You are *over the line*. You have crossed *a red line*.”
17. An **animal** can relate to **predation**, especially a **lion**, **wolf** or **shark**: “Famine still *stalks* the inhabitants of the Sahel.” “If you are not a *wolf*, a *wolf* will eat you.” “His critics are *circling*, they can smell *blood in the water*, and they are *out for blood*.”
18. **Smell** often relates to **evidence** and **corruption**: “I began *sniffing out* government corruption. And when I *got wind of* the business deal, I immediately detected something *fishy*. Something *stank*, and by the time I had finished my investigation, the *stench* filled my nostrils.”
19. **Affliction** can relate to a **creature** (like a ghost) and **health & medicine** and to a **mark** (like a scar): “He was never able to *exorcise* the *ghosts* of Afghanistan, *heal* his emotional *wounds*, and the mental *scars* of his service are still *livid*, *raw* and *itchy*.”
20. A **weight** or a **burden** can relate to **oppression**: “I was *weighed down* by a *heavy load* of debt that I knew I would never be able to *get out from under*, and the repossession of my car was *the last straw*.”
21. **Health & medicine** can relate to the **condition & status** of something: The economy is *on life support / moribund / weak / recovering / healthy / robust*, etc.
22. **Ruins** can relate to **destruction**. “Even though my company had *collapsed*, and my reputation was *in ruins*, I began to *rebuild*.”
23. **Water** can relate to the size and force of **movement**: “The number of asylum seekers began as a *trickle* or *stream* and is now a *flood*. A *groundswell* of immigration is threatening to *inundate* the border, and those opposed to migration are characterizing it as a *tsunami*.”
24. **Rain**, a **storm**, a **wind**, or natural disasters like an **avalanche**, a **landslide**, an **earthquake**, or **tsunami**, and great forces like a **volcano**, a **river**, the **sea**, a **fire**, a **wave** and **water** often relate to **amount and effect**: an *avalanche / blizzard / firestorm / flood / deluge / landslide / tidal wave / tsunami / storm / surge* of criticism, protest, etc.
25. **Direction and height** can relate to **behavior** and **character & personality**: “An *upright* man always *takes the high road* and does not *get down in the gutter* or *in the mud* with his enemies of *low* repute. To such a man, morality is *straightforward*, and his opposite is a *snake*, taking a *twisted path*.”
26. **Astronomy** can relate to the idea of **primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence**: “One boxer’s *star is rising*, the current champion’s star is *at its zenith*, while the former champ’s star is *setting*.”

27. **Books & reading** can relate to **development**: “When I graduated from university, it was time to *close the book* on that stage of my life, *turn the page*, and start *a new chapter* in my life.”
28. **Food & drink** often relates to **consumption**: “I developed a *taste* for exploration as a young boy. I *gorge* on the books of explorers, I *devoured* them, I *drank in / lapped up / gobbled up* adventure stories and *digested* their lessons learned, and my *appetite* for them was *insatiable*. Soon I began taking little voyages of my own about the neighborhood and developed a *taste* for freedom. In fact, I became a *glutton* for it.”
29. **Sports & games** commonly relate to **competition**: the *contest* of measure and countermeasure (warfare); the space *race*; we are *ahead of them*; we must not *fall behind*; they are *outpacing* us and we will have to do better to *keep up*; when it comes to global warming, there will be *winners* and *losers*; she is *jockeying for position*; he is the *front-runner*, etc.
30. A **season** can relate to **growth & development** and **decline**: “I am in the *autumn* of my life;” nuclear *winter*; the Arab *Spring*...
31. The **day** can relate to **past & present** and **future**: *in the old days; back in the day; those days; yesterday; these days; nowadays; a new day; in the coming days*, “hopes and dreams for a better *tomorrow*.”
32. **Hygiene** is related, too often in a sinister way, to **violence** and **concealment & lack of concealment**: a military “*cleanup*” operation; ethnic *cleansing*; “wash the filthy *scum* off the streets,” *whitewash, sanitize, scrub, launder*, etc.
33. **Water** (swimming and drowning) often relates to **survival & endurance**: “My first semester at college, I felt like I was *I out of my depth* and *drowning*. I was just *treading water*, barely able to *keep my head above water* and stay *afloat*. Letters from home were a real *lifeline*. Things are much better now.”
34. **Equilibrium** is often related to **disruption**: “The company has *shaken up* the industry and *rattled* the major players by *overturning* accepted assumptions and norms.” It is also related to **fairness**: “The idea will *tilt* the *balance* and create an *unequal playing field*.”
35. **Temperature** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “Relations between the two countries, previously *frosty*, have begun to *thaw*, but they can in no way be described as *warm* yet.”
36. **Direction** up or down can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “You look *downhearted*. *Cheer up!* I can see you need a *lift*. Let’s do something to *raise* your spirits.”
37. A **clock** and the time of **day** can relate to **timeliness & lack of timeliness**. So can a **window**: “We had better hurry. The *clock is ticking*. It’s no longer *early in the morning*, it’s *late in the day*. We’re *in a race with the clock* now, and the *clock is winding down*. Our *window of opportunity* is closing fast.”
38. Natural obstacles can relate figuratively to **obstacles & impedance**: *headwind; shoal; morass; mud; quagmire; quicksand; thicket; logjam; snag*, etc.
39. A **desert** or **oasis** or **jungle** or **swamp** or **island** or **sea** and other geographical features are often used figuratively to describe an **environment**. “Too many urban areas are food *deserts* with little access to fresh food.” “It’s a *jungle* out there, be careful.” “The area is an *island* of affluence in a *sea* of squalor.” “We must drain the *swamp* of Congress.” The **air**, the

atmosphere and the **climate** can be used to talk about environment in general. “There is tension in the *air / atmosphere*, and a *climate* of fear.”

40. A **plant** and **farming & agriculture** are often related to **growth & development**: “Christianity found *fertile ground* in the Philippines, where the *seeds* the missionaries *planted* took root and *flourished / flowered / bore fruit.*”
41. **Standing, sitting & lying** can relate to many things, including **dominance & submission**, and **resistance, opposition, & defeat**, and also **action, inaction & delay**. These meanings are often combined in a series: “We can’t take this *lying down*. Why are we just *sitting on our hands*? We can’t *stand by* any longer. It’s time to *stand up* and make *a stand*.”
42. **Health & medicine; addiction; love, courtship & marriage; and religion** can all relate to **enthusiasm**: “I’m *crazy about* dragonflies”; “Adrenaline *junkies* risk life and limb at the X games for their sports”; “To meet a walrus is to *fall in love with* a walrus” (a walrus researcher); “It’s a bit of a *disease*” (Jay Leno on his vehicle collection); “Mountains are truly *cathedrals*” (the great “Big” Jim Whittaker, climber). The opening line of Norman Maclean’s book *A River Runs Through It* reads, “In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing.”
43. The Galapagos Islands have become an **epithet** for the **biodiversity** of endemic species. The fascinating Yemeni island of Socotra has been called the “*Galapagos of the Indian Ocean*.” Alaska’s Pribilof Islands are known as the *Galapagos of the North*. In Unesco’s World Heritage Site citation, Lake Baikal in eastern Russia is referred to as the *Galapagos of Russia*. The Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park has been referred to as the *American Galapagos*, and the Haida Gwaii have been referred to as the *Canadian Galapagos*.
44. Allusions from the **Iliad & Odyssey** relate to the following: **attraction (siren)**; **affliction (hector)**; **subterfuge (Trojan horse)**; **journeys & trips (odyssey)**; **message (Cassandra)**; **protection & lack of protection (Achilles' heel)**, **superlative (epic and Homeric)**, and **alternative & choices and danger** (between Scylla and Charybdis). This vocabulary will live in the language long after the details are forgotten.
45. **Alcohol** can relate to several things: **activity (ferment)**; **behavior (binge, drunk, and inebriate)**; **concealment & lack of concealment (bootleg and bootlegger)**; **consciousness and awareness (black out)**; **control and lack of control (drunk)**; **feeling, emotion & effect (hangover, intoxicate, intoxicate, intoxicating, sober, and sobering)**; **mixture (cocktail)**; and **restraint & lack of restraint (binge, drunk, and inebriate)**. You don’t have to be a drinker to be “drunk on power / success.”
46. Falling can relate to **fate, fortune & chance**. If you are *on thin ice*, you might fall through the ice and drown. Likewise, when you *go out on a limb*, the limb might break and then you will fall to the ground and die. If you are *hanging on* to your job *by a thread*, that thread might break. If you are *walking a tightrope*, you might fall off and die. If you are *teetering on the edge of a precipice*, you might fall and die. The sky can fall. If your head is on the *chopping block*, the blade could fall on your neck and your *head will roll*. That blade might be the *Sword of Damocles*. Or perhaps you are waiting for *a shoe to drop* or *fall*.
47. **Cards** can relate to **fate, fortune & chance**: “The *cards were stacked* against Rubin Carter from birth. He was *dealt a hand* nobody could play. But by *the luck of the draw*, a sympathetic judge was selected to try his final case of *habeas corpus*.”

48. A **euphemism** is often used for death. Expressions include *pass away*; *the fallen*; *lose* (through death); *resting place*, etc. A set of sinister euphemisms relate to killing: liquidate; encounter; “He was disappeared”; remove; take down, etc.
49. **Money** can relate to **obligation**: “The grateful nation *owes* a *debt* of gratitude to the sacrifices of its military. We can never fully *repay* those who *paid* the ultimate *price* for our freedom.”
50. **Money** is often related to **cost & benefit**. “I made a *costly* mistake, I *paid a price* for my mistake, it took a *toll* on me, but in the end I *profited* from it, though it took years and years before I understood what exactly the *payoff* was.”
51. **Society** can relate to a **person** like a *leper*, *castaway*, *outcast*, *pariah*, and *hermit*. Such people might find themselves separated from the *mainland*, on an *island*, in the *wilderness*, left out in the *cold*, *outside of the tent*, on the *fringe*, on the *far shore*, etc.
52. **Noise** and **movement** are often related to **activity**: The factory floor was a *beehive* of activity, *swarming* with workers, with machines large and small *humming* and *buzzing*.
53. **Gesture** can relate to **feeling**, **emotion & effect**: “The latest college admissions scandal has some people *shaking their heads*, others *rolling their eyes*, and a few *wringing their hands*.”
54. **Cloth** can relate to **division & connection**: “We are used to traveling around on an *interwoven*, *tight-knit*, seemingly *seamless* system of highways. But some *strands* have become *frayed*.” So can a **rope**: “A nation is *bound / tied* together by its system of roads.”
55. **Containers** can relate to **situations**: “I got *into* trouble, I was *in* a tight spot, trapped, desperate to *get out*.” However, a situation is more and more considered to be a **place**: “I was in a tight spot *where* I couldn’t figure a way out.”
56. **Love, courtship & marriage** can be connected to **attraction & repulsion** and to **pursuit, capture & escape**: “She was the *darling* of Wall Street, she had no problem *wooing* and *seducing* eager investors—including ex-generals, one ex-president, Henry Kissinger, and two nationally important families—and she had the media *swooning*.”
57. **Sound** can represent **conflict**: “His comments caused an *uproar* and *howls* of protest, with many *clamoring* for an apology, and *outcries* for his resignation.” Actual warfare, past and present, is associated with sound.
58. An **explosion** or a **weapon** from the **military** can represent **danger**: On a bad day academia can be a *minefield* full of *booby traps*, *trip wires* and hidden *landmines*.”
59. Verbs of hitting, slamming and lashing are often related to the **force** of a **storm** like a hurricane or tornado: “The hurricane *battered* the island with a horrific storm surge, *pummeled* inland areas with winds and rain, and *knocked out* the power grid before moving on to *clobber* the mainland.”
60. **Direction** (up and down) can relate to **hierarchy**. “When I started out in my job, I started out at the *bottom*. I was *low* man on the *totem pole*, and literally everyone in the company was *over* me. With hard work and perseverance, I began to *rise up*. I began to *climb* the career *ladder*. When my *superiors* realized I wanted to take care of those *under* me, and not just please my *higher-ups*, I *rose* even *higher*. Today I am not at the *top* of the *pyramid*, but I am very happy where I am, and I am ready to assume additional responsibility.”

61. **Religion** often relates to **message**: He has used his bully *pulpit* to *preach* the *gospel* of American exceptionalism, and his *crusade* has been wildly popular, particularly when he *preaches* to members of *the choir*.
62. **Sensation** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “That guy is *irritating*, he *rubs me the wrong way*.” “Yeah, he can be *abrasive*. But you’re too *sensitive*, you need to develop *thicker skin*.”
63. An **animal** often relates to **conflict**: You can *bristle*, *get your back up*, and *stand your ground*. You might then go *head to head* and *butt heads*, or *lock horns* with someone. You might be *out for blood*, *smell blood*, and *draw blood*. Or you might *give ground*, *turn tail* and run, or *lie down and roll over*.
64. **Attention, scrutiny & promotion** can relate to **explosion, light & dark**, and **sound**. Most Americans, and every child, delight in these three things simultaneously every Fourth of July. Not necessarily dogs, or recent combat veterans. And so our internet influencers *skyrocket* to success and things *blow up* on the internet.
65. For the younger generation, **situation, time**, and **development** have become a **place**. This recognizes the ubiquitous use of “*where*” but in no way explains it.
66. A very contemporary language of justice and activism has arisen in the United States and spread around the world. I have identified the following eight tropes: (1) Raising consciousness, personal affirmation, ways to be *positive*, to *reclaim* previously demeaning terms: “Stepping or leaning into one’s own *truth*,” “*lived experience*,” “Get *woke*, stay *woke*,” *agency*, “Now that’s what I call *fierce!*” etc. (2) Physical and mental malaise, pain, and danger: Black *pain*, the *exhaustion* and danger of driving *while black*, “low income and marginalized students will *suffer* the most,” “the *trauma* of life that makes one want to fight,” etc. (3) *Presence* and *absence*, *visibility* and *invisibility*, and *erasure*: “White people don’t *see us*,” “They have been rendered *invisible*,” *whitewashing*, etc. (4) *Like (people like us / groups)* and *look like (look like me, etc.)*: “There aren’t a lot of people that *look like us* that are on the air, there aren’t a lot of people with our voice and our experiences,” etc. (5) *Space*: occupy space, reclaim or retake space, safe spaces, welcoming spaces, exclusive spaces for women, gay spaces, etc. (6) *Attention*: “We’re a small minority, we had to make some *noise*,” “Say it loud and say it proud,” “Say their names,” *knee (take a knee)*, etc. (7) *Empowerment* and *representation*: more hip-hop at Coachella, taking control of the *narrative*, etc. (8) *Inclusion* and its controversies: questioning others’ Blackness, who gets to use the N word, controversy over the expression of joy, performative *allyship*, *appropriation*, tokenism, *representation* vs. *equity*, whether or not the *fetishization* of Black hair trivializes Black people, “the contradictions and problems inherent to the politics of *representation*,” etc.

This sort of language is collected and categorized in the thesaurus at **inclusion & exclusion: society**. It acknowledges language like the following:

“I was exhausted with the culture of country music not ever creating space for people who look like me. Both artists and fans are shut out from the industry, so I felt like it was important to create a space where we felt safe and welcome.”

That's Holly G on why she created The Black Opry, an online platform. From "How Black women reclaimed country and Americana music in 2021" by Andrea Williams, Marcus Dowling, and Jewly Hight, NPR, December 14, 2021.

Collocation

Why compile a dictionary of collocations for words used figuratively, and not just a thesaurus? As Susan Hunston noted in a personal communication, “The crucial point that metaphoric uses are distinguished by collocation has...been made, most notably by Prof Alice Deignan of Leeds University.” Of course, *every* word is characterized by its collocations, and collocation is key for use. But the collocations of words used figuratively and literally can differ.

Pitfall, entered in this work in **hunting**, and **danger**, and also **walking**, **running & jumping**, is an interesting word and worth discussing in terms of collocation. Like many words, most of us will only encounter this word in its figurative sense. People around the world still hunt and trap for a living, but most of them use more modern methods. I can only imagine that it takes a lot of work and time to dig a pitfall, unlike the fictional pitfall from “The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell, a short story I taught as the ESL co-teacher of a high-school language-arts class. What I know about these old methods of catching animals comes from films like *Chang: A Drama of the Wilderness* (1927) in which animals were most *definitely* harmed, or a book like *Dersu the Trapper* by V.K. Arseniev, when he writes about *ludevas*, or game fences. As he explains it, instinct impels an animal towards water or a salt lick. A game barrier prevents the animal from going in the direction it wants to go. So the animal walks along the fence, eventually coming to an opening in the fence it can get through. It is there that the trapper has dug the pitfall, and the animal falls in.

The main collocating verbs for a literal *pitfall* would be *dig*, *cover*, *fall into* and *fill in*: a hunter must first dig a pitfall and then cover it and hope that an animal falls into it, and when he leaves the area, he should fill in the pitfall so as not to deplete the stock of game in a wasteful manner. Like the word *hole*, adjectives might be *deep* or *shallow*. In a series with *and* or a comma linking it to similar words, an attested example is “pitfalls, deadfalls, and snares.” *Trap*, *pitfall*, and *snares* are often used figuratively, but *deadfall* seems to have fallen by the wayside.

For a figurative pitfall, important collocating verbs are: *identify*, *avoid*, *navigate* and *skirt*. This makes sense as a series. *Skate around*, an attested example, makes me question the writer’s mental image of an actual pitfall, even if *skate* is being used figuratively. A figurative pitfall can *await* the unwary. Common adjectives for a figurative pitfall are almost always classifying: a medical / clinical / diagnostic / constitutional / legal pitfall. (Our curriculums tend to do a horrible job of teaching classifying adjectives.) Or adjectives relate to significance: biggest / greatest / main / major / important pitfall. Or possibility and frequency: a common / possible / potential pitfall. A common preposition for “pitfall + preposition” is *in*: pitfalls *in* diagnosis / evaluation / interpretation / management, etc.

Similar words used figuratively to express **danger** include: bomb, booby trap, landmine, line of fire, minefield, powder keg, and tripwire, all from the military domain. A less used but perfectly apt word is “third rail” which refers to trains, electricity, and electrocution: “Social security reform / gun control is the third rail of US politics.”

Epithets

Most of us learned epithets like “Rosy Fingered Dawn” (*The Iliad*) and “The Whale Road” and the “The Swan Road” (*Beowulf*) in high-school literature courses. In the early 1900s, when whaling, walrusing and sealing were still big industries, writers would refer to important and powerful men as the “great whales of their profession.” Times have changed. Nowadays, we use epithets like “Mick (a blue terrier) is the *Michael Jordan* of the dog-show world” and “We know that Bolivia / Afghanistan can become the *Saudi Arabia* of lithium” and “Majid Abdullah, the *Pele* of the desert...” and “The fight against Tamil rebels was Sri Lanka’s *Vietnam*.” In this work epithets are recorded in the dictionary, and they are collected in the thesaurus in the category **epithet**.

Epithets commonly occur in the form, “the X of Y.” Mick (a blue terrier) is *the Michael Jordan of the dog-show world*. The Pribilofs are known as *the Galapagos of the North*.

Alternatives include “(the) Adj + X.” The adjective might be an adjective of nationality. The Haida Gwaii Islands have been referred to as *the Canadian Galapagos*. The Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park is *the American Galapagos*. “He studied counterinsurgency at Duntroon, *the Australian West Point*.” Or the adjective might be a color. In the early 19th century, in northwestern Illinois, lead was referred to as *gray gold*. In the 19th century the *white gold* was guano, in the 21st century it is lithium. Oil is frequently referred to as *black gold*, and so are the wonderful Khawlani coffee beans, picked red but dried until black, in Saudi Arabia’s Jazan province. And it is possible that the *blue gold* of the future will be bulk water shipments to arid countries. Cobalt has also been referred to as “*blue gold*.”

Yet another pattern is “(the) Possessive s + X.” The coral Triangle has been called *the Ocean’s Amazon*. “Why Eritrea is called *Africa’s North Korea*.” Hubei Province is *China’s new Ruhr Valley*. The Bali bombing was *Australia’s 9/11*.

Epithets are commonly introduced by *called*: Why Eritrea is *called* Africa’s North Korea (*The Economist* magazine); West Virginia *has been called* the Saudi Arabia of coal; the Great Bear Rain Forest *is often called* the Amazon of the North; Cerén *is sometimes called* the Pompeii of the New World (El Salvador); Borneo and its forests *are sometimes called* the lungs of Southeast Asia.

Or there is the variation with *so-called*: Kamuzu Academy in Malawi is the *so-called* “Eaton of Africa.”

Or *considered (to be)*: the *Andrea Doria* is *considered* the Mount Everest of wreck diving; Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy is *considered to be* Thailand’s West Point.

Described as can be used: the campaign *is often described as* the Stalingrad of the East (Battles of Kohima and Imphal in World War II).

Or *dubbed*: Northern California’s Salinas Valley *is often dubbed* America’s salad bowl; Xiyuanglu lychees *were dubbed* “the king of fruit”; Travis Patriquin *has been dubbed* the T.E. Lawrence of Iraq.

Known is quite common: he *is known as* Korea's Great Gatsby for his lavish lifestyle (Big Bang's Seungri); the Pribilofs *are known as* the Galapagos of the North; Ibrahim Rugova *was known as* the Gandhi of the Balkans; Bhutan, *once known as* the hermit kingdom of the Himalayas; the crash landing *became known as* the Miracle on the Hudson (Flight 1549).

Or *refer to* can be used: Unesco's citation *refers to* Lake Baikal as the "Galapagos of Russia"; El Paso *is often referred to as* the Ellis Island of the Southwest.

Finally, *said to be*: the Palestinians are *sometimes said to be* the Jews of the Arab world.

Note the tendency for the use of the passive, and the various adverbs of frequency.

Epithets often relate / compare (1) people to people (Ibrahim Rugova was known as the *Gandhi* of the Balkans) (2) geographical places and areas to geographical places and areas (Pipeline on the North Shore of Oahu is the *Mount Everest* of surfing waves) (3) institutions to institutions (Kamuzu Academy in Malawi is the so-called "*Eaton of Africa*") and (4) events to events (the Kuta Beach bombing *was* Australia's *9/11*).

Epithets can be quite thought provoking and the points of similarity (and dissimilarity) are always open for discussion and debate.

Consider *Vietnam* used as an epithet. That war has been compared to Egypt's intervention in Yemen, which occurred at the same time; Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in the 1980s; British involvement in that same country in 2006; and the Sri Lankan Civil War (1983-2009).

Both Colin Kaepernick and Meghan Rapinoe have been described as their generation's *Muhammed Ali*.

Such diverse peoples as Indo-Caribbean immigrants, Palestinians, Chinese, and Latinos have all been characterized as Jews, respectively of the Caribbean, the Arab world, the Far East, and of the 21st century. While the primary meaning relates to diaspora, nuances are certainly involved in every case.

Epithets for geographical places are quite common. Beautiful cities are often compared to a *pearl*: Manila, the *Pearl* of the Orient; Dubrovnik, the *Pearl* of the Adriatic, etc. One of my favorite epithets is the one for Lake Baikal, "the Blue Eye of Siberia." On the BBC news world map, you can just see it to the east of the larger Black and Caspian Seas and the smaller Lake Balkhash. My eye never fails to note it due to its beautiful epithet. In every respect it is an amazing lake. It even has archipelagoes. I would love to visit the Blue Eye of Siberia one day.

Finally, epithets often relate to **royalty**: Aretha Franklin, the *Queen* of Soul; Pat's *King* of Steaks; John George Bartholomew, the *Prince* of Cartography. Or to the **family**: Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the *father* of Pakistan; James Brown, the *Godfather* of Soul.

Persons

A name for a **person** can figuratively relate to many things, especially a **role**. These names come from a number of domains.

A person might relate to an occupation. A *butcher* is associated with oppression, warfare, and slaughter, even though the friendly butchers at the supermarket where I buy my meat seem to be perfectly normal, friendly and helpful folks. We should all be a good *steward* of the land, even if we don't work on ships, trains, or airplanes. You can be an *ambassador* without being a member of the State Department, as Mike Tyson was when he visited China to promote boxing.

"Adjuncts are the *field hands* of education" doesn't mean that adjuncts literally labor in the fields and pick crops. It means that they stoop to gain employment, get their hands dirty teaching actual classes, do all the heavy lifting, have little control over what they are paid, work seasonally, and usually have to travel a lot.

The names for members of a **family** used figuratively is a large category, no surprise, as the family is basic to every society. Some of the connotations seem as if they came from 19th century England as written about by Dickens, or from fairy tales. An *orphan* is bereft: "We need to develop orphan drugs for orphan diseases." A *stepchild* is neglected: "Intelligence officers have always held a stepchild position." The *favorite son* is favored: "Obama was welcomed to Ireland like a favorite son." The *stepmother* is evil and hates the poor *stepdaughter*: "The EU is a heartless stepmother trying to drive Greece out of the family." *Mother* and *father* commonly relate to creation: "Cokie Roberts, a founding mother of NPR" and "Ibrahim Rugova, the father of Kosovo..." Is it any surprise that *twin* represents connection? "The South's familiar twins, temperature and humidity..."

When we talk about **society**, we often use the words *outcast*, *leper* or *pariah* for those who are shunned and marginalized. Or *castaway*, like those poor unfortunates on Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean. Or *hermit*, for those who voluntarily or involuntarily withdraw, like the Japanese *hikikimori*, or modern-day hermits.

Persons who are mentioned in regards to the **future** and making predictions include *fortuneteller*, *oracle*, *prophet*, *soothsayer*, and *seer*.

From the experience many of us had in our grade school and tweens and teens come *babysitter*, *bully*, *coach*, *chaperon*, *cheerleader*, *den mother*, *golden girl / boy* and *grownup*.

And many persons come from the domain of **religion**: *acolyte*, *choirboy*, *convert*, *crusader*, *devotee*, *disciple*, *evangelist*, *guru*, *heretic*, *iconoclast*, *martyr*, *missionary*, *oracle*, *prophet*, and *soothsayer*. A subset of these persons relate to **message**, no surprise, as every religion has its message.

All of the italicized words in this section have their entries in the dictionary, along with their collocations and exemplary sentences or fragments.

The “container” metaphor

An expression like, “He has love / hatred *in* his heart for...” serves to remind us that the heart can be thought of as a **container**, just like a pitcher or a glass, based on the preposition *in*.

We have cognitive linguists to thank for identifying the container metaphor, and any ESL / EFL teacher will recognize its explanatory worth for idioms related to the heart, such as “I poured my heart into the job,” “I poured my heart out to her,” “She fills my heart with joy and laughter,” “The government wants to instill / put fear into the people’s hearts,” “They have goodness / hate / joy in their hearts,” “We’re going to hold / keep Lori Piestewa in our hearts forever,” etc. Idioms like these do not seem so arbitrary, random or odd when we think of the heart as being a container.

A situation is often thought of as a container: I got *in* / *into* trouble and I don’t know how to get *out*. I’m *in* the doghouse at work. I got *in* hot water with the boss. We’re *in* a tight spot.

Feelings and emotions can be thought of as being inside a container: Don’t *hold it in*. Don’t *bottle it up*. Pent-up frustrations can lead to violence. *Open up*. Let it *out*. I felt *drained* / *empty*. I felt a sense of *emptiness* (depression).

The container metaphor, while extremely interesting and useful, is not perfect. For example, the mind is a container in an expression like, “What do you have *in* mind?” or “He is *close-minded*,” or “Try to keep an *open* mind.” But the mind can be more like a platform in an expression like “What’s *on* your mind?” This can be discussed with students.

Grammatical metaphor, fictive verbs, etc.

Angela Downing, in *English Grammar: A University Course* (Third Edition), devotes Chapter 27 to grammatical metaphor. She explains what that is, and gives good explanations for restatements that are not “typical.” She also gives excellent examples in that chapter, such as “Our evening walk along the river *took* us to Henley” and “August 12 *found* the travellers in Rome” (her examples) in which *take* and *find* are not used in their normal senses. Based on her work, I have included the following categories:

Fictive communication verbs include: *say*, *tell*, *read*, and *telegraph*. “The sign *said*, “Do not enter.” “The data *told us* there was a problem.” “His watch *read* 2 PM” “The film *telegraphs* to the audience that...” *Read* especially collocates with gauges and dials. There are many more verbs like these.

Fictive motion. These verbs include *go*, *run*, and *follow* and are used for things like paths, trails, rivers, roads, ropes, etc. that are essentially lines. Of course, there are many more such verbs. In her wonderful article, “Fictive motion in the context of mountaineering,” Ekaterina Egorova identifies over 70 fictive motion verbs from the world of mountaineering.

Fictive position. These are verbs that relate to position: *stand*, *sit* and *lie*. “The house *sat* on a hill,” “A lamp *stood* in the corner,” “The city *lies* in a valley.” They make a nice teaching set and can be taught as alternatives when we teach the “there” construction lesson.

Fictive meeting & seeing includes verbs like *meet*, *encounter*, *find*, *see*, and *witness*. This takes care of Downing’s examples, “August 12 *found* the travellers in Rome,” and “The last decade has *witnessed* an unprecedented rise in agricultural technology.” An attested example included in this work is, “23 May *saw* over 250 climbers trying to summit Mount Everest.” Clearly, the use of *find*, *see*, and *witness* collocates with a date or period of time at the subject position.

Fictive possession includes verbs like *capture*, *grab*, *grip*, *hold*, *possess*, and *seize*. “Now that we have *captured your imagination*, don’t make us come after the rest of you” is a clever TV advertisement from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian Nation promoting tourism.

Fictive transportation verbs include ones like *take*, *carry*, *transport*, *bring*, etc. This is how I have categorized “Our evening walk along the river *took* us to Henley.”

The **Part of speech** category collects words not used in their traditional part of speech, including nominalizations of verbs, a very important feature of grammatical metaphor, according to Downing. Five contemporary and popular examples include “It *looks bad*” / “That’s not a good *look*”; “When will she *reveal* her secret?” / “When will she make the big *reveal*?”; “What you *request* will be difficult to fulfill” / “That’s a big *ask*;” ; “Chris Boswell doesn’t *panic*” / “Chris Boswell doesn’t do *panic*” ; and “The company *failed*” / “It was a stunning *fail* (aeronautical software).”

The idea of grammatical metaphor helps us notice, explain and teach these usages.

Past, present and future

We tend to think of the **past & present** and the **future** as lessons on grammar. But there are plenty of figurative and metaphorical ways to express the past, present and future, and they are all worth thinking about and mentioning to students.

A day can represent past, present and future. When we speak of the present, we can speak of *these days* and *nowadays*. And when we speak of the past, we can say *those days*, or *the old days*, or *back in the day*. When we speak of the future, we can say, “*Tomorrow...*”

The past, present and future is often thought of as movement based on a point of view. The statements, “Winter is approaching / coming / on the way” and “the big day has arrived” imply that things in the future come towards us. And that might be along a road: “When you don’t know what’s coming down the pike, you worry.” We commonly use this idea for scheduled events like deadlines, holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, seasons, etc. The idea is also expressed in statements like “We will have to stay here for a time to come” and “There might be problems in the coming months.”

But it can also seem like it is we who are moving toward the future: “We are approaching / coming up on the fifth anniversary of...,” etc. And “we” can be extended to inanimate things we would ordinarily never think of moving: “The region is heading towards war.”

Sometimes our forward movement makes it seem like we have all embarked on **journeys & trips**: “Nobody knows what is on the road ahead.” “Your job will get easier down the road.”

And time can relate to things, like the *horizon*: “War is on the horizon.” Or a *crystal ball* and *fortune teller*, especially in relation to predictions. The past can relate to a **clock**: “We don’t want to turn back the clock.” Or a *time capsule*. Or a *fossil* or *dinosaur* for something or someone old-fashioned.

Like the idea of heart mentioned above, we can think of the future as a container: “Nobody knows what is *in* the future.” “I wonder what the future *holds*.”

Way back in 1836 Emerson wrote, “Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope.” (*Nature*, Chapter 4, “Language.”) No doubt he was thinking of expressions like “Looking back on my life...” or “I’m looking forward to the wedding...” This sounds very much like the PAST IS BEHIND EGO and FUTURE IS IN FRONT OF EGO metaphors of today’s cognitive linguists.

I developed a special interest in Saudi Arabia in teaching language relating to the past, present and future. That is because, like many places in the world, Saudi Arabia is modernizing swiftly but unevenly. The past, present and future can all seem to exist in the same place at the same time. Generations, tribes, areas of the country, and even young men of the same age who grew up in the same place and tribe may be more modern, or less modern. As a teacher I donned the role of an elder, and would often make my students laugh by referring to myself as a fossil, or a dinosaur.

Allusions

In this work a list of allusions in contemporary use can be found at **allusion**, allusions to history can be found at **history**, and allusions can also be noticed in the **epithet** category.

Adjectives that we often use for size are allusions: *behemoth*, *Brobdignagian*, *colossal*, *gargantuan*, *Goliath*, *leviathan*, *Lilliputian*, *Olympian*, *Pharaonic*, *jumbo*, etc. On National Public Radio, I recently heard a commentator refer to Joe Biden as a political *behemoth*, which created an image in my mind that made me laugh. The word *jumbo* comes from the name of an Ethiopian elephant exhibited in the US and Canada by P.T. Barnum.

Other allusions come from old stories and children's stories. The *Goldilocks* fairytale has given us the modifier *Goldilocks* with the meaning of "just right" or "the sweet spot": the Goldilocks economy / place / principle / zone, etc. *Cinderella* relates to success in a phrase like "The school has become a viral Cinderella story."

Several allusions to Homer and the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* can be found in this work in the category **Iliad & Odyssey**. Five of them are very common: *odyssey* (the Mars *Odyssey*); *Trojan horse* (viruses, worms and Trojan Horses in computing); *Achilles' heel* (the knees are the skiers' Achilles' heel); *epic* (an epic day of surfing at Waimea Bay); and *siren* (seduced by the siren call of technology). These allusions will be remembered long after the details are forgotten of where each ship came from and who slew whom in what order.

In these strange times of fake news and the internet, it is interesting to consider contemporary allusions to **fantasy & reality**: curioser and curioser; El Dorado; heffalump (creature); Kafkaesque (adj), never-never land; quixotic (adj); rabbit hole; Twilight Zone; and Walter Mitty. Three of these allude to *Alice in Wonderland*.

And contemporary allusions to oppression include: draconian; Gestapo; inquisition; Lord of the Flies; McCarthy; McCarthyism, McCarthyite; Orwellian; pitchfork (oppression); procrustean; reign of terror / fear; and witch-hunt.

Allusions reflect our more-or-less shared knowledge, memory, history, culture, and education. Explaining allusions gives us a chance to teach and talk about many things besides just grammar and vocabulary, including the biography and history of Jumbo the elephant.

In a North Carolina teacher-training class, an old biddy exhorted us to "go out and be the *Johnny Appleseed* of books!" I took her exhortation to heart and am grateful to her for her advice.

In Saudi Arabia I was constantly amazed at what my Saudi military students knew and didn't know when it came to allusions.

Euphemisms

In this work a list of current euphemisms can be found in the category **euphemism**. We commonly use euphemisms for death, sex, the body and bodily functions, and mental illness. Euphemism is part and parcel of the technology we now cannot live without: “cookies,” “The marketing industry calls them beacons or tags, critics describe them as being spy pixels,” etc. And in US politics: “The Affordable Care Act,” even if many can’t afford it, and the cheery sounding “Build Back Better Act”—would anyone build back worse? Of *course* in the military and policing. The old political correctness movement is responsible for a whole host of euphemisms: “crippled,” perfectly acceptable back in the day, has morphed to *handicapped, challenged, inconvenienced, and differently abled*, along with the attendant discussion and controversy along the way. People rail against the use of “retarded,” except, perhaps, at the Supreme Court, where a legal determination of retardation will save a murderer from execution.

The photographer Thomas Joshua Cooper has noted, “The cardinal points are always, historically, metaphors...” In the early part of the 20th century, “to go West” meant the destruction of a thing or the death of a person. A member of a tank crew in World War I wrote, “It’s a mile to your objective now, but it’s a mile of thrills... A one-pounder in a hedge scares you with several well-placed shots before it ‘goes west’ [is destroyed].” Paul De Kruif, in his book about public health titled *Men Against Death*, published in 1932, wrote about two doctors who had died: “In 1912 it [Rocky Mountain spotted fever] had sneaked into [Dr. Thomas B.] McClintic ... The Montana doctor, McCray...woke up with bloodshot eyes and an ache in his bones. In ten days McCray had gone West to join McClintic.”

Why west? What was the origin of this euphemism? I am speculating, but I think it might have to do with the idea of migration in its most broadest sense, of moving on. In the 19th century, America was on the move, settling the continent to the Pacific. There were many dangers, including disease, weather, violence, and accidents, especially drownings at river crossings. In *Ordeal of the Union*, Allan Nevins tells of the son of John James Audubon comforting a dying cholera victim on a wagon train in the Rio Grande Valley. “What hurts you, Ham?” Audubon asked. “My wife and children hurt me, Mr. John,” the man replied. Even if the pioneers survived, they might never be seen or heard from again back East. It would have been like they went West and died.

Nowadays, nobody uses the euphemism “to go West” to mean that somebody has died or something as been destroyed. “South” and “north,” however, continue to be used figuratively: each one with **numbers**, and the former in respect to **failure, accident & impairment** and **decline**. In this work, interesting quotations relating to the cardinal directions as metaphors can be found at *direction (symbol)*.

Contemporary euphemisms for death include: “He has passed (on).” We mourn his passing.” “He is no longer with us.” “He has gone away (too soon).” “He is gone.” “We salute the fallen.” “He gave his life.” “He lost his life.” “The suspect is deceased.” “He succumbed to the injuries on the way to the hospital,” “He was pronounced,” etc. That last is astonishing, as it simply drops the predicate adjective *dead*, as though mentioning that word would be impolite.

Very sinister euphemisms relate to **hygiene**. I taught English in Kosovo, and the phrase, “Ethnic cleansing” always makes me shiver. If you make the trek to Ibrahim Rugova’s grave—a beautiful, peaceful spot high up on a hill overlooking Pristina on one side and the countryside on the other, where there is a park where mothers bring their babies and children to play and where the elderly sit—on the walk up your will noticed a plaque commemorating the victims of a massacre. Such plaques are ubiquitous across Kosovo. And on a street alongside that park, there is a villa with a plaque identifying the villa as a place for the rehabilitation of torture victims... While looking up at a window, I thought I saw a curtain move, and my hair turned greyer. Once, on the walk down, I noticed a parked UN van and stopped to examine the sign on its side. The van belonged to a forensic team that located the graves of executed Kosovars and tried to identify the victims. The U.S. Fulbright Scholar at the university once said to me, “Why is there a statue of a KLA guy with a Kalashnikov downtown? Why can’t they just get over it and move on?” All I could think was, “Back home we’re *still* fighting the Civil War.”

The military is well known for euphemisms. When a military airplane crashed through the roof of a civilian warehouse here in the U.S., a military spokesman said, “We have secured the armaments package, which will be properly disposed of. Safety is our utmost priority.” An aggressive reporter got him to belligerently admit that the “armaments package” consisted of live rounds and missiles, which thankfully had not gone off in the fire. It is worth noting that Americans troops have not been bombed from the air by enemy airplanes since the Korean War. We have been very very lucky.

In the extraordinary documentary film *A Sniper’s War* the following exchange occurs: “What does it mean ‘to do your job?’” / “To get rid of their snipers and gunners, so that our infantry can move ahead.” / “What does it mean ‘get rid ‘ of them?’” / “To eliminate. To kill.” In a report about an ISIS cell, a reporter said, “The other two suspected members of this ISIS cell, by the way, they are already *off the board*. Uh, the ringleader... was killed in a drone strike in 2015, and the other was captured in Turkey, where he was tried, convicted and sentenced to prison...”

In the U.S., the police are a paramilitary organization, with corresponding language, as exemplified by an extract from a press release: “The officer involved in this particular OIS was wearing his BWC, which captured the OIS as it occurred... In the coming days, the... Department will be releasing our second Critical Incident Community Briefing, explaining what occurred during the OIS on July 5, 2019.” From such language you would never guess that the press release concerned the case of a 17-year-old girl who was shot to death after being pulled over for speeding. (An OIS is an officer-involved shooting and a BWC is a body-worn camera.)

Similarly, a police spokesman recently told reporters, “Our special assignments unit, also known as the SWAT Team, responded and attempted to work towards a tactical resolution of the incident...” During this “incident,” nine cops were shot or hit by shrapnel in an ambush, two people died, and a baby was rescued from a doorstep.

Even public officials grow sick and tired of their euphemisms. Police Chief James Cervera of the Virginia Beach Police Department said the following at a press conference, after a mass shooting on May 31, 2019.

“Right now we have a lot of questions. The whys, they will come later. Right now, we have more questions really than we have answers. We are a little more than two hours into this event. And we use the word *event*, that’s a cop term, this devastating incident that happened, that none of us want to be here talking about, this devastating incident which is going to change the lives of a number of families from our city.”

Gestures and bodily reactions

In 1836 Emerson wrote, “*supercilious* [means] the *raising of the eyebrow* (*Nature*, Chapter 4, “Language”). Using his pattern, we could say that attention means the turning of the head, confusion the scratching of the head, surprise the popping of the eyes, etc.

Every culture has its gestures, and gestures are an important nonverbal way to communicate. Gestures can relate to such basic meanings as signaling yes and no, or signaling a moving car to stop for you. I once noticed a book at a yard sale with the interesting title *How To Speak Italian*. Curious because it was so thin and one of my brothers lives in Italy, I picked it up and opened it up. It simply consisted of photographs of Italians making gestures, with text explaining what those gestures meant. I laughed, because it does seem to me that the Italians have a lot of unique gestures.

But gestures, and the meaning of those gestures that are lexicalized in language, are not shared in every country. A person who reads, “He received the thumbs up on his proposal” must know that “thumbs up” refers to a positive judgment to understand the message. A person who reads, “His statement left a lot of people scratching their heads” must know that the gesture relates to incomprehension, even though no one actually does it. A person who hears, “I’ll keep my fingers crossed,” must know that that gesture relates to hope and fate. Or that “to roll up one’s sleeves” means to get to work (not every culture wears clothing similar to ours.) Language associated with gestures or a bodily reaction can confuse even those within the same country. For example, a Northerner in the US might take a second to process the meaning of a statement like, “When I heard what happened, I got chill bumps,” as said by a person from the southern Appalachians.

And gestures and particularly bodily reactions are often used to express emotional effect. If the performance of a person in a play was wonderful, I might say it was *breathtaking* or it *took my breath away*. If it was boring, I might say it was a big *yawn*. If it was horrible for some reason, I might say it made me *retch*.

The importance of gesture in communication is an important part of the online experience. In text language, *smh* stands for “shaking my head,” and in 2015 a face-with-rolling-eyes Emoji became available. LMAO is an example of hyperbole.

Everyone nowadays should be knowledgeable about gestures. The thumbs-up symbol does not mean the same thing in every culture. In recent years the okay sign—the sign formed by making a circle with the thumb and index finger, has become an Alt-right meme. Using it in certain contexts nowadays can have repercussions. In academia, eye-rolling can be considered a sign of patriarchy and a micro-aggression, which causes some to roll their eyes. In different cultures, winking can have a meaning you might not suspect. Pointing at a person or snapping your fingers may or may not be appropriate.

For a listing of gestures and bodily reactions that have been lexicalized in American English, see **gesture** and **bodily reaction** in the thesaurus. It is quite a large category and a rather important one, I think.

Shapes and parts-whole

How is a graph like the landscape? Well, both have *peaks* and *valleys* and *plateaus*. In addition, a graph can have a *spike*, and the line might be in the shape of a *bell curve*, or characterized as carrying a long *tail*. Peaks, valleys, plateaus, spikes, bells and tails are not just things, but shapes.

In the dictionary I use, the horn of an animal is the first sense. “Shaped like or suggesting” is the seventh sense. The tenth sense is geological: a horn is a geological feature. The Matterhorn, geologically speaking, is a horn. In case you are wondering, the musical instrument is the *eighth* sense. And that is the sense that we always teach.

Many simple words we teach have the meaning of “resembling or having the shape of” or “suggesting” or “regarded as like.” Examples are everywhere.

The alphabet: A-frame; T-bone; T-bar; V-neck; Z-drag.

Traffic and roads: bottleneck; dogleg; hairpin, T-intersection, U-turn, washboard (road).

Body shapes: heart (heart-shaped face); hourglass figure / waist; pear (pear-shaped body).

Parts of the body: A plane has a nose, tail, and belly. A bed has a foot and a head. A chair can have legs, a back and arms. Needles, potatoes, coconuts, and hurricanes all have eyes. A mountain range has foothills.

Words relating to shapes often appear in geographical place names: the banana *belt*; the Parrot’s *Beak* (Cambodia and Guinea); the *boot* of Italy; the Wakhan *Corridor*; the *Eye* of the Sun (in Monument Valley, Arizona); the *Horn* of Africa; the Florida *panhandle*; *Ribbon Reef*; *Table Mountain* (Cape Town); the Coral / Afar *Triangle*; *Wave Rock* (western Australia), etc.

Younger teachers might not know what the washboard in a *washboard road* refers to. But I can remember my mother using one, as well as an electric wringer, and a clothes line.

While I was teaching a high-school ESL lesson based on the map, a Honduran girl told me, “Chile is shaped like a chili.” It was something I had never heard before and have never forgotten. Truly, the students teach the teacher.

In the dictionary I use, the very first main entry is *A*, and the first sense defines it as a letter. The second main entry is also *A*, and the first sense defines it as a *shape*. It is like that for every letter thereafter. The letters are not just letters, they are shapes.

Here’s a wonderful riddle: What has bridges, canals, cavities, clefts, fissures, floors, isthmuses, lakes, mounds, orbits, pipes, pits, roofs, tubes, and walls, but is not anything related to the earth or a building? A hint: the answer is closer than you think. Answer: the human body! This riddle makes us realize that the body has many parts resembling terrain features and infrastructure.

“Long lines of women, bent double like inverted capital Ls, work their way slowly across the fields...” That’s a line from “Marrakech” by Eric Blair. I can see them.

Animacy

Anthropomorphism has been a feature of literature for ages. Anthropomorphic animal stories are as ancient as Aesop and include favorites like *White Fang* by Jack London and “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi” by Rudyard Kipling. Only once in Saudi Arabia, many years ago, did a very literal-minded student rebuke me for telling an animal story. “An animal can talk?” he said frowning, raising an eyebrow. I am pretty sure his classmates told him to shut up, and I finished telling the story.

Traditionally in English things like a ship could be referred to as *she*. “Shelf life” is a relatively old term, and products have been referred to as a *family* and “first generation / second generation” for quite a long time. But the idea that technology is not only alive but sentient used to be relegated to science fiction. One thinks of HAL from the 1968 film *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

Well, 2001 has come and gone, and almost anything can be animate and sentient nowadays. The first obituary for a non-human being that I ever read was written by Henry Fountain way back in 2010 and appeared in *The New York Times* newspaper under the title, “ABE, Pioneering Robotic Undersea Explorer, Is Dead at 16.” I can still remember how surprised and delighted I was by the conceit. Extension? Now inanimate objects, like wheat, can have “biographies.” And nothing prevents a creative writer from writing an autobiography of... a flea (1887). *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak, I read in a review, includes a sentient fig tree that partly narrates the story of two lovers.

Now technology is *dumb*, *smart*, or *brilliant* and can even teach itself (AI). One goal of the Internet companies has been to habituate everyone, especially children, to address machines as though they were people. They have given their virtual assistants names like Siri, Alexa and Cortana and encouraged us to ask them questions, as if that were normal. They have succeeded completely.

“*Roaring Meg* (an English Civil Wars-era mortar) *resides* at Goodrich Castle...” “Recent investigation has found that the annual Great Whirl in the southwest Arabian sea has an average *life span* of 198 days.” “So where did you find this comet, where is it *living*? ” “We climb where the avalanche *lives*.” “A cave *breathes*...”

Devotees, enthusiasts and experts, naturally enough, seem more prone to this kind of personification than the rest of us.

- Laird Hamilton has said, “Jaws doesn’t *like* a north swell,” and he ought to know.
- Colin Tudge wrote, “I *met* one in full bloom early one sunny July morning in the Cambridge University Botanic Garden.” Tudge was referring to a handkerchief tree.
- In the same way, Linda Mapes wrote, “The tree first *came into my life* along with John O’Keefe, a biologist...”
- Dr. Jeffrey B. Johnson, a Boise State volcanologist and National Geographic Explorer studying the Masaya Volcano in Nicaragua, explained, “Volcanoes like to *speak* in low-frequency sounds that humans can’t perceive called infrasound. So we developed sensors that we can deploy to listen to the volcanos *talk* to us.”

- An official at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, once said, “So the decision was made a number of years ago to take him off display and put him in storage... To have that step forward, just slightly, gives him more of a presence.” He was talking about Neil Armstrong’s *spacesuit*!
- Dr. Catherine Walker from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution said the following about an iceberg: “I always watch A23 because we’re the same age. It calved in 1986 and it’s started to wiggle recently.” (“How a colossal block of ice became an obsession” by Jonathan Amos, BBC, 15 Jan 2022.)
- In 1989, after a deranged person tried to kill the Treaty Oak in Austin with poison, Texas, thousands of kids addressed letters to the tree with messages like, “We’re sorry this happened, get well soon.”
- In 2021, an adult homeowner in Kensington, New Hampshire, had to have the largest sugar maple in the state cut down because it had begun to rot and threatened her roof. She said, “She’s just at the end of her life. She is finally being euthanized. It’s unsafe and it’s not fair to her to let her stand out there and not be as beautiful as she always has been. I’m sad to see her go. It’s very emotional.”
- Finally, “Typically a sled dog will tell you, when they’re ready to retire. People always say, well dogs can’t talk, and that never makes sense to me, because I feel like they actually talk very clearly about what they want and what they need if you’re listening.” (Blair Braverman, dogsledder, about her dogs.)

I suspect that I am not the only person in the world to have said, “Thank you” at the automatic bank teller machine after withdrawing a little cash, or to have secretly feel relieved and grateful when “approved” appears on the machine that reads my debit card, or to mutter, “Okay, okay,” when the bossy self-scanner at the store tells me to make sure I have picked up my change, as if I would ever forget! That same scanner, which ends up saying, “Thank you for shopping at X,” might just be responsible for the sad death of “You’re welcome.” Just the other day the supermarket employ scanning my groceries at the checkout counter muttered “Come on, come on” when the scanner was momentarily unable to read a bar code of a particular item. Her tone was both irritated and imploring. I was waiting. There were people behind me.

It is common to give inanimate and non-human objects agency. A common pattern is as follows: “I hadn’t planned to write a book on this topic, but the topic chose me.”

- The extraordinary Bernard Tomic said, “Tennis chose me. It’s something I never fell in love with.”
- The last line of Jim Bouton’s “gripping” baseball book, *Ball Four*, is: “You see, you spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball, and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around.”
- *Seize* has a similar idea, in an expression like, “This idea that math was beautiful seized Paul Dirac.”
- In the film *Xiu Xiu, the Sent Down Girl*, Xiu Xiu asks Lao Jin, “Are you really going to spend your entire life raising horses?” and Lao Jin replies, “They raise me, too.”

- “Some say that humans domesticated wheat; others that wheat domesticated humans.” (“Flour Fixated” by Bee Wilson, *London Review of Books*, 24 September 2020.)
- David Benioff and DB Weiss, the writers of *Game of Thrones*, said, “When George Lucas built [Star Wars], he built us too.”
- In a similar vein, and nicely qualified: “If it’s possible for a place to save a life Sils-Maria saved Nietzsche’s.”
- The great actor Peter O’Toole said, “The part chooses me, I don’t choose it.”
- A Japanese saying has it, “With the first glass a man drinks wine, with the second glass the wine drinks the wine, with the third glass the wine drinks the man.” Many of us have been there before!
- Another proverb like that, common in Saudi Arabia, says,” A miser does not own money; money owns the miser.”
- I like what Winston Churchill said when he urged that the House of Commons, bombed in the war, should be re-created as an exact replica: “We shape our buildings and afterwards our buildings shape us.”
- In New Zealand and Bangladesh, rivers have been recognized as living entities and granted the same legal rights as persons.

There must be a bit of the animist in all of us. Colin Tudge’s quote above about “meeting” a handkerchief tree makes me think of what Fran James, a Lummi Indian, said about gathering bark from a cedar tree for a basket. “We talk to the trees. We say, ‘OK, we need some of your bark to help us; we’ll make something beautiful.’ You have to talk to it and thank it for giving you the bark. You have to go with a good heart. You can’t be cranky and fussy.” V. K. Arseniev once recorded Dersu on an early phonograph and played it back to him. Dersu listened, unsurprised to hear his own voice, and said, “Him talk true, not leave one word.”

See the dictionary entries for *born* and *live* and *die (non-human)*.

On NPR, a person was talking recently about his favorite song. He said, “I’ll say I probably listen to this song a few times each week, whether it’s in the car or just telling Alexa to play it. There’s a story...” Suddenly, the voice of Alexa broke in: “Sorry. I don’t know that one.” And the interviewee went on, “I’m sorry, that was Alexa that said that, um...” before continuing to talk about his favorite song. This was not a toddler or a pet humorously upstaging an interviewee. This was *Alexa*. Interestingly, Alexa’s intrusion seemed to have made the interviewee lose his chain of thought and forget about the story he was about to tell. (“An NPR Listener Shares His Signature Song,” NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 20, 2019.)

The first obituary I read for a machine was in 2010. The first time I heard a personal assistant intrude into a nationally broadcast radio show was in 2019. What’s next?

Persistence, survival and endurance

Isn't it interesting that people who have never hunted or trapped and who have never seen an actual pitfall much less dug one or filled one in still use the word? That medical textbooks list "pitfalls" in treatment? The use of a word like *pitfall* is a perfect example of how older technologies and activities and periods of life have disappeared yet persist in the language.

In 1870, railroading was the second largest occupation in the US, behind farming, and grist mills used to dot our streams and rivers. Things have certainly changed! Even so, the category of figurative language from the category **train** and **farming & agriculture** is huge, the term "grist for the mill," is still popular, and "term-paper mills" proliferate on the internet. Few send letters or postcards nowadays, but NPR still has "audio postcards," and a book like *Deacon King Kong* by the great writer James McBride can be described as a "love letter to New York City."

Honestly, who sends love letters nowadays?

At one time in our history the **horse** was king of the road and bicycles, electric trains and cars shared the road with them, not vice versa. On May 3, 1908, a headline in *The New York Times* screamed: "J. B. SCHUCHMAN HURT IN A RUNAWAY / Horse He had Just Bought for Speedway Parade Dashes into a Trolley Car. / JUDGE THROUGH A WINDOW / Lands in the Lap of Little Girl Passenger and Both Are Cut by Glass—Horse Breaks His Leg." Nowadays in New York City about the only reminders from that era are fading ghost signs on brick walls with messages like: TO LET / CARRIAGES COUPES HANSOMS VICTORIAS LIGHT WAGONS / HORSES BOARD BY THE MONTH."

Things have changed. Yet everyone still uses and understands language associated with horses. I was lucky as a boy: my grandfather had a horse, and I have fond memories of riding him along country roads and swimming him through the leech-infested pond below my grandpa's shack. You have to cling on tightly to the mane of a horse when riding bareback, especially when the horse arises out of the water up a steep bank. Words like *runaway* and *reins* and *bridle* and *saddle* and *gallop* are used figuratively nowadays in a sentence like, "We have got to find a way to rein in galloping inflation," but for me those words will always have a psychological reality. It is not easy to be a small boy in control a very large wayward horse. *I know that.*

After 1958 more people crossed the Atlantic by **plane** than **boat**, yet figurative language related to boats will always persist: the *spaceship* and *spaceport* pay homage to sailing ships, and our old space shuttles were named for famous ships associated with great explorers: the *Challenger*, *Discovery*, *Atlantis*, and *Endeavour*.

Today, when we think of wireless communication we think of the internet, not Marconi and wireless telegraphy. But "Internet communication has its roots in the wireless rooms aboard the great ocean liners," as Kat Long has noted. I used to have a fading yellow and black Western Union telegram I sent my parents from the *Queen Elizabeth* in a folder I labeled "My favorite things." It may still be there. In January, in 1971, at Fort Knox, Kentucky, I took lessons in Morse Code with many others; the military phased out most training in it long ago, but a boxer can still *telegraph* a punch, or a movie a plot point. The telegraph lives on in the language, and

the SOS—three longs and three shorts, whether pounding a rock on a wall, or blinking your eyes—is still relevant to this very day, for those who still know.

Religiosity has had its ups and downs in the US and elsewhere, but figurative language relating to **religion** will never disappear, no matter how secular the world becomes. And this especially relates to topography: in every country there is a Devils Backbone (*Espinazo del Diablo*), Courthouse (*Majlis al Jinn*), Falls, Highway, Pulpit, Throne, etc. And every religion has contributed words to English: *fetish* (West Africa), *taboo* (South Seas); *Delphic, muse, oracle, Pandora's box, soothsayer* (pagan); *karma, juggernaut, sacred cow, guru, mantra, avatar* (Hindu); *mecca* and *hegira* (Islam); *kowtow* (Confucianism); *mantra* (Buddhism), etc.

We Americans pride ourselves on our anti-monarchical revolution but we still and forever will link the idea of **royalty** with the **superlative** in **epithets** like “Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul,” “Burger King,” “Mattress King,” and the prom / 4H king and queen. I once attended a country-themed restaurant in Atlanta with family members. My brother-in-law held his young son up to a portrait of Elvis Presley and told him, “Say hello to the King.” We all laughed. Many persons associated with royalty are used figuratively, less obvious ones including *whipping boy* and *handmaiden*. Just because we had a revolution doesn’t mean we reject royalty.

At one time spitjack was a job category and there was a dog, *Canis vertigus*, that was actually bred to turn a spit. Nowadays inserting a spit, once a common task, is a lost art. But the verb *skewer* will always exist, in the sense, “We skewered him at the comedy roast.” Of course, there are many words used figuratively that come from the category of **food & drink**. Likewise, there were once hundreds of job categories related to the manufacture of cloth that are anachronistic now in my adopted state of North Carolina. And yet, figurative language associated with **cloth** persists.

Above, I mentioned my mother using a washboard. A washboard, a tub, and a then-modern electric wringer sat on the porch of a house I once lived in as a boy. Once I got my arm stuck in that wringer and had to be taken to the hospital. The pale scar on the inside of my arm just below my left elbow is a reminder that a part of me *went through the wringer*...literally! After my mother had scrubbed the laundry on the washboard, and wrung it in the electric wringer, she would hang it on a clothesline to dry. As a boy, I was literally *clotheslined* once while riding my bicycle, and when I got bigger and older the same thing happened on the football field, and “clothesline injuries” are an important part of emergency medicine. Finally I would watch her *iron out the wrinkles* with an electric iron. In the very old days before electricity, a clothes iron was filled with coals from a fire, and the woman would moisten a sheet by spitting water on it. Most of us don’t go through this process anymore to clean our clothes. But these words associated with laundry and many others persist. And so we try to *iron out the wrinkles* in a plan and politicians come up with a “laundry list” of reforms to deal with the problems of the day.

In ancient times, when I was a boy, I can remember drinking from a public water cooler when that was a boon, to be able to slake my thirst with free, thirst-quenching, life-giving water. Who drinks from a public watercooler anymore? Nowadays, office people buy their own brands and flavors of water, and everyone from joggers and hikes to athletes and soldiers drink from

camelbacks. After the scandal of Flint, Michigan, who would *trust* water from a watercooler? Not to mention that, in this time of COVID, everyone is working from home, and this will no doubt continue post-pandemic. Who needs a watercooler to as a gathering place to communicate with anyone when we can simply text one another? And yet, cultural critics still talk about “watercooler shows” and “watercooler gossip.” As a practice, meeting for a cold, free cup of water at a watercooler and exchanging gossip is as dead as the dodo. But, like the dodo, it lives on in our language. It lives on. It lives. For all of our acceptance of the new, trendy contempo-speak language, maybe we should acknowledge and pay a bit of homage to the old language that has persisted.

Quotations

There are many wonderful quotes relating to or utilizing metaphor and figurative language. Following are six that are meaningful to me.

1. “Words are signs of natural facts... *Right* means *straight*; *wrong* means *twisted*. *Spirit* primarily means *wind*; *transgression*, the crossing of a *line*; *supercilious*, the *raising of the eyebrow*. We say the *heart* to express emotion, the *head* to denote thought... / An enraged man is a lion, a cunning man is a fox, a firm man is a rock, a learned man is a torch. A lamb is innocence; a snake is subtle spite; flowers express to us the delicate affections. Light and darkness are our familiar expression for knowledge and ignorance; and heat for love. Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope. / Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence...” (*Nature*, Chapter 4 (Language), by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)

I like the above because in a short space Emerson lists beautifully and concisely so many metaphors. The “circles that propagate themselves” is entered in this dictionary at *ripple*. A related word is *splash*. Both words are metaphors for **effect** that relate to **water**.

2. “It was doubtless an ingenious idea to call the camel the ship of the desert, but it would hardly lead one far in training that useful beast.” (George Eliot’s *The Mill on the Floss*.) The above quote reminds me that, while a metaphor identifies something that two things have in common, plenty of things are still different. A ship does not have long eyelashes, has not been branded, does not roar, gurgle, bellow, foam from the mouth to the point of producing airborne balloons of saliva, attract huge spiders, produce delicious and healthy milk and meat, etc. “The camel is a ship?” a Saudi military student remarked to me once, disapprovingly.

And people will see things differently, as in the parable of the “Blind men and an elephant.” Data has been compared to a gas (the cloud); water (data stream); and a solid (data mining). Bitcoin servers have been described as both farms and mines. The spread of COVID-19 is often thought of as a wave, and Dr. Roger Shapiro nicely extended that to a wave in a pool that sloshes around, back and forth, leaving and returning. The myth of Sisyphus can mean different things—difficulty, futility, or something that never ends—and the adjectives *promethean* and *quixotic* can have quite different connotations: as I get older, my sympathy for Quixote increases, and I think of him as less crazy and more of an inspiration. The title of Dickens’ great book is commonly misappropriated: See “Please, Liberals: Stop Abusing ‘A Tale of Two Cities’” by Reid Cherlin, *The New Republic*, Jan 2, 2014. It is not always clear which meaning or connotation is meant. Many say we should view the problem of drug addiction as a public health issue, not as a war on drugs, and yet the phrase “public health campaign” has always had a warlike ring, and the metaphor of disease as an enemy has come to the fore in the era of COVID-19.

Should we really single out the donkey for ridicule and use it as an insult? I don't think so. "Without a donkey, my wife and I are forced to be donkeys" is something farmers say in Ethiopia. Does the octopus really deserve its iconic depiction in political cartoons as a global strangler? No. I once floated about one for half an hour on a shallow reef in the Red Sea, and its fascinating shape-shifting and color-changing is something I will never forget. Is a frilled shark, or a sturgeon, really horrific looking? Some think they are beautiful.

But even if the similarities between two different things are not always obvious, or are tenuous, or even upset me, I almost *always* find them worth thinking about. In my opinion, allusions to Joe McCarthy, Machiavelli, and Hector do little justice to those men. The idiom "to hang somebody out to dry" has come to mean *abandon*, but nobody hangs up their laundry and abandons it. Gibbeting fits the idea *much* better. "Yemen was Egypt's Vietnam" makes me think of a host of dissimilarities, but I must admit, upon reflection, that there *are* plenty of similarities, such as the time period, and the proximity of safe havens across a border.

The title of Leon Talley's memoir, *The Chiffon Trenches*, shows just how "ingenious" a metaphor can be, how much ground, time and human condition it can cover, from the bloodiest battlefields of Passchendaele and Verdun to...well, to *Vogue Magazine*. In one popular video cute ten-year-old Nandi Bushell is a "beast" on the drums, while in another a Marine Corps rammer identified only as "Wolf" is a "beast" on a howitzer mission. Both are "beasts." Roland Huntford described the Ross Ice Shelf as "that rolling Sahara of snow," which sounds odd at first, but there are many comparisons that can be made between the Sahara and the Antarctic. For example, hydrating in both environments can be a huge problem: Antarctica *is* a polar desert. Huntford was writing specifically about the lack of terrain landmarks. The question is always, as Nathaniel Mackey stated, "How different can two things be and still have something in common?"

Steve Inskeep of NPR severely strains the notion with his "Patrons still receive service at flooded riverside restaurant in Thailand," NPR, Morning Edition, October 8, 2021, although I'm sure he had his reasons. Not too many of us are like the divorce-court judge who is interested in "whether a dog is more like a lamp or a human being."

3. "I looked at *The Sixteenth Round* as puttin' a letter in a bottle and throwin' it out over those 36-foot-high walls into the ocean of life, like a bobbin' bottle, and hoping upon hope that somebody, somehow, someday, will see this bobbin' bottle in the water, take this bottle up, read my message, and come to help me. And that's what happened. That's what happened." (Rubin "Hurricane" Carter. From "The Hurricane Tapes," Ep6. Muhammad Ali and Bob Dylan, BBC Sounds.)

This strikes me as a particularly beautiful, eloquent and heartfelt use of figurative language, using one extended metaphor.

4. “Yeah, I generally think this is a fairly minor deal. At the same time, it could actually backfire on Bill Barr. Because, if he thinks it’s necessary to pre-spin this, that means that there’s something in there that needs to be pre-spun. And if he’s too heavy handed about that, it can actually just throw gasoline on the daily media feeding frenzies that we have [inaudible].” (The commentator Jonah Goldberg on “Before Mueller Report Is Released, Republicans And Democrats Take Sides,” NPR’s Morning Edition, April 18, 2019.)

I love this quote for its contrast to the one above it. To paraphrase a line from Kipling’s short story, “The Phantom ‘Rickshaw’: “Men occasionally break down and become as mixed as their metaphors.”

5. Elisabeth Moss: I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we just went for it... / Rachael Martin: Did he ever have to pull you back. I mean did it ever feel too far, or were you like, “Nope...” / Elisabeth Moss: I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher... (“In ‘Her Smell,’ Elisabeth Moss ‘Turned It Up To 11,’ Then Turned It Up Some More,” Morning Edition, NPR, April 19, 2019.)

In the above, Elisabeth Moss is speaking about her performance in the film *Her Smell*. I like it because it is a good litany of clichés relating to **commitment & determination**. One has to respect commitment in an actor. But when it comes to such declarations, I like what Alex Lowe said: “There are two kinds of climbers. Those who climb because their heart sings when they’re in the mountains, and all the rest.”

6. “It can’t surprise us that our language began with metaphors. Words are being made today under our own eyes in precisely the same fashion. Witness the terse and vivid terms that the gangsters coin: gun moll, for the racketeer’s girl-friend; hot seat, for the electric chair; stool pigeon, for the traitor who acts as a spy for the police.” (*Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., 1950.)

This is a good reminder that language is constantly evolving, and what sounds novel and contemporary today will sound as dated as Funk’s examples in twenty years.

Synonyms and opposites

As teachers, we are accustomed to mentioning synonyms, opposites, and patterns like succeed / fail / give up / try again. We can do the same with figurative language, and this dictionary and thesaurus will help.

1. You can *launch*, *roll out*, *unveil*, *take the wraps off* a product, or *drop it* (**inauguration**).
2. You can leave somebody in your *wake*. Or in your *dust*. Or in your *slipstream*. These are entered at **competition: movement**. The first relates to boats and water. The second to land and horses. The last to planes and air.
3. The opposite of *tone deaf* is... *pitch perfect*. A person can also *strike all the right notes*, or have a *tin ear* (**music**).
4. If you achieve something, people might *sing your praises*, but more than likely your achievement will be *unsung* (**achievement, recognition & praise**).
5. Something can be *a stone in one's shoe* or *a burr in one's saddle* (**affliction**).
6. You can *hew to a line* or... *go against the grain*. Both phrases relate to wood (**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity / tree**).
7. You can be on the *cusp* of something, or *light years* away from it (**proximity: astronomy**).
8. You can *face* a problem or *turn a blind eye* to it or *look away*. You can *kick the can down the road* or *push something down the road*. You can *tackle* a problem or *punt* or try to *run out the clock*. Or, you can *throw your hands up in the air* or engage in *handwringing* (**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things**).
9. You can *give a hand*, *lend a hand*, or *pitch in* (**help & assistance**).
10. You can try to save your *neck* or your *skin* or your *scalp* (**survival, persistence & endurance**).
11. Socially, you might find *a place at the table* or *under the tent*. Or, you might find yourself *outside* in the cold, *frozen out*, *in the shadows*, on the *fringes* of society, out of the *mainstream*, *in exile*, *in the wilderness*, *on the far shore*. You might find yourself to be a *castaway*, *hermit*, *leper*, *outcast*, *outsider*, *pariah*, *untouchable*, a *ghost*. Good luck with that (**social interaction, society, and inclusion & exclusion**)!
12. A new job might be a *plum* position or a *poisoned chalice*.
13. In bad times your life might be *on hold*, and you might find yourself *in purgatory* or *in limbo*. In a *drought* or a *dry spell*. You might feel *adrift*, in the *doldrums*, unable to make *headway*, *going in circles*, *rudderless*. *Chasing your tail*. *Standing still*. In a *blind alley*. Or *mired*, *sidetracked*, *stuck*, *stalled*, *in a rut* and *spinning your wheels*. *Going nowhere*, or *backwards* and *lagging behind*. *Losing ground*. *Stumbling* or taking a *step backward* (**progress & lack of progress**).
14. Or, you can be *on a roll* with lots of *momentum* and *traction*, *advancing*, getting *ahead*, *going forward*, making *headway*, *gaining ground*, leaping or vaulting *ahead*.
15. Somebody can *add fuel* to a controversy, *pour gasoline on it*, *fan it*, or provide *oxygen* for it. Something can become an *accelerant*.

16. You can be *up to your elbows /neck / eyeballs, in over your head, drowning, buried alive, immersed, enmeshed, entangled, or ensnared* in something like debt or some other situation. I hope things get better for you (**involvement**)!
17. You can *hold your employees' feet to the fire* or *light a fire under them*. You can *nudge, push, prod, goad, cudgel, hector, or bully* them, *lean on them, twist their arms, strongarm them, hold a gun to their heads, crack the whip, ride herd* over them, etc. Just don't expect them to attend your birthday party (**coercion & motivation**)!
18. You can *stroll, coast, waltz* or *sail* to success (**attainment**). Something you do might be a *cakewalk*, a *stroll in the park*, a *picnic*. Or a *Gallipoli*, a long hard *slog*, a *trail of tears* (**difficulty, easiness & effort**).
19. If you are searching for something, you might hit *pay dirt* or *fool's gold* (**success & failure / mining**).
20. A division might be the *favorite son* or *stepchild / stepdaughter / orphan* of its *parent organization* (**family**).
21. You can say, "That ship has sailed" or "That train has left the station." Both relate to **timeliness & lack of timeliness**. The two cliches always make me think of that scene from *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*: "Your dad loved her very much. If there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed."
22. You can try and *throw somebody off the scent, throw somebody off the trail, or cover your tracks*. This language all relates to **pursuit, capture & escape**, and **hunting**.
23. The president might try to *bypass, go around, sidestep*, or make an *end run* around congress.
24. In terms of interest and responsibility, something can be *in your wheelhouse, in your lane, or up your alley*. Or not.
25. You can *bury or exorcise the ghosts* or *put something to rest / bed / sleep. Bury the hatchet* or *close the book* on something. *Put it behind you, let it go. Move on.* Emotional and psychological *wounds* can *heal* or *scab over*. These phrases relate to **reconciliation, resolution & conclusion**. Just don't forget, a buried hatchet can always be dug up.
26. In terms of **sports & games**, you can *drop the ball, fumble, miscue, drop the baton, strike out, or score an own goal*. Or the opposite: *hit a home run, hit a grand slam, hit it out of the park*, get your project *through the uprights* or *across the goal line*. In which case, you might just want to take a *victory lap*. Or *spike the football*.
27. If you *pull the plug* on something like a project, it can *go down the drain, pipes, or tubes*.
28. You can be the *father, godfather, midwife, architect* or *author* of something like a plan or policy or program.
29. Urban warfare (MOUT) versus desert warfare can be described as *a different animal / a different beast / or a different kettle of fish*.
30. The Arctic might be a *factory* or a *kitchen* for weather. Both relate to **creation & transformation**. Many of the new terms people use nowadays to talk about race have been cooked up in the kitchen of sociology.
31. You can "cut corners" or "take a shortcut." Or, the opposite, you can "go the extra mile" or "go out of your way." All relate to **journeys & trips**. Enjoy your hike!

32. “If you wanna win it, ya gotta *bring it*.” “I *left it* all out there on the floor along with my guys.” (This connection is made at **commitment & determination: coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning.**)
33. You can grow up in your father’s shadow. Or in his reflected glory. Hopefully the latter, but both are based on **light & darkness**.
34. You might feel like you are on a slow boat to China, or you are going full speed ahead. Both relate to the **speed of a boat**.

People often pair conventional language with a cliché, almost like a translation, and will even triple up on clichés, like a boxer peppering his opponent with jabs: “We must *oppose* him, we must *stand up to* him.” “This looks like *an inflection point, a turning point*.” “What’s the next *shoe to drop, what happens next?*” “What would justice have *looked like* in your view, what did you *want to happen here?*” “They want to *fill in the blanks, connect the dots, and figure out what’s going on*.” “There is a possibility we could see another pandemic in our lifetime. No one can run the odds about what kinds of *numbers that looks like*, you know, *how likely* that is...” “The groups *close ranks, they circle the wagons...*” “*Out-of-step, against-the-grain, different-drummer types...*” “It’s a *race against time*, it’s a *race against the clock* to get these animals (stranded pilot whales) refloated.”

Lessons and exercises

1. A lesson and exercise might focus on words related to **health & medicine** used figuratively with the meaning of **condition and status**. Write the following on the board: the peace process is *dead and buried*; the economic recovery has been *robust*; businesses are *ailing*; the soccer team is *on life support*; small businesses are *hurting*; earnings have been *anemic*; the economy remains badly *wounded*; the pace of economic growth is *moribund*; reform is *dead*; the economy is *healthy*. Ask students to identify (or underline) the words relating to **health & medicine** and also identify or underline the non-human subjects. Discuss. Ask the students to organize the vocabulary on a cline from *robust* to *dead and buried*.
2. Create a simple matching exercise to illustrate a simple pattern of figurative usage that links problems (**flaws & lack of flaws**, etc.) to **amelioration & renewal**: If there is a *wrinkle* in the plan, then we must *iron it out*. If an idea is *stale*, we need a *fresh* one. If there is a security *hole*, we must *patch it* or *fill it in*. If our project encounters some *bumps in the road*, we must try to *smooth them out*. If an argument is *shaky*, we had better *support* or *butress* it (or it might completely collapse and lie in ruins). If our skills have grown *dull*, we need to *sharpen* or *hone* them. If a situation is *explosive*, we must *defuse* it. If our *wheels are spinning*, we must find a way to *gain traction* and get unstuck. If the *wheels are turning very slowly*, we will want to find a way to *grease* them. If we are feeling a great *burden*, then we must find a way to *get out from under* it. If our society suffers from a particular *sickness*, we must find a *cure* or *remedy* for it, etc.
3. Words and phrases for **increase & decrease / number** include: rise; explode; shoot up; soar; grow; skyrocket; jump; go / shoot through the roof; peak, and sky-high. Words for decrease include: plummet; dip; slide; drop; plunge; fall; tumble; and sink. We commonly use these words and phrases when we talk about numbers, prices, and rates. These words make a good simple category exercise. Write the words and phrases in alphabetical order on the board and ask students to categorize them as “increase” or “decrease.” If your classroom has a smartboard with “Vortex” software, create two vortices labeled “increase” and “decrease” and call on a student to slide each word into the correct vortex. My students in Saudi Arabia liked Vortex exercises, because if the student standing in front of the classroom at the board slid a word to the wrong vortex, it was spit out to his consternation and the delight of the other students. Ask students about important rates and prices: the crime rate; the price of bread and medicine; the age of first marriage, etc. Are they low, high or sky high / through the roof? How have they changed over time? How do they compare with other countries or geographical areas?
4. We tend to think of comparison of adjectives and adverbs as grammar lessons. But much vocabulary has within it the idea of comparison. So, visit the thesaurus and peruse the entry for **increase & decrease**. Select words that your students already know and thus can be recycled. In addition, you can select vocabulary you think your students might already know, or might be interested in knowing. Using the vocabulary you have chosen, practice comparing adjectives in the following way: (Teacher) “I stepped on the gas pedal and the car accelerated. What does *accelerate* mean?” (Student) “To go *faster*.” (Teacher) “The moon is waxing.” (Student) “It’s getting *bigger*.” (Teacher) “The moon is waning.”

(Student) "It's getting smaller." (Teacher) "The price of bread is dropping." (Student) "It's *cheaper*." (Student) "It's *not as expensive*." (Student) "It's *less expensive* (than it was). Teacher: "What happens when you add fuel to a fire?" (Student) "It gets *bigger*. (Student) "It gets *hotter*." (Teacher) "Don't eat too much or your stomach will balloon!" (Student) "Get bigger!" (Teacher) "We need more tanks in the battle, because tanks are a force multiplier. What does a force multiplier do?" (Student) "It makes us *stronger*." (Student) "It makes us *more powerful*."

5. We tend to think of the superlative as a series of grammar lessons and test questions based on form, but there is plenty of language (including proverbs) that embodies the *notion* of (comparative) worth and the superlative, and it can be gleaned in the thesaurus in the category **worth & lack of worth** and **superlative**. Every *monkey* is a _____ to its mother. One man's *trash* is another man's _____. Speech is *silver* but silence is _____. The jackal is a _____ in his own country. Who was or is the *Pele* of Saudi Arabia? Name a superlative fruit. Which bird sings the most beautifully? What does it mean when I say (pick any sports figure) was or is the *GOAT*? [Saudi students who know the literal meaning of a goat but who don't know what the acronym means are always delighted by this, and will use it to make double and even triple *entendres* to chaff their friends!] Which car is the *thoroughbred* of cars? Do you think that the lion is the *king* of beasts? Questions like these enliven routine grammar exercises.
6. To focus on all the ways to talk about the **future**, including the idea that the future is a **container**, ask students to select a piece of paper from a container. The container would be analogous to a fortune cookie, and the piece of paper would have a fortune written on it. Each student would get a little message about what lies *in* his future, what is *ahead* for him, what is *on his horizon*, what is *down the road*, the fate that is *approaching* him, etc. This exercise can lend itself to humor. Of *course*, such an exercise might not be appropriate in some contexts and cultures. I personally wouldn't do this exercise in Saudi Arabia, no matter how comfortable I felt with my students.
7. The following is a simple fill-in-the-blank exercise that focuses on some of the figurative language associated with **fire**: extinguish (verb); conflagration (noun); die out (verb); spark (noun); die down (verb); ashes (noun). "The region is a tinderbox, and it will only take a _____ to set the whole area on fire. The result will be a _____ that will burn out of control and that no force, not even United Nations Peacekeepers, will be able to _____. The fire will eventually _____, but I doubt it will ever completely _____. We can only hope something positive will eventually arise from the _____."
8. The following matching exercise focuses on the expressions that can be found in the thesaurus at **gesture**: "Was the movie boring?" "Yes, it was a big yawn." / "Did the announcement surprise people?" "Yeah, it raised eyebrows." / "Did he speak freely about what happened?" "No, he was tightlipped." / "Is he willing to do it? "No, he needs a nudge." / "Did you captain approve your request?" "No, he gave it the thumbs-down." / "Well, it's time to get to work." "Yes, it's time to roll up our sleeves."

To the ESL / EFL teacher

1. Because figurative language is such an integral part of common, everyday language, we EFL / ESL teachers should teach the terms *literal* and *figurative* at the beginning level and say them at least as often as we say *noun*, *verb*, *adjective*, *adverb*, and *collocation* in our classrooms. I don't use the terms *metaphor* or *idiom*, because the former is so closely attached to literary studies and cognitive linguistics, and the latter is associated with dictionaries of idioms that include relatively useless and rarely used expressions like "It's raining cats and dogs." A basic question that all teachers can ask about any vocabulary item they teach is, "Can this be used figuratively?" In many cases, it can and (often) is, and this dictionary and thesaurus will help those teachers with that question. Just look up the word.
2. To explain figurative usage to our students, we can use the same language that we teach them in our lessons and that is used to define second and third senses, etc., for words in a conventional dictionary if we only consult it: "like," "as," "similar to," "equal to," "equivalent to," "comparison," "resemble," "suggest," "has the shape of," "has the role of," "acts as," etc.
3. "Extra" senses can provide real communicative utility. For example, a simple word like *path* can allow us and our students to talk about conduct, easiness and difficulty, and the future, not simply a walk from point A to point B. Figurative language can be oblique and subtle, and in my own experience it has allowed me to mention or discuss things with students that might otherwise have caused controversy and problems.
4. Students (an all of us) will encounter the figurative sense of a word far more often than the literal sense. Consider the word *dinosaur*. Literal dinosaurs disappeared from the earth long before humans: paleontologists study them. And yet, people nowadays will often encounter the figurative usage of *dinosaur* that relates to **primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence** and to **past & present**. *Magnet* is another example, and *pitfall*. I'm sure you can come up with your own examples.
5. Just about every part of speech can be used figuratively: nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, and prepositions, even interjections. Seals are a *magnet* for sharks. He *killed* the proposal. She greeted me *warmly*. It was a *sharp / stinging* rebuke. I am *with* you. Her performance *wowed* me.
6. As English teachers, we all know the importance of collocation in vocabulary teaching, even if we are teaching old-fashioned materials that ignore it. Often there is a collocating preposition: Makkah is a *magnet for* Muslims. Or the phrase is pre-modified by a classifying adjective: a *political* firestorm; *financial* doping in soccer; an *astronomical* rate, a *stellar* record, etc. Most curriculums, including the ALC/DLI, do a poor job of teaching classifying modifiers. Collocation can reveal sets of subjects and objects, and it is an especially good way to recycle previously learned vocabulary.

7. Prepositions. In our dictionaries, a preposition's first sense is always spatial, and that is how we always teach it. When we teach *in front of*, we always teach it spatially: "The car is in front of the bus." But that same preposition can refer to the **future**: "She has her whole life *in front of her*." And it can also relate to **proximity**: "The answer is *in front of you*." Three prepositions relate to **allegiance, support & betrayal**: "I am *for* the measure. We stand *behind* the new law. I am *with* you in your attempts to change things." When it comes to **hierarchy**, a person can be *above* or *below* another person. To see a list of prepositions and their non-spatial meanings, look in the thesaurus under **prep, adv, adj, particle**.
8. We tend to think of the past, present and future as grammar. But the future can also relate to words like *fossil, dinosaur, horizon, crystal ball, time capsule*, etc. Or to persons like a *fortuneteller, oracle* or *prophet*. Time is very interesting. For example, time can seem like a place: "We have been here before" (in the past) and "Where do we go from here?" (in the future). Time can entail distance: "Spring is just *around the corner*," and "The Paris Olympics are still *a long way off*." In one conception of time, "the future is forward and the past is behind." See **future** and **past & present** and **time** in the thesaurus for possibilities.
9. Don't be afraid to think about and teach grammatical metaphor and fictive verbs. Grammatical metaphor simply provides alternatives to the structures we already teach. You can say, "There is a lamp in the corner." But you can also say, "A lamp *stands* in the corner." You can say, "We walked to town along the road" but you can also say, "The road *took us* to town." You can say, "I got home in early May," but you can also say, "Early May *saw me* back home." You can say, "I had a lot of problems," but you can also say, "I *encountered / met* with a lot of problems." "There has *been*..." can be restated as, "We have *seen*..." Offer both choices. We tend to teach the former and ignore the latter.
10. When you teach a "bland" verb, try to think of a synonym that is figurative: Can you *help* me, can you *lend a hand*? What did you *find*, what did you *dig up*? He *betrayed* me, he *stabbed me in the back*. *Be patient, hold your horses*. I *support* you, I am *with* you, I *stand with* you, I *stand behind* you, I will *back you up*, I've *got your back!* I *understand*, I *see*, I *get it*. Don't be afraid, you must *resist* him, *stand up to* him, *take him on*. Students will commonly acquire and productively use the figurative equivalent.
11. Never miss a chance to add value to a word. Is it also a shape? What are its parts? Is it a part of a proper noun? A geographical feature? The name of a company or product? Is there a euphemism for it? Does the word have an interesting origin and history? Can you use the word as a springboard for a bit of content?
12. As English teachers, we know all about teaching parts-wholes. Those parts are often figurative. A chair has legs and a back, a mouth has a roof, a book has a spine. A bed has a head and a foot. A mountain has foothills. Whole-parts like these are the basis of simple riddles we learn as children: What has legs but can't run, a back that can't bend? And you

can use the first person pronoun to make such a riddle sound even more opaque and strange: “I have legs but can’t run, I have a back but it can’t bend... What am I?” Of course, your students will “turn the tables on you” and insist on stumping *you* with the riddles from their culture.

13. Try to think of and include a variety of subjects and objects for the grammar patterns you teach. *Ali / the bookcase* is standing in the corner. *Sugar / Sara* is sweet. Open the *door / your book / your* mind. A *car / Winter* is approaching. I’m allergic to *penicillin / people who think they know it all*. A *millimeter / life* is short. You can arrive at a place. You can arrive at an answer or solution.
14. Clines are always useful for organizing vocabulary in sets. In “Lessons and exercises” above, the first lesson involves organizing words relating to **health & medicine** on a cline. A similar lesson could be given based on words relating to temperature that relate to **emotion**. Our curriculums are good at teaching *hot, warm, and cold*. Less good at teaching *tepid, or lukewarm*, or combinations like *boiling-hot* and *freezing-cold*.
15. Sets and series are always useful for organizing vocabulary. Spring is a **season**, and we always teach “spring, summer, fall and winter” as a set, but we can also relate that same set to **death & life**, or to **growth & development**. In Saudi Arabia, when I introduced this word to my students, following the ALC/DLI curriculum, I used to give my adult military students the following riddle: “A happy dancing young girl in a green dress. A strong young man with yellow hair. A crying lady in a brown dress. A shouting angry old man with white hair... What are they?” Answer: the four seasons! Arab students appreciate such personification and especially appreciate symmetry. The fact that their climate has essentially two seasons does not make them any less interested in the seasons in *my* country; the goal of many of them is to graduate from the program and then be sent to the U.S. for follow-on training (FOT). Language related to a **plant** and the life cycle of a **fire** relate to the same concepts. *Sweet, salty, bitter* and *sour* can relate not only to **taste** but also to **character & personality**. Again, my military students enjoyed and appreciated the metaphoric extension.
16. An easy lesson is to simply think of something you or your students might be interested in. For example, students studying academic English should be very interested in words and expressions related to **analysis, interpretation & explanation**. An engineer might be interested in the language associated with **infrastructure**. Some teachers are interested in the expression of **feeling, emotion & effect**, and they will find a comprehensive listing of such language in the thesaurus. My adult military students in Saudi Arabia—the home of the Arabian horse—always enjoyed idioms associated with the **horse**, and I was also pleased to discover many of them shared my enthusiasm for **boxing**. Of course, they had their favorites! Nothing is so basic to all people as the **hand**, so try doing a lesson just devoted to that. Idioms range from **help & assistance** to **oppression**. And it is easy to pantomime expressions like *hand out* and *give / lend a hand* and *have the upper / whip hand*. Such a lesson would make a nice lesson in a place like Kosovo, where your classroom might be a

café, your textbook is you, and where your students—poor as they are—will insist on paying for your coffee. You want to give a good lesson to students like that!

17. Expressions related to **gesture** and **bodily reaction** are easy to pantomime. I went to the director to get his *approval* and he gave me *the thumbs up*. / I didn't *realize* that, thank you for *opening my eyes*. / That film *bored* me, it was *a big yawn*. Pairs like these make easy matching exercises.
18. As mentioned above, a name for a **person** (*pioneer, acolyte, steward, leper, butcher, warrior clown*, etc.) is often used figuratively. You can find a list at **person** in this work. All teachers are aware of the sequence of grammar, and in Saudi Arabia, in military environments, a semi-insult like *bully* is a good way to exemplify it. “You are a *bully*!” Or, “You are a *big bully*!” Or, “You are *such* a *bully*! Use the negative imperative + noun pattern and you get, “Don’t be a *bully*!” Use stop + being + noun and you have “Stop being a *bully*!” Or substitute *donkey*. Donkey is not a vocabulary item in the ALC/DLI, but everyone I taught in Saudi Arabia know it in English, and its connotation.
19. Use analogies; like metaphors, they compare and make connections. I usually introduce them in the following form: Stand up is to resist as _____ is to surrender. The center is to a circle as _____ is to a hurricane. Spring is to a young man as _____ is to an old man. A period of time is to the life of a man as _____ is to a book. Articles can be especially problematical and this is a chance to use them. When students give answers to analogies like these, even when they gave me the anticipated answer, I always ask them to explain their answers using complete sentences. Analogies like these can be used at the most basic level and students find them novel and interesting. A ship is to the sea as _____ is to the desert is one I often gave in Saudi Arabia. Don’t forget to ask why.
20. Teachers can incorporate figurative language into routine classroom language. If your students get too noisy, you can say, “Hey, turn down the volume!” or “Lower the temperature!” or “Cool down” or “Keep cool!” or “Let’s dial it back!” or “Don’t be such a hothead!” If a student becomes too impatient, you can say, “Hold your horses!” Instead of asking if a student understands or not, you might ask, “Are you in the dark?” You can used lexicalized gestures to praise: “I salute you,” “I applaud you,” “I take my cap off to you.” When a student’s feelings get hurt, you can say, “A military man needs thick skin!” Students tend to hear, note, and acquire such figurative language, especially if it is repeated day in and day out. More importantly, though, it gives the figurative nature of language its due.
21. Feel free to say a little bit about the literal meaning for those words we use figuratively. If you ever teach or explain the figurative use of *castaway*, for example, you might spend a few minutes telling your students about those actual poor wretches on Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean. At the entry for *scuttle* I mention two instances where entire fleets of ships were scuttled. Below the entry for *amok* is a quote from *The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace about that practice. Below the entry for *earthquake (effect)* is a rather long

entry from the same author, which will make those of us who have never experienced an earthquake think about how incredibly destabilizing it can be. In the entry for *whirlwind* is an eyewitness account of a black buran experienced in Lop Nur, Xinjiang, by Sven Hedin. At *blizzard*, I have included a short quote from V.K. Arseniev and Dersu about an actual blizzard, or *purga*. Below the entry for *pioneer (person)* in the dictionary, I note Rudyard Kipling's stirring poem "The Explorer." There are always a few students who will find that poem on the internet and read it, based on your recommendation.

22. Take a page from the quote from Emerson above and use the frames he uses to get your students thinking about metaphor. "*Right* means...; *wrong* means...; the crossing of a line means...; we say *heart* to express... ; a cunning man is...; attention is...; an effect is... Words and phrases for that last are entered in the category **effect**. They remind us than an effect is often thought of as a wave in a medium: ripples as in water, with the related word *splash*; waves in the air like a *shock wave*; and sound waves like *reverberation* and *repercussion*. That is the reason for expressions like: "His surprise resignation caused ripples / shock waves / reverberations around the world."
23. Get students to notice language use in longer passages of speech or text. Vocabulary choices are often predictable. For example, a crime story or crime podcast is bound to have words used figuratively based on **hunting** and **searching & discovery**. Articles about famous people will usually have figurative language relating to **importance & significance**. It's fun to read an article and identify sets like these.
24. Here's a good idea to make the figurative and the literal real to your students within the four walls of your classroom. First, consult the category of **books & reading** in the thesaurus of this work. Write "literal" on one side of the board, "figurative" on the other, hold up a book, and go to work. You might start with *spine*. You can something like, "Look, do you see this part of the book here? Well, it's called the spine. And I have a spine! This is my spine! And I can break this book's spine, and I can break my own spine if I'm in a bad auto accident!" There will be many literal and figurative pairs for you to talk about with your students. The dictionary of collocations will give you attested examples of use and help you with the collocations. If you have a flair for the dramatic and a perfect sense of timing, as you no doubt do, because you are a teacher and you have read this far in the work, you will save "close the book" with its meaning of **reconciliation, resolution & conclusion** for the bell, the smiles, and the break.

An alphabetized list of the categories in the thesaurus

Consider the category **color** (2). *What can colors relate / refer to? What can colors represent?* When you visit that category in the thesaurus, you will see several subcategories that might give you some ideas for when you teach your lesson on colors. One subcategory is “proper name.” On the world map in my classroom in Saudi Arabia, I always enjoyed pointing out the “color” seas to my military students: the Red Sea; the Black Sea; the White Sea; the Yellow Sea. In the subcategory “character & personality” you will see the phrase, *black sheep*. I never failed to mention my “black-sheep” brother John to my students. In the subcategory “experience” is the word *greenhorn*. I always mentioned this, because I knew some students would pick the term up and chaff / guy one another with it. In the subcategory “feeling, emotion & effect” is *blue*, meaning sad. The question, “Are you blue?” never failed to make my students smile. Not because Arabs are literal minded—they talk about teachers having black and white hearts—but because the ALC/DLI is so relentlessly literal. And I can do all this in an introductory class, using the simplest grammar.

Now consider the category **feeling, emotion & effect** (1). *How do we think of feelings, emotions and effects? How do we talk about those things?* There are many subcategories in this category, and three of those subcategories are larger than the others: “direction,” “sensation,” and “temperature.” This corresponds exactly to the metaphors cognitive linguists have identified: HAPPY IS UP. SAD IS DOWN. AFFECTION IS WARMTH. EMOTIONAL EFFECT IS PHYSICAL CONTACT. If you combine **bodily reaction** and **gesture**, you get a fourth large sub-category. The ALC/DLI includes “to hurt one’s feelings,” which is figurative, based on sensation. I have used many expressions from this category in my classes, including ones like, “Are you down?” “Cheer up!” “I will lift your spirits,” “Cool off,” “Don’t be such a hothead,” “Don’t be so thin-skinned,” “A military man must have thick skin,” “You cut me!” etc.

name	#	name	#
addiction	2	basketball	2
affix	2	bell	2
air	2	Bible	2
alcohol	2	biology	2
allusion	2	bird	2
amount	2	birth	2
animal	2	blade	2
antiques	2	blanket	2
apple	2	blood	2
arm	2	boat	2
astronomy	2	bodily reaction	2
atmosphere	2	body	2
ax	2	books & reading	2
baby	2	bottle	2
back	2	boundary	2
ball	2	boxing	2
balloon	2	breadth	2
baseball	2	breathing	2

name	#	name	#
bridge	2	equilibrium & stability	2
bubble	2	erosion	2
bullet	2	exclamation	2
burden	2	explosion	2
burial	2	eye	2
canal	2	face	2
cards	2	family	2
carpets & rugs	2	fan	2
cat	2	farming & agriculture	2
center & periphery	2	fatness & thinness	2
chain	2	fence	2
chemistry	2	film	2
chess	2	finger	2
circus	2	fire	2
clock	2	fish	2
cloth	2	fist	2
clothing & accessories	2	flags & banners	2
cloud	2	flood	2
color	2	flying & falling	2
consumption	2	fog	2
container	2	food & drink	2
control & lack of control	2	foot	2
cooking	2	football	2
corner	2	force	2
cows & cattle	2	forest	2
crashes & collisions	2	fortification	2
creature	2	fountain	2
crime	2	fox	2
dam	2	frog	2
day	2	fruits & vegetables	2
death & life	2	functioning	2
depth	2	gambling	2
desert	2	gate	2
destruction	2	geometry	2
direction	2	gesture	2
distance	2	gift	2
document	2	giving, receiving, bringing & returning	2
dog	2	glacier	2
doors & thresholds	2	government	2
ear	2	ground, terrain & land	2
earth & world	2	hair	2
earthquake	2	hammer	2
electricity	2	hand	2
engine	2	hardness & softness	2
epithet	2	hat	2

name	#	name	#
head	2	mining	2
health & medicine	2	mirror	2
heart	2	mixture	2
heating water	2	money	2
heel	2	moon	2
height	2	mountains & hills	2
history	2	mouth	2
hole	2	movement	2
horizon	2	music	2
horn	2	nail	2
horse	2	neck	2
hour	2	nose	2
house	2	nuclear energy	2
hunting	2	number	2
hygiene	2	object	2
Iliad & Odyssey	2	orientation	2
infrastructure	2	part of speech	2
insect	2	party	2
island	2	path	2
journeys & trips	2	pendulum	2
jungle	2	physics	2
justice	2	picture	2
key	2	pile	2
knee	2	place	2
knife	2	plane	2
ladder	2	plant	2
lap	2	platform	2
leg	2	position	2
letters & characters	2	potato	2
light & dark	2	predation	2
lightning	2	prep, adv, adj, particle	2
line	2	pressure	2
lion	2	proximity	2
love, courtship & marriage	2	pump	2
magic	2	puppet	2
manufacturing	2	purses & wallets	2
map	2	puzzle	2
mark	2	radio	2
materials & substances	2	rain	2
meat	2	rat	2
mechanism	2	religion	2
memorization	2	riding	2
mental health	2	river	2
middle ages	2	rocket	2
military	2	roof	2

name	#	name	#
rope	2	temperature	2
route	2	tent	2
royalty	2	theater	2
rubbing & washing	2	throat	2
ruins	2	throwing, putting & planting	2
scale	2	thumb	2
school & education	2	ticket	2
sea	2	tide	2
season	2	tiger	2
sensation	2	toe	2
sex	2	tongue	2
shadow	2	tools & technology	2
shape	2	train	2
shark	2	tree	2
sheep	2	tsunami	2
shoulder	2	umbrella	2
sign, signal, symbol	2	verb	2
size	2	violence	2
skeleton	2	volcano	2
skin, muscle, nerves & bone	2	walking, running & jumping	2
sky	2	wall	2
sleep	2	warehouse	2
smell	2	waste	2
snake	2	water	2
snow & ice	2	wave	2
society	2	weapon	2
sound	2	weather & climate	2
space	2	wedge	2
speech	2	weight	2
speed	2	wheat	2
spider	2	whip	2
sports & games	2	wind	2
stair	2	window	2
standing, sitting & lying	2	wolf	2
statue	2	wounds & scars	2
stomach	2	wrestling	2
storm	2	writing & spelling	2
sun	2	zoo	2
surveying	2	ability & lack of ability	1
swamp	2	absorption & immersion	1
sword	2	acceptance & rejection	1
table	2	access & lack of access	1
target	2	accusation & criticism	1
taste	2	achievement, recognition & praise	1
teeth	2	action, inaction & delay	1

name	#	name	#
activity	1	confronting, dealing with & ignoring	1
admiration & contempt	1	things	1
affliction	1	consciousness & awareness	1
allegiance, support & betrayal	1	constraint & lack of constraint	1
allusion	1	consumption	1
alternatives & choices	1	content	1
amelioration & renewal	1	context	1
amount	1	control & lack of control	1
amount & effect	1	corruption	1
analysis, interpretation & explanation	1	cost & benefit	1
appeal	1	courage & lack of courage	1
appearance	1	course	1
appearance & disappearance	1	cover	1
appearance & reality	1	creating & transformation	1
area	1	curtailment	1
assembling	1	danger	1
attachment	1	death & life	1
attainment	1	decline	1
attempt	1	dependency	1
attention, scrutiny & promotion	1	destruction	1
attenuation	1	development	1
attraction & repulsion	1	development, easiness & effort	1
avoidance & separation	1	directing	1
bases	1	direction	1
behavior	1	dismissal, removal & resignation	1
biodiversity	1	disruption	1
branching system	1	division	1
campaign	1	division & connection	1
center & periphery	1	dominance & submission	1
certainty & uncertainty	1	driving force	1
character & personality	1	eagerness & reluctance	1
characterization	1	effect	1
coercion & motivation	1	empathy & lack of empathy	1
coming, arriving, staying, leaving &	1	enthusiasm	1
returning		environment	1
commitment & determination	1	epithet	1
comparison & contrast	1	equilibrium & stability	1
competition	1	euphemism	1
complexity	1	evidence	1
comprehension & incomprehension	1	experience	1
computer	1	experimentation	1
concealment & lack of concealment	1	extent & scope	1
condition & status	1	failure, accident & impairment	1
configuration	1	fantasy & reality	1
conflict	1	farming & agriculture	1

name	#	name	#
fate, fortune & chance	1	mind	1
feeling, emotion & effect	1	mixture	1
fictive communication	1	money	1
fictive meeting & seeing	1	movement	1
fictive motion	1	obligation	1
fictive position	1	obstacles & impedance	1
fictive possession	1	occurrence	1
fictive transportation	1	operation	1
flaws & lack of flaws	1	opportunities & possibilities	1
force	1	oppression	1
functioning	1	orientation	1
future	1	origin	1
geography	1	past & present	1
giving, receiving, bringing & returning	1	perception, perspective & point of view	1
gossip	1	performance	1
group, set & collection	1	person	1
growth & development	1	place	1
guilt	1	portal	1
haste	1	position, policy & negotiation	1
heart	1	possession	1
help & assistance	1	power	1
hierarchy	1	predation	1
history	1	presence & absence	1
hyperbole	1	pressure	1
idea	1	primacy, currency, decline &	1
identity & nature	1	obsolescence	1
importance & significance	1	priority	1
impression	1	product	1
inauguration	1	progress & lack of progress	1
inclusion & exclusion	1	proper name	1
increase & decrease	1	protection & lack of protection	1
initiation	1	proximity	1
insult	1	punishment & recrimination	1
interest	1	pursuit, capture & escape	1
involvement	1	readiness & preparedness	1
isolation & remoteness	1	reconciliation, resolution & conclusion	1
judgment	1	reference	1
knowledge & intelligence	1	relationship	1
language	1	repetition	1
leaking	1	representation	1
location	1	reputation	1
measurement	1	resemblance	1
message	1	resiliency	1
migration	1	resistance, opposition & defeat	1
military	1	responsibility	1

name	#	name	#
restraint & lack of restraint	1	subterfuge	1
revenge	1	success & failure	1
reverence	1	sufficiency, insufficiency & excess	1
reversal	1	superiority & inferiority	1
role	1	superlative	1
route	1	supplying	1
sacrifice	1	surveillance	1
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity	1	survival, persistence & endurance	1
script	1	suspicion	1
searching & discovery	1	taking & removing	1
sequence	1	target	1
sex	1	taxonomy & classification	1
shape	1	throwing, putting & planting	1
sight	1	time	1
sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty	1	timeliness & lack of timeliness	1
situation	1	transmission	1
size	1	transportation	1
social interaction	1	unanimity & consensus	1
society	1	violence	1
sound	1	vocative	1
source	1	wants, needs, hopes and goals	1
speech	1	warning	1
speed	1	welcome	1
starting, going, continuing & ending	1	welcome	1
strategy	1	wheat	1
strength & weakness	1	work & duty	1
substance & lack of substance	1	worth & lack of worth	1

The dictionary of collocations

A

ablaze (adjective)

ablaze with passion

his speech began in a quiet smolder and ended ~

ablaze with speculation

the Internet was ~ about why...

set social media ablaze

his murder has ~ (of a young rapper)

set Twitter ablaze

his late-night tweet ~

♦ “A Texas woman ended up burning down her home in a heated battle with a snake. When the Texarkana resident spotted the serpent in her garden, she doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze. The flaming snake slithered into a nearby brush pile, igniting it and the house in a conflagration...”

activity / initiation / feeling, emotion & effect: fire

about-face (in an about-face)

in an about face

~, the President abandoned his plan to...

in an about face from a year ago

~, Congress voted to expand...

in an embarrassing about face

~, officials acknowledged that...

reversal: direction / military

about-face (other)

about face for Pakistan

his policies, if successful, will mean a real ~

about-face for the government

the request is an ~ (Afghanistan)

about-face from a year ago

the space agency's new policy is an ~

about-face on the bill

he deserves credit for his ~

about face with regard to Israel

he has done an ~

abrupt about-face

the admission was an ~

belated about-face

the ~ won't fool the people (by a government)

ecological about-face
earth has done an ~ (NASA statement)

ideological about-face
the literature of ~ includes...

about-face came
his ~ after...

did an about-face
the military ~

done an about face
he has ~ with regard to Israel (a leader)

♦ “Fall in!” “Attention!” “Left face!” “Right face!” “About face!” “Forward, march!” “Road guard... post! ”Column... halt!” “At ease!” “Fall out!” (Military commands.)

reversal: direction / military

about-turn (noun)

about-turn on the subject

the government's seeming ~ of Islamic law

diplomatic about-turn
this latest ~ on Syria

sudden about-turn

athletes are shocked and outraged at Wada's ~

reversal: direction

above (above the fray, etc.)

above the fray

he is trying to stay ~ (a politician)

behavior: direction / height / prep, adv, adj, particle

above (above the law, etc.)

above the law

not even the president is ~
nobody is ~ (judge arrested)

superiority & inferiority: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

above (hierarchy)

above him in the pecking order

the fit-again Erik Lamela is ~ (Tottenham Hotspur)

hierarchy: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

aboveboard (adjective)

aboveboard

everything I did was ~

♦ This might come from the world of cards, and its opposite might be underhanded.

subterfuge: cards / direction

abrasive (adjective)

abrasive and annoying

he is ~

brilliant and abrasive
a ~ engineer named...

character & personality: sensation
feeling, emotion & effect: sensation
absorb (a country, etc.)

absorbed Kyrgyzstan
Imperial Russia ~ and its nomadic tribes

ability to absorb
their language's ~ new words (German)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

absorb (books, culture, etc.)

absorbed books
he ~ by the dozen (self-learning at library)

absorb the culture
a lot of the girls didn't really ~ (US models in Japan)

absorbed a gothic sensibility
he ~ which would imprint itself on his work

absorbed (Islamic) principles and traditions
the young prince ~

absorption & immersion: verb / water

absorb (punishment, etc.)

absorbed the (full) force
he ~ of the explosion with his body (hero soldier)

absorbed (a lot of) punishment
he ~ in the last round (a boxer)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

absorbed

absorbed into Saudi Arabia
Qatar might well have been ~ (history)

absorbed by the society
they were ~ they invaded (Mongols)

forcibly absorbed
the three Baltic republics were ~ into the Soviet Union

absorption & immersion: water

abundance (amount)

abundance of caution
out of an ~, we are altering the production plan (virus)

♦ This word comes from the Latin *unda*, or wave. The root is more obvious in a word like *inundate*. Still, it's a nice way to think of the meaning.

amount / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: sea / water / wave

abuzz (activity)

abuzz with activity
the base is ~ (as US leaves Afghanistan)

abuzz with warnings
a nervous Muslim world is ~ of a threat from the West

had people abuzz
the news ~ this morning (politics)

kept this peninsula abuzz
gold mining and logging once ~ with activity

activity: animal / insect / sound

abyss (noun)

financial abyss
there seems to be no way out of this ~

on the brink of a (sectarian) abyss
the country is walking ~ (protests)

on the edge of electoral abyss
his campaign teetered ~, but he is scrambling his way back

fall into an abyss
women ~, and they can't get out (eating disorders)

plunged into a (political) abyss
the country ~ after...

plunges (further) into the abyss
as Greece's blighted economy ~

pulled the (financial) system back from the abyss
the government ~

sliding into the abyss
the country is ~ (economy)

teetering towards the abyss
the city is ~ of bankruptcy

worked his way out of the abyss
he ~ of crime and hopelessness

♦ In an article in *The New York Times*, "Computers That Trade on the News," Graham Bowley reports that the word *abyss* in an article about the Greek financial crisis caused computers to initiate sell orders. Wall Street mines such words from news articles and Twitter feeds to analyze the market.

destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

accelerant (noun)

accelerant
Twitter is the ~ for so many to spew outrage

accelerant of (global) conflict
climate upheaval is acting as an ~

accelerants of human misery
jails are ~

described the internet as an accelerant
officials ~ that speeds up radicalization

increase & decrease: fire

accelerate (verb)

accelerating their efforts
states are ~ to ban texting while driving

accelerate learning
pupils use pedal power to ~
inflation is accelerating
~, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says
outbreak is accelerating
the measles ~

increase & decrease / speed / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb

accession (noun)

accession number
the ~ is a unique identifier (cultural property)
accession process
the ~ is dead (Turkey and the EU)
♦ "The EU pretends to negotiate, Turkey pretends to reform." (Turkish accession to the EU.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / royalty

ace (noun)

ace
it was time for me to bring out my ~
ace in the hole
my ~ is that I can...
the fear card is his ~ (national security)
our nuclear arsenal is our ~

strategy / strength & weakness: cards / gambling

accompany (attachment)

accompany the tourist invasion
the economic benefits that will ~
attachment / relationship: journeys & trips / movement / verb

Achilles' heel (noun)

Achilles' heel
security was our ~ (US AID project in Afghanistan)
Achilles' heel of 3-D TV
clunky glasses were the ~ (remedied)
Achilles' heel of the system
the ~ lies...
Achilles' heel of the West
the Arabian Gulf is the ~ (oil and Iran)
Achilles heel for Chelsea
this is the ~—marking in the box (soccer)
angioplasty's Achilles' heel
the problem is ~ (regrowth of tissue)
company's Achilles' heel
the ~ is that...
skiers' Achilles' heel

the knees are the ~
proved to be his Achilles' heel
while he excelled in wooing donors, finances ~
strength & weakness: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey
protection & lack of protection: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey
acid (acid debate, etc.)

acid asides
she is famous for her ~ (a comic)
acid blogger
people are disgusted with radio ranters and ~s (civility)
acid debate
the controversy has sparked ~ (religion)
feeling, emotion & effect / speech: chemistry / materials & substances

acid-tongued

acid-tongued
the ~ comedian (Groucho Marx)
feeling, emotion & effect / speech: chemistry / materials & substances / tongue

acolyte (noun)

acolyte of big business
he is an ~ and corporate greed
acolytes of (US) capitalism
he is like most ~
Obama acolyte
he is an ~ who... (politics)
tones of an acolyte
he described her in ~
swarmed by (young) acolytes
he was ~ (a film director)

enthusiasm: person / religion
person: religion

acrobat (person)

linguistic acrobats
slang is fine for ~ (who can code-switch)
person: circus / sports & games
ability & lack of ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / person
acrobatic (adjective)
verbally acrobatic
Clinton was more intelligent, calculating, and ~ (vs. Bush)
comparison & contrast: affix
ability & lack of ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / movement / sports & games

acrobatics (noun)

acronymic acrobatics

the artificiality and awkwardness of the ~ (LGBTIQ2SA)

verbal acrobatics

there are no ~ to charm (a book review)

vocal acrobatics

a sturdy rhythm section and Olivia W-B's ~ (music)

ability & lack of ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / movement / sports & games

act (insincere show)

hard-ass act

beneath their ~ they were just teens (young Marines)

maturity act

kids put on this ~ (high school)

own act

they came to believe too much in their ~ (Hitler, etc.)

hard-to-get act

ditch the ~ (relationships)

ditch the (hard-to-get) act

you should ~

keep up the act

how long can he ~

put on an act

con artists know how to ~

putting on an act

a lot of guys seem nice, but they are just ~

he's lying, he's just ~

everyone in high school is to some extent ~

performance / role: theater

act (performance)

circus act

he's a ~ and he's killing boxing

vagabond act

they morphed their ~ into today's World Tour (surfers)

balancing act

setting limits, encouraging independence is a real ~

juggling act

trying to build a team is a hard ~ (basketball)

difficult act

the King's got a lot more ~ than in the last decade

tough act

their father is a ~ to follow

performance / role: theater

act (clean up one's act)

cleaned up its act

the CIA director said the company had ~ (security)
the city has clamped down on violence and ~
in the 1990s, Manhattan ~

cleaned up her act

she checked herself into rehab, then ~
we thought she had ~, but... (athlete)

clean up your act

you need to ~

amelioration & renewal / behavior: hygiene / verb

act (development)

final act

the hostage drama saw its ~ played out (plane)
the family is trying to interpret his ~ (suicide)

first act

on the world soccer stage, it was a stunning ~ (loss)
the ~ has closed with a tremendous finale (Civil War)
the ~ of the tragedy has been enacted (war)
you've just seen the ~, the finale is yet to come (trial)

last act

and then began the long ~ of his life (a writer)

main act

there was no preparation for the ~ (combat)
this is only the prologue to the ~ (banks fail)
the sideshow became part of the ~ (war)
he quickly became the ~ at the meeting (politician)

second acts

I think there are ~ in life, people can move on but...

development: theater

addict (chess addict, etc.)

chess addicts

the Internet is great for ~

movie addict

an adolescent ~

crossword puzzle addict

he is a ~

bone fishing addict

hard-core yachtsmen and ~s

total (TV) addict

I love TV, I'm a ~

generation of (tanning) addicts

tanning beds spawned a ~

person: addiction

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine / person

addicted (enthusiasm)

addicted to his sport

he was so ~ that he rarely spent a weekend indoors

addicted to fly fishing

my friend and I were ~ for wild brook trout

addicted to a dating game
she's a gamer, ~ called One True Prince

passionately addicted
he was ~ to Beethoven's music (Berlioz)

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

addicted (dependency)

addicted to (this kind of) high-paced content
people have become ~ (TikTok)

addicted to economic growth
we are ~

addicted to oil
we are ~ from the Middle East

grow (increasingly more) addicted
as we ~ to modern technology

dependency: addiction / health & medicine

addiction (enthusiasm)

Ives addiction
my ~ started one summer at music camp...

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

addiction (dependency)

adrenalin addiction
~ drives reporters from one hotspot to another

entertainment addiction
corporate greed, ~ and political impotence (the US)

sex addiction
~ is not yet recognized as a psychiatric disorder

get off our (oil) addiction
we need to ~ (dependence on foreign oil)

dependency: addiction / health & medicine

addictive (adjective)

addictive
Thai food is ~
combat can be ~
comment boards are ~, same with Twitter, FB...

addictive (computer) games
~ are a moral hazard to youth (China)

addictive thing
this is an ~ that hurts the students (laptops in class)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. In *The New Yorker* magazine (December 13, 2021), there is a funny cartoon. In the foreground, there is a rabbi, standing behind a podium, obviously addressing an audience. Behind him, in a chair, is a boy sitting in a chair with his hands politely folded. The rabbi is intoning, "We are here to witness Jacob, who screamed at his Xbox for four hours just this morning, become a man."

♦ "He had been on the Internet every day since his early teens."

behavior / enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect:
addiction / health & medicine

address (verb)

address the problems
we must ~ that underlie the insurgency

addressed more specific rumors
she ~ as well (cold case)

address stereotypes
be prepared to ~ when you hear them

addressed (such taboo) subjects
he ~ as race and sexuality (Pryor)

addresses this
is there currently any legislation on tape that ~

addresses the (invisible and visible) wounds
the center ~ of war

fictive communication: speech / verb
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: speech / verb

add up (verb)

added up
she knew in an instant that it all ~ (signs of glue sniffing)

didn't add up
her story ~
when you just use your common sense, it ~ (a juror)
it just didn't make sense, just ~

doesn't add up
it ~, it's very suspicious (a suicide)
wait a second, this ~, there's a problem here

just didn't add up
why would he do that, it ~ (a disappearance)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

adhere (adhere to something)

adhere to
they have a code that they ~, blue silence (cops)

adhere to the norms
countries should strictly ~ of international law

attachment: materials & substances / verb

adjacent (rich-adjacent, etc.)

adjacent to the ballroom scene
Billy Porters was ~

Tess Monaghan adjacent
Dream Girl is ~, Tess actually appears (Laura Lippman)

basketball-adjacent
Harlow's opening medley of ~ bangers (on SNL)

Disney-adjacent
a theater kid and ~ actor (Olivia Rodrigo)

gross-adjacent
is this behavior supposed to be gross (or at least ~), or...

jazz-adjacent

the song sounds ~, at a minimum, jazzy-ish (Adele)

lockdown-adjacent

2020, for all its ~ loneliness, still had anthems like “WAP”

MAGA-adjacent

no wanting people to shit on my steps doesn’t make me ~

music-adjacent

showcasing various ~ pockets of the city (Philly)

porn-adjacent

a series of soft-core, ~ films, I guess you could say...

punk-adjacent

the critically acclaimed, ~ two-tone bands of... (Ska)

restaurant-adjacent

one ~ business is doing well (equipment liquidator)

“rich-adjacent”

Connell gets into an elite university, where he becomes ~

rock-adjacent

a ~ album with producer...

soul-adjacent

soul and ~ music

sports-adjacent

I wrote a ~ love story (fiction)

inclusion & exclusion: affix

adolescence (noun)

during its (starry-eyed) adolescence

A.I. ~, in the sixties... (technology)

podcasting’s adolescence

in 2014, ~

growth & development: death & life

Adonis (handsome)

Adonis

the chubby man beat the ~ (Joshua vs. Ruiz / boxing)

appearance: allusion

adopt (verb)

adopted the nickname

he ~, “pied piper of R&B” (R. Kelly)

adopted his (slash-and-burn, scorched-earth) politics

Republicans have ~

♦ “We’ve done a couple of different initiatives that we’re super proud of. One is called “Light Up Chinatown” and we ended up having people adopt a lantern, and you can go visit your lantern in Chinatown. It basically brightens up the street for our elders, you know, walking the streets at night, so that they feel a little bit safer.” (Joanne Kwong, President, Pearl River Mart, a notable Chinese department store.)

acceptance & rejection: family / verb

adopted (adopted state, etc.)

adopted home

Asheville was her ~

adopted state

my ~ of North Carolina

acceptance & rejection: family

adopted

adopted

they want their pet ideas ~ (conservatives)

adopted as a corporate tool

PowerPoint was ~

acceptance & rejection: family

adrift (adjective)

adrift in the (new multiparty) sea

politicians, ~, now needed campaign funds

seemed adrifit

he ~ without the army for structure (a troubled soldier)

spent years adrifit

they had ~ in their diaspora (Somalis in Lewistown)

direction / division & connection: boat

course: direction / journeys & trips

control & lack of control / progress & lack of progress: boat / direction

adult (development)

adults in the room

the cypherpunk kids versus the ~

adult table

Japan wanted to demonstrate it was an adult sitting at the ~

person: baby

experience: person

growth & development: death & life

advance (in advance, etc.)

days in advance

the killing was planned ~

several days in advance

models predicted the high pressure ~

what is coming in advance

we increased our radar so we know ~ (public health)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / distance / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

advance (a day can advance, etc.)

day advanced

as the ~, it got hotter and hotter

morning advanced

as the ~, the soldiers prepared for battle

time: direction / movement / verb

advance (verb)

advanced in jumps
his career ~

advanced with giant steps
nuclear science has ~

advanced from guarded to good condition
the twins ~ (operation)

advance their cause through leadership
people who ~ or example

advance the cause
~ of freedom in Africa (US)

advance medicine
the goal of the partnership is to ~, lower costs

advance our (own negotiating) position
as we ~

advanced rapidly
mine technology ~ after World War II

career advanced
his ~ in jumps

science has advanced
nuclear ~ with giant steps

efforts to advance
~ pain research

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / verb

advance (noun)

advances in medicine
the 20th century saw great ~

breathtaking advance
this is a ~ (legislative act)

great advance
anesthesia was a ~ in surgery

major advance
US physicians made another ~ in endocrinology

medical advance
animal testing has led to many ~

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement

advance guard

advance guard of the feminists
she belonged to the ~ (the sculptor Kathleen Scott)

driving force: military

aegis (noun)

under his aegis
he insists the newspaper is not ~
~, sales soared (Tim Cook / Apple)

♦ An aegis (pronounced EE-jus) was a breastplate or shield. It means protection or sponsorship.

protection & lack of protection: military / weapon

aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.)

Aegis Combat System
the ~ protects ships

Aegis Security Insurance Company
the ~ focuses on Property and Casualty insurance

proper name: weapon

protection & lack of protection: proper name

afford (verb)

afford
doubt is a luxury they can't ~ (soldiers on way to Iraq)

afford to fall
we can't ~ further behind

afford to lose
the President cannot ~ Iraq

afford to remain
we cannot ~ passive spectators to such acts...

afford another Somalia
the UN cannot ~

afford the disruption
we can't ~ that would bring (company policies)

cost & benefit: money / verb

aflame (resemblance)

aflame with fall color
the maple trees are ~

resemblance: fire

aflame (adjective)

aflame
the region is ~ (Middle East)
the Arab world was ~ in March 2011

aflame with (righteous) anger
at some moments we are ~

aflame with outrage
Republicans were ~ (politics)

aflame with violence
in the dying days of apartheid South Africa was ~

aflame with uprisings
YA novels imagine a world ~

still aflame
his curiosity is ~ (a filmmaker)

set hearts aflame
his verses still ~ (the Persian poet Hafez)

set the social medial world aflame

he ~ after writing... (religion)

set aflame by (recent) comments

the classical music community has been ~ from...

**activity / initiation / feeling, emotion & effect: fire
starting, going, continuing & ending: fire**

afloat

keep the studio afloat

sentiment alone cannot ~ (MGM / debt woes)

keeping the regime afloat

oil is ~

stay afloat

Iran can ~ without Western investment
he struggled to ~ (low-paying job)
he got us disaster relief to ~ (politician)
the economy is struggling to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: water

after (at a later time)

after King Hammurabi

King Solomon ruled about 700 years ~

after horses

trains came ~ (technology)

♦ Earlier times are before later times, and later times are after earlier times, based on the time queue. The person who reaches the end of a trail reaches it earlier than the people following him or her.

sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

afterglow (in the afterglow)

in the afterglow

~ that follows the performance, the audience lingers...

in the afterglow of another championship

a decade later, ~, he said... (an athlete)

in the afterglow of (Obama's) election

she found it easier to run ~ (a politician)

in the afterglow of his (first big) role

he moved into the Chateau Marmont ~ (L.A. actor)

in the afterglow of our (rafting) trip

we relaxed and drank wine ~

in the (mellowing) afterglow of victory

~, they don't seem so fierce (elected women)

in the afterglow of their Tony wins

the films received increased business ~

basking in the afterglow

we're still ~ of the president's marvelous speech

he was ~ of a caretaker's honeymoon period (team)

♦ A full-page print ad for the Subaru Legacy asks the question, "Can a drive have an afterglow?" In the foreground is the sedan, parked on a scenic overlook. In the background is a dramatic vista of the sea and clouds just after sunset. Of course, the beautiful lingering light is the *actual* afterglow.

feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / sky

afterglow (other)

afterglow of those visits

the ~ has never worn off (celebrity visits restaurant)

afterglow of victory

the ~ was brief (political reformers)

post-World Cup afterglow

how will the ~ be reflected in attendance (US soccer)

happiness and afterglow

the party is flushed with ~ (elections)

feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / sky

afternoon (at a later time)

in the afternoon

~, we built igloos

♦ The forenoon is before noon, in the morning.

sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

aftershock (noun)

aftershocks from 9/11

the ~ forced the company to cut jobs nationwide (airline)

aftershocks from the (shareholder) revolt

the ~ will be felt across the business world

political aftershocks

the ~ of the 2004 tsunami... (Sri Lanka)

feel the aftershocks

we will ~ of the financial crisis for a long time

**amount & effect / effect / feeling, emotion & effect:
earthquake**

against (opposition)

against everything

I am ~ he stands for (politics)

against it

the Prime Minister is ~ (a proposal)

**allegiance, support & betrayal / resistance, opposition &
defeat: prep, adv, adj, particle**

against (up against)

up against

this is what cities are ~ (hacked for ransom)

up against a history

we were ~ of social injustice (prosecuting O.J. Simpson)

obstacles & impedance: prep, adv, adj, particle

age (come of age)

come of age

will this be the year they ~ (team in Champions League)

growth & development: death & life

age (age of Trump, etc.)

age of Trump

he covered Democratic politics in the ~

age of fiscal belt-tightening

in an ~

age of edit

we are in an ~ (news, films, music, science, memes, etc.)

age of romantic giants

in an ~ he was a titan (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

age of social media

in this ~

age of Viagra

this is the ~, and Mr. Trink was its siren (Thailand)

age of technological wizardry

in an ~...

Gilded Age

the sixties were the ~ of rock journalism (excess)

golden age

the ~ of quiz shows of the 1950s

the ~ of the detective story (between world wars)

the *Sopranos* was the tripwire event that set off the ~ of TV

modern age

the ~ of blockbusters (films)

for the ages

it was a game ~ (an exciting basketball game)

age (of the steamer) lasted

the ~ 150 years (steamboats on the Yangtze River)

♦ "We live in a subscription age and a numbers age... This is a big, big fight." (The boxing promoter Eddie Hearn at a press conference for Katie Taylor vs. Amanda Serrano, referring to DAZN, ticket sales, and social media buzz, including Twitter.)

time: history

agency (groups)

agency

we want more than representation, we want ~ (an Asian) language is ~, language is power (Korean girl in US)

agency to speak up for ourselves

we really didn't have that ~ (a female soccer player)

agency, ferocity and encouragement

inspirational declarations of ~ (the TV series *Pose*)

her own agency

Baker managed to have ~ (Josephine Baker in France)

female agency

the "Dinner Party" is about ~ (Judy Chicago)
whatever a woman claims she wants is an expression of ~

sexual agency

a patriarchal world view that denied women ~

power and agency

the tech industry is where US workers have the most ~ build ~ in their work lives (through legal resources, etc.)

claiming agency

women are ~ (Judy Chicago / the "Dinner Party")

denied women agency

a patriarchal world view that ~

have that agency

we really didn't ~ to speak up for ourselves until now

inclines towards agency

the language around leadership ~ (gender research)

seeking agency

we're seeking more than just representation, we're ~

support (individual) agency

as a humanist, a womanist I ~ (Gazelle Amber Valentine)

take agency

reclaim desire and ~ over your sexual experiences (women)

♦ "You get to decide what your life looks like." ("A Letter to College Sports" by Cailin Bracken.)

♦ "For Asians, we're seeking more than representation, we're seeking agency. We want to be able to tell our stories and show our characters in all of our splendor and complexity, because that's what it takes for people to actually see us as people... I think Asian Americans are kinda taking charge of our own destiny." (Jeff Yang, author of *Rise: A Pop History of Asia America From the Nineties To Now*. From ABC, GMA, "How movies and TV show dehumanize and hypersexualize Asian Americans.")

♦ "I asked Frances Borzello, art historian, if there are any examples of pre-20th Century nudes expressing women's agency—for example, portraits commissioned by a wife or mistress of themselves in order to please or tantalise a partner or lover?" ("Is the nude selfie a new art form?" by Holly Williams, 18 March 2021.)

♦ "If a player does not want to get vaccinated, we will stand behind him one hundred percent. Look, players need to have agency when it comes to what they decide to put in their bodies." (Benjamin Watson, Vice President, NFL Players Association.)

♦ "To be agentic is to be confident and decisive." (Gender research.)

♦ Agency in this sense is almost always in opposition to victimhood.

inclusion & exclusion: society

agenda (noun)

wrecking-ball agenda

they have a ~ that is rooted in nationalism (politics)

hidden agendas

the unwritten rules, ~, and minefields

creepy agenda

it just makes you look like you have some kind of ~

personal agendas

this is stale news being recycled by those with ~

agenda and narrative

they want the city to burn, it helps their ~

fit your agenda

just stating the truth, sorry it doesn't ~

pursue their (own hidden) agendas

factions ~ outside of the law	the ~ indie scene (Lizzo, etc.)
pushing or suppressing agendas people wonder if the BBC is ~	“militantly agnostic” she takes a ~ approach to UFOs (Leslie Kean)
wants, needs, hopes & goals: speech	♦ The technical meaning of this word, like so many other trendy words, has devolved to mean something like, “Not sure, who knows, unwilling to commit, non-committal, no stance, undogmatic, don’t care...”
agile (adjective)	♦ Merriam-Webster’s online entry for this word is excellent.
agile development ~ means constantly making small improvements	certainty & uncertainty / commitment & determination: religion
agile and adaptive security must be ~ (terrorism)	ago (two days ago / gone by)
agile and responsive government must become more ~ to business	two days ago they left ~
ideologically agile he was brilliant, funny, and ~ (a politician)	long ago in the ~, when I was a girl
lean and agile the company is ~	♦ This means “gone by.”
lean, agile and focused the company is ~ on building better cars	past & present / time: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle
pragmatic and agile we must be ~ in pursuit of human rights (diplomacy)	aground (run aground)
smaller, (more) agile and innovative ~ will survive	run aground he was sure the investigation would ~ and find no evidence
remains (as) agile (as ever) her mind ~	run aground on the shoals the promises have ~ of changing sex ratios
ability & lack of ability: movement	relationship can run aground the author-biographer ~
agility (noun)	failure, accident & impairment: boat / verb
agility ~ requires quick-minded, flexible leaders (military)	Aha! (Aha! moment)
mental agility ~ skills include physical toughness and ~ (military)	“Aha!” moment she says that she had an ~ in 2005 (administrator)
tactical agility ~ is first of all a mental state (military)	Aha! instant the ~ in cognitive science, the Eureka moment...
ability & lack of ability: movement	comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness & awareness: exclamation / speech
agnostic (adjective)	ahead (ahead of his time, etc.)
agnostic to the prevailing political system China is ~ of the countries it invests in	see <i>time (ahead of his time, etc.)</i>
agnostic about the ideology we’re ~ (of groups we investigate for violence / FBI)	ahead (the future is ahead, etc.)
agnostic about the use the guidelines are ~ of experimental medications (no stance)	ahead of her when you think about what was ~, it’s so sad (tragedy)
agnostic approach an ~, one biased in favor neither of X or Y	ahead of him he has a great future ~ (athlete)
brand agnostic what we’re enforcing now is ~ (any vaccine will do)	ahead of us the single most important task we have ~
genre-agnostic this ~ young brother was raised on opera, gospel and funk	we’ve got a good deal of work ~ our darkest days are ~, not behind us (pandemic)
	ahead for you and your baby you probably have questions about what is ~
	challenges ahead prepare students for the ~ (military school)

Internet “father” Vint Cerf on ~
choices ahead
he understands the hard ~ (a politician)
days ahead
there are better ~

road ahead
no one knows what lies on the ~ (course of war)

STORMS AHEAD
~ (newspaper)

task ahead
the ~ for engineers and scientists is to...

book ahead
it’s good to ~ (camping reservations)

lie ahead
your best days ~
our best days ~

lies ahead
no one knows what ~
I don’t know what ~
we are ready for the struggle that ~ (war)

look ahead
let’s ~ to the future
let’s ~, the way you have to in a chess game (Brexit)
as we ~ to the elections coming up in November

looking ahead
~, clouds appear on the horizon (economy)

plan ahead
it’s good to ~
♦ “We’re so focused on what’s ahead, we’re not worried about what’s behind us.” (The boxer Anthony Joshua, speaking about his rematch with Andy Ruiz Jr. AJ had lost the first match, in a tremendous upset.)

future / time: direction / journeys & trips / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

ahead (before a future event)

ahead of elections
the increasingly bitter political climate ~ next summer

ahead of the Challenger’s launch
~, analysts could have made hundreds of charts...

ahead of his upcoming trial
he was back in court ~ (Markeith Loyd / Florida)

ahead of Medvedev’s visit
the admission came ~ to Warsaw

well ahead
weather forecasters saw it coming ~ of time

future / time: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.)

ahead of schedule
we are ~

get ahead of the conversation
I’m not going to ~ that will take place (speculation)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

ahead (competition)

ahead of those
Swedish living standards are way ~ in the US

miles ahead
it was ~ of every similar application

million miles ahead
Liverpool are a ~ (of Manchester United / soccer)

two steps ahead
the virus was ~ (of preventative measures)

way ahead
Swedish living standards are ~ of those in the US

light years ahead
she was ~ of her peers
today’s tech is ~ of the old techniques (forensics)

come out ahead
I’m going to beat him, I’ll ~ (mixed-martial arts)

puts them ahead
their strategy ~ of other banks

competition: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

ahead (progress)

far ahead
rich countries are ~ of poor ones in adapting to warming

forging ahead
other countries are ~ (aquaculture)

get ahead
never pass up an opportunity to ~

marching ahead
the science is ~ (genetic tests)

move ahead
mentally ill people struggle to ~ in their lives
we must ~ into the future

moved ahead
he cautiously ~ with privatization

moving ahead
his friends were ~ while he was standing still

plowing ahead
we are ~ (difficult medical research)

pressing ahead
the Russians are ~ with fake social media accounts
we are ~ in our efforts (government official)

push ahead
we are trying to ~

surging ahead
Southeast Asia is ~ (aquaculture)

went ahead
the program ~ and was deemed a success
♦ Don't get mad, don't get even, get ahead.

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

ahead (go ahead)

went ahead with the event
they ~ (in spite of pandemic)

starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

ailing (adjective)

ailing
businesses are ~ because of government regulation

ailing economy
companies are feeling the effects of the ~
the government is pumping money into the ~

ailing Macs
she tends to ~ (tech worker)

ailing (housing) market
ending the deduction could cripple an already ~

condition & status: health & medicine

aim (verb)

aim to please
we ~ (a store motto)

aiming for
and that's what we're ~ (making it easy for shoppers)

aimed for a Friday night liftoff
the space agency ~

aim for a fun, less sanitized view
reenactors ~ of the Old West

target / wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb / weapon

aim (noun)

aim
if the ~ is to destroy vehicles, use mines (military)
their ~ is to trigger fear and chaos (political assassins)
their ~ is to survive (peasants)

aims of the campaign
ridding Iraq of WMD is one of the main ~

aim of the ceremony
the ~ is to... (Swazi reed dance)

aim of that operation
the ~ was to... (Russian military in Chechnya)

aim of the symposium

the broad ~ was to report on and discuss the...

aim of a show of force
the ~ is deterrence (military)

aim of storing
Glen Canyon Dam was finished with the ~ water for...

aim of overthrowing
it has the stated ~ the government (an opposition group)

aim in (my) life
before Qeis, I had no ~ (a student)

aim in (this) life
everyone has his own ~, and mine is to be a martyr

nomads' (traditional) aim
the Tibetan ~ of maximizing herd size (vs. slaughter)

terrorists' aim
if the ~ was to...

intended aim
regulating the forces and means toward an ~ (military)

stated aim
it has the ~ of overthrowing the government

dual aim
the immunizations have a ~ (protect and prevent)

first aim
our ~ was to be competitive at the World Cup...

initial aim
having sex might have been his ~, but... (murderer)

primary aim
a ~ of ED intervention is to.. (domestic abuse)

strategic aim
application of military capability in support of ~s

traditional aim
the Tibetan nomads' ~ of maximizing herd size

ultimate aim
his ~ is to...

unselfish aim
most seem motivated by ~s

one aim
the staff has only ~, turning fantasy into reality

several aims
President Clinton and his advisers had ~

achieve this aim
to ~, we will have to...

target / wants, needs, hopes & goals: weapon

aim (take aim at something)

take aim at (pretty much every) race
his monologues ~ he can

took aim at America

other veterans of the Russian-Afghan war ~
taking dead aim
his company is ~ at... (a competitor)

target: verb / weapon

aimed

aimed at Muslims
a string of attacks by extremist Christians ~
aimed (specifically) at children
products ~
aimed at the (US) military
protest ~ have waxed and waned (S. Korea)
aimed at the superstitious
attention-grabbing advertisements ~ (muti)
aimed at abortion clinics and their workers
attacks ~ (US)
aimed at Pakistan's foreign community
an assault ~ (on a church)
aimed at modernizing
he announced a series of reforms ~ the bureau
aimed at preventing
mosquito-control programs ~ further cases (West Nile)
aimed at punishing
laws ~ habitual criminals
aimed at reducing
regulations ~ noise pollution

target: weapon

air (air of authority, etc.)

air of authority
you'll carry an ~
air of indifference
she has a calculated ~ (teen girl)
air of invincibility
America's ~ is gone (international basketball)
air of make-believe
diplomacy can have an ~ (protocol, etc.)
air of respectability
toy drives give bikers an ~
air of sophistication
she exudes an ~
air of superiority
he detected an ~
arrogant air
he had a preppie, ~ about him
carry an air
you'll ~ of authority

exudes an air
she ~ of sophistication

appearance: air / atmosphere
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere
air (environment)

air he breathes
that's the ~ that he has internalized (Nazi website)

environment: air / atmosphere
identity & nature: air / atmosphere

air (anger in the air, etc.)

in the air
change was ~ (the law)
spring is ~
war is ~
the threat of litigation was always ~ (corporation)

anger in the air
there is much ~

electricity in the air
there is a new ~ (after combat and death)

fear in the air
with the general ~, people are paying off debt, not buying

feeling in the air
the ~ was he couldn't have done it (charged at courthouse)

environment / feeling, emotion & effect / presence & absence: air / atmosphere

air (up in the air)

up in the air
the school year ended with her plans ~
where things go from here is quite honestly ~
I think it's still ~ a little bit (where athlete will commit to)

up in the air whether
it's still ~... (making a decision)

still up in the air
her quest to land an internship is ~
when they can return to their homes is ~ (wildfires)

remains up in the air
the reason for the Moon Illusion ~

♦ "Up in the air" can link in certain cases to a phrase like, "Nobody knows how this plane lands" with the idea of resolution & conclusion.

certainty & uncertainty: air / atmosphere / prep, adv, adj, particle

air (breath of fresh air)

breath of fresh air
she's a ~ (politician)
the blog is a ~ (field notes from scientists)
his lay status is a ~ (new college president)
I thought he was a ~, but it turns out he is an elitist

breath of fresh air for the city

the mayor has been a ~
breath of fresh air after the scandal
he seemed to be a ~ of Watergate (politics)
unexpected breath of fresh air
their designs were an ~ (fashion show)
brings a breath of fresh air to the magazine
she ~ (new editor)
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere
amelioration & renewal: air / atmosphere / wind
air (hot air)
hot air
a plan without action is ~
global warming is ~ (an opinion)
just (a lot of) hot air
people talk about mine safety, but it's ~
a lot of hot air
~ blows out of Washington (politics)
full of hot air
he's ~ (a politician)
speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere
air (into thin air)
disappeared into thin air
she ~ (wanted for a crime)
vanished into thin air
it was like she just ~ (woman vanishes)
appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky
air (out of thin air)
appeared out of thin air
investors have ~
come out of thin air
ideas just don't ~
emerge out of thin air
the fear of the undead didn't ~
create credit out of thin air
the Federal Reserve can ~
create profit out of thin air
Wall Street can ~
appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky
origin: air / atmosphere / sky
air (clear the air)
clear the air
they had a meeting to ~ (athlete and coach)
an interview so she could ~ about what happened
if you had any lingering doubts, this should ~
clear the air entirely
wouldn't that just ~ (making documents public)

amelioration & renewal: air / atmosphere / verb
air (expose)
air it out
you don't have to ~ to the public where everyone can hear
concealment & lack of concealment: air / atmosphere / verb
airbrushed
too slick, airbrushed, propaganda
many thought the video was ~, to gain support and funding
appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances
aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier)
aircraft carrier
how long will it take, is it a matter of turning an ~ (change)
♦ "When I became president, one of the things I discovered coming into office is you're in charge of a big apparatus... It's an ocean liner and not a speedboat... Trying to change policy is really difficult." ("Barak Obama on 2020.")
♦ "It will take time to turn around this metaphorical tanker in midstream."
(Saudi-Israeli relations)
reversal: boat / military / movement / size
aired (and aired out)
being aired
the divorce is over with no dirty laundry ~
being aired out
these are general grievances that are ~ (the Oscars)
concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / hygiene
airtight (adjective)
airtight alibi
his lawyers say he has an ~
airtight case
prosecutors believe they have an ~
seemed airtight
his alibi ~
flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere
akin (adjective)
akin to body armor
we see vaccines as ~ (Defense Department)
akin to the Super Bowl
in the mountainous nations, the *Hahnenkamm* is ~ (skiing)
akin to drunk driving
not masking is ~ (COVID)
relationship: family

alarm (feeling)

alarm

~ as dump sites fill up and overflow...

alarm over the (rotten-egg) odor

there was ~

alarm over (gun) violence

most Americans feel ~

alarm about (the military's) conduct

the case raises ~ in Iraq (atrocity)

rising alarm

~ over gun violence

reason for alarm

stay calm, there is no ~
so there was plenty of ~

raises alarm

the case ~ about the military's conduct in Iraq

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

alarm (warning)

five-alarm

this should have been a ~ fire in the White House, but...

sounded alarms

Doctors Without Borders ~ (famine in Niger)

sounding the alarm

groups have been ~ about the Arab drug problem

warning: sound

albatross (noun)

albatross of debt

the ~ he had been dealing with... (a politician)

albatross for Oakland

the quote has become something of an ~ ("no there there")

albatross for the industry

the Production Code was an ~ (films)

Afghanistan albatross

Trump inherited the ~

lifelong albatross

a parking ticket can become a ~ (racial inequality)

♦ "John James Audubon's racism is the albatross rotting around the necks of those who would hold him in reverence. It is past smelling foul and beginning to reek." ("What Do We Do About John James Audubon?" by J. Drew Lanham.)

affliction: allusion / animal / bird

Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)

Alcatraz of the Rockies

ADX Florence in Colorado, sometimes called the ~

Alcatraz of the South

Angola, the ~ (prison bordered on 3 sides by Mississippi)

comparison & contrast: epithet

alchemist (noun)

alchemist of words

an ~, Melville transformed his often mundane sources

person: chemistry

creation & transformation: chemistry / person

Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.)

Muslim Alexander

he conceived for himself an identity as the ~ (Mehmet II)

importance & significance / military: epithet

alight (activity)

alight with posts

social networking sites are ~ from...

alight with (conspiracy) theories

the blogosphere is ~

♦ "We had now fairly entered the Molucca Sea. After dark it was a beautiful sight to look down on our rudders, from which rushed eddying streams of phosphoric light gemmed with whirling sparks of fire. It resembled (more nearly than anything else to which I can compare it) one of the large irregular nebulous star-clusters seen through a good telescope, with the additional attraction of ever-changing form and dancing motion." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace,)

♦ "That night the fire-flies were in countless thousands, in millions, it seemed... Suddenly, there was a blinding flash which for an instant lit up the whole countryside, as a large meteor trailed its blazing tail across the sky... As at the wave of a magic wand the illumination of the insects went out... Then suddenly in the herbage there appeared a spark again, and in half a minute the air was again filled with the thousands of elfin lanterns weaving their ethereal dances." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev, in Ussuria.)

activity: light & dark

alight (fire)

set the region alight

conflicts could ~ (Caucasus)

activity / feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: fire

alive (status)

alive

my business is ~, but not thriving

still alive

the talks are ~ (negotiations)

the two teams are ~ in the playoffs (sports)

very much alive

jazz is ~, in Paris...

stay alive

it's tough to ~ in today's economy (a business)

condition & status: death & life

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

alive (alive and well)

alive and well

interagency coordination is ~

alive and well in the UK
regional stereotypes are ~

remains alive and well
the movement ~

condition & status: death & life

alive (activity)

alive with activity
the night sky, ~ (satellites, an eclipse, etc.)

alive with rats
the alley was ~ that evening...

alive with rumor
residential areas and offices were ~ (following attack)

ever alive
he was a young man ~ to new ideas

activity: death & life

alive (come alive)

come alive
they ~ (characters in a book / book review)

came alive
the Peruvians ~ in the second half (World Cup soccer)

come alive at night
rats ~

came alive in the second quarter
the team ~

come alive with activity
the streets literally ~ (Toronto)

comes alive with young musicians
the campus ~ (summer music program)

came alive with a great tube ride
he suddenly ~ (surfing competition)

comes alive when
he ~ he talks about his passion

activity: death & life

amelioration & renewal: death & life

alive (keep something alive)

keep awareness alive
the need to ~ (of the Holocaust)

keep history alive
part of our mission is to ~ (Trail of Tears)

keep hope alive
doctors have a duty to ~

kept the initiative alive
the administration has ~

keep memory alive
portraits can ~

keep romance alive
it's important to ~ (in a marriage)

keep the spark alive
the dreams of what were ahead helped ~ for me (love)

keep the tradition alive
he does his part to ~ (sumo in Brazil)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

all (give something one's all, etc.)

gave it everything
we ~

commitment & determination: verb

allergic (adjective)

allergic to (small) boats
for those ~ in stormy seas...

allergic to the concept
economists are ~ of fairness (reform)

allergic to him
I'm ~ (the two don't get along)

avoidance & separation: health & medicine

allergy (noun)

allergy to stardom
he has an ~ (a successful actor, to Hollywood)

avoidance & separation: health & medicine

alley (Ambush Alley, etc.)

"Ambush Alley"
fighting in Nasiriyah, nicknamed ~ by the Marines (Iraq)

sniper alley
this part of town was called ~ (Sarajevo)

Machine Gun Alley
they called the area ~ (7th Cavalry / Iraq)

RPG Alley
an ambush on a stretch of road known as ~ (Baqouba)

death & life / military: epithet

alley (Bat Alley, etc.)

Bat Alley
bats have been seen flying down ~ (passage in a cave)

Shark Alley
a wave rolled along an area known as ~ (Farallones)

geography: epithet

route: animal

alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)

Cyclone Alley
Bangladesh sits on "~"

cyclone alley
Madagascar sits on a type of ~ in the Indian Ocean

Hail Alley
where Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming meet is “~”

iceberg alley
the Bonavista peninsula is the province’s so-called “~”
it’s been a busy season in ~ (Newfoundland and Labrador)
A68a has been riding this “~” (Antarctica to South Georgia)

"Lightning Alley"
the corridor is known as ~ (Tampa Bay to Titusville)

tornado alley
spring in ~ (U.S.)

Tornado Alley
~ runs from Texas through Oklahoma and Kansas

area / route: storm / weather & climate

alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61, etc.)

Blood Alley
Death Alley, ~, that's what they call it (a highway)

Death Alley
U.S. 61 is known as ~ (fatal crashes in Missouri)

"hell highway"
killed returning to the reservation on the ~ (Arizona)

expressway to death
National highway 8 is known as the ~ (India)

route: infrastructure

alley (Silicon Alley)

see *Silicon Valley*

alley (Cancer Alley, etc.)

“Asthma Alley”
the South Bronx is often described as ~ (pollution)

Cancer Alley
they live in a region known as ~ (southwestern Louisiana)

“covid corridor”
the commuter corridors have become the ~ (East Coast / US)

area: health & medicine

alley (up one's alley)

up my alley
now this part is ~ (how to fix a module vs. its function)

right up your alley
you have to read this, it's ~
check this out, it's ~

experience: infrastructure

all-star (adjective)

all-star team
with an ~ of lawyers representing them (celebrity divorce)

all-star (legal) team
he had an ~ (rich pedophile)

group, set & collection: sports & games

superlative: sports & games

alluring (adjective)

alluring
the pitch is ~ (an educational fad)

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / sex

ally (groups)

ally
how to be an ~ and nurture a more inclusive world

with an ally
being transgender can be hard, but made easier ~ (work)

♦ “If you’re a white person, you’re getting to the perimeter, you’re putting your body on the f***** line right now!” (“Black Protest Leaders To White Allies: ‘It’s Our Turn To Lead Our Own Fight,’” NPR, All Things Considered, September 22, 2020.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

ally (other)

ally in curbing the spread
countries hope that technology will be an ~ of the virus

allies in that fight
she didn’t have a lot of ~ (trouble between 2 actors)

not as an enemy, but as an ally
Democrats welcome change, ~ (politics)

conflict / help & assistance: military

along (further along)

further along
in Europe, the outbreak is a little ~ (Omicron variant)

development: distance / movement

altar (at / on / upon the altar)

on such a remote altar
no clergyman would sacrifice his career ~ (Norfolk Island)

at the altar of disruption
today’s tech world worships ~

at the altar of Donald Trump
evangelicals ~

on the altar of (environmental) correctness
he would sacrifice energy independence ~

on the altar of greatness
we are witnessing human flesh ~ (a boxer)

upon the altar of freedom
you have laid so costly a sacrifice ~ (Lincoln)

on the altar of (this nation’s continued) freedom
the country will never forget your sacrifice ~ (Britain)

on this altar of the gun god
they are really human sacrifices ~ (mass shootings)

on the altar of that peace
~ Venice was to be sacrificed (France and Austria)

on the altar of Radicalism
he sacrificed the South ~ (southern view of Grant)

sacrifice your children on the altar
don't ~ of bad science (anti-vaxxer propaganda)

sacrifice (energy) independence on the altar
he would ~ of environmental correctness

sacrifice rights on the altar of terrorism
we can't ~ (facial recognition)

laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar
you have ~ of freedom (President Lincoln)

sacrifice: religion

amalgam (noun)

amalgam of (different) influences
Turkish cooking is an intriguing ~

amalgam of (changing death-penalty) politics
there is an ~ and concerns about the system

amalgam of speed, timing, work-rate and pressure
he beat Baranchyk with an ~ (Scot boxer Josh Taylor)

mixture: materials & substances

Amazon (epithet / biodiversity)

Amazon of the North
the Great Bear Rain Forest is often called the ~ (BC)

Ocean's Amazon
the Coral Triangle has been called the ~

biodiversity / comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

Amazon (the company)

Amazon
~ has made Jeff Bezos rich

proper name: place

Amazon (epithet / the company)

Amazon of South Korea
Coupang is often referred to as the ~ (online retailer)

worth & lack of worth: epithet
comparison & contrast / size: epithet

ambassador (role)

ambassador of skateboarding
he serves as the ~ (Tony Hawk)

ambassador for the Cherokee
she will be an ~ (Miss Cherokee Fair / Eastern Band)

ambassador for the (Jaguar) brand

she had been the ~ (endorsement / athlete)

ambassador for marine life
whale sharks are a fantastic ~

ambassador for the sport
he is a great ~ (Vitali Klitschko / boxing)

ambassador for UNESCO
she is a goodwill ~ (a famous film actor)

ambassador to the world
Ali is the goodwill ~ (the boxer)

America's best ambassador
he was ~ (Charles Barkley at the Barcelona Olympics)

brand ambassador

the reality star is a ~ for the popular clothing brand

goodwill ambassador
she is a ~ for UNESCO (a famous film actor)

G-string ambassador

she has acted as the Y2K ~ in the past (Dua Lipa)

de facto ambassador

he serves as the ~ of skateboarding (Tony Hawk)

tireless ambassador

he was a ~ for Beaujolais Nouveau (Georges Duboeuf)

sees himself as an ambassador
he ~ for his sport (Tito Ortiz and mixed martial arts)

self-described ('edible insect) ambassador'
the ~ promotes the use of insect protein

♦ "I don't even know what an ambassador really was. When I think of ambassadors I think of living off government money and jet-setting with girlfriends." (The great boxer Mike Tyson, on a trip to China to promote boxing.)

♦ "She is now training to become their new ambassador." (Flerken, a half African serval cat and half domestic cat, for the Ark Wildlife Park.)

♦ "You are attaching your logo to the athlete and should this enter a legal realm, every time he goes into a courtroom, that's your logo walking in on two legs." (A sports analyst about an athlete charged with several counts of sexual abuse. In other words, players are ambassadors for their teams, whether they want to be or don't.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / representation:

government / person

person / role: government

amber (traffic light)

"amber list"

it will not be illegal for Britons to travel to ~ Greece

classified as amber

travel to France, Spain and Greece are now ~ (pandemic)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

ambush (verb)

ambush us

desire can ~, take us by surprise (sex)

ambush him with the news
so tonight I ~

readiness & preparedness: military

ambushed

felt ambushed
one man ~ by her appearance

readiness & preparedness: military

ammunition (and ammo)

ammunition for critics
this will provide ~

ammo for critics
all this was ~, who believed...

ammunition for lawsuits
it could be used as ~

political ammunition
the "missile gap" provided ~ to air-power advocates

gather (political) ammunition
he asked a foreign leader to help him ~ against an opponent

give ammunition
the video is sure to ~ to critics

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

amnesia (noun)

collective amnesia
a ~ surrounds the Civil War (attitudes to slavery, etc.)
his participation in the ~ that surrounds those wars...

historical amnesia
this will deepen our ~ about the Civil War
the design displays a sense of ~ (a monument)

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

amputate (remove)

amputate
~ before the infection spreads (poor players at Man U)

♦ "She was in tears over the abrupt amputation of her social life and turmoil at home." (A high-school senior talking to her school counselor via Zoom. The student's school had been closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.)

dismissal, removal & resignation / division & connection: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

amok (run amok)

ran amok
the regulators sat by while the financial industry ~
the military ~ in Manchuria (Japan)

run amok
this is the result of a system ~ (justice)

♦ "Macassar is the most celebrated place in the East for 'running a muck.' There are said to be one or two a month on the average, and five, then, or twenty persons are sometimes killed or wounded at one of them... A man thinks himself wronged by society—he is in debt and

cannot pay—he is taken for a slave or has gambled away his wife or child into slavery—he sees no way of recovering what he has lost... He grasps his kris-handle, and the next moment draws out the weapon and stabs a man to the heart. He runs on, with bloody kris in his hand, stabbing at everyone he meets. 'Amok! Amok!' then resounds through the streets..." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

behavior: mental health

control & lack of control: mental health

amped (strength)

amped up with (plenty of) chilies
the dish is ~

amped up audio system
the car has an ~

strength & weakness: electricity

amped (feeling)

amped up
the importance of the game has both teams ~
he was so ~ that he didn't notice...

amped up on sugar and carbs
kids who are ~ can't learn as well

amped up men
she had no business walking through a mob of ~

remain amped up
after a performance he would ~ (musician)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

amplification (noun)

amplification in the media
~ can lead to contagion (names of mass shooters)

algorithmic amplification
~ leads to violence (YouTube)

snap responses, speed, amplification
the social web is architected for ~

increase & decrease: sound

amplified

amplified in a feedback loop
the narrative was ~ by the media (Steele Dossier)

amplified by the media echo chamber
their views are ~ (stock analysts, commentators, etc.)

amplified by the media megaphone
an analyst, his voice ~, can send a stock soaring or sinking

get amplified
conspiracy theories ~ by conservative cable news stars

increase & decrease: sound

amplify (verb)

amplified flaws
the media, desperate to get it out, ~ in the reporting

amplify those ideas
a conservative media ecosystem helps ~ (alt-right)

amplify their message
they use social media to ~ (extremists)

amplify his message
he counted on his critics to ~

amplify (pro-government) narratives
these networks ~ (the internet)

speaks up and amplifies
the Koori Mail ~ Black voices (Australian newspaper)

increase & decrease: sound / verb
message: sound / tools & technology / verb

amp up (verb)

amped up the discussion
the film really ~ about global warming

amping up their rhetoric
Republicans are ~ (politics)

amped up the violence
high tackles led with the helmet have ~ in football

increase & decrease: electricity

anathema

anathema to the Koch network
tariffs and trade wars are ~

anathema to (many) media outlets and academics
these proposals were ~ (New Consensus think tank)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

ancestor (go before)

ancestors of (today's) potatoes
they are the ~ (Peruvian wild potatoes)

♦ An ancestor is one who has "gone before," from *ante-* ('before') and *cedo* ("go").

origin / relationship: family
past & present: direction / movement / position
time: direction / movement / position
sequence: direction / movement / position

anchor (noun)

anchor of the (Egyptian) government
the military is the ~ right now (2011)

anchor for the development
the golf course is the ~ (apartments, condos)

anchor babies
opponents of immigration talk about "~~"

anchor tenants
malls need ~

western anchor
Nanga Parbat is the ~ of the Himalayas

bases: boat

anchored

anchored in old ways
leadership is still ~ (politics)

anchored to the document text
the selected object is ~ here (text box Microsoft Word)

attachment / movement / division & connection / progress
& lack of progress: boat

ancien regime

ancien regime of Hosni Mubarak
Morsi replaced the ~

creature of the ancien regime
to his detractors he was a ~ (politics)

factions of the ancien regime
negotiations among ~ and Gulf monarchies (Yemen / 2015)

candidates from the ancien regime
~ (Field Marshal Ahmed Shafiq, Amr Moussa, etc.)

past & present / time: allusion / history
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / history

anemic (adjective)

anemic
earnings have been ~
sales have been ~
economic growth has been ~
turnout was ~ (election)

anemic 1.5 percent
the rate of economic growth slowed to an ~

anemic attempt
their ~s to address the issue

anemic economy
our ~ is a result of higher taxes (politics)

anemic (job) growth
he produced very ~ (a leader)

anemic recovery
poverty is on the rise in the recession and the ~ continues

anemic response
people are upset by the military's ~ to the provocation

strength & weakness: health & medicine
condition & status: health & medicine

angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.)

Angel of Arnhem
her British patients nicknamed her the ~ (Kate ter Horst)

Angel of the Battlefield
Clara Barton was known as the ~ (Civil War)

"Angel of the Confederacy"

she has been remembered as the ~ (Sally Louisa Tompkins)

“Angel of Dien Bien Phu”

the US press gave her the name ~ (Genevieve de Galard)

military: epithet

epithet: creature

angel (Angel of Death, etc.)

Angel of Death

Josef Mengele, the ~ (Nazi doctor at Auschwitz)

“Angel of the Gap”

Australia mourns ~ (Don Ritchie, who prevented suicides)

death & life: epithet

epithet: creature

angel (the Los Angeles Angels, etc.)

Guardian Angels

Gardiens de Nuit is a French version of New York's ~

Hell's Angels

~ member sentenced to 14 years in prison for...

Los Angeles Angels

the ~ are in the American League West (MLB)

proper name: creature / religion

angel (appearance)

princess or angel

I want to be Britney Spears, no more ~ (Halloween girl)

appearance: creature / religion

angel (snow angel)

snow angels

kids create ~ in the snow

it's a great place to make ~ (Dubai mall)

made a snow angel

she ~ and posted it on YouTube (Johannesburg)

make a snow angel

they go outside and ~ after a sauna (Finland)

♦ A New England Patriots football player was once fined \$10,000 for making a snow angel after scoring a touchdown.

♦ In *The Miracle Season*, two small girls—“fearless, generous souls”—are shown making mud angels. Their mothers could not have been happy when they got home!

shape: creature / religion

angel (behavior)

angels

in fairness, the North Koreans have been no ~

angel of vengeance

he sees himself as kind of an ~ (*The Power of the Dog*)

perfect angel

he's a ~ with everyone but us (a 15-month-old)

behavior / character & personality: creature / religion

angel (superlative)

voice of an angel

she has the ~ (a singer from Isan)

lost an angel

Macedonia and the Balkans ~ (Tose Proeski)

♦ When the Macedonian pop star Tose Proeski died in 2007 at age 26 in a car crash in Croatia, Archbishop Stefan, the head of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, said, "Macedonia and the Balkans lost an angel." It was a sentiment felt across the Balkans.

superlative: creature / religion

angel (angel-faced)

angel-faced child

the ~ who tells lies

appearance: creature / religion

angel (guardian angel)

guardian angel

tell my son I will always be his ~ (suicide note)

the ~ of Nazare (Sergio Cosme / jet ski driver / surfing)
Chen Si is the bridge's self-appointed ~ (stops suicides)

♦ People query Google Search with questions like: How do I know I have a guardian angel? and How do I talk to my guardian angel?

help & assistance / protection & lack of protection:
creature / religion

angel (trail angel, etc.)

lay-away angels

generous acts of kindness doled out by so-called ~

search angel

she is a self-described ~ (helps adoptees find birth parents)

trail angel

~s provide water, food, even lodging for hikers

~s figure out where hikers are likely to run into trouble

~s are a tradition on long-distance footpaths (AT, PCT)

~s left 30 1-gallon jugs of water and a note

a ~ left a cooler stocked with soda, water and beer

♦ Lay-away angels are anonymous people who pay for Christmas items put on lay-away at stores. Trail angels leave water, food, and other supplies along trails like the Appalachian Trail for the through hikers, who are not able to carry much.

help & assistance: creature / religion

angel (help and assistance)

angel

she was an ~ to so many of us (exoneration lawyer)

Antonio Brown's angel

Tom Brady has been ~ (two NFL athletes)

angel, benefactor, Godsend

Tom Brady was his ~ (to Antonio Brown / NFL)

♦ Mini-Me: [writes] Are you a clone of an angel? / Foxy Cleopatra: Ohhh how sweet. No, my mini-man, I'm not. / Mini-Me: [writes] Are you sure you don't have a little clone in you? / Foxy Cleopatra: Yes, I'm sure. / Mini-Me: Would you like to? (The film *Austin Powers in Goldmember*.)

help & assistance: creature / religion

angle (from an angle)

from every angle

I have considered the issue ~

from a new angle

these conclusions help us look at the tragedy ~

from ten different angles

I wanted to think through these issues ~ (a writer)

considered the problem from every angle

I have ~

look at the tragedy from a new angle

these conclusions help us ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: geometry
analysis, interpretation & explanation: geometry**

animal (different animal, etc.)

different animal

urban warfare is a ~ than fighting in the open
the new style of aggressive ad is a ~ (Internet)

two (very) different animals

the map of the Pacific before and after Cook are ~

unique animal

considering public education, Maine is something of a ~

unusual animal

NCTC is kind of an ... (counter-terrorism center)

completely different animal

a virtual lab is totally different from a classroom, it's a ~

much different animal

the US military is a ~ than the Taliban forces

very different animal

the Bundesliga is a ~ from the Premiership (soccer)

♦ Bill Whitaker, ABC Correspondent: "This is your first Broadway production. This is a different animal." / Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker, Belgian choreographer: "What you call it, an animal?" (From a delightful 60 Minutes interview about *West Side Story*, February 16, 2020.)

♦ "Neither fish nor fowl..."

♦ see also *beast (different beast, etc.)*

taxonomy & classification: animal

animal (political animal, etc.)

narrative animals

we are ~, we love a good story (Guillermo del Toro)

political animal

he's a ~ and will probably go along with Israel (politics)
Karl is not a ~ (a law enforcement leader)
I see myself as not a ~ in this job (DNI)

identity & nature: animal

animal (party animal, etc.)

playboy and a party animal

he had a reputation as a ~ (a soccer player)

behavior / character & personality / restraint & lack of restraint: animal

animal (insult)

animal

an ~ decided to take her life (murder of coed)

animals come out

all the ~ at night (the film *Taxi Driver*)

rabid animals

they are ~ that should all be put down (looters, arsonists)

wild animals

they threw my boy in a cage with those ~ (prison)

animals tormented him

those wild ~ until he became mean as they were (prison)

♦ "The thought that he was waiting for some woman to attack her and do what he wanted to do... I was just thinking, what a horrible animal, vile animal, he is..." (The sister of a murder victim.)

♦ "The animal that did this is no longer on this earth." (Police solve a cold case. The murderer had died in 2013.)

affliction / insult: animal

anodyne (adjective)

anodyne drone

the ~ typing away in her silent cubicle

anodyne title

an article with the ~ "The Value of Science in Prediction"

anodyne and fuzzy

the language of these bills is ~ (culture wars)

so anodyne

that letter was ~ and insignificant (yet caused controversy)

tend to be anodyne

its public comments on due process ~

♦ An anodyne is a drug that soothes pain.

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

anoint (verb)

anointed his (long-time) ally as his successor

he ~ (Nursultan Nazarbayev)

anointed him as the candidate

the Democratic establishment has ~ (Joe Biden)

anoint him as the Democratic nominee

Biden appealed to Sanders backers to ~

anoint a political heir

he wants to ~

anointed him one of the beautiful people

People magazine ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

anointed

anointed the (art world's newest) star
he has been ~

anointed as the Party's standard-bearer
he was ~ (Hubert Humphrey)

get anointed
how exactly did he ~ as the voice of Black America

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

answer (noun)

answer
the ~ is in front of us

the answer is
~ reform and an awake electorate

answer to social issues
criminalization is frequently America's ~

fictive communication: speech

answer (Britain's answer to Bill Gates, etc.)

North America's answer to Machu Picchu
Chaco Canyon is ~, only older (drought, etc.)

Britain's answer to Bill Gates
he was once seen as ~ (Mike Lynch / Autonomy)

Britain's answer to Ry Cooder
guitarist Justin Adams has been called “~”

Britain's answer to the Tea Party
UKIP has been described as ~ (US)

China's answer to Lord of the Rings
while it might be easy to describe Condo Heroes as ~...

China's answer to Twitter
Weibo, ~

Russia's answer to California
#Sochifornia, ~ (Sochi)

♦ “It's America's answer to Shakespeare.” (“OK: How Two Letters Made 'America's Greatest Word'” NPR, All Things Considered, November 20, 2010. Guy Raz interviews Allan Metcalf, author of *OK: The Improbable Story of America's Greatest Word*. The interview and the excerpt from the book are fascinating!)

♦ Both are in the same state of decay; both were the sites of thriving civilizations; both experienced drought and were essentially abandoned... (Comparisons between Machu Picchu and Chaco Canyon, “North America's answer” (equivalent). From “Ancient Culture Prompts Worry for Arid Southwest,” NPR, All Things Considered, July 9, 2007.)

comparison & contrast: epithet

antediluvian (old)

antediluvian hangover
it's an ~ from far-off days (a judicial matter)

antediluvian opinions
Irwin suggested that Churchill held ~

antediluvian policy

its ~ of opposing women priests (job advert for vicar)

♦ Lord Judge, former lord chief justice: In my opinion, the time has arrived when the requirement for the physical presence of a child—witness or victim—within the court building should be regarded as an antediluvian hangover from laughable far-off days of the quill pen and the ink well.” (BBC, World at One, “An antediluvian hangover.” A child could be asked questions via video conferencing.)

past & present / time: Bible / religion

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: Bible / religion

antenna (noun)

antennae

I walk around with my ~ up, ready for trouble (gang)

antenna for (racial) slights

he has no ~ (Nigerian immigrant in US)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

anthem (noun)

anthem

it's been an ~ ever since (Aretha sings "Respect")

anthem of African Americans

it became the ~ (“Say it clear, say it loud...”)

anthem of a (celebrity) campaign

Dylan's “Hurricane” was the ~ to release Rubin Carter

anthem of (female and black) empowerment

the video is an ~ (Beyoncé's “Formation”)

anthems of the (Civil Rights) movement

some of her songs became ~ (Nina Simone)

anthems for women

~ to accept themselves (Lizzo)

anthem among Pentecostals in the Appalachians

the song became an ~ (“There ain't no grave...”)

angry young man's anthem

“Custer Died for Your Sins” was an ~

rousing anthem

it's a ~ of encouragement and hope (“Keep On Pushing”)

rock anthem

“Born to Run” is one of the best ~s ever

swamp anthem

a raucous version of the ~ “Sabine Turnaround” (Cajun)

booty-call anthem

Adele's first ~ (“Can I Get It? ”)

date-rape anthem

it's been referred to as a ~ (an old Christmas song)

strip-club anthem

the song was a ~ called “Money Maker”

feminist anthem

her single has been hailed by some as a ~ (“The Man”)

secret national anthem

the ~ of an entire generation ("You forgot the color film")

♦ "It became the national anthem of African Americans." ("Say it clear, say it loud, I am black, and I am proud." Sung by Nina Simone.)

♦ "This story is part of American Anthem, a yearlong series on songs that rouse, unite, celebrate and call to action. Find more at NPR.org/Anthem."

identity & nature / representation: music

anthemic (adjective)

anthemic single

the album's ~ "FREEDOM" (Jon Batiste)

identity & nature / representation: music

comparison & contrast: affix

antibody (noun)

"antibody response" within the government

there was an ~ (rejection of lab-leak theory)

attraction & repulsion / protection & lack of protection:

health & medicine

anticlimax (noun)

sad anticlimax

his last campaign proved a ~ (an admiral)

development: theater

antidote (noun)

antidote to adversity

a cheerful disposition and a sunny smile are the ~

antidote to the boredom

provide an ~ of teaching numbers, months, etc.

antidote to criminality

empathy is the ~ (versus idea of "bad seed")

antidote to cynicism

this book is an ~

antidote to the (poisonous) doctrine

he was an ~ of extremism

antidote to violence

violence is not an ~ (capital punishment)

antidotes to hatred and intolerance

caring and sympathy are the best ~

antidote against self-pity

our callousness was an ~ (hospital ward)

antidote for stress

a break from work is a necessary ~ (vacations)

view (Tibetan) Buddhism as an antidote

some Han Chinese ~ to the materialism and greed...

♦ In "Seldom Disappointed," the great Tony Hillerman writes about the seemingly callous banter and traditions of badly wounded soldiers on a hospital ward in Europe during WWII. For example, a soldier has his right arm amputated and when he returns to the ward he is greeted by his comrades as "Lefty!" Hillerman makes the point that, while such behavior seems "barbarous," it is, in fact, an antidote to self-pity.

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

antique (adjective)

antique

it seems so ~ now... (a sentiment)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques

past & present / time: antiques

antique (noun)

antique

the revenue system is an ~ (economy)

turned the telegraph into an antique

the telephone ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques

past & present / time: antiques

anvil (shape)

anvil top

a cumulonimbus mass with a dramatic ~

anvil storm clouds

those majestic ~ that form on a hot summer's day

shape: tools & technology

anxiety (noun)

class anxiety

the raw nerve of English society, ~

social anxiety

ways to conquer ~

financial anxiety

the film is strikingly fraught with ~ (*Sex and the City*)

crucible of anxiety

how to handle the ~ (college admissions)

irritation and anxiety

students express ~ (rising tuition, fewer classes)

devoured by anxiety

she is ~ when she's not working (magazine editor)

♦ "Years later, I have ptsd, I have panic attacks I go to therapy. Finally I'm ready to talk about it and finally heal." (Gabby, about a sexual assault.)

♦ "Every culture possesses what Edward Shorter, a medical historian at the University of Toronto, calls a 'symptom repertoire'—a range of physical symptoms available to the unconscious mind for the physical expression of psychological conflict.' In parts of India, patients are said to suffer from *dhat* syndrome: they complain of impotence and have the delusion that they are losing their semen. In Nigeria, students who can't retain information and report feeling a burning sensation in their heads are sometimes given a diagnosis of 'brain fag.' The illnesses are reinforced by a local belief that the symptoms are a sign of authentic suffering, worthy of expert attention and care." ("The Apathetic: Why are refugee children falling unconscious?" by Rachel Aviv, *The New Yorker*, April 3, 2017.)

feeling, emotion & effect: mental health

apart (division)

apart

they reunited after years of being ~

wide apart
the two sides remained ~

grew apart
we ~ (divorce)

division & connection: prep, adv, adj, particle
avoidance & separation: prep, adv, adj, particle

apartheid (separation)

political apartheid
we've got ~ in this country (US politics)

division & connection: allusion / history

ape (verb)

aped the materialism
regimes which ~ of irreligious others (Sayyid Qutb)

behavior / repetition: animal / verb

apex (highest point)

at the apex of the boom
he invested ~

apex (of the fad's popularity) came
the ~ when...

reached its apex
their rivalry ~ last year (two athletes)

growth & development: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

apex (achievement)

apex of their profession
women can still have kids and reach the ~

at the apex of her career
she is ~

achievement, recognition & praise: direction

apex (apex animal, etc.)

apex animal
the tuna is an ~

apex predator
mankind is the ~ on earth
orcas are ~s
so-called ~s, like sharks, groupers and jacks
~s have no natural predators of their own

hierarchy: direction / position

apocalypse (noun)

retail apocalypse
the ~ speeds up (brick and mortar vs. online stores)

*After The Apocalypse:
America's Role in a World Transformed* (Andrew Bacevich)

♦ An online BBC article about a shortage of semiconductors entitle "How will 'chipageddon' affect you" prompted Timbobj to snark, 'Surely "Chipocalypse" would have been better than 'Chipageddon.'"

♦ "The Subscription-Pocalypse Is About To Hit" by Brian Moritz, Nieman Lab, Predictions For Journalism 2019. His thought is, there are just too many things to subscribe to, so people will begin to cut back.)

♦ "This could be 'the year of the gas-pocalypse' analysts tell the Los Angeles Times..." ("Pained By Prices At The Pump? They're Likely To Go Even Higher" by Mark Memmott, NPR, The Two-Way, January 6, 2012.)

♦ A national shortage of Kraft Velveeta cheese at the start of 2014 was referred to as a cheeseapocalypse.

♦ Poppy Apocalypse; Poppypalooza... (In 2019, a super bloom of desert poppies saw the town of Lake Elsinore, California, descended on by an army of blissed-out tourists equipped with cell phones and selfie sticks and earbuds. They parked alongside an interstate, blocked local roads, trampled everything, climbed trees to get the best photos, and fell down hills. A dog was bitten by a rattlesnake.)

destruction: allusion / Bible

apogee (at an apogee)

at its apogee
the British Empire was ~

at his creative apogee
when he was ~...

growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / direction

apogee (noun)

apogee of chic
Paris is the ~

apogee of his career
the film was the ~

apogee of excellence
the *Grande Armee* reached its ~ (1805-1807)

apogee of fame
Grant reached a new ~ (after victory at Chattanooga)

apogee of a trend
we have simply reached an ~ (minimalism in fashion)

movement's apogee
it was the ~

ascent, apogee and decline
sport compresses life's natural trajectory of ~

reached its apogee
the island ~ in the early Christian era

growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / direction

apoplectic (adjective)

apoplectic
I am ~, at a loss for words (abuse of children)

apoplectic about her definition
the man was ~ of marriage (gender inclusive)

apoplectic (with rage) at what
he is ~ he hears on television (street protests)

apoplectic over the impact

exhibitors are ~ of Netflix (independent theaters)

apoplectic with what

he would be ~ is going on today (dead father)

had diplomats apoplectic

his phone call with the President of Taiwan ~

went apoplectic

the Internet ~ (over a provocation about race)

makes him apoplectic

it's one of those little things that ~

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

apostasy (noun)

referred to criticism as apostasy

he ~ (Papandreu)

♦ "Papandreu referred to criticism of some of his individual policies by PASOK members as 'apostasy'—a word that in its original Greek form, *apostassia*, carries a strong theological undertone from the days of Byzantium, when emperors, ruling by Divine Right, were judged 'infallible,' thus making their critics 'heretics' or 'apostates.'" (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by Robert D. Kaplan.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.)

Apostle of the Sioux

he was known as "The ~" (the Swiss Martin Marty)

message / transmission: epithet

apostle (person)

apostle of LSD

he essentially became the ~ (Timothy Leary)

apostle of niceness

he is the ~ (a poetry critic)

apostle of positive thinking

he is an ~

message / person: religion

message: person

apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.)

Twelve Apostles

the ~ are a popular attraction (Victoria, Australia)

proper name: religion

apparatus (government)

security apparatus

he disappeared within the state ~

big apparatus

you're in charge of this ~ (the president of US)

♦ "When I became president, one of the things I discovered coming into office is you're in charge of a big apparatus... It's an ocean liner and not a speedboat... Trying to change policy is really difficult." ("Barak Obama on 2020.")

♦ "How long will it take, is it a matter of turning an aircraft carrier?" (To change or reverse diplomacy and foreign policy.)

operation: government / mechanism

appetite (whet the appetite)

whet audiences' appetites for films
movie trailers ~

whet people's appetite for spending
museums try to ~

whet the appetites of fans
the ad campaign is designed to ~ (TV)

whet the appetites of investors
the company's performance will not ~

whet appetites for a rematch
their fight ~ (boxing)

increase & decrease: blade / knife

appetite (appetite for fur, etc.)

appetite to return
will audiences have an ~ to the teachers (post-COVID)

appetite for adventure
baby boomers who have an ~

appetite for electricity
the nation's ~

appetite for fur
Russia's growing ~ (new wealth)

appetite for gold
India's seemingly insatiable ~ (jewelry, dowries, temples)

appetite for (royal) gossip
the tabloids' ~

appetite for a (ground) invasion
commanders have little ~

appetite for (our) money
a government that has an endless ~ (taxes)

appetite for oil
we must reduce our ~

appetite (of the European rich) for porcelain
the ~ was insatiable

appetite for pornography
the ~ seems to be insatiable

appetite for profit
their ~ sharpened by years of drought (farmers)

appetite for scores
our voracious ~ that we can use to rank our kids (ed)

appetite for sensationalism
the ~ (on part of broadcast media)

appetite for (crime) stories
the American public has an insatiable ~ about blacks

appetite for success

he had an ~ (a poet)

appetite for timber
China's voracious ~ is deforesting Siberia (Russia)

appetite for cars, cell phones, appliances and services
the ~ increases daily (China)

appetite for gambling
North Carolinians appear to have a strong ~

appetite for skateboarding
the local ~

India's (seemingly insatiable) appetite
~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, etc.)

nation's appetite
the ~ for electricity

considerable (public) appetite
there is ~ for stories of feuds in the entertainment industry

endless appetite
a government that has an ~ for our money (taxes)

insatiable appetite
India's seemingly ~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, temples)

little appetite
commanders have ~ for a ground invasion...

very little appetite
in the US there is ~ for government restriction

local appetite
the ~ for skateboarding

low (sexual) appetite
my boyfriend has a very ~

political appetite
there is no ~ for banning assault weapons (in the US)

public appetite
the Y has increased the number of debates to feed the ~
there is considerable ~ for stories of feuds

sexual appetite
my boyfriend has a very low ~

strong appetite
North Carolinians appear to have a ~ for gambling

voracious appetite
our ~ for scores that we can use to rank our kids (education)
for the last few years, China has had a ~ for bauxite
China's ~ for timber is deforesting Siberia

control over his appetites
he has no ~ (sex)

appetite (for consumer goods) increases
their ~ daily (China)

have (no) appetite
I ~ for confrontation

feed the (public) appetite

the Y has increased the number of debates to ~
reduce our appetite
we must ~ for oil

satisfies the appetite
nothing ~ for allegory quite like a zombie film

suppress the appetite
perils and jitters ~ for private and corporate risks

♦ "People often suppose that penal systems recruit sadists. But cruelty is an appetite that grows with feeding..." (*The Fatal Shore* by Robert Hughes, from the chapter "Norfolk Island.")

consumption: food & drink

appetizer (noun)

appetizer
this is just the ~, the main course will come later (battle)

development: food & drink

applaud (verb)

applaud the administration
I ~ for doing that (politics)

applaud his decision
many people ~

applaud her
her fans ~

applaud women
I ~ like Hou who beat on against the current (chess)

achievement, recognition & praise / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gesture / sound / verb

applauded

applauded and denounced
they launched a movement that has been both ~

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / sound

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gesture / sound

apple (proverb)

apple
a stone from the hand of a friend is an ~ (Morocco)

red apple
a ~ attracts stones (Turkish)

perception, perspective & point of view: apple

apple (Golden Apple / education)

Golden Apple
she received a ~ (a teacher in North Carolina)

achievement, recognition & praise: apple / sign, signal, symbol

apple (bad / rotten apple)

bad apple
one ~ spoils it for everyone else

~s tend to find one another
don't let a few ~s spoil it for the rest of us

"bad apple" argument
I don't buy the ~ (war, combat and atrocities)

rotten apples
there are ~ in every barrel (bad cops)

work of (a few) bad apples
the Pentagon said the abuse was the ~ (military prison)

character & personality: apple / fruits & vegetables
corruption: apple / food & drink

apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)

apple
those ~s long ago fell from the Marxist tree (ideas)
♦ The apple doesn't fall far from the tree! (Often said of fathers and sons.)

product: apple / fruits & vegetables
relationship: apple / fruits & vegetables

approach (winter is approaching, etc.)

date is approaching
the application ~

end is (fast) approaching
the ~

war is approaching
~ in the Arabian Gulf

deadlines are approaching
holiday shipping ~

♦ "When you don't know what's coming down the pike, you worry." (A businesswoman, speaking about government regulation.)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

approach (a number, etc.)

approach 100,000 deaths
as we ~ from the virus here in the U.S.

attainment: number

approach (a better approach, etc.)

potshot approach
I don't like that kind of a ~ (politics and criticism)

take-no-prisoners approach
the ~ to justice

confrontational approach
his ~ was rejected as a relic of the past (coach)

creative approaches
the competition rewards ~ to... (research)

straightforward approach
her ~ startles many (on pediatric safety)

Carroll's rah-rah style and Stoop's more ~ vary sharply
we take a ~ to business (honesty, integrity)

old and new approaches
NASA will pursue both ~ simultaneously

pillar of the (US) approach
another ~ is to minimize civilian casualties

direction: movement

approach (the approach of summer, etc.)

with the approach of summer
its staff swells to 400 ~

future / time: direction / movement

approaching (adjective)

approaching elections
the US has called the ~ unfair

approaching spring
melting snow and ~ brings thoughts of...

future / time: direction / movement

appropriation (groups)

appropriation of (urban) youth culture
this is an ~ (the word "bae" and corporate social media)

cultural appropriation
~ and preferential treatment (#BlackTikTokStrike)
Mexican restaurateurs in France see it as ~ (French tacos)

(cultural) appreciation, not (cultural) appropriation
Miss EmpowHer waist beads are ~

♦ "Appropriation, the most misappropriated word in the English language at this time. Stuff and nonsense." (greatpix about the #BlackTikTokStrike.)

♦ "Moccasin maker Minnetonka is publicly apologizing for making money off of Native culture." (Moccasin, Minnetonka and indeed Minneapolis and Minnesota all come from native American languages.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

aquifer (noun)

huge aquifer
I had this ~ underneath of stories (Stephen King)

♦ "I had this huge aquifer underneath of stories that I wanted to tell and I stuck a pipe down in there and everything just gushed out. There's still a lot of it, but there's not as much now." (Stephen King: The Rolling Stone Interview.)

source: water / ground, terrain & land

amount: water

archipelago (noun)

archipelago of (fortified) camps
they moved them into an ~ for political reeducation

archipelago of enclaves
in Kosovo, most Serbs live in an ~ (Strpce, etc.)

archipelago of Jewish museums
Europe is a vast ~ (Jeffrey Goldberg)

archipelago of black sites
he had been tortured in the CIA's ~

saw themselves as a small archipelago
they ~ of decency in a rising sea of moral pollution

♦ Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines are archipelago nations.

♦ The crews of the ill-fated Franklin expedition, searching for a Northwest Passage, perished in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago.

♦ Alfred Russel Wallace pickled orangutans in barrels and collected butterflies in the Malay Archipelago.

♦ The Solomon Islands archipelago saw fierce fighting during World War II.

♦ Lakes and even rivers can have archipelagos: Lake Baikal contains an archipelago. What a wonderful place that would be to visit!

configuration: sea / island

architect (as verb)

architect a life
~ that feels full, genuine, rich and beautiful (influencer)

architect them
he is able to take all my ideas and ~ (fashion industry)

creation & transformation: infrastructure / part of speech / verb

architect (creator)

architect of apartheid
a statue of Hendrik Verwoerd, the ~ (South Africa)

architect of change
she was a legendary ~ (a feminist)

architects of the doctrine
the ~ remain its strongest defenders (military)

architect of (Iraq's) program
"Dr. Germ," the chief ~ for biological weapons (BW)

architects of the Final Solution
Eichmann was one of the ~

architect of the war on terrorism
he is the ~

deal's (chief) architect
after the ~ was eased out... (hospital merger)

chief architect
after the deal's ~ was eased out... (hospital merger)

creation & transformation: infrastructure / person person: infrastructure

architected

architected
how society is ~ (social justice)

architected by FDR
he has ended the American era that was ~ (politics)

architected for snap responses, speed, amplification
the social web is ~

creation & transformation: infrastructure

area (territory)

my area
biology isn't ~

area: ground, terrain & land

arena (in / inside the arena)

in the mental health arena
this has become an issue ~

in the homeland security arena
anyone in the ~ will tell you that...

in the legal one
this will be debated in the political arena, not ~

in the legislative arena
they would lose this battle ~

inside the legislative arena
Republicans have the upper hand ~

in the political arena
these questions will be debated ~, not the legal one

in academic and professional arenas
develop their languages for use ~

lose (this battle) in the legislative arena
they would ~

♦ "Bae' may be in the extreme get-the-fk-out-of-here phrase arena."
("Where did 'Bae' Come From?" by Natasha Zarinsky, *Esquire*, July 25, 2014.)

conflict: history / infrastructure / sports & games

arise (verb)

arise
these are just some of the issues that can ~ (workplace)
we will deal with those cases as they ~ (sex assault)

arises from the ashes
adoption is a miracle that ~ of despair

crisis (of enormous gravity) has arisen
a ~

appearance & disappearance / growth & development / occurrence: direction / verb

aristocracy (noun)

Cambridge intellectual aristocracy
the club was his entrée into the world of ~ (Apostles)

rock aristocracy
all of ~ was coming (to see Cat Stevens and Carly Simon)

L.A.'s lustrous hip-istocracy
Adler was a star within ~ (*Girls Like Us* / Sheila Weller)

superlative: royalty

aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.)

aristocratic wines

~ at democratic prices (commercial)

superlative: royalty

arithmetic

parliamentary arithmetic

Johnson faces exactly the same ~ (as Theresa May)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

strategy: number

arm (twist arms, etc.)

twisted arms to limit

behind the scenes, the US government ~...

twist some arms

the President needs to ~

twisted his arm

threats might have ~ (to reinstate Benzema)

♦ "Techniques to encourage loyalty down the years haven't always been entirely compliant with the outlook of a modern human-resources department. The former labour cabinet minister Jack Straw recalled in his memoirs being grabbed by the 'the goolies' by his whip, a method that led to teary-eyed agreement within moments. More enlightened recent times mean such tales of robust or physical twisting of arms, or indeed anything else, are less frequent..." (Political correspondent Chris Mason, BBC Sounds, Six O'Clock News, "Senior Conservative alleges MPs 'intimidated' by Government whips," 20/01/2022.)

♦ "Cuomo strong-armed rather than cajoled; he used intimidation rather than seduction to get his way." ("New York After Cuomo" by Michael Greenberg, *The New York Review*, October 7, 2021.)

♦ "Get them by their balls and their hearts and minds will follow." (A saying popular among combat soldiers during the Vietnam War who were cynical about US government campaigns to "win the hearts and minds" of the Vietnamese people.)

coercion & motivation: arm / verb

arm (get one's arms around something)

get his arms around how

he couldn't ~ to control COVID (ineffectual leader)

get their arms around the notion

nobody can ~ he would not only kill but decapitate her

get our arms around the pandemic

we need to ~ and save lives (Gretchen Whitmer)

get our arms around this

we're going to pull out all the stops to ~ (vaccine roll-out)

wrap your arms around all this

it's hard to ~

get our arms around it

it's important to try and ~ and figure out... (a report)

try and get its arms around

this is a crisis the department will continue to ~

try to get their hands around this

they try to ~ by taking a fresh look at the data (NPR)

need to get our hands around

there has been a demonization that we ~ (anti-racism)

♦ "We've got to get our arms around this crisis [COVID] so we can get our arms around our economy and make sure that people are safe. So..." (Governor Gretchen Whitmer on ABC.)

♦ Michele Martin of NPR has given us "get one's *hands* around something," seemingly on the analogy of a part of the body, or perhaps to "freshen up" the cliché! What's next?

♦ It is hard to know what the physical basis is for this cliché, but it is now deeply embedded in contempo-speak.

comprehension & incomprehension: arm / verb

control & lack of control: arm / verb

arm (arm of an organization)

arm of the Kremlin

as an ~, Gazprom usually gets its way

distribution arm

Disney's ~, Buena Vista (movies)

commercial arm

the Indian Space Research Organization has a ~

political arm

the group's ~

evolved into an arm

Teach for America has ~ of the charter-school movement

division: arm

arm (configuration)

arm of the Mediterranean Sea

the Ligurian Sea is an ~

twin arms

in between those ~ of the Solomon Islands archipelago

configuration / resemblance: arm

arm (right arm)

Arafat's right arm

Abu Jihad was ~ (Khalil al-Wazir)

General Lee's right arm

"Stonewall" Jackson was ~

strong right arm

the Home Fleet was the ~ of Britain's naval power

importance & significance: arm

arm (at arm's length)

kept his daughter at arm's length

he ~ (because she was a manipulative drug addict)

held at arm's length

he was ~ by the US for years (an authoritarian leader)

avoidance & separation: arm / distance

division & connection: arm / distance

arm (open arms)

open arms, hostility, and indifference

US troops were greeted with ~

greeted us with open arms

they ~

welcomed Disney with open arms
Orlando and Florida ~ (Magic Kingdom)

welcomed the Confucius Institute with open arms
many universities have ~

welcome them (back) with open arms
we will ~ (rebellious soldiers)

♦ "This country has a history of opening its arms. Today, its arms were closed..." (Senator Barbara Boxer, on the failure of the Dream Act that would have given a path to citizenship to young migrants.)

acceptance & rejection / welcome: arm

avoidance & separation: arm / distance

division & connection: arm / distance

arm (long arm)

long arm of Iran
Hezbollah is the ~

long arm of the law
no matter how long it takes, the ~ will catch up with you

long-arm statute
they are subject to jurisdiction pursuant to Virginia's ~
♦ When workers stayed in boarding houses and ate communally in a dining room, they had to develop a "boardinghouse reach" or risk going hungry!

coercion & motivation / extent & scope: arm

arm (up in arms)

up in arms
the locals are ~ (recipients of trash from Rome)

up in arms over rising crime
the community is ~

got critics up in arms
her response only ~

conflict: weapon

armada (noun)

armada of vehicles
an ~ arrived and stormed the block (mass shooter's house)

amount / group, set & collection: boat / military / sea

Armageddon

political "Armageddon"
she would face ~ if his case makes it to a tribunal

turned a Sunday afternoon into Armageddon
the crane collapse ~

♦ "I call it poolmageddon. It's a chlorine crisis" (Rudy Stankowitz, columnist for PoolPro Magazine, about a shortage of chlorine. From "A Chlorine Shortage Could Spoil Pool Season This Summer," NPR Weekend Edition Sunday, May 9, 2021.)

♦ An online BBC article about a shortage of semiconductors entitle "How will 'chipageddon' affect you" prompted Timbob to snark, 'Surely "Chipocalypse" would have been better than 'Chipageddon.'"

destruction: allusion / Bible

armchair (armchair traveller, etc.)

armchair analysis

psychiatrists may not engage in ~ (ethics and politics)

Armchair Britain

Today's destination is Cornwall (~)

armchair critic

the ~s, who have never achieved anything... (sports)

armchair detective

Kar is the typical ~ (a murder investigation)

armchair enthusiast

I'm no F1 guru, but am an avid ~ and could see... (crash)

armchair epidemiologists

beware ~ who have a solution to everything (pandemic)

Armchair Expert

during an appearance on the ~ podcast... (Dax and Monica)

armchair fans

they are out of town glory supporting ~ (soccer snark)

~ had criticized Southgate's team selection (3 Lions win)

armchair explorers

a tightknit community of ~ (Forest Fenn website)

armchair investigator

he had begun working with another ~ (lab-leak hypothesis)

Armchair Mountaineer

the ~ by David Reuther (Editor)

armchair quarterback

it's easy to be an ~, what do you do when... (troubled kid)
all the ~s who couldn't make it as a police officer...

armchair traveller

an ~ shouldn't be giving advice about safety (trekking)

Armchair Voyage

see all episodes from ~ (BBC)

armchair warriors

I have zero tolerance for ~ (a veteran)

some shameful ~ on here (BBC HYS boxing)

armchair travel and adventure

books for ~

real and armchair

he was popular with ~ sailors alike (Tristan Jones)

safety of his armchair

said from the ~ (a response to criticism of police)

♦ "Nearly all advice sent to the King by armchair politicians is impractical nonsense." (*Don Quixote* by Cervantes. Translated by John Rutherford.)

♦ "Some brave keyboard warriors on here tonight." (Sarcastic comment on BBC HYS boxing.) / "So easy for you to say from behind a keyboard." ("Join the Discussion" snark.)

♦ "Does bring out the armchair critics, who have never achieved anything, and think they know football." (Jake 1234 in response to Grover's criticism about coach Gareth Southgate. On a BBC HYS, football.)

- ♦ “Another keyboard coroner with his expert autopsy analysis from thousands of miles away.” (Sarcastic comment on message board about a police shooting.)
- ♦ “She called out some of the keyboard cowards with reasoned replies.” (Social media trolls / cyberbullies.)

experience: house

armed

- armed with the information
~, officials tracked down the criminals
- armed with a microscope
~, he measured... (a scientist)
- armed with her new mobility
the child begins exploring the world ~
- armed with vast computing power
~, scientists will try to model a nuclear blast
- armed (only) with her five senses
she makes diagnoses ~ (doctor)
- armed with (fresh) search warrants
police arrived ~
- armed with cash, good will, and local knowledge
they practice "public diplomacy" ~

help & assistance: military / weapon

armor (protection)

- armour of obstinacy and willful ignorance
the Germans are deaf and blind, enclosed in an ~
- opponent's armor
she uncovered a critical chink in her ~
- chink in his armor
see *chink (chink in one's armor)*
- ♦ “Life would be easier if vaccines offered invincible armor.” (Covid pandemic.)

protection & lack of protection: Middle Ages / military / weapon

armory (noun)

- armoury of obstinacy and (willful) ignorance
the Germans are deaf and blind, enclosed in an ~
- in her armory
slyness and guile are simply not ~

help & assistance: military / weapon **group, set & collection: military / weapon**

arm-twisting

- a lot of arm-twisting
his job requires a ~

coercion & motivation: arm / violence

army (Arnie's Army, etc.)

Arnie's Army

the ~ story (fans of Arnold Palmer)

Barmy Army
the ~ must have been disappointed (English cricket)

Britney Army
the ~ (#FreeBritney)

orange army
Verstappen's ~ guaranteed a unique atmosphere (F1)

Tartan Army
members of the ~ (Scotland's national football team)
the ~ belts out “Yes Sir, I Can Boogie” in London

♦ “Boogie my...” growled a disappointed Sean Connery, at McLeods Publick House on W Main Street, after Scotland lost to Croatia. ‘What have the descendants of Culloden, of Seringapatam, St. Valery and Tumbledown Mountain come to? It almost makes me wish I could return to Kafiristan!’ (“Elderly Scottish Visitor Disappears After Soccer Result,” *The Dothan Eagle*, Dothan, Alabama.)

♦ Fans of the “Who Weekly” podcast call themselves Wholigans, they have their own language and inside jokes, and they support the hosts by subscribing on Patreon.

♦ “Hi, are you a Saweetie?” (The rapper greeting people to a private club in West Hollywood.)

♦ “It's part of a boyishness that Musk-eeteers really love about him.” (Jill Lepore using a term for followers of Elon Musk.)

enthusiasm / group, set & collection: military

army (a large group)

army of emojis
the smiley morphed into a whole ~

army of fans
an ~ broke out in celebration (#FreeBritney)

army of followers
he'll have an ~ (Apolo Ohno at Olympics)

army of (private) investors
an ~ spotted a chance (GameStop)

army of pastors
evangelicals are spreading rapidly through an ~

army of people
it takes an ~ to get you ready (Sandra Oh / Oscars)

army of statistics
he bolsters his analysis with an ~

army of volunteers
he recruited an ~ (Chef Jose “We Fed an Island” Andres)

army of (volunteer) workers
an ~ pounded nails (community playground)

army of zombies
they band these computers together into an ~ (botnets)

army of Ph.D.s
the vast ~ now roaming the universities

army of (poorly paid) migrant workers
an ~ works in Saudi Arabia

grassroots army

his war chest and ~ make him an unstoppable juggernaut
♦ "I think what people are worried about in this ad is that he says 'army of supporters' ... We believe the language 'army of supporters' is not really calling for an army but is calling on people who are normal campaign volunteers." (Sheryl Sandberg, the Chief Operating Officer of Facebook, about a 2020 political ad.)

amount: military

arouse (verb)

aroused suspicions
what they said ~

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb

arrive (a time can arrive)

1972 arrived
~, and the world didn't end (a doomsday cult)

future / time: direction / movement / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.)

arriving again
the equator is ~ (a moving ship)

♦ When you are traveling, on a ship, say, things can arrive and pass you.

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

arrive (attainment)

arrived
she is, after just one engagement, a new artist who has ~
♦ See corner (up-and-corner, etc.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement

arrive at (an answer, etc.)

arrive at your answer
how did you ~
♦ "I hope you support where I come out (on my decision)."

attainment: journeys & trips / movement / verb
analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / movement / verb

arsenal (amount)

arsenal of medicines
the ~ against biological weapons is limited

arsenal of (top-of-the-line) technology
the team set out last month with an ~ (search team)

arsenal of tools
their ~ for evaluating applicants (colleges)

arsenal of (fire-fighting) tools
a growing ~

beauty arsenal
the ~ you can count on (cosmetics)

growing arsenal
there is a ~ of fire-fighting tools on the market

brought history into the arsenal
Erasmus and his followers ~ of the Reformation

♦ On Sunday, January 27, 2002, an arms depot blew up on a military base in the densely packed Ikeja area of Lagos. A series of blasts shook the city, and chaos reigned as thousands fled, not knowing what was happening. At a canal several miles away, in the darkness, more than a thousand people drowned in a great crowd stampede. As is common in such stampedes, many of the victims were women and children.

amount / group, set & collection: weapon / military
help & assistance: weapon / military

art (work of art)

edible works of art
her awe-inspiring pie decorations are ~

work of art, a masterpiece
the winning of the South Pole had been a ~ (Amundsen)

genius, an absolute work of art
it was ~ (a goal scored by Arsenal captain Aubameyang)

turn the ocean into works of art
phytoplankton blooms ~ (BBC's Colourful Planet)
♦ "This is the 70th birthday of one of the most important works of art in American history. (Sound of opening music to the TV show *I love Lucy*. Yeah, think of it as a work of art...)" (Steve Inskeep, NPR, Morning Edition, Feb 5 2021.)

achievement, recognition & praise: picture
creation & transformation / superlative: picture

artery (route)

artery
the ~ poured across the US fueled development (a highway)

artery on the (old) Silk road
the street was an ~ (Jibek Joly in southern Kazakhstan)

artery of commerce
the Mississippi River is an ~

arteries of (global) trade
it is in all our interests that the ~ are kept free (shipping)

artery of water
the canal is a life-giving ~ (agriculture)

clogged artery
Boston's ~ (the Central Artery)

underwater arteries
these ~ could be vulnerable to attack (undersea cables)

bustling artery
the seventh floor overlooks a ~ (an avenue)

north-south artery
Route One, a ~ (Jerusalem)

Central Artery
the ~ is clogged with traffic day and night (Boston)

vital artery
the Grand Canal was a ~ (China)

commercial and military artery
the Gulek Pass has been a major ~ for millennia (Turkey)

route: blood
branching system: blood

Arthurian (adjective)

Arthurian figure
he became an ~ in Greek popular culture (Constantine XI)

fantasy & reality: allusion / history / person

allusion: books & reading
comparison & contrast: affix

artisanal (adjective)

artisanal items
using salvaged foods as ingredients in ~

artisanal mezcal
importing ~ for distribution in the U.S. market

artisanal food shop
~ helps Kosovo war-rape survivors earn income and heal

artisanal mining
~ supports poor families in the region (the Congo)

♦ "Come 2012, there's a new food vocabulary: authentic, craft, small batch, artisan, rustic and, of course, local. It's the opposite of processed, mass produced and factory farmed..." ("Artisanal And Authentic, The Flavors Of The New Year" by Bonny Wolf, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, January 1, 2012.)

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing

artwash (verb)

artwash the regime
the government brings western influencers to ~

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

appearance & reality: hygiene / verb

ascent (on the ascent)

on the ascent
India is ~ (militarily and economically)
China is ~, and the US seems on the descent
his career is ~ (an athlete)

seems to be on the ascent
plagiarism ~

growth & development: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

ascent (with the ascent)

with the ascent of the Nazis
her worst political fears came true ~

with the ascent of Chomsky
linguistics changed drastically ~

growth & development: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

ascent (other)

ascent to celebrity
Julia examines the famous chef's ~ (HBO Max)

ascent (of his party) to power
the ~ in 1968 led to...

rapid ascent
the company has seen a ~

slow the ascent
action to ~ of their currencies

ascent, apogee and decline
sport compresses life's natural trajectory of ~

growth & development: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

ashes (from the ashes)

from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire
Turkey rose ~

from the ashes of the Korean War
but ~ we rose (South Korean President)

from the ashes of apartheid
~, Soweto is emerging as a vibrant place...

from the ashes of despair
adoption is a miracle that arises ~

emerged from the ashes
the League ~ of World War I

rose from the ashes
the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ~ of WW II

amelioration & renewal / destruction / origin: fire
creation & transformation: fire

ask (big ask, etc.)

ask is that
really, our ~ we test the alternatives...

ask was
our biggest ~we wanted the conference to...

ask for a positive tweet
I'm not aware of any ~ (Jen Psaki, WH press secretary)

big ask of Trump
the Polish President went to Washington with a ~

brutal ask for the (young) boxer
this is a ~ (a match in Russia)

hard ask for (an antiwar) Belgium
it was a ~ (troop surge in Afghanistan)

big ask
what you want is a ~
asking for a change is a ~
he is demanding government documents, a ~

most important ask

the ~ I have for Afghanistan is that... (Ashraf Ghani)

tall ask

it may be a ~ to replicated his stats from... (NFL)

formal or explicit ask

no ~ was ever made (for celebrity to leave Oscars)

quite the ask

the idea of doing all that is ~ (privacy etiquette / guests)

comes with an ask

it ~, we need help...

♦ "Just lay out what your specific ask is." "Our biggest ask was we wanted..." (Heard on NPR.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: part of speech

asleep (adjective)

asleep

all the governments are ~ (Middle East)

♦ "I hope this film shakes people from their slumber." (The great filmmaker and New York Knicks fan Spike Lee.)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

asleep (at the switch, etc.)

asleep at the switch

the regulators were ~ (oil spill)

asleep at the wheel

several Republican incumbents have been ~ (election)

many states have been ~ (girls marrying too young in US)
the World Health Organization was ~ (response to epidemic)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

control & lack of control: sleep

failure, accident & impairment: sleep

ASMR

ASMR angel

Charlotte, who is called the ~ (gift wrapping)

Asmr community

John Butler, a beloved member of the ~ (former farmer)

ASMR Dental Examination and Teeth Cleaning

~ (Lizi ASMR / roleplay / 606,106 views)

Asmr moaning

Asmr joi, Asmr roleplay, ~ (porn categories)

food ASMR

~ videos have garnered over 2.4 billion views (TikTok)

Lesbian ASMR

~ kissing, licking and mouth fetish

lewd ASMR

~ (a porn category)

♦ Relaxing; soothing; feeling of personal intimacy; surrendering yourself to somebody else; softly spoken; lush whispers; hushed tones; Russian and Eastern European accents; sounds; visceral; tingling sensation; scalp; back of neck... (Features of ASMR.)

♦ "The Internet has brought a whole community of brain tinglers together, who can upload and share videos and talk about their experiences, to their heart's content." (BBC Radio 4, Seriously, "Brain Tingles.")

♦ According to a BBC writer, John Butler, the "former farmer" and "YouTube sensation," provided tingly or shivery solace to millions during the COVID pandemic. (BBC, "Asmr: Former farmer, 84, is accidental YouTube star," 14 June 2021.)

♦ Merriam-Webster added ASMR in January 2021.

♦ "People who don't have ASMR don't really get it... You got to have a lot of subscribers." (An ASMR video-maker.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

aspirational (adjective)

aspirational

does it apply to the here and now, or is it ~ (diplomacy)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: breathing

assassination (character assassination)

character assassination

to call him an anti-Semite is ~

calling him a racist is ~

character assassination through silence

inaction can be ~

right-wing character assassination

the film is ~ masquerading as "history"

cleverly orchestrated character assassination

the FBI conducted ~ (US)

anonymous character assassination

early uses of the printing press included ~

political character assassination

it was ~ (a script about John F. Kennedy)

posthumous character assassination

the Jackson estate calls the HBO documentary a ~

cesspool of character assassination

the Web site is a ~ (gossip site in rural towns)

victim of character assassination

he was the ~

accused her of character assassination

he ~

conduct character assassination

I'm not trying to ~

smells of character assassination

the criminal case against him ~

used character assassination

they ~ against him

accusation & criticism: speech / violence

speech: violence

assembly line (noun)

well-oiled assembly line

Hollywood was a slick, ~ (in the 1930s)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

asterisk (attention)

asterisk next to his name

there should always be an ~ (drugs / a boxer)

asterisk beside this victory

there will forever be a metaphorical ~ (split decision)

with an asterisk

this is justice ~ (exoneration came much too late)

giant asterisk

all 3 shootings, there's a ~ next to them (a policeman)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters

astir (adjective)

astir in the world

great things were ~ (the Renaissance)

set the baseball world astir

the news ~

activity: movement / sleep

astray (direction)

gone astray

science has ~, gone off the rails, many times

♦ "Follow the prophet, don't go astray / Follow the prophet, he knows the way." (A Mormon children's song.)

behavior / failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction

astride (position)

astride the Red Sea and the Sahel

Sudan, ~... (geopolitics)

♦ This preposition means to have one leg on either side.

configuration: horse / leg / standing, sitting & lying

fictive position: horse / leg / standing, sitting & lying

astronomical (adjective)

astronomical

the odds are ~

astronomical prices

the ~ of the so-called glamour health spas

astronomical (suicide) rate

a nation plagued by an ~ (Japan)

astronomical sum

this is an ~ (salary)

size: astronomy

comparison & contrast: astronomical

astroturf (noun)

perpetuate astroturf

corporations and special interest exploit media to ~

grassroots or astroturfs [sic]

we don't know whether this is real ~ (protests)

♦ "Sometimes it's very hard to verify. Sometimes it's very hard to know the motivations of the person... Astro turf, things that appear real but are fake, right, we're in this moment where there's so much fakery..." (Damien Cave, *The New York Times*.)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure

astroturfer (noun)

astroturfers

~ present themselves as grassroots organizations

astroturfers aim

~ to make you think you're an outlier when you're not

astroturfers claim

~ to debunk myths that aren't myths at all

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure

astroturfing

astroturfing

~ masks the sponsor, who is not grassroots

“~” creates the appearance of a grass-roots campaign

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure

asylum (insane asylum, etc.)

insane asylum

NYC trains are ~s, so is this thread... (crime)

environment: mental health

Athens (Athens of Asia, etc.)

Athens of Asia

Samarkand briefly was the ~ (Tamerlane)

“Athens of Cuba”

locals christened it the ~ for its cultural life (Matanzas)

knowledge & intelligence: epithet

atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere)

in an atmosphere of suspicion

they live ~

in an atmosphere of tension and gloom

people resumed their lives ~ (after rioting)

in a post-Sept.11 atmosphere

security concerns ~

in a carnival atmosphere

discussion should not have to be conducted ~

in a welcoming atmosphere

have people come together ~ (party)

within the cloistered atmosphere

she felt secure ~ (psychiatric ward)

in this highly charged atmosphere
~ the bombings started (Saudi Arabia)

in a calm atmosphere
~ we tend to win the debate

in an (intensely) partisan atmosphere
~, reform is very difficult (US Congress)

in a safe, discreet atmosphere
exploring her girl/girl fantasies ~ (brothel)

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.)

atmosphere
the ~ inside the MGM Grand arena was festive
at the opening of the trial, the ~ was electric

atmosphere of acceptance
promote an ~ for new staff members

atmosphere of (open) access
an ~ at administrative buildings (pre-9/11)

atmosphere of (such sacred) ceremonies
the spiritual ~ (Wicca)

atmosphere of distrust
adding to the ~ was... (Middle East)

atmosphere of (funereal) gloom
an ~

atmosphere of stereotypes
an ~ among the restaurant workers (about who tips)

atmosphere of tolerance
the ~ he had seen on US television (towards gays)

atmosphere of trust
they established an ~ (US company in China)

atmosphere of denial and repression
an ~ (pedophilia and the priesthood)

atmosphere of hopelessness and poverty
Gaza's ~

atmosphere of hostility and distrust
the ~ (Middle East)

atmosphere of a (medieval) market-pilgrim town
the old quarter had the ~ (Lhasa)

atmosphere at Central Command
the ~ was one of confidence

atmosphere on the plane
the ~ remained calm (hijacking)

carnival atmosphere
there was a ~ (peaceful anti-war protest)

family atmosphere
companies used to have a ~

it's a ~ (Wild West Weekend at historic village)

party atmosphere
a ~ had taken over
the ~, the trinket booths (Gay Pride parades)

team atmosphere
create a ~ (sports)

work atmosphere
a ~ notorious for backbiting

classroom atmosphere
he created a ~ in which we could say anything

hometown atmosphere
creating a ~ for Atlanta's transplants (sports bars)

pressure-cooker atmosphere
the accusations underscore the ~ in the region

anti-immigration atmosphere
Sept. 11 has not yet led to a massive ~

accepting atmosphere
Amigos in the Dominican Republic has an ~ (gays)

inviting atmosphere
US's ~ makes terrorist activities inevitable

freewheeling atmosphere
Krasnoyarsk's ~

electric atmosphere
the ~ in the city when a pride event is in town

friendly atmosphere
the ~ that originally drew foreigners to Wisconsin

liberal atmosphere
Khujand had a surprising ~ (Tajikistan)

peaceful atmosphere
preserving the ~ (synagogue after 9/11)

poisonous atmosphere
a "—" has descended on the Times (firings)

supportive atmosphere
this ~ (at a psychiatric hospital)
a ~ for scholarly development (university)

toxic atmosphere
political leaders have contributed to a ~ (politics)

volatile atmosphere
it's a ~ (national outrage over child abuse by clergy)

carnival-like atmosphere
a ~ outside the soccer stadium

cauldron-like atmosphere
the energy of the crowd in the ~ (World Cup)

quiet, safe and orderly atmosphere
promote a ~ (public library)

cost, taste and atmosphere
~ are important in a restaurant

environment or atmosphere
does this create a new ~ (Supreme Court rules on NCAA)

food, atmosphere, music
~ (New Orleans)

size, location and atmosphere
think about company ~ (looking for a job)

atmosphere prevails
an accepting ~ throughout the Dutch Caribbean (gays)

enjoy that atmosphere
some people don't ~ (Virgin Galactic vs. SpaceX)

poison the atmosphere
fear and distrust can quickly ~ (epidemic)

♦ "For me to be here and to sample the atmosphere, I don't think I'll see or hear an atmosphere like this again. The atmosphere was just something that took my breath away... I have never seen anything like this before. I've played at Anfield when there is a superb atmosphere but this is something else, something special." (Alan Shearer on Liverpool's amazing victory against Barcelona in a Champion's League second leg semifinal.)

♦ "The atmosphere was amazing, off the scale, absolutely lunatic." (Steve Bunce about Fury-Whyte in front of 94,000 fight fans at Wembley Stadium.)

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

atomic bomb

atomic bomb for poor people
terrorism was the ~ (Pablo Escobar)

cruise missiles and atomic bombs
you bodies are our new ~ (suicide bombers)

♦ "In 1945, news reached the camps that the US now possessed the atomic bomb. According to Solzhenitsyn, this unexpected development gave hope to many prisoners, who began to pray for atomic war." ("On The Prison Highway, The gulag's silent remains," by Ian Frazier, *The New Yorker*, August 30, 2010.)

♦ The original target for the second atomic bomb was Kokura. But because Kokura was clouded in, the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki.
♦ "I felt no remorse or guilt that I had bombed the city." (Charles W. Sweeney, pilot of the plane that dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki in World War II.)
♦ "I don't feel any guilt or blame about it. I think my view really is if we hadn't done it someone else would have. And it would be with us in any case." (Lili S. Hornig, who worked on the Manhattan Project. From "The Bomb," PBS, 2015.)
♦ According to General Eisenhower, the four "tools of victory" that won World War II were the bazooka, the jeep, the C-47 Skytrain, and the atomic bomb.

destruction: explosion / nuclear energy

atomization (noun)

atomization of literary journalism
the ~ and getting paid for it (online reviewers)

atomization of the rap market
the ~

division & connection: physics

atrophy (verb)

atrophied
its military capacity has ~ (NATO)

attenuation / condition & status / functioning: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

attached (attributed)

attached to depression
there is a severe social stigma ~

attached to it
cross burning has a history of racial intimidation ~

attached to that
no undue significance should be ~

attachment: materials & substances

attachment (noun)

attachment to him
younger black folk have less of an ~ (an older celebrity)

attachment: materials & substances

attack (verb)

attacked the government's plans
conservative rebels have ~ (UK / COVID lockdown)

conflict: military

attack (under attack, etc.)

under attack
the feeling in Egypt was that all Arabs were ~
South Korean culture is ~ (insults about food)

under attack worldwide
he read of how Muslims were ~

come under attack

such practices have ~ as cruel to animals (cages)
his methodology has ~

♦ James Mossman: "You say that you don't care what the critics write about you, your work, yet you got very angry with Edmund Wilson once for commenting on your work, and you let off some very heavy field guns at him, not to say multiple rockets, so you must have cared..." / Vladimir Nabokov: "I never retaliate when my works of art are concerned. Here the arrows of adverse criticism cannot scratch let alone pierce the shield of what disappointed archers call my self-assurance. But I do reach for my heaviest dictionary when my scholarship is questioned..." (Vladimir Nabokov, BBC Author Archive Collection, "James Mossman talks to Russian writer Vladimir Nabokov in this 1970 interview.")

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

conflict: military / weapon

attack (noun)

attacks on athletes
personal ~ at games (fan abuse)

attacks on their self-esteem and dignity
dealing with ~ (stereotypes, etc.)

attacks against Saudi Arabia

he condemned Western media ~ (Abdullah)	aura of unreality an ~ descended over the mountain (disaster)
attack ads we are seeing ~ of every kind (election)	aura of doom and gloom an ~
attack mode she is in a real ~	archive's aura the exhibit has an ~ of dense, ordered information
media attack he condemned Western ~s against Saudi Arabia	romantic aura the pond possesses the ~ of s landscape portrait
mob attacks protecting individuals from social-media ~	projects an aura she ~ of assertiveness and self-confidence
direct attack under ~ you could use the quivering-lip approach	punctured Slater's aura he ~ of invincibility (surfing)
latest attack this ~ stung local parole officials (calls to end system)	appearance: air / atmosphere feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere
personal attacks ~ on athletes at games (fan abuse); ladling criticism or indulging in ~	auspicious (adjective)
fend off some (major) attacks he has had to ~ (a politician)	auspicious the timing of the move is ~ as the country is...
accusation & criticism: weapon	auspicious debut the album is an ~ for the group (good reviews)
attacked	auspicious start it was an ~ to an audacious career (in music)
attacked from above and below the ice is being ~ (floating ice shelf / global warming)	auspicious time the news came at an ~ in the U.K.
destruction: military / weapon	auspicious politically everything is ~, Grant will surely be elected...
attend (verb)	less than auspicious her arrival in England was ~ (a refugee) he was appointed under ~ circumstances
attended these protests violence has ~	not an auspicious beginning this was ~ (a bad date, but they ended up married anyway)
attachment: journeys & trips / movement / verb relationship: journeys & trips / movement / verb	not an auspicious debut alas, it was ~ (bad reviews)
audience (play to the audience, etc.)	♦ This comes from the Latin for <i>bird</i> and <i>see</i> and means, "The omens are good." At certain times and in certain places, the direction of flight of a bird might determine whether or not a camel caravan set out that day. Romans would cut open a bird and study the entrails. The early Puritans in the US avidly studied nature for signs. ♦ "Punxsutawney Phil is predicting six more weeks of winter, but Staten Island Chuck..." ♦ "Every sign points to her having a huge year in 2022..." ♦ "That's a bad sign!" ♦ "Omens of ill-luck will follow those who pay attention to them." (A saying.) ♦ "The Spouter Inn. Peter Coffin. Coffin? Spouter? Rather ominous in that particular connection, though I..." (<i>Moby-Dick</i> .)
see play (<i>play to the audience, etc.</i>)	fate, fortune & chance: bird / religion / verb evidence: bird / religion / verb
auger (verb)	author (person)
augers well this ~ for future attempts to find the wreck (conditions)	author of his own misfortune he fully accepts he was the ~ (arrested)
fate, fortune & chance: bird / religion / verb evidence: bird / religion / verb	
aura (noun)	
aura of assertiveness she projects an ~ and self-confidence	
aura of prosperity Turkish businessmen sported an irresistible ~	
aura of an (18th-century English) landscape the pond possesses the ~	
aura of a shrine the images in the hall add the ~ (SuAnne Big Crow)	

author of her misfortune
the court argued she had been the ~

authors of our own life stories
we are not the ~ (addiction versus free will)

creation & transformation: books & reading / person
person: books & reading

auto da fe

auto-da-fe of Vietnam
the New Left died in the ~ (Louis Menand)

judgment / oppression / violence: history

automata (noun)

became automata
even captains ~, acquiring life only through orders

consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion & effect:
mechanism

autopilot (on autopilot)

on autopilot
he's ~, his fingers go to the same place (gamer)
he was ~, frantically trying to save him (combat medic)

made on autopilot
a lot of our economic decisions are actually ~

♦ "Diving became this darkness which permeated the rest of my life. I really hated it, but I knew it was my one chance to be special, so I kept going, effectively on autopilot." (Olympic gold-medal-winning diver Matthew Mitcham.)

behavior / consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion & effect: plane

autopsy (analysis)

autopsy of the Cuban vote
so what's your ~ in Florida (radio show)

♦ "So what's your autopsy of the Cuban vote in Florida?" (Asked by Lulu Garcia Navarro to her guest on NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, "The Cuban Vote in Florida," November 11, 2018.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine

autumn (in the autumn)

in the autumn of his life
he was ~

in the autumn of the year
but now the days are short, I'm ~ (Sinatra)

growth & development / decline: season
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: season

avalanche (noun)

avalanche of (racial) abuse
they faced an ~ (soccer players after Euro 2020)

avalanche of applications
it failed to prepare for an ~ (passports)

avalanche of (prejudicial) comment
the murder trial was nearly derailed by an ~ on social media

avalanche of data
an ~ given the Russians

avalanche of e-mail
his most recent column drew an ~ to Salon editors

avalanche of publicity
the disappearance triggered an ~ (Chandra Levy)

avalanche of (unfavorable) publicity
the ~ that resulted from... (politician)

avalanche of confusing forms and rules
he spoke about the ~ (Brexit)

avalanche picked up speed
as the ~... (calls for politician's resignation)

amount & effect: snow & ice

avatar (noun)

default avatar
Twitter did away with the egg as its ~

avatars and superheroes
athletes are seen as ~

create your own avatar
some online video games allow you to ~

flatten characters into avatars
revenge thrillers tend to ~ and little else (films)

representation: religion

avenue (portal)

avenue of advancement
India's dalits need a new ~

new avenue
India's dalits need a ~ of advancement

dark sonic avenues
her songs lure listeners down ~ (Billie Eilish)

portal: infrastructure

avenue (route)

avenue of attack
his wrongdoing gave lawyers an ~

fruitful avenue
this might be a ~ for further research

legal avenue
pursue all reasonable ~s

reasonable (legal) avenue
pursue all ~s

all avenues
Canada will pursue ~ to assist the jailed men

pursue (all legal) avenues

we will ~

route: infrastructure

awake (adjective)

awake to what happened

everyone seems to be wide ~ (elections)

awake American

he signs his posts, "an ~"

awake electorate

the answer is reform and an ~

♦ "We are now awake and paying attention." (An Asian parent who helped lead a campaign that led to the recall of three San Francisco school-board members.)

♦ Sam Sanders ("Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018) argues that the term *woke* has had its day and should be retired.

♦ see also *woke* (groups)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

awaken (awareness)

awakened to the horrors

on that day, the world ~ of apartheid (South Africa)

awakening in Algeria, Sudan, Morocco, and Jordan
Arab peoples are also ~ (after Tunisia, Egypt and Libya)

awaken people

we're trying to do what we can to ~

people are awakening

slowly the ~

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb

awaken (nature, etc.)

awakening from (its winter) sleep

nature is ~

taiga awoke

the ~ (at dawn)

♦ "The sky turned from black to deep blue, and then grey and cloudy. The shades of night began to shrink into the bushes and ravines. In a few minutes our bivouac was astir again; men started talking; the horses stirred at their ropes; a pica piped on one side, and lower down the gorge another answered it; the yaffle of the woodpecker rang through the forest and the melodious whistle of the oriole. The taiga awoke..." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

activity / resemblance: sleep

awakened (adjective)

awakened and empowered

Nato seems ~ in this moment (NPR political pundit)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

awakening

9/11 awakening

part of it was a ~ (desire to "do more" for others)

religious awakening

the ~ is partly an outgrowth of the war (Bosnia)

spiritual awakening

she had a ~

consciousness & awareness: sleep

awash

awash with small arms

Yemen is ~ that have been smuggled in

awash with (at least 10,000) floral bouquets
the church is ~ (for murdered girls)

awash with (overt) irony

social media is ~ often tipping into sarcasm

awash with weapons

the Horn of Africa is ~

Libya is ~

awash with corruption, venality and graft
the government is ~

awash in allegations

India is ~ of corruption

awash in cash

the company is ~ and looking to buy

awash in flowers, firecrackers and fine foods
Chinatown is ~ (Chinese New Year)

amount & effect: water

away (a week away, etc.)

just a mouse click away

it was ~ (evidence of public shaming)

"One Heartbeat Away

~: Presidential Disability and Succession" (Birch Bayh)

about five minutes away

a dystopian future is ~

just a plane away

we are ~ from having cases here (COVID-19)

just a shot away

war, children, it's ~ ("Gimme Shelter" / Rolling Stones)

just two weeks away

we are ~ from the first vote

just a week away

and now, with the decision ~, the clock is ticking

♦ "Cyberpunk is a dystopian future that's about five minutes from our current existence." (Mike Pondsmith.)

future / proximity / time: distance / prep, adv, adj, particle

AWOL

went AWOL

the Federal government ~ (in defending a health act)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

condition & status: military

ax (ax to fall, etc.)

waiting for the axe to fall
sitting around ~ (deadlines)

fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade

ax (noun)

budget ax
many state programs will succumb to the ~ (shortfall)
the camp may fall to the ~ (for teens)

faces the ax
the show still ~ (TV)

fall to the (budget) ax
the camp may ~ (for teens)

succumb to the ax
many state programs will ~ (budget shortfall)

taking an ax
he is ~ to spending

♦ Climax, Demon, Endurance, Cock of the Woods, Red Warrior, Hiawatha, Hottentot, Black Prince, Black Chief, Battle Axe, Invincible, XXX Chopper, Woodslasher, Razor Blade, Stiletto, Forest King, Young American, Gorilla... (Late-19th-century model names of axes used to cut down the North American forests.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / tools & technology

ax (ax to grind)

ax to grind
he just has an ~ (criticism)
sometimes a source has an ~ (journalism)
this is another letter from somebody with an ~

axe to grind
he is motivated not by truth but an ~

ax to grind with the CIA
he has an ~

ax to grind with midwives
many in traditional medicine have an ~

ax to grind about something
there are always going to be people with an ~

ideological ax to grind
he has no ~ (a writer writing about capitalism)

personal ax to grind
he has a ~ (a critic)

political axes to grind
unions and companies often have ~

grinds a (political) ax
it ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

punishment & recrimination: ax / blade
revenge: ax / blade

axed (curtailed)

axed
the event was ~ (because of pandemic)

curtailment: ax / blade

B

baby (relationship)

Elam's baby
the idea may be ~, but he has looked at it critically

his baby
the Gulf of Mexico is ~
Cooper refers to his camera, made in 1898, as ~

my baby
this is ~ and I want to keep growing it (a business)
it's ~ (Ferrari 458 Italia)

our baby
this is ~ (fire spotter speaking of his tower)

♦ "I don't have kids but I feel that it's like letting your baby go and grow up. So she's on her next step before she goes up to the moon. And you have to do it." (Dafna Jackson, an advisor at Spacell., after the *Beresheet* spacecraft was shipped to Cape Canaveral, to be launched into space by a Space X Falcon 9 rocket. Sadly, there was a glitch at the last moment, and the spacecraft crash-landed on the moon.)

♦ "I am a childless man, after all, ladies and gentlemen, and my books are my children, I have invested the blood of my soul in them, and after my death it is they and they alone that will carry my spirit and my dreams to future generations." (Uncle Joseph Klausner from *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz.)

♦ "This is my baby, this is what does the work." (Albert Milton, the deputy boss of a diamond mine in Botswana, speaking about a 720-ton electric excavator crane that can grab 60 tons of broken rock in a single bite.)

♦ "So I get used to the book's final stage, to its having been weaned from my brain. I now regard it with a kind of bemused tenderness, as a man regards, not his son, but, uh, rather the young wife of this son." (Vladimir Nabokov, BBC Author Archive Collection, "James Mossman talks to Russian writer Vladimir Nabokov in this 1970 interview." Nabokov had been talking previously about the drudgery, work and failures of bringing a book to birth.)

♦ "Every monkey is a gazelle to its mother." (Arabic.)

enthusiasm / relationship: baby

feeling, emotion & effect: baby

baby (development)

baby of the publishing world
compared to physical book sales, audio is the ~

baby science
he rescued the of microbe hunting from a fantastic myth

growth & development: baby / death & life

baby (novice)

baby boxers
two novices, two ~ fighting one another (Steve Bunce)

♦ "A baby, just a baby." (Ernest Borgnine in the film *All Quiet On the Western Front*, about an injured new recruit. Borgnine gets ready to shoot him, to put him out of his misery, before two stretcher-bearers appear, put the casualty on a stretcher, and bear him to the rear.)

experience: baby

baby (size)

baby AK-47

the Draco is a ~ frequently namechecked in rap

size: baby

baby (younger)

baby of the family

I lost my brother, the ~ (his age was sixty-five)

growth & development: baby

baby (baby face, etc.)

baby face

he grew a full beard to hide his ~

appearance: baby / face

baby (vocative)

baby

so tell me, ~, do you want me to...

honey, baby, sweetie

he addresses me as ~ and other inappropriate names

vocative: speech

babysit (verb)

babysit them

at a certain point you can't ~ (troubled people)

dependency: baby / family / verb

babysitter (role)

babysitter for the world

I'm tired of America being a ~ (illegal immigration)

electronic babysitter

they were the perfect "~~" (Disney animated films)

\$40,000-a-year baby-sitter

I'm a ~ (an unhappy corrections officer)

become a babysitter

he does not want to ~ (take a manager's job / soccer)

♦ "A manager is just babysitting somebody's toy." (An ex-player not interested in managing a Premier League soccer team.)

dependency: baby / family / person

person: baby

back (support / verb)

back Obama

will Hispanics ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / direction / position / verb

back (return)

season is back

and now the ~ (after a hiatus / a TV series)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: prep, adv, adj, particle

back (in time)

go back

see *go back* (*verb / time*)

look back

see *look back* (*verb*)

takes me back

see *take* (*take us back / time*)

transported audiences back

see *transport* (*in time*)

past & present / fictive transportation / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

back (back then)

back then

~ in Russia, it was a cutthroat business (oil)

I'll admit it, I was fond of the gin myself ~ (Falesa)

past & present / time: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

back (behind somebody's back)

behind her friend's back

she went after him ~ (dated friend's boyfriend)

went behind my back

he ~

whispered behind her back

people ~

whispered "queer" behind his back

people ~ (student)

badmouth your spouse behind his or her back

don't ~

ridicule (negative) leaders behind their backs

people typically ~

talk about bosses behind their backs

if you want a promotion, don't ~ (gossip)

♦ "Out here, people had a smile on their face and a dagger behind their back." (Bigotry and discrimination.)

allegiance, support & betrayal / subterfuge: back

back (no way back, etc.)

no way back

there is ~, the people won't forgive this (protests)

there is ~ (North Macedonia finally negotiates its name)

no way back from this

I think that there's ~ (Cuba cracks down on protestors)

no way back for Egypt and the region

there is ~ (2011)

reversal: direction

fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips

back (scratch somebody's back)

scratch my back

you ~, I'll scratch your back (mutual aid and assistance)

social interaction: back / verb

back (back and forth)

back and forth on that

there has been a lot of ~ (political issue)

position, policy & negotiation: movement

social interaction: movement

back (pat on the back / verb)

pat yourselves on the back

you did well, ~ (praise)

achievement, recognition & praise: back / gesture

back (pat on the back / noun)

pat on the back

give yourselves a ~ (praise from teacher)

achievement, recognition & praise: back / gesture

back (get off my back, etc.)

on the back of these workers

they make a lot of money ~ (Uber in Great Britain)

getting rich on the backs

publishers are ~ of libraries and academics

get off my back

~ and leave me alone

get them off my back

try and ~ (superiors)

affliction / conflict / oppression: animal / back

back (carry something on one's back)

carrying England on his back

Joe Root is used to ~ (Ashes Test / cricket)

carried the team on his back

he ~ (football player)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother."

difficulty, easiness & effort: back / burden / weight

help & assistance: back / burden / weight

back (turn one's back)

turned her back on Hollywood

Jamie Lee Curtis ~ (chose to live elsewhere)

turned its back on the victims

the West ~ (Rwanda genocide)

turned his back to anyone

he never ~ who needed help (a priest)

acceptance & rejection: back / verb

back (break the back)

break your back

she'll ~ if you're not paying attention to her (basketball)

broke the back of the campaign

those defeats ~ (primary elections)

break the back of the Covid epidemic

the vaccine could ~ (live virus BCG)

break the backs of defenders

the plan is designed to ~ (Baghdad)

break the back of the (German) war machine

he was destined to ~ (Stalingrad)

destruction: back / verb

back (back to the wall)

backs are to the wall

our ~

backs are (really) against the wall

our ~ (sports tournament)

have our backs against the wall

when we ~, we come out fighting (Welsh rugby)

survival, persistence & endurance: back

resistance, opposition & defeat: back

back (watch your back, etc.)

guard your back

you've got to ~

watch your back

~ (a warning)

sorry I wasn't there to ~ (his brother drowned)

watch his back

he failed to ~ (leader deposed in coup)

watching my back

it's good to know that you are ~ (protecting, supporting)

♦ "Sorry I wasn't there to watch your back like a big brother's supposed to." (Chris Eubank Jnr's tweet on the tragic death of Sebastian, the third-eldest child of the great boxer Chris Eubank.)

danger / protection & lack of protection: back / direction / position / verb

back (have somebody's back)

got your back

I've ~

got your literary back

we've ~ (NPR promotes "The Books we Love")

had my back

you've always ~, and I'll have yours (Biden and Blacks)

danger / protection & lack of protection: back / direction / position / verb

back (stab in the back)

stab in the back

what they see as a ~ by their Gulf neighbors (Qatar)
it's really a ~, trust betrayed (French about Australia)

danger / protection & lack of protection: back / direction / knife / position

back (get one's back up, etc.)

got his back up

a good bowler ~ and we couldn't stop him (Ashes cricket)

got my back up

his tone just ~

got my back up about the request

he ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / back / dog / verb
conflict: animal / back / dog / verb

back (courage)

stiffens his back

economic pressure just ~ (Daniel Ortega)

stiffened his spine

he showed signs of going wobbly, but Pelosi ~ (politics)

courage & lack of courage: back

strength & weakness: back

back away (verb)

back away from the issue

Democrats are starting to ~ (impeachment)

avoidance & separation: verb / walking, running & jumping

backbiter (person)

annoying backbiters

the ~ who had plagued him as an army officer

person: animal / back

affliction: animal / back / person / predation

backbiting

backbiting, exclusion, rumors

girls use ~ (girls bullying girls)

"There were tracks, clearly enough. It was evident that the little hunter (a sable) had quietly lay hidden behind a branch, and then suddenly flung itself upon the deer... Specks of blood showed that the sable had bitten it, but further tracks showed that the little deer had succeeded in throwing its assailant off. It had galloped on, and the sable, after starting to pursue it, had stopped and climbed up a tree." (Dersu examining tracks in the snow. From *Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

behavior: animal / back / predation

conflict: animal / back / predation

backbone (basis)

backbone of Al Qaeda

Uzbeks and other Central Asians are the ~ in the area

backbone of the (rebel) army

the Dinka tribe, which formed the ~ (southern Sudan)

backbone of the company

these people are the ~

backbone of the (Louisiana) economy

shrimping is the ~ (oil spill)

backbone of the (Chilean) economy

Atacama's copper mining industry forms the ~

backbone of (the Navy's) leadership

surface warfare officers are the ~

backbone of his (political) party

they are the ~

backbone of rigor

in science, sharp criticism is the ~

Backbone of the World

Indians called these jagged peaks the "~~" (Glacier NP)

backbone and nervous system

the Nile provides Egypt with a natural ~

financial backbone

the oil pipeline serves as the ~ of the country

infrastructure backbone

Amazon provides the ~ for major firms (servers)

technology backbone

Shopify provides the ~ for businesses to set up a store online

transportation backbone

Greyhound is the ~ for people who can't afford...

bases: back / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

backbone (branching system)

backbone of England

the Pennines are commonly described as the "~~"

backbone of all Hind

the Great Road is the ~ (*Kim*)

backbone of the Kamchatka Peninsula

the Sredinny Range, the ~

Guinean backbone

Mount Nimba is part of the so-called ~ (Guinea)

branching system: back

backbone (courage)

takes backbone

for Republicans, it ~ to stand up to Trump

courage & lack of courage: back

strength & weakness: back

backbreaking (adjective)

backbreaking labor

a coal miner's capacity for ~

backbreaking shift

after a ~ (at a nursing home)

backbreaking work

~ for 50 cents a day

backbreaking and dangerous
it was ~ labor (diamond mining)

difficulty, easiness & effort: back

back burner (on the back burner)

on the back burner

that all seems to be ~ now

on the budget back burner

the environment is ~

put the issue on the back burner
he ~ (a politician)

put on the back burner

a lot of the department's works has been ~ (priorities)

remained on the back burner

the tax issue ~ (politics)

sits on the back burner

the climate-change issue ~ in Washington

♦ "I think there has been a vacuum of course recently, I think Iraq has dropped off the radar screen, it's very much at the back burner..." (Laith Kubba about US engagement in Iraq.)

♦ "We shouldn't allow the issue of global warming to be put on the back burner... Or indeed any sort of burner come to that." ("Loose Ends" with Clive Anderson, BBC.)

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

back burner (to the back burner)

relegated to the back burner

major problems have been ~ (Saudi Arabia)

pushed (climate) issues to the back burner

the economic crisis has ~

put to the back burner

our issue are always ~ (Black Voters Matter)

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

back down (verb)

back down

the compromise allows both politicians to ~
she's an artist who won't ~ or bow to convention

backed down

faced with a coup, the government ~
the government ~ and commuted the death sentences

backing down

she is holding her ground and not ~

back down from a confrontation

analysts believe he will ~

back down or give her space

officials didn't ~, they threatened her (Naomi Osaka)

refused to back down

the protestors have ~

forced him to back down

a political firestorm ~ (King)

Backing down

she is holding her ground and not ~

conflict / dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / back / standing, sitting & lying / verb

backdrop (against a backdrop)

against that backdrop

~, it's not a huge surprise (attack on consulate)

against the backdrop of the Cold War

it was ~ that... (Eisenhower speech)

against a backdrop of (ongoing) violence

negotiations go on ~ (Middle East)

context: picture / theater

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

backed

backed by Iran

the rebels are ~

backed by the US

he has been ~ and other countries (Guaido vs. Maduro)

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position

backfire (verb)

backfire

the campaign may succeed but it could also ~ (military)

"circle-the-wagons mentality" backfired

the ~

reversal: verb / weapon

background (fade into the background)

fade into the background

many prefer to ~ (teen-model sites on Internet)

faded into the background

the doctor-patient relationship has ~ (vs. money)

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion / importance & significance / perception, perspective & point of view: center & periphery / picture / position / verb

center & periphery: direction / position / picture

backhand (verb)

verbally backhanded

he ~ the journalist (Dan Crenshaw / politics)

accusation & criticism / speech: force / verb / violence

backing (support)

backing from the university
she received some ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position

backlash (noun)

backlash against (bilingual) education
today in the climate of ~...

anti-American backlash
the government has struggled to prevent an ~ (Yemen)

climate of backlash
today in the ~ against bilingual education

backlash has started
the ~

sparked a backlash
his crusade has ~ (to make school lunches more healthful)

♦ A backlash against Facebook and technology has been referred to as a *techlash*.

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / violence / whip
reversal: direction / violence / whip

backlog (amount)

backlog
prolonging the process and swelling the ~ (visa requests)

backlog of cases
the FBI has a huge ~ (security clearances)

backlog of planes
because the weather will create a ~ waiting to land...

backlog of work
the NTSB needs to move on to the ~ that...

paperwork backlog
reducing the overall INS ~

processing backlog
foster kids remain orphans due to a ~ (adoptions)

♦ The backlog is the large log at the back of a hearth

amount: pile

backpedal (verb)

backpedaling on key demands
China has been ~ (trade dispute)

backpedal on the whole idea
they began to ~ of national standards (education)

backpedals on (tax) pledge
top Republican ~

back-pedal from his comments
he continued to ~ (a politician / BBC)

backpedaled after fierce criticism
the coach ~ from Chinese fans, sponsors, and partners

reversal: direction / mechanism / movement / verb

back seat (take a back seat)

take a backseat to my job
my job and family began to ~

take a backseat to reality
protocol had to ~ (CID investigation)

take a back seat to unseating
issue must ~ the current president

taking a second seat to schedule and cost
safety and quality were ~

importance & significance / priority / superiority &
inferiority: direction / position

backstabber (person)

backstabber
he's a ~, watch out
he's the worst kind of ~, he poses as a friend

backstabber or turncoat
being a ~ is offensive to most people

two-faced backstabber
he's a ~

traitor, a backstabber and a fraud
former fans have been waiting to call him a ~ (basketball)

person: back / knife

allegiance, support & betrayal / behavior / character &
personality: back / knife / person

backstabbing (noun)

backstabbing
~ is an art (politics)

back-stabbing and bad-mouthing
~ on the "Survivor" TV show

backstabbing and betrayal
~ remain a function of all our lives

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / knife

behavior: back / knife

backstage (adjective)

backstage advisor
he remains a ~ to Putin

backstage contacts
there have been ~ between them (diplomacy)

backstage diplomacy
~ has turned to more open confrontation

backstage look
the documents and testimony provide a ~ at why...

backstage negotiations
approval of the nominations came after ~

backstage politics
the organization is rife with ~ (sports)

backstage role
the administration playing a ~ in trying to resolve...
he played a pivotal ~ in persuading...

backstage self
we have a private, ~, versus our public self

backstage political struggle
he settled the ~ by choosing... (UN)

backstage lobbying
there has been ~ by Washington (diplomacy)

backstage maneuvering
there has been a lot of ~ (diplomacy)

backstage wrangling
after weeks of ~, the Party has decided...

backstage policy making
he was a master of ~ (Labor Party)

operates backstage
he ~ (an athletic booster)

concealment & lack of concealment: theater
attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

backstop (noun)

backstop against the president's worst instincts
he was a ~ (government)

♦ "A backstop; a guardrail; trying to keep the President from going outside the bounds; minimize the damage..." ("John Bolton's Place in Ukraine Policy" by Mara Liasson, NPR, Morning Edition, October 25, 2019.)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: boundary

backtrack (go back in time)

backtrack
I think we have to ~ a bit (a history discussion)

past & present / time: journeys & trips / movement / verb

backtrack (reversal)

backtrack
the union has had to ~ on its demands

reversal: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

back up (verb)

back up
let's ~ and get big picture for a second (NPR radio show)

perception, perspective & point of view: picture / position / verb

backward (adjective)

backward Turkey
Ataturk took a ~ and made it modern

backward tack

I am embarrassed by the ~ of this administration

backward traditions
the Prophet (PBUH) did his utmost to eradicate ~
culturally backward
stoning takes place in remote and ~ areas

progress & lack of progress: direction

backwards (progress)

step backwards
to me this seems like a huge ~

go backwards
we should not ~ down the road toward nuclear power

sliding backwards
we are ~ to a less enlightened time

move us backwards
the election will ~ economically

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement

backwards (past)

go backwards
they want to ~ to a romanticized past that never existed

look backward
New Year's day is a time to ~ and forward
some ~ to a (reputedly) glorious past for answers

marching backwards
it feels like this country is ~ to the Middle Ages (religion)

past & present / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

backwater (noun)

backwater
in 1831, Southampton County was a ~

backwater of the Office of International Affairs
he was transferred into the relative ~

backwater in a (vast Islamic) empire
the region around Kabul was merely a ~

long-ignored (rural) backwater
in ~s

provincial backwater
the town remained a ~

remote backwater
Darien remained a ~

rural backwater
Beijing has brought wealth and modernity to a ~
he wants to bring development to the ~ (a politician)
this is not some ~ (site of a noxious landfill)

sleepy backwater
oil transformed Khartoum from a ~ to a modern city

in a (rural) backwater
she found herself banished to a small hospital ~ (a doctor)

stereotype of Turkey as an (agricultural) backwater
the ~ persists

became a backwater
there were a lot of other reasons that Spain ~ for so long
changed from a provincial backwater to a place

Tikrit ~ of large mosques and wide modern roads (Iraq)

remained a (provincial) backwater
the town ~

center & periphery / isolation & remoteness / progress & lack of progress: river

backyard (in somebody's backyard)

in China's (own) backyard
~, Southeast Asia...

in Russia's backyard
Kyrgyzstan is ~ (politics, etc.)

proximity: house

backyard (other)

backyard
the Sunset Beach wave was my ~ (Hakman)

historical and rightful backyard
China sees northeast Asia as its ~

not-in-my-backyard
this is one of those ~ issues (Nimby)

proximity: house

bad (my bad, etc.)

bad
I just wanted the ~ to go away (trauma)

bad wrong
something's ~ here (racism / Frye Galliard on NPR)

my bad
sorry, ~
♦ I feel badly for..." (A sports commentator.)

flaws & lack of flaws: part of speech

badass (power)

means you're a badass
'playing like a girl' ~ (women's soccer)

total mountain badass
he's the nicest guy in the world and a ~ (Tommy Caldwell)

leached *badass* of its badassery
overuse has ~

♦ Many agree that this word comes from the Black community. In that regard, it has been classed with words like lame-ass, dumbass, etc., including the one made famous by Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion.)

♦ Bad, badass, blow up, catch fire, chill, coup, crazy, crush, dope, dynamite, kill, killa, mean, nasty, sick, wicked... (Words that sound bad but can have positive connotations. English is crazy!)

♦ "This team taught all of America's children that 'playing like a girl' means you're a badass." (President Obama welcoming the 2015 World Cup-winning women's team to the White House.)

♦ See "Badass": The One Word That Has Become A lightning Rod For Many Female Chefs" by Nina Martyris, NPR, The Salt, November 11, 2019. A link leads to another great article, "We've Hit Peak Badass. It's Gotta Stop" by Jesse Sheidlower, Daily Beast, Apr. 14, 2017.)

person: force

character & personality: person

badge (badge of honor)

badge of honor

playing from memory is a ~ (pianists)
criticism from him is a ~ (politics)
receiving death threats is a ~ (Black Lives Matter)

became a badge of honor
the "one-percenter" label ~ (bikers)

wore its (cutting-edge) approach as a badge of honor
the bank ~ (ended up being hacked)

wore her conviction as a badge of honor
she ~ (the suffragette Susan B. Anthony)

wore his scorn as a badge of honor
she ~

wore the scorn (of liberals) as a badge of honor
he always ~ (Rush Limbaugh)

wear that as a badge of honor
they ~, as a sign they are right (de-platformed)

♦ "The idea you could hold your liquor and type a new lead on a breaking story was a badge of honor." (The great journalist Pete Hamill, about journalism back in the day.)

♦ "I'd like to personally welcome him to the club, because we receive death threats every day. So, he's officially part of this movement. It's a badge of honor." (Hawk Newsome, co-founder of Black Lives Matter New York, about Norwegian Parliament member Petter Eide. From "Norwegian politician receives threats over Black Lives Matter Nobel Prize nomination" by Bill Hutchinson, 31 January 2021.)

♦ Duty, Honor, Country. (The motto of West Point.)

achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol / military

badge (representation)

capitalist rebel badge
he wears the ~ on his sleeve (Domm Holland, technology)

wore that badge
I was damaged goods, I ~ very early on in my life

representation: sign, signal, symbol

badger (The Badger, etc.)

known as "The Badger"
the man ~ for his aggressive approach (Bernard Hinault)

epithet: animal

commitment & determination: epithet

badger (verb)

badgered him

the lawyer ~ (trial)

♦ "He claims he locked himself in the plane bathroom and fell asleep to avoid her badgering." (A Hollywood celebrity at trial.)

affliction / behavior / commitment & determination / speech: animal / verb

badlands (environment)

badlands of real life

students leave the sanctuary of academe for the boorish ~

behavior / control & lack of control / environment: ground, terrain & land / history

bag (in the bag)

in the bag

it's not ~ yet (Liverpool wins EPL)

certainty & uncertainty: container

bag (collection)

bag of narratives

it is out of such a ~ that his book has been fashioned

bag of tricks

he knew any treatment in the whole psychiatric ~ was futile

amount / group, set & collection: container

bag (pack one's bags)

pack the bags and get out

it's just time to ~ (NATO in Afghanistan)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: journeys & trips / verb

baggage (noun)

baggage of marriage

the ~ (gender, religion, culture, etc.)

baggage of the South

the racial ~ (US)

baggage from his (ancestral) past

each comes into the world with ~ (race, religion, class)

baggage and attitude

he dealt with all the ~ we had (poor kids)

complicated baggage

soldiers take home some more ~ (from overseas)

generational baggage

Boomers, Xers go to work carrying lots of ~

historical baggage

the word *crusade* has largely shed its ~ in the West

political baggage

the ~ of its anti-establishment origins (black studies)

pseudoscientific baggage

gay had a long linguistic history and no ~ (vs. *homosexual*)

psychological baggage

students can arrive with ~ (suicides at MIT)

racial baggage

the ~ of the South (US)

a lot of baggage

Biden has been around a long time and has a ~ (politics)

cultural and historical baggage

the ~ that rugby lugs (in South Africa)

historical, cultural and religious baggage

the ~ (of marriage)

social and economic baggage

students with ~ (alternative school)

carrying (lots of generational) baggage

Boomers, Xers go to work ~

freighted with (historical and cultural) baggage

the N-word is ~ (racial epithets)

let go of the baggage

we must ~ in our minds (the Avalanches)

rid himself of this baggage

Ray ~ (classification and mythical creatures)

♦ "I got him with all his baggage, and he got me with all of mine." (A marriage.)

history: burden / journeys & trips / weight

oppression: burden / history / journeys & trips / weight

bailout (noun)

bailout

~s are unpopular (of banks, national economies)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat

amelioration & renewal: boat

bail out (save)

bail out Mexico

the IMF helped ~ in the 1990s

bailing out (big) banks

the taxpayers are ~

bailed out the company

the government ~ (with loans)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / verb

amelioration & renewal: boat / verb

bail out (leave)

bailed out

high-profile guests have ~ (attending a party)

bailed out of school

he ~ in 2008 (an athlete)

bail out of this treaty

the US may ~ (open-skies treaty)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane / verb
dismissal, removal & resignation: plane / verb

bailed out

bailed out by the EU and the I.M. F.
Ireland was ~ in 2010

survival, persistence & endurance: boat
amelioration & renewal: boat

bait (verb)

baited children
the company ~, using nursery rhymes (advertising)

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb

bait (noun)

bait
the Iraqis didn't take the ~ (fire and expose themselves)

clickbait
see *clickbait (noun)*

jailbait
she alleged he often referred to her as “~” (a 17-year-old)

trade bait
he's an intriguing prospect and might be ~ (an athlete)

take the bait
you can ~ or learn to pick your battles (relationships)
when it comes to trolls, don't ~ (internet)

rise to the bait
he refused to ~ (speech)

rises to the bait
trolls ask stupid questions to see who ~ (Internet)

took the bait
I made a nice feint and he ~ (chess)
the news media ~ (picked up story that was not true)

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting
pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting

baked in (and baked into)

baked in the cake
it was ~ (a man's vice)

baked into the very architecture
racism is ~ of the internet

baked into it
the code has instructions ~ that... (ransomware)

baked into the system
there's a lot of waste ~ (pandemic and public health)

baked into the (medical) system
racism is ~ (Tuskegee Syphilis Study)

baked into that term

some evangelicals don't like the assumptions that are ~

baked into our social systems and psychology
racism is ~ (Critical race Theory)

baked into the hardware and software
insecurity is ~ of the internet (computer hacking)

attachment / relationship: cooking

configuration / identity & nature: cooking

bake in (and bake into)

baked delays into their schedules
airlines have ~ instead of improving operations

attachment / relationship: cooking

configuration / identity & nature: cooking

balance (verb)

balance the demands
trying to ~ of work and family

balance a home and a career
for women trying to ~

balance militancy versus moderation
his speech had to ~ (MLK)

balance (energy) needs and the land
an example for how to ~

balance the risk and the benefit
you have to ~ (vaccinations)

balance security and synchronization
~ (special operations / military)

balance civil liberties and national security
how to ~ in a war on terror

balance tradition with changes
Inuit leaders try to ~

balance the need (for openness) with national security
policies to ~

balance the benefits against the difficulties
you need to ~

balance the human cost against the cost to the animal
we must ~

balance the need against the risks
we must ~ (combat rescues)

balance their assignments against their safety
photojournalists have to ~

how to balance
an example for ~ energy needs and the land

struggling to balance
young women ~ work and family priorities

trying to balance
~ the demands of work and family

equilibrium & stability: scale / verb

balance (in the balance)

in the balance

lives are ~, this is serious (COVID-19 pandemic)

hanging in the balance

lives are ~ (tornado forecasting)

his life is ~ after a drug overdose (a rapper)

hangs in the balance

Britain's future ~ (elections)

hung in the balance

his life ~ (penalty phase of trial)

fate, fortune & chance: equilibrium & stability / scale / verb

balance (off balance)

kept the actors off-balance

he ~ by interrupting their line readings (film)

keep the enemy off balance

try to ~

throw the Soviets off balance

an assault to ~ and regain the initiative

throws the show off balance

his realistic portrayal ~ (a play)

throw the system off balance

it will ~ (the body)

disruption / flaws & lack of flaws / readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability / scale

equilibrium & stability: scale

balance (out of balance)

out of balance

in a person with depression, these chemicals are ~
my priorities and life are ~

wildly out of balance

the sauce was ~, overloaded with... (food)

woefully out of balance

the system is ~ (politics)

priorities are out of balance

our societal ~

values (as a nation) are (sadly) out of balance
our ~

swung (way) out of balance

the financial sector has ~

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / scale

disruption: equilibrium & stability / scale

balance (work and job, etc.)

balance in my life

the ocean represents ~ (Ken Bradshaw / surfer)

balance between modesty and sexiness

aim to strike a ~

work / life balance

the generations disagree on authority, teamwork, ~

workers who value a ~

know your limits to maintain a happy ~ and avoid burnout

wholeness, balance, wellbeing, health

pay attention to your ~ (Hozho)

keeps his balance

he ~ by leaving his work behind when he returns home

maintains her balance

she ~ by staying firmly rooted at home in Utah (an actor)

strike a balance

aim to ~ between self-denial and overindulgence

equilibrium & stability: scale

balance (noun)

balance of chemicals

restoring the normal ~ in the brain (antidepressants)

balance of the region

the dams would disrupt the ecological ~

balance of freshwater and saltwater

a dike collapse could destroy the delicate ~ (estuary)

balance of stability and flexibility

the ankle joint is designed for a ~

balance between existence and annihilation

the ~ was precarious (Homer)

balance between stability and mobility

the elbow joint displays an elegant ~

balance between racing and safety

you have to find a ~ (5 Oceans race)

balance between usability and security

the ~ is a tricky one (computers)

fluid balance

her ~ needs to be restored (medicine)

trade balance

control the ~

basic balance

the ~ of sweet, salty, sour, and bitter (Cambodian cuisine)

delicate balance

a dike collapse could destroy the ~ of fresh / saltwater

ecological balance

the dams would disrupt the ~ of the region

fragile balance

the ~ between production and conservation (natural gas)

sense of balance

we must restore a ~ to the debate (energy / conservation)

checks and balances

she didn't go through the regular process of ~ (corruption)

balance (of the Supreme Court) has shifted
now that the ~

attain a balance
~ between mission accomplishment and environmental protection (war)

destroy the (delicate) balance
a dike collapse could ~ of fresh and saltwater (estuary)

find a balance
you have to ~ between racing and safety (Velux 5)

restore balance
a decrease in OPEC's output would be needed to ~

strike a balance
~ between what is possible and what is probable (combat)

equilibrium & stability: scale

balanced

balanced approach
a ~ for the listing of adult items on eBay
a ~ might involve asking... (race, genes and disease)

balanced budget
the ~ amendment

balanced diet
a ~ might not be on the menu

balanced perspective
it is important to have a ~ (safety and study abroad)

balanced and responsible
a ~ approach to development (Arctic)

racially balanced
the show has a ~ cast (theater)

fair and balanced
~ news

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / scale

balance of power

balance of power
naked aggression to change the ~ (political)

balance of power between professor and student
the ~ is so slanted (dating)

balance of power in Kashmir
it would have no impact on the ~

shift in the balance of power
there's a ~ (relationships)

impact on the balance of power
it would have no ~ in Kashmir

equilibrium & stability: scale

balk (verb)

balked at publishing
the network ~ his report

balking at (high sticker) prices
consumers are ~ (auto buying)

eagerness & reluctance / resistance, opposition & defeat /
starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / verb

balkanization (noun)

balkanization of the (professional) structure
the ~ continued... (history of engineering)

instance of balkanization
the term LGBTQIAA+ is a clear ~ (Jonathan Rauch)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / history

Balkanized

Balkanized between universities, drug companies
medical research in the US is ~, and funders

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / history

ball (play ball)

play ball
it is often good politics to ~
he is being punished for refusing to ~
he has directed officials not to ~ (impeachment enquiry)
if they didn't ~, it was game over for them (starlets)

played ball
he would never have ~, he was a man of integrity

playing ball
helping to oust some third-world leader who isn't ~ (NSA)

play ball with the Kremlin
you either ~, or... (business)

play ball with (party) leaders
many candidates refuse to ~ in Washington

play ball with me
if you ~, I'll play ball with you

play ball with newspapers
WikiLeaks may be willing to ~ for now, but...

willing to play ball
she may be ~

need to play ball
the unions ~ (local hiring)

refused to play ball
he has ~ with the EPA (politics)

get Republicans to play ball
Democrats are struggling to ~

social interaction: sports & games / verb
unanimity & consensus: sports & games / verb

ball (the ball is in somebody's court)

ball will be firmly in the court of the governors
the ~ to decide how to move forward (pandemic)

ball is in Russia's court
Blinken says the ~ (U.S. "diplomacy")

ball is in your court
the ~

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / position, policy & negotiation / responsibility / social interaction: ball / sports & games

ball (take one's eye off the ball)

took his eye off the ball
some people think Obama ~ (rising unemployment)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / consciousness & awareness / failure, accident & impairment: ball / sports & games / verb

ball (drop the ball)

dropped the ball on this case
a lot of agencies ~ (serial killer)

dropped the ball in the case
investigators ~

♦ "The university dropped the ball and she paid the price with her life."
(Lauren McCluskey, the University of Utah.)

failure, accident & impairment: ball / hand / sports & games / verb

ball (get the ball rolling, etc.)

get the ball rolling
we need to ~
this is a good investment to ~
sometimes it takes a gentle nudge to ~
he made attempts to ~ on this very thing

got the ball moving
she ~ on the impeachment enquiry (politics)

keep the ball rolling
to ~, we must...

started the ball rolling
he ~, and other businesses followed suit
CO2 may have ~, but... (global warming)

starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / movement / verb

balloon (verb)

balloon
as our entitlement commitments ~

ballooned
the number of women (in prisons and jails) has ~
usage of Zoom has ~ overnight (video-conferencing app)

ballooning
the debt is ~
long-term unemployment is ~

ballooned into Wall Street's biggest crisis
the credit squeeze ~ since...

ballooned to \$14.4 billion
the price tag has ~ (military project)

ballooned to over 300 pounds
his weight reportedly ~ (a basketball player)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon / size / verb

balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)

punctured the (helium) balloon
he ~ of the stock's soaring price

destruction: air / atmosphere / balloon / hole
failure, accident & impairment: air / atmosphere / balloon / hole

ballooning (adjective)

ballooning (pension) costs
he blames the problem on ~

ballooning (national) debt
voters are alarmed by the ~

ballooning deficit
the state is faced with a ~

ballooning demand
~ for oil is bound to be disruptive

ballooning (Medicaid) expenses
government officials look to curb ~

ballooning problem
this spotlights the ~

ballooning trade surplus
China has a ~ with the US

ballooning (cost) overruns
the State Department agency tried to hide ~

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon

ballgame (different ballgame)

different ballgame
piracy is a ~
it's a ~ when you don't...
therefore, you have a ~, as they say in America...

whole different ballgame
this year has been a ~ (Delta variant / COVID)

taxonomy & classification: sports & games

ballgame (new ballgame)

whole new ballgame
we're in a ~

online journalism is a ~

situation: sports & games

ballistic (go ballistic)

go ballistic

people will ~ when they read that...

went ballistic

she ~ (upset and angry)

she confronted her husband with the pictures and ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / rocket

balm (noun)

balm for the afflictions

his wisdom is a ~ of our age (a poet)

balm for the trauma

her films are a ~ that adolescents feel

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

banana (noun)

banana peel

Iran put a ~ in front of the US and Trump put his foot on it

banana skin

he's a potential ~ (boxer speaking of tough next opponent)

Joshua has got past a potential ~ (boxer wins)

♦ "I slip on a banana peel, that's tragedy. You slip on a banana peel, that's comedy." (Attributed to Charlie Chaplin.)

♦ "Iran put a banana peel in front of the United States and President Trump put his foot right on it." (Cali Nasir's analysis after an Iranian proxy militia in Iraq killed an American. The resultant US airstrike against the militia resulted in an outburst of Iraqi anti-Americanism, including an attack on the US Embassy in Baghdad.)

♦ "It's a potential banana skin because he's relatively unknown...that's quite dangerous...So I'm taking him very seriously..." (Josh "the Tartan Tornado" Taylor about his upcoming boxing match with Apinun Khongsong. Taylor ended up defeating his opponent with a paralyzing body shot in the first round.)

failure, accident & impairment: fruits & vegetables

banana republic

banana republic

France is a ~ ruled by uneducated people (Koons' Tulips)

♦ This phrase appeared in 1955. At the time, United Fruit controlled 42% of the agricultural land in Guatemala and was very concerned by the new socialist government which had promised land reform. That government was overthrown by a CIA-supported coup.

dependency: allusion / history

Band-Aid (noun)

Band-Aid

if it's real and it isn't just a ~... (a proposed program)
the emergency operation is a ~, a short-term fix (famine)

band-aid solution

this is just a ~ for a much deeper problem

put a Band-Aid on a bullet wound

we'll always ~ (social justice)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

substance & lack of substance: health & medicine

bandwagon (noun)

moaner bandwagon

post an opinion, don't just jump on the ~ (sports)

Nuwaubian bandwagon

locals who had climbed aboard the ~ began to jump off

on the (Doncic) bandwagon

I've been ~ for a long time (great Slovenian basketball star)

climbed aboard the (Nuwaubian) bandwagon

locals who had ~ began to jump off (Putnam County, GA)

jumped on the bandwagon

I ~, repeating the things being said around me (regret)

leaped onto the bandwagon

the TV industry also ~ (3-D)

♦ "The BBC is always one of the first on any given bandwagon." (Bob, a sour golfing fan, on a BBC HYS about a story featuring Bryson DeChambeau.)

unanimity & consensus: music

attention, scrutiny & promotion: music

bandwidth (noun)

have the bandwidth

we do not ~ to address all the calls (Portland police)

taking up (a lot of) bandwidth

the pandemic is ~ (other problems set aside)

ability & lack of ability / strength & weakness: tools & technology

bane (noun)

bane of my life

the spinal brace quickly became the ~ (injured back)

greatest bane

corruption is the single ~ of our society

♦ Black henbane is a poisonous plant. Poison plants have had a long relationship with public health, animal husbandry, traditional medicine, witchcraft, and murder.

affliction: plant

bang (with a bang)

ended with a bang

the tournament ~, not a whimper

finish (out his career) with a bang

Tapia has a chance to ~ by... (boxer)

go out with a bang

the players wanted their coach to ~ (by winning)
apparently he wanted to ~ (mass shooter)

hit home with a bang

reality ~

kicking the year off with a bang

deal makers are ~ (mergers)

opens with a bang
the play ~, as...

opened with a bang
the film ~ (good revenues)

returned with a bang
he ~ (athlete has great day)

start (out) with a bang
I wanted to ~, so I...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

bang (bang for the buck, etc.)

bang for the buck from Special Operations
the coalition gets plenty of ~ (war)

little bang for the buck
the report concluded subsidies offered ~

more bang for the buck
employers will get ~ from this program

most bang for the buck
the president will focus on getting the ~ from...

nutritional bang for the buck
greens offer ~

get more bang for the buck
at Wall-Mart, you ~

♦ "You get much more of a bang out of the shot, as it were." (Anthony Fauci, about booster shots.)

cost & benefit: sound

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

banish (verb)

banishes fear

Captagon fuels conflict, for fighters it ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: society / verb

acceptance & rejection: society / verb

banished

banished to the bullpen
he has been ~ (a pitcher)

banished from the dictionary
American English should be ~ (the Brits)

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

banishment (noun)

banishment of Brandon from the team
the ~ is complete hypocrisy (a religious honor code)

banishment from the hall
plagiarism can result in the ~ of academe

banishment from the league

it is time to end his ~ (a disgraced athlete)

result in banishment
plagiarism can ~ from the halls of academe

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

bank (tissue bank, etc.)

food bank
drop off extra food at a ~

germ bank
~s around the world keep anthrax

job bank
an online ~

memory bank
the bomb can erase the ~s of electronic equipment

milk bank
~s collect, pasteurize and store donated breast milk
I'd like to thank every woman who's ever donated to a ~

Organ Bank
the New England ~, one of several dozen regional centers

plant bank
a global network of ~s to store seeds and sprouts
a system of ~s is crucial in responding to climate crises

Seed Bank
the Millennium ~ Partnership (Kew Gardens)

seed bank
~s in Afghanistan and Iraq were destroyed during conflicts

Skin Bank
the New York Firefighters ~ (Hearst Burn Center)

sperm bank
he got the 50 bucks, but the ~ couldn't protect his identity

group, set & collection: money

bankrupt (adjective)

bankrupt defense
it's a ~ (blaming victim for hate crime)

intellectually bankrupt
our way of managing parole supervision is ~

morally bankrupt
placating terrorists is ~

worth & lack of worth: money

banner (carry a banner, etc.)

carry the banner of the National Front
she intends to ~ into the 21st century

carrying a banner for female athletes
she is ~ (Annika Sorenstam)

carrying a banner for black directors
he said he was not ~ (playwright)

wave the banner of free speech
when criticized they ~ (Web hosts)

representation: flags & banners / verb

banner (under the banner)

under the banner of the ruling party
both men will contest the election ~

under the banner of the IMU
armed men ~ invaded Tajikistan

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

banner (behind the banner)

behind the banner of reparations
they hoped to unite the community ~ (protest)

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

banner (banner of Islam, etc.)

banner of Islam
the youth must hold aloft the ~ (King Abdullah)

banner for artists
over time Dirty South, not Third Coast, became a ~

hold aloft the banner
the youth must ~ of Islam (King Abdullah)

hide behind the banner
scoundrels ~ of patriotism

wave the banner
they ~ of religion

♦ NO WAR; TAKE YOUR WAR AND GO TO HELL; BUSH, BLAIR and BERLUSCONI—ASSASSINS; NOT IN MY NAME... (Banners at a march in Florence, during which 300,000 marched to protest the Iraq War.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

banner (size)

banner ad
for 10,000 visitors, I made \$330 per ~ (Internet)

banner headline
the newspaper ran a ~ declaring...
~s trumpeted the news

banner weekend
it was a ~ for HBO this weekend (many viewers)

banner year
2000 was a ~ for genomics

size: flags & banners

baptism

baptism by fire
it was my ~ (new teacher)

baptism of fire
Salk referred to his time with Francis as a "

experience: religion / water

baptized

baptized in fire and blood
you have been ~ and come out steel (combat)

get baptized
you ~ pretty quickly in this business (death-penalty law)

experience: religion / water

bar (bar is set high, etc.)

bar
the ~ is set so high for him (performance)
the ~ is down to "don't do dumb stuff"

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

barb (trade barbs, etc.)

trading barbs
US and Chinese officials have been ~ (conflict)

conflict: verb / weapon

barbed (speech)

barbed letters
the president and the speaker had traded ~ (politics)

barbed question
a reporter interrupted with a ~

barbed satire
it's a ~ about race, class and culture (a film)

speech: blade / knife

barbaric (behavior)

barbaric power
the people are under the boot of ~

reckless and barbaric
the ~ attack (use of Novichok in England)

behavior: history

Barbie (and Barbie Doll)

Barbie Girl type
well I ain't never been the ~ (Gretchen Wilson)

appearance: object

character & personality: sign, signal, symbol

bare (lay bare)

lays bare the (latent) anti-Semitism
the vandalism ~ that still exists in society

laid bare the challenge
the incident has ~ of the alliance (US / Pakistan)

laid bare the whirlpool
his murder ~ of religious violence and extremism

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb

bare (laid bare)

laid bare

the open secret about Ozy Media has been ~ (fraud)

laid bare in the (feisty TV) debate

the candidates' divisions were ~ (politics)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

bare (verb)

barred the excesses

the rally ~ of his movement

bare the secrets

the press can ~ of government and inform people

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb

bare-bones (adjective)

bare-bones budget

we want to have a ~ (saving money)

bare-bones care

under the plan, seniors will get ~ (health)

bare-bones and limited

right now it's ~ (opening park during pandemic)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bare-knuckled (adjective)

bare-knuckled approach

he took a ~ to the rarified world of art criticism

bare-knuckled politics

even by the lowly standards of Washington, this was ~

bare-knuckled work

she counted votes and did the ~ that was needed (politics)

conflict: boxing / fist

bark (more bark than bite, etc.)

more bark than bite

the US is ~

substance & lack of substance: animal / dog / sound / teeth

bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.)

barking up the wrong tree

if you're looking for accuracy, you're ~

they can't go for collusion because they're ~ (a report)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting / sound

bark (verb)

barked

"Look up," he ~

barked at them to stop
the policeman ~

barked at Rodriguez for running
he ~ over his mound (baseball)

bark commands at the TV
people ~ (voice commands)

sound / speech: animal / dog / verb

barnacle (resemblance)

barnacles of dried gum

~ encrust the undersides of tables and chairs (schools)

urban barnacle

the padlocks cover old bridges in a kind of ~ (Paris, etc.)

♦ [H]e describes today's tax code as 'full of barnacles and crevices and windows and holes. It needs a major reform and restructuring.' ("Beyond The Tax Deal: Targeting The Code Itself," NPR, All Things Considered, December 18, 2010. The description is enough to cause trypophobia!)

♦ see also *encrustation*

resemblance: animal / boat / burden / sea

barnacle (affliction)

skin barnacles

how to get rid of ~

♦ see also *encrustation*

affliction: animal / boat / burden / sea

barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.)

chip away at the barnacles

Pena Nieto will try to ~ slowing the economy (Mexico)

scraps the barnacles off Homer's hull

Emily Wilson's 'Odyssey' ~

scrub the barnacles

the third-party companies are out of control, so we will ~

♦ "The number of sort of third-party contracting companies that we're using has really gotten out of control, so we're going to scrub the barnacles on that front. It's pretty crazy. We've got barnacles on barnacles. So there's going to be a lot of barnacle removal." ("Elon Musk To Analysts: Stop With The 'boring, Bonehead Questions' on Tesla" by Avie Schneider, NPR, The Two-Way, May 3, 2018.)

♦ "Wilson's project is basically a progressive one: to scrape away all the centuries of verbal and ideological buildup—the Christianizing (Homer predates Christianity), the nostalgia, the added sexism (the epics are sexist enough as they are), and the Victorian euphemisms—to reveal something fresh and clean. Why call them 'handmaidens' when they were slaves? Why insist, as so many translators do, on 19th-century diction when that time had no more in common with Homer's than ours?" ("Emily Wilson's 'Odyssey' Scraps The Barnacles Off Homer's Hull" by Annalisa Quinn, NPR, Book Reviews, December 2, 2017.)

amelioration & renewal: animal / boat / burden / sea / weight

barnacled

barnacled with myths

the stories of their rise are ~ (US presidents)

child-barnacled

his ~ present (four sons and a daughter from two women)

attachment: animal / boat / burden / sea

barnstorm (verb)

barnstorming the state

they have been ~ (politicians)

barnstorming for months

after ~... (a politician)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: plane / verb

Barnum

P.T. Barnum of American race relations

she is the ~ (Robin DiAngelo)

modern-day P. T. Barnum

he is sort of a ~ (an arena builder and promoter)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: allusion / circus / epithet

barometer (noun)

barometer of their abundance

but the catch rate provides a ~ (sharks)

barometers of change

public tours serve as ~ (limited after 9/11)

barometer of (poor) nutrition

childhood anemia, a ~, is higher in India than China

barometer for his team

he has been a ~ (when he is good, team is good)

career barometer

actors used the show as a ~ (*Law and Order*)

closely watched barometer

the index is a ~ of home prices

measurement: tools & technology

baron (power)

drug baron

the notorious ~ Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman

meat baron

he is nicknamed "the ~" (Clemens Tonnes)

person: government

power: history / Middle Ages / person

baroque (adjective)

got baroque

the war plan ~, insane, to the point where... (nukes)

complexity: history

barrage (noun)

barrage

no software can eliminate the ~ (popup ads / computers)

barrage of combinations

he reshaped his opponent's nose with a ~ (boxing)

barrage of lawsuits

the campaign has filed a ~ in various states (election)

barrage of (graphic) pictures

Saudis get a ~ of Palestinians suffering...

barrage of questions

I was subjected to a ~

his ~ barely left time for answers

withering barrage

their report came under a ~ of criticism (education)

♦ The rolling barrage was developed in World War I to provide what is described nowadays as "shock and awe" for attacking infantry soldiers.

amount & effect: military / weapon

barrel (at the bottom of the barrel)

at the bottom of the barrel

I did my time ~ (worst job assignment)

finish at the bottom of the barrel

we ~ every year (a sports team)

stuck at the bottom of the barrel

I'm ~ (pay scale)

hierarchy: position

barrel (verb)

barreled up the Eastern Seaboard

the hurricane ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

barricade (storm the barricades)

stormed the barricades

he ~, time and again (to hold the church accountable)

storm the barricades of racism

many left their studies to ~ (Martin Luther King)

storm the barricades of (male) resistance

women have to ~

storm the barricades for him

many are ready to ~ (support for an embattled politician)

certain to storm the barricades

shareholders will be ~ (losing money)

ready to storm the barricades

she casts herself as an outsider, ~ (a politician)

resistance, opposition & defeat: history / infrastructure / verb

barrier (noun)

barriers to access

~ in that market are extremely costly (trade)

barriers to (foreign) ownership

lower ~ of local industries

barriers to participation
 a meet with the theme of overcoming ~ (climbing)
 barriers to (import) penetration
 ~ in Japan
 barrier between animals and humans
 influenza could hop the ~
 barriers and stereotypes
 coming out and tearing down ~ in "macho" professions
 age barrier
 no ~, no height bar, no gender gap
 class barrier
 ~s are deepening cultural and racial ones
 color barrier
 broke rugby's ~ in 1976
 gender barrier
 she broke a ~ (first Division I female football player)
 pain barrier
 practicing through the ~ (musicians)
 we'd gone through the ~, the sun gave us power (K2)
 research barrier
 by easily being able to grow the cells, he overcame a ~
 trade barriers
 the lowering of ~ (globalization)
 cultural barrier
 despite language and ~s, people came together (protest)
 people struggle to communicate across ~s
 legal barrier
 ~s to correcting injustices (death-penalty cases)
 racial barrier
 it helped to bring down some ~s (basketball)
 socioeconomic barrier
 debate over the ~ facing black boys (education)
 linguistic, cultural and psychological barriers
 immigrants face many ~
 lowering of (trade) barriers
 the ~ (globalization)
 glass ceilings and other barriers
 ~ barring women
 stereotypes and other barriers
 trying to break down ~ (foreigners)
 broke (a lot of) barriers
 she ~ (a famous woman)
 lower these barriers
 20 states have passed laws to ~ (expunging criminal records)
 overcame a (research) barrier
 by easily being able to grow the cells, he ~
 put up (new) barriers

as many European countries ~ (against immigrants)
 bring down some (racial) barriers
 it helped to ~ (basketball)
 break down (racial) barriers
 how to ~ in France
 get past the sex barrier
 how do I ~ with guys (she waits, he loses interest)
 communicate across (cultural) barriers
 people struggle to ~
obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land / wall
division & connection: ground, terrain & land / wall
Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.)
 Baryshnikov of football
 he was canonized as "the ~" for his acrobatic receptions
 (Lynn Swann after Super Bowl X)
Big Baryshnikov
 the ~ (Shaquille O'Neal, NBA)
 ♦ Shaquille O'Neal, one of the greatest NBA players of all time, has been referred to as the Big Baryshnikov.
achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: epithet
baseline (noun)
 baseline levels
 it drops to ~ (a hormone)
 baseline measurement
 exposures may be difficult to interpret without ~
 baseline poverty
 will Haiti return to ~ (after earthquake)
 baseline study
 tedious ~s
 baseline of how
 we do need a ~ things have been in the past (polar ice)
 ♦ A baseline relates to land surveying.
analysis, interpretation & explanation / measurement: surveying
basement (basement price, etc.)
 basement price
 he thinks he can buy the company at a ~
 in the basement
 the ratings have been ~ (baseball)
decline: direction
basement (hierarchy)
 in the basement for (high-school) graduates
 we're now ~ (US education and the OECD)
hierarchy: direction

basement (concealment)

internet's dirty basement

if you peer into the ~ (conspiracy theories, fake news)

concealment & lack of concealment: direction / house

bash (verb)

bashing the democrats

the president has been ~ on immigration

bash opponents

"white privilege" is used as a political weapon to ~

accusation & criticism / speech: fist / verb / violence

bashing (noun)

Arab bashing

the rising tide of ~ in America (post 9/11)

Guat-bashing

the crimes have a chilling street name, "~" (Guatemalans)

Islam bashing

the rising tide of ~ in America

detractors describe her comments as "~" (Ayaan Ali)

business-bashing

this will dispel the ~ image of Obama (politics)

class-bashing

he defended her against ~ critics from *The Village Voice*

gay-bashing

issues include AIDS and ~

he thought he'd be safe from ~ (high-school student)

gay-bashing

the ~ televangelist was arrested in a public toilet

man bashing

some women are uneasy with ~

accusation & criticism / speech: fist / verb / violence

bask (verb)

basking in the afterglow

while he was ~ of a caretaker's honeymoon period

basks in (New York) fame

resilient Emma Raducanu ~ (US Open winner)

basked in the glow

she ~ of being a global business celebrity

bask in the prestige

major cities ~ of the Olympics

bask in that smile

she knows what it feels like to ~ (of a handsome man)

basking in (an Olympic) triumph

the U.K. is ~

bask in my victory

I am going to ~ (Tyson "the Gypsy King" Fury)

basking in his victory

on a hot day, Boris Johnson is ~ (new Prime Minister)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / atmosphere /

temperature / verb

behavior: animal / atmosphere / temperature / verb

basket (category)

put him in the same basket

do you ~ as Snowden (Julian Assange)

taxonomy & classification: container

basket case

basket case

Haiti has not always been a ~

from the standpoint of manufacturing, America is a ~

the economy is not a ~

he considered the company a ~ (an executive)

basket-cases of Central Asia

the two ~, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

Europe's basket case

Ireland used to be ~

economic basket case

Spain is an ~

North Korea is now an ~, propped up by China

emotional basket case

the whole experience left me an ~

international basket case

Kissinger described Bangladesh as an ~

♦ A basket case is a person who has had all limbs amputated. Its date of inclusion in dictionaries—1919—means it probably references soldiers severely wounded in World War I.

condition & status / functioning: health & medicine

bastion (noun)

bastion of elitism

he views golf courses as a ~ (Chavez)

bastion of (racial) exclusivity

the sorority is a ~

bastion of progressive government

many see New Zealand as a ~

bastion of (southern male) privilege

the private club was once a ~

bastion of religion

Poland is a ~

bastions of free speech

universities are no longer ~

bastion of tradition and authority

the university is a ~

bastion for the militia

the neighborhood is a ~

Democratic bastion

Chicago is a ~

last bastion

Las Vegas casinos are the ~ for smokers
public-employee unions are the ~ of labor strength

main bastion

the ~ of protection against downstream floods...

♦ A bastion can be reduced, or surrounded and starved into submission, or betrayed from within, or simply bypassed...

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.)

coming to bat for NBC

he is ~ against allegations...

go to bat for him

nobody will ~ (a dictator under siege)

allegiance, support & betrayal: baseball / sports & games / verb

bat (batting zero)

batting zero

the fact that he's ~ doesn't seem to bother him

failure, accident & impairment / success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb

bathing (forest bathing, etc.)

dust bathing

a herd of elephants washing and ~ at a water hole

forest bathing

~ is a national pastime in Japan (shinrin-yoku)

sunbathing

naked ~ and teenage brains (Jeremy Vine on BBC Radio 2)
topless ~ in a public place

♦ "Where the sun is the doctor ain't." (An Italian mountaineer proverb that relates to heliotherapy and a traditional treatment for tuberculosis.)

♦ "If water is scarce, take an 'air' bath. Remove as much of your clothing as practical and expose your body to the sun and air for at least 1 hour. Be careful not to sunburn." / "In some situations, you may be able to take a snow bath. Take a handful of snow and wash your body where sweat and moisture accumulate, such as under the arms and between the legs, and then wipe yourself dry." (FM 3-05.70, "Survival," US Army, May 2002.)

♦ "Some people have mistaken 'forest bathing' as a nudist activity." (In North Carolina.)

absorption & immersion: water

baton (pass on the baton)

hand over the baton to my son

today's the day I ~ (boxer retires with injury)

pass on the baton to someone else

it is time to ~ (an elected official)

passed on the baton to them

Tony Pike ~ (running a hotel on Ibiza)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

transmission: sports & games

baton (drop the baton)

dropped the baton
the company ~ on this

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games

battalion (a large group)

battalions of consultants

Freedman hired ~ who specialized in health care

amount: military

batten (batten down)

battened down

people have ~ (for a hurricane)

battens down for monster storm

Texas ~ (Hurricane Harvey)

batten down the hatches

~ and prepare for another pounding (Hurricane Maria)

battens down the hatches

Europe ~ as Italy deaths rise (coronavirus closures, etc.)

♦ "When suppertime came, the old cook came on deck sayin' / Fellas, it's too rough to feed ya / At seven p.m., a main hatchway caved in, he said / Fellas, it's been good to know ya." ("The Wreck of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*" by Gordon Lightfoot.)

protection & lack of protection / readiness & preparedness / survival, persistence & endurance: boat / sea / storm / verb

batter (the hurricane battered the city)

battered the city

the hurricane ~ (New Orleans)

force: storm

battering ram

became the Reagan Republicans' battering ram

Carter's support for gay rights and the ERA ~ (1980)

conflict: fortification / military

battery (recharge one's batteries)

charge my battery

I came here to ~ (leadership school / China)

recharge my batteries

I make sure I take time to ~

I asked for a leave of absence to ~

recharge his batteries

he resigned unexpectedly, saying he wanted to ~

he travels to South America to ~

recharge his batteries in the US

he will ~ (soccer star)

amelioration & renewal: electricity / verb

battery (amount)

battery of tests
he took a ~

amount: military / weapon

battle (verb)

battled (in vain) to contain
as fire-fighters ~ it (museum fire)

battling the swarms with insecticide
authorities are ~ sprayed from airplanes (locusts)

battled for her life
she ~ on Sunday after a man shot her

battle for supremacy
cartels ~ in South Africa's taxi wars

battle against a (false) sense of complacency
we must ~

battled addiction
she has ~ all her life (an actor)

battled alcoholism
he ~ as a teen

battles (severe) asthma
he ~, which gets worse in stressful situations

battling the coronavirus
he is still ~ (sick with the virus)

battled the fire
for three hours we ~ (grass fire)

battled (ice-glazed) roads
commuters ~ (freezing rain)

battled the spread
critics have ~ of agricultural biotechnology

battling the (locust) swarms
authorities are ~ with insecticide sprayed from airplanes

battled windchills
they ~ of 20 below (North Dakota)

battle trafficking
Irmee Basu and her center ~ (sex / Calcutta)

battled in vain
as fire-fighters ~ to contain it... (museum fire)

cartels battle
~ for supremacy in South Africa's taxi wars

conflict: military / verb

battle (noun)

battle
for Japan, the ~ is one of national pride (whaling)
learn to pick your ~s (disciplining a toddler)

battle to curb

government's ~ the influence of graft (Serbia)

battle in the (culture) war
these bills are the latest ~ waged over the rights of...

battles of identity
in ~, language often becomes the front line (Berbers)

battle of wills
expect another ~ all the way to the final wall (swimming)

battle of (former) champions
it was a ~ (boxing)

battle of the sexes
the theme of "I Love Lucy" was the basic ~

battles of the next generation
the civil rights ~ (animal rights)

battle against AIDS
celebrate the small victories in the ~

battle against assimilation
the age-old ~

battle against (entertainment) violence
a turning point in the ~

battles with (drug and alcohol) abuse
Ramone discussed his ~

battle with alcoholism
he had fought a long ~ (a suicide)

battle with AIDS
she told in a quiet voice of her ~

battle with cancer
a near-fatal ~
the general died after a brave ~

battle with Congress
a new front in the President's ~ is opening

battles with unions and regulators
waging fierce ~

battle over the land
a lengthy court ~

battle over (reproductive) rights
the ~ (abortion)

battle over the terms
a legal ~ of the agreement

battle over the best method
the so-called reading wars—the ~ of teaching reading

battle between his (warring) parents
trapped in the ~

battle between defenders and detractors
the ~ of the traditional canon (literature)

battle between the school system, county
the ongoing budget ~

battle (going on) between commerce and creativity
there's a constant ~ (country music)

battle for answers
the one last battle, the ~ (Agent Orange)

battle for the championship
their ~ (basketball)

battles for (championship) crowns
their epic ~

battle for minds
this is a ~ (post 9/11)

battle for public opinion
losing the ~

battle for the thermostat
the ~ is waged in offices and homes across the nation

battle scars
showing off ~ (football players)

government's battle
the ~ to curb the influence of graft (Serbia)

budget battle
an ongoing ~ between the school system, county

court battle
a long-running ~
he was granted joint custody of his kids after a lengthy ~

custody battle
he was the object of a fierce ~

development battle
on the losing side of ~s

divorce battle
a bizarre last chapter in a ~ (townhouse explodes)

edit battles
~ have contested Wikipedia articles about political events

election battle
he is facing a difficult ~ (Germany)

epic battle
their ~s for championship crowns (sports)
he had an ~ with a mako (fishing)
their ~ Saturday night (Ward vs. Gatti / boxing)

kite battle
it's time for the rokkaku ~ (kite festival)

turf battles
~ likely to ensue (federal agencies)

visitation battle
~s involving grandparents

textbook battles
~ are legendary in Texas

public relations battle
but is losing the ~

VHS-Beta battle
the ~ at the beginning of the video era

coming battle
he doesn't have any illusions about the ~ (legislative act)

ongoing (budget) battle
an ~ between the school system, county

long-running battle
the ~ over the rights of ...

pitched battle
his entering the race could lead to a ~ for the progressive vote

hard-fought battle
he died after a ~ with a lung issue

annual (funding) battles
~ on Capitol Hill

bitter battle
she resigned last June after four years of ~s (university)
a ~ involving teachers, school officials and the mayor

brave battle
the general died after a ~ with cancer

daily battles
there are ways to diffuse ~ and teach your toddler

endless battle
toilet training doesn't have to be an ~

ferocious battle
a ~ is being waged in California (same-sex marriage)

fierce battle
waging ~s with unions and regulators

judicial battle
this is the latest development in an ongoing ~

legal battle
a ~ over the terms of the agreement;
animal-rights groups have had ~s with the federal government

lengthy (court) battle
a ~ over the land

nightly battle
how can I get my toddler to brush her teeth without a ~

significant battle
it has lost a ~ in the PR war (Facebook versus Australia)

long, hard battle
it's been a really ~ for me (cancer survivor)

age-old battle
the ~ against assimilation

near-fatal battle
a ~ with cancer

day in, day out battle

a ~ with beavers

David-and-Goliath battle
waging a ~ against Time Warner

heat of the battle
look, in the ~.... (Nick Kyrgios about a tennis match)

heat-of-the-battle (m)
in the ~ racing (NASCAR)

object of a (fierce custody) battle
he was the ~

them-vs.-us battle
it's a ~

aspect of the battle
redirected their attention to another ~ (anti-whaling)

epicenter of that battle
Birmingham became the ~ (for civil rights)

object of a (fierce custody) battle
he was the ~

years of (bitter) battles
she resigned last year after four ~ (university)

in the (President's) battle
a new front ~ with Congress is opening

turning point in the battle
a ~ against entertainment violence

tantrums and battles
~ (toddlers)

war or battle
we're not in a ~ with Facebook (government official)

facing a (difficult election) battle
he is ~ (Germany)

lose this battle
they would ~ in the legislative arena

pick your battles
learn to ~ (disciplining a toddler)

♦ "We all got our daily battles, right?"

♦ "We fight hard, we play for keeps, we take no prisoners. We'll get in the trenches and fight dirty." (Greg Pruett, president of the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, a gun-rights group.)

♦ "Marines don't fight wars, they fight battles." (A Marine captain, Marjah, Afghanistan, 2010.)

♦ "With human corpses, human excrement, and rotting rations scattered across Peleliu's ridges, the blow flies or bluebottle flies underwent a population explosion. Those nasty insects were so large, so glutton, and so lazy that some could scarcely fly... It was revolting, to say the least, to watch big fat blowflies leave a corpse and swarm into our C rations... Each morning, just before sunrise, when things were fairly quiet, I could hear a steady humming sound like bees in a hive as the flies became active with the onset of daylight. They rose off the corpses, refuse, rocks, brush, and wherever else they had settled for the night like a swarm of bees. There numbers were incredible." (*With the Old Breed* by E.B. Sledge.)

conflict: military

battle (uphill battle, etc.)

long battle
he had fought a ~ with alcoholism (a suicide)

uphill battle
it will be an ~ (political reform)
small businesses have faced an ~ (online vending)

facing an uphill battle
they are ~ (politics)

fought a (long) battle
he had ~ with alcoholism (a suicide)

difficulty, easiness & effort: military

battle cry

battle cry
the vendors chant their ~, "*Quando luchamas, ganamos*"
repeal has been the ~ for years (Obamacare)

battle cries of our modern crowds
slogans are the ~

battle cry of public health officials
it has become the ~ (wear a mask to slow the spread)

battle cry against machismo
their new single is a ~ (Y La Bamba's "*Mujeres*")

less of a battle cry
"lock 'em up" has become ~ for politicians

became a battle cry
that word *Perseverance* ~ for us (Nasa Mars mission)

inspired Obama's own campaign battle cry
the United Farm Workers of America ~ (*Si se Puede*)

conflict: military

battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.)

Battle Ground
the town of ~ is near the site of the Battle of Tippecanoe

geography / military: proper name

battleground (conflict)

battlegrounds of discontent
hospitals have become ~ (poor service)

battlegrounds in the (drug) business
hepatitis C is one of the fiercest ~ (drug development)

battleground for the future
the Gulf of Mexico is the ~ of offshore oil drilling

battlegrounds for (freedom of speech) issues
college campuses are ~

battleground for (culture-war) issues
the schools have become a ~

battleground state

Ohio is a crucial ~ (elections)
in the ~ of Pennsylvania, which Trump won in 2016

latest battleground
green spaces are the ~ in the disputer (development)

public battlefield
he enjoys the ~ (Jill Lepore about Elon Musk)

become a battleground
the state has ~ over the issue (abortion)

♦ "Byron visited; so did the Wordsworths—twice—and the architect and collector John Soane and thousands of others. They carried away skulls—Sir Walter Scott had one—and fingers and teeth and bullets and cannon balls... A century later such battlefield tourism would flourish even if its more gruesome collecting tastes were suppressed." (The site of the Battle of Waterloo, in Belgium. From *The Work of the Dead: A Cultural History of Mortal Remains* by Thomas W. Laqueur.)

♦ Years ago they had marched thousands of miles to legendary battlefields... they had once gone to the ends of the earth and seen beyond the farthest horizon... We looked at these men in blue, existing in pensioned security, honored and respected by all... and we were in awe of them. Those terrible names out of the history books—Gettysburg, Shiloh, Stone's River, Cold Harbor—came alive through these men. They had been there... and to watch them was to be deeply moved." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

conflict / place: military

bay (at bay)

hold the Taliban at bay
the Afghan government will struggle to ~

kept my depression at bay
the device has ~ (an electrical implant)

keep oil drilling at bay
we need to ~

keep his furies at bay
he works hard to ~ (troubled ex-boxer)

keep hate at bay
our job is to ~, out of the mainstream (SPLC)

keep monotony at bay
the breaks in the narrative ~

keep Usyk at bay
Joshua struggled to ~ (boxing)

kept at bay
the modern world can't be ~ forever

remains at bay
inflation ~ (economy)

♦ This refers to the barking of dogs as they prevent a stranger from approaching a cabin, or force a bear to climb a tree.

avoidance & separation: dog / sound

bay (bay for blood, etc.)

baying for blood
the fans are always ~ (boxing)

baying for the blood
they are ~ of Nancy Pelosi (politics)

baying for her blood

flag-waving patriots are ~ (India)

baying my name
the nine-year-olds were jeering at me and ~ (a small boy)

baying for vengeance
he compared the attacks on him to a mob ~

eagerness & reluctance: animal / dog / hunting / sound / verb

beachhead (noun)

beachheads for any foreign government
US universities should not be ~

get a beachhead
you ~, like Social Security passes (progressivism)

presence & absence: military
survival, persistence & endurance: military
starting, going, continuing & ending: military

beacon (noun)

beacon of hope
the center will be a ~ (Muhammad Ali Center)
the school is a ~ (in deprived Detroit neighborhood)

beacon of justice
the center's reputation as a ~ had taken some hits (Southern Poverty Law Center)

beacons of faith and optimism
the old prairie churches were ~ (US)

beacon of liberty
the US is a ~, freedom and opportunity

beacon for (high-achieving) students
the school is a ~ (high school)

beacon for human rights
she was once seen as a ~ (a political figure)

♦ In a project that brought ancient Roman history to life, 500 flaming beacons were lit along the 84-mile-length of Hadrian's wall, from Tyneside to the Cumbrian coast.

direction: fire / light & dark / journeys & trips

bead (draw a bead / have a bead)

had a bead on the corruption
he ~, similar to today (Hal Holbrook about Mark Twain)

target: weapon

beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)

Le Bec d'Aigle
~ is a giant rock overlooking the calanque (Eagle's Beak)

Parrot's Beak
the ~ juts into Vietnam from southeast Cambodia
the Mano River flows through the ~ area of Guinea

proper name: bird / shape

geography: bird / proper name / shape

beak (area)

Eagles Beak

the ~ is a natural arch in Arizona

area: shape

shape: bird

bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.)

bear of an epidemic

he has a ~ on his hands (mayor and coronavirus rates)

behavior / force: animal

bear (a weight, etc.)

bear

the death of a child is almost too much to ~

affliction: burden / verb / weight

oppression: burden / verb / weight

bear (bear fruit, etc.)

bore fruit

their protests ~ only after...

borne fruit

British attempts to deter Iran have not ~

bearing fruit

the development program appears to be ~

Bears Fruit

War on Piracy ~

product: fruits & vegetables / verb

bearbaiting

form of (human) bearbaiting

a judge summed up the show as a ~ (Jeremy Kyle Show)

conflict: animal / violence

bearing (direction)

find his bearings

he spent two months trying to ~ and a job (new city)

lose your bearings

when you're homeless, you kind of ~

losing its bearings

the city is ~, it's heritage (development)

lost her bearings

she ~ in the pursuit of fame

get his bearings

it took him a while to ~ (a new job)

get his bearings back

it took him a while to ~ (stunned boxer)

regain my bearings

after the birth of my first child, it took me time to ~

♦ "We strayed from the path several times, but quickly corrected our mistakes. When we came across a tuft or a hillock, I tried to get a look

round, to get my bearings. Dersu took a bunch of reeds and mugwort and bent it down as a patteran. I looked ahead and all round. Everywhere, on every side, extended the endless, waving ocean of grass." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev. A patteran is a sign relating to a course. Nowadays a person might use blaze orange flagging tape.)

direction: journeys & trips / tools & technology

beast ('The Beast' Mugabi, etc.)

'The Beast' Mugabi

John ~ vs. "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler (boxing)

earned the nickname "the Beast"

he has ~ (the boxer Artur Beterbiev)

epithet: animal

force: epithet

beast (insult)

beast

this person, not even a person, this ~... (a murderer)

wild beasts

those ~ shot you in the back (said at a funeral)

turn into (wild) beasts

when we see their faces, we ~, thugs and murderers (WWI)

♦ "He had finally tracked the beast to its lair." (Churchill visits Hitler's bunker in 1945. From *Churchill: Walking With Destiny* by Andrew Roberts.)

insult: animal

beast (power)

beast

the weather is a ~ today across much of the country

he's a ~ (said by NFL player admiringly about another)

Day two on the Eiger was a ~ (climbing conditions)

Gronkowski is a ~ (RazB / Super Bowl 55)

the whole thing is a ~ (a road train of the Outback)

beast of a wave

another bruising encounter with a ~ (Nazare surfing)

beast on the drums

she is an absolute ~ (10-year-old Nandi Bushell)

beasts at major finals

there are teams who are ~ (Euro 2020 in 2021 / soccer)

Beast inside

Beauty outside, ~ (Apple computer advertisement)

beast mode

that marine going ~ with the rammer (Wolfie)

f***** beast

how does he do it, he's a ~ (Marine howitzer rammer)

giant beasts

social media is a landscape with some ~ in it (Facebook)

much scarier beast

he's a ~ now because... (Conor McGregor / MMA)

stubborn beast

Baranchyk, a ~, didn't fall (exciting boxing match)

such a beast
oh, he's got it, he's such a beast (Alex Honnold)

beast, a monster
this storm is a ~ (satellite image of a hurricane)

♦ "She is an absolute beast on the drums." (Ten-year-old Nandi Bushell.)

♦ "I don't even know how this man does it, he's a f***** beast, every gun has two people ramming, it's just this guy alone, he is tearing it up..." (Praise for Wolf, AKA Wolfe, a Marine Corp rammer on a 15-round mission. youtube.com/watch?v=CdO_0twP_CU

character & personality / force / power / size: animal

beast (different beast, etc.)

complex beasts
modern airliners are ~ (engineering, computers, etc.)

different beast from what
distilled alcohol is a ~ came before it (wine, beer)

different beast
he insists his film is a ~ (sequel, not a reboot)

rare beast
flavorists are ~s (inventing smells for the food industry)

♦ "Neither fish nor fowl..."

♦ see also *animal (different animal, etc.)*

taxonomy & classification: animal

beat (defeat)

beat you
it was the weather that ~ (Mt. Everest)

conflict / success & failure: sports & games / verb

beat (beat oneself up)

beat myself up
I'd ~, sometimes I would cry (a drinking problem)

beat yourself up
if you slip up or hit a plateau, don't ~ (weight loss)

beat yourself up over that
don't ~ (a performance mistake)

beat herself up for not being
she should not ~ around more to help her ailing mother

punishment & recrimination: fist / verb

beat back (verb)

beat back arthritis
he squeezes a golf ball at night to ~

beat back the epidemic
in an attempt to ~, the government is... (Luanda)

beat back (mounting) skepticism
she is trying to ~ of her qualifications

beat back dirt and disease
their lives, a daily struggle to ~ (Kabul slums)

fighting to beat back

Yahoo and AOL are ~ spammers

attempt to beat back
in an ~ the epidemic, the government is... (Luanda)

resistance, opposition & defeat: fist / verb

beat (beat down / the sun, etc.)

beat down on the (black) rocks
the sun ~ (Kilauea)

beat down relentlessly
the desert sun ~

force: fist / verb / violence

beaten (beaten up)

get beaten up
he knows he'll get attacked and ~ (politics)

accusation & criticism: fist / violence

beatification (noun)

beatification
his ~ has taken a long time (writer / literary canon)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

beatify (verb)

beatify all Northerners
she did not demonize all Southerners, or ~ (Stowe)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

beating (take a beating, etc.)

public relations beatings
the embassy's career officers were used to taking ~

4-0 beating
as Wales contemplated the ~ (Euro 2020 vs. Denmark)

taken a beating
she said her confidence had ~ (athlete)
the industry has ~ recently
the dollar has ~ abroad
its stock has ~ (a company)

took a beating
its reputation ~ in the financial crisis (rating service)

took a (serious) beating
the Democrats ~ in the midterm elections

taken a beating over its (contract) process
the Air Force has ~

taken a beating from the storms
the coastline has ~

taken a beating in the media
he has ~ (an athlete)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / verb

beat up (storm)

beating up Texas
the rain and flooding is just ~ (ABC News)

force: storm

beaver (verb)

beavered at neural nets
AI scientists ~ for decades before...

beavering away
a small army of Canadian zealots was ~ at the case
our readers have been ~ (a prediction challenge)

difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / verb

work & duty: animal / verb

behavior: animal / verb

beckon (verb)

deep pockets beckon
the Gulf's ~ (arms sales)

devices beckon
the line is long and other ~ (tech convention)

attraction & repulsion: gesture / hand / verb

fictive communication: gesture / hand / verb

bed (put something to bed)

put to bed
a successful launch will help ~ memories of the problems

put this (silly) incident to bed
we need to ~ (sports controversy)

put questions (about his age) to bed
his performance didn't ~, but... (elderly politician at debate)

put the tie to bed
they pushed forward to ~ but... (soccer second-leg game)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sleep / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep / verb

bed (put to bed)

put to bed yet
this matter has not been ~ (COVID 19 origin)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sleep
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep

bed (jump into bed with someone)

jump into bed with the Syrian government
the Kurds don't immediately want to ~
allegiance, support & betrayal: love, courtship & marriage / verb

bed (lie in one's bed)

lie in it
he has made this bed and he's got to ~ (politics)

judgment / responsibility: house / verb

bedazzled (decorated)

bedazzled case
a white iPhone with a ~

bedazzled masks
little girls with ~ (pandemic)
he sells ~ on Etsy (pandemic)

bedazzled suit
he's got the pompadour and ~ (an Elvis impersonator)

appearance: light & dark

bedevil (verb)

bedeviled the governor
the scandal ~

bedeviled his (own party's) leadership
he ~ by blocking compromise

bedeviled the (Democratic) nominee
the story ~ right up until election day

bedevils the people
corruption ~

affliction: creature / religion / verb

bedeviled

bedeviled by the (sluggish) economy
he found himself ~ (president)

bedeviled by (technical) problems
the company has been ~ (autos)

bedeviled by a lack
the response effort was ~ of organization

affliction: creature / religion

bedfellow (companion)

bedfellows
how Africa's football and politics are ~ (BBC)

unpromising bedfellow
history suggests the state and steel are ~ (subsidies)

ideological bedfellows
he and Mr DeSantis are seen as ~ (politics)

natural bedfellows
Somaliland and Taiwan are ~ (diplomatic recognition)

strange bedfellows
the bill has made for some ~ (from both parties)

unlikely bedfellows
a new album combines ~ (romantic / avant-garde)

examine your bedfellows
you need to ~ and ask yourself... (manosphere & far right)

make (strange) bedfellows
politics can ~

♦ "Better to sleep with a sober cannibal than a drunken Christian." (Ismael about sharing a bed with Queequeg, from *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville.)

relationship: sleep / journeys & trips

bedlam (noun)

bedlam

it was ~, the whole city was on the run (Berlin 1 May)

bedlam of the city

the ~ recedes (in a courtyard garden)

bedlam in the streets

there was ~ (World Cup victory)

construction bedlam

he surveyed the ~ (restaurant being built)

management bedlam

it's ~ (at Fox News)

political bedlam

the system breeds ~ (government)

bedlam ensued

the announcement was made, and ~

bedlam engulfed the fans

~ (a victory)

♦ According to Wikipedia, this word comes from Bethlem Royal Hospital in England. It was one of the first institutions to house the insane.

behavior / environment: mental health

bedrock (noun)

bedrock of who we are

quality is the ~ (Boeing)

bedrock of our storytelling tradition

these 100 stories are a ~ (the *Decameron* by Boccaccio)

bedrock belief

it's a ~ of mine (people have souls, animals don't)

bedrock policy

keeping employee costs down is a ~ (a retail giant)

bedrock principle

a ~ is civilian control of the military (US governance)

innocent until proven guilty is one of our country's ~s

bedrock value

he brought some ~s to the job (a cop about right / wrong)

the ~s that make America unique (freedom of religion)

bedrock of safety

the ~

bases: ground, terrain & land

bedroom (sex)

bedroom issues

the church doesn't know what it's talking about on ~

♦ "Well, he has one girl per book, approximately, and that's one a year. He's a bachelor, and he moves around the world pretty rapidly. And umm I don't see any great harm in that myself." (Ian Fleming speaking about

his fictional creation James Bond to Roy Plomley on BBC's *Desert Island Discs* in 1963.)

♦ "Why should we be afraid of latex, when we see that it can save lives...? I just don't mention [making condoms available] in my report to the bishop." (A Catholic nun in Cameroon, dealing with the AIDS epidemic.)

♦ "Below the navel there is neither religion nor truth."

sex: euphemism

bee (busy as a bee)

as busy as a bee

he was ~

activity / behavior: animal / insect

bee (queen bee)

queen bee of wellness

Belle Gibson was the ~ (the

hierarchy: animal / insect / royalty

beef (conflict)

my particular beef

~ is with the newspapers (the beloved John Cleese)

issues and beefs

tells us about some of the ~ (2021 Oscars)

has a beef with someone

if he ~, it should be with the medical staff (an athlete)

conflict: cows & cattle

beefed up

security has been ~

~ at the Capitol

amelioration & renewal / strength & weakness: cows & cattle / food & drink / meat / verb

beef up (verb)

beefed up (border) controls

the US has ~ (against smuggling)

amelioration & renewal / strength & weakness: cows & cattle / food & drink / meat / verb

beehive (activity)

beehive

the military hospital was a ~ (heavily guarded)

beehive of activity

inside, these buildings were a ~ (hospital)

the place was a ~ (a city newspaper before the internet)

activity / environment: insect

beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.)

Beehive cluster

M44, the ~

proper name: insect / shape

been through (endure, etc.)

been through anything like that
we've never ~ in our family (murder)

been through hell
I've ~

been through this before
this is not our first rodeo, we've ~ (hurricanes)
♦ see also *get through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.)*

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle
experience: journeys & trips / movement

before (at an earlier time)

before tractors and combines
then I did plowing and scything, that was ~, you know...

best-before
the ~ dates are usually 3 or 4 months after delivery (beer)

sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

before (we have hard work before us)

before us
we have hard work ~

future / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

beg (verb)

begging the Department of Defense to address
the group has been ~ this issue

she begged her daughter to come home
she ~

begged the coach to give
Mom ~ me a chance, and he did (Allen Iverson)

beg you to move
melodies, groove and beats ~ (*Electric Warrior*)

begged for his life
he ~

pushed and begged
he ~ for an evacuation plan (Fall of Saigon / 1975)
♦ "Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene / I'm begging of you please don't take my man." (Dolly Parton, Miley Cyrus, Nuff said.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: speech / verb
speech: verb

beget (verb)

begat the Freedom Caucus begat Donald Trump
the Tea Party ~ (NPR's Mara Liasson / 2016)

begat Michael Jordan who begat Tier Woods
he created this paradigm that ~ (O.J. Simpson)

beget work

few living directors ~ that... (the filmmaker Roy Andersson)

begot ingenuity
scarcity ~ (poor kids devise ways to have fun)

creation & transformation / relationship: birth / verb

beginning (just the beginning, etc.)

beginning
it's just the ~ (first picture of black hole in space)
♦ "Beginning is easy, continuing is hard." (A Japanese saying.)

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement

behavior (fire, etc.)

fire behavior
they are seeing ~ that they've never even been trained for

character & personality: materials & substances

behemoth (noun)

behemoth among (federal) agencies
the Department of Defense is a ~

behemoth pickup trucks
~ roar down Main Street (oil-boom town in Texas)

civil rights behemoth
it has built itself into a ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

online (classifieds) behemoth
the ~, Craigslist...

economic behemoth
China has emerged as an ~

political behemoth
other candidates understand that he is a ~ (Joe Biden)

tabular behemoths
these ~ catch in the shallows (icebergs / S. Georgia Island)

cutthroat behemoth
antitrust regulators depict it as a ~ (a tech company)

pop-culture behemoth
the ~ Game of Thrones

lactating behemoths
Holsteins are ~ (versus Ankole cattle)

2,300-page behemoth
it is a ~ (a government act)

four-billion-dollar (accessories) behemoth
Coach is a ~ (fashion)

built the company into a behemoth
he ~ (security)

spells the end for a behemoth
the decision to pull the show ~ that dominated schedules

♦ The Behemoth was a huge land monster mentioned in the Book of Job. Its aquatic counterpart was the Leviathan. Both creatures were controlled by God, and symbolized God's power.

size: allusion / Bible / creature / religion

behind (behind schedule, etc.)

behind on payments

we were ~

behind schedule

they were now almost 2 months ~

falls behind

Faisal ~ (worker at Dairy Queen)

fell behind on a (key) module

later, as Russia ~ (space station)

fell behind in his mortgage

he ~ (money woes)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (competition)

behind in the race

Uber is ~ to develop autonomous vehicles

left behind

Nokia has been ~ by competitors in the smartphone market

competition: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

behind (progress)

behind in school

he is way ~

behind the (learning) curve

we were well ~ (for a military operation)

way behind

he is ~ in school

well behind

we were ~ the learning curve (for a military operation)

fall behind

we want to keep up and not ~ (government official)
the US could ~ China (digital currency)

fallen behind at Fremont

he had ~ at Fremont, not just in history but... (school)

fell behind by 3 years

our program ~ (space)

lag behind

women ~ men in the most visible arenas of science

lagging (far) behind

US students are ~ (education)

left behind

the poor are ~ (services go to wealthy)

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj. particle / walking, running & jumping

behind (in the past)

behind

the team's best days are ~ (sports)

behind her

now it's all ~ (wild lifestyle)

behind him

in college, with his high school playing days ~...

behind it

the 100th mission is ~ (space shuttles)

behind us

now that this is ~, we can move forward (divorce)

it is tempting to believe the danger is ~ (terrorism)

the first phase of the pandemic is ~

our darkness days are ahead of us, not ~ (pandemic)

long behind

his best writing days were ~ by then

get the case behind him

he just wanted to ~ (object of criminal investigation)

left his old life behind

he ~

leave our colonial past behind

the time has come to fully ~ (Barbados)

put his old life behind him

he tried to ~

put their differences behind them

they sought to ~ (diplomacy)

put their (money) problems behind them

her new job ~

♦ "Now that *that* is in the rear-view mirror..." (Behind us.)

♦ "That's all water under the bridge."

♦ "We're so focused on what's ahead, we're not worried about what's behind us." (The boxer Anthony Joshua, speaking about his rematch with Andy Ruiz Jr. AJ had lost the first match, in a tremendous upset.)

past & present / time: direction / journeys & trips / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (responsibility)

behind the bombing

no one knows who is ~

behind the machinery

he is the brains ~ that makes the wave (Kelly Slater's wave)

behind the (new) policy

he is a driving force ~ (a doctor)

behind the project

he was the brains ~

responsibility: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (basis)

behind this decision

what could be ~

behind these new levels

what are the causes ~ of stress (colleges)

idea behind the program

the ~ was to...

logic behind (military) training

the hidden ~

motivation behind the attack

the ~ seems to be to...

personalities behind the inventions

the exhibition is an attempt to bring to life the ~

reasoning behind this

the ~ is that...

story behind the plaque

do you know the ~

theory behind this practice

the ~ is that...

driving force behind development

economics is usually the ~ (zoning)

driving force behind globalization

the ~

driving force behind hostess bars

ultimately money is the ~ (Roppongi)

lies behind

inequality in incomes ~ the divisiveness of our politics

what ~ human behavior

bases: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

relationship: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (support)

behind it

the government has to get ~ and the Prime Minister is against it (a proposal)

behind you

I'm ~ (I support you)

get behind the development

it's time we ~ of renewable energy

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (put something behind)

behind me

they tell me I have to put Nick's death ~ (grieving widow)

put her trauma behind her

she has tried to ~ (rape)

put this behind us

we've got to ~ and move on with our lives (after disaster)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / resiliency: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

behind-the-scenes

behind-the-scenes

a ~ of world hegemony

behind-the-scenes controversy

fraught with ~

behind-the-scenes documentary

a ~ (making of a film)

behind-the-scenes negotiations

~ failed

behind-the-scenes role

his ~

behind-the-scenes strategist

behind-the-scenes workers

a cadre of ~ (state fair)

behind-the-scenes lobbying

months of ~

concealment & lack of concealment: theater

belch (verb)

belched up

a great cloud of steam ~ through the hatch (burst pipe)

belched forth smoke, ash and lava

the volcano ~

belched from the smokestacks

black smoke ~

belched (diesel) exhaust

trucks ~

belched smoke

the engine ~ (coal-fired)

resemblance: bodily reaction / verb

Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.)

racing Bill Belichick

he's a little bit the ~ (Bob Bufford and Justified)

subterfuge: epithet

believer (true believer)

true believer in the cause

she was a ~ (Irish Republican Army)

dogged true believers

the Wikipedia system can put it at the mercy of the ~

progressive true believers

the ~ who flocked to Mr Sanders in 2016 (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: allusion

identity & nature: allusion

commitment & determination: allusion

bell (warning)

alarm bell

civil rights activists sounded the ~s

“fight or flight” bells

that type of rhetoric tends to ring the ~ (Jewish Americans)

warning bell

spiraling suicide rates sound a ~

ring (any) bells

one case doesn't usually ~ (epidemics)

ringing the alarm bell

the mayor is ~ as loudly as he can (coronavirus cases)

set off alarm bells

for Western intelligence, it ~ (Mig-25 “Foxbat”)

sounded the alarm bells

environmentalist have ~ (pollution in Lake Baikal)
civil rights activists ~

sound a warning bell

spiraling suicide rates ~

warning: bell / sound

bell (bells and whistles)

bell and whistle

\$3,200 for a top of the line model with every ~ (a toilet)

bells and whistles

it has more ~ than a fire engine (a sports watch)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / train

bell (ring a bell)

ring a bell

did that name mean anything to you, did it ~ (murder)

consciousness & awareness: bell / sound / verb

bell (unring a bell)

unring a bell

you can't ~ that has already been rung

reversal: bell / sound / verb

bell curve (shape)

distribution of a bell curve

the scores have the ~

shape: bell / direction

bellwether (noun)

bellwether election

Democrats are fretting about losing a ~

bellwether of (global) conservation efforts

island initiatives are a ~

bellwether of (economic) health

the housing market is seen as a ~ by many (US)

bellwether of (African) progress

Ghana again became a ~ (peace, democracy)

bellwether for the condition

small businesses have become a ~ of the US economy

bellwether for the industry

the labor talks could serve as a ~ (airline unions)

watched (by other defendants) as a (potential)

bellwether

the case has been widely ~

♦ A wether is a ram leading a flock of sheep. The shepherd attaches a bell around the ram's neck, to indicate the location of the flock.

direction: sheep

belly (orientation)

belly of the rover

an umbilical runs to a computer inside the ~ (on Mars)

belly of a tank

the slug punches a hole in the ~

belly landing

he questioned whether a ~ would work (space shuttle)

Perseverance's belly

at present, the aircraft is slung beneath ~ (Mars)

orientation: direction / stomach

belly flop (noun)

prime-time belly flop

her speech was a ~

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games / water

bellyful (amount)

bellyful of war

I've had a ~

bellyful of promises and politicking

the people of Britain have had a ~

bellyful of deceit, waste and incompetence

there has been a ~ (New Labour)

amount / consumption: food & drink / stomach

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / stomach

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / stomach

belly-up (adjective)

belly-up

we had plenty of excuses to go ~

went belly-up

the company ~ (failed)

♦ This refers to a dead fish or other animal dead in water.

failure, accident & impairment: animal / death & life / fish

condition & status: animal / death & life / fish

belong (verb)

belongs to the fifth century
of the great philosophers, only Socrates properly ~

belongs to the past
what happened ~ (a historical injustice)

fictive possession: verb

below (behavior)

below you
that's ~

behavior: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
admiration & contempt: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

belt (area)

belt of ice
in winter a 600-mile-wide ~ seals off Antarctica

belt of (coniferous) forests
the taiga—the huge circumpolar ~

Bible Belt
Atlanta versus the surrounding ~ (strip clubs)

Black Belt
the ~, an impoverished region of the rural South (US)

banana belt
the lush ~ of southern Ecuador

farm belt
Louisiana's ~

mineral belt
a large ~ west of Albuquerque

radiation belt
the ~s of earth

snow belt
few move from the sun belt to the ~ (US)

ecologically diverse (transition) belt
this remote, fragile, and ~ between forest and steppe

circumpolar belt
the taiga—the huge ~ of coniferous forests

semiarid belt
the Sahel, a ~ that spans Africa just below the Sahara

25-mile belt
oil fields clustered along a ~ between Basra, Kuwait

♦ A belt often has a buckle. See *buckle (attachment)*

area / configuration: clothing & accessories / shape

belt (below the belt)

belt
he's known for hitting ~ (politics)

behavior: boundary / boxing

restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / boxing

belt (under one's belt)

one expedition (to Gasherbrum II) under his belt
he had ~

7 deployments under his belt
he has ~ (first sergeant)

6,000 jumps under his belt
a skydiver with ~

25 years (of Forest Service work) under his belt
he has ~

experience: clothing & accessories

belt (notch in a belt)

conviction notch in their belts
prosecutors just want another ~ (convict exonerated)

♦ “Carly had belt-notched all those coveted hotties—Cat Stevens, Kris Kristofferson, Warren Beatty, Jack Nicholson, Mick Jagger, James Taylor...” (*Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

achievement, recognition & praise: history / mark / violence

belt (tighten one's belt)

tightening our belts this summer
we will be ~ (pandemic ruins tourist season)

sacrifice: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

belt-tightening

belt-tightening at the Pentagon
he will announce a new round of ~

belt-tightening measures
the school will also take ~ like...

corporate belt-tightening
recent years of ~

fiscal belt-tightening
in an age of ~

sacrifice: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

bemoan (verb)

bemoan the paywall
advocates of open access ~ (academic articles)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

bench (verb)

bench him
the channel decided to ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: sports & games / verb

benchmark (at a benchmark)

at or near that benchmark
these year's figures already are ~ (female graduates)

measurement: mark

benchmark (other)

benchmark

it is a ~ that we must keep in mind

benchmark of skill

I consider the Green Narrows as a ~ (kayaking)

benchmark for toughness

support for capital punishment is a ~ for politicians

benchmark indicator

use objective criteria to establish ~s (environment)

benchmark run

the Green Narrows is a ~ in the Southeast (kayaking)

benchmarks, the milestones

the ~ you speak of in this book, like marriage...

standards and benchmarks

we are working on meeting ~ for curricula (education)

barriers and benchmarks

when it comes to ~, snowboarding has the 1440° spin

established (climbing's new) benchmark

the man who ~ (Tomaz Humar / south face of Dhaulagiri)

performance benchmarks

it ranks first on three of the industry's leading ~

reached (all) the benchmarks

he ~ on or close to schedule (child development)

set the benchmark

she ~ in 1996 (time spent in space)

♦ The round metal USGS plaques on mountaintops are benchmarks that indicate height above sea level.

♦ "The benchmarks I don't worry about that much..." (Teresa Thayer Snyder, former superintendent of Voorheesville school district in upstate New York. She doesn't want schools to get too focused on so-called "lost time" to the COVID-19 pandemic, because the kids learned plenty during the pandemic.)

measurement: mark

bend (bend over backwards)

bends over backwards to be cooperative
the staff ~

bends over backwards being polite
he ~

bending over backwards to comply
we are ~ with the rules

difficulty, easiness & effort: standing, sitting & lying / verb

bend (verb)

bend to demands

Shiites refuse to ~ by Sunnis that...

bend (in any way) to economic pressure
he won't ~ (Daniel Ortega)

bend the government to their will

local leaders who wish to ~

refuse to bend

Shiites ~ to demands by Sunnis that...

caused him to bend

the threat ~ but not break

♦ A reed bends but does not break.

resistance, opposition & defeat: materials & substances / verb

beneath (behavior)

beneath me

that's ~

beneath the dignity

is anything ~ of the Obama White House (politics)

beneath you

that's way ~ (her reaction to his rude proposal)

behavior: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

admiration & contempt: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

Bermuda Triangle

Bermuda Triangle of airspeed

transonic is the unknown, it is the ~ (flying)

legal Bermuda Triangle

this is a ~, trying to figure out who's at fault

certainty & uncertainty fantasy & reality: allusion / history

berserk

went berserk

the elephant ~ and killed its trainer

the 200-pound chimpanzee ~ and was shot dead by police

he hit a home run, and the crowd ~ (sports)

she ~ and stormed out (angry and upset)

behavior / control & lack of control: mental health

berth (a wide berth)

give her a wide berth

I always ~ (a boss)

avoidance & separation: boat

beside (support)

beside me

life is so cruel without you ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

besiege (verb)

besieged (northern) Mexico

violence has ~

besieged NBC with calls

they ~ (to kill a story)

amount & effect: fortification / military / verb

besieged

besieged by email
she has been ~

besieged by lobbyists
Congress is ~

besieged by the media
he was ~

besieged by questions
doctors have been ~ from patients

besieged by reporters
he has been ~

besieged by (corruption) scandals
his government has been ~

besieged borough
more food relief is needed across the ~ (Bronx / pandemic)

besieged politicians
the ~ have started a counterattack (politics)

amount & effect: fortification / military

besity (infobesity, etc.)

“infobesity”
~ is affecting our brains and lives (information overload)

increase & decrease / size: affix

bestial (adjective)

bestial wretchedness
he sees out his days in a state of ~ (retirement)

comparison & contrast: affix / animal

bestiary (noun)

nautical bestiary
silhouettes of sailing junks, different sizes and designs, a ~

taxonomy & classification: animal

bet (all bets are off)

all bets are off
~ (election)

certainty & uncertainty / fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

bete noire (black beast)

his (obstreperous) bete noire
~, Major Ross

affliction: animal / color

betray (verb)

betrayed no emotion
he ~ while the charges against him were read

betrayed an erosion

the recrimination ~ of confidence (Israeli raid)

betraying him

after so many years, his body was ~ (an athlete)

betrayed a hint

neither man ~ of anxiety

betray a (profound) ignorance

animal rightists ~ about nature (opinion)

evidence / fictive communication: verb

concealment & lack of concealment: verb

betray (fail)

betrayed him

he got clipped and his legs ~ (a boxer)

failure, accident & impairment: verb

betrayed

betrayed by (bad) leadership

he had been ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: speech

between (come between, etc.)

come between them and their mom

the only thing that would ~ was death (mom murdered)

division & connection: prep, adv, adj, particle

bewail (verb)

bewailed what they called

defense contractor ~ declining weapons spending

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

conflict / speech: sound / verb

bewitch (verb)

bewitched all

she ~ with a mesmerizing performance

feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb

bewitching (adjective)

bewitching city

Kim is a perfect companion to a ~ (Lahore)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

Bhopal (Australia's Bhopal, etc.)

Australia's Bhopal

Wittenoom is ~ (asbestos contamination)

failure, accident & impairment: epithet

bible (enthusiasm)

Bible of Boxing

The Ring magazine, the ~...

bibles of (backpacking) seekers

those ~ everywhere (*A Time of Gifts*, etc.)

The Sound Effects Bible

Rick Viers, author of ~

♦ "That was Luigi. We met at his house at two, with our good boots on our feet, but no backpacks, no rope (about whose use none of us had any real notion anyway; but we knew—having studied the Alpine Club guidebook—the theory of the double rope, the respective merits of hemp and manila, the technique for rescuing someone from a crevasse, and other fine points), a hundred grams of chocolate in our pockets, and (may God forgive us!) wearing shorts." ("Bear Meat" by Primo Levi. Translated from the Italian by Alessandra Bastagli.)

enthusiasm: Bible / religion

Bible (authority)

Bible of sports

the ~ on the Internet (Internet site)

Bible of (psychiatric) diagnosis

according to the ~, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual

Bible of the (social-media) movement

the ~ is Clay Shirky's "Here Comes Everybody"

bible of psychiatry

the DSM—the ~ (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual)

bible for educators

the text became a ~ (*The Uses of the University*)

fashion bible

Vogue's rise to dominance as the world's ~

so-called bible

the DSM, the ~ of psychiatry...

psychiatric bible

the DSM is the ~ for mental disorders

♦ The DSM is the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

sanctioning, authority, & non-conformity: Bible / religion

bible (hand on the bible, etc.)

hand on a Bible

~, but you must come clean with me...

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: Bible / religion

big (as noun)

do big

we don't just think big, we ~ (an Amazon advertisement)

size: part of speech

big (big fan, etc.)

big crossword guy

my stat teacher was like a ~

extent & scope: size

big (significance)

big fight

we want a ~, a marquee fight (Eddie "Who else" Hearns)

big questions

even when the plan is published, there will be ~...

so big

I knew this was huge, this was ~ (photojournalist)

big name

see big (big name, etc.)

importance & significance: size

big (big name, etc.)

so big

I knew this was huge, this was ~ (photojournalist)

big names

some ~ have not made official announcements yet
a who's who of ~ were present (at Aretha's funeral)

importance & significance: size

Big (comprehension, scope)

Big data

~ is a field that treats way to analyze... (Wikipedia)

Big History

~ has long been out of favor in academic circles
the glib tendentiousness of ~

Big Physics

"~ and New Ideas" by Melvyn J. Shochet (*Science*, 1993)

Big science

~ (see the Wikipedia entry)

deep ecology

books about ~

♦ Big History; "all-encompassing explanatory histories"; "high-wrought" theory; grand narratives; popular history (Jared Diamond, etc.); the standard textbook version... ("Free For All: Is it time to rethink everything we've been taught about the origins of 'civilization'?" by Gideon Lewis-Kraus, *The New Yorker*, November 8, 2021.)

extent & scope / importance & significance: size

big bang ("Big Bang" of country music, etc.)

big bang

the ~ had been the surprise hit, "Tom Dooley" (folk)

big bang of the beginning

the ~ of country music is supposed to be in 1927

legislative "big bang"

it is a ~ on par with the creation of the euro ("Fit For 55")

"Big Bang" of country music

the sessions at Bristol became known as the ~

♦ The "Big Bang" of country music was 1927. That's the year of the Bristol sessions when both the Carter family and Jimmie Rodgers recorded in Bristol, Tennessee. The rest is history.

♦ The Big Bang had been the Kingston Trio's 1958 surprise #1 hit, "Tom Dooley..." (The 1960s mainstream ascendance of folk music. From the wonderful *Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

epithet: astronomy

origin: astronomy / epithet

big bang (in a big bang)

go out in a big bang
he wanted ~ (suicide)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: astronomy / sound

big brother (relationship)

Instagram's big brother
he came from ~, Facebook (Mosseri)

role of the big brother
he was playing the ~ (making things better for athletes)

calls Taiwan its "big brother"
Somaliland ~ (mutual diplomatic recognition)

thought of him as a big brother
his players ~, he took an interest in their off-field lives
♦ "Sorry I wasn't there to watch your back like a big brother's supposed to." (Chris Eubank Jnr's tweet on the tragic death of Sebastian, the third-eldest child of the great boxer Chris Eubank.)

relationship: family

Big Brother (oppression)

Big Brother intrusion
why cave in to such a ~ on your privacy

oppression: allusion

allusion: books & reading

big gun (and heavy gun)

big gun
they didn't have their ~s tonight (injured players)
he has brought in another ~ to help in his Senate bid

heavy guns
he is bringing out his ~ (wife and family / scandal)

spiked their guns
Spallanzani had ~ with a simple fact (science dispute)

♦ "When you wheel out your biggest gun to take down the incumbent president, it frees Biden to be a lot more positive tonight." (Political strategist Paul Begala, speaking about Obama's direct criticism of Trump at the Democratic Convention.)

♦ "Big guns" refer to artillery, the King of Battle. Artillerymen have been traditionally referred to as Redlegs. They tend to be hard of hearing.

♦ "The Turks have 12-inch guns at Aqaba, Sir. Can you imagine what that means?" (*Lawrence of Arabia*, the film.)

♦ "This is the battle for Tumbledown Mountain, with the Scots Guards and the Gurkhas going in on Monday morning in the early hours. The big guns have been talking to each other, and now it's the troops on the ground who are moving in." (A BBC reporter covering the 1982 Falklands War.)

strength & weakness: military / weapon

importance & significance: military / size / weapon

bighearted (and big-hearted)

big-hearted personality
he was known for his ~

bighearted, (supremely) patient man
he was a ~ (speech therapist)

character & personality / size: heart

heart: size

big league (and big leagues)

big-league hotel
it's a ~ with a celebrity chef

big-league philanthropy
~ has its critics (Gates, Buffet, Zuckerberg, etc.)

big-league politician
he's a ~

drafted into the big leagues
many internet celebrities may never be ~ (stardom)

**attainment / importance & significance / success & failure:
baseball / size / sports & games**

big shot (person)

big-shot (Hollywood) director
he's a ~

children of big shots
~ and university admissions

protozoological big shots
before he was thirty Schaudinn was one of the ~

person: force / weapon

importance & significance / power: person / size / weapon

big up (as verb)

big his career up
he's just trying to ~

big himself up
he's just trying to ~ by using someone else's grief

big yourself up
do you really need to ~ by...

increase & decrease: part of speech / size / verb

bigwig (person)

psychiatric bigwigs
the ~ of Europe...

person: society

importance & significance / power: person / size

bilge (noun)

bilge
he has lost credibility for writing that ~

worth & lack of worth: boat

bill (butcher's bill, etc.)

"butcher's bill"
the Duke of Wellington used to call it the ~ (casualties)

butcher's bill to be paid

there's a ~, and it accrues to bin Laden (embassy bombings)

♦ “At the beginning of the Battle of the Somme, on July 1, 1916, the British Army suffered 60,000 dead and wounded—in one day. It was arguably the worst butcher’s bill in military history.” (“Why World War I Resonates,” by William Boyd, *The New York Times*, Jan. 21, 2012.)

♦ “The Gulf War was 30 years ago and we’re still there messing around. I don’t know what the answer is but the people who profit sure aren’t paying the bills.” (Kbbpli, March 3, 2021, about the rocket attack on al-Asad airbase, March 3, 2021.)

military: consumption / meat / money

billboard (noun)

billboard for what

Walmart is a ~ employment practices should be

attention, scrutiny & promotion / representation: picture / sign, signal, symbol

bill of health (clean bill of health)

clean bill of health

the bank was given a ~ (by auditors)

gives them a clean bill of health

the E.P.A. still ~ (chemicals in tap water)

give investments a clean bill of health

analysts felt pressured to ~ or lose business

received a clean bill of health

the reservoir ~ from inspectors (prior to collapse)

♦ This phrase probably relates to ships in foreign ports. Such ships would be in quarantine until port officials determined that the crew was not carrying an infectious disease.

condition & status: health & medicine

billy club

psychological billy club

it’s a ~ to coerce a person (lie-detector test)

coercion & motivation: violence / weapon

oppression: violence / weapon

bind (in a bind)

leaving cities in a bind

a police shortage is ~

put it in a bind

Pakistan’s support for militants has ~

situation: container / rope

bind (constraint)

double bind

too sweet or two shrill, the ~ for women

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

bind (constrain)

bind her

she questions the traditions that ~

constraint & lack of constraint: rope / verb

bind (connect)

bind

the ties that ~

bind the characters

the ties that ~ gradually become clear

binds us to where

making wine ~ we are (California)

build and bind

book clubs can help ~ communities

attachment / division & connection: rope / verb

binding (adjective)

binding changes

there are these legally ~ from Brussels (Brexit)

non-binding referendum

Puerto Rico voted for US statehood in a ~

ironclad, waterproof, bulletproof, (legally) binding

we need ~ guarantees (Sergey Ryabkov / diplomacy)

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

binge (on a binge)

on a building binge

China has been ~ for decades (infrastructure)

gone on a (hiring) binge

the company has ~

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol

binge (other)

binge

the ~ is over (spending by elected officials)

the ~ was epic and so is the hangover (housing market)

binge of (skate-park) construction

the city continued the ~ (NYC)

binge flying

London seeks to curb “~” (airport expansions)

gone on a (spending) binge

the Democrats have ~

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol

biography (non-human)

“biography of the grain”

Amber Waves presents itself as a ~ (by Catherine Zabinski)

biography of a movie

his book is, essentially, the ~ (*Shooting ‘Midnight Cowboy’*)

♦ “The human relationship with wheat is the subject of Catherine Zabinski’s short book *Amber Waves*, which presents itself as a ‘biography’ of the grain, although she reminds us on page three that ‘wheat isn’t a person’ in case we were liable to be confused.” (*Flour Fixated*” by Bee Wilson, *London Review of Books*, 24 September 2020.)

♦ Nonhuman and nonliving things can have biographies, autobiographies, obituaries and even be characters.

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading

biopsy (analysis)

biopsy that

one way you could kind of ~ or look at it... (a subject)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine / verb

bird-dog (verb)

bird-dogged him

we ~ at press conferences (Chicago protestor / mayor)

affliction: animal / dog / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting

birds and the bees

talk about the birds and the bees

I finally had that ~ with my son

know about the birds and the bees

does she ~

sex: euphemism

bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)

bird's-eye view of the battlefield

drones give commanders a ~

bird's-eye view from a plane

you get a ~

◆ This has morphed to "helicopter view," a "3,000-foot perspective," "the 30,000-foot level," "the 40,000-foot level," and "maybe you have to look at things from 20 billion miles up to get this kind of perspective."

◆ "Ten years later he likened his own position as minister to riding 'comfortably on an elephant, whose trunk could pick up a pin or uproot a tree with equal ease, and from whose back a wide scene lay open.'" (Winston Churchill, Minister of Munitions of War in 1917. From *Churchill: Walking With Destiny* by Andrew Roberts.)

perception, perspective & point of view: animal / bird / height / position

birth (creation)

birth of Pakistan

since the ~ in 1947

movement's birth

the city of their ~ (Kandahar / Taliban)

nation's birth

Sunnis have dominated politics since the ~ in 1920 (Iraq)

given birth

Atlanta has ~ to a new generation of rappers (US)

creation & transformation: birth

birthday (creation)

France's birthday

July 14 is ~

175th birthday

the institution's ~ (the Smithsonian Institution)

creation & transformation: birth

birthed (created)

birthed in the mid to early 2000's

the movement was most likely ~ by two men (MGTOW)

creation & transformation: birth

birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.)

birthplace of democracy

Greece, the ~

birthplace of Islam

Saudi Arabia, the ~

birthplace of humanity

Africa is the ~

birthplace of country music

Bristol, Tennessee has been called the ~ (1927)

birthplace of Chinese maritime shipbuilding

the Pagoda Anchorage has been called the "~~" (Mawei)

birthplace of the French tacos

it is among several contenders for the ~ (Vaulx-en-Velin)

epithet: birth

origin: birth / epithet

bit (champ at the bit)

champing at the bit to start

he was ~

eagerness & reluctance: horse / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: horse

bit (bit between its teeth)

get the bit between his teeth

Whyte will ~ (Dillian Whyte / boxing)

got the bit between his teeth alright

he's ~ (T.E. Lawrence and Damascus / the film)

commitment & determination / constraint & lack of constraint / control & lack of control: horse / verb

bite (resemblance)

bit into him

the lash ~again and again (*Call of the Wild*)

bit into her neck

the cord ~

resemblance: animal / teeth / verb

biting (adjective)

biting cold

once the ~ arrives

biting (social) critic

he was a ~

biting sanctions
these are the most ~ every imposed

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / sensation / teeth

bitten (enthusiasm)

bitten by the bug
and so I really got ~ (acting, in high school)

bitten by the action bug
as a boy, he was ~

bitten by the cycling bug
as a youth he played soccer before he was ~

enthusiasm: insect / sensation

bitter (personality)

bitter
he isn't ~, just wiser

bitter, angry and hostile
he was ~ (sick man with undiagnosed illness)

angry, bitter (m)
I've talked to amputees that went through a real ~ stage

became bitter
he ~ to the point of suicidal (soldier back from Iraq)

♦ Don't be bitter, be better!

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

character & personality: food & drink / taste

bitter (bitter weather, etc.)

bitter cold
they escaped into the ~ (house fire in winter)

bitter winds
~ from Manchuria

bitter (Balkan) winter
the ~

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

bitter (a bitter blow, etc.)

bitter battles
she resigned last June after four years of ~ (university)

bitter blow
the defeat was a ~ for Serbia and Montenegro (soccer)

bitter (political) climate
the increasingly ~ ahead of elections next summer

bitter (international) controversy
despite the ~ (oil project)

bitter disappointment
he proved to be a ~ (a judge)
but a ~ awaited us... (expedition)

bitter dispute
they are locked in a ~ over Kashmir

bitter end
she maintained her innocence to the ~
it's a ~ to a pioneering, powerful career (prison)

bitter enemies
Ethiopia and Eritrea, ~... (fighting proxy war in Somalia)

bitter fact
car-jacking is a ~ of life

bitter feelings
Iranians have ~ towards Saddam Hussein

bitter irony
in a ~, female military personnel guard captured Taliban

bitter memories
helped erase ~ of the 1994 players strike (baseball)

bitter negotiations
flight attendants are engaged in ~ with the company

bitter (late-night) negotiations
after ~

bitter taste
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

bitter (family) power struggle
he is kept on the throne because of a ~

bitter and long-running (m)
the bloody culmination of a ~ feud (cop / citizen)

long and bitter
a ~ family feud over the estate of Jimi Hendrix

consumption / feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

bittersweet (adjective)

bittersweet
the recognition was ~ (combat soldier who survived)
the victory was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

black (Black Sea, etc.)

Black Sea
Turkey has coast on the ~

Black Volta
the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

♦ The White Volta's main tributaries are the Black Volta and the Red Volta.

proper name: color

geography: color / proper name

black (warning)

black diamond
only expert skiers should try a double ~ trail

black flag
don't swim or boat if you see a ~ at the beach

black (rainstorm) warning
it was the city's first ~ this year (Hong Kong)
♦ "Hong Kong has three levels of rainstorm warning, with black being the highest. The second highest is red. The third highest is amber."

warning: color / sign, signal, symbol

black (feeling)

black depression
he fell into a ~

black dog
I am trying to hold on to my senses, to fend off the ~

black mood
still the ~ clung to Scott

feeling, emotion & effect: color

black (black day, etc.)

black day
it was a ~ for democracy (Zimbabwe)
his resignation was a ~ for British diplomacy
401 jobs slashed on ~ for Fife (*the Courier*)

Black Friday
~, 1929, when the New York stock market crashed...

black summer
Australia's ~ (2019-2020 bushfire season)

Black Sunday
the ~ dust storm of April 14, 1935 (US)

feeling, emotion & effect: color

black (while black, female, brown, Muslim, etc.)

being royal while black
~ (the Duchess of Sussex, Meghan / NPR)

being watched while black
the play is about ~ (*Fairview*)

Birding While Black
~ (Jason Ward / Christian Cooper / NPR)

'Canvassing While Black'
the ~ incident (Janelle Bynum, Oregon representative)

coping while black
~ (race-based trauma)

"Driving While Black"
the new PBS documentary, ~ (history)

driving while Black
~ is still a crime in Louisiana (Eugene W. Collins)

existing while black
the challenges of ~ (NPR)

Farming While Black
she details her experiences in her new book, ~ (NPR)

Geocaching While Black

he writes about encountering racism on his blog, ~ (NPR)

living while black
what it's like ~, in Japan (NPR)
getting a citation for ~ (King Anyi Howell / NPR)

PWI-ing While Black
~ was created for the NPR Student Podcast Challenge

Rowing While Black
"A Most Beautiful Thing: ~" (NPR)

running while black
he was 25 years old, and ~ (Ahmaud Arbery / NPR)

"running while black"
there has been a lot more conversation about ~ (Arbery)

sleeping while black
Breonna Taylor was ~

Traveling While Black
her new book, ~ (Nanjala Nyabola / NPR)

Living (and Dying) While Black
The Beast Side: ~in America (by D. Watkins)

play classical music while Black
what it can look like to ~ (NPR)

♦ "You can't walk while black. With Ahmaud you can't jog while black... Driving while black. But Breonna Taylor was sleeping while black in the sanctity of her own home." (Civil rights and personal injury attorney Ben Crump.)

♦ "Black women have been killed in many of the same circumstances as their brothers, fathers and sons. They've been killed driving while Black, being in their homes while Black, having mental crises while Black." (Kimberle Crenshaw.)

♦ DWB (driving while black); LWB (living while black)... (Text.)
♦ "Talking While Female." (Narrated by NPR's Selena Simmons-Duffin.)
♦ "Reporting While Brown in The Summer of Trump." (Gene Denby.)
♦ "Running while brown. Skittish while Muslim." (NPR. Code Switch. Race. In Your Face.)

♦ "Like the murder of Sarah Everard in the UK last year, [the murder of Ashling Murphy] has reignited the debate about safety of women as they go about their everyday business [italics mine]. ("Ashling Murphy: Irish police arrest man on suspicion of teacher's murder" by Lisa O'Carroll, *The Guardian*, 18 Jan 2022.)

♦ "Outside lay the body of a man killed for being in his home." (An ABC report on Ukraine-Russia War, the first war of the TikTok era.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

blackball (verb)

blackball him
he has accused teams of colluding to ~ (an athlete)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society / verb
oppression: color / mark / society / verb

blackballed

blackballed by league owners
the truth is he was ~ (NFL player Colin Kaepernick)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society
oppression: color / mark / society

black belt (person)

bureaucratic black belt

he was a skilled infighter, a ~ (State Department)

person: sports & games

ability & lack of ability / conflict: person / sports & games

black box (noun)

black box

the military is a ~, you never know what's going on
~s whose inner workings are mysterious (brains)
it's really a ~ (human embryo research vs. rats, mice)
the FCC is a ~, they don't tell you what they are doing

big black box

it's the ~ we're going to try and look into (investigation)

access & lack of access / analysis, interpretation & explanation / concealment & lack of concealment: color / tools & technology

black eye

black eye for Rupert Murdoch

what a ~ (scandal)

black eye for the sport

when judges cheat, it's a ~ (Olympic figure skating)

brought a black eye to the sport

they have ~ (swim coaches photograph nude girls)

puts a black eye on the sport

it really ~ (cyclist admits to doping)

take a black eye for this

I don't think Cleveland will ~ (fan riot)

gives us (all) a black eye

it ~ (hunter on hunter who shot a tame deer)

flaws & lack of flaws / reputation: color / eye / mark

black hole

legal black hole

he is being kept in a ~ (arrested)

black hole for communication

Afghanistan was a ~ (no infrastructure)

in a black hole

I was ~ (unable to easily communicate)

♦ In a black hole, the gravity is so strong that not even light can escape.
In other words, nothing gets out.

access & lack of access / concealment & lack of concealment / consciousness & awareness / isolation & remoteness: astronomy / color / light & dark

blacklist (verb)

blacklist the (Chinese) company

the decision to ~ was seen as a bargaining ploy (tariffs)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society / verb

oppression: color / mark / society /verb

blacklisted

blacklisted

his books have been ~ (disgraced French author)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society

oppression: color / mark / society

Black Mirror

Black Mirror

it's all very ~, isn't it (deep fakes and journalism, etc.)

Black Mirror stuff

this is some real-life ~ (facial recognition)

♦ Black Mirror is a TV science-fiction series created by Charlie Brooker that updated the older Twilight Zone series (see *Twilight Zone*).

fantasy & reality: allusion

black operations (and black ops)

Black Ops Advertising

she is the author of ~

♦ "Just as the military has moved from face-to-face action to covert operations, so-called black ops, so advertising has moved from being obvious to more hidden, in particular, through social media." ("The Kids Who Decide What All The Other Kids Talk About," BBC Sounds, presented by journalist Paul Mason.)

concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: military

black out (verb)

blacked out

I ~ (alcohol)

consciousness & awareness: alcohol / color / verb

black sheep

black sheep of the band

Dennis was already the ~ (the Beach Boys)

black sheep of the family

he's the ~

I was the ~ and took the wrong direction (gang)

black-sheep brother

invite the ~ to the wedding

character & personality: animal / color / sheep

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / color / sheep

black site (national security)

archipelago of black sites

he had been tortured in the CIA's ~

access & lack of access / concealment & lack of concealment / consciousness & awareness / isolation & remoteness: color / light & dark

blank (fill in the blanks)

fill in the blanks

they want to ~, connect the dots, figure out... (probe)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: school & education

blanket (verb)

blanketed (much of) the Northwest in ash
the eruption ~ (volcano)

blanketed the city with (orange) dust
the huge sandstorm ~ (Beijing / 2010)

blanketed the Southeast
forests ~ before European settlers arrived

blanketed the area
federal, state and local police ~ (manhunt)

blanketed (several) cities
snow and ice ~

blanketed the island
ash and smoke have ~ of St. Vincent (eruption)

blanketed mountains
snow ~ in the UAE, a rare occurrence

configuration / cover: blanket / cloth / verb

blanket (under a blanket)

under the blanket of snow
polar plants and animals ~

configuration / cover: cloth / blanket

blanket (cover)

blanket of ash
a ~ covered the orange and lemon trees (eruption)

blanket of clouds
a ~ hid Pumori, Ama Dablam, and other lesser peaks

configuration / cover: blanket / cloth

blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)

blanket amnesty
he has offered a ~ to the soldiers (New Guinea)
he does not favor a ~ for illegal immigrants

blanket guarantee
is that a ~ that...

blanket policy
airlines handle it on a case-by-case basis, without a ~

blanket statement
it is a ~ that is just not right

extent & scope: cloth / blanket

blanketed

blanketed by (lush) forests
Haiti was once ~ (now 90% deforested)

configuration / cover: cloth / blanket

blaring (headlines, etc.)

blaring headlines

~, fleshy photos and breathless coverage (a tabloid)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

blasphemy

committing blasphemy
is he ~ by... (analysis of war strategy)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

blast (criticize)

blasted him for taking
they ~ this position (politics)

blasted her
her critics ~ (politics)

blasted his predecessor
Obama finally ~ by name

speech: explosion / sound / verb / weapon

accusation & criticism: explosion / force / military / verb / weapon

blast (blasted the Bahamas, etc.)

blasted the Bahamas with (maximum sustained) winds
Hurricane Dorian ~ of 185 m.p.h.

force: storm

blasted apart

canon has been blasted apart
but that ~ (doctors withhold prognosis)

destruction: explosion

blather (noun)

patriotic blather
~, like “*Dulce et decorum est / Pro Patria mori*”

worth & lack of worth: speech

blaze (blaze a trail, etc.)

blazed
thank you, Penny Marshall, for the trails you ~

importance & significance: history / journeys & trips / mark
searching & discovery: history / journeys & trips / mark

blaze (in a blaze of glory)

went out in a blaze of glory
he ~ (Custer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: fire / light & dark

bleed (verb)

bled across borders
the crisis has ~ (terrorism)

bleeding into everything
politics is ~ (*Dancing with Stars* kerfuffle)

bleed over into other things
does that delusional disorder ~

bleeds into their personal lives
inevitably their work ~ (FBI hunters of serial killers)

bleeding us dry
this price war is ~ (destroying our profits)

bleeding cash
Airbus is ~, chief executive warns

bleeding jobs
US manufacturing have been ~

bleeding money
the school was ~ (troubled charter school)

leaking: blood / health & medicine / verb

bleed (noun)

talent bleed
the conventional explanation for ~ is... (military)

stanch the (talent) bleed
if the Army hopes to ~, it needs to...

leaking: blood / health & medicine

bleeding

financial bleeding
you need to stop your ~ now

staunched the bleeding
opening up ~ of its tourism sector (Dubai / pandemic)

leaking: blood / health & medicine

blemish (noun)

blemish on the game
his injury was the only ~ (sports)

blemishes against him
I'm a massive fan, but there are those two ~ (boxer / drugs)

ugly blemish
the Charlottesville tragedy was “an ~” on the US (2017)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark

blend (mixture)

blend of fear, anger, need, and love
their relationship was a toxic ~

mixture: materials & substances

blend in (verb)

blend in
Tom Wolfe did not ~ (clothes, writing)

easily blend in
drug traffickers ~ (Atlanta)

concealment & lack of concealment: mixture / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: mixture / verb

blessed

blessed
with sun and wind, California is ~ (renewable energy)

blessed with (over) 100 waterfalls
Sri Lanka is ~

blessed with good looks and money
she wasn't just ~, she was also smart

cost & benefit: religion

blessing (sanction)

blessing of the board
the bid is expected to get the ~

with the city's blessing
~, cars pair up for duels (legal drag racing)

his blessing
to acquire public credibility, ~ was essential

given the vote its blessing
the election board has ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

blessing (benefit)

blessing
the seasonal flooding of the Mekong is a ~, not a curse

blessing or a bane
oil can be a ~ for a country (corruption, etc.)

blessing and a burden
patients see choice as both a ~

blessing and a curse
these gems have been a ~ (Sierra Leone diamonds)
the annual rains are a ~ for the subcontinent (floods)

blessings as well as its scourges
celebrity's ~

mixed blessing
progress has been a ~

cost & benefit: religion

blight (verb)

blighted (Aboriginal) communities
alcohol and poverty have ~ (Northern Territory)

blights the present
history ~ (Balkans)

corruption: plant / verb

blight (noun)

moral blight
“whiteness” is not a ~ (race)

urban blight
the group is devoted to fighting ~ (buildings)

corruption: plant

blighted

blighted economy
as Greece's ~ plunges further into the abyss

blighted neighborhoods
the city's ~

corruption: plant

blind (noticing, understanding, judging)

blind to merit
the military personnel system is nearly ~

"blind" to genocide preparations
the report said France had been ~ (Rwanda)

blind to race, religion and ethnicity
the state is ~ (French ideal)

blind to (all) reason and decency
terrorists are ~

blind spot
rivals of the U.S. are aware of this ~ (NSA surveillance)

blind, deaf and dumb
terrorists are ~ to all reason and decency

colorblind
~ justice under the law is enshrined in our system (US)
the ~ application of the rule of law

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye

consciousness & awareness: eye

blind (hard to see, hidden)

blind curve
~ (sign)

blind drop
please scout ~s (kayaker Edward Lee Green)

blind spot
deserts can produce ~s (radio signal strength)

face blind
some people are ~ (can't recognize familiar faces)

♦ "Edward Lee Green / 1953-Dec. 27, 1998 / Outstanding musician, adventurer, loving father, beloved friend. His unique talents will be forever missed by those who knew him. / Died as a result of pinning at Crack-in-the-Rock Rapid Dec. 23, 1998 on the Raven Fork in Cherokee, NC. / Please Scout Blind Drops. / Jesus said, "I am the way..." John 14:6. (Monument at Dillsboro put-in on the Tuckasegee River.)

sight: eye

blind (disregarding evidence, logic)

blind faith
he had this ~ in me (defensive coach)

blind hatred
terrorists are driven by ~

blind optimism
hope is not ~ (Barak Obama)

commitment & determination: eye

blind (not controlled by intelligence)

blind draw
one judge becomes a substitute in a ~

fate, fortune & chance: eye

blind (fly blind)

flyling blind
the psychiatrist is ~ (treating soldiers with drugs)
the US economy is ~ (during government shutdown)
♦ "We are flying partly blind. It's like having, maybe, thirty flashlights that you're just arbitrarily shining at different locales around the United States, and the rest of the country is in the dark." (Identifying mutations of the COVID virus. Dr. David Relman of Stanford University.)

consciousness & awareness: plane

blind alley (noun)

ran into blind alleys
he ~ (a scientist)

lead him down blind alleys
his dribbling skills would ~ (young soccer phenom)

success & failure: infrastructure / journeys & trips
progress & lack of progress: infrastructure / journeys & trips

blind date

blind date
I was on a ~ with this great guy

sight: eye

blinded

blinded by love
I was so ~ that I didn't see the problem in front of me

consciousness & awareness: eye

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

blinder (noun)

narrow blinders
it takes self-awareness to view the world without ~

binders fell from her eyes
she recalled how the ~ (she thought he loved only her)

viewed through the blinders
every issue is ~ of a particular interest (government)

♦ Binders are the same as blinkers.

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / horse
consciousness & awareness: eye / horse

blindfold (noun)

America's blindfold

~ was finally coming off (COVID spreading in US)

consciousness & awareness: eye

blinding

blinding sandstorm

another day of ~s and battlefield confusion (Iraq)
a ~ in Baghdad forced the postponement of...

blinding whiteout

a snowstorm caused a ~ (50-vehicle pileup)

sight: eye

blindly

blindly committed

the IMF is ~ to the policy of...

commitment & determination: eye

blind side (from the blind side)

blind side

fire team approaches the bunker from its ~

sight: eye

blindsided

blindsided by his action

we were ~

blindsided by Johnson's announcement

the Lakers were clearly ~ ("Magic" Earvin resigns)

blindside by (nude-photos) leak

Jennifer Lawrence ~

readiness & preparedness: eye

consciousness & awareness: eye

blind spot

blind spot

it's a ~ so enormous we barely notice it (concern for future)

ethical blind spot

he has an ~ regarding the appearance of impropriety

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye

consciousness & awareness: eye

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

blink (conflict)

blink

America will not ~ in the fight against terrorists
there's a conflict here and somebody has to ~ (politics)

blink first

who will ~ in this third set (tennis / Wimbledon)

blinks first

so it becomes a case of who ~ (the West vs. Iran)

blinked and then backed down

Obama ~ (Syria crosses red line)

feeling, emotion & effect: eye

conflict / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / eye / gesture / verb

blink (in the blink of an eye)

in the blink of an eye

and ~ it let go (cougar attack)

my family disappeared ~ (pandemic)

flowering plants conquered the world seemingly ~

speed: eye

blink (light)

blinked its lights

a Mercedes ~

resemblance: eye / verb

blinkered (adjective)

blinkered denial

his ~ of what is obvious tells us all we need to know

blinkered narrow-mindedness

if only the Western media could shed its ~

perception, perspective & point of view: horse / eye

consciousness & awareness: horse / eye

blinkers (noun)

pulls away the blinkers

she ~, widening the focus (*The Gun, the Ship, and the Pen*)

♦ **Blinkers are the same as blinders.**

perception, perspective & point of view: horse / eye

consciousness & awareness: horse / eye

blip (noun)

blip

the drop may simply be a "~~" (deaths from virus)

blip of cases

we don't want these ~ to become resurgences of cases

blip of coverage

after a mere ~, it fell off the front pages (club fire)

blip on the radar screen

Ecstasy is no longer a ~ (the club scene)

blip on the (campaign) radar

foreign policy was barely a ~ (2019 electioneering)

blip on the (historical) radar

the industry is such a small ~ right now

blip in the data

is it a trend or just a ~

blip in the history of the United States

in some ways, Prohibition seems like a ~

blip or a lasting feature
economists disagree over whether it is a short-term ~

blip or a trend
is his loss a ~ (electoral defeat)

blip or a lasting trend
is the record number of women candidates a ~

blip or a hint of the future
are falling oil prices a ~

short-term blip
it may be a ~ or a lasting feature (wage inflation)

temporary blip
the figures suggest a recovery, not just a ~ (economy)
his success was still dismissed as a ~ (young politician)

slight blips
police report only ~ in security plans

tiny little blip
the Wuhan virus will be “a ~ on the horizon” (prediction)

barely a blip
for the young, the nuclear test is ~ (not important)

just a blip
the decrease in the daily death toll may be ~ (pandemic)

movement or a blip
is it a ~ (voters elect socialist mayor in US)

ignored the movement as a blip
many ~ that would never break into the mainstream (gays)

♦ Oscilloscopes and radar screens have blips.

importance & significance: size / tools & technology
presence & absence: size / tools & technology
starting, going, continuing & ending: size / tools & technology

blistering (adjective)

blistering attacks
many groups have issued ~ on her (a journalist)

blistering comment
a ~ came from....

blistering speech
Greta Thunberg gave a ~ at the climate summit

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

blitz (campaign)

blitz by the White House
the news precipitated a public-relations ~

blitz of (negative) advertising
there has been a ~ (politics)

blitz surrounding her (latest) album
the promotional ~

blitz chess

Carlsen beat Karpov in a game of ~

media blitz
a local ~ keeps her picture on the front pages (missing)

publicity blitz
a ~ arranged by advisers (for a politician)

public-relations blitz
the news precipitated a ~ by the White House

advertising blitz
a lavish ~ (for Microsoft software)

promotional blitz
the ~ surrounding her latest album (singer)

waging a (full-scale media) blitz
he has been ~ (ex-politician promotes his book)

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion / campaign: military / weapon

blizzard (consciousness)

“blizzard of everything”
a life lived online in the ~ (Patricia Lockwood character)

feeling their way in a blizzard
financial analysts are ~, squinting through the snow

consciousness & awareness: snow & ice / weather & climate

blizzard (noun)

blizzard
with the ~ in full fury, I sent out a tweet (a Twitter storm)

blizzard of (red, white and blue) confetti
a ~ (New Years in Time Square)

blizzard of fire
there was a ~ at the intersection (combat)

blizzard of intruders
we are constantly faced by a positive ~ (pathogens)

blizzard of punches
he has withstood a ~ (a boxer)
he would throw a ~ (prior to fight / Muhammad Ali)

blizzard of (new) regulations
businesspeople have been affected by a ~

blizzard of speculation
there has been a ~ (honeymoon murder)

blizzard of facts and figures
it is included in a ~ that obscures...

Scorsesean blizzard
there is a ~ of directors’ names (during an interview)

♦ “The blizzard was what we called a purga, during which the temperature can drop well below zero, with the gale so violent that it will lift roofs off houses and uproot trees. Walking during a purga is out of the question. As a rule every blizzard is accompanied by loss of life. / Around us the scene was unbelievable... / We shrank back in our tents and sat in silent awe...” (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

amount & effect: snow & ice / storm

bloated (size)

bloated budget

the US must resolve its ~

bloated bureaucracy

the ~ isn't keeping us safer (national security)

bloated inbox

a ~ is a familiar headache

bloated and inefficient

our intelligence agencies are ~

refugee-bloated (m)

a ~ population

size: fatness & thinness / health & medicine

block (around the block)

around the block

he has been ~ and fought for world titles (a boxer)

experience: infrastructure

block (obstacle)

writer's block

but sometimes ~ hits and I can't think of a way to start

♦ In the dictionary I use, there is no entry for "writer's block" but there is an entry for "writer's cramp."

♦ "The log jam broke." (Writer's block.)

obstacles & impedance: wall

block (out of the blocks)

quick out of the blocks

Liverpool were ~ in the second half (soccer)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

blockbuster (noun)

blockbuster

the modern age of ~s (films)

blockbuster antidepressant

Prozac, its ~ (drug company)

blockbuster (IMAX) film

the ~ Everest

blockbuster (fraud) suit

the agency brought a ~ against the company

blockbuster writer

such ~s as...

* Blockbusters were high-explosive bombs dropped on cities in World War II.

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion / feeling,

emotion & effect / success & failure: explosion / weapon

blogosphere (in the blogosphere)

in the blogosphere

the videos appear to be firmly entrenched ~

computer: earth & world / place

blogosphere (other)

blogosphere

the ~ is alight with conspiracy theories

percolating (for years) around the blogosphere

the argument has been ~

computer: earth & world / place

blood (in one's blood)

in his blood

he has politics and showmanship ~ (Gov. Andrew Cuomo)
it was in his genes, ~ (Calvin Klein sketches as kid)

in my blood

it wasn't ~ (working in family business)
this place is ~ (High Street resident / Newark)
the city is ~ (Baghdad)

in our blood

cricket is ~ (A Pakistani fan)
the love of jade is ~ (a Han Chinese)

gets in your blood

it ~ (helping others at Arlington National Cemetery)

♦ "The city is in my blood, the ruins of its palaces, the mosques and the river." (An Iraqi, speaking of Baghdad.)

♦ "He has aviation fuel running through his veins." Said of an ex-RAF, ex-BA pilot who flies airshows.

identity & nature: blood

blood (identity)

family blood

our ~ says never give up, continue on (Nik Wallenda)

drop of Russian blood

there was not a ~ in her veins (Catherine the Great)

♦ "I may be from Tampa, but my blood is in Cuba... I have a lot of family still left in Cuba." (Kevin Morejon, protesting in Florida.)

identity & nature: blood

blood (in cold blood)

shoot her (3 times) in cold blood

how could he ~....

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

blood (blood on one's hands, etc.)

blood on his hands

he has ~ (terrorist financier)

blood on their hands

we say they have ~ (companies that used slaves)

has blood on his hands

he ~ (a politician)

drenched in blood

his hands were ~ (a terrorist)

drenched Russia in blood
he has ~ (Stalin)

guilt / involvement / responsibility: blood / hand

blood (smell blood)

scent blood

Mr Prayuth's enemies ~ (Thailand)

smell blood

they ~ (victory in tournament)

smells blood

the opposition Labor Party ~ (vote of no confidence)

smell blood in the water

Republicans ~

conflict: animal / blood / predation / verb

blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.)

with blood in their eyes

other soldiers, ~, came up and threatened to shoot him

♦ see also *mist (red mist), red (see red)*

feeling, emotion & effect / violence: blood / color / mental health

blood (out for blood)

out for blood

she is ~ (vindictive)

conflict / punishment & recrimination: animal / blood / predation

blood (draw blood)

drawn blood

nobody has ~ yet (chess match with 8 draws)

conflict: animal / blood / predation

blood (blood boils)

blood boils

my ~ when I see violations (traffic)

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

blood (blood runs cold)

made my blood run cold

and then he said something that ~ (violence)

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

blood (young blood, etc.)

fresh blood

the king might reshuffle his cabinet to inject ~

young blood

the US must add ~ to its veteran roster (women's soccer)

experience: blood

blood (bad blood)

bad blood

the ~ started early (politics)

bad blood between them

there is ~

conflict: blood

blood (effort)

blood and sacrifice

all the ~ we made up to his point is for nothing (war)

blood and treasure

we have wasted an enormous amount of ~ in Afghanistan

it's a complete waste in terms of ~ (Afghanistan)

President Johnson reflected on the cost in ~ (Vietnam War)

we need to pull out and save American ~ (Afghanistan)

blood, sweat and tears

he gave the franchise 20 years of his ~ (Kobe Bryant)

blood, treasure and effort

after so many years, and so much ~ (US in Afghanistan)

sweat and blood

a lot of ~ went into it (making a film)

difficulty, easiness & effort: blood / sign, signal, symbol

sacrifice: blood / sign, signal, symbol

blood (blood represents life)

blood and tears

enough of ~, enough (Palestinian-Israeli conflict)

treasure and blood

how much more can we give in ~ (foreign wars)

death & life: blood / sign, signal, symbol

bloodbath (noun)

bloodbath

there's going to be a ~ (a football game)

'Blood Bath'

political fighting could make redistricting a ~ (Texas)

bloodbath in tech stocks

there was a ~ (Dow)

partisan bloodbath

he turned the hearings into a ~ (politics)

conflict: blood / violence

blood brother (connection)

blood brothers

soldiering and drinking have always been ~

relationship: blood / family

division & connection: blood / family

bloodhound (noun)

bloodhound

he's a born ~ who lives to track the scent of malfeasance

searching & discovery: animal / dog / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting

blood sport (noun)

blood sport

when law and politics were a noble pursuit, not a ~ (the past)

blood sport of politics

I would not be deterred by the ~ (Hillary R. Clinton)

blood sport of (party) politics

the ~ drives the US media

bloodsport of (Red vs. Blue party) politics

the ~ drives the US media

tabloid blood sport

she became the target of ~ (Britney Spears)

Washington blood sport

even by the lowly standards of ~, this was bare-knuckled politics

♦ Blood sports include dog fighting, bullfighting, fox-hunting, cockfighting, and bear-baiting.

conflict: animal / blood / predation / sports & games / violence

bloodthirsty (adjectivity)

bloodthirsty zeal

the ~ of revisionist history

behavior: animal / blood / predation

character & personality: animal / blood / predation

bloody (guilt)

hands are bloody

his ~ (a politician)

guilt / responsibility: blood

bloody (conflict)

bloody (intraparty) quarrel

it's not what Republicans wanted, a ~ (politics)

conflict: blood

bloom (verb)

bloomed

their relationship ~

membership (in professional social networks) has ~

his career has ~

romance ~

his paranoia ~

bloomed in the role

she truly ~ (an actor)

bloomed into an international incident

the case has ~

bloomed into a showroom

his small home shop has ~

bloomed during the last decade

interest has ~ (new literature theory)

bloomed as a teenager

she ~ (physically)

bloomed intellectually

that year our daughter ~ (in a gifted class)

bloomed late

their careers both ~ (successful athletes)

romance bloomed

in this emotional wasteland, ~ (divorce)

growth & development: plant / verb

bloom (bloom has faded, etc.)

bloom is off the rose

at 30, the ~ of both grownup life and their careers

bloom had faded

as soon as the first ~ of my work... (a writer)

decline: plant

bloomer (late bloomer)

late bloomer

as someone who has always considered himself a ~...

timeliness & lack of timeliness: fruits & vegetables / plant

growth & development: death & life / fruits & vegetables / plant

blossom (verb)

blossomed

he has ~ after a slow start (a Chelsea soccer player)

blossomed into (real) depression

my uncertainty had ~ (the future)

blossomed into (full-blown) panic

the thought ~

blossomed into warfare

simmering resentments ~ (two politicians)

blossoming in the Middle East

a revolutionary spirit is ~

blossom out of control

the consequences can ~ (problems on 767 jetliner)

blossomed all over the country

now citizens' groups have ~

groups have blossomed

now citizens' ~ all over the country (Siberia)

love (for yo-yos) blossomed

his ~ again

growth & development: plant / verb

blot (noun)

blot on his record

his racial ideas appear to modern eyes as a ~ (Churchill)

blot on our reputation

renditions and torture will long remain a ~ (US in Iraq)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark

reputation: mark

blow (body blow, etc.)

body blow to the home team

the goal was a ~ (soccer)

body blow for Biden

it's been a ~ (politics)

body blow to Manchester United

make no mistake, this is a ~ (loss to Middlesbrough)

Body Blow for Assad's regime

"A ~" (title of article)

knock-out blow

he was unable to land a ~ on Amy Klobuchar (politics)

knockout blow

the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)
the ~ was delivered when... (investigation / indictments)

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / sensation

blow (bitter blow, etc.)

blow

this is not a ~ but a boost

blow to the city

the decision is an embarrassing ~

blows to this community

a string of crushing ~

blow to our defense

losing him, it's a huge ~ (football)

blow to the environment

loss of the reefs will be a major ~

blow to the regime

loss of the airport was a huge psychological ~ (war)

blow to the city's reputation

the violence is a ~ (Rio / carnival)

blow to the (farmworkers) union

the Supreme Court's decision was a mortal ~

dagger blow

we must deal sharp ~s to the terrorists

knockout blow

the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)
the ~ was delivered when... (indictments)

crippling blow

his death dealt a ~ to his network (a terrorist)

crushing blow

a string of ~s to this community

devastating blow

loss of the coral reefs would be a ~

embarrassing blow

the decision is an ~ to the city

stinging blow

the death of a donor dealt the hospital's reputation a ~

bitter blow

the defeat was a ~ for Serbia and Montenegro (soccer)

final blow

they saw the confrontation as the ~ (firing)

huge blow

losing him, it's a ~ to our defense (football)

major blow

loss of the reefs will be a ~ to the environment

mortal blow

the law would strike a ~ to a system that... (athletics)
the Supreme Court's decision was a ~ to the union

psychological blow

the takeover was a huge ~ to the regime (airport)

sharp (dagger) blow

we must deal ~s to the terrorists

string of (crushing) blows

a ~ to this community

soften the blow

he tried to ~ (economic news)
Boeing will try to ~ for them (supply chain)

deal a blow against the enemy

we will ~

dealt a (heavy) blow to Hamas

the offensive has ~ (Israel attacks Gaza)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / sensation

blowback (noun)

blowback risk

the ~ to Sanders is real (a political endorsement)

explosive blowback

the group faced ~ when it... (Southern Poverty Law Center)

legal blowback

the ~ forced the company into bankruptcy (opioids)

political blowback

you can't attack Wall Street without ~

getting blowback

she is already ~ on how and when schools should reopen

♦ “Brady just happened to be the blowback. He got caught up in the blowback, Skip, the collateral damage, that’s what Brady is. And so, it was a blast radius. He dropped the bomb, ‘I got BA [Bruce Arians], I got the Tampa medical staff, I got...’ and Tom Brady and Guerrero, they got caught up in that, Skip, the blast radius. (Shannon Sharpe talking with Skip Bayless on their great sports show “Undisputed” about the Antonio Brown controversy of January 2022.)

reversal: explosion / weapon

resistance, opposition & defeat: explosion / weapon

blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.)

blow-by-blow account

he gave me a ~ of what had happened

sequence / speech: boxing

blow-in (noun)

blow-in

he is not quite a native but he’s not a ~, an outsider

migration: bird / wind

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bird / wind

blown away

blown away

I was ~

prepare to be blown away

~ (a TV ad for a new movie)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / weapon

blow off (verb)

blew him off

at first, she said, she ~ (dismissed him)

dismissal, removal & resignation: breathing / verb

blowout (noun)

blowout

the fight was a ~ (easy victory)

difficulty, easiness & effort: explosion

blow over (verb)

things blow over

we’ll be gone until ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: storm / verb / wind

starting, going, continuing & ending: storm / verb / wind

blow up (destroy / disrupt)

blow up the norms

he did more to ~ than any five majority leaders (McConnell)

blow up the system

we want to ~ (anti-Nancy Pelosi young democrats)

blow up Wall Street

the guy who helped ~ (Michael Osinski)

blew up the Senate

this is the guy who ~ in the Obama years (McConnell)

destruction / disruption: explosion / verb

blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.)

blew up

the case ~ (attention paid to child abduction)

it had a signature dance that ~ with it (song “Hot Boy”)

blew up on TikTok

his song ~

blowing up on our help line

this is such a popular scam, it is ~ (rental cars)

blowing up on TikTok

I want to talk about an artist who is ~ (Blanco Brown)

blew up with congratulations

coaches’ phones ~

blowing up with texts

my phone starts ~ from Cari (I hate you, etc.)

blew up from other schools

my phone ~, “Are we in danger...” (superintendent shot)

blown up the internet

the nursing community has ~ rallying to her cause (nurse)

increase & decrease / initiation: explosion / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / verb

amount & effect: explosion / verb

blowup (attention / noun)

song’s massive blowup

the ~ is partially thanks to TikTok

increase & decrease / initiation: explosion

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion

blow up (blow up in one's face)

blow up in his face

it could ~ (if he ignored the infraction)

blown up in our face

this has ~ (supporting Somali warlords)

reversal: explosion / verb / weapon

blow up (emotion)

blew up

I couldn’t take it anymore and I just ~

blew up over the issue

a recent city council meeting ~ (immigration)

♦ One hundred forty people were killed when a boiler blew up on a steamship in 1838. (See the Wikipedia entry “Steamship Pulaski disaster.”)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: explosion / pressure / verb / weapon

blowup (conflict)

blowup

there's going to be a ~ (controversy)

initiation: explosion / pressure / weapon

conflict: explosion / pressure / weapon

blue (out of the blue, etc.)

out of the blue

I was thinking of calling her when ~ she called me
pulmonary edema can, ~, strike down the best climber

absolutely out of the blue

her disappearance was ~

totally out of the blue

then something ~ happened... (a murder investigation)

bolt-from-the-blue

any US military action will look like a ~ act of aggression

appear out of the blue

a thunderstorm can ~

appears out of the blue

an electrical problem ~ (HomeWire)

came out of the blue

nobody could do anything about the pandemic, it ~ (boxing)

came (quite) out of the blue

the "genius award" ~ (John D. MacArthur Foundation)

comes out of the blue

it ~ and you don't know when it will hit you (pandemics)

♦ "In southern Indiana lightning struck a ball field, injuring four members of the Seymour girl's high school softball team. One of the girls was in critical condition, while the other three sustained non-critical injuries... The skies were reportedly clear at the time of the strike."

fate, fortune & chance: color / electricity / lightning / sky / storm

appearance & disappearance / occurrence / origin: air / atmosphere / color / lightning / sky

blue (politics)

blue state

is Iowa at this point a red state or a ~

♦ "Is Iowa at this point a red state or a blue state?" "Iowa is still a purple state." (US politics, as talked about on NPR.)

♦ "Red, R, Reagan, that's why we chose red." (A network broadcaster during the 1984 presidential election, explaining why states that had gone for Reagan were colored red on a national map. Democratic states were colored blue.)

identity & nature: color

blue (feeling)

broken and blue

and so if I seem ~, walk on by (Dionne Warwick)

feeling blue

I'm ~

♦ "But when I'm down, and feeling blue, I close my eyes so I can be with you." (Irene Cara.)

feeling, emotion & effect: color

blue blood

fellow blue-bloods

North Carolina and ~ Kentucky and Duke (basketball teams)

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: blood / color / royalty

blueprint

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they had to figure it out for themselves, there was no ~
FDR didn't have a ~, he was an experimenter (New Deal)

blueprint about what

there is no ~ to do next

blueprint for change

the plan is a ~, for action

blueprint for a better future

clean energy is a ~

blueprint for reforming

his ~ education has some good points

administration's blueprint

the ~ calls on states to adopt new standards

education blueprint

the president will send his ~ to Congress

draw up a blueprint

leaders met to ~ for economic cooperation

script: infrastructure

blues (the blues)

coronavirus blues

five glimmers of hope to beat the ~ (BBC)

feeling, emotion & effect: color / music

blue whale

blue whale

it's what a journalist might call a ~ (a story)

♦ "So it's this vital, forgotten buried event that's what journalists might call a blue whale, it's this event that sounded and sank in the past, dwelled unspoken for years and decades, and then it resurfaced in our present time, specifically in the wake of the Pulse Nightclub Shooting... And it sings this really strange song of a very different past..." (Robert W. Fieseler, speaking about his book *Tinderbox: The Untold Story of the Up Stairs Lounge Fire and the Rise of Gay Liberation.*)

♦ see also *black swan*.

appearance & disappearance / fate, fortune & chance / occurrence: animal / color / sea

bluff (verb)

bluffing

is the party ~, will they really do it (politics)
she thinks I'm ~ but I'm not

bluffing on Brexit

the EU is not ~

bluffing over the terms

we are not ~ (diplomacy)

bluff his way out of it

he managed to ~ (a sticky situation)

position, policy & negotiation / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / strategy / strength & weakness / subterfuge:
cards / gambling / verb

bluff (noun)

call your bluff

you're lucky she didn't ~ (negotiations)

position, policy & negotiation / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / strategy / strength & weakness / subterfuge:
cards / gambling

blunt (speech)

blunt

he is ~ (speech)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

speech: blade / knife / force

blush (embarrassment)

saved Welsh blushes

his header ~ (soccer)

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / gesture / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

board (on board)

on board with (Mursi's) changes
if the military is ~...

on board with the plan
she is not really ~

bring people on board
they've gone out of their way to ~ (developer)

climbing on board
many voters are ~ (politics)

get the managers on board
we need to ~ (workplace flexibility)

hopped on board
other companies have ~ (normcore fashion, music, etc.)

jumped on board
Harvard ~ last month (sex / romance policy)

keep them on board
it was hard to ~

unanimity & consensus: boat / train

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat / train

board (off the board / euphemism)

off the board

the two other members of the ISIS cell are already ~

death & life: euphemism

boast (verb)

boast of its (statistically high) success rate

every summit allows a company to ~ (Mt. Everest)

fictive communication: speech / verb

boat (boat of science, etc.)

boat of science

he rocked the ~ (Pasteur)

♦ "[He] splashed up a great wave of excitement about microbes that rocked the boat of science for thirty years." (Pasteur. From *Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif.)

bases: boat

boat (in the same boat)

in the same boat

all the teams are ~ (concerns about fuel)

empathy & lack of empathy / situation: boat

unanimity & consensus: boat

boat (rock the boat)

rock the boat

they can be expected to ~

rock (Mr. Erdogan's) boat

the EU does not want to ~ (immigrants)

rocked the boat

he ~ of science (Pasteur)

rocks the boat

if anyone ~, it's not going to be me

♦ He wasn't there to rock the boat, he intended to sink it.

disruption / equilibrium & stability: boat

unanimity & consensus / society: boat

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boat

boat (slow boat to China)

proverbial slow boat to China

what must have seemed the ~

speed / timeliness & lack of timeliness: boat

boat (burn one's boats)

burned the boats

we ~, the only way home was through them (sports)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "Point of no return." Cortes supposedly began his conquest of Mexico by burning his boats; the *Bounty* mutineers certainly burned the *Bounty* after reaching Pitcairn Island.

commitment & determination / fate, fortune & chance:
allusion / history / journeys & trips / river

body (body of the plane, etc.)

body of the device

the needle retracts into the ~ after use (safety syringe)

bases: body

body (body economic, etc.)

body economic

his description of the ~ had appeal (Adam Smith)

body politic

see *body politic*

bases: body

body (body of literacy, etc.)

body of world literacy

the magazine is an open running sore on the ~

sore on the body

the magazine is an open running ~ of world literacy

bases: body

body count (actual)

coronavirus body count

with a ~ exceeding... (politics)

death & life: military

body count (figurative)

professional body count

there has been quite a ~ (firings, replacements)

♦ see also *casualty (noun)*

dismissal, removal & resignation: death & life / military

body politic

body politic

Republicans kowtow to the ~

body politic versus the body natural

the ~ and how it related to sovereignty and Kings

China's body politic

the damage that the British did to ~ was echoed in...

diseases of our body politic

more fundamental causes of the current ~

scar upon the body politic

homelessness is a ~

sore in the body politic

Bloody Sunday became a running ~ (Ireland)

injecting poison into the body politic

they are ~ (Fox News, etc.)

plaguing the body politic

he presents a litany of ills that are ~

poisoning our body politic

the media is ~, and hurting our entire country

bases: body

bogeyman (and boogeyman)

bogeyman of many

Venezuela has become the ~ on the right (politics)

Islamist bogeyman

the US is obsessed with the ~ (foreign policy)

creates a boogeyman

the myth ~ to stir up fear and repression (white anarchists)

affliction: creature

bogged down

bogged down in (federal) bureaucracy

the plan got ~ (to restore the Everglades)

bogged down in (scientific) squabbles

the test has been ~ and bureaucratic foot-dragging

bogged down in the (UN) system

the US is ~

bogged down by red tape

rescue efforts got ~ (Kobe earthquake)

overloaded, bogged down

hospitals are ~ (epidemic)

get bogged down

if they ~ at some bottleneck like the Hillary Step (Everest)

got bogged down

the plan ~ in federal bureaucracy (environment)

rescue efforts ~ by red tape (Kobe earthquake)

♦ "Making our way through the submerged forest was no easy job. The mules sank up to their knees in the mud, fell into deep holes, and exhausted themselves. / It was not till dusk that we managed to reach the hills on the right side of the valley. The mules were dead beat, but the men were still more tired." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

boil (affliction)

perpetual boil

this ~ needs to be lanced (diplomacy)

two boils

~ were lanced today (fired from *The New York Times*)

affliction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

boil (initiation)

emotions are boiling

~ (Tea Party advocates in US)

tension are boiling

~ (police shooting and verdict)

makes my blood boil

it ~ (removal of fairy doors from forest)

initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb / water

activity: heating water / temperature / water

boil (boil down to something)

boil down to

but what does all this jargon ~

boils down to
eventually it all ~ do I want a car or....

boils down to this
it all ~...

boil down to the following
your options ~...

boils down to cost
the matter ~...

boiled down to the fact
today it ~ we didn't get the bounces (loss / soccer)

boils down to one (major) issue
the debate usually ~...

boil down to a (chronic) lack
others say Metro's problems ~ of rail cars

boiled down to choice and safety
the issue ~ (midwifery)

boiled down to two (simple) things
his allure ~: money and power (drugs)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: heating water / temperature / water / verb

bases: heating water / temperature / water / verb

boilerplate (noun)

boilerplate
some of the charges seemed routine, almost ~ (crime)

boilerplate about "common sense and compromise"
there was nothing new, just ~

boilerplate element
it contained the ~s of any rejection letter

boilerplate ideologies
they just repeat the ~ of their respective sides (a talk show)

boilerplate motion
it's a ~ filed by many defendants

boiler-plate points
he made all the ~ (a politician)

boilerplate sentimentality
the production is steeped in ~ (a play)

boilerplate statement
the auditor's report was little more than a ~

boilerplate stuff
the ~ you'd expect in any trial (jury-selection questions)

legal boilerplate
the warning was mere ~ (company's filing)

upbeat management boilerplate
it was written in the idiom of ~

♦ "Along with host Augusta Dell'Orso, Natalie takes us on a deep dive into... " (Right Rising / RR on Stitcher. In other episodes Michael takes us on a deep dive into...; Sophie takes us on a deep dive into...; Simon takes us on a deep dive into...; Ashton takes us on a deep dive into...;

Ashley takes us on a deep dive into...; and Julia takes us on a deep dive into... That's a lot of divers and diving! The repetition shows how a figurative expression can go from novel to cliché to the kind of boilerplate language you might find in a disclaimer or label that is too boring to read. Guests break down, unpack, unpick, discuss, walk us through, give us an overview of, and help us with their respective topics.)

♦ see also *buzzword (noun)*, *ese (legalese, etc.)*, *funny language, language (of sports, cars, etc.)*, *lip service (pay lip service, etc.)*, *speak (NASA-speak, etc.)*, *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*, *talk (mediator talk, etc.)*

script: manufacturing / tools & technology

language: speech

boiling point

reached a boiling point
the crisis has ~

sent (racial) tensions to a boiling point
his death ~ (Amadou Diallo, shot by police)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: heating water / temperature / water

boil over (verb)

boiling over
as the #MeToo movement was ~, he was cooked (a chef)

anger boiled over
his ~ Monday when he... (student shoots professors)

crisis was boiling over
the energy ~

party boiled over
a ~ (violence)

resentment boiled over
her ~ and we had a big fight (husband / wife)

streets are boiling over
the ~ (Egyptian protests)

about to boil over
the situation is ~

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

Bolshevik

bolshevik against the science
Jules Bordet was a little ~ of his master, Metchnikoff

little bolshevik
he was a ~ against the phagocyte science (Bordet)

"saboteur" and "Bolshevik"
he was called a ~ (lexicographer Philip Babcock Grove)

♦ Stalin visited his old mother and regaled her with stories about how nice the Kremlin was, how deep the carpets were, how nice the furniture. His old mother listened, and her brows knit. "But Soso," she said. "What if the Bolsheviks come back?"

disruption: allusion / history / violence

bolster (verb)

bolster our forces against the enemy

we must ~

bolsters his analysis with an army
he ~ of statistics

bolster their arguments
to ~ the Egyptians... (NTSB investigation)

bolstered its capabilities
the Coast Guard has ~ for port security

bolster their case
to ~, FBI officials have prepared a... (terrorism)

bolster (babies') health
living with a dog or a cat may ~ (germs)

bolster morale
hot food and the Internet ~ (US military in Iraq)

bolster the myth
this has helped to ~ that children... (intersexed)

bolstered the notion
archaeological expeditions ~ of... (archaeology)

bolster patrols
the Highway Patrol has hired 150 new officers to ~

bolster his reputation
he was just shooting off his mouth to ~

bolster security
funds to ~ for nuclear weapons and waste (terrorism)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb
protection & lack of protection: infrastructure / verb
strength & weakness: infrastructure / verb

bolstered

bolstered by the courage
~ of their teammate, they won the game easily

bolstered by (a handful of) studies
his insights are ~

bolstered by the work
his conclusions were ~ of...

findings are bolstered
experts say the ~ by the fact that...

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure
protection & lack of protection: infrastructure

bolt-hole (and bolthole)

bolthole for the world's shadow elite
it provides a ~ (the UAE)
♦ The woodchuck, feeling threatened, bolts to its hole.

protection & lack of protection: animal / hole

bomb (review-bomb)

review-bomb the game
audiences were so offended they proceeded to ~

computer: explosion / military / weapon

bomb (danger)

bomb cyclone
West Coast braces for ‘~’ (CNN Weather Center)

“lava bomb”
a ball of solidified molten rock, also known as a ~

weather bomb
Vancouver Island feeling the wrath of the coastal ~

ticking bomb
we must control it, it’s a ~ (online influence campaigns
he was a “~” planning to carry out attacks (a terrorist)

ticking bomb for any woman
he was a ~ involved with him, glad he’s in a cell
♦ “Any excuse to say Bomb cyclone and I am ON. BOARD.” (#BombCyclone)
♦ ‘Lava bomb’ speeds down Cumbre Vieja volcano (© Harri Geiger @ Harrigeiger. Super!)
♦ see also *time bomb*

danger: explosion / military / weapon

bomb (roach bomb, etc.)

roach bombs
you can buy rat-resistant trash cans and ~ (at a store)

♦ “A New York City woman set off 21 bug bombs insider her apartment, causing an explosion that collapsed her five-story building, injuring 14 people.”

resemblance: explosion

bomb (code bomb)

"code bomb"
after he was demoted, he inserted a ~ (hacker)

computer: explosion / weapon

bomb (drop a bomb)

dropped this bomb
Assange ~ without providing any evidence

dropped that little bomb in there
you just kind of ~ that you yourself got COVID (NPR)

amount & effect: explosion / weapon

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / sound / weapon

bomb (fail)

bombed
his previous movie had ~

bomb at a comedy club
so badly does he ~

success & failure: explosion / weapon

bombard (verb)

bombarded principals with messages
parents ~ (worried for kids)

bombard him with complaints
the young men he employed would ~

bombarded Friedel from all directions
Mexico ~ (soccer)

amount & effect: explosion / military / verb / weapon
bombarded

bombarded with notices about today's deadline
her neighborhood has been ~ to file for compensation

bombarded with emails from opponents
lawmakers were ~

bombarded with faxes from around the world
the president's office was ~ from around the world

bombarded with complaints
the company was ~

bombarded by (job) offers from companies
he was ~

bombarded by hateful emails
she is being ~

bombarded by (visual and auditory) stimuli
we are constantly ~

bombarded by (so many unspecific) warnings
citizens have been ~ (terror)

bombarded by new ideas
in 1999, China was being ~ (due to Internet)

amount & effect: explosion / military / weapon
bombardment (noun)

bombardment of (food) advertising
the constant ~ (health)

amount & effect: explosion / military / weapon

bombproof

bombproof
your pro should be ~ (climbing)

bombproof roll
you need a ~ (kayaking)

flaws & lack of flaws: explosion

bombshell (noun)

bombshell
dropping a real-life ~ from his past

bombshell of a story
what a ~ (the horse Justified failed doping test)

bombshell claim
the ~ came on cross-examination (murder trial)

economic bombshell
the president dropped an ~ when he announced...

new bombshells
stayed tuned for ~ (entertainment TV)

bombshell landed
perhaps the most jaw-dropping ~ just 3 days ago (trial)

dropped his bombshell
he ~ (a lawyer)

fired (back) a bombshell
she ~ (divorce back-and-forth)

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion / feeling,
emotion & effect: explosion / military / sound / weapon

bonanza (noun)

bonanza of waves
the storm has created a ~ for surfers (hurricane)

bonanza for credit card companies
the move away from cash has been a ~

propaganda bonanza
the attack was a ~ for the insurgents

marketing bonanza
his success has been a ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

commercial bonanza
the drug has been a ~

financial bonanza
the ~ from Turkmenistan's gas fields

activity / amount & effect / cost & benefit / worth & lack of
worth: mining / money

bond (noun)

invisible bonds
the ~ that weave a country together into a single polity

attachment / division & connection: chemistry

bone (close to the bone, etc.)

close to the bone
his arrest hit ~

proximity: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bone (cut something to the bone, etc.)

cut his rations to the bone
Shackleton had taken risks, he had ~

pared to the bone
the delegation has been ~ (government trip abroad)

♦ see also *pared (pared to the bone)*

dismissal, removal & resignation / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: knife / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bone (racist bone, etc.)

bone in my body
I have not one evil ~

political bone
he doesn't have a ~ in his body (a military man)

racist bone
there's not a ~ in my body
I don't have a ~ in my body

to the bone
Marcos Llorente, a Blanco ~ (Real Madrid player)

♦ "When it comes to matters of morals, I'm Catholic right down to my little toes." (The abortion issue.)

identity & nature: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bone (throw a bone to someone)

throwing them a bone
she is just ~ hoping they'll support her (politics)

coercion & motivation: animal / food & drink

bone (bone of contention)

big bone of contention
a ~ is Biden's embrace of "Buy American" (with Canada)

conflict: animal

boo (verb)

boo
some of you may cheer and others will ~

judgment: sound / verb

achievement, recognition & praise: sound / verb

boo (noun)

cheers and boos
the judge's decision drew ~

judgment: sound

achievement, recognition & praise: sound

booby trap

booby trap of missteps
their fraudulent marriage creates a ~ (plot of book)

booby traps for unwary workers
many 401(k) plans have options that are ~

party booby traps
holiday ~ (ethics laws and partying / government)

budgetary booby trap
legislators concocted a ~ and must now defuse it (cuts)

political, ideological and geopolitical booby traps
the Middle East is such a mess of ~

overcome a booby trap
cooks had to ~ (the stink of Brussels Sprouts)

♦ "He took responsibility for and poured resources into improved public schools when most mayors thought schools were political booby traps." (Scott Simon's wonderful tribute to Richard M. Daley. From "Chicago's Recommended Daley Allowance, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, September 11, 2010.)

♦ "Someone could get nailed for two beers and a bacon wrap. Nobody wants to be the example... I'm just going to avoid them this year." (A

House GOP aide, about ethics "guidance" from House and Senate ethics committees, that could turn simply attending a party into a "booby trap" that could "blow up in one's face.")

♦ "They're trying to grab the House, and we've got barricades, picket fences and booby traps to defeat that." (A Kentucky Democrat, presumably speaking figuratively.)

♦ "Booby traps: Man in Maine killed by own device."

♦ "New technologies in cars are potential booby traps for first responders."

♦ "I found a piece of red detonating cord between my legs. That's when I knew I was screwed." (Gunnery Sgt. Michael Burghardt, aka "Iron Mike" and "Gunny," just before getting blown up by a trap while investigating an IED in Ramadi. Incredibly, he was not too badly wounded. A photo of him "flipping off" whoever detonated the trap became famous on the Internet.)

♦ "Victim-operated improvised explosive devices, known as VOIEDs, have various switches known as pressure plates. The idea is that the bomb is detonated by an unsuspecting individual by completing the circuit when pressure is applied or removed to the switch. / A power source supplies electricity between the switch and the detonator and by completing the circuit, the main charge explodes..." ("A U.S. Marine, A Curious Boy And An Unfathomable Moment" by AP investigative reporter James LaPorta, at NPR, September 9, 2021.)

danger: explosion / military / weapon

booby-trapped

booby-trapped email

most ransomware attacks begin with a ~

danger: explosion / military / weapon

book (rule book)

rip up the rule book

its willingness to ~ (*Fast & Furious* franchise)

script: books & reading / sports & games

constraint & lack of constraint: books & reading / sports & games

book (close the book)

closed the book on a NFL future
he has ~ (athlete)

close the book on this
we need to ~ and move on

curtailment / development: books & reading / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: books & reading / verb

book (books and covers)

judge a book by its cover
you can't ~

appearance / appearance & reality / judgment: books & reading

book (open book)

open book
the rookie driver is a refreshingly ~ (interviews, etc.)

character & personality: books & reading

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: books & reading

book (by the book)

by-the-book

he was strictly ~ (a soldier)

character & personality: books & reading

constraint & lack of constraint / script: books & reading

book (throw the book at somebody)

“throw the book” at anyone

he vowed to ~ responsible

threw the book at him

the judge ~

punishment & recrimination: books & reading / verb

book (development)

book of life

a man's ~ should be considered, not just one chapter (trial)
what is the ~ itself but man's war with nature (wild beasts)

♦ “It is a book as old as time: a good young person makes a mistake, chapter two is a good, young person is full of remorse. Chapter three is a good young person learns from the mistake and becomes a better person.” (Australia Olympic team boss Ian Chesterman, following the bad behavior of some Australian athletes at the Tokyo Olympics.)

development: books & reading

bookworm

bookworm

I admit it, I'm a ~

enthusiasm: animal / books & reading / person

person: books & reading

boom (jade boom, etc.)

jade boom

the ~ has been fueled by the Chinese

boom and bust

Argentina is used to ~ (the economy)

activity / cost & benefit: explosion

boom (increase)

booming

business is ~

increase & decrease: explosion / sound / verb

activity: explosion / sound / verb

boomerang (verb)

boomeranged on him

it ~ (controversy)

boomerang (back) on us

it could ~

reversal: direction / verb / weapon

boomerang (noun)

boomerang kids

millennial ~ may consume resources, finances and time

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: weapon

booming (adjective)

booming popularity

the ~ of audiobooks coincides with the rise of podcasts

increase & decrease: explosion / sound

boost (verb)

boost the economy

it will ~ (medical tourism)

boost his image

this will ~ in the public eye (a fallen celebrity)

boost (sagging) morale

they turned to sports to ~ (soldiers in war zone)

boost scores

schools are under relentless pressure to ~

boosted my spirits

it ~

increase & decrease: direction / force / verb

boost (noun)

boost of expertise

big business can offer a ~ (vaccination campaign)

boost from the private sector

public health can get a ~ (outsourcing)

give a boost

the deal would ~ to health programs (federal spending)

increase & decrease: direction / force

boot (area)

boot of Italy

the ~ (*Io Stivale*)

Italy's boot

Taras and Croton, on the heel and instep, respectively, of ~

instep of Italy's boot

the road reached the Ionian Sea at the ~ (Taranto)

♦ “If you look at that boot of Louisiana, the regions that will get hit the hardest are at the ball of the foot. Those sparsely populated parishes facing the Gulf like Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Plaquemines.” (John Burnett reporting on Hurricane Ida.)

♦ The state of Missouri has a bootoe region, based on its shape.

shape: clothing & accessories

area: shape

boot (oppression)

boot

as the ~ is removed from the neck of the people

boot of the Americans

Latin America felt the heavy ~ (Guatemala / 1950s)

under the boot
the people are ~ of barbaric power (Albania)

has its boot on the neck
the government ~ of the company

oppression: clothing & accessories

boot (shake in one's boots)

shaking in their boots
a lot of HR folks are ~ (mass resignations / COVID)

feeling, emotion & effect: clothing & accessories

boot (get the boot)

got the boot
he ~ after making the final four (a dance contest)

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories

boot (soldier)

boots on the ground
we needed ~ (soldiers abroad to fight terrorism)
we have increased our ~ (US-Mexico border)

military / person: sign, signal, symbol

bootleg (adjective)

bootleg copy
he bought a ~ of Microsoft Windows

concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: alcohol / clothing & accessories

bootlegger

digital bootlegger
new tools to go after ~s (a bill)

concealment & lack of concealment: alcohol

boot out (verb)

boot out the IMF
Chavez helped Argentina ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories / verb

border (proximity)

border on the absurd
his arguments ~

bordered on miraculous
the last-minute goal ~ (sports)

bordered on obsession
his pursuit ~

bordered on panic
her response ~

border on racism
his comments ~

borders on rudeness
this ~

configuration / proximity: boundary

borderland (noun)

borderlands of science
a broad humanistic interest led him to pioneer on the ~

proximity: boundary

division & connection: boundary / line
area / environment: ground, terrain & land

born (born teacher, etc.)

born to do this
you were ~ (a porn site)

born athlete
the kid was a ~

born bloodhound
he's a ~ who lives to track the scent of malfeasance

born teacher
he was, it seemed, a ~

born worrier
~s versus people who are carefree

natural-born
~ genius is often deliberate technique (teachers)
she is a ~ leader
there are no ~ salesmen

identity & nature: birth

born (creation)

born
how to let peace be ~ despite the difficult labor pains
the Red Guards were ~, and a period of madness began...
Macedonia was where Slavic Christianity was ~

born of war
like so many fundamentalist movements, the Taliban were ~

born in the 1970's
the shadowy Baluchistan Liberation Army, ~ (Pakistan)

born in the Swiss Alps
On was ~ (On is a company that makes running shoes)

born in ancient Greece
the Olympics, ~ and reborn in Athens in 1896

born in New Orleans, Louisiana
Satch(mo), both you and jazz were ~, right (Roy Plomley)

born in (great) jubilation
South Sudan, ~, is plunging into a vortex of violence

born on 23 May 1991
the *Koori Mail* was ~ (indigenous Australian newspaper)

born on platforms
it was ~ associated with far right extremism (QAnon)

born on the kitchen table
the *Chicago Defender* was ~ of its publisher in 1905

born on the (New York) subway
the Guardian Angels were ~ about 40 years ago (crime)

born from Wounded Knee
he thinks of everything that's been ~

born out of frustration or ignorance
his comments were ~

born digitally
the material wasn't ~ and must be hand-scanned

conceived, born and raised
Nature was ~ to serve polemic purpose (the magazine)

phrase was born
the ~ in a Facebook post in 2013 ("Black Lives Matter")

star was born
a ~ (Tom Daley at Beijing Olympics)

♦ "Six months after *Hotcakes* and Sally [Sarah] were born, James released his fifth Album, *Walking Man...* (Carly Simon's album, the baby, and James Taylor. From *Girls Like Us* by the fine writer Sheila Weller.)

♦ "Icebergs are born to wither and melt away." (BBC "How a colossal block of ice became an obsession" by Jonathan Amos, 15 Jan 2022.)

creation & transformation: birth

born-again

born-again Christian
his conversion from hell-raiser to ~

born-again conservative
he is a ~

commitment & determination / creation & transformation / identity & nature: religion

born-on (adjective)

born on date
best consumed within 110 days of the ~ (Budweiser)

creation & transformation: birth

bottled up (emotions)

bottled up inside
he must have a lot of fright and anxiety ~ (soldier)

bottled up rage
the ~ of black people (the rapper Bobby Sessions)

kept them bottled up
these things I internalized, I ~ (Andre Leon Talley)

feeling, emotion & effect: bottle / container
access & lack of access: bottle / container

bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)

the Bottleneck
the climbers came to the infamous passage called the ~ ~, an hourglass-shaped gully beneath a serac (on K2)

Bottleneck Peak
routes up ~ include Tippin The Bottle (Utah)

Bottleneck Wash
~ enters from the left (into Granite Creek, Arizona)

proper name: bottle / neck / shape
geography: bottle / neck / proper name

bottleneck (noun)

bottleneck
Native Americans hunted the pronghorn at this ~
the Panama Canal has become a ~ (too narrow, etc.)
opening this ~ is critical (shortage of nurses)

bottlenecks on highways
traffic ~

bottlenecks in the (nation's) power grid
~ can cause outages

transportation bottleneck
it's really going to be a ~ (lack of trucks)

genetic bottleneck
blood samples reveal a ~ (too few Amur tigers left)

at some bottleneck
if they get bogged down ~ like the Hillary Step (Everest)

become a bottleneck
the Step has frequently ~ (Hillary Step / Everest)

remove (refining) bottlenecks
industry must ~ (oil)

♦ "We will have more eh neck bottles, traffic jams, and that is a dangerous thing." (The remarkable Ecuadorian mountain guide Carla Perez on a relatively crowded K2 in 2019.)

obstacles & impedance: bottle / neck / shape

shape: bottle / neck

bottle up (emotions)

bottles things up
she ~

bottle it up and put it away
you kind of ~ (male on male abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: bottle / container / verb
access & lack of access: bottle / container / verb

bottle up (impede)

bottled up the Russian Far Eastern Fleet
the Japanese ~ at Port Arthur (1904)

obstacles & impedance: bottle / container / verb

bottom (at the bottom)

at the bottom of the barrel
do their time ~ (worst job assignment)

at the bottom of the (economic) pyramid
new jobs are coming ~ (poorly paid jobs)

at the bottom of the pecking order
we were ~ (biker club)

hierarchy: direction / position

bottom (hit bottom)

hit bottom
we may have ~ (unemployment)

hit rock bottom
the moment you ~ and admit to yourself... (addiction)
he was a person who had ~
things had ~ (bad relationship)
before you can get better, you have to ~ (addiction)

hitting rock bottom
livestock prices are ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction
decline: direction

bottom (get to the bottom of something)

get to the bottom of where
he was never able to ~ the money had gone

get to the bottom of the error
state officials said they would ~

get to the bottom of this case
we want to ~

get to the bottom of this mystery
no one wants to ~ quicker than... (crash)

get to the bottom of that
we're never ever ever going to ~ (a boxing issue)

get to the bottom of things
we need to ~ (a murder investigation)

get to the bottom of this
we will ~ (investigation into fatal stampede)
I want to ~ (US sits by during genocide in Rwanda)
we'd really like to ~ (mystery illness)

get to the bottom about what happened
we need to ~ (congressional investigation)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / bases /
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / searching &
discovery: direction

bottom (no bottom)

no bottom to his willingness
there is ~ to abuse his power (politics)

extent & scope: depth / water

bottomless (adjective)

bottomless
the well of outrage is ~ (fundamentalists)

bottomless thirst
China has a ~ for oil and gas

extent & scope: depth / direction
amount: container / depth / direction

bottom line

bottom line
what it is going to mean for the ~ (sanctions)

cost & benefit: money

analysis, interpretation & explanation: money

bouillabaisse (mixture)

bouillabaisse of his forebears
Lil Nas X is a ~ (George Michael, Elton John, etc.)

mixture: food & drink

bounce (verb)

bounced from one idea to the next
I ~ (what to do this summer)

bounced around Southwest Asia
he ~ (a terrorist)

bouncing around
he was ~ a lot back then (rootless)

bounces in and out of bankruptcy
everybody ~ (airlines)

bounced between homes
his family ~ (rootless)

movement: ball / direction / verb

bounce back (verb)

bounce back
the love and support of someone who helps them ~
she was always able to ~ (Whitney Houston)

bounced back
I matured and ~ (a boxer)

bounce back from (natural) disasters
modern economies ~ (Kobe earthquake, etc.)

bouncing back from the pandemic
the economy is ~ (UK)

bounce back from setbacks
the UFC has been able to ~

bounce back quickly
resilient people ~ from failure

resiliency: ball / movement / verb

bounce back (noun)

tremendous bounce back
we're going to see a ~ (lifting COVID restrictions)

resiliency: ball / movement

bound (destination)

college-bound

~ high-schoolers are making their final deliberations

direction: journeys & trips / movement

bound (constrained)

bound by a (strict) code

they are ~ of ethics (education consultants)

bound by the rules

he did not feel ~ that governed most men

bound by the (military's) code of silence

he didn't feel ~

desk-bound

the Chairman oversaw only the 1,600 ~ officers

duty-bound

nurses are ~ to report what they think is abuse

fogbound

the plane crashed in ~ mountains

fog-bound

a pileup on a ~ stretch of freeway killed eight (France)

hidebound

see *hidebound*

homebound

the ~ elderly

he takes meals to a ~ invalid

honor-bound

I am ~ to pay him back

house-bound

she is ~

ice-bound

Siberia's ~ expanse

the climate of ~ coastal regions

leather-bound

~ books

muscle-bound

a ~ frat boy

snowbound

we were ~

Nigata Prefecture is ~ for months (Japan)

spellbound

see *spellbound*

tradition-bound

the Marines are the most ~ of the services

tradition-bound

the Navy was run by ~ admirals

wheelchair-bound

the ~ author

feel bound

he didn't ~ by the military's code of silence

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

boundless (adjective)

boundless energy

he was known for his ~ and tireless volunteerism

boundless enthusiasm

he didn't share his ~

boundless optimism

a ~ in the power of technology (computing)

amount / extent & scope: boundary

boundary (division)

boundaries of the (doctor-patient) relationship

a psychiatrist may relax the normally strict ~

boundaries between plant species

the ~ are far more porous than among animals

boundary expressions

lexicographers must deal with these ~

racial boundary

Hispanic is an ethnicity crossing ~s

strict boundaries

a psychiatrist may relax the ~ (doctor-patient)

social, cultural and religious boundaries

his teachings transcend all ~

boundaries blur

when ~

relax the boundaries

a psychiatrist may ~ of the doctor-patient relationship

transcended (racial) boundaries

his work ~ (playwright August Wilson)

division & connection: boundary

boundary (behavior)

boundary

the usual ~s keep getting crossed (politicians)

boundaries of their (famed) tolerance

the Dutch are rethinking the ~ (drugs, sex, squatting)

pushes boundaries

he ~ (the comic Dave Chappelle)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: boundary

bounded

bounded on the east

the plateau is ~ by an escarpment of 100m

bounded (on the east) by an escarpment

the plateau is ~ of 100m

plateau is bounded

the ~ on the east by an escarpment of 100m

configuration: boundary

bounds (no bounds, etc.)

knows no bounds

the hypocrisy of the NCAA ~

overstepped his bounds

he's a creep who ~ (gossip)

overstepping their bounds

Homeowner's Associations are ~

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / extent & scope: boundary

bound up

bound up in the myths

Indians are ~ white Americans have created

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

involvement: movement / rope

bouquet (collection)

bouquet of memories

this record brings back a particular ~ (Melvyn Bragg)

bouquet of tests

Kerala is doing a ~, diagnostic, pooled... (pandemic)

group, set & collection: plant

boutique (noun)

boutique (mountain guide) service

Madison Mountaineering is a ~

superiority & inferiority: money

bow (and bow down)

bows before legend

rational explanation often ~ (folklore)

bowing to cancel culture

they are ~

bow to the inevitable

we will have to ~

bowed to the inevitable

he has ~ (minister under attack resigns)

bowed to pressure

he has ~ from industrialists (a politician)

bow (down) to (government) pressure

he thought the Washington Post would ~

bowed to (public) pressure

he finally ~ to do something

bow (down) to Russia

for cheap gas, we should ~ (a Moldovan taxi driver)

bowing to the U.S.

the Turks are not ~ (arms dispute)

back down or bow

she's an artist who won't ~ to convention

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / religion / standing, sitting & lying / verb

bowels (noun)

bowels of the prison

a tiny, dark room in the ~ (solitary confinement)

bowels of Madison Square Gardens

we're now walking through the ~ (radio show)

bowels of the Los Angeles Superior Court

I found in the ~ a lawsuit... (O.J. Simpson trial)

bowels of the ship

he gathered his men in the engine room in the ~

deep in the bowels

scientists walk around ~ of the CDC (Atlanta, Georgia)

place: infrastructure

bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.)

grain bowl

Punjab is India's “~”

rice bowl

the Mekong Delta, Vietnam's ~

farming & agriculture: epithet / sign, signal, symbol

bowl (America's salad bowl, etc.)

“Salad Bowl of the World”

the city bills itself as the ~ (Salinas, California)

America's salad bowl

the Salinas Valley is known as ~ (greens)

the Salinas Valley is nicknamed ~

Northern California's Salinas Valley is often dubbed ~

farming & agriculture: epithet / sign, signal, symbol

bowl (salad bowl / mixture)

mixing bowl

the club was a ~ (young musicians learn from elders)

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl
is the United States a ~

reimagined as a salad bowl

the melting pot was being ~ (ethnic identity, etc.)

♦ “Macedonia [was] the inspiration for the French word for ‘mixed salad’ (*macedoine*).” (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by Robert D. Kaplan.)

♦ Argentina was once described by a Polish émigré as “batter that has not yet become cake.” (“Another New World” by Larry Rohter, *The New York Review*, June 10, 2021.)

♦ “This points to a unique understanding of plurality of Indian society—it is more like a *thali* (an Indian meal comprising a selection of separate dishes served on a platter), rather than a melting pot.” (Neha Sahgal, a lead author of a Pew study that found Indians support religious tolerance and religious segregation.)

identity & nature / mixture: food & drink

bow out (verb)

bow out

he has refused pressure to ~ (a politician)
it would have been a good time for him to ~ (a boxer)

♦ “This is a pretty special way to bow out if this is indeed his swan song.” (Commentary about the great and beloved boxer Amir Khan, who lost his match to Kell Brook by TKO in the sixth round in a packed Manchester arena.)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / dismissal, removal & resignation / starting, going, continuing & ending: theater / verb

box (box somebody into a corner)

boxed himself into a corner
he has ~ on tax increases (a politician)

movement: corner

constraint & lack of constraint / situation: boxing / corner / movement / sports & games / verb

box (in / out / outside the box)

out-of-the-box
how ~ can I go (actor takes strange roles)

out-of-the-box idea
she came up with an ~

think out of the box
we have to think ~ (WHO and Ebola)

think outside the box
she learned how to ~

fit it (neatly) into a (single conceptual) box
“data” escapes attempts to ~ (cloud, stream, mine)

constraint & lack of constraint / idea: container

box (labeling)

Eurovision box
they didn’t try to fit into a ~ (an Italian group)

put them in a box
we don’t want to brand people, to ~ (legacy students)

forces autistic people into a box
the world often ~

characterization: container

box (tick a box, etc.)

boxes of (so-called) diversity
there are easy ways to tick the ~ and not critically engage

box-ticking exercise
this is just a ~ to silence criticism

tick-box exercises
~ that really have no clinical value (NHS bureaucracy)

tick both boxes
trying to ~ was always the goal (to make a film popular)

ticked all the boxes

he had ~ he needed to (to travel / COVID)

ticks all the boxes

Tyson Fury ~ (the boxer)

ticks every box

her game ~ (Emma Raducanu)

ticks off (just about) every box

she ~ that liberals might want in a nominee (Supreme Court)

ticking a box

it’s not just an exercise of ~ anymore, it’s taken seriously

♦ “Satisfies all requirements for success.”

judgement / cost & benefit: letters & characters

box (check the box, etc.)

box to be checked

the FAA was just another ~ (profits over safety)

check the boxes

it seemed like an exercise to ~ (bureaucratic formality)

checked a lot of boxes for my dream next thing

this ~ (Anthony Weiner about his company)

check-the-box exercise

it’s merely a one-week ~ (mental health / policing)

check-the-box holiday

a paid holiday vs. just a ~ (Juneteenth)

check off (multiple) boxes

it would ~ for ethnic and racial diversity

tick in a box

I don’t think it is a procedural ~ (cold case investigation)

♦ “Check, check, check, and it was a no-brainer...” (The popular NFL player Cam Newton returns to the Carolina Panthers. Or as Newton himself said, “You know where I’m here, and this ain’t for no ploy.”)

substance & lack of substance: letters & characters

boxed in (verb)

boxed in

she’s not about to be ~ (a singer and her style)

constraint & lack of constraint: container

boy (golden boy)

golden boy

he was a ~ from the get-go (Justice John Roberts)

golden boy of this (island) nation

he was once the ~ (Malta’s prime minister resigns)

golden boy quarterback

~ faces uncertain future (in NFL draft)

England’s golden boy

Rooney was ~ (2004 Euros)

PSG’s (attacking) golden boys

~ Mbappe and Neymar

Hollywood golden boy
at the time, he was riding high as a ~

Democratic golden boy
the ~'s career could be about to end (Gavin Newsom)

liberal golden boy
he became a ~ during his Senate bid (Beto O'Rourke)

brings down (Rhode Island) 'golden boy'
college cheating scandal ~ (tennis coach took bribes)

♦ see also *boy (blue-eyed boy), girl (golden girl), guy (character), man (big man, little man, etc.), Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

person: society

achievement, recognition & praise: person

attraction & repulsion / character & personality: person

boy (blue-eyed boy)

blue-eyed boy of publishing
audio is the ~ at the moment (audio books)

♦ see also *guy (character), man (big man, little man, etc.), Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative / worth &

lack of worth: family / person

character & personality: person

person: family

boy (big boy, etc.)

really big boys
they haven't played against the ~ yet (Italian soccer)

put on the big boy pants
he needs to ~ and act as commander in chief

put his big-boy pants on
the president needs to ~ and acknowledge that he lost

♦ see also *guy (character), man (big man, little man, etc.), Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

person: baby

growth & development: death & life

character & personality: person

boy (bad boy)

'bad boy' of basketball
he was the ~ (the remarkable Dennis Rodman)

bad boy of Western philosophy

Nietzsche is the ~

called "Bad Boys"

the team was ~ (NBA Detroit Pistons / 1988)

♦ see also *guy (character), man (big man, little man, etc.), Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

person: force

behavior / character & personality / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person

brace (verb)

brace yourself
~ for bad news

brace for (yet another) election
Israelis ~

bracing for more fallout
Washington is ~ from the scandal

braced for a typhoon
the Philippines ~ that could trigger flooding

readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability / infrastructure / verb

braced

braced for a long siege
the demonstrators are ~

braced for a (tropical) storm
Florida is ~

readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability / infrastructure

Brahmin (person)

Brahmin Caste
the ~ of New England (Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.)

brahmin elite
they are an insular, intermarrying ~ (Bohemian Bourgeois)

Boston Brahmin

the ~ is a Wikipedia entry

♦ "They have coalesced into an insular, intermarrying brahmin elite."
("How The Bobos Broke America" by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021. A Bobo is short for Bohemian Bourgeois, or the young, multicultural left.)

♦ "And this is good old Boston, / The home of the bean and the cod, / Where the Lowells talk only to Cabots, / And the Cabots talk only to God." ("Boston Toast" by John Collins Bossidy.)

acceptance & rejection / hierarchy: society

society: person

person: society

brain (noun)

brains behind the machinery
he is the ~ that makes the wave (Kelly Slater's wave)

brains behind the project
he was the ~

mathematical brain
he is the ~ behind the striking timepieces (sundials)

knowledge & intelligence: head

brain (on the brain)

sex on the brain
not that men need help getting ~

wants, needs, hopes & goals: addiction

brainchild (noun)

brainchild of a Ladakhi engineer
the ice stupa is the ~ (Sonam Wangchuk)

brainchild of Ted Turner
24-hour news was the ~ (CNN)

brainchild of a (16-year-old high school) student
the stunt was the ~ (viral news story)

Mat Damon's brainchild
The Last Duel is ~ (the film)

idea: family / head

creation & transformation: family / head

brain-dead (adjective)

brain dead
Macron described NATO as “~”

‘Brain Dead Liberal’

“Why I Am No Longer a ~” (article by David Mamet)

“brain dead” and “morons”

he labeled complaining residents as ~

♦ “*Porgy and Bess* is a buncha good songs but has nothing to do with race relations, which is the flag of convenience under which it sailed.” (The great playwright David Mamet, from “Why I Am No Longer a ‘Brain Dead Liberal,’” *The Village Voice*, March 11, 2008.)

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

brain death (noun)

brain death of Nato

what we are currently experiencing is the ~ (Macron)

♦ “You have to look at the background and see exactly which bits of Nato Macron was criticizing.” (Sophie Pedder, Paris Bureau Chief of the *Economist*, talking on NPR about Macron’s description of NATO as “brain dead.” Angela Merkle labeled Macron’s description “drastic words.”)

condition & status: health & medicine

brain drain (and brain gain)

brain drain

the agency has suffered a severe ~

“brain gain”

out-of-state students lead to a ~ (at Chapel Hill, NC)

reverse brain drain

the US is seeing a ~ as foreign students go home

knowledge & intelligence / leaking: head

brainstorm (verb)

brainstorm ideas
~ for his current script

brainstorm solutions

meet key people and ~ to the challenges you face

brainstorm everything

if we tried to ~ that could possibly go wrong, we'd...

idea: head / storm / verb

brainstorm (noun)

latest brainstorm

his ~ is to open a chain of “As Seen on TV” stores

idea: head / storm

brain trust

medical brain trust

he compared notes with the NFL’s ~ (concussions, etc.)

knowledge & intelligence: head

group, set & collection: money

brainwash (verb)

brainwashed him

the cult had ~

violence: head / hygiene

brainwashed

brainwashed to believe

they have been ~ that everything is about race (CRT)

brainwashed by the media

he says his co-worker has been ~ (politics)

coerced, brainwashed or (even) drugged

she may have been ~ (a terrorist)

♦ According to the Wikipedia entry, “The term ‘brainwashing’ was first used in English by Edward Hunter in 1950” in reference to the Korean war.”

♦ “He’s a human being; we should treat him the same as we treat any other G.I.... I don’t think it’s the boy’s own fault. No doubt at the time—I never seen him or never met him—No doubt he was young and he wasn’t trained properly.” (Charles E. Kelly, World War Two veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, when he was asked by Mike Wallace, newsmen, “How do you think that we should treat US Army turncoats?” like Samuel David Hawkins, who had just returned back to the US from China in 1957.)

violence: head / hygiene

brake (control)

emergency brake

they are pulling the ~ (COVID shutdown)

pump the brakes

some voters want them to ~ (impeachment)

moderates are saying, hey, let’s ~ (slow down of demands)

tap the brakes

something is causing shoppers to ~ on spending

tapping the brakes

the Fed is ~ a bit on the economy

put the brakes on (economic) growth

industrialists fears the unions would ~

put the brakes on your feelings

you ~ to avoid confrontation (Japanese “Gaman”)

tap the brakes on spring break

high gas prices may ~

**control & lack of control / increase & decrease / speed:
mechanism / movement**

branch (taxonomy)

branches of Buddhism

the various ~ (Zen, Tibetan, etc.)

branches of Christianity

the Armenian Church, one of the most ancient ~

branch of Islam

the Hazara are members of the Shiite ~ (Afghanistan)
discrimination against adherents of the Shi'a ~
the Salafiya ~ regards Shiites as non-Muslims
the Ismailis are a minority within the minority Shia ~

branches of Islam

the centuries of enmity between the Sunni and Shiite ~

branch of Shia Islam

Ismailism is a ~

branches of biology

ecology is one of the hardest ~ (it's so complex)

branches of the (Hawiye) clan

the many ~ (Mogadishu)

branch of government

judges constitute a third ~

branch of knowledge

theology was accepted as the supreme ~

branches of the military

special operations forces from various ~

branch of physics

quantum mechanics is a ~

branch of engineering

he felt the oil industry ~ suited his personality

branch of the Bani Hassan

Al-khalayleh is a ~ (Jordan)

branch bank

each of the four corners has a ~ (NYC)

branch library

or any other ~

ordnance branch

he is in the ~, which provides ammunition

service branch

veterans from all four ~s

Salafiya branch

the ~ of Islam regards Shiites as non-Muslims

Shi'a branch

discrimination against adherents of the ~ of Islam

Shia branch

the Ismailis are a minority within the minority ~

various branches

special operations forces from ~ of the military

adherents of the (Shi'a) branch
discrimination against ~ (in Saudi Arabia)

taxonomy & classification: tree

branching system: tree

branch out (verb)

branch out

I just thought I'd ~ (make new friends)

branched out into (food) wholesaling
he ~ (a businessman)

growth & development: tree / verb

branching system: tree / verb

brand (verb)

branded his accusers liars

he ~ (convicted sex abuser)

brand them apostates

Sunni Arab extremists ~ (Iraq's Christians)

branded the extradition "unlawful"

the Russians ~

branded all Chechen rebels baby killers

he ~ (post-Beslan)

characterization: fire / mark / verb

brave (verb)

braved the weather

several hundred people ~ for a screening

courage & lack of courage: verb

brave (girls and women, etc.)

brave book

Bari Weiss has written what must be judged a ~ (blurb)

bravest (red carpet) looks

Taylor Swift's ~

brave plaintiffs

the two ~ who took on Florida's anti-gay marriage ban

brave (widower) type

the press wanted him to be this very ~ (Joe Biden)

Brave, a Badass, a Heretic

I have been called ~ (a female blogger)

how brave

~ he is at being so outwardly gay (a pop star)

extraordinarily brave

she made the ~ decision to create a new show... (*I May Destroy You*)

incredibly brave

it's ~ that she has revealed her truth (depression)

bold or brave

- I don't think it's ~ (Superman's son is bisexual)
- need to be brave
girls coming through ~ (soccer lesbians / Lisa De Vanna)
- called the professor extraordinarily brave
she ~ for leading the charge against the cancel mob
- ◆ "When one person speaks truth, it gives license for all of us to do the same." (Meghan Markle about her miscarriage. When her daughter was born, her photographer Misan Harriman tweeted, "Lilbet has arrived. Congratulations to my brave friend and her lovely family!")
 - ◆ "I have been called Brave, a Badass, a Heretic..." (A female blogger who has written for the Huffington Post, ScaryMommy, the Houston Moms Blog, etc.)
 - ◆ "Choosing yourself, and acknowledging that you are worthy simply because you are breathing—that is a brave thing." ("A Letter to College Sports" by Cailin Bracken.)
 - ◆ "What makes Lil Nas X so extraordinary is how brave he is at being so outwardly gay within the urban music world." (Elton John.)
 - ◆ bibleexpert: He died after a "brave" battle with cancer. Dropping bombs on Iraq, on the other hand, didn't require quite as much bravery. / James to bibleexpert: The Air Force and Navy drop bombs the Army fights on the ground and that takes brave men and women. / Lake Life to bibleexpert: Speaking of bravery, a coward behind a key board criticizing a much greater man than he could ever be is pathetic. / bibleexpert to Lake Life: How did you assess that I'm a "coward"? (ABC's "Join the Discussion," about the death of an Army general who died of cancer.)
 - ◆ "Why is this brave? What's brave about not being brave?" (Talk radio host Clay Travis about the gymnast who quit her Olympic team because, as she explained, "I was like, I am not in the right headspace." The gymnast was widely praised as brave.)
 - ◆ "They said it's a bold new direction. I say [DC Comics is] bandwagoning. I don't think it's bold or brave... If they had done this 20 years ago, perhaps that would be bold or brave." (Dean Cain, commenting on DC Comics decision to make Superman's son bisexual.)
 - ◆ "Good morning, everyone. It's very brave of you to all be up this early." (Ramtin Arablouei and Rund Abdelfatah.)
- inclusion & exclusion: society**
- brave new world**
- brave new workers
~, how workers adapt to the changing economy
- brave new streaming world
we live in a ~ (a filmmaker)
- brave new world of business
Wal-Mart and the ~
- brave new world of 'editing' human genes
the ~ (CRISPR)
- in the brave new world
it's a detective story ~ that we live in (hacking)
- ◆ Aldous Huxley wrote the book in 1931 and it was published in 1932. The book creates a dystopian future world, the only goal of which is stability based on the principles of science and social science. Huxley wrote it as a parody of H.G. Wells' books on utopias.
- oppression: allusion / books & reading**
- allusion: books & reading**
- bravery (groups)**
- bravery
his fear, and his ~ is not in doubt (John A. Symonds)
- bravery and courage
- that takes ~ (Simone Biles prioritizes her wellbeing)
- Showed enormous bravery
he ~ (Muhammad Ali refuses induction)
- ◆ "It takes huge bravery to say what she's saying." (Simon Biles withdraws from Tokyo Olympics event to prioritize her wellbeing.)
 - ◆ "It's bravery for the left, it's not bravery for the world." (Fox anchor Todd Piro, about DC Comics making Superman's son bisexual.)
- inclusion & exclusion: society**
- brawl (noun)**
- political brawl
the government's ~s with the Muslim Brotherhood
this is turning into a ~ (funding)
- public brawl
he knew he would lose in a ~ with a Naval officer
- scientific brawl
his appetite for ~s is increasing with age (scientist)
- conflict: fist / violence**
- brazen (adjective)**
- brazen
the company was ~ (bribes)
- brazen play
they orchestrated a ~ (political corruption)
- ◆ The origin of this word relates to brass.
- restraint & lack of restraint: materials & substances**
- behavior: materials & substances**
- breach (verb)**
- breached (parts of) the agreement
Iran has already ~ since the Trump administration...
- breached a (2012) agreement
the question of whether Facebook ~ over user privacy
- breached article 16
Hong Kong supporters ~ of the FIFA Disciplinary Code
- breached a (a key, but seldom tested "morality") clause
PBS argued that he ~
- breached confidentiality
the Board members who contacted the press ~
- breached its contract
reports that the startup ~ (Philly Fighting COVID)
Parler claimed the tech giant breached ~ by...
- breached their (fiduciary) duties
the Board members willfully ~ to the union
- breached EU Law
Dutch rules ~ on protecting nature from...
- breached his obligations
the court ruled Snowden ~ to the intelligence agencies
- breached the terms
Iran has since ~, enriching uranium past the limit

breached a certain threshold
schools would have to shut down if infections ~

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military / verb

breach (noun)

breach of etiquette
the ~ was startling
she was chastised for a ~ (teen golfer at tournament)

breach of the peace
acts causing a ~ are prohibited (city park)

breach of (academic) politics
the ~ destroyed his university career

breach of (investigative) protocol
it is the worst ~ (leak about case)

breaches of respect
~ are sometimes met with vicious reprisal (surfing)

breaches of the rules
police were guilty of ~ on questioning suspects

breach of the (truce) treaty
we urge the North to apologize for the ~

breach of trust
Gordimer accused Roberts of ~ (over biography of her)
charges include bribery, fraud and ~ (a Prime Minister)
charges include misappropriation of Nissan funds and a ~

breaches of Islamic law
they police the streets on the lookout for ~

breach in the public health system
the closure creates a serious ~

breach with President Yeltsin
how do you avoid a major ~ (diplomacy)

data breach
the latest ~ (from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs)

safety breach
China closed the lab after a ~ (SARS)

security breach
a series of ~s on the Internet
the CIA's handling of the ~
a ~ of customer information (40 million credit-card holders)
reports on ~s in airports

computer-security breaches
many companies have detected ~

substantial and significant breaches
police were guilty of ~ of the rules on questioning suspects

guilty of breaches
the police were ~ of the rules on questioning suspects

detected (computer-security) breaches
many companies have ~

jump into the breach
the company enlisted him to ~

step into the breach
the Germans and French have offered to ~ (intel)

stepping into the breach
zoom fatigue set in months ago, but audio is ~

stepped into the breach
ordinary citizens have ~ (disaster relief)

♦ "We showed we were willing to stand in the gap." (Sherrilyn Ifill of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, about the "challenge of 2020.")

♦ "Those who stormed this Capitol, and those who instigated and incited, and those who called on them to do so, held a dagger at the throat of America, and American democracy... I will stand in this breach, I will defend this nation, I'll allow no one to place a dagger at the throat of democracy." (President Joe Biden, in a speech on January 6th, 2022.)

♦ "The trenches having been opened and the works carried on in the usual manner, the artillery at length began to make a breach, and after a three days' cannonade having made such an opening in the massive wall that it was reported practicable by Colonel Wellesley, orders were issued for storming the place... / Crossing the rocky bed of the Cavery, under a terrible fire of cannon, jingalls, and musketry, the glacis and ditch were soon crossed... / Lieutenant-Colonel Dunlop was here wounded when half way up by a *sirdar* of Mysore, who met him scimitar in hand. Parrying a cut with his sabre, the colonel slashed open his antagonist's breast, and mortally wounded him. The *sirdar* made another cut that nearly hewed off the head of the colonel, and falling back into the breach was instantly bayoneted. Dunlop reached the summit, and then fell from loss of blood... / Within seven minutes from the time the assault began, the British standard was waving on the outer bastion of the fortress..." ("Seringapatam, 1799, from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

breached

breached during the pandemic
IEPs have been ~ (education / a lawsuit)

breached by a (crippling) cyberattack
the elections office was ~ (Florida in 2016)

breached lease
he does not want to continue in a ~ (a landlord)

database was breached
the FBI is investigating how the ~

information is breached
when consumer's personal ~

privacy has been breached
those whose digital ~ have little resort

♦ "Cynthia responded to that and said, 'You wanted to make her squirm a little.' / The fortifications had been breached, to continue the military metaphor, and Cynthia charged right through. She said, 'In fact, General, you knew your daughter was not the victim of some rapist...' " (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille. The author is noteworthy in the way he explicitly notices language and dialect.)

subterfuge: allusion / verb

bread and butter (livelihood)

bread and butter
positive stories are our ~ (*Koori Mail* newspaper)

bread and butter of prime-time TV
medical dramas are the ~ (2020)

bread and butter to reporting

making sources is ~

earn its bread and butter
science has to ~ (practical applications)

bases / importance & significance: food & drink

bread-and-butter (adjective)

bread-and-butter model
the company's ~

bases / importance & significance: food & drink

breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)

breadbasket of India
the Punjab is the ~ (Sikhs)

breadbasket to the Revolution
the Mohawk Valley acted as the ~

Afghanistan's breadbasket
the broad Shomali Plain that was once ~

Brazil's (southern) breadbasket
~ flourishes (vs. Amazon)

Pakistan's breadbasket
Punjab is known as ~ for its agriculture

country's breadbasket
Northern India, the ~ (larger farms, grain)

♦ This is the same as *granary*.

farming & agriculture / wheat: epithet / sign, signal, symbol
breadcrumb (evidence)

breadcrumbs for the police
he would leave few ~ (serial murderer changes identity, etc.)

bread crumbs to the crime scene
her clothes were ~ (Central Park jogger)

breadcrumb trail
an electronic ~ lets users backtrack (GPS)
clickstreams are the digital ~ which Amazon follows

digital breadcrumbs
police followed the ~ left behind by the victim and suspect

“Q drops” or “breadcrumbs”
these messages became known as ~ QAnon conspiracy

♦ A breadcrumb trail is an allusion to the fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel. The children's horrid mother wished to get rid of them in a time of famine. She led them deep into the forest but the kids were able to return home by following a trail of small white stones they had dropped along the way. The second time, they had no time to collect stones, so they dropped crumbs of bread. But the birds ate the crumbs, and the kids were lost. They eventually come to a gingerbread house where a cannibal witch imprisoned them...

direction / evidence: allusion

breadcrumb (verb)

breadcrumbing you
he's just ~ by hinting at a new position for you

subterfuge: allusion / verb

breadcrumbed

breadcrumbed
how to know you're being ~

subterfuge: allusion

breadcrumbing (leading someone on)

breadcrumbing
~ is a modern term for intermittent reinforcement
~ is leading someone on (at work or in a relationship)
♦ A boss might breadcrumb you by hinting at a reward that he never intends to give you. Or a person you're interested in might breadcrumb you by texting you just enough to make you think she is interested in you. Sound familiar?

subterfuge: allusion

break (destroy / disrupt)

break capitalism
a super intelligent machine could ~ (AI)

broke the internet
what ~ (Facebook issues, etc.)

broke the Democratic Party
how Ted Kennedy ~

broke the Senate
many critics think that McConnell ~ (US politics)

Broke the World
Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who ~ (Liaquat Ahamed)

destruction: mechanism / verb
disruption: mechanism / verb

breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.)

on the edge of a (nervous) breakdown
I'm ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / mental health

break down (explain)

break it (all) down for us
they will ~us (TV news analysis)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: mechanism / verb
break down (functioning)

authority broke down
political ~

discipline can break down
in a crisis, ~ (first responders)
fire ~ upon contact (military)

negotiations broke down
~ and resumed and broke down again

communications system broke down
the state-of-the-art ~

social order is breaking down

the ~ (in the wake of a great natural disaster)

law and order has broken down

functioning: mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb
failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

break down (destroy)

break down (trade) barriers
the European Union seeks to ~

break down the resistance
the operation seeks to ~ in Balad (military)

break down stereotypes
we must ~ about Muslims

break down the stigma
we must ~ of adoption

breaks down blood clots
the enzyme ~ (medicine)

help break down
study abroad can ~ stereotypes and prejudice

destruction: mechanism / verb

break down (feeling)

break down
he would ~ and start sobbing about his dad

broke down
when police arrested her, she ~

broke down in tears
she ~ as she told her sad story

broke down into tears
Walter Cronkite ~ on national television (Kennedy)

broke down in his tent
he ~ and wept for 45 minutes (climber)

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / mental health / verb

break down (divide)

breaks down into (many small-unit) battles
combat in urban areas ~ (military)

breaks down into two (different) categories
the issue ~

breaks down features into elements
faction-recognition devices ~

broke down its data by age
the company ~ as well as income

break down ounces into gram
midsize dealers ~ (illegal drugs)

taxonomy & classification: mechanism

breaker (deal-breaker, etc.)

deal-breaker

it was a ~ in that respect (surprise rough sex)

rule breaker

she is a classically trained ~ (a musician)
he made a name for himself as a self-styled ~ (musician)

silence breakers

Time announced the ~ as their person of the year (2017)

destruction / disruption: affix / mechanism

breaking point (at the breaking point)

at the breaking point
they are ~ (financially)

at a breaking point
the system is ~ (immigration)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances
feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances
condition & status: materials & substances

breaking point (to the breaking point)

stretched to the breaking point
we are ~ (police chief facing layoffs)
the Army and Marines are ~ (US in Iraq)
fire crews are ~ (California wildfires)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances
feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances
condition & status: materials & substances

breaking point (other)

breaking point
every man has his ~ (the film *Shawshank Redemption*)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances
feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances
condition & status: materials & substances

breakneck (adjective)

breakneck rate
Boeing has been churning out the popular model at a ~

speed: animal / horse

break off (verb)

broke off the attack
the mountain lion finally ~ (on 70-year-old man / CA)

broke off his engagement
he ~ to the former Playboy model

broke off (diplomatic) relations
Venezuela then ~ in response

broke off (business) ties
it ~ with... (two companies)

broke off (diplomatic) ties
Ecuador ~ with Colombia

break it off

until I got the nerve to ~ with my then-girlfriend

starting, going, continuing & ending: hand / verb
curtailment: hand / verb

break out (verb)

broke out in celebration

an army of fans ~ (#FreeBritney)

fight broke out

the ~ on Alexanderplatz square

typhus broke out

~ in the ships anchored on the Motherbank

initiation / occurrence: pursuit, capture & escape / verb

breakout (breakout sessions, etc.)

breakout rooms

Zoom ~ (online video conferencing)

breakout session

a ~ has been scheduled... (TESL convention)

♦ My dictionary gives two definitions. One relates to escape from enemy encirclement or from a prison. The other is a skin eruption. Teacher education and educational conferences are well known for their "breakout" sessions followed by the blessed break for lunch.

division & connection: school & education

break through (verb)

break through

it's difficult to predict which words will ~ (into dictionary)

importance & significance / obstacles & impedance /
progress & lack of progress: direction / military /
movement

breakthrough (noun)

breakthrough

research failures are finally being outnumbered by the ~s

breakthrough in the (murder) case

we are hoping for a ~

breakthroughs in medicine

the new research might lead to ~

breakthrough in (stalled) talks

a ~ on a bill that... (lawmakers)

breakthroughs in (armor) technology

revolutionary ~ (military)

breakthrough cases

experts are monitoring ~ among the vaccinated (COVID)

breakthrough infection

a ~ doesn't necessarily mean the vaccine is failing

breakthrough lead

even a \$2.5 million reward has not produced a ~

breakthrough moment

it was a ~ for a young man (Federer beats Sampras in 2001)

breakthrough pain

a "rescue dose" for sudden, severe ~ (morphine)

breakthrough year

he is having a ~ (baseball player)

research breakthrough

~s have reduced the cost

~s have led to new treatments for stroke

diplomatic breakthrough

the U.N.-sponsored gathering is a ~

revolutionary breakthroughs

~ in armor technology (military)

scientific breakthrough

it's a ~

technological breakthrough

the first ATMs were a ~ (1970s)

chance of a breakthrough

climate policy is gridlocked, with no ~

♦ In dictionaries, this word dates to 1918—World War I—when soldiers struggled and died to break through enemy defenses.

importance & significance / obstacles & impedance /
progress & lack of progress: direction / military /
movement

breath (take one's breath away)

took my breath away

it ~ (a huge inflated medical bill)

she ~ ("It must be love")

took your breath away

it ~ (an exciting boxing match)

takes your breath away

the canyon always ~ (Grand Canyon in winter)

fairly took my breath away

the book review was so spiteful it ~

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

breath (hold one's breath)

held their breath

everyone ~, to see what she was gonna do (raped)

holding their breaths

people are ~ (waiting for a remedy)

holding its breath

the world is collectively ~ (Japan nuclear disaster)

holding my breath

I was ~ walking to the mailbox... (worried about a bill)

holding their breath

people are ~, waiting to see what happens next

fate, fortune & chance: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

breath (take a breath, etc.)

take a deep breath

this is a moment to ~ and think through things (crisis)

take a deep breath and take the long view

it's a good time to ~ (hope during pandemic)

♦ *Keep calm and carry on.* (Great Britain, World War II.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

breathe (caves breathe, etc.)

breathe

all caves ~

resemblance: bodily reaction / breathing

breathing space (and breathing room)

breathing room

provide ~ to consider the options

a little breathing room

the Turks are giving the Saudis ~ (to reply)

we have ~ to establish alternative energy sources

breathing space

travel bans can give you ~ (to prepare for virus)

gives the Postal Service "breathing room"

the rate increase ~

amelioration & renewal: breathing

time: breathing / place

breathless (adjective)

breathless coverage

blaring headlines, fleshy photos and ~ (the media)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing

breathhtaking (adjective)

breathhtaking action

he defeated his longtime rival in 6 rounds of ~ (boxing)

breathhtaking advance

this is a ~ (legislative act)

breathhtaking performance

she gave a ~ (skater)

breathhtaking power

American prosecutors have ~

breathhtaking speed

the cars go at ~s (racing)

breathhtaking view

a front porch with a ~ of the mountains

the skyway provides ~s of the southern Appalachians

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing

breed (create)

breeds (political) bedlam

the system ~ (government)

breeds corruption

the ruling ~ (campaign finance)

breeds the desire

success ~ for more success (school)

bred jealousy

success has ~ elsewhere (sports)

breeds peace

strength ~, right (US still in S. Korea, etc.)

Breeds Peril

Yellowstone Bison Thrive, but Success ~ (article)

bred (more) success

success ~ (diplomacy)

breed further success

that success would ~ (MGM gym)

creation & transformation: animal / verb

relationship: animal / verb

breed (type)

breed of enthusiast

roller coasters inspire a peculiar ~

breed apart

the war made them a ~ (W.W. II veterans)

they are a ~ and make no sense (white settlers)

breed of athlete

a pole vaulter is a very special ~ (danger)

different breed

they are a ~ to those who... (big riders / surfing)

new breed

the ~ of explorers (Blacks / National Geographic)

peculiar breed

roller coasters inspire a ~ of enthusiast

rare breed

he's one of a ~ of technical divers

special breed

it's a dangerous job that takes a ~

a pole vaulter is a very ~ of athlete (danger)

♦ "Some professors are jerks, and students should learn the identifying marks of the latter breed early on." (Taking sexual advantage of students.)

♦ "There's a new breed of explorer... We down here ya' all." (Will Smith in the official trailer for "Welcome To Earth" by National Geographic, on Disney Plus.)

♦ "Chingachgook warned me about people like you... He said, 'Do not try to understand them. And don't try to make them understand you. That is because they are a breed apart and make no sense.' (Last of the Mohicans, the 1992 film.)

taxonomy & classification: animal

identity & nature: animal

breed (dying breed, etc.)

dying breed

he is the last of a ~ (race car driver)
moderates are a ~ (politics)

Old Breed

With the ~ (World War II soldiers)

decline / past & present: animal

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

breeder reactor (noun)

breeder reactor for extremism

the Punjab has been called a ~ (Pakistan)

creation & transformation: nuclear energy

breeding ground

breeding ground for (religious) extremism
mosques are a ~ (Pakistan)

breeding ground for (would-be) jihadists

Zarqa is a ~ (Jordan)

breeding ground for (serial) killers

the Pacific Northwest is a ~

breeding grounds for terrorism

the refugee camps are prime ~
the Sudan and Somalia, ~

breeding ground for viruses

the Internet is a ~

creation & transformation: animal

brew (mixture)

witches' brew

at one time, the US military was a ~ of racism

lethal brew

driving fatalities result from a ~ of... (India)

toxic brew

their illnesses resulted from a ~ of contaminants
we fight this ~ of stupidity and... (US exceptionalism)

mixture: food & drink

brew (activity)

brewing

this issue has been ~, and they knew it would bubble up again

brewing in Nasiriyah

another humanitarian crisis may be ~ (Iraq War)

controversy is brewing

a ~

crisis (in Haiti) has been brewing

~ since...

problem is brewing

a new ~ (too little space at Metro stations)

revolution is brewing

a ~ (against bilingual education)

storm was brewing

outside, the ~ (protests against the government)

tensions are brewing

~ between supporters and opponents

activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water

initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)

Bride of the Sea

Venice, the ~

Bride of the Red Sea

Jeddah, the ~ (Saudi Arabia)

configuration / relationship: epithet

bridge (noun)

bridge between the diaspora and the continent

explore your roots, build a ~ (Ghana)

mirror and a bridge

we are a ~ to culture at large (TikTok)

build bridges to the Taliban

he has sought to ~

burned some bridges

he's ~ in the tennis world (troubled athlete)

serves as a bridge

the Public Editor ~ between the newsroom and the public

division & connection: bridge / river

bridge (verb)

bridge the divide

they want to ~ and find common ground (gun control)

bridging the divide

ballet and baseball are ~ (Cuba and the US)

~ won't be easy (NFL players' protests)

bridge the gap

~ between the life you lead and the life you want to live

bridge the rupture

US diplomats are trying to ~ (Middle East)

division & connection: bridge / river / verb

amelioration & renewal: bridge / river / verb

bridge (air bridge, etc.)

bridge between the Middle East and Anatolia

Turkey is a ~ (eastern Turkey / Van)

air bridge

the ~ is important (food drops to starving refugees)

Egypt poured men and materiel into Yemen over an ~
she will fly out of Sanaa as part of this medical ~

Arctic Bridge

Arctic warming could revitalize the so-called ~
trans-Atlantic bridge
they have been trying to reestablish that ~ (Mafia / heroin)
transportation: bridge / river
division & connection: bridge / river
route: bridge / infrastructure / river

bridge (water under the bridge)

water under the bridge
it's ~ now
past & present: bridge / movement / river / water
time: bridge / movement / river / water
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge / movement / river / water

bridge (a bridge to sell)

sell that same bridge over and over again
they are happy to ~ (N. Korean promises)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bridge

bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)

a bridge too far
the idea is ~ (a bad idea that goes too far)
I hope he wins, but my head says it will be ~ (Amir Khan)
he didn't ask them to wear a mask, that was a ~ (staff)

bridge too far for some viewers
its use of racial slurs is an understandable ~ (Tarantino)

a game too far
it was, in some respects, ~ for England (World Cup)

a step too far
this could just be ~ (Khan vs. Crawford)
this approach is ~ (media coverage)
this may be ~ (substituting “bae” for “babe” / 2014)

♦ This echoes the title of the great 1977 Richard Attenborough film, about Operation Market Garden during World War II. Its meaning is to overreach. The actual operation was a noble and heroic attempt to end the war early. It nearly succeeded. The unintended consequences were horrible, however, in the parts of Holland that weren't liberated: the Dutch famine of 1944-1945. Market Garden started September 17, 1944. Anne Frank was apprehended by the Gestapo on 4 August 1944, and she died in Bergen-Belsen, perhaps in March, 1945. Allusions like these are a double-edged sword. On the one hand, they memorialize. But as time goes on and people forget, they trivialize.

♦ see also far (too far)

allusion: film / military
restraint & lack of restraint: allusion / bridge / history / military

bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)

bridge
that's a ~ she can cross at a later date

cross that bridge
we will ~ when we come to it
we will ~ and that decision will be made

we're going to ~ when we get to it on Friday

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / future / time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge / journeys & trips / movement / river / verb

bridge (burn one's bridges)

burn bridges
you never want to ~
burned some bridges
he's ~ in the tennis world (troubled athlete)
burned that bridge
but he ~ when he accused... (a soccer player)

division & connection: bridge / river / water
fate, fortune & chance: bridge / river / water
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge / river / water

bridge-building (through bridge-building)

resolve issues through bridge-building
they sought to ~

division & connection: bridge / river
amelioration & renewal: bridge / river

bridge-building

bridge-building visit
the admission came ahead of Medvedev's ~ to Warsaw

division & connection: bridge / river
amelioration & renewal: bridge / river

bridgehead (noun)

bridgehead
Hong Kong is not a ~ to subvert the mainland (China)

establish a bridgehead
hackers are keen to ~ on internal networks

presence & absence: bridge / military / river
survival, persistence & endurance: bridge / military / river

bridle (verb)

bridled against it
Biden ~ (becoming a public symbol of grieving)

bridle against (received) norms
the film does not ~ (the pieties of the Cold War)

bridal at criticism
he has a tendency to ~ (a politician)

“bridle” the executive
impeachment is designed to ~ if he engages in excesses

photographers bridle
~ as NFL announces policy

restraint & lack of restraint: horse / verb
constraint & lack of constraint: horse / verb

control & lack of control: horse / verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: horse / verb
bridle (mechanical bridle, etc.)

mechanical bridles
3 ~ hold the rover under the descent stage (Perseverance)

configuration: horse

bright (adjective)

bright
her future is ~

brighter
the future for the company has never been ~

bright idea
it's not easy to turn a ~ into a genuine business

superlative: light & dark

bright (bright side)

look on the bright side
well, ~.... (consolation)

♦ "The most ironic thing is that it became really quite serious and in the Falklands War the sailors sitting on the HMS *Sheffield* after they had been hit by an Exocet sang it for 3 hours while they were waiting to be rescued. And the RAF pilots would sing it in great jeopardy, when they were changing for their long, low-level bombing in the Bush Wars, Desert Storm. And so you know, it took on a kind of optimistic component to it..." ("Always Look on the Brightside of Life," Monty Python. BBC Radio 4-Inheritance Tracks, Eric Idle. U.S. veterans at Camp Vinnell in Saudi Arabia delighted in recalling and reenacting Monty Python sketches at the Tiki Hut on weekends.)

♦ seangamut: This is what is known as Karma! / Ambleside: "Always look on the bright side of life!" (Manchester United 0-Liverpool 4.)

♦ see also *Panglossian* (adjective)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark

resiliency: light & dark

brighten (verb)

brightened the mood
the glad tidings ~ of Lincoln (military victories)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / mental health / verb

brilliance (superlative)

flashes of brilliance
this was a performance of heart, quality and ~ (soccer)
he produced occasional ~ when he returned (a soccer player)

superlative: light & dark

brilliant (technology)

"brilliant" bomb
~s are in the future (Low Cost Autonomous Attack Systems)
~s are the smart bombs of the future
~s strike some as the ultimate nightmare

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)
~ bombs (military)

knowledge & intelligence: mechanism
ability & lack of ability: mechanism
brilliant (superlative)

brilliant (medical and military) career
after a ~

brilliant hacker
he is a ~ (computers)

brilliant idea
I had a ~

brilliant job
who did such a ~

brilliant (new) plan
a ~ to...

brilliant scientist
she's a ~ who...

brilliant and abrasive (m)
a ~ engineer named...

superlative: light & dark
character & personality: light & dark

brim (verb)

brimming with patriotism
he staged a revival meeting ~

brims with irony
his account ~ (a book)

amount: container / verb
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: container / verb

bring (verb)

brought joy to the citizens
the musical ~ of an anxious nation at war ("Oklahoma!")

bring perpetrators to justice
we need to ~ (sexual abuse)

brought the South Pole into the public consciousness
Shackleton ~ (in the UK)

brought the (bitter) rift to the surface
the incident ~ (between military and government)

brought gusts
the storm ~ of almost 100 mph

brings (political) pain
Trump knows economic meltdown ~ (coronavirus)

brought its own problems
the solution has ~

brought territory
trade had ~, territory war, war an Empire (Great Britain)

brought (150mph) winds
the storm ~ (a hurricane)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

fictive transportation: verb
relationship: movement / verb

bring (the future can bring something)

see *future (the future can bring something)*

bring (bring it)

bring it

if you're gonna sing it, you gotta ~ (gospel music)

brought it

people were looking for a new realism, and he ~ (Brando)

bringing the brawl

Ryder though is ~ and has done all night (boxing)

brought it in Game 1

Cassidy Hubbart talks about who ~ (NBA finals)

♦ "It's all about that dog that he gonna bring to the fight." (A boxer speaking about what makes a winning boxer.)

♦ "We know what he's going to bring, like he always comes forward, puts on pressure, throws big bombs..." (Joseph Parker about an upcoming match with Derek "Del Boy" Chisora.)

commitment & determination: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

bring around (verb)

bring Londoners around

what will ~ (to support the Olympics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / verb

bring back (restore)

bring the beaver back

efforts are underway to ~

bring him back

nothing we can do can ~ (executed for murder)

amelioration & renewal / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival, persistence & endurance: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

bring down (verb)

bring down some racial barriers

it helped to ~ (basketball)

brought down his own career

he ~ with drugs (a baseball player)

bring down the (whole) edifice

any crack in the system would ~ (dictatorship)

destruction: direction / ruins / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb

bring up (a subject, etc.)

brought up Honnold

Caldwell, sitting on the deck that night, ~... (climbers)

brought up the (new California sport) climb

when I ~ (in conversation with a climber)

speech: ground, terrain & land

brink (on the brink)

on the brink of collapse
the government is ~

on the brink of default

the country is teetering ~ (Greece / economy)

on the brink of disaster

the country is ~ (economy)

on the brink of a (polio) epidemic

West and Central Africa are ~

on the brink of failure

the meeting was ~ (UN)

on the brink of insolvency

the factory is teetering ~

on the brink of unconsciousness

he was ~ (trapped caver)

on the brink of stardom

he has been hovering ~ (a film actor)

on the brink of (another) summit bid

10 days later, ~ (climbing)

hovering on the brink

he has been ~ of stardom (a film actor)

teetering on the brink

the factory is ~ of insolvency

proximity: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

brink (to the brink)

push Iraq to the brink

he urged them not to ~ of confrontation

proximity: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

brink (back from the brink)

back from the brink

Wall Street is ~

step back from the brink

they must ~ (rioters battle soldiers)

bring them back from the brink

we must ~ of extinction (endangered animals)

pull his friend back from the brink

he tried to ~ (drug intervention)

proximity: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

survival, persistence & endurance: ground, terrain & land

brinksmanship (noun)

brinksmanship

there's a lot of ~ involved (negotiations)

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land
position, policy & negotiation: ground, terrain & land
bristle (emotional arousal)

bristled at questions
the senator ~ about his patriotism

bristles at the suggestion
she ~ that she encouraged cheating (an educator)
♦ Piloerection is a sign of emotional arousal. In chimpanzees, it will cause the hair on their shoulders to stick straight up. At the same time, chimpanzees might hoot and throw pebbles.

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / dog / hair / verb
bristle (with security, etc.)

bristling with security
the courthouse is ~
protection & lack of protection: animal / fortification / military / verb

British (British of South America, etc.)

British of South America
people used to say we are the ~ (Chileans)
character & personality / identity & nature / migration: epithet

brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.)

angrier and more brittle
she seems ~ (emotions)
emerged (emotionally) brittle
he ~ (from a turbulent childhood)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances
ability & lack of ability: materials & substances

broad (adjective)

too broad
for some the brush stroke was ~ (cancel culture includes Abraham Lincoln)

extent & scope: breadth

broadside (noun)

broadside against China
Secretary of State Mike Pompeo launched another ~
broadside against the 2015 same-sex marriage decision
Thomas and Alito issued a ~ on Monday when...
broadside' against fellow lawmaker
Tiller backs challenger in 'extraordinary ~ (politics)
Twitter broadside
Senator's Grassley's ~ at Obama...
Trump's broadsides
it's unclear if ~ will have much sway...
ferocious broadside

he launched a ~ against Jeff Sessions (politics)
legal broadside
she leveled the fiercest ~ yet against the Sackler family
aimed another broadside
he ~ at Pelosi (President Trump)

level broadsides
Democrats ~ at Romney's wealth (politics)
♦ "Hood, in the *Zealous*, took the station, and from the port-holes of his seventy-four poured such a tempest of shot upon the *Guerrier*, that in twelve minutes he riddled and totally disabled her... Passing gracefully and swiftly to windward of the *Zealous*, [the *Orion*] fired her larboard guns so long as they could be brought to bear upon the *Guerrier*, then passing inside the *Goliath*, by a single broadside she shattered and sunk a frigate, *La Serieuse*, which annoyed her, sending her to the bottom in an instant with all hands on board, 250 men... / By this time the sun had set. The *Audacious*, under Captain Gould, was pouring a crashing fire into the *Guerrier*... The *Theseus*, Captain Miller, following next, swept away the remaining masts of the *Guerrier*... / The victory was ours; the loss to the French was terrible... (The Battle of the Nile, 1798, also known as the Battle of Aboukir Bay. Only four French ships escaped. From *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant. Crowds of Arabs and Mamelukes on shore celebrated and cheered on the destruction of their enemies.)

accusation & criticism: boat / military / weapon
conflict / speech: boat / military / weapon

Brobdingnagian (adjective)

Brobdingnagian Embassy
the US is downsizing its ~ in Iraq
♦ The allusion is to the satire *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift. The same book contributed *Lilliputian* to the language.
♦ Elena Tapia in "Primary Metaphor and the Fantastic" analyzes *Gulliver's Travels* and other fantastical works of literature, including *Alice and Wonderland*, through the lens of conceptual metaphor in order to explain what it is that makes them so fantastic. Even better, her paper is available at ERIC, ED472663.

size: allusion / person
allusion: books & reading

broken (failure)

broken
our food-safety system in this country is ~ (salmonella)
there is no question in my mind that the system is ~
the economy is ~, and Obama can't fix it
what is ~ (teachers, parents, students / education)
the judiciary is ~, the law needs to change

broken home
he comes from a ~

broken life
put back the pieces of a ~ (schizophrenia)

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: mechanism

broken (English, etc.)

broken Arabic
reporters asked him in ~ if...

broken English
the Peruvian liaison officer spoke ~

flaws & lack of flaws: speech / mechanism

speech: functioning

broken (feeling)

broken man

he left high-spirited, but he returned a ~ (war)

left (absolutely) broken

his family had been ~ by his death

♦ "You must not think of him as a man who had been broken... He had been hurt, he was wounded, but he was still the same man in great spirits. He thought the best spirit of resistance is joyfulness." (An acquaintance of Boris Pasternak in his last years.)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / mechanism

broken-hearted

broken-hearted (m)

a ~ man

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

bromide (noun)

bromide

this is sound advice as far as it goes, but it's a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

speech: health & medicine

broom (broom of reform, etc.)

broom of reform

I will grab the ~ and sweep this state clean

♦ Michele Rhee was an educational crusader. As chancellor of the Washington, D.C. school system, she was given a mandate to "clean house." She appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine* with a broom. But community members felt like they had been compared to dirt, and she ended up having to resign her position.

amelioration & renewal: house / hygiene

disruption: house / hygiene

brother (Instagram's brother, etc.)

brother of igneous volcanoes

mud volcanoes are the poor ~ (research, etc.)

big brother

he came from Instagram's ~, Facebook (Mosseri)

poor brother

mud volcanoes are the ~ of igneous volcanoes (research)

relationship: family

brother (big brother, etc.)

big sister

I was like a mother hen to them, I was like ~

big sister to young rockers

Judy Collins was a kind of ~ (place to crash, etc.)

help & assistance: family

brother (brother in arms, etc.)

brothers

the Serbs and Russians are ~ (Kosovo)

brothers to us

the Syrians are ~ (Iraqi Christian refugee)

brother in arms

the soldier's reflexive instinct to protect his ~

brother from another mother

he was my ~ (David Grohl about Taylor Hawkins)

fraternity brothers

he died after chugging whiskey with ~ (initiation)

band of brothers

they are more than a fun-loving, bike-riding ~ (gang)

division & connection / person / relationship: family

brotherhood (noun)

brotherhood of the sea

we have seen what the ~ means (international rescue)

brotherhood of firefighters

the ~

brotherhood of submariners

the ~

brotherhood, loyalty, courage, and self-sacrifice
the virtues of ~

brotherhood, service, sacrifice

~ (Rangers)

Sufi brotherhoods

Chechnya's ~

have a (long) brotherhood

Columbia and Venezuela ~ (Cucuta Constitution, etc.)

♦ "The code, the brotherhood, the three hours we come together as one..." (Sports talk, about a player who controversially quit on his team during a game. Coaches often say, "There is no 'I' in 'team.' Players retort, "There's an 'I' in 'win.'")

♦ "We have seen in deeds, not words, what the brotherhood of the sea means." (A Russian Navy official, on the successful rescue of sailors aboard a sunken mini-sub. The British, Japanese, and Americans had all rushed to help.)

♦ "My hope is that this site contributes to making more people visit our museum and that the pilgrimage to the Island of Gorée provides an impetus to an enhanced brotherhood able to exorcise the demons of the past." (Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, 2005, speaking about the island opposite Dakar which was one of many slave-trading centers on the African coast, ruled in succession by the Portuguese, Dutch, English and French.)

group, set & collection: family

division & connection / relationship: family

brought up

brought up to feel

I was ~ proud of the Empire

brought up harsh, strict

I was ~, but just normal discipline (boxer Conor Benn)

growth & development: death & life

bruise (verb)

bruised feelings

but the decision has ~ here (by church, to...)

bruised some egos

he ruffled some feathers and ~ (a general)

feeling, emotion & effect: color / health & medicine / mark / sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

bruised

left the Administration bruised

the experience ~ (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: color / health & medicine / mark / sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bruising (adjective)

bruising (political) attacks

after days of ~ on his tax returns and his record...

bruising election

it was a ~

bruising encounter

another ~ with a beast of a wave (Nazare surfing)

bruising encounter

he was finding college a ~ (depression, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: color / health & medicine / mark / sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

brush (characterization)

same brush

it is wrong to paint them all with the ~ (a few bad cops)

brush stroke was too broad

for some, the ~ (cancel culture includes Abe Lincoln)

characterization: picture

brush aside (verb)

brushed aside their hosts

the Titans ~ (NFL football)

dismissal, removal & resignation: hand / verb

brush off (verb)

brushed off concerns

he ~ about his security

brushed off their concerns

he angrily ~ (a manager)

brushed off his protest

they ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: hand / verb

brush-off

gave me the brush off

she ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: hand

brush up against

brushed up against this story

I was amazed I had never ~ (author / camels in US)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

brutality (noun)

brutality of storms

the suddenness, the ~ now, it is different (NYC mayor)

force: violence

bubble (verb)

bubbling here

there has been a long-term democracy moment ~

bubbling (just) under the surface

conflict is ~

bubbled to the surface

all those feelings and emotions ~ again (abuse)

activity / initiation: bubble / heating water / temperature / verb / water

bubble (activity)

investment bubble

their current popularity is an ~ (NFTs)

stock bubble

but now that the ~ has burst (1990s)

dot-com bubble

the ~

housing bubble

the ~ will eventually pop (housing market)

in an (influence) bubble

we are in ~ (the advertising industry)

boom and bust of (Iceland's tourism) bubble

the ~

bubble has burst

but now that the stock ~... (1990s)

bubble burst

then the ~, and investors lost fortunes (stocks)

bubble has deflated

Iceland's tourism ~

activity: bubble / water

substance & lack of substance: bubble / water

bubble (isolation)

bubble of this isolated leadership

Trump pierced the ~ (North Korea)

Canberra bubble

he and the whole ~ face a much more persistent issue

filter bubble

the term ~ was coined by Eli Pariser (Wikipedia)
tailored web searches put users in a ~

their own bubble

they can't see outside of ~ (Facebook leaders)

media bubble

the ~ caused blind spots and groupthink (politics)

overprotective bubble

so many parents now raise their children in an ~

in a bubble

the people who live ~ (partisan, cultural identity)

live in a bubble

the people at Facebook ~

lives in a bubble

she ~, away from reality the rest of us face (a celebrity)

pierced the bubble

Trump ~ of this isolated leadership (North Korea)

get out of the (Washington) bubble

NPR needs to ~

♦ "Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalists who work at The Washington Post, NPR, [and the] New York Times... are to each other." ("How Journalists Congregating Into 'Microbubbles' Affects Quality Of News Reporting," NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2020.)

isolation & remoteness: bubble / container / water

avoidance & separation: bubble / container / water

bubble (quarantine)

"Bubble Boy"

the ~ was described in a documentary in the mid '70s
gene therapy to treat ~disease (SCID)

bubble experiment

for the NHL, the ~ paid off (sports goes on in pandemic)

quarantine bubble

some TV shows have continued to shoot in ~

social bubbles

the pros and cons of ~ or pods... (COVID-19)

one-way 'bubble'

~ opens between Australia and New Zealand (Covid-19)

COVID-Free Bubbles

sleep away camps offer ~ for remote learning

in a bubble

when you're ~ for 100 days, it's tough (COVID-19)

in the Bubble

David Vetter became "the Boy in ~" (1984)

in the (NBA) bubble

what it's like to be one of the chefs cooking for athletes ~

created a bubble

the college has ~ to keep COVID-19 out

stay in their "bubble"

NBA playoffs are underway as players ~

♦ Beijing will be "bubble-ized," there will be "bubble-ized" flights... (A sports columnist about the Beijing Winter Olympics.)

isolation & remoteness: bubble / container / water

protection & lack of protection: bubble / container / water

avoidance & separation: bubble / container / water

bubble up (verb)

bubble up

the Troubles continue to ~ in unexpected places (Ireland)

this issue has been brewing, and they knew it would ~ again

activity / appearance & disappearance / initiation: bubble / heating water / prep, adv, adj, particle / temperature / verb / water

bubbling (adjective)

bubbling, unsolved mystery

his case remained a ~ for years (Kim Philby)

activity / initiation: bubble / heating water / temperature / water

bubbly (personality)

chatty, bubbly and (unfailingly) polite

~, she is comfortable in the spotlight (Emma Raducanu)

character & personality: bubble / water

buccaneer (person)

individualist, a buccaneer

Amundsen was an ~ (not a public servant)

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates

they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

taking & removing: boat / crime / person / sea

person: boat / crime / sea

character & personality: boat / crime / person / sea

buck (verb)

bucked his party

he ~ (John McCain / politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: horse / animal / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: horse / animal / verb

bucket (category)

police bucket

maybe this shouldn't be in the ~ of things

neat buckets

the motivators don't fit into ~ (mass-casualty incidents)

essential and nonessential buckets

it's hard to put things in ~

divide things into three buckets
Biden and Pope Francis can ~ (issues)

put them in the same bucket
but with Snowden & Assange, I do ~

taxonomy & classification: container

buckle (give way)

buckled
instead of doubling down on the policy, he ~

destruction / failure, accident & impairment / resistance, opposition & defeat: infrastructure / ruins / verb

buckle (attachment)

buckle on the strap
Vicksburg was the ~ that held the Confederacy together

buckle of the Bible Belt
they landed at the ~ (Fujianese workers in Oklahoma City)

♦ A belt often has a buckle. See *belt (area)*.

attachment / configuration: clothing & accessories

bud (nipped in the bud)

nipped in the bud
the plot had been ~ at the zero hour
sedition has been ~ (a plot)

curtailment / growth & development: plant

appearance & disappearance: plant

budding

budding adventurer
the ~ claimed she was not afraid (Abby Sunderland, 16)

budding career
her ~ came to a screeching halt (a Nike runner)

budding ("heritage language") movement
the ~ in education

budding relationship
they managed to keep their ~ a secret (guy / girl)

budding romance
the innocence of a ~ (teens)

growth & development: plant
appearance & disappearance: plant

budge (verb)

budge
the negotiators won't ~, they are immovable

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb
position, policy & negotiation: movement / verb
commitment & determination: movement / verb

budget (attention budget, etc.)

attention budget
ads take a toll on the user's ~ (internet)

constraint & lack of constraint: money

buffet (noun)

buffet of injustices
that place was a virtual ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

alternatives & choices / amount: food & drink
group, set & collection: food & drink

buffeted

buffeted by the news
for readers ~... (pandemic)

force: fist / violence / wave / wind

bug (enthusiasm)

acting bug
he took some drama classes and developed an ~

skating bug
he caught the ~ at age 8 (ice-skater Rudy Galindo)

ballet bug
if she hadn't been bitten by the ~...

travel bug
she said she got the ~ from her father...

bitten by the bug
and so I really got ~ (acting, in high school)

bitten by the (cycling) bug
as a youth he played soccer before he was ~

get the (acting) bug
when people ~, there's really nothing you can do about it

enthusiasm: insect

build (create)

build an (international anti-terror) coalition
they seek to ~

build confidence
rehearsals ~ and improve performance (military)

build his confidence
he needs time to ~

build my confidence
rehearsals ~ and improve performance (military)

built a (drug-trafficking) empire
he ~ in the Caribbean

built a (nationwide freight-hauling) empire
Johnnie B. Hunt, who ~

build the future
the motto was *Pro futuro aedificamus*—we ~ (school)

build a (secure) future
~ for their children

build interest
Leslie's dunk will ~ in the WNBA

build a (16-point) lead
~ (basketball)

built a good life
we ~ together

build muscles
some bodybuilders use GHB thinking it will ~

build opposition
he participated in clandestine meetings to ~

build (a series of working) partnerships
~ (federal agencies)

built a (fragile) present
they ~ out of pieces of the past (Balkans diplomacy)

build rapport
a personable style of communication that aims to ~

builds (close) relationships
the chaplain ~ with prisoners (prison)

built her reputation
she ~ as an educator over two decades (fired)

build a reputation
you can't ~ on what you are going to do (Henry Ford);
Cotto continues to ~ (the boxer)

build (deductive) skills
~ early in doctors' training

build (company) solidarity
he pays for Caribbean cruises to ~

build a team
trying to ~ is a hard juggling act (basketball)

build (community) ties
people don't stay long enough to ~

building a better tomorrow
we are ~

build trust
you can ~ by... (dealing with kid's separation anxiety)

build a (peaceful) world community
they seek to ~

built her reputation over two decades
she ~ (an educator)

building a case one block at a time
they are ~ (for conspiracy)

build self-esteem
some argue that the best way to ~ is to...

anger is building
the ~ here (oil spill)

aims to build
a personable style of communication that ~ rapport

trying to build
~ a team is a hard juggling act (basketball)

failure to build
his government's ~ a healthy economy

time to build
he needs ~ his confidence

hard to build
the company's reputation, ~, easy to destroy

creation & transformation: infrastructure / verb
building block

building block of society
the tribe is the ~ (rural south Iraq)

use the experience as a building block
you can ~

bases: infrastructure

build up (verb)

building up
a lot of anger is ~

increase & decrease: infrastructure / verb

built

built around the church
his life was ~

configuration: infrastructure

built in

built in
is there an assessment tool that is ~

downtime built in
their jobs have extended ~ (firefighters)

built-in incentive
stock options provide a ~

attachment: infrastructure

identity & nature: infrastructure

configuration: infrastructure

bulge (shape)

youth bulge
population trends will dramatically increase the Yemeni ~

increase & decrease: shape

bull (bull in a china shop)

bull in a china shop
she's a ~

bull-in-a-china-shop reputation
he showed a tactical skill which belied his ~ (politician)

force: animal / cows & cattle

bulldoze (verb)

bulldozed him

Wilder then fell again as Fury ~ (boxing)

bulldoze me

he tried to ~, but I resisted...

bulldozing values

critics say he is ~ that Americans hold dear (politics)

destruction: tools & technology / verb

force: tools & technology / verb

bulldozed

bulldozed through the parliament

the bold reforms were ~ (India)

force: tools & technology

bulldozer (epithet)

nicknamed “the Bulldozer”

he was ~ for his toughness on corruption (John Magufuli)

epithet: force

character & personality: epithet / force / tools & technology

bulldozer (noun)

expect a bulldozer

if you took on Joe McCarthy, you could ~ coming your way

destruction / force: tools & technology

bullet (velocity)

bullets of sound

acoustic weapons can fire ~

bullet train

at the controls of a Japanese ~

speed: bullet / weapon

bullet (shape)

bullets, needles, prisms, columns

snowflakes come in shapes: ~, stars cups, and plates

shape: bullet / weapon

bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)

magic bullet

nothing yet has proved a ~ (against oak-killing spore)

silver bullet

the system was sold as a ~ but it never worked (E-Verify)
this problem will take time to fix and there is no ~

vaccine ‘silver bullets’

COVID-19 advisor says there are no ~

proved to be a silver bullet

hydroxychloroquine has not ~ (COVID)

amelioration & renewal: bullet / magic / weapon

bullet (dodge a bullet)

dodged a bullet

we ~ here (car bomb ignites but fails to explode)

dodged a (big) bullet

we ~ (hurricane misses refineries)

fate, fortune & chance: bullet / weapon / verb

bullet (take a bullet for somebody)

take a bullet for the president

he has said he would ~ (a lawyer)

♦ “I’ve never seen an athlete in my generation take the bullets in the way he has taken the bullets. Metaphorically speaking, he is a martyr.” (The broadcaster Craig Mitch about Raheem Sterling, and the latter’s efforts to fight racism in football and the media.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet / weapon / verb

commitment & determination: bullet / weapon / verb

bullet (bite the bullet)

bite the bullet

we’re going to have to ~ (pay the tariff)

survival, persistence & endurance: bullet / verb / weapon

commitment & determination: bullet / verb / weapon

bulletproof (adjective)

bulletproof

your logic is ~

our story was ~ (investigative reporter)

the case against him needed to be ~ (expensive lawyers)

ironclad, waterproof, bulletproof, (legally) binding

we need ~ guarantees (Sergey Ryabkov / diplomacy)

seemed bulletproof

he ~ just a few weeks ago (politician under fire)

flaws & lack of flaws: bullet / weapon

bullied

bullied by a liberal media

we won’t be ~ (politics)

bullied by the north

southerners complain of being ~ (Sudan)

getting bullied

Twitter is ~ by the government

coercion & motivation: school & education

oppression: school & education

bull's-eye (shape)

“bull’s-eye” rash

the disease is characterized by a ~ (Lyme disease)

shape: target / weapon

bull's-eye (target)

bull's-eye on his back

he has a ~ (a wanted terrorist)

put a bull's-eye on the city

the hurricane has ~ (New Orleans 2012)

target: weapon

bully (verb)

bullied colleagues

there are charges that she ~ (administration)

bully the (national) judiciary

his comments are a shameless effort to ~

bully the president into backing down
the Republicans are trying to ~ on reform

let the US bully it

China will not ~

coercion & motivation: school & education / verb

oppression: school & education / verb

bully (person)

bully in their region

Israel was the classic ~ (Egyptians / 1973 war)

bullies on the block

the Patriots are no longer the ~ (NFL football)

bully tactic

the letter is a ~ (impeachment trial)

Hollywood bullies

other ~ are being sidelined, but not...

internet bullies

people who have been harassed by ~

regional bully

many see Saudi Arabia as a ~ (its neighbors)

technological bully

Google's co-founders reviled Microsoft as a ~

stood up to the (schoolyard) bully

he ~ (student vs. record-industry lawyers)

♦ A boy shall learn to fight, or let him put skirts about his knees. This boy has never been taught to fight, but he shall have his first lesson to-night. We will see if the National Schools can beat a Morgan... Now, a good straight left is the bully's downfall. That is lesson one from the book. Like this." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn. Huw had been beaten up by a bully after his first day in class at a new school.)

coercion & motivation: school & education / person

oppression: school & education / person

person: school & education

bulwark (resemblance)

sandstone bulwark

the Ennedi is a ~ in the middle of the Sahara (Chad)

resemblance: fortification

bulwark (protection)

bulwark against (Republican) excesses

he was a ~ (a politician)

bulwark against (religious) extremism

he had been a ~ (deposed leader)

bulwark against (government) tyranny

the Second Amendment is a ~ (right to bear arms)

bulwark against vice

playgrounds provide a ~ (urbanization)

bulwark of stability and democracy

India represents a ~ compared with Pakistan

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

bump (speed bump)

speed bumps

there have been a few ~ (negotiations)

speed bump of the land

so as soon as it gets over the ~ (hurricane / Yucatan)

hit a speed bump

his investigation ~ when he met with...

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

bump (bump in the road, etc.)

bump in the road

this is just a ~ (personal setback)

it was just a ~ of their ideal lives

bumps in the road to toilet training

many families encounter ~

encounter bumps in the road

many families ~ to toilet training

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

bump (increase)

bump in business

the films saw a ~ following their Tony wins

bump in earnings

the company has seen a ~

increase & decrease: shape

bumper (bumper crop)

bumper crop

what a ~ (of works / Public Domain Day)

amount: farming & agriculture

bumpy (adjective)

bumpy ride

consumers are in for a ~ this year (customer service)

bumpy road

the economy is on the ~ to recovery

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

bunker (noun)

bunker mentality

England must discard its ~ after Chennai defeat (cricket)
♦ "When we dug bunkers we saw how the dead lay in layers one above the other." (*The Storm of Steel* by Lieutenant Ernst Junger, quoted in *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund.)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

buoy (verb)

buoy the movement

Trump's rhetoric continues to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb / water

buoyant (feeling)

buoyant

the Russian mood is definitely ~

the German fans are ~ and singing (soccer game)

buoyant about ending

they were ~ their opponents' unbeaten streak (sports)

buoyant mood

the members of the expedition were in a ~

buoyant music

she loved the musical's ~

buoyant optimism

he expressed ~ that...

buoyant and hopeful

her depression had lifted , and she felt ~

buoyant, lively (m)

it was a ~ performance (music)

felt buoyant

people who have ~ in the economy (housing market)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water

buoyant (personality)

buoyant 70

he is a ~ (years of age)

buoyant confidence

she projects a ~

buoyant personality

she has a ~ given her circumstances (illegal immigrant)

buoyant temperament

she has a ~

character & personality: direction / water

buoyant (strong)

buoyant

voters supported him while the economy was ~
Asian economies remain resilient, even ~

buoyant demand

the offering has seen ~ from investors

buoyant (job) growth

we are seeing rapid, ~

keeps prices buoyant
the rarity of such collectibles ~

increase & decrease: direction / water

buoyed

buoyed with hope

he seemed ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water

survival, persistence & endurance: direction / water

burden (verb)

burden his wife with (toilsome and difficult) work
a man should not ~, based on her abilities and custom

burden our grandchildren with this debt
it is wrong to ~

affliction / oppression: burden / weight / verb

burden (noun)

burden

some view stress as a challenge rather than a ~

burden of expectation

she suffers from the ~

burden of guilt

they share a ~

burden of history

the special ~ that contemporary Greece has to deal with

burdens of leadership

the ~ are heavy (politics)

burden of the past

future generations won't suffer the ~

burden of proof

the ~ is on the FDA to show...

burden (of paperwork) on researchers

the ~ can be great

debt burden

she couldn't get out from under her crushing ~

~ keeps poor countries from healing their sick

tax burden

the ~ still falls on the shoulders of regular Americans
the local ~ on the mall store

financial burden

we must reduce the ~s on patients (health care)
a wedding can be a huge ~ (Arab countries)

heavy burden

he carries a ~ of responsibility (ruler)
the ~ of this mammoth job (Man U manager)
the stigma of AIDS is still a ~

physical and emotional burdens

the ~ of child-rearing (on grandparents)

blessing and a burden

patients see choice as both a ~

burden falls

the ~ on the shoulders of those least able to bear it
the ~ primarily on women (health-care decisions)

carry the burden

some kids ~ of extra responsibility (autistic sibling)

ease the burden

how can we ~ of the poor

get out from under her crushing (debt) burden

she couldn't ~

shoulder the burden

locals must ~ after regime change (Rumsfeld)

affliction / oppression: burden / weight

burgeoning (adjective)

burgeoning influence

they wish to allay fears about its ~

burgeoning momentum

a 3-week break stopped Baylor's ~ (basketball)

♦ This verb form relates to the new growth of buds and branches.

growth & development: plant

increase & decrease: plant

buried (dead and buried, etc.)

dead and buried

the peace process is ~

Spurs looked ~ when Ziyech scored against them, but...

Switzerland were ~ but kept fighting (Euro 2020)

they looked ~ at half-time, but never write off this team

condition & status / destruction: burial / death & life

buried (concealment)

buried

it's the past, it's ~, we don't want to dig it up again

buried in the archives

the information was ~

buried in the past

it is ~...

buried in a (158-page) report

the information is ~

buried in the navigation bar

the link was ~ (poor Web site design)

buried facts

~ about the (plutonium) contamination

buried secrets

~ have teeth (Ad for Truth be Told TV series)

stay buried

the past did not ~ (The Troubles and Brexit)

♦ "Secrets, long buried, sometimes don't stay that way." (Dateline NBC.)

concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land

buried (buried in debt, etc.)

buried in debt

are you ~

buried in work

homicide detectives were ~ (leads)

buried under a (huge) mountain of debt

they were ~

buried away

she was ~ in the U.S. Department of Agriculture

involvement / oppression: burial / ground, terrain & land

burned (impressed)

burned into our (collective) consciousness

fairy tales or folktales ~

impression: fire / mark / sensation

burned (hurt)

burned by their (past) investments

they were ~ in failed projects (tech industry)

got burned

many investors ~ (fraud)

♦ Once burned, twice shy!

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

burned-out (and burnt-out)

burnt out from years

he felt ~ of working on...

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

burner (front burner)

put the environment on the front burner

they seek to ~ (election)

put having more fun on the front burner

maybe it's time to ~ (ad for a cruise ship)

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

burning (burning desire, etc.)

burning desire

the ~ to be the best (basketball)

he has a ~ to get the facts (human rights investigator)

burning question

she has one ~ (what did my son die for in Iraq war)

burning righteousness

she pays a price for her ~ (a play)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

burning (slow-burning)

slow-burning rebellion

the nation is in the grip of a ~ against the regime

slow-burning war

the Troubles, the ~ in Northern Ireland

activity: fire

burnish (verb)

burnished his credentials

his work in Beijing ~ (a politician)

burnished his reputation

his sermons have ~

♦ If you burnish something, you rub it until it shines.

increase & decrease: light & dark / verb

burnished

burnished and tarnished

reputations were ~ (2021 Trump impeachment trial)

increase & decrease: light & dark

burn off (verb)

burn off her (abundant) energy

your toddler needs to ~

burn off stress

exercise is a great way to ~

amelioration & renewal: fire / verb

burn out (verb)

burn out

he warns that troops will "~~" and leave the service

burned out

what happens to adjuncts once they've ~

burn out from the environment

people who ~ (technology and computers)

burn out or fade away

playboating didn't ~ (whitewater rodeos, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

decline: fire / verb

burnout (noun)

burnout

the new IN thing is "~~" (a Times-Picayune columnist)

Women's Burnout

~: *How to Spot It, Reverse It, Prevent It* (a book)

competitive burnout

he quit the tour, citing ~ (a surfer)

digital burnout

with the Web, people started talking about "~~"

avoid burnout

maintain a happy work / life balance and ~

contribute to burnout

three key factors ~...

♦ The concept of "burnout," originally coined to describe the way many drug addicts felt in the late 1960s, has been expanded to Achilles in the Bronze Age. (See "It's Just Too Much" by Jill Lepore, *The New Yorker*, May 24, 2021. An excellent article by an excellent writer.)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / mental health

burn through (verb)

burning through cash

Boeing has been ~ at a significant rate

consumption: fire / verb

burrito (shape)

"burritos"

~, long, sand-filled tubes covered by heavy fabric

sand burritos

~ contribute to beach loss (Sunset Beach, Oahu)

shape: food & drink

burrow (burrow into)

burrowing into the coal industry

Communists are ~, newspapers and shipyards

burrowing their way into the computer networks

hackers were ~ of government agencies (SolarWinds)

concealment & lack of concealment: animal

subterfuge: animal

burst (activity)

burst of negotiating

the crisis signaled a fresh ~

burst of recognition

you're getting a ~ (an old Blues singer)

activity: explosion

burst (burst into tears, etc.)

burst into applause

the staff ~ (teachers)

burst into laughter

she ~

burst into tears

I ~, assuming...

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

burst (burst into violence, etc.)

burst into violence

lingering tensions ~

initiation: explosion / verb

burst on / onto the scene, etc.

burst into our consciousness
she's ~ (tennis player Emma Raducanu)

burst into the headlines
the conservatorship ~ this week (#FreeBritney)

burst on the scene
he ~ in 1991 (independent politician Ross Perot)

burst onto the stage
he was one of several poets who ~ in the 60s (Russia)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / coming, arriving, staying,
leaving & returning: explosion / verb**

bury (conceal)

bury it
catch and kill is buying the rights to a story to ~

bury the truth
the government is trying to ~

bury (radio) listings
newspapers ~

buried the report
Harvard found the same thing but ~ (race issue)

**concealment & lack of concealment: burial / light & dark /
ground, terrain & land / verb**

bury (bury oneself in something, etc.)

buries herself in her phone
whenever they're together, she ~ (teen and father)

absorption & immersion: burial / verb

bury (kill)

bury any chance
annexation moves would ~ of peace (Middle East)

destruction: burial / death & life / verb
curtailment: burial / death & life / verb

bus (throw somebody under the bus)

threw him under the bus
the police chief ~ (a policeman)

threw us under the bus
I felt like he ~ (a politician)
♦ Geoff Nunberg talked about this idiom in "Primaries Toss Some 'Under the Bus,' on Fresh Air, April 22, 2008.

♦ In 2019, NPR's All Things Considered gave the expression a "1-Minute Listen" with examples, dates of usage, and its use in a rap song. In that 1-minute listen, Ammon Shea at Merriam-Webster points out that the expression is not usually, if ever, used as a direct threat: "I will throw you under the bus!" certainly does sound odd. ("The Origins Of 'Throw Him (Or Her) Under the Bus,'" NPR, All Things Considered, November 11, 2019.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: violence / verb

bus (allegiance)

on the bus
you're either ~ or not on the bus, and I'm driving the bus

driving the bus
I am ~ to make sure we get this country back on track

♦ This is like the politician who said, "This is my truck, and in my truck we go by my rules."

**allegiance, support & betrayal / control & lack of control /
unanimity & consensus: mechanism**

busy (active)

busy with groups of hikers
unlike the previous day, the path was ~

busy hurricane season
it's expected to be a ~

activity: movement

bust (oil bust, etc.)

oil bust
historic oil bust delivers a gut punch to Texas county

boom and bust
Argentina is used to ~ (the economy)

activity: explosion

cost & benefit: explosion

butcher (verb)

butchered his presentation
he ~

failure, accident & impairment: meat / verb

butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)

Butcher of Baghdad
ridding the world of the ~ (Saddam Hussein)

Butcher of Ethiopia
General Rodolfo Graziani, the ~ (Yekatit 12, 1937)

Butcher of Fezzan
the Arabs called him "the ~" (Graziani, 1930-34, Libya)

butcher of Mosul
the execution of Shukair Farid, "the ~" (Iraq)

Butcher of the Monks
the general became known as the ~ (Zhao Erfang)

quisling butcher
he was a ~ (Croatia / Jasenovac)

criminals and butchers
the terrorists are ~ (Prince Abdullah)

cast Grant as a "butcher"
Southern historians ~ (revisionism)

nicknamed the Butcher
the general, ~, seized power in a coup (Gwangju Uprising)

- ♦ "The Duce will have Ethiopia, with or without the Ethiopians." (The Italian General Rodolfo Graziani.)
- ♦ AVENUE DU BOUCHER BUGEAUD (A defaced street sign in Paris. Thomas Robert Bugeaud was instrumental in the subjection of Algeria in the 1830s and 40s.)

epithet: person
death & life / military / oppression: epithet

butterfly (shape)

butterfly ballot
the ~ confused many voters (2000 presidential election)

"butterfly" mines
PFM-1 ~ scattered from the air (Afghanistan);
children think ~ are toys

shape: animal / insect

butterfly (social butterfly)

social butterfly
she's a ~

person: insect / society
character & personality / society: insect / person

butterfly (butterflies in stomach)

had butterflies in my stomach
I ~ (a nervous performer before a performance)

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / stomach

button (push a button / action)

push the button
officials must decide when to ~ (COVID circuit-breaker)

♦ "We pressed the big button with rescue helicopters, rescue dogs, the Red Cross, the civil defense, fire, health and police." (A Norwegian, speaking in Norwegian, about eight homes that were swept into the sea by a mudslide. His speech was translated by the BBC, which showed the video of the astonishing event. Amazingly, nobody was injured in the disaster.)

♦ "We never had any time for that, we just pushed the easy button." (US in Afghanistan.)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: mechanism / verb

button (push a button / emotion)

buttons
he knows what ~ to push (to provoke reaction)
he knows how to push ~ (Jake Paul / boxing)

pushes South Africa's racial buttons
rugby ~

pushed my button
that's what ~ too far (a suspension)

push people's buttons
I like to ~ (George Carlin / comedian / taboos)
he likes to ~ (get them upset)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: mechanism / verb

button (pause button)

hit the pause button

we need to ~ (gene editing)
it never really ended, we just ~ (Korean War)

action, inaction & delay: mechanism
starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism
button (panic button)

panic button
I was scared, I hit the ~

hit the panic button
it's not time to ~ yet

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

button (hot button)

hot buttons
he addresses love, expectation, and other ~ (writer)
he addresses jealousy, grief, and other ~ (writer)
he addresses disappointment, fidelity and other ~

hot-button issue
another ~ at the WTO was dumping
let's talk about some of the ~s (politics)

hot-button subject
it's a ~ (racism and bias)

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / temperature

buttress (verb)

buttress Ethiopia against threats
a better approach is to ~ to its survival by...

buttress its argument
Eritrea produced Italian colonial-era maps to ~

buttressed his case
he has ~ with science's latest discoveries about...

buttress European influence
the pipeline will ~ all the way to Azerbaijan

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mining / verb
strength & weakness: infrastructure / verb

buttress (resemblance)

buttresses of (dark, gabbro) rock
these peaks and ~ are called the Black Cuillin

resemblance: infrastructure

buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.)

Buttress Point
~ is a point in New Zealand

Castle Buttress
~ is a peak in KwaZulu-Natal

Porcupine Buttress
the ~ is a series of promontories (Western Cape)

proper name: infrastructure

geography: proper name

buy (time)

bought us time
the lockdown ~ (pandemic)

time: money

buy (buy into something)

buy in to the company
workers who ~ (enthusiasm vs. apathy)

bought into the bravado
he initially ~ (claims of a corporation)

bought into the (e-wallet) concept
parents that have ~

buy into the stereotype
does this guy ~ that Asian women are generally weak

acceptance & rejection: money
allegiance, support & betrayal: money

buy (accept)

buy their argument
do you ~ that...

buy the “bad apples” argument
I don’t ~ (combat, war, and atrocities)

buying his excuses
his colleagues are not ~ (ethics violations)

acceptance & rejection: money / verb

buy-in (noun)

buy-in
~ is acceptance, support, participation (employment)

employee buy-in
companies that demand ~
~ is a major part of some corporate cultures

buy-in from parents
we didn't have enough of a deep ~ (school)

loss of buy-in
several factors can lead to a ~ (enthusiasm turns to apathy)

♦ A BBC Worklife article about buy-in included the following expressions:
get on board; drinking the Kool-Aid; go all in...

acceptance & rejection: money
allegiance, support & betrayal: money
commitment & determination: money

bypass (verb)

bypass Congress
the President will try to ~ to get what he wants

bypass the gatekeepers
the internet allowed people to ~ who controlled music

avoidance & separation: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

buzz (sound)

buzz with the sound
forests ~ of chain saws

sound: insect

buzz (activity)

buzzing with anticipation
the students were ~ (school assembly)

buzzing with excitement
the city is ~ ahead of next month's World Cup

buzzing with questions
my mind was ~

buzzed with possibilities
my mind ~

buzzed with rumors
the school ~

buzzing with shoppers
Rockefeller Center is ~

activity: insect / sound

buzz (attention)

buzz
the ~ this years is that...

buzz about the (new) hotel
there was a lot of ~ (a Japanese robot hotel)

buzz and excitement and a coming together
there’s a ~ for the city (Super Bowl LVI (56) / Cincinnati)

buzz about the Nationals
there has been a lot of ~ (sports team)

audience buzz
the TV show is getting critical acclaim and ~

water-cooler buzz
the ~ is underway (a controversy)

most buzz
which story is getting the ~

negative buzz
the group survived the initial ~

generated quite some buzz
this has ~ in the last 24 hours or so (politics)

♦ Buzzword has morphed to fuzzword (social-justice language, feminism, etc.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: insect / sound

buzz (sensation)

beer buzz
I like a good ~ in the morning

euphoria or buzz or high
inhaling to get a sensation of ~ (toluene abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / sound

buzzed (buzzed about, etc.)

buzzed about

this is a company that is ~ and for good reason

attention, scrutiny & promotion: insect / sound

buzz saw (noun)

hit the buzz saw

we were one of them that ~ (industry loses funding)

ran into a buzz saw

Minnesota went to Iowa and ~ (football loss)

♦ "Up to about the time of the Civil War, trees were cut down by axes, which was slow, laborious work. The arrival of the crosscut saw speeded this process immeasurably, and the cant hook and peavey, perfected in the pineries of Maine at about the same time, made it much easier to handle the logs... In the same way the equipment at the sawmills was vastly improved... and the mill's capacity for processing logs was almost unimaginably increased... So over most of the state of Michigan the forest was destroyed." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

♦ According to Merriam-Webster, a buzz saw is the same as a circular saw, and its first known use was in 1847.

destruction / force: tools & technology

buzzword (noun)

buzzword-laden

Kendall's ~ corporate-speak (TV series Succession)

just a buzzword

is Web3 the future of the Internet or ~

become a buzzword

mindfulness has ~ in current mainstream culture

♦ Buzzword has morphed to fuzzword (social-justice language, feminism, etc.)

♦ "Politics, Pundits And The Problem With The Word 'Pivot'" is a very nice opinion piece by Scott Simon. (NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, June 11, 2016.) Simon rightly characterizes the word as a buzzword.

♦ "To keep class discussion buoyant, lecturers are told to 'encourage students to practise the verbalisation aspect of knowledge'. Multiple 'learning outcomes', sacred buzzwords before the pandemic, have been supplemented with 'learner journeys', promising against the odds a positive experience as well as a realistic hope of achieving something." ("Diary: On Quitting Academia" by Malcolm Gaskill, *London Review of Books*, 24 September 2020. "In May, I gave up my academic career after 27 years...")

♦ "Kyle was not an active shooter, that is a buzzword the state wants to latch onto because it excuses the actions of that mob." (Defense attorney Mark Richards, an attorney defending Kyle Rittenhouse. The jury found Kyle not guilty on all counts.)

♦ see also boilerplate (noun), ese (legalese, etc.), funny language, language (of sports, cars, etc.), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), talk (mediator talk, etc.)

speech / substance & lack of substance: sound

language: speech

buzzy (adjective)

buzzy (electric vehicle) market

skeptics take aim at ~

buzzy (new) role

Anne Hathaway talks ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

bygone (adjective)

bygone days

reliving ~ of going to drive-in movie theaters (pandemic)

bygone era

hallmarks of a ~

he dressed and sounded like he had stepped out of a ~ in modern-day America, there is no such thing as a ~

♦ Ago also means "gone by."

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

past & present / time: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

byproduct (noun)

byproduct of (Mexico's) culture

domestic violence is an ugly ~ of machismo

byproducts of the war

renditions and torture are ~ (US in Iraq)

ugly byproduct

domestic violence is an ~ of Mexico's culture of machismo

product / relationship: manufacturing

creation & transformation: manufacturing

Byron (epithet)

Byron of the antipodes

the 33-year-old ~ (D'Arcy Wentworth)

character & personality: allusion / epithet

allusion: books & reading

byzantine

byzantine (Third World) bureaucracy

solutions have been impeded by a ~

byzantine formula

fees are calculated according to ~s

byzantine (asylum) process

he navigates a ~ to finally get a court hearing

byzantine regulations

~ are difficult for the outsider to navigate (Egypt)
the ~ are stifling

byzantine tax law

he relied on Smith's knowledge of ~

Byzantine twist of fate

in a ~...

often-byzantine

navigating America's ~ health care systems

complexity: history

C

Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.)

Chinese Caesar

the “~,” the precocious King Cheng (c. 221 BC)

history / military: epithet

cage (a gilded cage)

in a (gilded) cage

the 4 Russian princesses lived ~ (isolated in a palace)

constraint & lack of constraint: animal

cage (jail, prison)

threw my boy in a cage

they ~ with those wild animals

oppression: animal / justice

cakewalk (dance)

cakewalk

this election is not going to be a ~ for...

England are still well placed, but it has not been a ~ (cricket)
no Indy 500 is a ~, it's a massive challenge (motorsports)
military intelligence suggested the campaign would be a ~

♦ For the history of this word, see "The Extraordinary Story Of Why A 'Cakewalk' Wasn't Always Easy" by Lakshmi Gandhi, NPR, Code Switch, Race and Identity, Remixed, December 23, 2013. The title says it all!

attainment / difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink

California (California of Europe, etc.)

California of Europe

Portugal, the ~ (beaches, wine, laid-back lifestyle, etc.)

geography: epithet

calculus

calculus of subsidizing

for China, the ~ green industries is quite different

complicated calculus

it is a ~ (universities try to reopen during pandemic)

cynical (political) calculus

the racist language they used was part of a ~ (politicians)

economic calculus

the recent rise of shale drilling has changed the ~

mental calculus

he committed an instant ~ (a sports player)

new calculus

for many Mexicans looking north, a ~ favors home

political calculus

the recent ~ hasn't resulted in a winning calculus

regional calculus

the ~ has swiftly and dramatically altered (diplomacy)

strategic calculus

we cannot change Pakistan's ~

part of our calculus

that was ~, if we... (war strategy in Afghanistan)

altering the calculus

changes in Cairo are ~ of the entire region

changed that calculus

her string of stumbles ~ (that she could win easily)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

strategy: number

calibrate (adjust)

calibrate its use

it must ~ of force (a country)

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / verb

measurement: tools & technology / verb

calibrated (adjusted)

calibrated to the moment

his temperament was exquisitely ~ (soldier)

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology

measurement: tools & technology

Caligulan

Caligulan dissoluteness

Toghon Temur Khan, a man of ~ (last Mongol Emperor)

behavior / character & personality: history

comparison & contrast: affix

call (the mountains are calling, etc.)

mountains calling him

he longs to return to Patagonia, there are so many ~

appeal: sound / speech / verb

fictive communication: sound / speech / verb

call (call to arms)

call to arms for everyone

this is a ~ who may have a hospitalized relative

call to arms against the epidemic

the report was a ~ (Koop / AIDS)

troll call to arms

her followers saw it as a ~ (criticism)

wake-up call, cri de coeur, call to arms

his book is a ~ (about language)

appeal / message: military / sound

call (close call / judgment)

close call

this was not a ~, there was no case (a judge)

scientific close call

this was a ~, and it was my call to make (CDC director overturns her advisory panel)

judgment: baseball / sports & games

call (the right call)

right call

he remains convinced that he made the ~ (a judge)

judgment: baseball / sports & games

call (call of duty, etc.)

call of duty

his extraordinary heroism, above and beyond the ~

call of fads

don't give in to the siren ~ (tattoos you can live with)

call of the wild

it heard the ~ and disappeared (a pet deer)

call to action

boredom should be a ~

call to duty

men and women who feel the ~

God's call

he has answered ~ to preach the Gospel (Billy Graham)

clarion call

his legacy is a ~ to pursue creative freedom (Dirk Bogarde)

siren call

don't give in to the ~ of fads (tattoos you can live with)

answered the call

she ~ of duty and lost her life (RCMP officer)

♦ "Chou has not abandoned the mountains entirely, though. He still feels their call." (The remarkable Chou Yeh-Cheng of Formosa. From "Can Taiwan become Asia's next great hiking destination?" by Joe Henley, BBC, Travel, 14 December 2021.)

appeal / attraction & repulsion: speech / sound

call (appeal)

calls (for the FBI) to share

~ information

calls for the abolition

Iraqi leaders have rebuffed ~ of the death penalty

calls for democracy

universal ~ and human rights

calls for his head

there have been ~ (a government official)

call for help

that night they got a ~ (climbing)

call for jihad

his out-and-out ~

call for a (mass) protest

a ~ against anti-Semitism and racism (France)

calls for (peaceful) protests
despite ~, trouble broke out

calls for resistance

~ emanate from mosque loudspeakers (Iraq)

calls for revenge

rival families would issue ~

call for equal rights

the ~ was heard all over the country (civil rights)

calls for democracy and human rights
universal ~

heed his call

I wish more gays would ~ (gays shouldn't assimilate)

rebuffed calls

Iraqi leaders have ~ for the abolishment of the death penalty

appeal: speech / sound

call (cattle call)

political cattle call

all the Democrats will try to stand out at the ~ (Iowa)

assembling: animal / theater

call for (appeal)

calls (out) for (decisive) action

the crisis ~ (terrorism)

called for a ban

he ~ of anti-personnel mines

call for (immediate) intervention

these situations may ~ (medicine)

calls for the removal

another option ~ of the population (Nauru)

called for a summit

Yeltsin ~ among the superpowers

appeal: speech / verb

call for (a recipe can call for something)

calls for flour

when a gravy, sauce, soup, or stew recipe ~

fictive communication: speech / verb

call (wake-up call)

wake-up call

this death is a ~

the oil spill has been a ~

wake-up call to world leaders

Greta's message is a ~ everywhere (Greta Thunberg)

wake-up call to the Saudis

the bombings are a ~ (terrorists)

wake up call for the colonized world

it was a bit of a ~ (Russo-Japanese War for Egypt, Indians)

wake-up call, cri de coeur, call to arms
his book is a ~ (about language)

consciousness & awareness / warning: sleep

calling card

calling card

the way he positions his victims is his ~
the way the body was left amounted to a ~ (murder)
bravado, cunning and carelessness are his ~s
her openheartedness has always been her ~ (a singer)

calling card of many (neo-Nazi) groups
the swastika is still the contemporary ~

calling card of a monstrous storm
debris everywhere, tossed and scattered, the ~ (hurricane)

calling card for one's personality and lifestyle
weddings serve as a ~

grim calling card

mesothelioma has become the substance's ~ (asbestos)

microscopic call cards

touch DNA, the ~ we leave behind (murder)

became his calling card

the film ~ in Hollywood (an actor)

♦ A calling card was a visiting card. Calling cards were once very important in the days of "society." They would include a name, perhaps an address, and a lady's "day at home." Cards were left at balls, receptions and teas. Those arriving in a new city might inform members of society there by sending calling cards.

evidence: object

call out (verb)

call his teammates out
he isn't afraid to ~ publicly (NFL quarterback)

called them out
the students ~, we go on the ground and rallied (protest)

accusation & criticism: speech / verb

judgment: speech / verb

callout (criticism)

callout
not every ~ escalates into a full-scale dragging

callout question
well, that is a bit of a ~ (aggressive BBC interviewer)

callouts, draggings, and pile-ons
some Y.A. books are targeted in intense social-media ~

accusation & criticism / judgment: speech

calm (emotion)

calm in a sea
he is ~ of performative-anger posers (election candidate)

calm atmosphere
in a ~, we tend to win the debate

oasis of (relative) calm
it provides an ~ within Iraq (Kurdish region)

keep calm
~ and carry on

remained calm
the atmosphere on the plane ~ (hijacking)

stay calm
~, there is no reason for alarm

- ♦ Keep calm and carry on. (Great Britain, World War II.)
- ♦ Keep calm and chive on. (KCCO.)
- ♦ Keep calm and wear a mask. (The COVID-19 pandemic.)
- ♦ Keep Calm and Call Drew! (Drew Cochran, criminal defense, Maryland State Bar.)

feeling, emotion & effect: water / wind

calm (activity)

calm
right now, things are ~

calm before the storm
this is likely to be the ~ (lull in computer hacking)
this is still the ~ (pandemic cases)

activity: water / wind

calm (verb)

calm traffic
the aim is to ~ (low traffic neighborhoods / LTNs)
a radar speed display, or "speed trailer," can ~

♦ "Roundabouts are one example of the modern effort to make urban roads safer by reducing speeds. Other tactics include traffic calming and road diets, such as the narrowing of Charlotte Street from four lanes to three." ("Embrace the age of roundabouts" by Bill McGoun, Columnist, *Asheville Citizen Times*, Sunday, August 1, 2021.)

amelioration & renewal / control & lack of control / feeling,
emotion & effect: animal / verb

calve (verb)

calved from the Ronne ice shelf into the Weddell Sea
a giant iceberg has ~ (A-76)

calved from the east of the continent
D28 ~ (Antarctica)

calve (immense serac) avalanches
hanging glaciers ~ (Everest base camp)

calve icebergs
tidewater glaciers ~

calve underwater
glaciers can ~, causing an iceberg to leap up

creation & transformation: animal / birth / cows & cattle /
glacier / snow & ice / verb

calving

calving of icebergs
the ~ by glaciers

calving of an iceberg
the ~ can create a huge wave

creation & transformation: animal / birth / cows & cattle / glacier / snow & ice

camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.)

camel's nose in the tent

he sees the decision as the ~ (a judicial case)

♦ "In August 1942 a single reinforced US Marine division splashed ashore on Guadalcanal Island... [Ernest J.] King knew full well that it would also be the camel's nose under the tent. That once you put one division ashore...it would have to be supported, and supplied, and reinforced. It would draw more equipment and men and materiel like a black hole into Guadalcanal and that is exactly what did happen." (The Guadalcanal Campaign violated the "Germany First" US policy and almost failed for lack of materiel. From "World War II at Sea: A Global History," presented by Craig L. Symonds to the New-York Historical Society, May 17th, 2018.)

**access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / tent
starting, going, continuing & ending: doors & thresholds / tent**

cameo (noun)

celebrity cameos

the film featured a cavalcade of ~

necklace of (burnished) cameos

his book affords a ~ (*Germany: Memories of a Nation*)

characterization: clothing & accessories / picture

camouflage (verb)

camouflage my disability

growing up, I was always trying to ~ (polio victim)

**concealment & lack of concealment: military / verb
subterfuge: military / verb**

camouflage (concealment)

camouflage

"boring" is his ~ (criticism of a vice president)

'social camouflage'

~ may lead to underdiagnosis of autism in girls

concealment & lack of concealment: military

subterfuge: military

camp (noun)

camps of advisers and loyalists

frictions between their ~ (politicians)

two camps

there will be ~, just as there are now (a debate)
the fault lines break people into ~ (computers)

split into (rival) camps

our fear that America is ~ (Red / Blue)

division: military

can (kick the can down the road)

kicked the can down the road
they just ~ (negligent doctor not dealt with)

kicked the can down the road for a year
they ~ (a troubled NFL team)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

canal (birth canal, etc.)

birth canal

push the baby through the ~
a woman can die if her baby becomes stuck in the ~

alimentary canal

the ~ extends from the mouth to the anus

anal canal

the sigmoidoscope is introduced into the ~

auditory canal

sound waves go through the external ear into the ~

♦ "On a turnpike four horses could draw in a day three thousand pounds a distance of 18 miles; on the canal four horses could draw in a day a boat loaded with two hundred thousand pounds of goods a distance of twenty-four miles." (The US in 1825. From *A New American History* by W.E. Woodward.)

♦ "There is but one way to enter life, but the gates of death are without number."

route / shape / transportation: canal / infrastructure

route: water

canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)

canary in the coalmine

brook trout are the ~ (for water quality)

Jews are the ~ and they are raising the alarm (hate, etc.)

canaries in the coal mine

they are the ~, super-sensitive to warming (corals)

canary in the cave about rationing challenges

it's the ~ (changes to who gets a transplant kidney)

canary in the coal mine for disconnected societies

Japan's lost generation could be the ~ (*hikikomori*)

evidence: animal / bird / mining

cancel (groups, etc.)

cancel

we don't have to ~, to dismiss or silence... (books)

cancels or erases

I want to assure people this in no way ~ history

♦ "Good point. 'Cancel' alludes more power than they have. they're just boycotting." (On a discussion board.)

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (An academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua...*)

♦ See "The strange journey of 'cancel,' from a Black-culture punchline to a White-grievance watchword," by Clyde McGrady, *The Washington Post*, April 2, 2021.

♦ "Canceling is what comes out of Black discourse, it's what comes out of Black Queer discourse... If this had remained something that just stuck within Black communities, within Latinx communities, then this wouldn't really be a story. But because it has crossed over..." (Meredith Clark, who teaches media studies at the University of Virginia. From "Cancel Culture Debate Has Early '90s Roots: Political Correctness," NPR, All Things Considered, July 9, 2021. Compare with McGrady's article cited directly above.)

inclusion & exclusion: society / verb

cancel culture (groups, etc.)

cancel culture

~ is leading us to an Orwellian dystopian society

cancel culture people

the ~, the woke people... (the beloved John Cleese)

"cancel culture" and "language orthodoxy"

she shares her thoughts on ~ (Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie)

left-wing cancel culture

the case has provoked allegations of ~ (France)

constitutional cancel culture

this is ~ (Trump's second impeachment trial)

victims of cancel culture

the Free Speech Union supports people who are ~

♦ "It was ironic, it was arch, so it felt like, 'Oh My God! they're using this against us!" (Ruth Perry, who founded the Women's Study Department at MIT in 1984, about the term "political correctness." From "How Cancel Culture Became Politicized—Just Like Political Correctness," NPR, All Things Considered, July 26, 2021.)

♦ "Honestly, I think we should probably retire the phrase 'cancel culture' at this point. Because it's losing its meaning...when people just use it to mean, 'I resent your drawing attention to my crazy ideas.'" (Mona Charen, the *Bulwark*.)

♦ "I realize I'm in the crosshairs of the woke mob right now, so before the final nail gets put in my cancel culture casket, I'd like to set the record straight..." (The NFL's Aaron Rodgers, employing nice alliteration.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

cancellation (groups, etc.)

cancellation

many Broadway pros aren't too torn up about his ~

cancellation culture

this ~ is the SJW McCarthy moment (of Walt Whitman)

act of cancellation

the ~ is still mostly conceptual or socially performative

inclusion & exclusion: society

cancelled (groups, etc.)

cancelled no more

the program got cancelled, but she is ~

♦ "sorry, henry david Thoreau—ya (sic) cancelled" (Gerry Canavan of Marquette University, Wisconsin. According to a ratemyprofessors comment, "His Afrofuturism class is uber-interesting and a piece of cake...")

♦ "John James Audubon's racism is the albatross rotting around the necks of those who would hold him in reverence. It is past smelling foul

and beginning to reek." ("What Do We Do About John James Audubon?" by J. Drew Lanham.)

♦ "Some nights at the bar I would descend into discussions with cosmologists and other[s]... and discover that Doctor Seuss meant more to them than a menagerie of imagined animals and a vivid and troublesome cat." ("The Science of Dr Seuss," BBC, Sounds, with Robin Ince. Seven Doctor Seuss books were cancelled in 2021.)

♦ "The program got cancelled, but she is cancelled no more." (The presenter for Blue Origin's *New Shepard* flight, referring to Mary Wallace "Wally" Funk. Her real name seemed to have gotten cancelled in all of the publicity. She was almost exclusively referred to as "Wally Funk" by the media.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

cancer (noun)

cancer

this is a ~ that has been allowed to metastasize (issue)
government corruption is a ~ that destroys from within

cancer of our time

fake news is the ~

cancer on our society

Wall Street is a ~

cancer on the Internet

Facebook is a ~ (parent of teen)

cancer has metastasized

the ~ into a regional crisis (terrorism)

cut out this cancer

there is a need to ~ that we found (misconduct)

considers hacking a cancer

the Chinese government ~ to the whole society (Internet)

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

cancerous (adjective)

cancerous growth

how can we stop the ~ of hate radio

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

candle (candle of hope, etc.)

candle of hope

we need to light a ~ (victims of mass shootings)

♦ The lighthouse is an important symbol and icon to certain groups of Christians.

♦ Florence Nightingale was known as "the Lady with the Lamp." She was not, in fact, a nurse. She was an administrator, logistician, statistician, advocate, reformer, founder, writer, etc. And beloved by all those to whom she administered "stump pillows." There's a collocation for you.

♦ "She became the center and the hope of the sick men's lives. Their letters home were filled with her, and through these letters her name became a byword in thousands of English homes. 'What a comfort it was to see her pass even,' wrote one of her men, in the most famous of all letters about Florence Nightingale. 'She would speak to one and nod and smile to as many more; but she could not do it to all, you know. We lay there by hundreds. But we could kiss her shadow as it fell, and lay our heads on the pillow again, content.' / This was the passage that inspired the American poet Longfellow to write the poem on which the popular image of Florence Nightingale is based: Lo! in that hour of misery / A lady with a lamp I see / Pass through the glimmering gloom, / And flit from room to room. / And slow, as in a dream of bliss, / This

speechless sufferer turns to kiss / Her shadow as it falls / Upon the darkening walls." (From *Florence Nightingale* by Ruth Fox Hume.)
♦ "We stopped killing whales for oil only when kerosene and finally electric bulbs provided better and cheaper lighting."
♦ "We will make electricity so cheap that only the rich will burn candles." (Thomas Edison, December, 1879.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: light & dark / sign, signal, symbol

candy (noun)

eye candy
many go to auto shows looking for ~

eye candy for philistines
the work is ~ (Koons' Bouquet of Tulips)

blond eye candy
there's lots of ~ Down Under (Oz)

"goose candy"
replacing Kentucky blue grass, called ~

attraction & repulsion / consumption: food & drink / taste

cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.)

Cannibal
his nickname is "the ~" because he chews up his rivals

Cannibal
in snow weather, 'The ~' took off... (Eddy Merckx)

'Corsa Cannibals'
~ can strip Vauxhall Corsas of their parts in just minutes

♦ The modernist Brazilian poet Oswald de Andrade, in his 1928 "Cannibalist Manifesto," wrote about Brazil's propensity for "cultural cannibalism" (*cannibalismo cultural*), or the mixing of various cultures to create something new, which he considered a very good thing indeed.

♦ "In 1809 [the Maoris] captured the vessel *Boyd*, further up the coast, and killed and ate its crew..." (The *Boyd* massacre in New Zealand. From *The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead. You would not wish to have been anywhere near this event!)

♦ "I collected here a great many specimens of the beautiful Paradisea Guilielmi, in my opinion one of the most exquisite of all the Paradisea; also a great number of rare and new papilios. After spending a few days here we returned to Simbang in time to catch the *Ysabel*, which took us back to Stephensort." (*Through New Guinea and the Cannibal Countries* by Herbert Cayley-Webster, 1898.)

♦ In World War I, the western part of the Island of New Guinea was controlled by the Dutch (neutral), the southeast was controlled by Britain, and the northeast was controlled by Germany. Hermann Philipp Detzner wrote a book about his adventures: "Four Years Among the Cannibals in the Interior of German New Guinea under the Imperial Flag, from 1914 until the Armistice."

♦ "When an Edwardian anthropologist told her Nenets hosts the story of Captain Oates's heroic 'I am just going outside; I may be some time,' they refused to believe her. Scott, they objected would surely have eaten him." (*The Shaman's Coat* by the great journalist Anna Reid.)

♦ "The victim responded to a posting placed by Mr. Meiwes on the Internet seeking a person willing to be killed and eaten." (Armin Meiwes killed the willing victim in 2001, ate parts of his body, and was sentenced to a few years in prison. There was an uproar about his "light" sentence, and he was re-sentenced to life in prison.)

epithet: person

destruction: epithet / person

cannibalize (verb)

cannibalizing other formats
that fear that e-books were ~ in the book world

cannibalizing the sale
library lending is ~ of e-books (borrowed for free)

destruction: food & drink / verb

cannibalized

cannibalized
the buildings had been ~

destruction: food & drink

cannon (loose cannon)

loose cannon
there are a lot of ~s out there (crazy people)
police are calling him a ~ (man on crime spree)
had he appointed a ~ who would wreck the system

person: military / weapon

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control / restraint & lack of restraint: military / person / weapon

cannon fodder (military)

used as cannon fodder
the prospect of being ~ makes many conscripts defect

♦ Merriam-Webster dictionary gives 1847 for the first use.

♦ "There is a very real sense in which the modern world—our world—was born between 1914 and 1918. Something changed in human sensibility. Soldiers wouldn't be willing to engage in such slaughter. Toward the end of the first World War, even, tolerance for past norms had begun to end. In 1917, much of the French Army mutinied and refused to attack. They would defend but not attack. The days of cannon fodder were over forever as a result of that war..." ("Why World War I Resonates," by William Boyd, NYT, Jan. 21, 2012. At the beginning of the Battle of the Somme, on July 1, 1916, the British Army suffered 60,000 dead and wounded—in one day. It was arguably the worst butcher's bill in military history.)

♦ The Butcher of Baghdad; Cannon fodder; Hamburger Hill; lambs to the slaughter; fresh meat... (Warfare.)

military: animal / consumption / farming & agriculture / plant

cannon fodder (other)

cannon fodder
West Ham has been ~ for years now (EPL)
written off as ~, they triumphed (World Series)

worth & lack of worth: military

canon (literature)

canon of (English) literature
certain authors occupy a central place in the ~

canon of "great books"
who decides what the ~ is (literature)

standard canon
defenders of the ~ often agree to its expansion (lit)

traditional canon

the battle between defenders and detractors of the ~

parallel, oppositional canons

establish ~ of work by women, gays...

concept of the canon

many would repudiate the ~ entirely (literature)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

canon (other)

culinary canon

a native ~ embraces rice, persimmons, corn, bison (US)
vegetables are certainly part of his ~ (Niklas Ekstedt)

canon has been blasted apart

but that ~ (doctors withhold prognosis)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

canonical (adjective)

canonical

his Cold War scholarship is ~ (John Lewis Gaddis)

canonical example

it was a ~ of what a computer couldn't do

canonical greats

reissuing the work of ~ like Kurt Vonnegut (publishing)

canonical rules

it breaks many of the ~ of the series (a film)

canonical songs

they cover some of Waits' ~

canonical (theatrical) works

~ such as those of Shakespeare

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

canonize (verb)

canonized him

since his suicide, his fans have ~ (an author)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

canter (noun)

canter

at a ~, take us through the voyage... (radio show)

at a canter

he should beat Jake Paul ~ (Tommy Fury)

speed: animal / horse / movement / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / horse / speed / walking, running & jumping

canter (verb)

cantering to their first league title

Liverpool is ~ since 1990 (soccer)

♦ "Humphrey, the whole national health service is an advanced case of galloping bureaucracy." / "Certainly not. Not galloping. A gentle canter at most." (The TV series *Yes Minister*, "The Compassionate Society.")

speed: animal / horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / horse / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

cap (tip one's cap)

tip their cap to Duke Ellington

younger musicians like Sonny and Max Roach always ~

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hat / verb

capital (value)

capital in the bank

any study, any work you do on your voice is ~ (an actor)

human capital

we must invest in ~

political capital

he is willing to spend ~ on the issue

when you're president you have a limited amount of ~

capital evaporated

in the last 2 weeks his political ~ (resigned)

♦ The French sociologist Pierre Bourdieu wrote "The forms of Capital" in 1986. He talked about economic, cultural, and social capital. Cultural capital is knowledge, social capital is your network.

♦ "As a Black woman, I see things through color... race is a lens for me, and it's a lens that my children experience as well and I think for someone to say, 'Well, I don't see skin color, I just see who you are,' I think you're leaving out a really big part of who I am, you're leaving out my cultural capital." (Gina Parker Collins, founder of RIISE. From "The Trials of Critical Race Theory," CBSN Originals.)

♦ "Maybe I'll lean into the pain narrative, write that and get a good advance, ya'll pay me for that, right." (Fantasy author L.L. McKinney.)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: money

capital (capital of the world, etc.)

"cherry capital of the world"

Traverse City bills itself ~ (Northwestern Michigan)

cowboy capital of the world

they call it the ~ (Stephenville, Texas)

"Gem Capital of the World"

Franklin, North Carolina, the ~

"Live Music Capital of the World"

Austin bills itself as the ~ (Sixth Street, etc.)

"ostrich capital of the world"

Oudtshoorn, the ~ (South Africa)

perfume capital of the world

Grasse is known as the ~ (France)

Shark Bite Capital of the world

Volusia County, Florida, has been dubbed the ~

stabbing capital of the world

Alice Springs now holds the unenviable title of ~ (2008)

waterfowl hunting capital of the world

Katy, Texas, ~

world's turkey capital

Cuero, Texas, the ~ (disputed by Worthington, MN)

geography: epithet

capital (Black Bear capital, etc.)

capital of America

San Francisco was the car-break-in ~

capital of Canada

Thunder Bay is the murder ~

capital of crime

Detroit has a reputation as the ~

cardoon capital

Vaulx-en-Velin is known as the ~ of France

Back Bear Capital

Pine Mountain is claimed to be the ~ of Kentucky

coal capital

Blackwater, the ~ of Queensland (Australia)

gem capital

Ratnapura is known as the ~ of Sri Lanka

murder capital

Thunder Bay is the ~ of Canada

surf capital

Scheveningen is known as the ~ (Holland)

shark attack capital

New Smyrna Beach is known as the ~ (Florida)

Trout Capital

boosters say Jackson County is the North Carolina ~

Whale Capital

the town calls itself the ~ of Iceland (Husavik, Iceland)

next crypto currency capital

Texas is becoming the ~

financial capital

an earthquake rattled Italy's ~ of Milan (no injuries)

geography: epithet

capital punishment

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this was the political equivalent of ~ (calls for resignation)

career capital punishment

an apology should have sufficed, not ~

punishment & recrimination: justice

capstone (noun)

capstone of his career

the banking overhaul was the ~ (politician)

he wants health-care legislation to be the ~ (politician)

capstone of the peace treaty

the independence vote is the ~ (Sudan)

capstone to his agenda

the ratification of the treaty was the ~ (president)

capstone to his career

his present job is the ~ (service to his homeland)

capstone for the neighborhood

it will be the ~ (architectural project)

capstone (warfighting) doctrine

AirLand Operations is the Army's ~

legal capstone

the case puts a ~ on a historic election (court)

♦ Two pillars often support a capstone, which is the stone at the top.

importance & significance: infrastructure / height

captive (held captive, etc.)

captive to its own delusions

the Party was a ~

captive to its past

America, once forward looking, is now ~ (1619, etc.)

held captive

an anxious nation suddenly ~ by crisis (a pandemic)

possession / taking & removing: crime

constraint & lack of constraint / control & lack of control: crime

captivity (noun)

live in captivity

child stars ~ (US female celebrities)

possession / taking & removing: crime

constraint & lack of constraint / control & lack of control: crime

capture (verb)

captured him on a phone in the airport

security cameras ~ (terrorist)

captured it on video

no one had ~ until now (citizens videoing cops)

captured Oscars

it ~ for best picture, director and actor (film)

captured (the world's) attention

airstrikes in Baghdad ~

capture headlines

it goes on every day but doesn't ~

captured my heart

the first time I saw him, he ~ (an orphan)

captured my imagination

that speaks to me, that ~ (a quotation)

the mountain ~ (Machhapuchhare)

captured the imagination
 the job of fire watcher has long ~
 he has ~ of fans (an athlete)
 the young Mancini has ~ of boxing fans everywhere
 climbing films have ~s of movie goers (*Free Solo*, etc.)

 captured imaginations
 theories about what happened have ~ for decades (Earhart)

 captured the (public's) imagination
 what has most ~ is...
 he is riding on a new artistic wave which has ~ (Doug Hyde)

 captured the (public) imagination
 the film character ~ (Dirk Bogarde as Simon Sparrow)

 captured the (nation's) imagination
 her rise and sudden downfall ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

 capture the loyalty
 it has managed to ~ of working women (WNBA)

 captures our minds
 the story encapsulates how outrage ~ (viral online clip)

 capture ("impulse") moviegoers
 advertising to ~

 captures the plight
 Scott Adams's Dilbert ~ of the cubicle slave (cartoon)

 capture market share
 ~ while the market is small

 captures (satellite) signals
 the GPS receiver ~

 captures the uncertainty
 she ~ that comes with big life changes (a songwriter)

 capture the zeitgeist
 the challenge is to make enough noise to ~ (adult superhero films)

 captured the hearts and minds
 he has ~ of Americans (Olympic athlete)

 failed to capture
 they ~ audio of the landing , but... (Perseverance / Mars)

 ♦ "Now that we have captured your imagination, don't make us come after the rest of you. (A clever TV advertisement from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation promoting tourism on their reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina.)

 ♦ "California Highway Patrol Captures Runaway Emu After 30 minutes... The Highway patrol said no one was hurt..." / "A [Chapel Hill] emu on the run in North Carolina was most recently seen jumping on the hood of a car. It's been loose for weeks..." (NPR. So many emus on the run. Emu?)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb
fictive possession: hand / verb

capture (noun)

carbon capture
 Wyoming has invested heavily in ~ (coal)
 there are two types of ~ (point-source and direct air)

hard capture
 ~ is complete (SpaceX crew capsule docks with ISS)

regulatory capture
 this is an example of ~ (Boeing and FAA)

 ♦ "We can confirm hard capture is complete." (SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule attaches itself to the International Space Station.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting
fictive possession: hand

captured

captured by an anti-intellectual, illiberal mob
 Brearley has been~ (the school / obsession with race)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting
fictive possession: hand

carapace (protection)

subjects' protective carapaces
 her job is to cut her ~ down to the bone (a journalist)

 ♦ A carapace is the exoskeleton of a creature like a turtle or crustacean such as a lobster, crab, shrimp or prawn, or an arachnid (8-legged creature vs. a 6-legged insect) like a spider or scorpion.

protection & lack of protection: animal
isolation & remoteness: animal

carcass (noun)

carcass of a tank
 he stood by the burned-out ~

destruction / resemblance: animal

card (in the cards)

in the cards
 that's not ~
 if you're a Congolese, you know a life of comfort is not ~
 a permanent revival is just not ~ (the coal industry)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (guilt card, etc.)

compassion card
 Democrats are playing the ~ (unemployment benefits)

evidence card
 they had the race card, we were playing the ~ (O.J. trial)

gender card
 stop playing the ~, the fact you're a woman... (politics)

guilt card
 the ~ works—if they have any guilt (Internet suck sites)

race card
 he played heavily on the ~ (Peru)
 some accused the lawyer of playing the ~ to the jury
 they had the ~, we had the evidence card (O.J. trial)

sympathy (get-out-of-jail) card
 no ~ for this case, go straight to jail

get out of jail card
 no sympathy ~ for this case, go straight to jail

political cards

but the New Left never had any ~ to play (students)
he played his ~ right and got a plum job

policy and philosophical cards
they will have to show their ~ (party in power)

strategy: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (play one's cards)

played his cards very carefully
he ~, negotiating a deal that... (Ahmed Zaki Yamani)

play my cards right
if I ~, I could be head cheerleader

played his (political) cards right
he ~ and got a plum job (Secretary of State)

strategy: cards / gambling / sports & games / verb

card (hold one's cards close)

holds his cards close to his vest
he ~ and knows just when to play them (an official)

character & personality / concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games / verb

card (dealt cards)

dealt some cards
they were ~ they can't play (under-privileged)
♦ "They were dealt some cards they can't play to this day. Fortunately, I was dealt cards and somehow managed to play the right hand." (Olympic champion speaking of his heroin-addict mother and step-father.)
♦ "It's not the cards you're dealt, it's how you play your hand."

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (strong card)

strong card
we don't have ~s but... (negotiations)
fear is a ~, if not a trump card (national security / politics)
his only ~ is that he...
it would be a ~ to play, but not perhaps a winning one
literature was never his ~

strong card in Afghanistan
he is the Pakistan Army's ~ (network leader)

Administration's (last) strong card
the ~ is to maintain economic sanctions against...

hold one strong card
we ~

strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (trump card)

trump card
this was her ~ (an endorsement for her)
fear is a strong card, if not a ~ (national security / politics)

strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (hold all the cards)

hold all the cards
when prosecutors ~, can any defendant get a fair trial

strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (cards on the table)

cards on the table
~, I can't say... (I won't lie to you)

concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: cards / gambling / sports & games

career (noun)

career of the metaphor
a case study of the ~ (*weaponization*)

growth & development: death & life

caretaker (role)

caretaker government
the ~ is fragile and weak
Israel's ~ can only make limited decision (2019)

caretaker manager
a ~ will be appointed
he met with ~ Michael Carrick (the new interim manager)

caretaker PM
Hassan Diab is currently serving as ~ (Lebanon)

caretakers of the land
farmers are ~

help & assistance: infrastructure / person

Carnegie Hall (epithet)

Carnegie Hall of Broadway
onstage at the Shubert Theatre, the ~

superlative: epithet

carnival (noun)

carnival
boxing has always been a bit of a ~, a con (Jake Paul)

performance / resemblance: circus

attention, scrutiny & promotion: circus

carpet (verb)

carpets the (rolling) highlands in emerald and gold
cheatgrass ~

carpeted the meadow
flowers ~

cover / resemblance: carpets & rugs / verb

configuration: carpets & rugs / verb

carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.)

carpet of ash
a ~ covered the city (eruption)

carpet of (low-rise) buildings
a ~ cover the seven hills (Istanbul)

carpet of color
wildflowers create a ~ (Arctic summer)

carpet of flowers
a ~ has been left (a memorial for dead fans)

carpet of frogs
there was a ~ (on a road in Greece)

lush carpet
the bird nests in the ~ of moss and vines (in a crater)

thick carpet
a crew laid down a ~ of insulation

carpet of wildflowers
the ~ in subalpine meadows (Mt. Rainier)

cover / resemblance: carpets & rugs
configuration: carpets & rugs

carpet (under the carpet, etc.)

brush it under the carpet
they will try to ~

brushing it under the carpet
it's a whitewash, they're ~ (education / PS752)

sweep it under the carpet
we can't any longer ~ (educational issue)

♦ "The problem with brushing things under the carpet is that they are still there and one day someone is going to lift that carpet up and all you are going to feel is shame and embarrassment." (A celebrity who committed suicide, who had been trolled mercilessly on social media.)

♦ see also rug (*under the rug*)

concealment & lack of concealment: carpets & rugs

carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.)

Operation Magic Carpet
service members were repatriated by ~ (1945-1946)
Operation on Wings of Eagles, also known as ~ (1949)
the White Helmets were rescued in ~ (2018)

proper name: carpets & rugs / magic

military: proper name

carpet (magic carpet / other)

magic carpet
a ~ made of steel (a train)

magic carpet into a (serious intellectual) life
librarians were her ~

magic carpet away
Azerbaijan is a magical land, just a ~

♦ "Feel the wheels rumbling 'neath the floors / And the sons of Pullman Porters / And the sons of Engineers / Ride their fathers' magic carpet made of steel..." (The rousing song "Good Morning America How Are You? / City of New Orleans.")

transportation: carpets & rugs / magic

carpetbagger (person)

carpetbaggers
Canada's Olympic team has the most ~ (born elsewhere)

carpetbagger politicians
~ adopt Florida as their native land

East Coast carpetbagger
he is an ~ (Montana politics)

gentrifying carpetbaggers
he accuses his neighbors of being ~

opportunistic carpetbagger
he accused her of being an ~ (politics)

social carpetbagger
he's a ~, always code-switching to blend in

♦ "He calls himself an activist investor, and I would call him a carpet bagger, and one who is trying to spread a climate of fear that pushes studios to want to make only tent poles... He's trying to manipulate the market... Hedge fund guys do not create jobs, and we do." ("George Clooney To Hedge Fund Honcho Daniel Loeb: Stop Spreading Fear At Sony" by Mike Fleming Jr, *Deadline*, August 2, 2013.)

♦ "But, of course, the new South had embraced all of this [commercial strips, huge parking lots, motels, fast-food places, discount store, car dealers, nightclubs, etc.], not quickly, as we had done up North, but embraced it nonetheless. And in some strange way, the garish commercial strip was now more associated with the South than with anywhere else in the country. The carpetbaggers have finally taken over." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille.)

character & personality: history / person

identity & nature: history / person

carpeted

carpeted with flowers
the meadow was ~

carpeted with wild blueberry plants
the tiny island is ~

carpeted (at the base) with starfish and mussels
we drifted into an inlet alongside cliffs ~

carpeted eastern Washington
old-growth forests once ~

cover / resemblance: carpets & rugs

configuration: carpets & rugs

carried away

get carried away
it is no time to ~ (panic over virus)

control & lack of control: movement
feeling, emotion & effect: movement

fictive transportation: movement

carried off (died)

were carried off
one third of the population of Europe ~ (the Black death)

death & life: euphemism

carrot (reward)

carrot

offering ~s and wielding sticks to persuade people to...
amid the ~s, there will be some sharp sticks

carrot of membership

the EU is dangling the ~ in front of the two countries

coercion & motivation: fruits & vegetables / plant

carrot-and-stick

carrot-and-stick approach

it requires a ~ (a zoning alternative)
using a ~ to the millions moving into the fire zone
commanders say a ~ is necessary (military occupation)

♦ "The carrots do not work much. Now, we're seeing more pressure coming from the other side." (Dr. Arthur Caplan, about requiring COVID vaccinations in the US.)

coercion & motivation: fruits & vegetables / plant

carrousel (noun)

carrousel of helicopters

this constant ~ flying over the reactor (Chernobyl)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / movement: sports & games

carry (carry me away, etc.)

carry me away

I let my emotions ~

carry the memory of my half-brother with me

I ~ every day (murdered)

carry the pain

families still ~ 19 years later (9/11 memorial)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement / verb

fictive transportation: movement / verb

carry (transport)

carry this loss

while I will ~ for a long time, it will motivate me

carries a (maximum) sentence

Count Fourteen ~ of 20 years imprisonment

carry viruses

smuggled pangolins have been found to ~

fictive transportation: verb

carry (assist)

carried this team

he ~ like we needed him to (Olympic basketball)

carried the team on his back

he ~ (football player)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother."

help & assistance: burden / verb / weight

carry on (verb)

carry on

I got injured, but you still got to ~

resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: burden / journeys & trips / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

cart (cart off)

carted (31) Christians off to the station police ~

carted him (off the field) on a stretcher
they ~ (injured player)

transportation: animal / verb

carved out

carved out of the Middle East Jordan was ~

carved out of the Maasai land
the Masai Mara was ~

carved out by the British Jordan was ~

carved out in the 1920's
Jordan was ~

creation & transformation: blade / knife

carve out (verb)

carve out an Islamic state they want to ~ in Mindanao

carve a Muslim state out of the south
the group is fighting to ~ (Mindanao)

carve out a future
young Brazilians are trying to ~

carve out her own lane
she has managed to ~ (singing, fashion, etc.)

carve out (decent) lives
homesteaders tried to ~ (North Dakota)

carve out a living
wolves are forced to ~ on the steeper slopes

carved out (new) markets
some entrepreneurs have ~ by selling...

carve out a new role
Britain wants to ~ (post-Brexit)

♦ Carve out, fashion, shape...

creation & transformation: blade / knife / verb

Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.)

determined bovine Casanova

a feat impossible for even the most ~ (insemination)

Serbian Casanova

Dusko Popov, a ~... (a double agent for MI6)

allusion: books & reading

sex / character & personality: allusion / epithet / books & reading

cascade (verb)

cascade through generations

negative attitudes ~

movement: direction / water

cascade (noun)

cascade of decisions

the computer models triggered a ~ (transportation)

cascade of disasters

we have seen a ~ lately

cascade of (damaging) events

head injury can initiate a ~

cascade of problems

the events combined to create a ~

cascades of white death

the 22 natural avalanche chutes are ~ (pass and highway)

set off a cascade

the decision has ~ of accusations and counter-accusations

trigger a cascade

these chemicals ~ of allergic symptoms (food allergies)

amount & effect: water

cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.)

cascade of strawberry-blond hair

she has pale skin and a ~

resemblance: water

cash in (verb)

cashing in

the economy is growing, but not all are ~

cash in on the experience

a failure is a man who blundered but is not able to ~

cash in on his fame

opportunists who want to ~ (sex-abuse accusers)

cash in on those investments

early success could position her to ~ (candidate's hard work)

♦ "They are monetizing, they know what the game is." (A lawyer for a singer accused of sex abuse.)

cost & benefit: money / verb

Cassandra

Cassandra

for years he was a ~, his message ignored

"Go Ahead! regardless of the consequences and indifferent to the value of human life." (A diarist in the 1840s about science, technology, and the use of steam for power.)

message: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

cast (cast of candidates, etc.)

cast of candidates

a whole new ~ will be onstage at their debate (politics)

group, set & collection: theater

cast (cast doubt)

cast doubt on the (confession's) accuracy

the defense ~

cast doubts on such assumptions

the hearings ~ (politics of abortion)

cast doubts on plans

the difficulties could ~ to reopen New Orleans

cast (any) doubt on (Hamilton's) skills

she said she did not want to ~

casts (serious) doubt on another theory

the new finding ~ that had...

casts (some) doubt on a (popular) theory

the report also ~ that...

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

cast (light)

cast a beam

reflectors ~ (lighthouse)

cast a (dark) shadow

the tragic accident ~ over US-Korean relations

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

cast (other)

cast blame

officials can ~ only so much before the backlash starts

cast a curse

somebody must have ~ on his camel

cast discredit

the government alleges the paper ~ on the courts

cast a net

the authorities have ~ for the escapees

cast a pall

Chen's death ~ over the mountain (climbing)

cast a spell

at times he seemed to ~ on the ball (Ronaldo)

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

cast (characterize)

cast Grant as a "butcher"

Southern historians ~ (revisionism)

cast the debate as a class struggle
they have ~

cast the problem as a health issue
she has ~ (TV violence, etc.)

characterization: manufacturing / verb

cast (characterized)

cast as a hero
a guard ~ was recast as a villain (Richard Jewell)

characterization: manufacturing

cast aside (verb)

cast your fears aside
and you ~ (song)

cast security aside
at 48, he ~ to pursue his passion (left his profession)

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb

castaway (person)

Hollywood castaways
mix with ranchers, fishermen and ~ (Livingston, Mont.)

homeless castaways
a dystopian future where children are ~ (a song video)

life's castaways
she gives ~ the gift of merriment (film *River of Grass*)

society's castaways
—hookers, addicts, the homeless...

♦ A castaway usually becomes one by shipwreck. In cases of mutiny, a person or persons might be cast adrift or left marooned on a deserted shore. Alexander Selkirk is a famous example of a voluntary castaway. He spent 4 years 4 months on one of the Juan Fernandez Islands in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Chile before being rescued. He probably inspired Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*.

♦ Classic castaway stories include *Robinson Crusoe* and *The Swiss Family Robinson*. The TV show *Gilligan's Island* ran for 3 seasons. The film *Cast Away* with Tom Hanks was very popular. People remember his companion, Wilson, a soccer ball, and the scene where he removes a rotten tooth with an ice skate.

♦ Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean got its name from the captain who rescued a group of castaways from that place. The whole story is quite amazing!

person: island / society
isolation & remoteness / society: island / person / sea / throwing, putting & planting

caste (noun)

caste society
America as a ~

caste system
lodgings follow a kind of unwritten ~ (officials)
the airlines use a ~ (paying more gets better treatment)

warrior caste
Marine pilots are an insular ~

professional military caste

the ~ will retain its grip (in time of war and conscription)

♦ "It's a caste system, and we are the untouchables of academia." (An adjunct professor.)

♦ "Major Sleeman reveals the fact that the trade union and the boycott are antiquities in India. India seems to have originated everything. The 'sweeper' belongs to the bottom caste; he is the lowest of the low—all other castes despise him and scorn his office. But that does not trouble him. His caste is a caste, and that is sufficient for him, and so he is proud of it, not ashamed... A footnote by Major Sleeman's editor, Mr. Vincent Arthur Smith, says... 'The sweepers cannot be readily coerced, because no Hindoo or Mussulman would do their work to save his life, nor will he pollute himself by beating the refractory scavenger.' They certainly do seem to have the whip-hand... Just like a milk-route; or like a London crossing-sweepership." (*Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World* by Mark Twain.)

division & connection / hierarchy: society

society: person

castle (protection)

castle
a man's home is his ~

castle doctrine

Texas has a ~ which extends to your vehicles (deadly force)
~ is similar to "stand your ground" (deadly force)

♦ "Warning / Castle Doctrine / "No Duty to Retreat" (A sign / decal / sticker.)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military / royalty

castle (Castle Peaks, etc.)

Castle
the Smithsonian is popularly known as the ~ (D.C.)

Castle Peaks
the ~ are peaks in Queensland, Australia

Castle Valley
~, Utah, is east of Arches National Park

Baboons Castle
the ~ is a mountain in KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)

New Castle
they were arrested in ~, Indiana (a town)

White Castle
~ is an oasis for late-night customers (hamburgers)

♦ This word often appears in geographical place names, as well as cities. For example, Castle Creek / Islet / Mountain, Pass / Peak / Point / Rock, etc.

proper name: fortification

casualty (noun)

casualty of the (real-estate) boom
the development was an early ~

casualties of Covid-19
this is one of the biggest ~ (great boxing match, no fans)

casualty of his own faith
he became a ~ (Columbus and geography)

casualty of the (slimmed-down) plan

the proposed sum is an apparent ~ (money for VA hospitals)
casualty of early stardom
he could have become Basquiat, a ~ (Jean Michel Basquiat)

too many casualties
there have been ~ (man accused of touching female athletes)

one of the first casualties
the low price of petrol has become ~ (pandemic recovery)
♦ "Two bass boats collided at night and there was a casualty."
♦ Deaths from COVID have been described as a *body count*.

failure, accident & impairment: death & life / military

cat (cat and mouse)

see *game (game of cat and mouse)*

cat (cat out of the bag, etc.)

cat was (already) out of the bag
the ~, it already spread (virus)

concealment & lack of concealment / pursuit, capture & escape: cat / container

catalogue (list)

catalogue of failures
the report describes a ~ (an air crash)

catalogue of problems
it's one of a ~ caused by unplanned overdevelopment

amount: money

catalyst (noun)

catalyst
he was the ~, not the cause of the problem
this is a bill that will jump start, jolt, be a ~ (business)
the ~ for the government shutdown was...
Auschwitz was the ~ that made him into a great writer

catalyst of the team
he's been the ~

catalysts in this conflagration
Lincoln and his cronies were the ~ (US Civil War)

catalyst for change
disaster can be a ~
art can be a ~

catalyst for (economic) growth
the software industry could be a ~ (India)

catalyst for a (cultural) shift
snowboarding was a ~ in the world of skiing

catalyst for moving
the Morton case is going to be a ~ reforms forward (law)

economic catalyst
she said the museum would be an ~

served as a catalyst
the crash served as a ~ to mend relations (Poland-Russia)

initiation: chemistry

catalyze (verb)

catalyzed them to come forward
other accusers said that she ~ Me Too Movement)

initiation: chemistry / verb

catapult (verb)

catapulted Western Europe to (global) dominance
the industrial revolution ~

catapulted him to fame
his admission ~

catapulted Obama into the White House
the type of voter who ~

catapulted into the ranks
the company has ~ of top tech companies

catapulted over (more veteran) officials
she ~ (government promotion)

catapulted from an unknown to a superstar
he ~

throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / verb

catapulted

catapulted to the forefront
he has been ~ of the death-penalty debate

catapulted to stardom
she was plucked from obscurity and ~ (talent show)

catapulted out of obscurity
he was ~ (a politician who won an election)

catapulted into the limelight
after the broadcast, he was ~ (sports doping)

catapulted from obscurity to (prime-time) fame
he was ~ (an actor)

throwing, putting & planting: mechanism

catch (catch the imagination, etc.)

catch the (national) imagination
his account of the aerial voyage would ~

caught FitzRoy's imagination
but it was the sea that had ~

caught the (national) imagination
his account would be published in the *Times*, where it ~

caught my interest
it really ~ so I started researching (a mine disaster)
the team ~ after I watched the game against Celtic

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

catch (marriage)

seemed the perfect catch
when she met him, he ~ (marriage / murdered by him)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / love, courtship & marriage

catch (catch and release)

catch and release
they basically had a ~, they should have been arrested
why the repeated ~, was he an informant

pattern of catch and release
it supports the ~ (interference to protect informant)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

Catch-22

in a Catch-22
he's ~ (the rapper Bobby Shmurda and police protection)

allusion / alternatives & choices / situation: books & reading

catchment (noun)

catchment area
about 1/3 of the state falls within our ~ (medical examiner)

extent & scope: river / water

catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)

caught up to him
his past finally ~
the allegations have trailed him, and today the claims ~
by 2008, the truth had ~ (Bernie Madoff)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

past & present / time: hunting / verb

catch up (catch up to something)

catching up to men
women are ~ in their number of partners

catching up to science fiction
reality is finally ~ (AI)

catching up in submarines
China is ~ (to the US)

competition / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

catch up (catch up with something)

catch up with the technologies
standards have begun to ~ (biometrics)

catch up with the outside world
Fanning Island is anxious to ~ (Kiribati)

♦ "Let's keep moving, guys. Keep the line tight and keep it moving. United 8114, I need you to catch up with the group." (An air-traffic controller, directing traffic.)

progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping / verb

catchy (attention)

catchy headlines
these are ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: hunting

catechism (noun)

Cold War catechism
the ~ dictated that...

script / unanimity & consensus: religion

cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.)

Cathedral Cave
large elliptical cupolas have been found in ~ (Australia)

Cathedral Mountain
we visited ~ (Tasmania)

Cathedral Room
~ is 204 feet high (Marvel Cave, Missouri)

proper name: religion

geography: proper name

cathedral (resemblance)

calcite cathedrals
these flooded caves are spectacular ~ of stalactites...

resemblance: religion

cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.)

cathedral
mountains are truly ~s ("Big" Jim Whittaker)
it's my church, it's my ~ (Yosemite on foot in winter)

cathedral of the Russian underground
the club was a religion, the ~ (the Leningrad Rock Club)

cathedral of stock-car racing
Daytona track, the ~...

cathedrals for fly fishermen
the waters here are ~ (Montana)

enthusiasm / reverence: place / religion

catnip (attraction)

catnip to (post World War I) audiences
adultery and divorce were ~

catnip to screenwriters
it has proved ~ (*The Turn of the Screw*)

catnip for (avid) travelers
lost and abandoned places are ~

box-office catnip
he was ~ (Dirk Bogarde)

attraction & repulsion: cat / plant

caught (other)

caught in the middle
civilians are ~ (war)

caught in the open
3 people ~ suffocated in the dust storm (Kansas / 1935)

caught in a (lightning) storm
they were ~ on a mountainside

caught in a (ferocious) storm
they were ~ near the summit of Les Droites

caught in a rip current
if you become ~, swim parallel to shore

caught in the drift ice
we'd be ~, but it was all right (fishing)

caught in a crossfire
three soldiers were ~

caught on film
unsuspecting women ~... (Internet porn)

caught on the back foot
police admit they have been ~ by the protests

become caught
if you ~ in a rip current, swim parallel to shore
the straps of his river sandals ~ on a rock

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

fictive possession: hand

caught out

caught out by public reaction
he seemed to be ~ (a leader)

♦ Many associate this with the game of cricket.

failure, accident & impairment: ball / sports & games

caught up (in or by something)

caught up (again) in drugs
they go back out on the streets and get ~

caught up in the film
I was ~ and didn't hear the door open

caught up in a web
~ of drug addiction and crime

caught up in red tape
his expedition got ~

caught up in the drinking
I just got ~ and the drugs and fighting

don't get caught up in that
~ (weight loss / low self-esteem)

got caught up in red tape
his expedition ~

involvement: hunting

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: hunting

cauldron (noun)

cauldron
it's going to be a ~ in there on Saturday (boxing match)

cauldrons of contagion
wet markets are ~ (coronaviruses, etc.)

cauldron of (internal) controversy
the Republican party is a ~

cauldron of grievances
a ~ bubbles beneath the surface

cauldron of socialization
the school bus used to be a ~

cauldron of (sectarian) violence
the country has become a ~

cauldron of war, violence and brutality
the US has hurled Afghanistan into the ~

witch's cauldron
the US is a ~ of unemployment and poor education

bubbling cauldron
the country has become a ~ since Ben Ali left (Tunisia)

simmering cauldron
you've got this ~ of hatred and revolution (Paris)

ethnic cauldron
the Balkans are a confused, often violent ~

red-hot cauldron
the Middle East is a ~ (protests, etc.)

revolutionary cauldron
many emerge from the ~ to become conservatives

send its children into that cauldron
a humane society would not ~ (war)

environment: container / fire / heating water / temperature

caustic (adjective)

caustic characterization
the leaked cables contained ~s of world leaders

caustic comment
she made a few ~s

caustic observation
she offered some ~s about their qualifications

caustic remark
they direct a lot of ~s and mockery

caustic welcome
he got a ~ (politics)

blunt and (sometimes) caustic
he defended his ~ style (governor)

feeling, emotion & effect / speech: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation

caustically

caustically critical

she is now ~ (about school reform)
once a supporter, she is now ~ (an educator)

caustically funny

she is ~ (comic)

caustically intelligent

he is ~

caustically witty

his song is ~

caustically described

she ~ him as a figurehead

caustically dismiss

some scientists ~ his claims

said caustically

but he ~, "On a political level, ..."

speech: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation

cavalcade (noun)

cavalcade of (Nashville) artists

she is joined by a ~ (an album)

cavalcade of (celebrity) cameos

the film featured a ~

cavalcade of arm gestures

his every sentence is punctuated by a ~ (a politician)

cavalcade of people

there's going to be a ~ saying you were wrong

♦ "We stood up now and then to get our circulation going, and it was always the same: the wind was always blowing, there was always a semblance of moon... and in front of the moon a fantastic cavalcade of ragged clouds..." ("Bear Meat" by Primo Levy, translated by Alessandra Bastagli.)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / group, set & collection: horse / movement

cavalier (adjective)

cavalier attitude

he had a ~ towards going to war (a hawk)

cavalier and disrespectful

Pelosi said Barr was ~ (at a Senate hearing)

♦ The root is from *caballus*, Latin for horse, with the meaning of supercilious. The rider has traditionally been dominant over the man who walks.

character & personality: height / horse

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: height / horse

cavalry (noun)

cavalry

the ~ has come, God bless you all (military aid in disaster)
the ~ is on the way (regulation of online abuse)

mechanized cavalry

today's ~ means mobility and speed (military)

called in the cavalry

he ~, the FBI, ATF, State Police, US Marshalls (murder)

♦ "He claimed his newspaper had ridden heroically to the rescue of the campaign."

♦ "There's no cavalry, no one will magically appear and save you." (The need to be self-reliant when mountain climbing.)

help & assistance / resistance, opposition & defeat: horse / military

cave (isolation)

cave

unless you are living in a ~, you know...

isolation & remoteness: mountains & hills

cave in (verb)

caved

instead of doubling down on his policy, he ~

caved in

I ~, just as Jean knew I would (and admitted truth)

cave in to his fears

he refuses to ~ (a stock-market investor)

cave in to (Serb) pressure

Europe will ~ (diplomacy)

caved in under the weight

the regime finally ~ of its impossible contradictions

cave to threats or fear

he did not ~ (from MS-13 members)

**failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: mining / verb**

cavernous (adjective)

cavernous headquarters

as we left the ~, only we were in the lobby (pandemic)

resemblance / size: ground, terrain & land

comparison & contrast: affix

ceasefire (noun)

Ceasefire on Immigration

Clergy urge ~ (politics)

ceasefire in the war

there needs to be a ~ of words (dispute)

judicial ceasefire

the DA's office has offered to declare a ~ (drop charges)

conflict: military

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: military
starting, going, continuing & ending: military**

ceiling (glass ceiling)

glass ceiling

the ~ is alive and well on Wall Street

glass ceiling for women in politics
there is a perceived ~ (Massachusetts)

glass ceilings and other barriers
~ barring women

Japan's glass ceiling
she has helped to crack ~ (Toshiba team leader)

Oscars' glass ceiling
Kathryn Bigelow broke the ~ (Best Director)

age barrier, (no) gender gap, (no) glass ceiling
no ~

break the glass ceiling
success is the best way to ~

broke the (Oscars') glass ceiling
Kathryn Bigelow ~ (first woman Best Director)

raise the glass ceiling
quotas could ~ (employment)

shatter that glass ceiling
women can ~ once and for all

♦ Related is the glass cliff. That refers to putting a woman or minority in a position of power in a bad organization, in which they are bound to fail.

♦ "There are studies that suggest that women are more likely to get jobs at a point at which a company is in crisis. And I wonder if you think that might be an issue as well." / Jill Abramson: "It definitely was bad times, I mean it was very soon after I became executive editor that we had one of the biggest waves of staff reduction which, you know, creates pain and misery throughout a newsroom." ("Transcript: Former 'New York Times' Editor Jill Abramson Addresses Book Allegations," NPR, All Things Considered, February 7, 2019.)

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure

constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure

concealment & lack of concealment: infrastructure

ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.)

debt ceiling
politicians battle over budget deficits and the ~

biological ceiling
120 years old is the ~ for human longevity

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure

constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure

ceiling (high point)

ceiling and the floor
his numbers have been durable, the ~ (president's popularity)

increase & decrease: direction / height / house

celebrate (groups)

celebrate Black children
her books for very young readers ~

celebrate your differences
her goal is to help you acknowledge, accept and ~

celebrates Black excellence
in Newark, a drive-in movie theater ~

celebrate Juneteenth

Americans ~ after it becomes a national holiday
NPR employees ~

celebrate (Black History) Month
this week we ~ with an episode featuring...

celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month
Alt. Latino and Tiny Desk ~ (NPR)

celebrates Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month
how NPR ~

celebrate their (childhood) neighborhood
2 cousins ~ in 'Dream Street' (a children's book)

celebrates powerful women
on 'Celia,' Tiwa Savage ~

celebrates the cultural heritage, triumphs, adversities
Black History Month ~ that are part of our history

celebrate, educate, and empower
we ~ African American/Diverse people (arts & counseling)

preserve, celebrate
she uses social media to ~ Inuit throat singing

rouse, unite, celebrate and call to action
American Anthem, songs that ~ (NPR)

♦ "What I wanted to do in this book was to create those kind of poems of celebration for places and people that were denigrated, right? So they're also poems of reparation for me." (Joshua Bennett. From "Owed": Poems That Celebrate Denigrated Places And People," NPR, All Things Considered, September 23, 2020.)

♦ "Sandra Oh on celebrating Pixar, puberty and periods."

♦ "Swiss Celebrate Tradition Of Blowing Up Snowman To Ring In Spring."

♦ "US zoo celebrates 50 years of giant pandas." (BBC.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

celebrated (groups)

celebrated
Black lives are ~ in her extraordinary quilts

inclusion & exclusion: society

celebration (groups)

celebration of (Boston's unique) accents
a ~

celebration of (Black) artists
the Black Opry is a ~

celebration of (Indian-American) cuisine
Bollywood Kitchen is a ~ (a cookbook)

celebration of cultures
it's a ~ (a dress worn at a Met Gala)

celebration of diversity
Waiting for the Waters to Rise is a ~ (a book)

celebration of (gay-marriage) law
in New York, a ~

celebration of (Haitian) music
Rasanbleman (Red Moon) is a ~ (an album)

celebration of (indigenous) resilience
the forest will be renamed as a ~

celebration of women
In Defense of Witches is a ~ (a book)

celebration of (Southern) rap
the South got something to say: a ~

celebration of love, inclusion and strength
it's a ~ (Jon Batiste's "FREEDOM")

celebration of uniqueness, individuality, representation
Pride is a ~ and so much more...

♦ "It's world sleep day, a celebration of an activity we don't do enough." (NPR.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

cement (verb)

cemented it in the public consciousness
the book really ~ (*Helter Skelter* scenario / Manson Family)

cemented his position
he has ~ as front-runner in the race (politics)

cemented his status
the show ~ as Britain's best rapper (Glastonbury)

cement her surge
she is looking to ~ in opinion polls (politician)

attachment / strength & weakness / survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb

cemented

cemented in the American consciousness
how did this narrative become ~ (Manson Family murders)

attachment / strength & weakness / survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances

cemetery (place)

graveyard for (Antarctica's greatest) icebergs
South Georgia is something of a ~

bell cemeteries
collection points, known as *Glockenfriedhofe*, or ~

spacecraft cemetery
Point Nemo, also known as the ~ (remote Pacific Ocean)

♦ Between 1939 and 1945, 175,000 bells across Europe were taken by Nazi Germany. They were transported to collection points, known as *Glockenfriedhofe*, or bell cemeteries, the biggest of them in Hamburg. ("The seizing of Europe's bells" by Stephen J. Thorne, in *Legion: Canada's Military History Magazine*, November 21, 2018.)

place: burial / death & life

center (verb)

center her family

she has chosen to ~ (politics)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: center & periphery / position / verb

center (society)

center
you drive people from the ~ towards the fringes (extremism)

society: center & periphery

center of gravity

center of gravity of Europe
Vienna had become the musical ~, drawing to it...

center of gravity for so many important developments
Asia and China are going to be the ~ in the 21st century

political center of gravity
Buffalo is not the ~ in New York State

bases: astronomy
attraction & repulsion: astronomy

centerpiece (noun)

centerpiece
its ~ is the Inc. record label (a studio)
a ~ of their argument is... (scientific evidence)

centerpiece of the Circumpolar North
the Arctic Ocean is the ~

centerpiece of his agenda
he has made it the ~ (crime bill)

centerpiece of our (domestic) agenda
health care is the ~

centerpiece of her campaign
her support of Medicare was the ~ (politician)

centerpiece of their culture
the camel is the ~ (Arab Bedouins)

centerpiece of their lives
for many people, work is the ~

centerpiece of their plan
city officials see the pier as the ~ to unify various sites

importance & significance: center & periphery / position

central (adjective)

central
the military is ~ (in Egyptian society)

importance & significance: center & periphery / position

central nervous system (basis)

central nervous system of modern life
the internet is the ~

bases: back / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

cesspit (noun)

cesspit of snarky poison

you know how social media and twitter in particular is a ~

cesspits of arguments, misinformation

the comment threads are absolute ~

environment: hygiene

corruption: smell

cesspool (noun)

cesspool

the neighborhood is a ~ that breeds crime

cesspool of corruption

college sports are a ~

cesspools of fraud

the federal mortgage agencies are ~

cesspool of hate

the website is a ~

cesspool of negativity

the Internet can be a ~ (consumer reviews, comments)

cesspool of character assassination

the Web site is a ~ (gossip site in rural towns)

reality-show cesspool

it's hard to stand out in the ~ (TV)

ethical cesspool

he is disgusted by the ~ of Albany (New York politics)

moral cesspool

this is indicative of the ~ that is America (nudity on TV)

political cesspool

finally somebody was doing something to clean up the ~

social cesspool

the tenements are ~s (1903)

clean the cesspool

they are trying to ~ (Web)

drain this (stinking) cesspool

he wants to ~ (New York politics)

environment: hygiene

corruption: smell

Ceuta and Melilla

linguistic Ceutas and Melillas

stranded like ~ (fuzzy semantics)

division & connection: history

chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff)

separate the wheat from the chaff

we need to ~ (real cases vs. imagined of a syndrome)

separating the wheat from the chaff

G-2 had great difficulty ~ (military intelligence)

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat
worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat
dismissal, removal & resignation: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat

chain (configuration)

chain of camps

the porters established a ~ up the mountain

chain of islands

the southern end of the ~ known as Lofoten (Norway)

chain of mountains

this great ~ (Caucasus Mountains)

human chain

policemen formed ~a (Hajj)

arriving police formed a ~ (rescue boys in river)

island chain

a nearby ~ was evacuated (typhoon)

an ~ that is part of the Antarctic peninsula

mountain chain

the Rwenzori ~ includes Africa's third highest peak

750-mile chain

a ~ of rugged mountains (the Caucasus)

divided into four chains

Tonga is composed of 140 islands ~

configuration: chain

chain (chain of events)

chain of events

the ~ that caused the airliner to crash
problems in this ~ (conception and infertility)

chains of events

describing hypothetical ~, he noted if...

chain of critical events

disasters are triggered by a ~ (engineering, crashes, etc.)

bizarre chain of events

in a ~, a passenger was killed... (NJ Transit Train)
surprise and sadness at the ~ (astronaut arrested)

fatal chain of events

the ~ began at 10:04 (car wreck)
falling debris started the ~ (loss of shuttle Columbia)

hypothetical chains of events

describing ~, he noted if...

sequence: chain

chain (oppression)

people's chains

we must break the shackles of an oppressed ~

invisible chains

she was exploited by “~” (sex trafficking)

constraint & lack of constraint / oppression: chain

chain (other)

chain of custody

drug screeners must follow the ~

chain of evidence

a ~ ties him to the crime

the ~ must be preserved (rape)

chain of (massive) explosions

Lagos struggled to recover from a ~ (ammo)

chain of trial and error

behind every discovery is a long ~ (astronomy)

cold chain

the ~—keeping the vaccine refrigerated (for measles)

supply chain

they have a very efficient ~ (Wal-Mart)

the army's ~ across the open desert is vulnerable to attack

there's a whole ~ that feeds the production of the plane

link in the (global) chain

you're only as secure as the weakest ~ of information

predators in the chain

they were the top ~ (Iraqi terrorists)

break the chain

we need to ~ of transmission (COVID-19)

sequence: chain

chain of command (and chain)

chain of command

contact your immediate ~ if you believe... (military)

requests go through the normal ~ (military)

he forwards the report through the ~ (military)

the information went up the ~ to President Bush

program's chain of command

the ~

launch-control chain of command

those in the ~ (NASA)

top-down chain of command

older workers are used to a ~ (business)

military chain of command

federal military forces remain under the ~

level in the chain of command

the highest appropriate ~ must address...

chain of command (soon) broke down

the ~ (Suvla Bay / Gallipoli)

complained (for months) to the chain of command

he ~ about the poor gear

come down from the chain of command

a memo had ~ that said...

run it up the chain

Irving told him he'd have to ~ (a request for troops)

went outside of his chain of command

he was removed after he ~ (Navy captain)

♦ "You can jump the chain of command if you want and take the consequences, you can disobey the chain of command and take the consequences, but there is no, no situation where you go to the media..." (Acting SECNAV Thomas Modley on his decision to reassign Captain Brett Crozier from command of the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt*.)

hierarchy: direction / chain / military

chain reaction

chain reaction

the ~ can go on for centuries (cyanide pollution)

chain reaction of car hitting car

a ~ (traffic pileup)

chain-reaction accident

a ~ that involved 125 vehicles (fog in Georgia);
low visibility caused a number of ~s (dust storm)

chain-reaction crash

the ~ happened in a snowstorm (highway)

chain reaction wreck

16 cars had a ~

chain reaction, a snowball effect

this will create a ~ (falling in a crowd crush)

sequence: chain

chainsaw (noun)

take a chainsaw to regulations

he wants to ~ (politics)

destruction / force: tools & technology

chalice (poisoned chalice)

poisoned chalice

the United job is a ~ (English soccer)

poisoned chalice of naval command

Baltaoglu vanished, and the ~ passed back to Hamza Bey

biggest prize and a poisoned chalice

the job is both the ~ (being the mayor of Rome)

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / food & drink

appearance & reality: allusion / food & drink

destruction / subterfuge: health & medicine

chameleon (change)

social chameleon

I was a ~, I went from group to group

style chameleons

celebrities tend to be ~, changing their looks

political chameleon

he was a ~ who charmed France (Jacques Chirac)

♦ "One of his nicknames was the Chameleon, his career was a stylistic kaleidoscope." (The musician Chick Corea.)

♦ "I'm so glad I was a Canadian in a way, because the Canadian can take the best of the British, and the best of the American school, and uh

we're rather good at that, we're kind of like chameleons, in that respect, that's why there's so many good Canadian comics." ("Remembering 'Sound of Music' Star Christopher Plummer," NPR, Fresh Air, Feb 12 2021, originally broadcast in 2007.)

♦ "[Chameleons] can camouflage themselves well... but they ultimately did not outsmart the X-Ray machine." (Smuggled chameleons from the Usambara Mountains of Tanzania discovered in a suitcase at the Vienna airport.)

appearance & reality / character & personality / creation & transformation / identity & nature: animal

chameleonic (adjective)

chameleonic

her transformation was so ~ (Taylor Swift's The Man video)

chameleonic and controversial

to the public, she's been a ~ celebrity (Angelina Jolie)

surprisingly chameleonic

the series has proved ~ (*Fast & Furious* films)

appearance & reality / character & personality / creation & transformation / identity & nature: animal

comparison & contrast: affix

champagne (money)

Champagne Johnny

his high living earned him the nickname ~ (John Osborne)

champagne socialists

~ are far removed from reality (politics)

champagne wishes

"~ and caviar dreams" (*Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*)

♦ "Collaborating with these gentry was a mixed crowd of wide-minded, wide-mouthed Liberals, who darkened council with pious but disintegrating catch-words, and took care to live very well indeed." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "No, I can't swig that sweet champagne, I'd rather drink beer all night, in a tavern, or in a Honkey-tonk, or in a four-wheel-drive tailgate... Let me get a big 'hell yeah' from the Redneck girls like me." (Gretchen Wilson, "Redneck Woman." Hell yeah!)

money: sign, signal, symbol

champion (verb)

championing women's voices

we have been ~ (a publisher)

allegiance, support & betrayal / attention, scrutiny & promotion: Middle Ages / verb

champion (noun)

champion of social justice

he was a ~

champion of justice and equality

she was a giant in the law, a ~ (RBG)

its champions

each one has ~ (translations of Dante's *Divine Comedy*)

allegiance, support & betrayal / attention, scrutiny & promotion: Middle Ages

championed

championed by authors, consultants, and startup gurus
gamification is ~

allegiance, support & betrayal / attention, scrutiny & promotion: Middle Ages

change (sea change)

sea change for Saudi Arabia
it's a ~ (ending reliance on oil)

political sea change

there has been a ~ in Virginia (election)

amount & effect / creation & transformation / reversal: sea channel (direct)

channeled (corporate) donation to Texas state races
he ~ (a convicted politician)

channeled his fears in music

he ~ (sickness therapy)

channel his (mental) illness to stay
he learned how to ~ functional

channels (more) money to (local) health centers
his plan ~ (reform)

channeled her unhappiness into writing
she ~

directing: verb / water

channel (through channels)

through administrative channels
submit requests ~ (military)

through diplomatic channel
India informed the US ~s that...

through operational channels
send NBC reports ~ (military)

through proper channels
a request has to go through ~

submit requests through administrative channels

informed the US through diplomatic channels
Spain ~ that...

go through proper channels
a report has to ~

route: water

channel (back channel)

back-channel operation
he was alarmed by a ~ in Ukraine (diplomacy)
supply chains, ~s, costs and cycle times

route: water

channel (distribution channel, etc.)

distribution channel

a new ~ has arisen (e-commerce)
supply chains, ~s, costs and cycle times

route: water

channeled

channeled to paramilitaries
US dollars have been ~

channeled through the I.S.I.
Pakistan wants talks with the Taliban to be ~

channeled to militants
it is not clear how much money is ~

channeled and exploited
people's anger is being ~ by corporate interests (politics)

directing: water

chaotic (adjective)

chaotic
Fury's life has been ~

chaotic home
they were raised in a ~ with lots of siblings

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

chaperone (role)

worldly chaperone
he positioned himself as the grownup in the room, the ~

control & lack of control / experience: person

person: school & education

chapter (close a chapter, etc.)

close a chapter
the decision helps ~ on a painful period (Baylor University)

close a (tragic) chapter
the resolution will help ~ in Balkan history (apology)

close that chapter
we want to ~ in the department (remedy for racism)
it was time to ~ of my life (quit job)

close this chapter
it is time to ~ in our history (discrimination)

close this (dark) chapter
we would rather ~ of our history and move on

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going,
continuing & ending: books & reading

chapter (other)

chapter
I'm definitely glad that ~ is over (in a career)

chapter of the (euthanasia) debate
ending that ~

chapter of history

we are spectators in a ~ (a significant labor dispute)

chapter of their lives

as they venture into this next ~ (retirement)

chapter of your life

it's kind of sad to end a ~ (breakup of band)

chapter of our (not-so-recent) past
that troubling ~

chapter in a career

fans witnessed another bizarre ~ that... (Mike Tyson)

chapter in his life

he started a new ~

chapter in the (still-unfolding) story
a ~

concluding chapter

the play was the ~ in a spellbinding story (series of plays)

troubling chapter

that ~ of our not-so-distant past

bizarre chapter

fans witnessed another ~ in his career (a boxer)

dark chapter

we would rather close this ~ of our history and move on

darkest chapter

his capture was one of the country's ~s of the war

final chapter

the war against terrorism is not near its ~

last chapter

a bizarre ~ in a divorce battle (townhouse explodes)

latest chapter

the ~ in the long, checkered history of...

this ~ has only tightened the family bonds (injury)

this is the ~ in the tragedy that is Haiti (epidemic)

new chapter

he is poised to write a triumphant ~ (Obama)

next chapter

as they venture into this ~ of their lives (retirement)

painful chapter

it was a ~ in Indian history (white boarding schools)

dark and forgotten chapter

it was a ~ in history (Kinkaseki POW camp / Taiwan)

succession of chapters

the lives of athletes are a ~ (playground, NBA, China)

begin the (next) chapter

he will ~ of his distinguished career

close a chapter

the decision helps ~ on a painful period (Baylor University)

close a (tragic) chapter

the resolution will help ~ in Balkan history (apology)

close that chapter

we want to ~ in the department (remedy for racism)
it was time to ~ of my life (quit job)

close this chapter

it is time to ~ in our history (discrimination)

marks a new chapter

his win ~ in American history (election)

write more chapters

it's been a storybook season, hopefully we can ~ (team)

write a (new) chapter

the protests could ~ in Arab politics

write his most glorious chapter

on Sunday he could ~ (Raheem Sterling, Euro 2020)

♦ "It closes the chapter but hasn't ended the story, has it? I mean, clearly there will be further trials connected to the violence of 2015... Even during this trial there was more violence..." (BBC NewsHour for 16 Dec 2020, "Fourteen people convicted in Charlie Hebdo trial.")

♦ "It is a book as old as time: a good young person makes a mistake, chapter two is a good, young person is full of remorse. Chapter three is a good young person learns from the mistake and becomes a better person." (Australia Olympic team boss Ian Chesterman, following the bad behavior of some Australian athletes at the Tokyo Olympics and on their way home.)

development: books & reading

character (non-human)

character in her work

fashion is as much a ~ as everyone else (music videos)

becomes a character

the music is woven into the documentary and ~

♦ Nonhuman and nonliving things can have biographies, autobiographies, obituaries and even be characters.

♦ "The year is 1925, and the place is Montana, which is played onscreen by Campion's native New Zealand. Whether it fulfills the role convincingly...is a question that only Montanans will be qualified to answer." ("All In The Family: *The Power of the Dog* and *King Richard*" by Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, November 29, 2021.)

person: books & reading

charade (noun)

Charade of Changing the World

Winners Take All: The Elite ~ (a book)

stop this charade

we need to ~ ("rubber rooms" for bad teachers)

performance / subterfuge: sports & games

substance & lack of substance: sports & games

charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)

charged ahead

the president ~ with his plans to...

charging forward

she is ~ with a civil case (a lawyer)

charging into (one of the country's) leading debates

the leading philanthropy is ~ (Mellon / monuments)

commitment & determination / driving force / eagerness & reluctance: horse / military / movement / verb

charge (lead the charge, etc.)

leading the charge

Republicans are ~ (for fiscal responsibility)
the young people are ~ (new media)

led the charge

he disappeared when he should have ~ (a politician)

led the (political and rhetorical) charge

the NRA ~ (guns and 2nd Amendment)

led the charge to go

Republicans ~ to war with Iraq

leading the charge to make

she is ~ mandatory (systemic racism / high schools)

led the charge to overturn

he ~ the ban

led the charge for restricting

the three organizations have ~ immigration

led the charge against the notion

he ~ of human-caused global warming

led the charge against charter schools

school boards have ~

led the charge for (educational) reform

he ~

led the charge for (greater) regulation

Democrats have ~

driving force: military / verb

charged (highly charged, etc.)

charged with desperation and despair

the words, recently so ~...

highly charged

these are ~ issues (protests)

there was a ~ atmosphere in Kenosha (rioting)

in this ~ atmosphere the bombings started (Saudi Arabia)

♦ "The words 'I'm hungry,' recently so charged with desperation and despair, only slowly reverted to their old function of expressing an ordinary desire for lunch." (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

charisma (attraction)

a lot of charisma

he has ~ (a politician)

attraction & repulsion: religion

charm (verb)

charmed New Yorkers with his humor

the mayor ~

charmed everyone with her culture, grace and beauty
she ~

charmed her with his good humor
he ~

charmed his way into homes and shops
he ~ (the photographer Peter Sekaer)

charm the pants off (just about) anyone
he could ~ (politician Ronald Reagan)

charmed the audience
he ~ (a dancer)

charmed fans
Baghdatis ~ at the 2006 Australian Open (tennis)

charms people
with his gentle manner, he ~ wherever he goes (a boxer)

charmed reporters
while he has ~, others find him abrasive

charmed and impressed
she ~ colleagues with her low-key style and commitment

feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb
attraction & repulsion: magic / verb

charm (noun)

charm bracelet
her ~ spelled out "LOVE"
one of the year's hottest jewelry fads is the ~

charm campaign
Sudan's ~

charm school
beauty pageants and charm schools

charm and beauty
for centuries, visitors praised Basra's ~

charm, warmth and vivacity
stories of her ~ are innumerable

period charm
set in 1980, the show has a certain ~

attraction & repulsion: magic

charmed (charmed life, etc.)

charmed circle
teachers compete to enter the ~ of tenured academe
they spend their time in a ~ (acquaintances, etc.)

charmed existence
he enjoyed a ~, and then his family was poor

charmed life
she led a ~ (affluent)

charmed run
their ~ finally ended (sports team)

charmed years

for a few ~, he was on top (success)

fate, fortune & chance / protection & lack of protection:
magic

charmed (charmed by something, etc.)

charmed by the architecture
he was ~ (buying a house)

charmed by the (rugged) beauty
we were ~ of New Mexico

charmed by his speeches
voters were ~ and inspired by his vision (Obama)

charmed by the terrain
the young artist was ~ (the desert)

charmed by her good-heartedness
we were ~

attraction & repulsion / feeling, emotion & effect: magic

charming (people)

charming
he was cute, he was ~, he was very athletic... (psycho)

utterly charming
she could be ~ (a narcissist)

attraction & repulsion / character & personality: magic

chart (verb)

chart its own course
Iraq is free to ~

chart a (fresh) course
helping convicted felons ~

charted a (new) course
President Obama has ~ for the next two years

chart the future
Iraqis will ~ of Iraq

chart a new path
the leader is trying to ~

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

chase (verb)

chase after their dreams
artists and actors ~

chase (small) effects
studies ~ (unable to replicate)

chase headlines
scientists who manipulate data and ~

pursuit, capture & escape: walking, running & jumping / verb

chase down (verb)

chase it (all) down

but what is the implicit comedy of that song, if you ~
analysis, interpretation & explanation: walking, running & jumping / verb

chasm (noun)

chasm between Africans and African-Americans
the ~ (in Ghana)

widen into a chasm
the cracks could ~ (politics)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)

far-right chatter
experts tracking ~ online said...

speculation and chatter
there's a lot of ~ on social media (an issue)

jump in (suspicious) chatter
there has been a ~

activity / analysis, interpretation & explanation / surveillance: sound / speech

cheap (words are cheap, etc.)

cheap
words are ~, let's see what they do

cheap on those streets
life is very ~ (parts of Essex County, New Jersey)

getting (very) cheap
life is ~ (gang violence)

worth & lack of worth: money / speech

cheap shot

cheap shot
he may have thought his ~ was funny, but it wasn't
his comment was a ~, totally unwarranted (insult)
his insinuation is unsubstantiated and a ~
~s get cheap laughs

cheap shot against him
that was a real ~ (a comment in newspaper)

cheap shot against the White House
she has taken a ~ (political commentary)

cheap-shot artist
he's a clever ~ (a political comedian)

cheap shot and dirty trick
he has bashed him with every ~ in the book (politics)

takes a cheap shot
she ~ at him when she says...

♦ In sports, a cheap shot refers to an unnecessary and vicious hit on a defenseless player.

accusation & criticism / behavior / speech: sports & games / violence / weapon

check (in check)

in check
we have to keep North Korea ~

control & lack of control: chess / movement / sports & games

checkmate (verb)

checkmate the West's harshest sanctions
the Kremlin can ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: chess / sports & games / verb

checkmate (noun)

checkmate
your American critics say you have run out of moves, ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: chess / sports & games

checkbook

open their checkbooks
a few companies may ~ (reparations for slavery)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

checkpoint (at a checkpoint)

at progress checkpoints
assign a grade or points ~ (projects / schools)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement

cheer (verb)

cheer
some of you may ~ and others will boo

judgment: sound / verb

achievement, recognition & praise: sound / verb

cheer (noun)

cheers and boos
the judge's decision drew ~

achievement, recognition & praise / judgment: sound

cheerlead (verb)

cheerlead for big projects
volunteers are less likely to ~ (Peace Corps)

enthusiasm: school & education / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: school & education / verb

cheerleader (person)

cheerleader
Roger Ver is its most visible ~ (Bitcoin Cash)

cheerleaders for the Pentagon
some say they served as ~ (reporters)

cheerleader for the city
he is a ~ (mayor of Las Vegas)

cheerleader for the industry
she was a ~, no matter what it was selling (Louella Parsons)

cheerleader for the superiority
she is a ~ of all things American

cheerleader for war
he was the exile ~ (an Iraqi)

cheerleaders for war
women have often been ~ (Spartan mothers)

cheerleader role
he is in the ~, he wants the economy back up (pandemic)

♦ "In Aristophanes' comic play, *Lysistrata*, the women go on sex strike as a way of ending the Peloponnesian War. Do you think we would be as warlike if women were in charge?" [Delighted laughter and clapping from the audience.] / "It's such a good question. My brief answer is no. [Nervous laughter from audience.] You know, the Peloponnesian war, it was the Spartan mothers who said, 'Come back bearing your shield or on it....' I'm not sure that women are by nature kinder or gentler." (Margaret MacMillan, "War and Humanity," the Reith Lectures, BBC.)

♦ "Wars are almost always begun with gaiety and lightness of spirit, with cheers and songs. The day after the surrender of Fort Sumter the entire land, both North and South, blazed with an ardent and confident patriotism, although the patriotism of the South was precisely opposite to that of the North. The streets of the cities were colorful with flags and smart uniforms. Ladies waved handkerchiefs and threw kisses. The barrooms did the largest day's business in the history of the nation, up to that time... The churches were kept open all day for the saying of bloodthirsty prayers. God, as usual, was on both sides." (A New American History by W.E. Woodward.)

person: school & education
attention, scrutiny & promotion / enthusiasm: person / school & education

cheer on (verb)

cheered him on
everybody ~ (musician who abused underaged girls)

cheering her on for years
her mother and father have been ~ (a tennis phenom)

enthusiasm: sound / verb

Che Guevara

"Africa's Che Guevara"
the murder of the man known as ~ (Thomas Sankara)

found an unlikely Che Guevara
in Pospisil, the P.T.P.A. ~ (tennis reform)

disruption: allusion / history

chemistry

chemistry of the team
he insists the ~ is fine (troubled NFL team)

chemistry between client and therapist
~ is crucial (psychotherapist)

chemistry between a boxer and a trainer
the ~ is crucial

Dream Team's chemistry
the ~ turned out to be the hallmark to their success (1992)

screen chemistry
the two actors have so much ~ (movie)

on-screen chemistry
they had great ~ (Donna Reed and John Wayne)

team chemistry
his top priority is to improve ~ (sports)

good chemistry
teams, actors, orchestras require ~
are teams good because they have ~
do teams have ~ because they are good
~ sometimes trumps outright talent (sports team)

lack of chemistry
a ~ is blamed for failure

wealth of chemistry
a ~ is credited for success

chemistry can trump talent
good ~ (sports teams)

have chemistry
in sports, good teams ~

hurt the (team) chemistry
he ~ (an athlete)

♦ "Chemistry is when you hang around each other when you don't have to. That's us." (Chris Weber, speaking of the Sacramento Kings, an NBA team.)

functioning / mixture: chemistry

Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)

rainforest Chernobyl
Texaco created a ~ (toxic waste in Ecuador)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: epithet / history / nuclear energy / place

cherubic (adjective)

cherubic preteen
a ~ with a gentle smile

appearance: creature / religion
comparison & contrast: affix

chess (noun)

playing chess
he was ~ (Larry Bird of the NBA)

♦ "He was playing chess and everybody else was playing checkers. He was three moves ahead of everybody else." (Tommy Heinsohn, Celtic broadcaster, about the great Larry Bird from French Lick, Indiana.)

strategy: chess / sports & games

chess (chess game)

see game (chess game)

chessboard (noun)

North Korean Chessboard
"The ~: What Next for The Main Players" (Wapo)

complex geopolitical chessboard
trying to figure out Putin's next move on a ~

strategic chessboard
Truman and the Soviets were arranging pieces on a ~

off the board
the two other members of the ISIS cell are already ~ (one killed, one in prison)

moves on the chessboard
these were big ~ in Asia (US versus China)

pawns on a chessboard
they must stop being used as ~ (migrants)

square in (Europe's Military) Chess Board
Sweden's Gotland is a crucial ~

removed Mary from the chessboard
Elizabeth's statecraft eventually ~ (history)

shift its pieces around the chessboard
the U.N. has had to ~ (troops in DRC)

♦ "The Democrats wrote the rules, then set up the chessboard. We are now playing in the chessboard with the rules they set up." (Voter drop-boxes, which became controversial during the 2020 presidential election.)

strategy: chess / sports & games

chess match (noun)

chess match
so far this match has been a ~ (Arguello vs. Ray Mancini)

strategy: chess / sports & games

chest (beat one's chest, etc.)

chest-thumping
liberals dismiss conservatives as ~ cartoons

stand up and beat their chests
terrorists want to take credit, they want to ~

conflict: animal / gesture / standing, sitting & lying
performance: animal / gesture / standing, sitting & lying
attention, scrutiny & promotion: animal / gesture /
standing, sitting & lying

chew (and chew up)

chew barbed wire in Flanders
is there an alternative to having our armies ~

chews up his rivals
his nickname is "the Cannibal" because he ~ (cycling)

♦ "Are there not other alternatives than sending our armies to chew barbed wire in Flanders?" (Winston Churchill, in a letter of advice to Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith. The alternative turned out to be Gallipoli.)

♦ "His nickname is "the Cannibal" because he chews up his rivals." (The great Eddy Merckx)

consumption / experience: food & drink / verb

chew over (verb)

chew it over with relish

the old women ~ (a bit of gossip)

consumption: food & drink / verb

Chicago (China's Chicago, etc.)

Chicago of China

six hundred miles up the Yangtze lies Hankow, "the ~"

China's Chicago

the city they call ~ (Wuhan)

modern-day Chicago

the leaders of Chongqing hope to turn it into a ~ (2007)

♦ "With all these fake Chinese Chicagos, how can anyone use the phrase, "the Chicago of China" with any confidence or authority? Fact is, nobody can." ("The Chicago(s) of China" by Lauri Apple, the *Chicago Reader*, August 17, 2010. Her delightful article mentions Chongqing (Chungking, the "Chicago on the Yangtze"); Hankow (now part of the larger area of Wuhan, also on the Yangtze River); Zhengzhou (Chengchow, on the Yellow River, referred to as the "Chicago of the East"); and Shanghai. She includes a link to "Chinese City's 'Chicago' Hopes Face Obstacles," the *Wall Street Journal*, July 27, 2007, which lists good and interesting reasons why Chongqing deserves the epithet.)

♦ US newspaper readers knew Hankow as the Chicago of China in 1918 and also in the 1930s. The city was mostly forgotten until the 2019 COVID pandemic, associated with Wuhan.

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

chicken (chicken and egg)

chicken and egg

this is the classic ~ that has plagued rural America (housing)

chicken and the egg

it's kind of the ~ (support for losing team)

chicken and egg problem

it's a ~

chicken-and-egg problem

it's a ~ (plants need oil, oil refineries need power)

relationship: bird

chicken (come home to roost)

chickens coming home to roost

this is a sort of ~ (political battle)

chickens would come home to roost so soon

Kennedy never foresaw that the ~ (Malcolm X)

they came home to roost

these chickens took a very long flight before ~ (scandal)

Justice of Roosting Chickens

On the ~ (notorious book blaming the West for 9/11)

♦ The legend of the "Brazen Bull" (Wikipedia) is instructive. Perillus of Athens invented and built it for Phalaris, Tyrant of Sicily. Its first victim was its inventor and its owner ended up within it.

♦ "This rude automaton is a tiger, killing and about to devour a European, who lies prostrate under the savage beast. In the interior of the tiger there is a rude kind of organ, played upon by turning a handle, like our street hand-organs, and the notes produced are intended to represent the growls of the tiger and the moans of the dying man." (Charles Macfarlane, in *Our Indian Empire*, quoted by James Grant in *British Battles on Land and Sea*. Tipu Sultan, the Tiger of Mysore, met his end at the Battle of Seringapatam, 1799.)

♦ "Yep, could be called a 'shooting pandemic'... Unfortunately the planets are lining up and the chickens are coming home to roost." (Fredrika Wade to Rick Chase on ABC's "Join the Discussion" about the latest mass shooting.)

♦ "We misuse our military power, and the chickens came home to roost."

♦ Karma; what goes around comes around; live by the sword, die by the sword; you made this bed, now lie in it...

fate, fortune & chance / judgment / responsibility / reversal: animal / bird / justice / verb

chicken-hearted

chicken-hearted
he is ~ (afraid)

courage & lack of courage: animal / bird / heart
heart: bird

chicken (game of chicken)

see *game (game of chicken)*

chicken out (verb)

chickened out
he ~ and never gave her the letter

courage & lack of courage: animal / bird / verb

chieftain (noun)

corporate chieftain
~s who sell off shares of their companies (ethics)

banking industry chieftain
a former ~

power: person / military

child (spoiled child)

West's spoiled child
Israel is the ~

behavior: family / person

child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.)

child of the Victorian era
Churchill freely conceded that he was a ~

child of Soviet and post-Soviet Russia
he was a cynical ~

child of Bill Cosby
I was a ~, he was part of the wallpaper of Black America

children of the same (foul) spirit
they are ~ (domestic and international terrorists)

child of the underground
I, too, was a ~ (Zionist Palestine)

identity & nature: family / person

child (bastard child)

bastard child, the second class citizen
creative non-fiction is no longer the ~ (to literature)

♦ "He was now Fortune's pet instead of her stepson." (Change in fortune to good fortune from awful fortune.)

person / relationship: family

worth & lack of worth: family / person

chill (feeling)

chill

I get ~s thinking about it (an exciting event)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bones / temperature

chill (oppression)

sent a chill through the academic world
the sentences ~ (police arrests)

oppression: temperature

chilling (adjective)

chilling

the accusations against him are ~ (a terrorist)

chilling account

he has written a ~ of the murder (writer)

chilling development

it is the latest ~ in this chilling case (sniper murders)

chilling effect

this will have a ~ on the coal industry (project vetoed)
these bills will have a ~ (Internet regulation)

chilling incident

there have been two ~s (religious attacks)

chilling message

it was a ~

chilling street name

the crimes have a ~, "Guat-bashing" (Guatemalans)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

chilly (adjective)

chilly toward women's soccer
England has been ~

chilly reception

she received a ~ (a politician)

chilly response

he got a ~ from... (meeting / law-enforcement officers)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

chime in (verb)

chimed in that

he ~ he does the same thing (conversation)

chimed in on the controversy

readers ~

chimed in with his own statement

he has ~

chimed in from Haiti
he ~ (a reporter)

involvement: sound / verb
speech: sound / verb

chin (take something on the chin)

took the news on the chin
she ~ (Naomi Wolf)

feeling, emotion & effect / force: boxing

Chinatown (the film)

“forget it, Jake, it’s Chinatown”
a fatalistic ~ notion...

allusion: film

feeling, emotion & effect: allusion / film
fate, fortune & chance: allusion / film

chink (chink in one's armor)

chink in her opponent's armor
she uncovered a critical chink in her ~

chink in his armor
she found a ~
the one ~ has been... (an athlete)
he has not been able to find a ~ (tennis)

protection & lack of protection: Middle Ages / military / weapon

chink (flaw)

chink in conditioning
any ~ could mean defeat (Olympic swimming)

chink of vulnerability
he hasn't shown a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: hole

chip (bargaining chip)

bargaining chip
the proposals are on the table as a ~

bargaining chip in (peace) negotiations
the fleet was a ~ (World War I)

used as a bargaining chip
he was kidnapped to be ~ with Washington

position, policy & negotiation / strategy: gambling

chip (chips fall, etc.)

let the chips fall where they may
let's have the hearing and ~ (investigation)

chips may fall
the ~ in ways that are uncomfortable for all sides

fate, fortune & chance: tree

chip away (verb)

chip away at an employee's confidence
he uses insults to ~ (bad boss)

chip away at our information
these companies will never stop trying to ~ (Internet)

chip away at personal privacy
big tech companies continue to stifle speech and ~

chipping away (at the edifice) with hammer or chisel
lawyers are ~ (of personal responsibility)

taking & removing: blade / verb

chloroform (noun)

chloroform in print
Young Adult Literature is ~ (paraphrase of Mark Twain)

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

chocolate (African Americans)

‘chocolate cities’
~ should be viewed as America’s heartland (Ernest Owens)

identity & nature: color

choir (preach to the choir)

preaching to the choir
they are ~ (sympathetic audience)
we are ~ (a drug program / parents)

message / unanimity & consensus: religion

choirboy (behavior)

choirboy
he was a ~ compared to some of Hernandez’s other friends

behavior: person / religion

person: religion

choke (verb)

choking on its own success
China is ~ (pollution)

choke on those words
Sanders would ~ (perfect is the enemy of good)

acceptance & rejection / affliction / consumption / obstacles & impedance: bodily reaction / breathing / food & drink / throat / verb

choke (fail)

chokes during pressure
she ~ (an athlete)

success & failure: breathing / verb

choke chain (noun)

choke chain around its neck
the Kim regime has an international ~, and we can tug it

♦ “Choke collar” is an entry in the dictionary I use, but not “choke chain.” Dictionary entries of words and phrases can be maddening! “Dollar yoke” also appears in the article that uses this phrase.

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / breathing / chain / dog / pressure / violence

choked

choked with emotion

..., he said, his voice ~

choked with people

the prisons are ~ who stole to eat (Mexico)

choked with traffic

crowded intersections ~ (Brooklyn)

boulder-choked

the ~ Cheoah River in Graham County, North Carolina

briar-choked

as a boy, he explored the ~ woods behind his house

cholesterol-choked

he needs an operation for his ~ arteries

smoke-choked

the firefighters ascended the ~ stairwell

traffic-choked

it has been an average, ~ rush hour (Los Angeles)

weed-choked

behind the house was a ~ garden

the footbridge cross a ~ stream

obstacles & impedance: breathing

chokepoint (noun)

choke points, bridges, tunnels

identify ~ (military)

choke point or kill zone

as the enemy moves into the ~

chokepoints in the Northwest Passage

include one off Barrow, Alaska, and in Canada

choke points on interstates

~ and state highways

world's choke points

the ~~the Suez and Panama Canals, the Bab el Mandeb

the ~~the Straits of Gibraltar, and the Malacca Strait

oil choke point

Hormuz is the most important ~ in the world

important chokepoint

it is one of the world's strategically ~ (Strait of Hormuz)

migratory chokepoint

the Central Valley is an incredibly important ~ for birds

♦ This word seems to have arisen during World War II. Other words derived from warfare include *blockbuster*, *breakthrough*, *breakout*, and *basket case*.

obstacles & impedance: breathing

choose (chose me, found me, etc.)

domesticated humans

some say wheat ~

chose him

history, in its many meanings, ~ (John Hope Franklin)

chooses me

the part ~, I don't choose it (actor Peter O'Toole)

choose me

golf ~, it's the most fun thing I have (Aditi Ashok)
tennis ~ (Bernard Tomic)

found me

boxing ~, I didn't have to look for it (Bilal Fawaz)

found him

Tommy has never sought notoriety, it just sort of ~

shape us

we shape our buildings and afterwards they ~

♦ “Tennis chose me. It's something I never fell in love with.” (The extraordinary Bernard Tomic.)

♦ This idea, once so fresh, is becoming quite a cliché nowadays.

alternatives & choices: verb

chopping block (on the chopping block)

on the chopping block

their heads will be ~ the next election (politics)

my neck is ~ (accountability)

many social services are ~

their collective-bargaining rights are ~ (teachers)

put the school on the chopping block

officials have ~ (underperforming)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / head / neck

fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade / head / neck

destruction: ax / blade / head / neck

chopping block (other)

keep the program off the chopping block

supporters are trying to ~

saved from the chopping block

19 schools were ~

taken off the chopping block

some bus routes will be ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / head / neck

fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade / head / neck

destruction: ax / blade / head / neck

chops (expertise)

chops to do the job

she proved she had the ~ (Pelosi / politics)

narrative audio chops

NPR is looking for editors with ~ (job advertisement)

foreign-relation chops

any candidate will have to show their ~ (election)

experience / knowledge & intelligence: music

ability & lack of ability: music

chops (lick one's chops)

licking their chops

energy companies are ~ at the prospect of new oil pipelines
these guys are ~, they want to eat up the defense (NFL)

eagerness & reluctance: animal / bodily reaction / mouth

chord (evidence)

chord of jealousy

some Russians detect a ~ (attitudes to immigrants)

evidence: sound

chord (strike a chord)

struck a chord with her book

she clearly ~

struck a chord with the (American) public

these cases have always ~ (capital cases)

striking a strong chord

his message is ~ with voters (about corruption)

striking the wrong chord

I'm terrified of ~ (a writer and cultural appropriation)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb

chorus (chorus of critics, etc.)

chorus of (outraged) denunciation from liberals

the term brought a ~ (Asianization)

chorus of critics

every four years a ~ calls for an end to conventions

joined a chorus

she ~ of Democrats who have called on Mr. Barr to resign

led a chorus

Iran's Javad Zarif ~, calling the picture inappropriate

amount & effect: music / speech

unanimity & consensus: music / speech

chorus (resemblance)

dawn chorus

birdlife, we had this incredibly vibrant ~ (extinction)

resemblance: music

christen (verb)

christened it the "green hell"

travelers ~ (Mato Grosso)

christened the plane the A320neo

Airbus ~

characterization: religion / verb

Christmas

Christmas

May is the ~ of the limousine business (proms)

Christmas list

see *Christmas (Christmas list)*

superlative: epithet / day

epithet: day

Christmas (Christmas list)

Christmas list of unrelated progressive spending
the bill is a ~ (politics)

amount / wants, needs, hopes & goals: day

chum (noun)

chumboxes

Outbrain and Taboola specialize in ~ (clickbait)

internet chum

he pulled up a Blogspot page bloated with ~

political chum

Biden and his allies use that as ~ ("fund the police")

♦ "A mysterious gut doctor is begging Americans to throw out 'this vegetable' now. But, like, which?" by Kaitlyn Tiffany, Vox, May 8, 2019.

♦ see also *clickbait (noun)*

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting

church (noun)

church

it's my ~, it's my cathedral (Yosemite on foot in winter)

enthusiasm / reverence: religion

Churchillian (adjective)

Churchillian expressions

he was fond of ~ like "our flesh and blood..." (a Zionist)

military: epithet

comparison & contrast: affix

churn (move)

churned up the coast

a winter storm ~

churn through the (criminal justice) system

millions of people ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

churn out (verb)

churn out books

she continued to ~, among other pursuits (comic)

churn out so much content

there is pressure to ~ (films post-COVID)

churn out (unneeded advanced) degrees

universities continue to ~

churn out jobs
small firms also ~ (economy)

churns out (around six and a half gallons of) milk
the cow ~ a day

churns out misinformation
the rumor mill ~

churning out the (popular) model
Boeing has been ~ at a breakneck rate (a plane)

churn out products
factories ~

churn out great product
I ~ (Questlove)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / tools & technology / verb

Cinderella

Cinderella of Tech
she was hailed as the ~ (Sophia Amoruso)

Cinderella story
T.M. Landry school has become a viral ~

♦ This story relates to unjust oppression and triumphant reward.
♦ “T.M. Landry school has become a viral Cinderella story, a small school...whose predominantly black, working-class students have escaped the rural South for the nation’s most elite colleges. A video of a 16-year-old student opening his Harvard acceptance letter last year has been viewed more than eight million times.” (“Louisiana School Made Headlines for Sending Black Kids to Elite Colleges. Here’s the Reality” by Erica L. Green and Katie Benner, *The New York Times*, Nov. 30, 2018.)

oppression / success & failure: allusion
allusion: books & reading

circle (predation)

circling
his rivals are ~ (politics)
the vultures are already ~ on the web (health of official)

behavior: animal / bird / predation / shark / verb

circle (a circle can close)

circle is closing
the ~ (around Saddam’s regime / Iraqi Freedom)
a ~ (memories of Holocaust dim)
a ~ (Israeli Holocaust survivor returns to free Berlin)
♦ This expression seems to relate to the completion of a development, to something being finished.

development / fate, fortune & chance: geometry / shape
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: geometry / shape

circle (full circle)

comes full circle
this week she ~ (ends career where it started)

development: geometry / shape

circle (run circles around somebody)

running circles around us
China is ~ (in technology)

superiority & inferiority: verb / walking, running & jumping

circle (go in circles)

going in circles
we’re just ~

failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

circle back (return)

circle back to something
let’s ~ you mentioned, Marcia... (talk show)

circle back to the United States
I want to ~... (changing the subject, talk radio)

circle you back to the question
so let me ~ I posed at the onset (talk radio)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb
past & present: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

circle back (judgment)

circled back to you
this has all ~ (sex abuser gets long sentence)

judgment / responsibility / reversal: justice / verb

circled

circled by a (jogging) trail
the park is ~

circled with (high) walls
the towns are ~ (Palestine)

configuration: shape

circuit breaker (noun)

circuit breaker
a ~ is a short period of tightened restrictions (COVID)

circuit breakers
can ~ stop rumors on Facebook or Twitter

used as “circuit breakers”
lockdowns should be ~ (pandemic)

control & lack of control: electricity / tools & technology
curtailment: electricity / tools & technology

circus (media circus, etc.)

circus
this case was a ~ (O. J. Simpson trial)
the ~ that is now our political system (New Age candidate)

circus of the literary circuit

he found the ~ insufferable

circus act
he's a ~ and he's killing boxing (a troubled boxer)

2019 circus
the ~ led directly to casualties (crowding on Mt. Everest)

travelling circus
the heavyweight division is little more than a ~ (boxing)

walking circus
he is seen as a ~ by some (a flamboyant boxer)

media circus
he became the attention of a ~

publicity circus
he is a one-man ~ (Richard Branson)

unbelievable circus
most Americans won't watch this ~ (government hearing)

♦ "The heavyweight division used to be the pinnacle of the sport but now it's little more than a travelling circus where the ring masters behind the scenes lift your wallets by putting on a clown show." (Captain Y-Fronts, on BBC's HYS about the Fury-Schwarz fight.)

♦ "The thing that keeps the whole circus moving is money." (The English Premier League / soccer.)

behavior / performance / resemblance: circus
attention, scrutiny & promotion: circus

citadel (the Citadel, etc.)

Citadel LLC
~ is one of the world's largest asset managers (\$35 billion)

the Citadel
~, the Military College of South Carolina

Operation Citadel
~ was the German attack that initiated the Battle of Kursk

proper name: fortification

citadel (noun)

citadel of our democracy
the Capitol is the very ~

citadel of segregation
whites detected a crumbling in the ~ (the South)

citadels of free inquiry
universities are supposed to be ~ but... (campus censorship)

attacks on citadels
this was only one of Valla's ~ of orthodoxy

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

civil war (noun)

civil war within the world
it's nothing less than a ~ football (proposed ESL league)

conflict: military

claim (stake a claim)

staking his claim to be the moderate
he is ~ (a politician)

laid claim to the feminist mantle
she has ~

possession: boundary / ground, terrain & land / surveying

claim (kill)

claimed (an estimated) 10,000 lives
a killer heat wave ~ (France)

claimed (more than) 16,000 lives
the virus has ~

death & life: euphemism

claim (take)

claimed another big scalp
Palace ~ (victory against Tottenham Hotspur)

claim a seat
the drive was on to ~ at the table (minority poets)

claimed victory
he ~ in a photo finish (Mathieu van der Poel)

taking & removing: hand / verb
fictive possession: hand / verb

clamor (verb)

clamoring for an investigation
they have been ~ of the investigators (politics)

clamor for playlists and show lineups
listeners ~ that reflect diversity (Blacks, gays, etc.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / conflict / resistance,
opposition & defeat: sound / verb

clampdown (noun)

clampdown
flights have been cancelled since the ~ began (eruption)

clampdown by the authorities on credit
a new ~ could hurt domestic demand

clampdown on opponents
the arrest are part of a broader ~

government clampdown
the ~ includes a strict curfew

major clampdown
security forces engaged in a ~

vicious clampdown
the ~ has estranged millions from the regime

promoted a clampdown on intellectuals
the government ~

pressure: tools & technology

coercion & motivation: pressure
oppression: pressure

clamp down (verb)

clamp down on criminal activity
we must ~ in the informational sphere (ransomware)

pressure: tools & technology / verb
coercion & motivation: pressure / verb
oppression: pressure / verb

clap back (verb)

clapping back at criticism
she is ~ of her looks (an actor)

claps back at critics
Kristin Davis ~

♦ Tagged at Wiktionary as African-American Vernacular and gay slang.

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

clarity (adjective)

clarity on how
we need full ~ such a tragedy happened (Flight 752)

clarity of purpose
without scrutiny, there could be no ~ (war)

concealment & lack of concealment: eye / light & dark

clash (verb)

clashed with the network
but he ~ and resigned (a reporter)

clashes with these local laws
what happens when free speech ~ (Twitter in India, etc.)

conflict: sound / verb

clash (noun)

clash
the ~ showed how a small spark could ignite another war

clash with Henry Kissinger
he left government after a ~

generational clash
this is a ~ between two progressives (politics)

maritime clash
the ~ has hardened opinion

wild clash
a ~ erupted during a motorcycle rally

conflict: sound

claw (verb)

fought and clawed
once you've ~ your way up the tenure ladder (academia)

scratch and claw
she is going to ~ for the maximum she can get (politics)

conflict / difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / verb
behavior / conflict: animal / verb

claw (noun)

claw of the pincer
he wanted to see the southern ~ on the map (war)

tooth and claw
Nature, red in ~

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

clay (noun)

soft clay
he is ~, you can manipulate him (politics)

creation & transformation: materials & substances

character & personality: materials & substances

clean (verb)

clean the cesspool
they are trying to ~ (of the Web)

clean our shame
kill yourself and ~ or we will kill you first (honor killing)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb

clean (come clean)

came clean
he ~ and confirmed what many had suspected

come clean
if you're a sinner, ~ (a preacher)
instead of letting the questions fester, why not ~

come clean about the origins
they have refused to ~ of the coronavirus

come clean with the information
they should ~ they have (nuclear power plant)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: hygiene / verb

clean (a clean record, etc.)

clean
my name is ~ (falsely convicted, then exonerated)
she has been ~ for two years (an addict)

clean of corruption
he is widely viewed as ~ (government)

clean (final) draft
the writer finally produced a ~ (on a typewriter)

clean, evocative prose
he crafts imaginative narratives using ~

clean (driving) record
I have a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

clean out (verb)

clean them out

if there are any VC in there, that will sure as hell ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene / verb

cleanse (make clean)

cleansed his rhetoric of cliche

the murk of the trenches ~ (Wilfred Owen)

cleansed him of this sins

being Obama's vice-president ~ (Joe Biden)

dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene / verb / water

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb / water

cleanse (violence)

cleanse the area of agents

we must ~

cleanse the Foca area of Muslims

the purpose of the Serb campaign was "to ~"

cleansing their enemies

they are ~ (government loyalists against protestors)

violence: euphemism / hygiene / verb

cleansing (ethnic cleansing)

victims of ethnic cleansing

they claim they are the ~

violence: euphemism / hygiene

clean up (speech)

cleaned up the language

they have ~ to make Mark Twain available to schools

speech: hygiene / verb

clean up (improve)

clean up your act

you need to ~

clean up your document

review and ~ (text document)

clean up its image

in a drive to ~, the club holds charity events (bikers)

clean up the mess

he has had to ~ the previous administration created
we need to ~ in government (politician)

cleaning up this mess

we're ~ (diplomacy)

clean up (Mexico's human rights) record

Fox has promised to ~, but...

clean up her reputation

if the book is seen as an attempt to ~...

clean up their resumes

even engineers have learned to ~

clean up the sport

it may be impossible to ~ of cycling (Tour de France)

clean up the (education) system

it will be difficult to ~

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb

cleanup (military)

cleanup operation

she was a victim of a government ~ against the rebels

violence: euphemism / hygiene / military

clear (crystal clear)

crystal-clear

it was ~ that...

crystal clear

the Second Amendment is ~

crystal-clear (m)

the trouble is the show doesn't have a ~ message

certainty & uncertainty: eye / light & dark

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / light & dark

clear (perception)

clear picture

confused parents have no ~ of their kids

clear seeing

the crystal was the symbol of the mind and of ~ (Navaho)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / light & dark

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / light & dark

clear (clear conscience)

clear conscience

you can sell them to widows and orphans with a ~

guilt: light & dark

clear (in the clear / into the clear)

out of the woods and into the clear

we are not ~ yet (pandemic)

♦ An ABC news reader, speaking about a resurgence of COVID, warned, "Another reminder that we are not out of the clear just yet." Surely, she meant, "out of the woods and *into the clear*."

♦ "You can only go halfway into the darkest forest, then you are coming out the other side." (Chinese.)

danger / obstacles & impedance / survival, persistence & endurance: forest / journeys & trips

clear (unambiguous)

clear

it was not ~ how many would take the advice

it is not ~ if...

it's not ~ how long the warming cycle will last

make it ~ that it was nobody's fault

as many writings of the frontier era make ~

the specific target of the threats was not ~ (terrorism)	clear, concise, and complete
dirty air is often blamed, but its role isn't ~ (asthma)	make the text ~ (military message)
the cause of the blast was not immediately ~	
clear to him	clear and consistent
what was ~ was invisible to others (native tracker)	be ~ (disciplining a toddler)
clear how	clear and convincing (m)
it's not ~ one would deter an attack like 9/11	there is no ~ proof that...
clear whether	clear and present (m)
he did not make ~ he supported a timeline or a deadline	experts see a ~ danger (terrorism / Olympics)
clear if	clear and thorough (m)
it is not ~ they are using any sterile technique at all	explains information in a ~ manner (nurse assistant)
clear directions	clear, unambiguous (m)
the nurse must give ~ (when delegating tasks)	provide ~ instructions (teachers)
clear evidence	make clear
we see ~ that...	as many writings of the frontier era ~
clear goal	he did not ~ if he supported a timeline or a deadline
the decisive use of force with a ~ (military)	
clear indication	make it clear
the results from this testing provided the first ~ of...	~ that it was nobody's fault
clear link	made his position clear
no ~ between thimerosal and autism has been found	he ~
clear objectives	certainty & uncertainty: eye / light & dark
establish ~ (warfare)	comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark
clear (but unstated) objective	clear-eyed (adjective)
the ~ was to...	
clear proof	clear-eyed about the risks
the company had ~ the drug was dangerous	we are ~
clear provenance	consciousness & awareness: eye
museums should refuse antiquities without a ~	
clear sign	clear up (verb)
take it as a ~ he's not interested	clear (all) this up
clear signal	he could ~ by releasing the records (controversy)
no ~s from the miners had been heard since... (cave-in)	amelioration & renewal: light & dark / verb
clear strategy	click (verb)
we need a ~ to achieve those goals (Iraq)	clicking
clear threat	the team is ~
the town seemed under ~ of destruction (wildfire)	functioning: sound / verb
clear warnings	clickbait (noun)
the pilot missed ~ and crashed (airport)	clickbait
clear warnings	~ is being replaced by subscriber bait (paywalls)
signs should give ~ of the end of the detour (military)	~ will be with us always
clear directions and instructions	referred to the article as "clickbait"
did the nurse give ~	he ~ (a sports controversy)
clear guidelines	♦ 'Explosive sex' wins top wildlife photo award (BBC)
have ~ on what behavior is not acceptable	♦ "Do Dolphins living near Wales have a Welsh accent?" (BBC)
clear, concise (m)	♦ "A Tasty Looking Moon And Sharing Caring Chimpanzees" (NPR)
the commander issues ~ orders and guidance	♦ "Space sleeping bag to stop squashed eyeball disorder." (BBC)
	♦ "Teachers 'should not be crawling on ice for money.'" (ABC)
	♦ "'Canada's 6,000-year-old 'Silk Road'" (BBC. The article is about the Nuxalk-Carrier Grease Trail in British Columbia, which is 279 miles long.)

♦ "In the disinformation world, we know that those questioning headlines are just clickbait." (For example, "Can you have sex while pregnant?" Many pregnancy apps not only spread misinformation but also have the malign intent to make money off of pregnant people.)

♦ see also *chum* (noun)

attraction & repulsion / computer / pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

cliff (glass cliff)

got pushed off a glass cliff
she ~ (set up to fail)

♦ This is a variation of the glass ceiling. It refers to putting a woman or minority in a position of power in a bad organization, in which they are bound to fail.

destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.)

eviction cliff
the bill will prevent them from falling off an ~ (relief)

fiscal cliff
the country is headed off a ~ of runaway spending

on the edge of the cliff
we're ~, we don't have much time to back away (diplomacy)

dropped off a cliff
I noticed that sales just ~ (online fake negative reviews)

fell off a cliff
but then demand ~ (poor economy)

fallen off a cliff
venture capital investing ~ (low returns)

fallen off an economic cliff
we have just ~ (recession)

going over a cliff
the economy is ~

push American off a (fiscal) cliff
political paralysis may ~

fall off a cliff tomorrow
we're not going to ~ in terms of vaccine efficiency
(mutations)

♦ "He has put himself on a one-way road heading toward a cliff and there is no turning back."

decline / destruction / fate, fortune & chance: direction / ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills / verb

climate (work climate, etc.)

climate of cooperation
a ~ between the media and police

climate of fear
there is still a pervasive ~ (Basra under Baath control)

climate of (growing) hostility
coming of age in a ~ to immigration

climate of intimidation

an election marred by low turnout and a ~

climate of violence

a ~ has always run through American politics

climate of fear and anxiety

people are living in a ~

climate of fear and intimidation

people live in a ~ (Iraq / Baath party)

climate of backlash

today in the ~ against bilingual education

Zimbabwe's poisonous political climate

the report details ~

command climate

our ~ surveys measure toxic leadership (military)
you are accountable for true ~ (military officers)

investment climate

the nanotechnology ~ is warming up

work climate

a negative ~ is created

classroom climate

establish a ~ that supports learning
create a ~ that is accepting, comfortable, and noncompetitive

revenue-driven climate

UCLA is in a ~ (coach fired for losing record)

bitter (political) climate

the increasingly ~ ahead of elections next summer

negative (work) climate

a ~ is created

poisonous (political and rhetorical) climate

politics suffers from a ~

political climate

the increasingly bitter ~ ahead of elections
a reporter asked him if he was afraid, given the ~

racial climate

the ~ in our country today

social climate

the ~ is bad there (a black / U-Michigan)

tense climate

the ~ following the terrorist attacks

toxic (command) climate

he fostered a ~ (military)

create a (classroom) climate

~ that is accepting, comfortable, and noncompetitive

fostered a (toxic command) climate

he ~ (military)

improve (class) climate

~ through incentives or rewards (teachers)

Maintain a climate

we struggle to ~ that meets our expectations (rape in military)

♦ In the *Chicago Tribune*, on August 2, 2012, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Dick Locher published a cartoon that relates the weather to the US climate of violence. It shows a TV weatherman, pointing to a weather map of the US with highs and lows. The caption reads, "LIGHT TO MODERATE GUNFIRE WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPON FIRE COUPLED WITH INTERMITTENT GUN SALES ACTIVITY AND SCATTERED DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS."

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

climax (noun)

climax
antagonism reached a ~ in 1994 (illegal immigrants)

climax of the Hajj
the Standing on Mount Arafat is the ~

climax of my career
covering Hajj is the ~ (a journalist)

climax of the (religious) festival
Shia pilgrims flocked to Karbala for the ~ (Ashura)

climax of the pilgrimage
the short trek to Mount Arafat, marking the ~

marks the climax
the ceremony ~ of the summer season (battlefield)

nearing a climax
the drama is ~ (who to select as goalkeeper)

reached its climax
partisan politics ~ with the impeachment

development: theater

climb (scale)

climbed a (well-worn) immigrant ladder
Chaudri ~ (dishwasher, cab driver)

way to climb
the people of Africa have a long ~

attainment / progress & lack of progress: direction / mountains & hills / movement / verb

climb (increase)

climbed to 612
as Los Angeles' murder count ~ for the year

climbed to 40 degrees
as the temperature ~

climbed in velocity
the wind suddenly switched in direction and ~ (ship)

climbed 21%
Nokia earnings ~

climbed to \$70
the price of a barrel of oil ~

continued to climb
as gasoline prices ~ last week

continues to climb
the online population ~

started climbing
in the 1980s the numbers of TV deaths in the US ~

earnings climbed
Nokia ~ 21%

increase & decrease: direction / number / verb

climb (roads, etc.)

climbs the (green) slopes
Highway 37 ~ of Haleakala (Hawaii)

route: direction
fictive motion: verb

climb down (verb)

climbed down from his decision
he has ~ to expel US diplomats

climb down from all this
how do you ~ (diplomatic problem)

reversal: direction / verb

climber (social climber, etc.)

determined climber
he was a ~ (a young drug lord)

society: person

cling (verb)

cling on
he tried to ~ by offering new elections

cling to the belief
some parents ~ that vaccines cause autism

clings to her
it's a deeply embarrassing episode that still ~ today (singer)

cling to hope
families ~ as the search for survivors continues

clung to his innocence
a large minority ~ (guilty verdict)

cling to their own language
in this region of China, where Tibetans ~ (Qinghai)

clinging to life
he is in the hospital, ~
he is critical and ~ (shot)

clung to the marriage
she ~ for longer than she should have

cling to the past
it's foolish to ~ (an opinion)

clinging to power

how is he ~ (Maduro)

cling to their language and customs
the Berbers in the Kabylia region ~

clung to the hope
some convicts ~ of a last-minute pardon

clung to the traditions
Trinidad has ~ of carnival

clung to the (fading) values
he ~ of honor and omerta (mobster)

attachment / possession: hand / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb

clingy (adjective)

possessive and (more) clingy
he got more ~ towards her (abusive relationship)

feeling, emotion & effect / possession: hand

attachment / character & personality: hand

cloak (conceal)

cloaks itself in "Christian" values
the party cynically ~

cloak a bully's identity
the Internet can ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb

cloak (under a cloak)

under a cloak of secrecy
she arrived in Yemen ~ (government official)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

cloak (in a cloak)

in the cloak of journalism
gossip is dressed ~

in the cloak of reform and patriotism
scoundrels shroud themselves ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.)

cloak of legality
judges twisted the law to give a ~ to crimes

cloak of respectability
a deal built on rank expediency needed a ~ (Kenya)

cloak of secrecy
the White House has reaffirmed the ~ (Area 51)
the air force hung a ~ over the mission (X-37B)

cloak for (business-friendly) politicians
reform can provide a ~ to appear respectable

invisibility cloak

Tor's protocol is a kind of digital ~

cover themselves in the (righteous) cloak
they ~ of religion (blasphemy laws)

reformer cloak
he has donned the ~

constitutional cloak
club members wrap themselves in a ~ (men only club)

hung a cloak (of secrecy) over the mission
the air force ~ (X-37B)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

cloaked (covered)

mist-cloaked
the dispute centers over the ~ region of Tawang (India)

configuration / cover: clothing & accessories

cloaked (concealed)

cloaked in the mantle
blasphemy laws are ~ of religion

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

cloak-and-dagger

cloak-and-dagger precautions
they took elaborate ~

subterfuge: clothing & accessories

clobbered (by rain, etc.)

clobbered by (relentless) rain
San Diego has been ~

force: storm

clock (turn back the clock)

turn back the clock

you can't ~ (return to the past)
maybe we can ~ (relationship)
we don't want to ~ (plunging vaccination rates)

turn the clock back

how do you ~ at this point (Gibraltar and sovereignty)

turn back the clock some twenty years

one needs to ~ to understand how... (history)

turn back the clock (about) a hundred years
when we ~...

turn back the clock on aging

a wrinkle cream that promises to ~

turn back the clock on (racial) progress

they accuse him of helping to ~ (a judge)

turn back the clock on voting rights
they are trying to ~ (Supreme Court rejects early voting)

try to turn back the clock
are we going to stay quiet as they ~ (a protest)

past & present / time: clock / direction / verb

clock (types)

body clock
the best way to follow your natural ~

ticking (biological) clock
her pursuit to satisfy the ~

biological clock
jet lag and the ~
her ~ is ticking (motherhood)

reproductive clocks
men's ~ are also ticking as they age (low sperm counts)

time: clock

clock (race with the clock, etc.)

in a race with the clock
we are ~

racing the clock
we are ~ trying to prevent another tragedy (serial bombs)
they were ~, tying up their oyster boat (hurricane)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

competition / time: clock

clock (clock winds down, etc.)

clock is winding down
the ~ to the strike deadline

clock has run out
now the ~ (Brexit negotiations)

clock runs out
concerns about what happens when the ~ (diplomacy)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

clock (clock is ticking, etc.)

clock in the back of your head
you have this ~ of how much time you can spend (Everest)

ticking clock
he filed the notice to gain the advantage of a ~ (legal matter)

clock is ticking
and now, the ~ (to a royal wedding)
the ~ (legal decision setting a deadline)

clock is ticking on his benefits
the ~ (unemployed)

clocks are (also) ticking
men's reproductive ~ as they age (decreasing sperm counts)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

time: clock

clock (around the clock)

work around the clock
we will ~ to fix the problem

direction: clock

clock (reset the clock)

clock has been reset
the ~ (deadline extended)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

clock (run the clock, etc.)

run out the clock
the strategy is to punt to the courts and ~ (politics)

run the clock down

all the Giants had to do now was ~ (NFL game)

♦ "Do they think they're winning and they just have to not screw it up, and are they running the clock?" (Republican operative Dan Senor on Biden's debate strategy and election campaign.)

action, inaction & delay: clock / football / sports & games / verb

clockwork (noun)

clockwork universe
the metaphor of a ~ (Bishop Nicole d'Oresme)

understand the (entire) clockwork

now we ~ better than ever before (Polarstern MOSAiC)

operation: mechanism

clog (noun)

clog
such ~s affect users (distributed denial of service)

clog disappeared
highway officials added one lane and the ~ (traffic)

obstacles & impedance: water

clogged

clogged with people
Mexico's courts and jails are ~ like Hurtado

clogged with rubbish
alleyways ~

clogged with traffic
the Central Artery is ~ day and night (Boston)

clogged with (cheap Chinese) motorbikes
streets are ~

clogged artery
Boston's ~ (the Central Artery)

clogged roads
he is perturbed by ~ (Seattle)

Mercedes-clogged
we snaked our way through the ~ streets

snow-clogged
a ~ mountain pass
keeping commuters off ~ streets and highways (blizzard)

traffic-clogged
at the intersection of a ~ street

streets are clogged
~ with cheap Chinese motorbikes (Ho Chi Minh City)

obstacles & impedance: water
amount & effect: water

cloistered

cloistered himself in his (hotel) room
he ~ (from reporters)

cloistered atmosphere
she felt secure within the ~ (psychiatric ward)

remain cloistered
the Wakhis ~ in their world of wind and ice

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation
& remoteness / protection & lack of protection: religion / place

close (close to, etc.)

close to losing
I was ~ my temper

proximity: distance

close (future)

close
the deadline is ~

proximity: distance
future / time: distance

close (feeling)

close
we're very close (relationship)

close family
we're such a ~ (ethnic Puerto Rican-American)

keeps memories of her late grandfather close
she ~

proximity: distance
division & connection / feeling, emotion & effect / relationship / social interaction: distance / proximity

close (and close-run)

close-run thing
reaching the depots in time was often a ~ (in Antarctica)
that was a pretty ~ (death sentence commuted)

nearest-run thing
the ~ you ever saw in your life (Wellington / Waterloo)

fate, fortune & chance: proximity

competition: horse

close call (danger)

close call
I could have died, it was a ~

danger / fate, fortune & chance: proximity

close-minded (adjective)

called his critics close-minded
he ~

mind: container

close shave

close shave
it was a ~ (narrow escape)
♦ "Death is as close as your jugular vein and as far away as the ends of the earth."

danger: blade / hair / proximity

fate, fortune & chance: blade / hair / proximity

closet (secret)

closet homosexual
some people speculate that Hitler was a ~

closet radical

he is a ~ (accusation of one politician by another)

family closet

ghosts and phantoms from the ~

in the closet

living ~ brought her pain (a lesbian)

in O'Rourke's closet

newly revealed skeletons have joined old ones ~ (politician)

skeletons in our closet

I knew we had ~ (newspaper's lack of coverage of...)

skeletons in its (Communist) closet

Poland exhumes ~

skeletons in the closet

all the ~ are spilling out (Turkey)

emerging from the closet

more and more gay celebrities are ~

♦ "If you autopsy anybody's personal life deep enough, everybody's got skeletons." (A police chief under fire.)

♦ "I get that feeling too. It's like we've arrived in a small town and everybody knows everybody's dirty secrets, and we know there are skeletons in the closet, but we can't find the closets." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille.)

concealment & lack of concealment: house / skeleton
evidence: house / skeleton

clothes (the emperor has no clothes)

emperor has no clothes

look, the ~, you got nothing (a consulting firm)
it's been obvious for years now that this ~ (Tottenham FC)

substance & lack of substance: allusion / clothing & accessories

clothes (deception)

dressed in scientific clothes
exploration now had to be ~

appearance & reality / subterfuge: clothing & accessories

clotheslined

get clotheslined
you can ~ by a fence, cable, bar, swing, or a person

failure, accident & impairment: clothing & accessories

cloud (verb)

clouded his judgment
drugs ~

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud / verb

cloud (cast a cloud)

cloud has been cast
a ~ over much of his work (fabricated data)

oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow

feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow

cloud (under a cloud)

under a cloud
she has left the Olympics ~

under a cloud of suspicion
he lived ~

under a cloud of uncertainty
they continue to work ~

under a legal and ethics cloud
he is ~ because of the affair (politician)

lived under a cloud
he ~ of suspicion

get out from under the cloud
he couldn't ~ of suspicion

feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow

cloud (dark cloud, etc.)

cloud
I had a ~ over my head
there is a ~ over the White House

coronavirus storm clouds
given that these ~ have gathered...

dark cloud
there are still ~s on the horizon (economy)

economic cloud
he acknowledged ~s on the horizon

ethical cloud

he left under an ~ (government)

storm clouds

if there are some ~ on the horizon, they could come...

clouds have gathered

given that these coronavirus storm ~...

cloud has been lifted

the ~ over this presidency

cloud (hanging over the President) has been removed
the ~ by this report

♦ "I had a cloud over my head, and I knew that was a cloud that wasn't going to go away." (Problems at work.)

feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow

cloud (resemblance)

cloud street

~s indicate thermals (hang gliding)

~s are rows of cumulous clouds

bat cloud

radar can estimate the number of bats in a ~

resemblance: atmosphere / cloud

cloud (consciousness)

clouds of depression

antidepressants can help part the black ~

part the (black) clouds

antidepressants can help ~ of depression

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud

cloud (sign)

war clouds

as ~ gathered over the region (Iraqi Freedom)

clouds gathered

but ~ quickly

evidence: atmosphere / cloud

clouded

clouded by drugs

his thinking was ~

clouded in mystery

his past is ~

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud

cloudy (consciousness)

cloudy with drugs

his mind was ~

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud

cloudy (certainty)

become cloudy

news can ~ when information is controlled (rumors)

certainty & uncertainty: cloud / light & dark

clout (noun)

clout of financial journalists

the ~ can affect the corporate bottom line

Washington's clout

~ is fading (diplomacy)

economic clout

Boeing has tremendous ~ (economy, jobs, etc.)

global clout

China's ~

immense clout

the business network carried ~ with investors

power: fist / violence

cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.)

cut from different cloth

scientists are not ~ (self-interest)

cut from a different cloth

entrepreneurs are ~

cut from the same cloth

you and he don't seem to be ~ (husband and wife)

he is ~ as Steve Jobs (entrepreneurship)

Hussein, Gaddafi, Assad, Chavez, Kim, they're all ~
you and I, we are ~

character & personality / identity & nature: cloth

taxonomy & classification: cloth

clown (verb)

clowning around

stop ~

behavior: circus / verb

clown (person)

clowns

plane was designed by ~ supervised by monkeys (Boeing)

class clown

he was the ~, always dancing, singing, and joking

he survived bullies by acting as the ~ (Richard Pryor)

overrated, overhyped clown

he's an ~ (said by a boxer of another boxer)

character & personality: circus / person

insult / person: circus

club (boys' club)

boy's club

the upper echelon of music is still a ~

economics still stands alone as a ~

boys club of comedy

he wants to change the ~ (Guy Branum)

"boys club" culture

sexual misconduct and a general ~ (media company)

boys' club network

she describes the Academy as a ~ (the Grammys)

break through the (sportswriting) boys' club

the battle to ~

break up the boys' club

the push to ~ at the Fed

confronted (Rock's) boys club

they ~ (music)

group, set & collection / hierarchy / society: school & education

coach (verb)

coached her on how to answer
the sheriff ~ to the FBI

directing: sports & games

clumsy (adjective)

clumsy term

it's a very ~ ("systemic racism")

clumsy writer

at first she was a ~

ability & lack of ability: movement

coal (rake somebody over the coals)

rake him over the coals

let's not ~s for a remark he made 30 years ago

punishment & recrimination: fire / verb

speech: fire / verb

coarse (speech)

coarse word

it's a ~ (*asshole*)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

speech: materials & substances

coast (coast is clear)

coast is clear

let's wait 2 weeks until we say the ~ (epidemic)

danger: boat / sea

coast (coast to victory, etc.)

coasted to victory

the team ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / verb

attainment: movement / verb

coast (noun)

third coast

Atlanta is the ~ of rap (vs. LA, NY)

♦ "Atlanta artists and producers were trying to establish the local scene as the 'Third Coast.' / 'We wanted to make y'all eat this Southern fried chicken,' says Breeze. 'Not chicken cordon bleu. Not pineapple chicken.' / So Breeze sat down with the pen. Someone made the West wild, he reasoned. He was going to make the South dirty. Over time Dirty South, not Third Coast, became a banner for artists throughout the region." ("Derivation of Dirty South" by Tony Rehagen, *Atlanta Magazine*, Nov 1, 2012. The *dirty* in Dirty South reflects the *soil* of the South, the red clay, etc.)

center & periphery: ground, terrain & land / sea

cobble together (verb)

cobbled together a living

for a while she ~ acting and waitressing

cobbled together a resume

I ~ and was invited to interview

cobbled together a video

he ~ with claims of an 'amazing cancer cure'

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories / verb

cockroach (noun)

cockroach

he is an autocrat, a “~,” despoiling the country (a leader)

insult / violence: animal / insect

cocktail (noun)

cocktail of (psychoactive) drugs

he downs a daily ~ (mental illness)

cocktail of ash, acids, aerosols

the cloud, a toxic ~ (pollution / S. Asia)

cocktail of things

it's a ~, it's never one thing (what makes serial killers)

Disney's cocktail

~ of morality, stereotypes and magic (animated films)

drug cocktail

new ~s make living with HIV a reality

toxic cocktail

the cloud, a ~ of ash, acids, aerosols (S. Asia)

mixture: alcohol / bird / food & drink

cocoon (verb)

“cocoon” in their homes

they were asked to ~ (elderly in Ireland during pandemic)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection & lack of protection: insect / verb

cocoon (isolation)

cocoon of high expectations

it was a ~ and harsh discipline (black school)

cocoon of seclusion

she maintains a ~ through the burqa (in public / Afghan)

cocoon of sorrow, rage and despair

he began to emerge from the ~ that had enveloped him

digital cocoon

she gets lost in her ~

ideological "cocoons"

the digital age makes it easy to spend your time in ~

security cocoon

he was wrapped in a tight ~ (president)

spiritual cocoon

I was in a ~ (a nun in her pre-social justice period)

emerge from the cocoon

he began to ~ of sorrow, rage and despair

peel away the (thick) cocoon

I started to ~ I had built around my life (gay comes out)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection & lack of protection: insect

cocoon (resemblance)

cocoon of air bags

it bounced down in a ~ (Mars "Spirit")

resemblance: insect

cocooned

cocooned in privilege

a metropolitan elite ~ (Great Britain)

cocooned in a (dignified) silence

the stadium is now ~ (memorial to dead fans)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection & lack of protection: insect

coffer (noun)

campaign coffers

she'll have to replenish her ~ quickly

money: container / sign, signal, symbol

coffin (death / actual)

coffin or the suitcase

it is the choice between the ~ (Algerian Civil War)

death & life: sign, signal, symbol

coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.)

standards coffin

the nails went into the ~ when... (education)

Razor Ruddock's (career) coffin
Tommy Morrison put the final nail in ~ (boxing)

nail in the coffin of the party
the immigration issue will be the final ~

final nail in the coffin
that was the ~

nail in the coffin came
the ~ when the army dropped him (a leader)

driven "a big nail in the Coffin
Grant thought his victory had ~ of rebellion" (Chattanooga)

put the (final) nail in the coffin
he ~ when he... (sports victory)

♦ "I think that was the final nail in the coffin... that the church could no longer offer to subsidize these schools. But that was just the final straw..." (Decline of Catholic schools.)

♦ "I realize I'm in the crosshairs of the woke mob right now, so before the final nail gets put in my cancel culture casket, I'd like to set the record straight..." (The NFL's Aaron Rodgers, employing nice alliteration.)

destruction / fate, fortune & chance: burial

cog (cog in the machine, etc.)

cog
Evans was a ~ (one of thousands of government workers)

cogs in that machine
he creates a machine and the players are just ~ (ten Hag)

cog in the (Norwegian pedagogical) machine
he thinks of himself as a ~

cogs of a (bloodthirsty) war machine
making soldiers into the interchangeable ~

cog in a (vast, capitalist) machine
everyone was just a ~, it was brutal (1930s Hollywood)

cog in the machinery
he was a fossilized bureaucrat, a ~ for decades

interchangeable cogs
making soldiers into the ~ of a bloodthirsty war machine

vital cog
Reynolds remains a ~ in the Joshua operation (boxing)

♦ Alice Evans was just a cog, a "mote among drab-seeming thousands...only a cow bacteriologist buried away in the U.S. Department of Agriculture... nothing more than a pleasant-looking girl bacteriologist, anonymous among insignificant boy and girl microbe hunters...destined to no famous end...plodding...her specialization...Ford-factoryish." (And yet, she made an important contribution to science. From *Men Against Death* (1932) by Paul De Kruif.)

♦ see also *machine (publicity machine, etc.)*

functioning / importance & significance / operation: mechanism

coin (verb)

coined the term
he ~ ("virtual reality")

creation & transformation: money / verb

coin (side of a coin)

two sides of the same coin
obesity and hunger are ~ (nutrition)
affluence and poverty should not be ~

relationship: money

coin (double-sided coin)

double-sided coin
it's a ~ (trust can help or hurt you)

relationship: money

coined

coined in the early 1980s
the term "serial killer" was only ~

creation & transformation: money

cold (feeling)

cold feeling
a ~ just came over me

cold and hard
administrators can seem ~ (high school)

cold and impersonal
the big city can be ~

cold and calculating
she is ~

emotionally cold
I'm pretty much ~ (a marine)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

character & personality: temperature

cold (in the cold)

left out in the cold
the West will be ~ (by Russian diplomacy)

leave (excellent) workers out in the cold
requirements for degrees ~

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation:
society

isolation & remoteness / society: ground, terrain & land

cold (cold case, etc.)

cold case
~s can rip open the wounds of the past

gone cold
his trail had ~ (crime)

went cold
the case ~ for a decade (murder solved by DNA)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: temperature
activity: temperature

coldblooded (and cold-blooded)

cold-blooded one

it was a “one-off incident,” a hot-blooded crime, not a ~

seemed as coldblooded

Biden ~ as Nixon (Afghanistan / Vietnam withdrawal)

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

cold feet

cold feet

the Saudi leaders were getting ~

she got ~ (bride-to-be who disappeared)

cold feet about testifying

he was getting ~

getting cold feet

he was ~ about testifying

eagerness & reluctance: foot / temperature

coldhearted (adjective)

coldhearted person

she is a ~

coldhearted or cowardly

their decision was not ~ (climbers)

heart: temperature

empathy & lack of empathy: heart / temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / temperature

coldly

coldly dismissed

she was ~ by the all-male institutions (explorer)

watched coldly

diplomats ~ as the family was dragged away

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

empathy & lack of empathy: temperature

cold shoulder

cold shoulder from members

I received the ~

received the cold shoulder

I ~ from the members of the group

gave the cold shoulder to the Russians

Georgia let the US help and ~

♦ Some say this refers to offering a visitor a cold shoulder of meat, as opposed to a more hospitable hot meal. This must have been before the invention of the microwave.

acceptance & rejection: temperature

cold war

cold civil war

America is in a state of ~ (black vs. white history)

cold war and zero-sum

the bill is full of ~ thinking (Chinese criticism of US)

tech cold war

this ~ matters (US vs. Huawei and 5G network)

long-running cold war

a ~ between news and opinion (at Fox News)

conflict: allusion / history / temperature

collapse (verb)

collapsed mentally and physically

Cherry-Garrard had ~ (in Antarctica)

destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins / verb

collapse (noun)

collapse

the system will reform itself or face its own ~

collapse of the (oil) boom

but with the ~

collapse of communism

since the ~ in 1991

collapse of the (cod) fishery

the ~

collapse of the (Iraqi) government

the situation could lead to the ~

collapse of (stock) prices

with the ~ (Silicon Valley)

collapse of talks

the ~ between...(two companies)

collapse of Taliban rule

since the ~ (Afghanistan)

collapse in their self-esteem

men who experienced a near ~ (financial crisis)

company's collapse

an internal probe into the ~ shows...

colony collapse (m)

a new bee problem, called ~ disorder (honeybees)

price collapse

because of the ~ of commodities (sub-Saharan Africa)

catastrophic collapse

secrecy can make a system prone to ~

economic collapse

engulfed Russia (following fall of communism)

prone to (catastrophic) collapse

secrecy can make a system ~

on the brink of collapse

the government is ~ (Northern Ireland)

on the edge of collapse
the air travel network teeters ~ (Unfriendly Skies)

on the verge of collapse
the provincial government is ~ (Iraq)

probe into the (company's) collapse
an internal ~ shows...

collapse engulfed Russia
economic ~ (following fall of communism)

faced collapse
the company asked for government intervention as it ~

lead to the collapse
the situation could ~ of the Iraqi government

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins / verb
destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb

collide (verb)

collide with (ancient) traditions
modern mores often ~ (Africa)

generations collide
when ~ at work (boomers / Gen X)

conflict: crashes & collisions / verb

collision (noun)

collision between the human and animal world
the bear's death highlights the ~

collision of cultures
the dispute was a result of a ~ (temple bell vs. condo)

collision of (all these different) cultures
it was a ~ (1930s Shanghai)

conflict: crashes & collisions

Colonel Blimp

Colonel Blimp-ish figure
in person, Fisher cuts a ~...

♦ The cartoon appeared in 1934.

allusion: books & reading

character & personality: allusion / history
military: sign, signal, symbol

colonialism (noun)

data colonialism
this is called ~ (zero-rating WhatsApp)

digital colonialism
the company engages in “~” (WhatsApp)

**control & lack of control / possession / taking & removing:
ground, terrain & land**

colonize (verb)

colonize Chatwin into the gay world
she felt a gay biographer might ~ (Bruce Chatwin's widow)

♦ “I’m seeking to decolonize the birding experience.” (Tykee James, a “birding activist” and co-founder of Freedom Birders. From “Monuments And Teams Have Changed Names As America Reckons With Racism. Birds Are Next” by Jeff St. Clair, NPR, June 5, 2021.)

♦ “I’ve tried to decolonize the Thanksgiving meals by eating a variety of food.” (A Potawatomi.)

**control & lack of control / possession / taking & removing:
ground, terrain & land / verb**

colonized

colonized
British English has been ~ (by American English)

♦ “Beware of the new ideological colonization that tries to destroy the family. It’s not born of the dream that we have from God and prayer—it comes from outside and that’s why I call it a colonization.” (“Pope Warns Of ‘Ideological Colonization’; Praises Catholics in Caucasus” by Rebecca Hersher, October 2, 2016. Pope Francis opposed rich countries foisting gender theory, contraception and gay marriage on poorer countries in return for development aid.)

**control & lack of control / possession / taking & removing:
ground, terrain & land**

color (verb)

color the residents (of the Gulf Coast) unimpressed
~ by the government reaction to the disaster

colors his perspective
he is a wealthy small businessman, and that ~

colors his thoughts
his negativism ~

colors his views
his vegetarianism ~ of certain countries

perception, perspective & point of view: picture / verb

color (color outside the lines, etc.)

color outside the lines
back then, you could ~ (boxing marketing)

constraint & lack of constraint: color / line / picture / verb

colored

colored by their relationship
countries' views are ~ with Iran (on an issue)

perception, perspective & point of view: picture

colorful (language)

colorful language
we learned and delighted in ~ (New York City)
I apologize for my ~ (expletives)

speech: color

colorful (politician, etc.)

colorful history
Eagles fans have a ~ (Philadelphia)

colorful language
we learned and delighted in ~ (New York City)

colorful (British) politician
the ~ Boris Johnson

character & personality: color
colors (true colors, etc.)

true colors
he didn't show his ~ until after the wedding (abusive)

peoples' true colors
hardships often bring out ~

showed his true colors
he ~ with his shameful, dishonest attacks on a great man
he ~ by walking out on his team with five minutes left

♦ "Bearing on, the fleet came to anchor in the recent scene of Nelson's glory, the Bay of Aboukir...; the fleet consisted of 175 sail of all kinds. / Broken and squally weather rendered the attempt to land impracticable for a week; and in the meantime a French frigate, which, by capturing some British ships, had become acquainted with our private signals, and daringly accompanied the expedition as if she formed part of it, suddenly shot ahead of the fleet, and, hoisting the tricolour, ran safely into the harbour of Alexandria, with a reinforcement for General Menou." ("Alexandria, 1801" from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

♦ "Duncan Gordon Boyes, Royal Navy, Midshipman of Her Majesty's Ship *Euryalus*... He carried a Colour with the leading company, kept it in advance of all, in the face of the thickest fire, his colour-sergeants having fallen, one mortally, the other dangerously wounded...The Colour he carried was six times pierced by musket balls." (From the citation, in the *London Gazette*, for Boyes' Victoria Cross, for his actions at Shimonoseki, Japan, in 1864. Born in Cheltenham, Glos., England, Boyes joined the Royal Navy at the age of 14. He received his VC at the age of 17. Later, he was kicked out of the navy for ill-discipline and went to New Zealand. Suffering from depression and alcoholism, he committed suicide at the age of 22.)

♦ "These colors don't run." (A T-shirt with an American flag.)

identity & nature: flags & banners

colossal (adjective)

colossal (national) disaster
the situation is a ~ (nuclear-power-plant failure)

colossal failure
it was a ~

colossal misunderstanding
the message led to a ~

colossal problem
we have ~s

size: allusion / statue

colossus (noun)

colossus
Weir was a ~, what an inspiration (Scottish Rugby)

Antarctic colossus
the ~ is melting at a rapid rate (Thwaites Glacier)

business colossus
the rise and fall of a ~ (Carlos Ghosn)

trading colossus
the East India Company was a ~

♦ A colossus was a gigantic statue. The Colossus of Rhodes was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

size: allusion / statue
importance & significance: allusion / size / statue
Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.)

Chinese Columbus
but Cheng Ho, the ~, had no successors (isolation)

found its Columbus
in Dr. Schliemann the science of classical antiquity ~

♦ "Ali never doubted that his victory against Sonny Liston in Miami was legitimate and repeatable. 'In Miami I was Columbus,' he would say. 'I was traveling to the unknown. I had to be cautious because I didn't know what to expect. Now I know.'" (*King of the World* by David Remnick.)

history / searching & discovery: epithet

comatose (adjective)

comatose
"~, the term for servers using energy but doing no work

comatose demeanor
his ~ at a G-7 meeting generated criticism

comatose state
the system is in a ~ (healthcare in Zimbabwe)

politically comatose
they pronounced him ~ (a politician who later revived)

activity / condition & status / consciousness & awareness / functioning: health & medicine / mechanism / sleep

comb (verb)

combed the area on hands and knees
police ~

combed the foothills in a (futile) search
they ~ for the girl

comb (former) battlegrounds for artifacts
hobbyists ~ (Civil War buffs)

combed the (city's famed) canals for bombs
authorities ~ (Venice)

combing the roadsides for evidence
volunteers were ~ (murderers)

combed the slope for signs
Anker ~ of his missing friends (avalanche)

comb (Arabian) Desert for suspects
unmanned US planes ~

comb the seas for bluefin tuna
fishermen from New Zealand to Libya ~

comb through (decades-old) cases
detectives are beginning to ~, hoping...

comb through (international travel) records
analysts began to ~ (terrorism)

combed (abandoned) buildings

police ~ (for missing woman)
combed the school
the Jackson County Health Department ~ (rash)
combed the region
police ~
combed the countryside
volunteers ~, on A.T.V.'s and on horseback (for girl)
combed the foothills
they ~ in a futile search for the girl

searching & discovery: hair / verb

combat (verb)

combat the disease
he ordered a broad mobilization to ~ (SARS / China)
combat (street) homelessness
it remains the principal tool to ~ (supportive housing)
combat boredom and tension
they play Monopoly to ~ (soldiers / Iraq)
tool to combat
it remains the principal ~ street homelessness (supportive housing)

conflict: military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

combat (noun)

political combat
he relished ~ (a politician)
waging (political) combat
he has been ~ with Democrats (politics)
♦ "In our social media age, disagreement can feel like combat." (A cultural critic.)
♦ "Fear and filth went hand in hand." (*With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa* by E. B. Sledge.)

conflict: military

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

combative (adjective)

got combative
he was apologetic but he also ~ at times (at a hearing)

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect: military

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

combustible (adjective)

combustible (recent Carter) interview
perhaps the most ~ aired over the weekend

initiation / speech: fire / temperature

come (winter is coming, etc.)

coming
the future is ~, whether we like it or not
a time is ~ when all will suffer under the terror...

coming our way
a new kind of war is ~

come again
it's a time and style that will not ~ (Mississippi steamboats)

came around
I didn't get to sleep that night till the morning ~

comes around
when the anniversary ~ every year (9/11)

come and gone
2001 has ~
a year has ~ since we heard the news about Billy Joe

coming up
a big week is ~ (politics)

coming next
what is ~ is using machine learning (medicine)

good days are coming
the worst part is behind us, we are seeing a new dawn, ~

♦ "Every year, we know it's coming, the birds sing differently..." (Kay Oxendine, a member of the Haliwa Saponi Tribe in North Carolina, about the spring powwow season.)

♦ "About the year, my folks would say, "This year," or "next year," but I couldn't discover what they meant. I used to wonder what it meant, when they said, "A year." Sometimes they would say, "One year," or "Two years," and sometimes, "Many years." I wondered what a year was, and where it was. I used to think, "It must be around here." But I couldn't see it. I always thought that the year must have arms and legs and a head. It must have a body like an animal. I used to wish that I could see it when it came around. But I never saw the year." (*Old Man Hat, A Navaho Autobiography*.)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

come (a time comes along)

came a time
then ~ when the meat supply ceased...

came along
nobody saw a virus until the electron microscope ~

comes along
just when things are improving, this new crisis ~

Knott came along
before ~, fishermen caught lobsters the same way...

psychoanalysis came along
until ~, the accepted antidote to hysteria was rest

time came
when the ~, Russian industrialization turned the tide of the war

♦ "Like most creatures of the Wild, the grey cub early experienced famine. There came a time when not only did the meat-supply cease, but the milk no longer came from his mother's breast." (*White Fang* by Jack London.)

past & present / time: direction / movement / verb

come (development)

come

it should not have ~ as a complete surprise (oil bust)
with Empire had ~ immense problems of security (UK)

came with the airing of *The Shop*

the final straw ~

came with a heavy price

fame ~

comes every year

influenza is an old enemy, one that ~

♦ "It seemed like there was light at the end of the tunnel, and then the Delta variant came along, the Omicron variant came along..."

development: direction / movement / verb

appearance & disappearance: direction / movement / verb

relationship: movement / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

come (come a long way)

come a long way

we have ~ (a business)
we have ~, but we have much further to go
we have ~, but not far enough

come a long way in race relations

we have ~, but we keep going backwards

come a long way since the 1990s

Kosovo has ~

come a long way from its (humble) beginnings

the company has ~

come a long way in four decades

the sport has ~

development / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement

come (to come)

to come

more hearings are ~

yet to come

there are changes ~ (global warming)
it does make you wonder what is ~ (politics)
the best is ~

sure to come

change is ~

decades to come

we are left with this legacy for ~

future to come

they are waiting for the ~, but it's already here

generations to come

these issues will affect ~
what we do will echo through ~ (2020 election)

months to come

there will be ups and downs in the ~

more (Inside Edition) to come

there is ~

things to come

this is a sign of ~

future / time: direction / movement

come (see something coming)

saw it coming

I never ~

they never ~

nobody ~ (boy arrested)

we were caught flatfooted, we never ~

see it coming

he didn't ~ (heart attack)

♦ Shrek: My father was an ogre. He tried to eat me. I should have seen it coming.

♦ You don't play with snakes and not expect to get bitten.

♦ "You fall when your life is over." (Minji on the death of the great free-solo climber, John Bachar, posted at supertopo.)

consciousness & awareness / development / future / time: direction / eye / movement / verb

come (for a time to come)

for years to come

the problem will occupy botanists ~

for decades to come

he may last ~ (a leader)

for centuries to come

shrinking coastlines will be the new normal ~

future: direction / movement

come (come out swinging)

came out swinging

the president ~

she ~ against her critics

accusation & criticism / conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat / speech: boxing

come after (and come for)

coming after our children

they are ~ (culture wars)

come after your guns

everybody's trying to ~ (gun control)

come after their studios next

we're going to ~ (a demonstrator)

come after you

if you speak up, the immigration system will ~ (an activist)

coming for you

we're ~, the party is over (cops versus gang)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

come along (appearance)

come along very often

opportunities like this don't ~ (quite job for a better one)

appearance & disappearance: movement / verb

come away with (verb)

came away with

the message I ~ is that...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving,
bringing & returning / verb

come back (to bite, haunt, etc.)

come back

I never thought it would ~ again (convicted of cold case)

come back to haunt

what you do on the computer can ~ (queries)

come back to bite the president

a lot of that conduct and those words may ~

come back to bite us

this will ~ (no test to get driving license)

come back to haunt the Ethiopians

such tactics may ~ (torture / rebels)

come back to haunt you

gossip can ~

♦ "Be careful about sharing intimate gossip in a party situation—you may find it comes back to haunt you..."

reversal: animal / teeth / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb

judgment: verb

come back (resiliency)

came back to level it

the defending champions ~ (Olympic basketball)

come back stronger

I'm going to ~ than ever

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / resiliency /
survival, persistence & endurance: direction / movement /
verb

comeback (noun)

comeback kid

he's not the ~, he's Lazarus (a politician)

comeback trail

they are on the ~ after serious injuries (skiers)

the genre is on the ~ (hard rock music)

spark for his comeback

the rivalry was the ~ (a rapper)

made a comeback

he ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / resiliency /
survival, persistence & endurance: direction

come down on (verb)

came down (hard) on his critics

President Trump ~

accusation & criticism: direction / verb

oppression: direction / verb

come forward (verb)

came forward

dozens of women ~ and said... (sex abuse)

come forward

she decided to ~, despite the publicity (accusation)

police have appealed for any witnesses to ~

come forward with allegations

4,000+ people have ~ of sexual assault (Australia)

appearance & disappearance: direction / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / verb

come from (origin)

come from

where does his temper ~ (a politician)

comes from dishonesty

nothing good ever ~

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

origin / product / relationship: verb

come from (analysis)

come from

where did all this ~ (stigmas and stereotypes)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journey & trips / verb

come from (emotion)

coming from

he understood where their anger was ~ (an official)

I just want people to understand where you're ~ (mom died)

feeling, emotion & effect: place / verb

come out (verb)

coming out

people ask why I'm ~ now (male on male historical abuse)

now the truth is ~ (an expose that was quashed)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb

come out (against something)

come out against anti-Semitic tropes

we felt the need to ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb

comer (up-and-comer, etc.)

up and comer

I know he's an ~ so... (Ray Mancini about Connor Benn)

up-and-comers

there's a long list of ~ bringing fresh sounds to the city

up-and-comer from Chattanooga

in 2013, Rashad was still a relatively unknown ~

up-and-comer artist

~ Gemma Laurence (sapphic folk music / wlw)

Republican up-and-comer

from Texas underdog to ~ (Ted Cruz / politics)

♦ See *up-and-coming, arrive (attainment)*

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement

come to (come to an answer, etc.)

come to

what decision did they ~

came to his decision

he asked for an assessment and that's how he ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / movement / verb

come to (development)

coming to

impeachment is crazy, what is this ~ (politics)

come to mean

“gaslight” has ~ a type of psychological manipulation

came to a head

it all ~ in December (conflict)

development: movement / verb

come through (verb)

still came through

Italy was not at its best but it ~ (a Euro 2020 game)

came through for people

I ~ (the great Ray “Boom Boom” Mancini / Youngstown)

obstacles & impedance / success & failure / survival & perseverance: journeys & trips

come up (appear)

come up

that's an option that has ~

appearance & disappearance: direction / prep, adv , adj, particle / verb

come up with (discovery)

come up with nothing

they have dug through and ~ (investigation)

searching & discovery: direction / ground, terrain & land / verb

come up on (a date, etc.)

coming up on a new trial

he is ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement
future / time: direction / movement / verb

coming (in the coming months, etc.)

in the coming months

a series of reports is expected ~

in the coming years

such events will become more frequent ~ (droughts)

future / time: direction / movement

coming out (party, etc.)

coming out party

this was his ~ to set up big money (Brit boxer fights in US)

experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex

come with (and come along with / attachment)

comes with being

her poems involve the cultural baggage that ~

come with its territory

his book avoids the pitfalls that ~ (a biography)

come along with that

there are questions that ~ (athlete's drug-taking)

come with the sudden wealth

leeches ~ (pro athletes)

attachment / relationship: journeys & trips / movement / verb

command (deserve and get)

commands (an annual) rent

the space ~ of \$800 a square foot

commands respect

she ~ (a veteran teacher)

commands the highest prices

sweet crude ~... (oil)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: speech / verb
fictive communication: speech / verb

common denominator

common denominator

music is a ~ (vs. class, race, ability)

division & connection: number

commodity (noun)

most precious commodity

time was now Scott's ~, and time was running out

questionable commodity
for all his talent, he is still a ~ (athlete)

scarcest commodities
time is one of your ~ (owners of small businesses)

limited and precious commodity
time is a ~

treat virginity as a commodity
men should not ~

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture
consumption / product: farming & agriculture
companion (noun)

companion of time
change is a constant ~ (said by a diplomat)

companion to a (bewitching) city
for me, the book was a perfect ~ (Kaplan / Kim / Lahore)

companion for 105 days
the wind was a pretty constant ~ (Antarctica)

constant companion
exhaustion is a ~ (work at nursing homes)
cruelty is their ~ (untouchables / India)

constant companions
thirst and hunger were their ~
modern life and ancient traditions are ~ (Bangkok)
a camera and tape recorder were his ~ (a filmmaker)

near companion
death was always a ~ (diseases / British Raj)

turns a poem into a companion
memorization ~ (Billy Collins)

relationship: person

compass (within / outside the compass)

within the compass of that subpoena
if there are papers that are ~
♦ "Keep within compass and you shall be sure to avoid many troubles which others endure." (An illustration of a virtuous woman, inside the legs of a compass. The compass is not a nautical one, but the one used to inscribe a circle, the drawing tool. The idea is that correct behavior is circumscribed by precise boundaries.)

extent & scope: boundary / tools & technology

compass (moral compass)

moral compass
a friend with a stronger ~ (told police of crime)
so many are intelligent, with decent ~s (teens / dating)
~ can point you in the right direction

his own inner moral compass
he had lost sight of ~

compass had shifted
the moral ~ 180 degrees (seduction is abuse)

compass went off course

tell us about a time your moral ~

lacks a moral compass
he is a menacing creature who ~ (a dictator)

lose their moral compass
they are so mired in bad fortune they ~

♦ The metaphor of a compass is a very trendy cliche in writing and speaking nowadays, and it is obvious that almost everyone utilizing the word has never owned or used one. The compass doesn't waver, the compass *needle* does. The compass doesn't go off course, the *user* of the compass does. What in the world does it mean to "realign" a compass "once wires get crossed," or to be "tuned in to" your moral compass? Is there really a compass or something like it *inside* us? Are compasses ordinarily distinguishable as "strong" or "weak"? How can a compass "waver off true north" when its sole job is to *indicate* north! Read or listen to "Resetting Your Moral Compass After An 'Ethical Slip,'" NPR, Talk of the Nation, April 8, 2013.

behavior / direction: tools & technology

complex (military-industrial complex, etc.)

celebrity industrial complex
by the 1950s, he was a big face in the ~ (Dirk Bogarde)

deadline-industrial complex
we buy in to the ~

"Lolita" industrial complex
the ~ (film adaptations, fashion shows, podcast, etc.)

media-industrial complex
the best-of-the-decade ~ (2019-2020)

prison industrial complex
the ~ is profit driven (for-profit incarceration)

tragedy-industrial complex
the printed press and its ~ (the film *Ace in the Hole*)

Democrat-media complex
the full ~ was on display (politics)

Democrat-Media Complex
the ~ lives in the past... (historical debate)

♦ Dwight D. Eisenhower used the term "the military-industrial complex" in his Farewell Address to the Nation on January 17, 1961. About that, the linguist Noam Chomsky said, "There is no military-industrial complex: it's just the industrial system operating under one or another pretext."

power: allusion / history

conceived

conceived, born and raised
Nature was ~ to serve polemic purpose (the magazine)

creation & transformation: birth

concierge (person)

concierge-style
a ~ (health care) start-up with offices in...

Book Concierge
NPR's annual literary recommendation tool ~

♦ Wealthy Bobos expect to be catered to by Sherpas, concierges, elementary schools, universities, etc.

help & assistance: person

concoct (verb)

concocted such a (wild artistic and musical) gumbo
few have ~ (Van Dyke Parks)

concocted an (escape) plan
she ~ (to get away from a cult)

♦ Originally, this meant to cook together. As such, it is congruent with cook up.

creation & transformation: cooking / mixture / verb

concoction (noun)

plot-driven concoction
State of Terror is a ~

creation & transformation / mixture: cooking / food & drink

concrete (noun)

concrete
their thinking becomes less ~ and more abstract (kids)

concrete evidence
for now, there was no ~ linking... (terror attack)

concrete examples
some ~ will illustrate this point

concrete information
he didn't give any ~ about the crime

concrete offer
I haven't gotten any ~s (job search)

concrete question
unable to answer ~s about...

concrete results
we need ~ from this conference (U.N.)

substance & lack of substance: materials & substances

concretize (verb)

concretize what's going on
trying to ~ today (racial attitudes)

concretize (possible) approaches
steps designed to ~ to the problem of...

concretized the connection
Foucault further ~ between knowledge and power

concretized a Palestinian national identity
the Nakba ~ post-1949

concretizes it
if everybody knows about it, it ~ (death of a person)

concretize the opinion
the bumper sticker helps to ~ of the driver (or "firm up")

concretized our solidarity
the connection ~ (Ferguson / Gaza) (BLM / Hamas)

concretize or literalize

I want to ~ something that is happening (an author)

♦ The Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines this as "to make concrete, specific, definite."

strength & weakness: materials & substances / verb

concretized

concretized
once a clear definition is ~ (academia)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

condemn (verb)

condemned his men to march or die
he had ~ (Robert Falcon Scott / logistics)

condemned Scott as a "sentimentalist"
Meares ~ (Antarctica)

judgment: justice / verb

conduit (noun)

conduits for contributors
Visa and PayPal refused to be ~ (to WikiLeaks)

conduit for refugees from Tibet
the passes into Sikkim became a ~ after 1950

conduit between publishers and consumers
originally the company was to be a ~ (Amazon)

communications conduit
he acted as a ~ (terrorist messenger)

media conduit
the group acts as a ~ for the ALF

vital conduit
the Gulf of Aden is a ~ for Middle East oil

route: water

confetti (noun)

turned the insulation into confetti
the machine-gun fire ~ (an aircraft)

resemblance: waste

conflagration (noun)

financial conflagration
proprietary trading added tinder to the ~ (2008)

added tinder to the (financial) conflagration
proprietary trading ~ (2008)

avoid a conflagration
the US and the UN are seeking to ~ (in Sudan)

ignite a (larger) conflagration
Somalia could ~ across the Horn of Africa

provoked a conflagration
nationalists ~

amount & effect: fire

confluence (noun)

confluence of agendas

a " ~ " between Algeria and the West (terrorism)

confluence of (natural and manmade) disasters
the ~ (war, drought, etc.)

confluence of events

the odd ~ (volcanoes erupt on same day)

the ~ occurring in Iran is very sad (Hillary Clinton)

a ~ brought the Web site down

where is this ~ taking all of us (news-show host)

confluence of factors

a ~ has contributed to the spike in lethal violence (U.S.)

confluence of (several) factors

a ~ is likely responsible (falling crime rates)

confluence of two problems

many cities struggle with the ~ (coronavirus / homelessness)

odd confluence

the ~ of events (volcanoes erupt on same day)

♦ "Many different streams of migrants were to make their confluence in the future United States. But the British stream flowed first and remained foremost. From the beginning its leaders were out of sympathy with the Government at home..." (*A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*, Volume 2, "The New World," by Winston S. Churchill.)

division & connection: river

conga line

conga line of headlamps

climbers create a long ~ in the dark (Mt. Everest)

conga line of storms

a ~ is heading towards the US

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement

connect (verb)

connect

two lonely teens meet and try to ~

connect the distant parts

migrating birds ~ of the world

social interaction: tools & technology / verb

division & connection: tools & technology / verb

conquer (verb)

conquer social anxiety

ways to ~

conquer coronavirus

how Iceland clamped down to ~

conquered (some of the world's) deadliest diseases

the science and medical innovations that ~

conquer their fears

students ~ at the outdoor adventure center

conquer her stage fright

he helped her to ~

conquered Yosemite's Half Dome

how two skiers ~

conquering Hollywood

digital de-aging is ~

conquered the world

he ~ of American entertainment (Marvin Hamlisch)

conquered all in Middlesbrough

she ~ (Miley Cyrus / 2019)

love conquer

can ~ travel bans (coronavirus pandemic)

success & failure: military / verb

conscious (aware)

conscious of the value

people are more ~ of relationships (post-9/11)

conscious of what

I've always been very ~ I eat, how much I exercise

conscious (and unconscious) beliefs

their ~ (stereotyping)

conscious decision

some people make a ~ to go missing, start a new life

conscious and unconscious (m)

their ~ beliefs (stereotyping)

budget-conscious

~ parents

celebrity-conscious

Los Angeles is America's most ~ town

cost-conscious

a ~ chef

ecology-conscious

an ~ audience

fashion-conscious

~ customers

party-conscious

his move could alienate ~ Democrats (politics)

safety conscious

kayakers are usually ~

safety-conscious

NASCAR is extremely ~ (auto racing)

security-conscious

this year's Academy Awards will be the most ~ ever

status-conscious (m)

~ people are stuck up

style conscious

Gabriella was ~ and had expensive taste

technology-conscious
in ~ San Francisco

weight-conscious
data on nearly 500 ~ women

earthquake-conscious
Japanese are the most ~ people

environmentally conscious
an ~ business
in an ~ world

ethically conscious
ethically conscious investors

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

constellation (noun)

constellation of symptoms
the ~ at the end of life
he had another patient with the same bizarre ~ (AIDS)

configuration: astronomy

group, set & collection: astronomy

construct (artificial construct, etc.)

artificial construct
this notion of genre is an ~ anyway (Rachel Yoder)

creation & transformation: infrastructure

consume (emotions)

consumed him
guilt and shame ~ (financial infidelity)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

consume (consumption)

consumed books
Melville ~ and was consumed by them

consuming the media
people are ~ differently nowadays

consumed no news
many had ~ about the case (jurors)

consumed online
what they ~ warped and narrowed their vision of the world

consumption: food & drink / verb

consume (destroy)

consumed 4 Turkish divisions
Yemen ~ in the 19th century

destruction: fire / food & drink / predation / verb

consumed (emotion)

consumed by envy
I was not ~, but it was there (a boy)

consumed by an uncontrollable rage

someone ~ (girl stabbed 40 times)

consumed by thoughts of revenge
he was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

consumed (destroyed)

consumed in confidence
your wisdom is ~

consumed by a fight
today will be ~ over the rules of the trial

destruction: fire / food & drink / predation

consumption (noun)

media consumption
~ and loneliness in the midst of hyper-connection

public consumption
everything is on social media, for ~ (a scandal)

consumption: food & drink

contagion (noun)

contagion
if the ~ spreads widely... (failing economies of states)

contagion of meaninglessness
this ~ (the word *progress* applied to Afghan War)

contagion of stupidity
he described what happened as a ~ (mass beach brawl)

‘turnover contagion’
a chain reaction known as ~ (mass resignations)

lead to contagion
amplification in the media can ~ (names of mass shooters)

affliction / corruption: health & medicine

contagious (emotion)

contagious
the girl's lack of ambition was ~ (to high-school boy)
feelings are ~
she had a laugh that was ~
overconfidence can be ~ (teams)
winning is ~ (sports teams)
his boldness and confidence were ~ Alex Honnold)

feeling, emotion & effect / transmission: health & medicine

contaminate (verb)

contaminated the inquiry
the media ~ (Amanda Knox)

contaminate the interrogation
interrogators can ~ by providing details

corruption: materials & substances

contamination

contamination

~ is the primary factor in wrongful convictions

corruption: materials & substances

contaminated

contaminated

confessions are ~ when interrogators supply details

corruption: materials & substances

contest (noun)

contest of measure and countermeasure

it's a grim ~ (IEDs / Iraq)

popularity contest

he was bound to lose the ~

grim contest

it's a ~ of measure and countermeasure (IEDs / Iraq)

lose the (popularity) contest

he was bound to ~

competition: sports & games

contour (noun)

contours of it

we know some basic ~ now (from the Muller Report)

basic contours

we already knew the ~ of both sides' arguments (politics)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / area / environment:

ground, terrain & land

shape: ground, terrain & land

control (in control)

in control of his emotions

he is not ~

more in control

I always enjoy leading and it helped me feel ~ (kayaking)

felt (very much) in control

she ~ (a positive job interview)

feeling, emotion & effect: control & lack of control

control (out of control)

out of control

the \$100 billion timber industry is ~

the perception that juvenile violence is ~

he's ~ (behavior)

our wireless bills are ~

out-of-control drivers

laws against ~

out-of-control person

an ~

out-of-control quality

a wild, nervy ~ to his writing

out-of-control rebel

the angry, ~

out-of-control shopper

an ~

out-of-control (urban) sprawl

~ (Austin)

blossom out of control

the consequences can ~ (problems on 767 jetliner)

feel out of control

badly designed intelligent technology makes us ~

getting out of control

things were ~

the situation seems to be ~

got out of control

they were away and the kids ~

spinning out of control

digital downloading and copying is ~

his personal life seemed to be ~

Nairobi is ~ (crime)

spinning (faster) out of control

Hernandez was ~

spun out of control

the argument ~

spiraled out of control

Rye's junior prom ~ (drunk teens)

spiraling out of control

in danger of ~

spiral out of control

medical expenses can often ~

his life seemed to ~ (drug addict)

restraint & lack of restraint: control & lack of control

control (under control)

under control

everything is ~

I've got everything ~

restraint & lack of restraint: control & lack of control

control (behavior)

under control

he can get his erratic behavior ~

get his (erratic) behavior under control

he can ~

behavior: control & lack of control

control (out of one's control)

out of your control

some things are ~

fate, fortune & chance: control & lack of control

conversation (groups, etc.)

conversation

is this mainly a ~ that takes place among a select group
there's never a ~ about it (race and slavery in the U.S.)

conversations where

we're having these dishonest ~ children... (race)
have these ~ people can you know choose mental health...

conversation about what

a new chapter in the American ~ racial justice / inequity...

conversation about whether

the result will provoke a ~...

conversation about race

it's time to retire the "serious ~" (SCAR)
her work helped change the national ~ (1619 Project)

conversation about these shows or plays

collectively, the industry must have ~ that are problematic
(the rape and murder of girls and women)

conversations on Black Language education

she is a national leader in ~ (a Black academic)

conversation on police reform and race

his death jumpstarted a national ~

conversation between Black men

a ~ (ABC News with T.J. Holmes)

thousand conversations

this acutely argued book will engender a ~ (blurb)

broader conversation

there's a ~ happening around Critical Race Theory
there's a ~ taking place, there's a hot debate... (CRT)

"courageous conversations"

the office hosted a series of ~ about race (education)

cultural conversation

it's provoked a conversation that has dominated the ~
(#FreeBritney)

difficult conversation

the ~ about Bill Cosby

familiar conversations

he tells stories that follow ~ into unfamiliar territory (ad)

hard conversations

I had to have these kind of ~ with myself about... (marriage)

honest conversation

it's time for a more ~ (linguist John McWhorter)

intentional conversations

~ between partisans could be a catalyst for national healing

national conversation

her work helped change the ~ about race (1619 Project)

the ~ has become so binary and simplistic

necessary conversation

engage in a ~ about how to avert these risks

open conversations

we have to start having more ~ about this (ageism)

public conversation

make this a public shaming and ~ (online petition site)

sophisticated conversation

society has to have an even more ~ about how the roots of...

tricky conversations

it's important not to shy away from ~ (reintroducing wolves)

uncomfortable conversation

you have to be ready to have the ~

gatekeeper of (public) conversation

Twitter has become this ~ (India, Turkey, etc.)

part of the (national) conversation

the video became ~ over police responses

rise of conversations

with the ~ around police brutality...

weight in this conversation

it's crazy he has ~ at all (Clooney about an investor)

conversation has (really) given us space

the ~ to say, "I don't agree with what's going on"

conversation go next

where does this ~ (sports and mental illness)

conversation has to translate

when ~ (policing reform)

advance the conversation

I wrote the book to encourage and ~ about race

belongs in the conversation

he will have to win to prove that he ~ (MMA)

bring families into the conversation

discretion in terms of when to ~ (school counselors)

changed the conversation

the #MeToo movement ~ around sexual assault

change the (national) conversation

her work helped ~ about race (1619 Project)

dominated the (cultural) conversation

it has provoked a conversation that has ~ (#FreeBritney)

dominating the conversation

inflation is really ~ right now (politics)

elevate the conversation

the more we ~ of how Black women are maligned...

encourage (and advance) the conversation

I wrote the book to ~ about race (Rachel Dolezal)

have this conversation

- we think it's time to ~
- left out of the conversation
the hospitality industry has been ~ about ending lockdown
- opening up a conversation
it is ~ for people (about mental health)
- prompt conversations
we hope our expert report will ~ among... (a think tank)
- provoke a conversation
the result will ~ about whether...
- provoked a conversation
the documentary has ~ about tabloids and celebrities
- provoking the conversation
I'm glad he's asking the questions and ~ (about Bill Cosby)
- retire the ("serious) conversation
it's time to ~ about race" (SCAR)
- spark conversations
the shootings should ~ about mental health, violence...
- sparked a conversation
his death has ~ around the treatment of sumo wrestlers
- start these conversations
workers can ~, move these conversations, ignite that fire
- stays in the conversation
making you wonder is how he ~ (politics / Trump)
- add something (of substance) to the conversation
journalist scrutiny would ~ (Ronan Farrow)
- take on this (national) conversation
as we continue to ~ about systematic racism and...
- ♦ see also *talk (talk about something / groups, etc.)*
 - ♦ "We do support the independence of museums and heritage organizations, this is just the start of a conversation about working together to protect heritage." (Government statement after it threatened to withhold funds from museums and was rebuked by the Museums Association.)
 - ♦ "[Her case] is opening up this space to have these conversations where people can you know choose mental health over you know necessarily you know showing up to work when they're feeling miserable." (ABC, "Naomi Osaka Steps Away.")
 - ♦ "I think it's more than a conversation now, I think it's a movement. (Osaka, Biles, etc.)
 - ♦ "It does open up a conversation because it's her using her voice and her platform to really call out systemic change, which she has done before. I think she can show other girls and women who look like her how to empower them to stand up for themselves in ways that I think we haven't always been able to see." (C. Vaile Wright, PhD, a clinical psychologist and the American Psychological Association's Senior Director of Health Care Innovation, about Naomi Osaka and mental health.)
 - ♦ "Much of the conversation about antisemitism has nothing to do with antisemitism, it's actually about influencing and controlling the conversation inside the Jewish community. It's an arms race to define what is antisemitism in the Jewish community, which is, of course, stupid and it's a waste of resources." (Andres Spokoiny, president of the Jewish Funders Network. From "Dark money, questionable partners behind new group fighting antisemitism" by Arno Rosenfeld, *The Forward*, April 22, 2021.)
 - ♦ "[W]e are spending a lot of time on erasure, and these are great conversations to have with children..." ("Born on the Water' puts the '1619 Project' into kids' hands," NPR, All Things Considered, February 17, 2022.)
 - ♦ "The 'good' conversation versus the 'sexual assault' conversation." (About Bill Cosby.)
 - ♦ "Of course, one man's negotiation is another man's conversation is another man's ransom." ("A Metaphor Meltdown At The White House," NPR, It's All Politics, Ari Shapiro, October 10, 2013.)
 - ♦ "Why It's Time To Retire The 'Serious Conversation About Race,'" with Damon Young, 1A, WAMU, NPR, July 16, 2020.
 - ♦ "We should have that conversation; We need to have that conversation; What an interesting idea, I think we should have that conversation..." (Excellent ways not to say yes or no, to make no commitment, while at the same time sounding sympathetic.)
 - ♦ "it is becoming an idiotic buzz word." (johnSchreiber) (2011.)
 - ♦ "It's time for a more honest conversation."
- inclusion & exclusion: society**
- convert (person)**
- backcountry converts
many are ~ (at Bluebird Back Country skiing resort)
- out for converts
he is a culinary evangelist ~ (chef)
- won many converts
he ~ to his ideas
- message / enthusiasm: person / religion**
- person: religion**
- conveyor belt**
- conveyor belt of assistants
a ~ rotates in and out (an abusive Hollywood assistant)
- talent conveyor belt
he is just one to come off the club's ~ (Lochend boxing)
- ♦ The Lochend Boxing and Fitness Club welcomes anyone. It has produced many fine boxers, Josh Taylor being but one.
- movement: mechanism**
- creation & transformation: manufacturing**
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: mechanism / movement**
- convulse (verb)**
- convulsed in a spasm
for 3 minutes the casino ~ of violence (biker riot)
- convulsing with change
Ethiopia has been ~
- convulsed India
globalism and capitalism has ~
- convulsed the country
waves of anti-foreign sentiment ~ (China)
- affliction: health & medicine / movement / verb**
- activity: health & medicine / movement / verb**
- convulsed**
- convulsed by nationwide protests
the US has been ~

convulsed by (ethnic) strife
the area is ~

affliction: health & medicine / movement
activity: health & medicine / movement
convulsion (noun)

financial convulsion
a breakup of the EU would cause a ~
affliction: health & medicine / movement
activity: health & medicine / movement

cooked up

cooked up at Eglin Air Force Base
the planes were armed by a new bomb ~
creation & transformation: cooking

cookie jar (noun)

cookie jar of jobs, concessions, contracts
Daly wants to protect the ~ (politician)

got caught with his hand in the cookie jar
he ~ (corruption)

money: sign, signal, symbol

cook up (verb)

cooked up a plan
he and Tomaz ~ to climb Nuptse by a new route

cooked up the story
they ~ to get the reward (murder case)

creation & transformation: cooking / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

cool (cool off / activity)

cool off
his career began to ~ (a singer)

activity: temperature / verb

cool (feeling)

maintain their cool
they need to ~ (a team)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

cool down (verb)

cool down
I got a postponement, it will give things a chance to ~
♦ "Let me take my own advice and cool the temperature in the room a little bit." (An upset Michael Van Der Veen at the impeachment trial in 2021. He paused, sighed, and then continued in a less emotional tone of voice.)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

coolheaded (and cool-headed)

coolheaded killer

he is a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: head / temperature
character & personality: head / temperature

coolly (adverb)

coolly
she looked at me ~
feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

cool off (verb)

cooled off
he regrets what he did now that he has ~
feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

cooped up

cooped up in the White House
an active man, he felt ~ (President Grant)
cooped up (in his study) since six o'clock
he's been ~ this morning

cooped up indoors
he loved the outdoor life and hated being ~

isolation & remoteness: bird

copybook (noun)

copybook case
it was a ~ of child abuse (born with cleft palate)

script: school & education

copycat (noun)

copycat of a terrorist attack
the shooting was initially feared to be a ~

copycat acts
officials feared publicity would trigger ~

copycat films
The Omen (1976) inspired sequels and ~

copycat threats
students charged in rash of ~ after Oxford High shooting

♦ Merriam-Webster identifies the first known use as 1896. Others identify first use as 1887. The idea of a *copycat crime* seems to come from the 1960s and seems to have achieved acceptance by the 1980s.

repetition: cat

core (basis)

at its core
~, this issue all boils down to money

bases: center & periphery

corkscrew (verb)

corkscrewed above the airport
he took off and ~ until we reached 8,000 feet (plane)

direction / movement: shape / verb

corkscrew (shape)

corkscrew ascents and descents
~ to evade fire (Iraqi Airways)

direction: shape

corner (spring is just around the corner)

Halloween is around the corner
~ and guess what that means

victory is around the corner
officials insist ~ (war)

spring is just around the corner
~ and I can't wait

just around the corner
planting season is ~
Christmas is ~

proximity: corner / distance

future / time: corner / distance

corner (in remote corners, etc.)

in the corners of the internet
the theories began ~ and made it into mainstream news

in the dark corners of cyberspace
~ (child pornography)

in some corners of the humanities
there is resistance to such analysis ~

in the (more) paranoid corners of the Internet
he posted messages ~

in many corners of the West
uranium mining boomed ~

in some corners of the book world
there is opposition ~

area: center & periphery / corner

corner (other)

from all corners of the (political) spectrum
he received criticism ~

shines light into some of the darkest corners
the book ~ of M15

ventured into remote corners
he ~ (a photographer)

area: center & periphery / corner

corner (turn the corner)

turned the corner
we have ~ (economic upturn after downturn)
this month he ~, and made a profit (businessman)
so has America finally ~ (economic downturn)

turned a corner

United fans hoped their club had ~ (loss after 3 wins)

turn the corner on unemployment
we are beginning to ~

beginning to turn the corner
we are ~ on unemployment

progress & lack of progress: corner / verb

development: corner / verb

corner (in a tight corner, etc.)

tightest corner

United somehow got out of the ~ in Paris (soccer win)

backed ourselves into a corner
we've sort of ~ (war strategy)

boxed himself into a corner
he has ~ on tax increases (a politician)

painted himself into a corner
he has ~ (world leader)

movement: corner

constraint & lack of constraint / situation: boxing / container / corner / movement

corner (in one's corner)

in my corner
she supports me, she's ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: boxing / corner

corner (cut corners)

cut corners
oil companies ~ to maximize profits

cut any corners
in this business we don't ~ (helicopter tours)

difficulty, easiness & effort: corner / distance / journeys & trips

corner (corner cases, etc.)

edge and corner
it doesn't take long to find ~ cases (grammar rules)

division & connection: boundary

cornered (adjective)

felt cornered
the boss ~ and that person ended up quitting (pay dispute)

♦ "If you bait a cornered dog, he will bite."

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

cornerstone (noun)

cornerstone of the collection
the painting will be the ~ (a new museum)

cornerstones of the economy
blue-chip companies, once considered ~... (recession)

cornerstone of identity
 Egyptians increasingly emphasize Islam as the ~

cornerstone of (US) policy
 Egypt is the ~ in the Middle East

cornerstones of terrorism
 unemployment creates one of the ~ (Prince Talal)

cornerstone of (addiction) treatment
 Alcoholics Anonymous remains the ~ in the US

cornerstone of Roma life
 child marriage is a ~ (tradition)

cornerstone of academic culture
 peer review is a ~ (publishing)

cornerstone of the scientific method
 replication is a ~

emphasize Islam as the cornerstone
 Egyptians increasingly ~ of identity

bases: infrastructure

cornucopia (variety)

cornucopia of (political) books
 this fall's ~ features two kinds...

cornucopia of candidates
 the debates have featured a ~ (Democratic politics / 2020)

cornucopia of goods
 a ~ flooded the American marketplace (post-WWII)

cornucopia of (educational) opportunities
 colleges have traditionally offered a ~ (in good times)

cornucopia of shit
 it's a ~ basically (dialogue from *Words On Bathroom Walls*)

make a cornucopia
 climate change could ~ out of frigid, unproductive land

♦ From *cornu*, Latin for horn, and *copia*, plenty; the horn of plenty. Based on a Greek myth involving the goat Althea who nursed the infant Zeus.

alternatives & choices / amount: allusion / food & drink
group, set & collection: allusion / food & drink
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: allusion / food & drink

coronation (noun)

veritable coronation
 the Chicago convention was a ~ of Grant (Republicans)

achievement, recognition & praise: royalty

corral (verb)

corralled her family
 she ~ (husband and 8 kids / and fled house / war)

corral multiple fires
 fire crews rushed to ~

corral him
 Georgia has to find a way to ~ (Bryce Young / football)

corral the far left
 can she ~ in her party (politics)

corral all 50 members
 he is still trying to ~ to agree... (politics)

corral their models
 scientists need real-world data to ~ (for realistic outcomes)

corrals (a range of) voices
Women on Food, a book that ~ (Charlotte Druckman)

corral wildfire
 winds frustrate effort to ~ near lake Tahoe

corralled politicians, executives, and officials
 for nearly six months, she ~ (Deborah Birx / pandemic)

paywalls corral readers
 ~ like cattle into the subscriber pen

conflict / control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse / verb

corralled

corralled in left field
 the speedy cat was ~

♦ "The speedy cat evaded the grounds crew before being corralled in left field." (Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium.)

control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse

corridor (route)

commuter corridors
 the ~ have become the "covid corridor" (East Coast)

"covid corridor"
 the commuter corridors have become the ~ (East Coast)

drug corridor
 Interstate 44 is a ~ (Missouri)

migration corridor
 the Bering land bridge served as a ~ for people

travel corridor
 the region is a ~ for illegal immigrants

I-95 corridor
 heroin travels down the ~ to secondary markets (from NYC)

route: infrastructure

transmission: infrastructure / route

corridor (area)

wildlife corridor
 nature preserves provide a ~ for birds and animals

high-technology corridor
 the metro services Northern Virginia's ~

commercial corridor
 the Metro revitalized the sagging ~ between...

green corridor
 in places the ~ is only 50 feet wide (along river)

strategic corridor
Georgia is a ~ for Western oil companies

31-mile corridor
deforestation occurs in a ~ on either side of roads

tiny corridor
oil exports are squeezed through this ~ (Strait of Hormuz)

area: shape

corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.)

Gansu Corridor
the ~ between Suchow and Chang 'an (Xi'an / Silk Road)

"Lachin corridor"
the ~ links Stepanakert to Armenia

Siliguri Corridor
the ~ is also known as the Chickens Neck

National Heritage Corridor
the Blackstone River Valley ~

Wakhan Corridor
the ~ (Afghanistan)

proper name: infrastructure

corridor (corridors of power)

corridors of power
ordinary Americans are kept out of the ~ (politics)

Australia's corridors of power
allegations of a toxic work culture in ~

in the corridors of power
the religious right is flexing its muscles ~
the fine line between persuasion and intimidation ~ (politics)

access to the corridors of power
the reporter has unrivalled ~ (Bob Woodward)
he loved his ~ (a media person)

gain admittance to the corridors of power
once women ~

kept out of the corridors of power
ordinary Americans are ~

power: infrastructure / sign, signal, symbol

corrosive (adjective)

corrosive for democracy
rich contributors are ~ (money)

corrosive effect
corruption was perhaps the most ~ of communism

corrosive role
the ~ of money in politics (rich special-interest groups)

feeling, emotion & effect: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation

corrupting

corrupting force
the tabloids portrayed her as a ~

corruption: health & medicine

corruption (noun)

moral corruption
TV and radio promote ~

corruption: health & medicine

coruscating (adjective)

coruscating observations
he had room to make his ~ (TV)

superlative: light & dark

cost (verb)

cost them
the editor knew all along it would ~ (controversy)

cost me my hand
one tiny wound ~ (a firefighter)

cost him his job
the revelation ~ (child porn on computer)
his failure to deliver on his promise ~ (a coach)

costs you nothing
it ~ but your time (a free Internet program)

costing teachers their jobs
budget cuts are now ~

cost him his life
his drug habit very nearly ~ (a musician)
his diligence ~ (a police officer)

cost the climbers a shot
helping the other group ~ at the summit

cost him his (boxing) title
his refusal to serve ~ (Muhammad Ali)

cost Unsoeld his toes
that night ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

cost the state thousands of jobs
his economic policies have ~

cost you an arm and a leg
this vacation getaway won't ~

cost the team big time
the mistake ~

cost the lives
the civil war ~ of 100,000 Maya Indians (Guatemala)

cost her votes
the proposal could ~ in a general election (politics)

cost & benefit: money / verb

cost (at a cost)

at the cost of his life

Sfc. Ashley's bravery ~ was in the highest traditions of...

at enormous cost

gold is wrung from the earth ~

even at the cost

they are desperate to flee their country ~ of their lives

cost & benefit / judgment: money

cost (at all costs, etc.)

at all costs

Czech hedgehogs symbolized “defense ~” in the USSR

protect (passengers) at all costs

air marshals must ~

hold Stalingrad at any cost

we are to ~, Comrade Stalin knows best

commitment & determination / cost & benefit / resistance,

opposition & defeat: money

cost (cost time, etc.)

cost drivers 15 minutes

construction delays on I-15 ~

time: money

cost (other)

costs of Vietnam

the ~ remain with us (troubled vets, sons, etc.)

cost of his life

absorbing the grenade blast at the ~

cost of war

let us not forget the terrible ~

costs of war

the ~ and the price of peace (soldiers)

costs of gambling

the hidden ~ (divorce, etc.)

cost to having

there is a ~ an overload of choice

hidden costs

the ~ of gambling (divorce, etc.)

environmental cost

war has not only a human cost, but a tragic ~ as well

gold is wrung from the earth at enormous ~

human cost

war has not only a ~, but a tragic environmental cost

political cost

both leaders are paying a ~ at home for... (foreign policy)

reputational cost

the wars have carried a ~ (civilian casualties)

tragic (environmental) cost

war's ~

financial and human cost

the ~ was enormous (the Ugandan Railway)

cost & benefit / judgment: money

costly (adjective)

costly

you have laid so ~ a sacrifice... (Lincoln)

politically costly

it's ~ to criticize Jews (US elections)

cost & benefit: money

couch (casting couch)

casting couch

Hollywood's seedy underbelly, the ~

spoke out against the casting couch

she ~ (Maureen O'Hara)

sex: euphemism

cough up (verb)

cough up more money

the US wants its allies to ~ (for world defense)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bodily reaction

countdown (noun)

countdown

the ~ starts now (ad for big game in future)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock / number

counted out (boxing)

counted out

he was ~, but... (Trump wins Republican primary)

resistance, opposition & defeat / starting, going, continuing & ending: boxing / sports & games

counterattack (verb)

cold counterattacked

then the ~... (Antarctica temperatures fall)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

counterattack (noun)

counterattack

the Embassy began a ~

the besieged politicians have started a ~ (politics)

preparing a counterattack

the gas industry was ~

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: military

counterbalance (verb)

counterbalance his dependence

he is trying to ~ on the US by dealing with China
counterbalance Western media
Al Jazeera was founded to ~
equilibrium & stability: scale / verb
amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale / verb

counterbalance (noun)

counterbalance to industry
the FDA is the ~
counterbalance to the presidency
the Supreme Court is a ~
counterbalance to the US press
Al Jazeera is an excellent ~
counterbalance to the liberal Western order
he wants to establish Russia as a ~ (Putin)
counterbalance to corporate power
unions are a ~
generational counterbalance
the mothers of nominees provided ~ (Academy Awards)

liberal counterbalance
she will serve as a ~ to the conservative wing
amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale
equilibrium & stability: scale

counterweight (noun)

counterweight
the international media is biased, there must be a ~
counterweight against Britain and France
he needed a ~ (Bismarck at the Berlin Conference)
counterweight to Iran
US forces remain as a ~ (on the Arabian Peninsula)
political counterweight
he was there to serve this ~ function (Joe Biden)
amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale
equilibrium & stability: scale

count on (count on me, etc.)

count on me
you can always ~
♦ "You can always count on me, for sure, that's what friends are for." (Dionne Warwick with Gladys Knight, Stevie Wonder, and Elton John. 137 million views and counting.)
♦ "A friend in need is a friend indeed." (This means, "A friend who helps you when you are in great need is a friend indeed. For example, if you need money. But the true friend is the one who will die for you.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: number / verb

coup (power)

coup
I was fired, it was basically a ~ by... (political job)
the impeachment process is a ~ (President Trump)

boardroom coup
the son deposed his father in a ~ (Budweiser beer)
parliamentary coup
the opposition leaders are calling this a ~ (Venezuela)
dismissal, removal & resignation / power: military
coup (achievement)

publicity coup
Kipchoge's achievement is a ~ for Ineos (marathon)
diplomatic coup
the conference was a ~ for Iran
great coup
workers hailed the decision as a ~ (unionization)
pulled off a (massive) coup
the Clippers ~, by signing... (the best free agent / NBA)
achievement, recognition & praise / success & failure: military / violence

coup de grace (deathblow)

coup de grace
facing down Biden was the ~ on her evening (politics)
courtroom coup de grace
his political adversaries were hoping for a ~ (report)
destruction: death & life / violence / weapon

coupled

coupled with love
high expectations ~ is a gift (child-rearing)

division & connection: tools & technology
relationship: tools & technology

courage (groups)

courage not to go
it's about ~ to the Vietnam War... (Ken Burns on Ali)
in awe of my courage
many said they were ~ to follow my dream (female blogger)
find the courage
they had to ~ to come forward (female gymnasts)
♦ "My children can have an example of what courage looks like in real time, not in history." (Dr. Carl L. Hart of Columbia University, author of *Drug Use for Grown-Ups*, about being a regular heroin user.)
♦ A "crass exploitation play... I think this is just a play to pump up the audience, the way lots of things are put on television to attract eyeballs—not because of the validity but because of whatever the kind of gawker factor is." (Bob Costas on Caitlyn Jenner receiving the 2015 Arthur Ashe Courage Award.)
♦ The mascot of the North Carolina Courage, currently based in Cary, North Carolina, is a lioness, to "reflect the team as a group of professional women."

inclusion & exclusion: society

courageous (groups)

"courageous conversations"

the office hosted a series of ~ about race (education)
visible, courageous and present
LBGQT folks have been so ~
call courageous
she put on a performance I think it's safe to ~ (Simon Biles)

inclusion & exclusion: society

courageously

courageously sharing
the NFL family is proud of Carl for ~ his truth (gay)

inclusion & exclusion: society

course (over the course / time)

over the course of the next month
Alabama will experience a steep increase in cases ~
over the course of a month
anxiety following a trauma that fades ~ isn't depression
time: journeys & trips / movement

course (run its course, etc.)

run its course
Carley's relationship with Russ had ~
starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / route / verb / walking, running & jumping

course (on course)

on course for victory
they looked ~ when... (sports)

direction: journeys & trips

course (on a collision course)

on a collision course
the two countries are ~
on a collision course
people and the natural world are ~
on a collision course with his boss
he was ~ (Navy top brass)
on a collision course with the clerics
the royal family is ~ (Saudi)
on a collision course for the finals
they are ~ (two teams)

conflict: crashes & collisions

course (change course, etc.)

course correction
the country is heading in the wrong direction, we need a ~
we can't move forward without a ~ (bribery scandal)
this could create a real ~ in the tech industry (fraud trial)

fresh course
helping convicted felons chart a ~

changed the course
their testimony has ~ of the investigation (police)

chart a (fresh) course
helping convicted felons ~

charted a new course
he has ~ and tacked to the center (politician)

corrected course
the agency has ~ on asylum detentions

change course
he didn't hesitate to ~ (a politician)
we are skeptical that Iran will ~ (diplomacy)

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

course (stay the course)

stay the course
he vowed to ~ (general leading war)
it is unacceptable to ~ (pandemic response)

stays the course
once he makes up his mind, he ~ (businessman)

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

course (reverse course)

change course
he was forced to ~ (government policy)

reversed course
Iran ~ and reopened its nuclear labs
the President ~ and grounded the plane (Boeing problem)

reversal: direction / boat / journeys & trips / map / verb
direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

course (development)

course of the conflict
we cannot predict the length or the ~ (military)

course of the disease
we can sometimes slow the ~
the challenge is to identify patients earlier in the ~

course of HIV infection
the ~ is characterized primarily by latency

course of the war
during the ~ (Gulf War)

disease course
we are here to help them through the ~

relentless course
as the epidemic follows its ~ (AIDS)

length or the course

we cannot predict the ~ of the conflict (military)
follow its (relentless) course
if we sit back and let the epidemic ~...
run its course
the common cold will ~ within seven days

slow the course
we can sometimes ~ of the disease

development: journeys & trips / route

course (course of action, etc.)

course of action
we thought the best ~ was to...
I could think of no other ~
is this the right ~ (government policy)

similar course
see if other schools should follow a ~ (sex ed)

safest and wisest course
the ~ to follow (alcohol and pregnancy)

follow a (similar) course
see if other schools should ~ (same-sex classes)

took the (politically risky) course
he ~ of prosecuting a member of government

direction: journeys & trips

course (course of justice, etc.)

course of justice
he was charged with perverting the ~

take its course
the law must ~

operation: journeys & trips

court (verb)

courting Hispanics with (Spanish) advertising
the company is ~

courting danger with his rhetoric
he is ~ (racist stereotypes)

courting rebellion by pushing ahead
he is ~ with his plan (political party)

courted adventure
when she was young she ~ (hitchhiking, etc.)

court controversy
he has been known to ~ (Joe Rogan)

court (resource-rich) countries
China, India ~ like Nigeria and Kazakhstan

courted death
he ~ with his use of drugs and wild lifestyle

courting (economic) disaster
we are ~

courting its favor
both Democrats and Republicans are ~ (N.R.A.)

courting veterans
for-profit colleges are ~

court the Black vote
Democratic politicians ~ and then fail to follow through

courting (younger) voters
the party is ~ (politics)

courted and won
he ~ popular acceptance (a musician)

actively courted
they ~ publicity (two feuding pop stars)

aggressively courting
he has been ~ endorsements (running for office)

assiduously courted
he has ~ mainstream support (a politician)

feverishly courting
she has been ~ black voters

publicly courting
the president has been ~ him (a politician)

quietly courting
he has been ~ contributors (for a political run)

attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escape: love,
courtship & marriage / verb

court (in the court)

in the world court
they have been convicted ~ of public opinion (doping)

in the (world) court of public opinion
they have been convicted ~ athletes / doping

tried in the court
he has been ~ of public opinion

judgment: justice

court (other)

court of public opinion
the ~ condemned him

judgment: justice

court (the ball is in someone's court)

ball is in Russia's court
(see *ball (the ball is in somebody's court)*)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with &
ignoring things / position, policy & negotiation /
responsibility / social interaction: ball / sports & games

courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.)

Devil's Courthouse
the first person to climb ~ (a rock outcropping)

Majlis al Jinn
the ~ (the assembly of the devils, a cave in Oman)

proper name: infrastructure

courtship (noun)

courtship of Africa

both India and China have stepped up their ~

stepped up their courtship

both India and China have ~ of Africa

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage
pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage
cousin (relationship)

cousin

open-wheel racing and its stock-car ~, NASCAR

cousin of Ebola

Lassa fever is sometimes described as a ~

cousin of estrogen

BPA is a chemical ~

cousin to smallpox

Vaccinia, a ~ which can cause illness

cousin of Turkish

Uighur is a ~, but it's an Arabic script (the language)

dictionary's cousin

it's like the ~ (the thesaurus)

American cousins

our ~ speak the wrong kind of English (Brits)

British cousins

tell our ~ I'll meet them in Eindhoven (WWII)

Nepali cousin

K2 and its ~, Mount Everest

potato cousins

incredible ~ still survive in the Andes (wild potatoes)

chemical cousin

BPA is a ~ of estrogen

EPO and its ~s became rampant in sports

closest cousin

denial is associated with its ~, *addiction*

distant cousin

it's a ~ of true cinnamon (bark of cassia tree)

larger cousin

the mudpuppy looks a lot like its ~, the Eastern Hellbender

older cousin

archaeology and its far ~, tomb robbing

ugly cousin

sarcasm is anger's ~

xenophobic cousin

the lab-leak hypothesis is a ~ to anti-vaxxism and ...

♦ "The mudpuppy is relatively rare and looks a lot like its larger cousin, the Eastern hellbender. (WNC anglers: Seen any mudpuppies lately?" by Karen Chavez, Asheville Citizen-Times, USA TODAY Network, Sunday, December 27, 2020. Hellbenders are also known as "snot otters" and "water dogs.")

person / relationship: family

cover (under cover)

under cover of darkness

the attacks began ~

the convoys move both in daylight and ~ (Iraq)

living under cover

Al-Khilewi, who was granted asylum, is now ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

covered up

covered up

his pedophilia had been known for years but ~ (priest)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

subterfuge: cloth

cover up (verb)

cover up his crime

he smashed his own head and face to ~

covers up violations

Saudi Arabia ~ of human rights abuses

covered up (security) shortcomings

the FAA ~ for years (airports)

covered up (widespread) doping

officials ~ by... (sports)

cover up the killing

their attempts to ~ were unsuccessful (Saudi police)

covered up for the (cheerleader) coach

cops allege the school's principal ~

covered up for him

when they finally did land in court, she ~ (abuse)

cover up for "honor killings"

deaths are ascribed to suicide in order to ~

covered it up

the Army ~ (contamination from weapons depot)

tried to cover up

they ~ what they had done... (tribal vengeance)

he also ~ the crime... (tribal vengeance)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb

subterfuge: cloth / verb

coverup (noun)

cover-up

a ~ to conceal the affair

cover-ups and corruption

investigations marred by official ~ (Mexico)

government coverup
charges of a ~

failed cover-up
prison terms for colluding in the ~ (mine disaster / China)

politically motivated cover-up
a ~

official coverups
investigations marred by ~ and corruption (Mexico)

allegations of a cover-up
officials will investigate the ~ (China / storm)

charges of a (government) coverup
they have been ~

mystery and cover-up
dealing with the UFO ~

denied a cover-up
local officials have ~ (no typhoon warning)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth
subterfuge: cloth

covey (group)

covey of bureaucrats
what's needed is a ~ to better govern the country

covey of (industry) tycoons
a ~ and their wives assembled

group, set & collection: animal / bird

cow (cash cow)

cash cow for universities
online education is a ~

cash cow for publishers
textbooks are the last ~

cash cow of (American) ballet
the Nutcracker is the ~

Boeing's (long term) cash cow
~ is the 737

company's cash cow
the drug is the ~

Microsoft's cash cow
Windows is ~

as a cash cow
he needed Clay ~ and recruitment vehicle (boxer)

♦ "It's bye bye cash cow." (A reference to a boxing promoter and his fighter's shock defeat.)

♦ Asa W. Morris in California owned the legendary Tilly Alcartra, known as "the Queen of Holsteins" for her milk production. Was she a victim of an anthrax outbreak, destroyed and buried along with thousands of others to prevent the spread of that disease?

worth & lack of worth: animal / cows & cattle

cowboy (person)

Cocaine Cowboys
the cartels' ~ turned the market (1970s Florida)

person: animal / cows & cattle / horse
behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control: history / person

cower (verb)

cower in the face of (NCAA) abuses
universities ~ (sports)

cowered before demands
the publishing industry has ~ to cancel books

♦ If a dog can't bite, it licks. (An insult.)

dominance & submission: standing, sitting & lying / verb
courage & lack of courage: bodily reaction / verb

coy (adjective)

coy about the idea
China has been ~ (of an East Asia Community)

coy about the year
she is ~ of her birth

coy on the subject
he has been ~ (about retiring)

a bit coy
he's a ~ about how much he can raise (a politician)

surprisingly coy
politicians can be ~ about asking direct questions

being coy
she is not ~ about wanting to win (a politician)

playing coy
many possible candidates are ~ about running

remaining coy
most potential candidates are ~ for now (presidency)

eagerness & reluctance: love, courtship & marriage

coyote (predation)

gangs of "coyotes"
~ smuggle people in from Mexico

character & personality: animal / person / predation

cozy (adjective)

cozy with Boeing
the FAA was too ~

cozy relationship
he has a ~ with the prince

too cozy
the agency was ~ with the company

feeling, emotion & effect: proximity / temperature
relationship: proximity / temperature

social interaction: proximity / temperature

crab (crab in a bucket, etc.)

crabs in a barrel

oh, ~, I say, to hell with them all (St. Simons Island)

crab mentality

~ is, "If I can't have it neither can you"

crab-basket quarrels

he had managed to avoid the ~ and ignore the slights

crab bucket syndrome

when others hold you back is the ~

♦ Filipinos notice this behavior in the Philippines. Crabs in a bucket or pot instinctively grab at things above them. Thus, no crabs can climb out of a pot.

behavior / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity / unanimity & consensus: animal

crack (attempt)

crack at it

we'll take another ~

attempt: sound

crack (verb)

cracked

their relationship ~ under the pressure

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb

crack (verb / emotion)

cracked

I ~ under the pressure

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / verb

crack (division)

crack

the ~s could widen into a chasm (politics)

crack in the coalition

the Arab League statement is a worrying ~ (Libya)

cracks in (military) solidarity

there have been few ~ (Venezuela political unrest)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

crack (flaw)

cracks

the ~ were beginning to show (troubled corporation)

cracks in Bierenbaum's façade

~ started to appear (surgeon convicted of murder)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

crack (fall through the cracks, etc.)

dropped through the cracks

Cho had ~ of the university bureaucracy

dropped through the cracks

Cho had ~ of the university bureaucracy

fell through the cracks

she ~ (foster system)

slipped through the cracks

he has ~ (terrorist)

many sex sites have ~ (Internet)

failure, accident & impairment: ground, terrain & land / verb

crackdown (noun)

crackdown on corruption

the government has launched a ~

crackdown against (unlicensed) Internet Cafes

authorities kicked off a nationwide ~ (China)

draconian crackdown

he has presided over the most ~ on leaks in US history

coercion & motivation: violence / whip

punishment & recrimination: violence / whip

oppression: violence / whip

crack down (verb)

cracked down on the opposition

the government has ~

cracking down on immigration

they are ~

cracking down on both men

judges are ~ (investigation)

coercion & motivation / oppression / punishment & recrimination: verb / violence / whip

cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)

kill any (climate-change) bill in its cradle

he will ~ if he has a chance (legislator)

strangled in its cradle

Bolshevism must be ~ (Winston Churchill on Russia)

strangle the experiment in its cradle

if nobody watches, it will ~ (TV show)

curtailment / destruction: baby

cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)

coronavirus cradle

Wuhan, the ~, has partially reopened

"Cradle of (U.S. Navy) Aviation"

Pensacola is known as the ~

cradle of Islam

Saudi Arabia is the ~

cradle of civilization

the Caucasus was a ~

cradle of (ancient) civilizations
the plateau is a ~

cradle of (Chinese) civilization
Hubei and Henan provinces, the ~
the Yellow River is known as the ~

cradle of (Serbian) civilization
Serbs claim Kosovo as the ~

cradle of independence
Dolores Hidalgo is known as the ~ (Mexico)

epithet: baby

origin: baby / birth / epithet / sign, signal, symbol

cradle (symbol)

cradle-to-grave
the ~ work force

from the cradle to the grave
she gave advice on problems people face ~

death & life: sign, signal, symbol

craft (ringcraft, etc.)

icecraft
the subtle science of snow and ~ (Sir Edmund Hillary)

junglecraft
he was very adapted at ~ (a Tamil Nadu bandit)

ringcraft
the ~, the intelligence, the mentality... (a boxer)

stagecraft
he is vigilant about the ~ of statecraft (SecDef)

spellcraft
her rigor and ~ (Karina Longworth / podcaster)

spycraft
technology is redefining ~ for a new era

tradecraft
some of the ~ was damn sloppy (CIA)

witchcraft
villagers said it was ~ (Prey Rognieng / Cambodia)

♦ "The ringcraft, the intelligence, the mentality, just think about it."
(Oleksandr Usyk's performance against Anthony Joshua.)

ability & lack of ability: affix

crank up (verb)

cranked up the pressure on the manager
a defeat would have ~ (soccer)

increase & decrease: mechanism / verb

crap (noun)

dog whistle crap
he called concerns about Afghan refugees “~”

♦ "He called worries about Afghan refugees 'dog whistle crap.'" (Gov. Tony Evers of Wisconsin, about the Afghan refugees at Fort McCoy, after 2 refugees were charged with crimes.)

worth & lack of worth: waste

crash (crash and burn)

crash and burn

so what role did he play in making it all ~ (politics)

crashed and burned

you know the Democratic Party has ~ when...

destruction: crashes & collisions / fire / flying & falling / plane / verb

crash (car crash)

car crash of an interview
this was a ~ (sexual abuse)

walked away from more car crashes
he has ~ than any other sitting president

destruction: crashes & collisions

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions

crash (crash down)

came crashing down
she was the youngest female billionaire before it all ~
his empire ~ (a company)

destruction: direction / infrastructure / ruins / verb

crash (crash course, etc.)

crash course
an eight-day ~
he took a ~ in genetics

crash diet
~s can be dangerous

haste: crashes & collisions

crash (population crash, etc.)

crash and bleed-out
what they call the ~ (Ebola virus)

computer crash
the data disappeared after 2 ~s (voting records)

population crash
a ~, part of the natural cycle
likely to cause an unprecedented ~

stock-market crash
the ~

ecological crash
you're going to see an ~ (marmots / Mongolia)

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions

functioning: crashes & collisions

crash-land (verb)

crash-landed on (hard) facts
his theory ~ and common sense

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / plane / verb

crater (verb)

cratered
demand and prices have ~ (oil)

cratered oil prices
massive supply with almost no demand ~ (pandemic)

travel cratered
global ~ during the pandemic

decline: direction / flying & falling / plane / verb

increase & decrease: number

crave (fans crave the bout, etc.)

craved it
the media wanted it, fans ~ (a boxing matchup)

crave stories, memories, (behind-the-scenes) morsels
fans crave ~ (podcasts by athletes)

enthusiasm: addiction / food & drink / health & medicine / verb

crave (verb)

so craves
the legacy he ~ will suffer (sports doping)

craved fame
he ~

enthusiasm / wants, needs, hopes & goals: addiction / food & drink / health & medicine / verb

crawl (activity)

crawling with reporters
our hotel was ~

activity: animal / insect / verb

crawl (time can crawl, etc.)

crawl
boredom makes time ~, interest makes it race

minutes crawled by
the ~

speed: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

time: movement / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

crawl (skin can crawl, etc.)

crawling
my skin is ~ (disgust)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

crawl (noun)

crawl to (Aug. 12) peak
Perseid meteor shower begins slow ~

crawl phase
having accomplished the ~ (military training)

crawl, walk, run (m)
instruction should follow a ~ sequence (military)

news crawl
run a ~ across the bottom of the screen (TV)

slow crawl
Perseid meteor shower begins ~ to Aug. 12 peak

slowed to a crawl
the market for initial public offerings has ~
the storm's movement has ~

slow to a crawl
the ambush was set where the convoy had to ~

brought to a crawl
traffic was ~ in Cincinnati (snow and ice)

movement / speed: walking, running & jumping

craze (noun)

craze of the 80's
the cocaine ~

craze in the 1920s
tree sitting was a national ~, like phone-booth stuffing

craze in Japan
platform shoes are the ~

craze in clothes, music, illegal drugs
the latest teen ~

craze for (sudoku) puzzles
the worldwide ~

cocaine craze
the ~ of the 80's

crossword craze
the First World War was the start of the ~

dance craze
the mambo fueled a brief but intense American ~ (1940s)

fitness craze
cash in on the ~

teen craze
the latest ~ in clothes, music, illegal drugs

cowboy craze
the '80s ~ (urban cowboys)

snake meat craze
snakes are disappearing due to the nationwide ~ (China)

tail-fin craze	crazy and hostile Boston Celtic fans are ~ (NBA)
the designer behind the ~ (cars)	
extreme sports craze	crazy and wild it was ~ (wedding in non-traditional location)
encouraged by the ~	
Internet craze	a little crazy you have to be ~ to do it (ice canoeing / Quebec City)
the ~ is causing distortions	
worldwide craze	too crazy his ideas were rejected as ~ by the grant process (a scientist)
the ~ for sudoku puzzles	
skateboarding craze	stupid, crazy or not cool "gay" as an adjective to describe anybody ~
a few years later the ~ was over	
current craze	wild and crazy he was ~, young and dumb
the ~ is tread and shred (exercising)	
international craze	wild and crazy the NFL has its ~ side
its triumph as a full-blown ~ in the 60's (folk music)	
latest craze	act crazy scream and run or ~ (date-rape-prevention strategies)
the ~ is... (sports)	
national craze	acting crazy you got so many kids out here ~ (South LA gangs)
tree sitting was a ~ in the 1920s, like phone booth stuffing	
new craze	drive me crazy I need a lover who won't ~
platform shoes are the ~ in Japan	
behavior / enthusiasm: mental health	drive you crazy I like to tease you and ~
crazed (sex-crazed)	driving me crazy the itch is ~
sex-crazed	rejected as (too) crazy his ideas were ~ by the grant process (a scientist)
college students are often portrayed as ~	
sex: mental health	behavior: mental health
crazed (crazed fans, etc.)	control & lack of control: mental health
crazed fan	crazy (enthusiasm)
~s scoured the Web ("Blair Witch Project")	crazy about that dog she's ~ (a woman and a pit bull)
cricket-crazed	crazy about her I'm ~ (man about his female friend)
the ~ countries of the former British Empire	crazy about hunting he was ~ and loved to gather trophies
media-crazed	Internet-crazy (m) ~ Americans
the ~ public...	boy crazy girls may become "~~" (preadolescence)
soccer-crazed	goes crazy while the rest of the world ~ over the World Cup
the World Cup is a huge even in ~ countries	♦ The word <i>balletomane</i> comes from the Russian for ballet and mania.
seafood-crazed	behavior / enthusiasm: mental health
in this ~ country, tuna is king (Japan)	crazy (and mad / adverb)
behavior / enthusiasm: mental health	Crazy Delicious
crazy (behavior)	he served as a judge on Netflix's ~
crazy	
you must be ~...	
are you ~ or what...	
crazy to do	
you have to be a little ~ it (ice canoeing / Quebec City)	
crazy boss	
coping with a ~	

mad funny
he called him a snake ~ bc (because)...

superlative: part of speech

crazy (as noun)

in between the crazy
~, she likes to... (biography of mom with 3 kids)

battled his crazy
AB's talent has constantly ~ for years (NFL player)

understand crazy
you can't ~ (Nashville suicide bomber)

character & personality: part of speech

cream (superlative)

cream of (Irish country music) artists
Daniel O'Donnell introduces the ~

France's intellectual *crème de la crème*
~ have attended the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration

superlative: food & drink

creature (creature of habit, etc.)

creature of his era
he was a ~ (Frank Kameny)

creature of habit
he is a ~

creature of Fleet Street
a former ~ ... (a new TV interviewer)

creature of the theater
he was a ~ (George M. Cohan)

creatures of their own time
like Luther, they were ~ (slavery and Southern Baptists)

funny creatures
actors are ~ ("My dear boy, why don't you try acting?")

rare creature
she's a Beethoven figure, a genius, a ~ (precocious student)

unique creature
he was a ~ in absolutely every department (Marlon Brando)

♦ "Crowds are very dynamic creatures and can change rapidly." (A bullet point on a Minneapolis Police training slide.)

character & personality / identity & nature / taxonomy & classification: animal / creature

creature comfort

creature comforts
our campsite and all its ~ (Mt. Everest guided trip)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: creature

creep (mission creep, etc.)

mission creep
there's a real ~ in what tech companies are doing

"torture creep"
interrogators get sneaky, thus ~

♦ In *Churchill: Walking With Destiny*, Andrew Roberts says that Churchill, in 1940, "vigilantly guarded against *mission-creep*." That phrase struck a very wrong note with me. Luckily, Wikipedia has an entry: "The phrase first appeared in 1993, in articles published in the *Washington Post* and in the *New York Times* concerning the United Nations peacekeeping mission during the Somali Civil War." Roberts could have put the phrase in quotation marks, or added "in what is today called X," as he rightly did when he used "groupthink" in another part of his book, but for some reason he didn't. This is an example of presentism.

increase & decrease: movement

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

creep (verb)

creep westward
the storm continues to ~ at 1 mph (hurricane)

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

speed: verb / walking, running & jumping

creep up (numbers)

crept up
gradually the thermometer ~ towards -20 degrees C.

increase & decrease: number

crescendo (noun)

crescendo of anti-abortion legislation
the Alabama law tops a ~

steady crescendo
the ~ of questions led him to release a statement...

amount & effect: music / sound

development: music / sound

cricket (sound)

clackers or "crickets"
whistles, bells, sirens, ~, and horns (military signals)

sound: insect

crickets (silence)

crickets
no blacks were involved, so ~

crickets chirping
hello, where are you on this violence, ~ (criticism)

crickets on the Supreme Court
but after the decision, it was essentially ~ (gun rights)

♦ The slang expression "crickets" has come to mean silence, based on the sound of crickets in films to indicate dead silence.

♦ Bailey Olive: "In the last two days there has been a mass shooting in Chicago and Philadelphia, too but they are, like this one, not one white involved, so crickets." / Bluejay to Bailey Olive: "Did you hear that from voices in your head?" / bibileeexpert to Bailey Olive: "So crickets? Then how did you find out about them?"

♦ "But after the landmark decision and an adjunct case two years later, it was essentially crickets at the court on the subject of how far states may go in regulating guns." (Nina Totenberg, "High Court To Hear 1st Major Gun Rights Case In More Than A Decade, NPR, Morning Edition, April 27, 2021.)

♦ "As Carole sat down at the grand piano... and curled her hands over the keys, the noise receded to cricket-hearing silence." (The great Carole King. From *Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

sound: film / insect

cri de cœur

wake-up call, cri de cœur, call to arms

his book is a ~ (about language)

appeal: heart / sound / speech

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart / sound / speech

crime (fashion crime, etc.)

no crime

it's ~ to be selfish sometimes

it's ~ for those who were right to feel a little superior

fashion crime

wearing socks with sandals is considered a ~

judgment: crime / justice

cringe (and cringe-worthy)

cringe

the writing is usually ~ (by non-specialists)

cringe comedy

~, without the laughs (a review of a movie)

cringe-worthy

the ~ beginnings of a relationship

the video was criticised as being tone deaf and ~

so cringe

this is ~ (Kahn pose in NYT mag photo)

laugh and cringe

what makes you ~ reveals your hidden biases

makes some cringe

a 9/11 key chain ~ (9/11 Memorial's store)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / gesture

cripple (verb)

cripples networks

they sow malware that ~ (ransomware gangs)

crippled the city

23 inches of snow ~

cripple his presidency

Biden's critics say this will ~ (Afghanistan withdrawal)

crippling our society

unemployment is ~

functioning: health & medicine / movement / verb

crippled

crippled by (economic and political) troubles

Zimbabwe remains ~

crippled reactor

the damage at the ~ is worse than thought

remains crippled

Zimbabwe ~ by economic and political troubles

functioning: health & medicine / movement

crippling

crippling blow

his death dealt a ~ to his network (a terrorist)

crippling fear

~s of loss and disaster (children of divorce)

crippling poverty

the ~ among mountain people (United Nations)

crippling, paralyzing (m)

I do not favor ~ sanctions (Russian President)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

crisis (mid-life crisis)

unpredictable mid-life crisis

democracy isn't dying, but it's having an ~

growth & development: death & life

Cromwellian (adjective)

Cromwellian air

his railings lent a ~ to his leadership (mixed swimming)

oppression: allusion / history

comparison & contrast: affix

crooked (adjective)

crooked

the election was ~

crooked books

crooked auditors certified the ~

crooked business

insurance is a ~

crooked cops

the force must root out ~

crooked dealer

~s take advantage of young soldiers (autos)

crooked employers

~ pay less, and make workers work more

crooked governors

two ~ in a row have been sent to prison (Illinois)

crooked politician

~s steal our money

straight and crooked

he knew the difference between ~ work (a farmer)

behavior / character & personality: direction

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction

crop (noun)

crop of (American) offspring
the first postwar ~

good crop
we've got a ~ that's just behind her (boxing prospects)

growth & development / product: farming & agriculture

crop up (verb)

cropped up in its Proton rockets
the Russians must fix problems that have ~

problem cropped up
the ~ just hours before liftoff (space shuttle)

questions crop up
legal ~, too

continually crop up
look for keywords that ~ in ads

appearance & disappearance: farming & agriculture / plant / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

cross (a bridge can cross)

bridge crosses the river
a ~ there

fictive motion: verb

crossfire (noun)

rhetorical crossfire
the purpose of the bill has been lost in the ~

conflict: weapon

cross hair (in the cross hairs)

in the cross hairs
another Arab dictator is ~ (Bashar al-Assad of Syria)
he is ~ (a wanted terrorist)

in the crosshairs of a (Justice Department) lawsuit
Google is ~

in the crosshairs of the woke mob
I realize I'm ~ right now (NFL's Aaron Rodgers)

in the crosshairs of the NCAA
it's not the first time USC's basketball program has been ~

in regulators' crosshairs
the firm is ~ (for fraud)

in the (trade war) crosshairs
the company is ~

in our crosshairs
he's ~ (a pedophile)

found himself in the crosshairs
he has ~ between the left and the right over... (economy)

end up in the crosshairs

I don't want to ~ of somebody who wants to clean house

♦ In 2011 in the US, the figurative versus literal meaning of this word caused a political controversy when the politician Gabby Giffords was shot. The opposition had indicated her district on a map with a cross-hairs icon. In 2019, Roger Stone apologized to Judge Amy Berman Jackson for posting an Instagram photo of her next to a rifle scope's crosshair. In 2022, a court heard a case involving the original icon and *The New York Times*. The USS *Gabrielle Giffords* is named after Gabby Giffords, and her husband is Mark Kelly, astronaut. The original shooter was mentally ill, with access to a gun.

♦ "Trump in the Crosshairs: Will the former President be prosecuted?" by Jane Mayer, A Reporter at Large, *The New Yorker*, March 22, 2021.)

target: weapon

cross-pollination

cross-pollination
there's so much ~, hyping each other (Black Hollywood)

cross-pollination of languages
the natural ~ where they intersect

growth & development / transmission: insect / plant

crossroad (Crossroads of the World, etc.)

Crossroads of the World
the ~ was packed with tourists and revelers (Times Square)

place: epithet

crossroad (at a crossroad)

at a crossroads

his career is ~
the South was ~ (Civil War)
South Sudan is ~ (elections for secession)
America is ~ (midterm elections)

at a political crossroads

he finds himself ~ (president)

at a crossroads of his presidency
he is ~

at the (strategic) crossroads of Europe and Asia
Adrianople, ~

stands at a crossroads

the US ~ (support or non-support for dictators)

♦ "We're at a crossroad, and there is a right side." (Wearing masks during the COVID pandemic.)

alternatives & choices: journeys & trips

development / direction: journeys & trips

crossroad (other)

crossroads in his life
he'd reached a gloomy ~

crossroads moment
the government is at a ~ (crisis)

gloomy crossroads
he'd reached a ~ in his life

reached a (gloomy) crossroads
he'd ~ in his life

alternatives & choices / development / direction: journeys & trips

crow (verb)

crowed that

he ~ he had forced the president to decide (politics)

crowning about its (online holiday) sales

the company was ~

◆ "Kahgahgee, the King of Ravens, / With his band of black marauders."
("The Song of Hiawatha.")

speech: bird / verb

crown (superlative)

'worst traffic' crown

~ passes from L.A. to new city (New York-Newark)

jewels in the crown

they are the ~ of public education (elite NYC high schools)

contending for that crown

Don Bongino is ~ (king of right-wing media)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superlative: royalty

crowned (verb)

crowned at the (party) convention

the eventual Democratic nominee will be ~ in July

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity royalty

crown jewel

crown jewel of their empire

the building is the ~ (a business)

crown jewel of the system

Banff is the ~ (Canadian National Park)

superlative / worth & lack of worth: royalty

crucible (noun)

crucible of anxiety

how to handle the ~ (college admissions)

crucible of power

Kandahar has been the main ~ in Afghanistan since...

crucible of suffering

in this ~ (Arctic exploration)

crucible of (free-market) thought

he got his degree from the University of Chicago, the ~

crucible of (Nobel Prize) Winners

the *Institut Curie* became a ~, producing 4 more

crucible for young actors

it was a noted ~ (the Pasadena Playhouse / Hoffman, etc.)

war's (hottest) crucible

the British were sent into the ~ (Sangin, Afghanistan)

environment: container / fire / manufacturing / temperature

crucified

crucified by the media

she has been ~

♦ "In the old days, Yamamoto would have had to commit ritual disembowelment." / "No, he wouldn't have been given the honor! He would simply have been crucified!" ("The Emperor's Code: Breach Of Protocol Spurs Debate in Japan" by Lucy Craft, Nov. 13, 2013.)

accusation & criticism: religion / violence

punishment & recrimination: religion / violence

crucify (verb)

crucify him

the media will be quick to ~ when his form dips (soccer)

crucify me

they are going to ~ this season (on a reality show)

I feel like this town is gonna ~ (murder trial)

accusation & criticism: religion / verb / violence

punishment & recrimination: religion / verb / violence

crude (speech)

crude language

he used ~ to deride the investigation (politics)

he used unusually ~ for a public appearance (politician)

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: materials & substances

cruel (adjective)

cruel disease

it's a ~, but it was especially cruel to him (AIDS)

cruel sea

they face the ~

cruel sport

it's true, it's a ~ (a boxing career)

Cruel Way

Everest the ~ by Joe Tasker (a book)

cruel and absurd

life is ~

unjust, cruel

an ~ world

character & personality / oppression: person

crumb (amount)

crumb of comfort

if the team were looking for a ~... (loss)

amount: food & drink

crumble (verb)

crumbled

their relationship has ~ (enmity)

in 1968, the Democratic Party ~ (Nixon elected)

crumbling
the regime is ~ (protests)

life crumbled
my ~

marriage (to Charlie) was crumbling
her ~ (the great Carole King)

began to crumble
in the off-season, his world ~ (troubled pro athlete)
his world ~ last October, when...

decline / destruction / failure, accident & impairment:
erosion / ruins / verb

crunch (crunch time)

crunch time
in terms of the school year, it's ~ (tests)
as we head into November, ~ (college football)
it was ~, end of the month (military recruitment)
this is ~, we're in the home stretch (election campaigning)

crunch time in the fields
it's ~ (harvesting Christmas trees)

crunch time in college football
it's ~

comes down to crunch time
I think when it ~ he will choose... (athlete must pick college)

situation: pressure

timeliness & lack of timeliness: pressure

crunch (cash crunch, etc.)

budget crunch
most states are in the middle of a horrific ~

cash crunch
the agency found itself in a ~

power crunch
the ~ has eased (after previous rolling power outages)

stave off a cash crunch
options to ~ include bankruptcy protection

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: pressure
timeliness & lack of timeliness: pressure

crunch (crunch the data)

crunch the data
the pandemic may have peaked, depending on how you ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb

crusade (on a crusade)

on a crusade to document
he is ~ under age model sites (porn)

campaign: Middle Ages / religion
message: Middle Ages / religion

crusade (in a crusade)

act in (his anti-government) crusade
it was the final ~ (Oklahoma City bombing)

engaged in an (undercover) crusade
she has ~ to document teen porn sites

campaign: Middle Ages / religion
message: Middle Ages / religion

crusade (noun)

crusade to improve
her ~ the city parks she loved (M.M. Graff / NYC)

crusade of violence
a ~, intimidation and harassment (animal rights)

crusade for a bargeway
the ~ on the Red River

crusade for Ms. Katz
finding terrorists has become a ~ (on Internet)

mothers' crusade
the ~ (to find serial killer of their daughters)

anti-government crusade
it was the final act in his ~ (Oklahoma City bombing)

anti-bullying crusade
an ~ (schools)

anti-cockfighting crusade
successful ~s in Missouri and Arizona

moral crusade
a harsh and intolerant ~

personal crusade
he used his seniority to further his ~s (politician)

political crusade
a grieving mother's ~ (son killed in Iraq)

signature crusade
he made health-care reform the ~ of his career

successful (anti-cockfighting) crusade
~s in Missouri and Arizona

undercover crusade
she has engaged in an ~ to document... (teen porn)

unlawful crusade
stop an ~ of violence, intimidation, harassment

harsh and intolerant (moral) crusade
a ~

crusade has sparked a backlash
his ~ (make school lunches more healthful)

engaged in an (undercover) crusade
she has ~ to document... (teen porn)

campaign: Middle Ages / religion
message: Middle Ages / religion

crusader (role)

crusaders for change

articulate ~ (victims of child abuse by clergy)

crusader for peace

she is a ~ (against war in Iraq)

crusader for human rights and harmony

he was a ~ among creeds and races (Tutu)

crusader for miners' rights

Mother Jones, a ~

environmental crusader

Erin Brockovich, the ~ who...

anti-drug crusader

Angela Dawson was an ~ (East Baltimore)

campaign: Middle Ages / person / religion

message: Middle Ages / person / religion

person: religion

crush (love)

crush on him

I had the biggest ~

feeling, emotion & effect: force / love, courtship & marriage

crush (destroy)

crushed Brazil 3-0

France ~ in the final (soccer)

crush (Chechnya's) bid

the latest campaign to ~ for independence

crush dissent

the government justifies the tactics it uses to ~

crushed (political) protest

he has ~ (King Mswati)

crush the rebels

Ethiopian officials vowed to ~ (Ogadenis)

crush the rebellion

the government vows to ~ (in Darfur)

crushed the revolt

Hussein's loyal military units ~ (Iraq / Shiites)

crush the uprising

a swift military response would ~

vowed to crush

Ethiopian officials ~ the rebels

destruction: fist / hand / verb

crush (confidence, spirit, etc.)

crushes (a child's) confidence

nothing ~ faster than unkind words

crush the human spirit

realities in life that almost ~

feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: destruction / hand / verb

crush (verb / accomplishment)

crushed it

he is like the first famous Cuban in the US that ~ (Desi Arnaz of *I Love Lucy*)

crushing it

we are ~ in the five-star-review game (a hair product)
N.K. Jemisin is ~ (Hugo Award winner)

crushing the market

these German hearing aids are ~ (an internet ad)

crushing that market

SpaceX is ~ (space)

♦ "They are killing it, they are crushing KFC." (Chick-fil-A versus Kentucky Fried Chicken, according to a professor of marketing at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, also known as Wharton Business School. The University of Pennsylvania is a private Ivy League university in Philadelphia, established in 1881.)

♦ "Science is awesome, now go crush that test." (The 2009 film *Fired Up!*)

♦ "7-year-old girl who slayed the makeup game is back." (An online ad from Brightly Creative.)

success & failure: death & life / fist / force / hand / verb

crushed (feeling)

crushed

when she heard the restaurant had closed, she was ~
I was ~ (gay coach loses support)

feeling, emotion & effect: force

crushed (destroyed)

had been crushed

how I felt like all of my dreams ~

must be crushed

stubbornness ~, and crushed it shall be (kids)

destruction: force

crushing (adjective)

crushing blows

a string of ~ to this community

crushing (debt) burden

she couldn't get out from under her ~

crushing debt

they are in ~ and facing financial ruin

crushing defeat

Stalingrad ended in a ~ for the Germans

destruction: force

crutch (noun)

crutch

sleep is a ~ (military-training bravado)

crutch of metaphor

people lean on the ~ (technology)	it ~ (immigration policy)
victim crutch we'd be far better off without the ~ (race)	cried out for a canal the narrow isthmus for centuries ~ (Corinth)
permanent crutch a crutch can become a ~ (controlled economies)	crying out for a Grelish I think this game is ~ (Euro 2020 final)
lean on the crutch people ~ of metaphor (technology)	cried out for a (legal) remedy the injustice ~
use genetics as a crutch alcoholics ~ to explain their behavior	crying out for positive stories and new stars athletics is ~ (running)
turned assistance into a crutch the welfare state has ~	appeal: speech / verb fictive communication: speech / verb
amelioration & renewal / dependency / help & assistance: standing, sitting & lying	crystal ball
cry (verb)	crystal ball I don't have a ~ (speaking about what might happen) stock analysts are fortunetellers looking into ~s
cried the Chicago Herald and Examiner "Radio Fake Scares Nation," ~	fate, fortune & chance / future: magic
♦ see also <i>scream (scream "premium," etc.)</i>	time: magic
♦ "Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," declared <i>The New York Times</i> . "Radio Fake Scares Nation," cried the <i>Chicago Herald and Examiner</i> . "US Terrorized By Radio's 'Men From Mars,'" said the <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> . ("The Halloween myth of the War of the Worlds panic" by Professor W Joseph Campbell, BBC, 30 October 2011.)	cub (noun)
fictive communication: speech / verb	cub reporter I was a ~ at the time (mid-70s England)
cry (cry foul, etc.)	experience: animal / wolf
crying foul Democrats are ~	cudgel (noun)
resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb	cudgel against people of color when civility is used as a ~
speech: sound	political cudgel they use the term as a ~ against liberals (<i>cancel culture</i>)
cry (cry for help)	rhetorical cudgel the word <i>socialism</i> has often been used as a kind of ~ (US)
heartbreaking cry for help a ~	turned into this kind of a cudgel eventually the term was ~ and mockery (<i>politically correct</i>)
appeal: speech	wielded COVID-19 as a cudgel he ~ against China (Trump)
cry (rallying cry)	coercion & motivation: speech / violence / weapon oppression: speech / violence / weapon
rallying cry "economic empowerment" has become the ~ its "best in the world" ~ (U.S. Olympic skiing team)	cue (noun)
rallying cry in education the ~ has been...	taken cues from Trump his campaign has ~
appeal: military	repetition / script / unanimity & consensus: theater
crybaby (person)	cul-de-sac
crybaby don't be a ~	cul de sac his job was another ~ for him (unable to be creative)
behavior / person: baby	gone down cul-de-sacs they've got it wrong, taken wrong turns, ~ (a company)
growth & development: baby / death & life	success & failure: journeys & trips
cry out (verb)	failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips
cries out for attention	

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

cull (noun)

cull

the ~ includes plans to... (news job cuts)

BBC's (brutal) cull

~ (headline / 450 job cuts)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal

cull (verb)

cull the (primary) field

Iowa will ~ (2020 election caucus)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / verb

cult (noun)

cult of the outlaw

its air of Western romance and ~ (Wyoming)

group, set & collection / reverence: religion

cult (cult following, etc.)

cult following

the film has a ~ (*Caddyshack*)

enthusiasm: religion

cultivate (verb)

cultivates allies

he assiduously ~ (a promoter and businessman)

cultivated a (laissez-faire) approach

the unit ~ (psychiatric ward)

cultivate the habit

~ of proper hand washing

cultivated that image

he probably ~ (James Le Mesurier / T. E. Lawrence)

cultivated informants

he ~ on the streets (military intelligence)

cultivating a relationship

the Russian agent was ~ with a prominent Democrat (US)

cultivate (long-term) relationships

~ with preferred customers

cultivated a role

she ~ of her own (versus her husband's role)

cultivate their (financial) support

we must grow our audience and ~ (WBUR)

cultivate a (less conformist) taste

give her the courage to ~ (teens)

cultivate trust

the killings are a blow to the alliance's efforts to ~

cultivated a circle of (devoted) friends

she ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

cultivated

carefully cultivated

their ~ image was exposed (royals)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

curate (verb)

curate lists

sites like MTV ~ (of songs)

curates the narrative

he carefully ~ around his exploits to enlarge them

curated NPR's home page

he wrote and edited feature news coverage and ~

studied and curated

at the Harvard College Observatory, women ~ the night sky

♦ The Merriam-Webster online site has an excellent article in its Usage Notes entitled, "Can You 'Curate' Anything? Or can it only be art?"

♦ "I curated it like I curate a show or DJ gig." (Questlove, touting his documentary *The Summer of Soul.*)

♦ Some internet language is just odd. Like, "Curating 'friendscapes' post-Covid..."

group, set & collection: picture / verb

curated

curated for you

trending meme templates, ~

curated by NPR

great reads, thoughtfully ~ (the Books We Love)

curated list

we create a ~ of 100 books (a reader poll)

artistically curated

young people crowd its ~ cafes (Matanzas, Cuba)

highly curated

the duo is building ~ pop sounds (Magdalena Bay)

lovingly curated

On Girlhood is a ~ anthology celebrating... (Liveright)

perfectly-curated

the ~ Instagram profile of the wellness blogger

group, set & collection: picture

curb (kick something to the curb)

kicked to the curb

executives are now ~ for bullying (toxic workplaces)

dismissal, removal & resignation: waste

curdle (corruption)

curdled

on her second day, however, the atmosphere ~

curdled into arrogance

his confidence ~ (a politician)

curdled into queasiness
my initial excitement ~

curdle into resentment
their joy will ~ (sports fans)

corruption: food & drink / verb

cure (verb)

cures
spanking causes more problems than it ~

cure the men of their loneliness
the bar scene fails to ~

"cure" homosexuality
you can't ~

cures problems
aid often causes rather than ~ (in Africa)

♦ "But talking cures no ills..."

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

cure (noun)

cure
the ~ would be worse than the disease (solution)

cure for boredom
poor, uneducated youths use heroin as a ~ (Butuo)

cure for (the world's) problems
a ~

magic cure
there is no ~ (for kid fire-setting behavior)

miracle cure
there's no ~ on the horizon (brain tumors)

disagree on the cure
experts and leaders ~ (world economy)

use heroin as a cure
poor uneducated youths ~ for boredom (Butuo)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

cure-all

technological cure-all
all too often planners seek ~s (computer security)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

curiouser and curioser

curiouser and curioser
it was all about to get ~

♦ This is an allusion to *Alice in Wonderland*.

♦ "Although the weather was growing rapidly colder, no winter clothing had been received from London. Many units were now at half strength or less, the remaining soldiers reduced to skin and bone. The guns were rationed to two shells a day. Munro's first sight of Suvla Bay confirmed his worst fears. 'Like Alice in wonderland,' he was heard to murmur, 'curiouser and curioser.' The following day he sent Kitchener his recommendation." (Lt. Gen. Sir Charles Munro had been sent to advise

on whether the Gallipoli Peninsula should be evacuated or not. From *The Middle Sea* by the wonderful historian John Julius Norwich.)

♦ "Large animals that hopped, foxes that flew, fish that climbed—this was the world of Edward Lear and his *Book of Nonsense*." (Cook and his men in Australia, on first contact with kangaroos, flying foxes, and mud-skippers. From *The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead. *The Book of Nonsense* by Edward Lear was published in 1846. *Alice in Wonderland* was published in 1865.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / books & reading

allusion: books & reading

currency (worth)

currency in its negotiations
China can use its relationship with Korea as ~ with the US

gaining currency
terms like "systemic racism" are finally ~, thank goodness

worth & lack of worth: money

current (swim with the current, etc.)

swimming with the scientific currents
Newton was ~ of his time (vs. Galileo)

orientation: direction / river

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / orientation / river

current (swim against the current, etc.)

beat on against the current
I applaud women like Hou who ~ (competitive chess)

swim against the current

he had to ~ his entire life
they thought he would somehow ~ (have just one wife)

swim against the current of chaos

how is it possible to ~ in life and still remain calm

swim against the current fiscally

the economy has shrunk, so it is hard to ~, so to speak

orientation: direction / river

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / orientation / river

current (noun)

current of racism
the underlying ~ is still very real

deep current

a ~ of fear is running through Iraq's Christian minority

force: river

current (feeling)

current passes
no ~ between this Macbeth and Lady Macbeth (Coen's film)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.)

Curse of the Bambino

the ~ finally ended in 2004 (Boston)

Curse of the Billy Goat

the ~ mortified Cubs fans for decades (Chicago)

Curse of Caricola

the club has since been haunted by the ~ (own goal)

fate, fortune & chance: epithet

curse (noun)

curse

the bureaucracy, already a ~, is getting worse (Russia)
it's my gift, and my ~ (an athlete about his personality)

curse of Somalia

clan rivalries have been the ~

curse of capitalism

materialism is the ~

curse of the taigá

the ~, flies (gnus / Ussuria)

oil's (historic) curse

~ (a hollow economic boom, followed by bust)

salmon's curse

it is the ~ to be so nutritious (bears, eagles, etc.)

resource curse

Venezuela suffers from the ~ (has energy, blackouts)
break the so-called ~ (wealth siphoned off by corruption)

blessing and a curse

these gems have been a ~ (Sierra Leone diamonds)
the annual rains are a ~ for the subcontinent (monsoon)

gift and a curse

having a good platoon, it's both a ~ (combat medic)

break the (Alabama) curse

it seemed Georgia would not be able to ~ (2022 / football)

break the (so-called) resource curse

~ (mineral wealth siphoned off by corruption)

comes with a curse

many believe the position ~ (Grateful Dead keyboardist)

affliction: magic / religion

fate, fortune & chance: magic / religion

cursed

cursed with allergies

I am ~

cursed with droughts

the area is ~

cursed by weak leadership

the country is ~

cursed team

it seemed that Brazil was a ~ (soccer)

seemingly cursed

she belongs to a ~ family

felt cursed

he ~ by the poker gods

affliction: magic / religion

fate, fortune & chance: magic / religion

curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back)

pull back the curtain

he is expected to ~ on the president's business dealings

pulled back the curtain on his secret life

the video has ~

pulled back the curtain on dozens

he ~ of failed analyses (scientist)

pulled back the curtain on spycraft

he wrote novels that ~ to reveal how things really got done

pulled the curtain back on who

this database ~ was responsible (corporate opioid pushing)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / theater

curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.)

con man behind the curtain

Americans have now seen the ~ (politics)

♦ This is a reference to *The Wizard of Oz*.

subterfuge: allusion / cloth / film

curtain (lower the curtain, etc.)

final curtain

this might be the ~ for the Gypsy King (final fight)

lower the curtain on his (half-century) career

it's just about time to ~ in American politics (election)

dismissal, removal & resignation: theater

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

curtain (curtain wall, etc.)

curtain walls

old castles and modern buildings may utilize ~

protection & lack of protection / resemblance: cloth

curtain call

made a curtain call

he ~ and tipped his hat (baseball)

brought winter back for a curtain call

the spring snowstorm ~

appearance & disappearance: theater

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: theater

curtain raiser (noun)

last night's curtain raiser

after ~, VAR took center-stage (start of soccer season)

season curtain-raiser

Iowa is the primary season ~ (US elections)

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

curve (behind / ahead of the curve)

ahead of the curve

we have been ~

stay ahead of the curve

we need to ~ (deep-fake videos / fake news)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: geometry

curveball (noun)

curve ball

this a ~ that we don't believe they saw coming

throws a curveball

nature always ~ (Covid vaccine)

failure, accident & impairment: ball / baseball / sports & games

cushion (verb)

cushion the blow

the official tried to ~ (son grievously wounded in war)

amelioration & renewal / attenuation: hardness & softness

cushion (noun)

cash cushion

corporations are sitting on ~s

economic cushion

his savings provided him with an ~

financial cushion

did you save a ~ for yourself

amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness

cusp (on the cusp)

on the cusp of adulthood

her child died ~

she plays high schoolers ~ (an actor)

on the cusp of (finally) getting

Golding was ~ a book deal (*Lord of the Flies*)

proximity: astronomy / star

division & connection: astronomy / star

custodian (role)

custodian of this democracy

we should expect the president to be the ~

custodians of hope

we can be ~ (environmental activism)

custodian of this lost history

she saw herself as a ~

♦ "Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques" is a Wikipedia entry.

help & assistance: infrastructure / person

cut (road cuts, etc.)

cut inland

the Via Appia itself ~ and headed further east

fictive motion / resemblance: blade / knife / verb

cut (a person from a team, etc.)

cut Hernandez

the Patriots ~ (NFL team and player)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife

cut (budget cuts, etc.)

deep cuts

he wants to make ~ in programs for the poor

curtailment: ax / blade / knife

cut (cut the budget, etc.)

cut taxes

he wants to ~ (a politician)

curtailment: ax / blade / knife / verb

cut (cut both ways)

cuts both ways

the Western concept ~ (human rights)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / knife

cut (a thousand cuts)

death by a thousand cuts

he's suffering ~ (a prosecutor with weak case)

a ~ is the future (restricting right to abortion)

suicide by a thousand cuts

the company is committing ~ (failing)

♦ This references an *actual* form of torture. See the Wikipedia entry "Lingchi."

affliction: blade / knife

cut off (verb)

cut off (diplomatic) relations

Venezuela ~ Colombia

curtailment: blade / knife / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife / verb

cut off (speech)

cut me off

I tried to tell her but she ~

speech: blade / knife / verb

cut short (verb)

cut short

his life was tragically ~

curtailment: blade / farming & agriculture / knife / verb

cutthroat (competition)

cutthroat behemoth

antitrust regulators depict it as a ~ (a tech company)

cutthroat business

back then in Russia, it was a ~ (oil)

cutthroat game

he wasn't there to play the ~ (Survivor)

cutthroat world

in the ~ of college admission applications

allegiance, support & betrayal: blade / knife / violence

behavior: blade / knife / violence

competition: blade / knife / violence

cutting edge (on the cutting edge)

on the cutting edge

Californians are ~ (exercises)

on the cutting edge of outbreak surveillance

the Medical Center is ~

driving force: blade

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: blade

cutting edge (other)

cutting-edge drug

a ~ like Zofran

cutting-edge field

the ~s of computer engineering

cutting-edge research

the chase to produce ~

cutting edge can grow dull

his life reminds us that the ~ (Hugh Hefner)

driving force: blade

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: blade

cyclone (noun)

cyclone of chaos

disinformation experts are bracing for a fresh ~

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

Cyclops (creature)

Cyclops eye

the dim ~ of the military

♦ "[The Soviets] turned the dim Cyclops eye of their military on the people themselves. They destroyed any village the mujahidin were spotted in. They carpet-bombed the Panjshir Valley..." (From *Fire* by Sebastian Junger, the chapter entitled "The Lion In Winter (2001)," about the great Ahmad Shah Masoud, the Lion of Panjshir.)

♦ In the *Odyssey*, Odysseus outwits the Cyclops Polyphemus and ends up blinding him, in a great win for the "nobodies."

allusion: books & reading

oppression: allusion / books & reading / creature / eye /

Iliad & Odyssey

cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.)

firing on all cylinders

the team was ~ (won championship game)

imagine Tyson ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

we weren't ~ (a relationship)

it was a fantastic month, the economy was ~

functioning: engine / mechanism

czar (and tsar)

climate tsar

John Kerry, the Biden administration's ~

coronavirus czar

Dr. Ashish Jha, new White House ~

anti-trust tsar

the president might create an ~ (and break up Big Tech)

cybersecurity czar

Dick Clarke, a former ~

Covid-testing Czar

Dr. Tom Inglesby, the ~ at the White House

power: history / person / government

D

dagger (insert the dagger, etc.)

dagger to this Cameroon side

that is a ~ (third English goal in World Cup)

dagger blows

we must deal sharp ~ to the terrorists

3-point dagger

he sealed the deal with a ~ with 5 seconds left (basketball)

inserted the dagger

he ~ with a 15-foot-jumper (basketball)

put the dagger in

you get a chance to shoot the three, ~ (basketball)

♦ "Out here, people had a smile on their face and a dagger behind their back." (Bigotry and discrimination.)

♦ "Quoted sources suggested... that more than one knife was out for him." (PM Boris Johnson / politics.)

♦ "Antwerp was often described as a 'dagger pointed at the heart of England.'" (The Napoleonic wars.)

♦ "Korea is a dagger pointed at the heart of Japan." (Japan fights Russia for control of the Korean Peninsula during the Russo-Japanese War.)

♦ "Those who stormed this Capitol, and those who instigated and incited, and those who called on them to do so, held a dagger at the throat of America, and American democracy... I will stand in this breach, I will defend this nation, I'll allow no one to place a dagger at the throat of democracy." (President Joe Biden, in a speech on January 6th, 2022.)

♦ A rich, stupid city man insulted a Bedouin. Twenty years later, the Bedouin wiped the man's blood from his dagger, thinking regrettfully, "Why was I in such a hurry to kill him?"

destruction / feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / knife / violence / weapon

dam (psychological dam, etc.)

air dam

shave one inch off their front ~ (NASCAR)

deflection dams

avalanche fences and ~

dental dams

male condoms, ~, and female condoms (public health)

psychological dam

a flood of memories burst through the ~ he had built

♦ "I could feel the unity of tens of millions of brothers and sisters, rising to join the fight, creating a living dam to block the invaders' path..." (Vasily Grossman, author of *Life and Fate*.)

♦ "I was a dam-builder / cross a river deep and wide / where steel and water did collide / a place called Boulder on the wild Colorado / I slipped and fell into the wet concrete below / they buried me in that great tomb that knows no sound / but I am still around..." (YouTube. "The Highwaymen—Highwayman" (American Outlaws: live at Nassau Coliseum, 1990.)

obstacles & impedance: dam / river / water

constraint & lack of constraint: dam / river / water

dam (water over the dam)

water over the dam

technically all of us are living on Indian land, but it's ~

past & present: dam / movement / river / water

time: dam / movement / river / water

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: dam / movement / river / water

damage (collateral damage)

collateral damage

we don't want to talk about the ~ he has done (behavior)

collateral damage in trade wars

farmers are tired of being ~

cultural collateral damage

the ~ was felt at the orchestra (tour cancelled)

♦ "Brady just happened to be the blowback. He got caught up in the blowback, Skip, the collateral damage, that's what Brady is. And so, it was a blast radius. He dropped the bomb, 'I got BA [Bruce Arians], I got the Tampa medical staff, I got...' and Tom Brady and Guerrero, they got caught up in that, Skip, the blast radius. (Shannon Sharpe talking with Skip Bayless on their great sports show "Undisputed" about the Antonio Brown controversy of January 2022.)

♦ "The mission received reports...of a strikingly high percentage of patients with severed legs... The amputations mostly occurred at waist height in children, generally lower in adults... Where the amputation took place, the flesh was cauterized... The patients... had no shrapnel wounds... The Mission understands such injuries to be compatible with the impact of DIME weapons." (From the Goldstone Report on Israel's "Operation Cast Lead" in Gaza in late 2008 and early 2009. DIME weapons are a focused blast explosive full of a dense inert metal like tungsten. They were developed by the US Air Force to minimize collateral damage.)

♦ "When the elephants fight, the grass gets trampled."

destruction: military / ruins

damage (noun)

damage to Amanda

the TV show is causing real ~ (a murder case)

ongoing damage

there is an ~ (a TV show about murder case)

threat of damage

there is a ~ (to a murder case, by a TV show)

destruction: ruins

damage control

damage control

he is not a seasoned politician who knows how to do ~

do damage control

the CEO went on CNBC to ~ (about product safety)

♦ "It wasn't the Exocet that sank HMS *Sheffield*, it was poor damage control." (The Falklands War.)

amelioration & renewal: boat / military

damning (adjective)

damning

the verdict was ~ as the team finished sixth (Olympics)

damning (internal) documents

~ leaked by a whistleblower

judgment: religion

dampen (verb)

dampen a man's (sexual) arousal

the smell of a woman's tears will ~ (a study)

dampen the enthusiasm

heavy security didn't ~ of fans (Olympics)
the weather did not ~ at the fair

dampened (people's) spirit

the wet weather has ~ (France)

feeling, emotion & effect: water / verb

attenuation: water / verb

dampening (adjective)

dampening effect

this will have a ~ on reporting (nurse convicted of error)

attenuation / obstacles & impedance: mechanism

damper (noun)

damper on our sex life

taking care of a baby put a real ~

attenuation / obstacles & impedance: mechanism

dance (coordination)

dance between the telescope and the dome

it's a ~, they work together (Giant Magellan Telescope)

relationship: music

dance (dance with death, etc.)

dance with death

high-altitude climbing is a constant ~ (K2, etc.)

fate, fortune & chance: love, courtship & marriage

dance (resemblance)

dance across the flats

whirling dust devils ~ (Nevada)

heat waves danced

down in the valley the ~

resemblance: verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

dance (dance around something)

dancing around partisan gerrymandering

the Supreme Court has been ~ for years

danced around the issue

he ~

dance around it

we ~, but I want to come back to it (women's language)

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb / walking, running & jumping

dance (last dance)

last dance

Phil Jackson called that season the ~ (Jordan's Bulls)

Last Dance scenario

that sets up a potential ~ this season (two NFL players)

starting, going, continuing & ending: music

dandelion (character)

dandelions

most kids tend to be like ~, fairly resilient and able to cope

orchid or a dandelion

is your child an ~

♦ Compare with *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower* or *wilting flower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

person: plant

character & personality / resiliency / strength & weakness:

person / plant

dangle (verb)

dangled this inducement

he ~ (diplomacy)

dangled military aid as a way to press

he ~ Ukraine to...

dangled a White House visit as leverage to get
officials ~ Ukraine to...

attraction & repulsion: hunting / verb

coercion & motivation: arm / verb

Dantesque (adjective)

Dantesque horror

it was a scene of ~ (surgery during genocide)

♦ "It's Dante, it's inconceivable, it's an inferno." (An Israeli reminiscing about the 1973 tank battle around Hushniya, in the Golan.)

♦ "It is another path that you must take / if you would leave this savage wilderness."

environment / situation: allusion / religion

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

Danton

raging Danton

his views were still liberal, he was no longer a ~

disruption: allusion / history / violence

daredevil (person)

daredevil

more executives should be ~ (risky hobbies)

daredevils and cautious persons

~ and everything in between

thrill-seekers, daredevils, and adrenaline junkies
the psychology of ~

♦ "Samuel Patch was America's first daredevil." (See the Wikipedia entry "Sam Patch." He died jumping from the High Falls of the Genesee River in 1929 in front of 8,000 people.)

♦ "Up there you feel that you're standing on the line between life and death—your life is hanging by a thread—that if something goes wrong you may die... What's the point of being scared? [Death] is inescapable. It comes to us all." (The remarkable Siberian daredevil Alexander Chernikov, a then 23-year-old living on the outskirts of Barnaul, 4,000 kilometers east of Moscow. He specialized in jumping off of buildings into snowbanks.)

♦ "[Muhammad] Ali... peeked out the window, where a crowd stood waiting to see a young man named Gary Wells attempt to jump the water fountain at Caesars on a motorcycle, the same jump that had almost killed stunt rider Evel Knievel. Ali turned away. / 'I don't want to see nobody get his head ripped off,' he said. 'They encourage him, but I know what people want to see when they watch something like that.' / Ali... lay down on this bed and his rubdown man, Luis Sarria, closed the curtains.... / An hour later, the young man on the motorcycle missed his landing ramp and nearly killed himself crashing into a brick wall at eighty-five miles an hour." (*Ali: A Life* by Jonathan Eig.)

character & personality / fate, fortune & chance: circus / person

dark (in the dark)

in the dark on that

we were ~ (Iran nuclear purchases)

in the dark about how

the US was ~ events would unfold (diplomacy)

in the dark about the fraud

they claimed to be ~

completely in the dark

our communications are down, we're ~

groping in the dark

doctors were really ~ (cures for infection in the 1800s)

keep the opposition in the dark
it's a way to ~

kept the public in the dark
he denied he ~ about... (official)

kept in the dark
lawmakers complained they were ~ (politics)
many officials were ~ about the journey (secret visit)
he thought that the Pope was being ~ regarding key events
even her father was ~

left in the dark
transparency was never there, the community was ~
she ghosted me and I was ~ (as to why)

concealment & lack of concealment / comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness & awareness / knowledge & intelligence: light & dark

dark (dark mood, etc.)

darker mood
a ~ is setting in, it's not a happy place at the White House

darkest chapter
his capture was one of the country's ~s of the war

darkest hour
we are now in the ~ of our political existence

dark mood
she returned in a ~

dark name
Antwerp was to be a ~ among British military failures

dark obsession
his hatred for him had become a ~

dark place
see place (feelings and emotions)

dark predictions
there are ~ that Boeing will lay off even more workers

dark secret
I realized that people are carrying around ~s (pastor)

dark times
you keep on going even through the ~ (musician)

dark tradition
the Pacific Northwest's ~ of serial killers

dark truth
there is ~ in what you are saying (a harsh conclusion)

dark, complicated
the HBO show follows the ~ lives of a groups of teens

dark and honest
Vasily Grossman's ~ account of the battle of Stalingrad

got very dark
I was a no-hoper kid, things ~ for me (Simon Reeve)

looks (very) dark

his future ~ indeed

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

oppression: light & dark

dark (go dark, etc.)

go dark
a lot of radio stations would ~ without public funding

went dark
the station's FM signal ~ (shut down by government)

live or die, survive or go dark
they can decide which Web sites ~ (Web hosts)

curtailment: light & dark / verb

dark (concealment)

dark art
the methods used have always been a ~ (party obedience)

dark money
these so-called ~ groups

dark web
on the ~, he shared tens of thousands of images (paedo)
drugs, death and the ~
he tried to buy grenades and Semtex on the ~ (terrorist)

♦ "Black books, dark arts, and quiet words..." (How political parties enforce obedience.)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark

Dark Ages (in the Dark ages)

in the dark ages
in those days, medical knowledge was ~
~, when you and I were growing up (rotary phones)

in the dark ages of (personal) computing
~, if you wanted to...

in the predigital dark ages
~, before computers...

keep (medical) science in the dark ages
the fundamentalists would ~

take us back to the dark ages
the fundamentalists would ~

past & present / time: history
decline / growth & development: history
knowledge & intelligence: history

Dark Ages (other)

Dark Ages of ignorance
the Republican's stem-cell policy represents the ~

ideological dark ages
this is a step forward from the ~ (education issue)

out of the dark ages
we're ~, women have equal rights (surprise rough sex)

return to the dark ages

this is a ~

sinking into the dark ages
the country is ~ (immigration)

brought our country out of the dark ages
he ~ (Sultan Qaboos bin Said)

past & present / time: history
decline / growth & development: history
knowledge & intelligence: history

Dark Continent

dark continent of the atom
man had opened the ~ (Hiroshima)

searching & discovery: map

dark (Dark Matter, etc.)

Dark Matter or Dark Energy
the Standard Model can't explain ~ (physics)

comprehension & incomprehension: physics

darken (verb)

darkened
his outlook ~

darken his mood
the stressful process seemed to ~ (troubled soldier)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb
oppression: light & dark / verb

darkness (depression)

in darkness
there are a lot of people still ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

climb out of this deep darkness
that was the moment I started to ~ (Mark Whetu)

found my way out of that same darkness
I once ~ ("A Letter to College Sports")

navigate my way out of the darkness
I was able to ~ ("A Letter to College Sports")

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / mental health

darknet (computers)

darknet
the "~,," a private swath of the Internet
the ~ is beyond the reach of law enforcement

building the "darknet"
Freenet is one of several technologies that are ~

join a darknet
to ~, a potential user must be trusted (file sharing)

computer: light & dark

Dark Star

Dark Star of obligation

expectations have produced a massive ~ (US weddings)

oppression: allusion / astronomy / light & dark

darling (noun)

darling of the (Obama) Administration
the solar company Solyndra was a ~ (failed)

darling of conservationists
the spoon-billed sandpiper has become a ~

darling of the family
Zygmunt, bright second child and only son, was the ~

darling of the judges
Alvarez brushed off the notion that he is the ~ (boxing)

darling of Wall Street
rapid growth made the company the ~ (addictive pain meds)

darling of Silicon Valley
she was the ~, a woman who could do no wrong (Theranos)

tech darling
Theranos was on the cusp of becoming a ~

indie darling
it hits similar beats as movies by other ~ directors

progressive darlings
he won the endorsements of ~ Sanders, Warren and...

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / person
pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / person

dart (dart about)

darts about
the staff ~

activity / movement / speed: verb / weapon

Darwinian (adjective)

Darwinian
the process is ~ (casting boys for a popular play)

Darwinian competition
women live in ~ with one another for rich men

Darwinian reality
the ~ of capitalism (investing during pandemic)

Darwinian situation
street hailing can create ~s (cabs)

Darwinian system
it's a very ~, Marty was out for himself (career)

Darwinian (insurance) system
sick people are further stricken by a ~ (US)

Darwinian view
this ~ of the workplace is widespread

Darwinian world
the ~ of the bond market

competition: allusion

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

dashboard (noun)

national test dashboard

the CDC launched its ~ two weeks ago (pandemic)

see the dashboard

go to the state's website to ~ (coronavirus info)

measurement: tools & technology

daughter (noun)

daughter of Hope and Fear

Religion is a ~ (Ambrose Bierce)

daughter roots

the roots produce offshoots called ~ (fig tree bridges)

product / relationship: family

daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.)

daughter of Brooklyn

she told the audience that she was a proud ~

identity & nature: family / person

David (David and Goliath, etc.)

David

we can be a ~ in a situation where there's a Goliath (politics)
I'm essentially the ~ taking on the Goliath (whistleblower)

David-and-Goliath affair

major league bat making is a ~ (Louisville Slugger is #1)

David-and-Goliath battle

waging a ~ against Time Warner

David versus Goliath situation

this is definitely a ~ (a coach of a team)

David overcame Goliath

despite long odds, ~ (American independence)

David coming up against Goliath

it's brilliant when you get a ~ (Leicester City football)

people versus Goliath

the ~, that's what this is (day traders vs Wall Street)

strength & weakness: allusion / Bible / religion

size: allusion / Bible / religion

dawn (verb / comprehension)

dawning on him

it was ~ that...

dawn on me

it didn't ~ at the time that...

dawned on her

it eventually ~ that...

dawning on us

it was slowly ~ the Germans had killed them all (Holocaust)

comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness & awareness: day / light & dark / verb

dawn (verb / start)

2021 dawned

they were hoping for better times as ~

starting, going, continuing and ending: day / verb

future / time: day / verb

dawn (from / since the dawn)

from the dawn of Japanese TV

~, every sumo tournament has been broadcast live

since the dawn of the Petroleum Age

~ more than a century ago...

starting, going, continuing & ending: day

dawn (noun)

dawn of a new (pandemic) age

it's the ~

dawn of a new era

today marks the ~ (political speech)

this is the ~ in human spaceflight (SpaceX Crew Dragon)

Midway was the ~ in naval warfare

dawn of the Roaring Twenties

it was the ~ and Dempsey was just getting started (boxing)

false dawn

there have been many ~s leading to frustration (unity)

new dawn

the worst part is behind us, we are seeing a ~, hold on...

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: day

day (have one's day)

had its day

the German shepherd has ~ (the dog breed)

had their day

cats have ~ (on the Internet)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (win the day)

won the day

even if the government ~, it is unclear if...

conflict / success & failure: day / military

day (in the old days, etc.)

early days of YouTube

it was a viral sensation, 2010, the ~ (Usman Ahmed)

in his day

he was admired by millions ~ (Walter White / NAACP)

in its early days

radio astronomy was still ~

in the better days

we were in Beirut, Beirut ~, and we were playing cards
(O'Toole and Sharif)

in the old days

the reverence accorded ~ to Joe Hill (Kentucky)
~ it was known as Happy Top (area of town)
~ racial hatred was common
~ costumes were very heavy (ballet at the Mariinsky)
~, before people could buy salt blocks for their sheep
(Navaho)

in the old old days

back ~ of TV, before streaming or cable...

in the old days of coal

this couldn't have happened ~ (mountaintop removal)

in the "bad old days"

~ of Times Square (porn sleaze)

life in the old days

~ was perhaps not so good

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (old days)

old days

many are speaking fondly of the ~
just think back to the ~ when people didn't have...

bad old days

memories of the ~ of Suharto (Indonesia)
this is a step backwards to the ~ of the 1980s (policy)

good old days

I heard quite a bit of talk of the so-called ~, when...
in the ~, which was just a few months ago (Brexit)

return to the "old days"

what he really wants is a ~ (Pakistani Christian)

faces from the old days

seeing the familiar ~ (a windsurfer)

spoke (fondly) of the old days

he ~ (reminiscing)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (back in the day)

back in the day

~, a teacher could keep a bottle of whiskey in her desk
the first time I heard it was ~, with my Mum (Billy Jean)

listened to back in the day

that's the music I ~

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (days of yore)

days of yore

the parents yearned for those ~ (when the family was rich)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (latter-day)

latter-day Mary Magdalene

a sexually adventurous mother, a ~

♦ "Of present or recent times."

past & present / time: day

day (day after tomorrow)

day after tomorrow

it feels like it might be the ~ but there's still 2 years to go

today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow

we are well prepared ~ (German response to pandemic)

future / time: day / distance / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

day (at the end of the day)

at the end of the day

but ~ the true beauty of the stone remains

but ~ they support our lives (sheep / herders)

but ~, he has been repudiated (politician loses election)

~, you can't put a price on that (happiness in career)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: day

day (early / late in the day)

early in the day

it's still ~ (the progress of a war)

late in the day

it's rather ~ to be suggesting a change to the plan

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

day (of one's day / of its day)

astronauts of their day

whalers were the true ~

spaceships of their day

whaling ships were the ~

moonshot of its day

the Brooklyn Bridge was the ~

Panama of its day

the Miracle Canal was truly a ~ (Qin dynasty)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (of the day)

government of the day

we occupy the towns to show that the ~ is unfair (IS)

problem of the day

if they don't react to whatever the ~ is... (politicians)
topic of the day
what the media tells us is the ~ (criticizing the media)

past & present / time: day
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day
day (the light of day)

saw the light of day
the report never ~ (government)
seen the light of day
the story might not have ~ if...
concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark

day (these days)

these days
~, when Chevron signs a contract...
Africans ~ are quicker to express their anger
but few people are buying baskets ~ (famine)
~, we eat once or twice a day (Zimbabwe)
many marginally qualified climbers flock to Everest ~

past & present / time: day

day (those days)

those days
~ are obviously long gone (dumb workers)
~ are over (no running water)
that was the way we operated in ~ (journalism)

past & present / time: day
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (dark day)

darkest days of the pandemic
the ~ could lie ahead
dark day in the history
it's a ~ of the church (pedophilia scandals)
darkest day in the club's history
it was the ~ (Munich air disaster / Manchester United)
dark day for Muslims
a leading Swiss Islamic group said it was "a ~" (referendum)
feeling, emotion & effect: day / light & dark

day (a new day)

bright new day
Hubert Humphrey promised America a ~
new day has come
a ~
starting, going, continuing & ending: day
future / time: day
day (save the day)

saving the day
we're not ~ but we add capacity (field hospitals)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb
day (glory days, etc.)

"Those were the days"
I don't look back and think, ~
glory days are back
the ~ at this hotel (restored 1891 hotel)
return to better days
I want to help my hometown club ~ (soccer)
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day
day (early days)

early days for the organization
it's still ~
early days for making
it's still ~ a direct comparison (a new virus)
in the early days
it's still ~, there's a lot we don't know (Omicron variant)
growth & development: day
starting, going, continuing & ending: day
timeliness & lack of timeliness: day
day (day has arrived, etc.)

day has arrived
the big ~ (heavy-weight boxing match)
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day / direction / movement / verb
past & present / future / time: day / direction / movement / verb

day (modern day)

modern-day Noah's Ark
Norway's Global Seed Vault is a ~ for plant seeds

modern-day P. T. Barnum
he is sort of a ~ (an arena builder and promoter)

modern-day hermits
in Japan half a million people live as ~ (*hikikomori*)

modern-day lepers
we treat them like ~ (fat people)

past & present: day
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day
day (call it a day)

call it a day
it's time to ~ (a boxer retires)
starting, going, continuing & ending: day
daylight (division)

daylight between the two men on the issue
there is not much ~

leave little daylight

his campaign has worked to ~ for primary challengers

division & connection: light & dark / proximity / shadow

daze (in a daze)

in a daze

he was ~ (news of murder)

feeling, emotion & effect: force

consciousness & awareness: sensation

dazzle (verb)

dazzled the delegates

he ~ (a politician)

dazzled him

the kid ~ (Zion Williamson, basketball player)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb

dead (status)

dead

reform is ~

dead and buried

the peace process is ~

Spurs looked ~ when Ziyech scored against them, but...

Switzerland were ~ but kept fighting (Euro 2020)

they looked ~ at half-time, but never write off this team

all but dead

the Cape Horn route was ~ (due to the Panama Canal)

deal is dead

the ~ (boxing negotiation)

appears to be dead

Joshua versus Fury now ~ (Usyk beats Joshua / boxing)

condition & status: death & life

dead (functioning)

dead

the rocket has been ~, following the laws of gravity...

went dead

the line ~ before a reporter could get more details

functioning: death & life

dead (feeling)

felt (kind of) dead

I ~ inside (mundane job, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: death & life / mental health

dead (activity)

dead

we got downtown, but it was ~

activity: death & life

dead (dead on arrival)

dead on arrival

a month ago the initiative looked ~
the film is ~ (critic did not like film)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

dead (dead in the water)

dead in the water

the initiative is now ~
the Iran nuclear deal is not quite ~ but... (trouble)
that ship is ~ (a legal case)
they economy was ~, they were doomed to failure

condition & status: boat / movement

progress & lack of progress: boat / movement

dead (rise from the dead)

rose from the dead

they ~ (a winning football team)

amelioration & renewal: religion / verb

dead (dead and gone)

dead and gone

it won't make much difference to the ~

death & life: journeys & trips / movement

dead end

dead ends

most of the tips turned out to be ~ (investigation)

dead-end job

characters with ~s
whiling away productive years at a ~

dead end scientifically

drugs to remove amyloid may be kind of a ~ (Alzheimer's)

disappointing dead ends

there were many ~ (hunt for missing girl)

wrong turns and dead ends

the series had some ~ (a TV show)

led to dead ends

attempts to find his birth mother ~

led to a dead end

every lead ~ (missing hunters)

success & failure: journeys & trips

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

deadening (effect)

mind-deadening

~ checks

sound-deadening

install ~ windows

feeling, emotion & effect: death & life

dead heat

dead heat

the presidential run-off is a ~, too close to call

statistical dead heat

he is in a ~ with Bernie Sanders (election)

competition: horse

deadly

politically deadly

if the accusations are true, this would be ~ for him

destruction: death & life

dead weight

deadwood

get rid of Pogba, he is ~ 80% of the time (soccer snark)

worth & lack of worth: weight

deadwood

deadwood

as the lowest-ranking official, I felt like ~

worth & lack of worth: tree

deaf (adjective)

blind, deaf and dumb

terrorists are ~ to all reason and decency

consciousness & awareness: ear

deal (done deal)

done deal

just three weeks ago, his nomination looked like a ~

certainty & uncertainty: money

deal (close the deal)

close the deal in the playoffs

they were a good team, but they could never ~ (NBA)

attainment / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / success & failure: money / verb

dean (person)

Dean of American Cookery

Turgeon nicknamed Beard “the ~”

dean of Middle Eastern correspondents

she has been described as the ~ (Liz Sly)

dean of legal reporters

she is the ~ covering the Supreme Court (Nina Totenberg)

epithet: person

person: school & education

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / person / school & education

death (to death)

love her to death

I ~ but she gets a little crazy... (a brother about sister)

love it to death

I grew up with doo-wop and Motown, and I ~

scared me to death

it ~

bored to death

I'm ~, let's do something

scared to death

I was ~ during the encounter

thrilled to death

I was ~ at his success

hyperbole: death & life

death (death by PowerPoint, etc.)

death by a thousand cuts

he's suffering ~ (a prosecutor with weak case)
a ~ is the future (restricting right to abortion)

“Death by hydrofracture”

the iceberg experienced ~ (A68)

death by PowerPoint

they call it ~ (not *another* slide)

Death by Chocolate Trifle

this ~ recipe is rich, decadent, and crazy delicious

hyperbole: death & life

death (cheat death)

cheated death

by recovering from such severe wounds, she ~

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

death (decline and death)

death of journalism

digital journalism is the ~

death by a thousand cuts

he's suffering ~ (a prosecutor with weak case)
a ~ is the future (restricting right to abortion)

death spiral

American newspapers are in a ~ (declining circulations)

death and rebirth

the primordial pageant of ~ of light (solar eclipse)

social death

ostracism is a form of ~ (academia)

dying a slow death

VHS is ~ (film fans prefer DVDs)

decline / destruction: death & life

death (death sentence / figurative)

melting “death sentence”

Greenland’s ice faces ~ (global warming)

destruction: justice

death (death sentence / literal)

death sentence

he thought it was a ~, but... (accidental needle stick)

melting “death sentence”

Greenland’s ice faces ~ (global warming)

automatic death sentence

H.I.V. is no longer an ~

no longer a death sentence

AIDS is ~ (antiretrovirals)

death & life: justice

deathbed (noun)

on its deathbed

American democracy is in peril and may even be ~

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

deathblow (noun)

death blow to my enterprise

I realized it was the ~

deathblow to our hopes

we were dealt a ~

campaign’s death blow

the ~ came weeks earlier, in Michigan (elections)

deliver a deathblow

the army is trying to ~ to the militants

dealt a deathblow to both ideas

the financial meltdown ~ (foreign policy)

dealt the hospital a deathblow

Hurricane Katrina ~

destruction: death & life / violence / weapon

death warrant (literal)

signed his own death warrant

he effectively ~ by planning attacks (terrorist killed)

signed his death warrant

when he signed those accords, he essentially ~ (Sadat)

♦ “I just signed your death warrant.” (A judge, sentencing a man to a long term that meant he would die in prison.)

death & life: justice

death warrant (figurative)

death warrant of capitalism

the president has signed the ~ (a senator against FDR)

‘death warrant’ for indigenous communities

the strategy amounts to a ~ (COVID / Maori)

death warrant for the Trans-Pacific Partnership
on his first day in office President Trump signed the ~

death warrant for us
anything over 2 degrees is a ~ (Marshall Islands / climate)

destruction: justice

debris (noun)

debris of a failed season

fans have been left to sift through the ~

sorting through the debris

Democrats are ~ left by Republican wave (election)

destruction: ruins

debt (in somebody's debt)

in his debt

America is deeply ~ (a US politician)

in your dept for visiting us

we are ~ (Russian President)

deeply in his debt

America is ~ (a US politician)

obligation: money

debt (obligation)

debt of gratitude

we can never repay the ~ owed to our nation's veterans

I owe a ~ to... (writer / acknowledgments)

debt to society

he has paid his ~ (released from prison)

debt to soldiers

the nation's ~ who fight abroad

debt to the (Hollywood) musical

the choreography owes a clear ~ (filmmaker John Woo)

nation's debt

the ~ to soldiers who fight abroad

sleep debt

racking up a large ~ during the week

one of the first signs of ~ is irritability

paid his debt

he has ~ many times over (44 years in prison)

owes a (clear) debt

the choreography ~ to the Hollywood musical (film)

repay the debt

we can never ~ of gratitude owed to our nation's veterans

obligation: money

debutant (noun)

debutant Joe Burrow

it was heartbreak for ~ (close loss in his first NFL game)

tournament debutants

the US team showed no mercy against the ~

youngest-ever Bundesliga debutant
he became the club's ~ (Kai Havertz)

experience: person / love, courtship & marriage / sex

decapitate (verb)

decapitate al-Qaida

our goal is to ~, to dismantle it

decapitate the nation's military center

he told undercover agents he wanted to ~ (Pentagon)

decapitate any future discussion

imposing new sanctions would ~ with Pakistan

decapitate the cartels' leadership

he has deployed troops to ~ and reclaim their territory

decapitate the management

it's just an effort to ~ (media leader / security law)

decapitated a terrorist organization

we ~ by killing him (targeted killing)

decapitate me professionally

the NFL tried to ~ (the renowned Dr. Bennet Omalu)

decapitate (the agency) and eviscerate (its capacity)

opponents worked to ~ to execute the law (politics)

♦ "Don't simply uncork your bottle, decapitate it!" (*Sabrage*)

destruction / dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / head / neck / verb

decode (verb)

decodes what it means

Want Me kinda ~ to reclaim desire for yourself

analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb

decompression (noun)

decompression

after a day at work, all I'm thinking about is ~

decompression time

it's real important to have ~ (rescued POWs)

amelioration & renewal: pressure

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

deck (deck is stacked)

deck is stacked against them

the ~

deck is stacked on every hand

what if the ~ (justice for the poor)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / sports & games

deck (re-shuffle the deck)

re-shuffle the deck

it's totally going to ~ (effects of political controversy)

disruption: cards

declare (verb)

declared *The New York Times*

"Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," ~

♦ "Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," declared *The New York Times*. "Radio Fake Scares Nation," cried the *Chicago Herald and Examiner*. "US Terrorized By Radio's 'Men From Mars,'" said the *San Francisco Chronicle*. ("The Halloween myth of the War of the Worlds panic" by Professor W Joseph Campbell, BBC, 30 October 2011.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

deconstruct (verb)

deconstructed the (show's) finale

the creators and producers ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / verb

deconstruction (noun)

pop deconstruction

her podcast is an intensive project of ~ (diet culture)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure

deep (emotion)

deep alienation

she began to feel a ~

deep desire

bound by a ~ to have meaning in our lives

deep passion

she had this ~ for issues she cared about

run (especially) deep

fears of Moscow ~ in Poland (2009)

runs deep

Wright's admiration for the marines ~ (correspondent)

the sense of allegiance to the Catholic Church ~

resentment of the US ~ (Arabs)

support for the insurgency ~ (Kandahar)

runs deepest

in places where anti-American sentiment ~ (Iraq, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: depth / water

deep (extent and scope)

deep in debt

thousands of drivers were neck ~ (NYC cabbies)

deep in thought

we drove in silence, both of us ~

deep connections

he had ~ in Washington with politicians (Biden)

deep divide

the ~ between the haves and have-nots (*The White Tiger*)

deep ecology

books about ~

deep (foreign affairs) experience
he had this ~ (a politician)

deep knowledge

what makes them such good cooks is a ~ of food
he may have ~ about him, but he is a proven liar (politics)

deep roots

they have ~ in the community (Croatians / Louisiana)

deep sense

they have a ~ of sadness

deep trouble

he was in ~ before he won (an exciting tennis match)

neck deep

thousands of drivers were ~ in debt (NYC taxi drivers)

dug deep

he has ~ into the science of spices

extent & scope: depth / water

substance & lack of substance: depth / water

deep (in deep)

in deep

he is ~ and I can't get him out (financial problems)

getting in deeper

you're ~ every moment you're gone (*Thelma and Louise*)

involvement / situation: depth / water

deepen (verb)

deepened the mystery

the new information ~

extent & scope: depth / water / verb

deeply

deeply in his debt

America is ~ (a US politician)

deeply embarrassing

it's a ~ episode that still clings to her today (singer)

deeply troubling

the allegations are ~

deeply disappointed

he was ~ that...

deeply entrenched

lighting fireworks to celebrate is a ~ custom (Peru)

deeply moved

to watch them was to be ~ (old soldiers)

deeply troubled

he was a ~, haunted by demons (Timothy Treadwell)

deeply woven

Arab Americans are ~ into the fabric of America

deeply loyal

like many in the force, he is ~ to her (Dame Cressida Dick)

extent & scope: depth / water

deep-rooted (adjective)

deep-rooted problems

the company must overcome its ~

bases: depth / plant

deer (deer in the headlights)

deer in the headlights

the first time I was a ~ (MMA fighter wins rematch)

♦ “Anthony Joshua lacked ambition, and he was like a deer in the headlights from the start, and he never wanted to get going.” (Carl Froch, commentating on Usyk-Joshua.)

behavior: animal / hunting

defang (verb)

defanged the (country's once-feared religious) police

he has ~ (MBS in Saudi Arabia)

defang them

he wants to demystify deadlines in order to ~ (a writer)

defang the consumer watchdog

the administration wants to ~

strength & weakness: animal / snake / verb

attenuation: animal / snake / verb

deficit (noun)

attention deficit

children diagnosed with ~ hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

information deficit

there's an ~ right now (vaccine controversy)

innovation deficit

the US has an ~ (less funding for science, etc.)

nature deficit

suffering from ~ disorder (forest bathing)

trust deficit

the UN chief says the world has “~ disorder” (Guterres)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: money

define (verb)

define me

I refuse to let it ~ (sex abuse)

identity & nature: verb / writing & spelling

deflate (emotion)

deflated a nation

the loss ~ where... (Mexico / soccer)

deflates them

having pumped the rookies up, he now ~ (NFL)

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / verb

deflate (pressure)

deflated some criticism

by admitting his mistakes, he has ~ (politician)

deflate (unrealistic) expectations

he would try to ~

deflate a stereotype

people can ~ by embracing it (Hillbilly Days Festival)

attenuation: air / pressure / verb

deflated

deflated

does your job or land of one have you feeling ~

bored and deflated

he sounds ~ despite the Zoloft

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere

defuse (verb)

defuse her anxiety

try to ~ (separation anxiety / toddler)

defuse crises

promote regional stability and peace and ~ (military)

defuse (volatile) crises

he was sent in to ~ (FBI hostage negotiator)

defuse the disagreement

he is trying to ~ among his allies (coalition)

defuse the issue

the first thing to do is ~ by backing off... (toddlers)

defuse the situation

he tried to ~ (and got shot)

Melissa Arnot intervened to ~ (on Everest)

the agents attempted to calmly ~ (at an airport)

defused the situation

tribal elders ~

defuse tensions

the US has urged the Russians and Georgians to ~
a move to ~ between the traditional rivals (China / Japan)

amelioration & renewal: explosion / verb

deleted (groups)

deleted from history

women who have been ~ (scientists, politicians, artists)

inclusion & exclusion: society

delicious (adjective)

delicious dollop

his concern for disclosure is a ~ of hypocrisy (politics)

delicious novels

here are three ~ (romance)

delicious (Gothic) romance

a ~ strikes just the right balance (book review by Caitlyn)

delicious, raunchy

Bridgerton is a ~ tale (wealth, lust, and betrayal)

how delicious

you have something to confide, ~ (two women)

♦ *9 1/2 Weeks* (strawberries); *Tom Jones* (chicken bones, apples, oysters); *Jamon Jamon* (prosciutto or Serrano ham); *Women in Love* (figs). (Films that associate food with sex, and vice versa.)

♦ "In their hotel room she was staggered at the sight of a watermelon of incredible size. It was Komarovsky's housewarming gift, and to her it was symbol of his power and wealth. When he thrust a knife into this marvel, and the dark green globe split in half, revealing its icy, sugary heart, she was frightened, but she dared not refuse a slice. The fragrant pink mouthfuls stuck in her throat, but she forced herself to swallow them." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ "The significance of sex and food is reversed between the Siriono and us Westerners: the Sirionos' strongest anxieties are about food, they have sex virtually whenever they want, and sex compensates for food hunger, while our strongest anxieties are about sex, we have food virtually whenever we want, and eating compensates for sexual frustration." (The Siriono Indians live in Bolivia. From *The World Until Yesterday* by Jared Diamond.)

consumption: food & drink / taste

attraction & repulsion: food & drink / taste

delirious (adjective)

delirious (Korean) fans

millions of ~, aptly known as the Red Devils (soccer)

delirious celebration

scenes of ~ at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium (World Cup)

behavior / enthusiasm: health & medicine

delirium (noun)

delirium of his fans

he raised an arm aloft to acknowledge the ~ (a boxer)

behavior / enthusiasm: health & medicine

deliver (verb)

deliver a deathblow

the army is trying to ~ to the militants

deliver despair

they promise hope and ~ (a Mexican gang)

deliver on his promise

his failure to ~ cost him his job (a coach)

deliver a knockout blow

the air campaign failed to ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

delivered a (passionate) response

she ~

deliver tonight

anything can happen in boxing, boy did they ~

fictive transportation: verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

Delphic (adjective)

Delphic pronouncements
he hands out index cards inscribed with ~ (self-help guru)

comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / religion

deluge (noun)

deluge
the trickle became a ~ (customer orders)

deluge of (electronic) data
how to organize and search through a ~

deluge of (holiday) orders
companies couldn't handle the ~

deluge of refugees
Tunisia is struggling to cope with a ~

deluge of tips
the public has responded with a ~ (hunting terrorists)

amount & effect: flood / water

movement: flood / water

deluged

deluged with advice
you'll be ~ (about how to potty train your toddler)

deluged with complaints
they are being ~ from residents and merchants

deluged with questions
Hale has been ~ about Islam (9/11)

deluged with (thousands of) requests
the office was ~ (for a pamphlet)

drug-deluged
a ~ neighborhood

amount & effect: flood / water

delusion (under a delusion)

under no delusion
I'm ~ this will stop everyone from cheating, but...

fantasy & reality: mental health

delusion (other)

mass delusion
a ~ renders drivers blind to their faults (a study)
the "better-than-average effect" points to a ~

delusion, denial and fantasy
they seek refuge in ~ (the Middle East)

fantasy & reality: mental health

demand (verb)

demands your attention
Mr. Whitfield, there is a matter that ~

fictive communication: speech / verb

demand (noun)

demands of history and destiny
none of us can escape the ~

fictive communication: speech

demented

demented policy
the Republicans are committed to a ~ of failure

fantasy & reality: health & medicine / mental health

behavior: health & medicine / mental health

demesne (control)

gang's demesne
children serve as lookouts on the frontline of the ~

area / control & lack of control: ground, terrain & land

demise (death)

demise
he discharged one round, causing his ~

demise of a subject
this officer-involved shooting resulted in the ~

death & life: euphemism

demolition (noun)

demolition job
a packed Manchester arena witnessed a ~ (boxing)
this was an absolute ~ (Liverpool 4, Man U 0)

destruction: infrastructure / ruins / tools & technology

demon (affliction)

demons of the past
we must exorcise the ~ (Island of Gorée and slavery)

demons of (political) disorder, extremism, and cruelty
WWI unleashed the ~

threatening demon
another ~ of the Greek male, feminism...

inner demons
due to ~, it didn't work out (talented football player)

personal demons

her life has been plagued by drugs and other ~
he certainly had some kind of ~ (Nashville bomber)

drugs and other (personal) demons
her life has been plagued by ~

exorcise the demons
~ of the past... (history)

fight those demons

I had hoped he'd be able to ~ (dead of overdose)

get rid of the demons

he has to get a rematch and ~ (boxer who lost in upset)

had (similar) demons
we both ~ (a boxer, a trainer, and drugs)

haunted by demons
he was a deeply troubled man, ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

shake her demons
she couldn't ~ (singer dies of drug overdose)

stared down his (personal) demons
he ~

unleashed the demons
WWI ~ of political disorder, extremism, and cruelty

affliction: creature

demonic (adjective)

demonic explosion
there was a ~ (ethnic conflict)

feeling, emotion & effect: creature

comparison & contrast: affix

demonization (noun)

demonization of a black Muslim woman
over-the-top ~ (Omar Ilhan)

accusation & criticism / characterization: creature

demonize (verb)

“demonize” the rich
he promised not to ~ (politics)

demonize all Southerners
she did not ~, or beatify all Northerners (Stowe)

accusation & criticism / characterization: creature / verb

demonized

demonized in the press
Ms. Maxwell has been ~ (trial)

idolized and demonized
he has been alternately ~ by the press (a boxer)

accusation & criticism / characterization: creature

den (den of thieves, etc.)

den of dysfunction
they described is presidency as a ~ (politics)

den of spies
Vienna has long been a ~

place: animal / house

dent (noun)

dent in spending
they want to make a big ~ and the deficit

making a dent in that (appalling) statistic
they are ~ (death in childbirth)

put a dent in the deficit
he wants to ~ (a politician)

feeling, emotion & effect: mark

depression (noun)

fell into a depression
she ~

fell into a (deep) depression
he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / height / hole

depth (substance)

depth and experience
the soccer team has ~ at virtually all positions

♦ “From breadth through depth to perspective.” (Motto of State University of New York at Binghamton.)

substance & lack of substance: depth

depth (out of one's depth)

out of our depth
we were way ~ (ignorance)

out of their depth
they realized they were ~ and consulted psychiatrists

out of my depth in this matter
I'm ~ (lacks expertise)

out of his depth during engineering discussions
he was ~

ability & lack of ability: depth / water
knowledge & intelligence / experience: depth / water
situation: depth / water

depth (depths of winter, etc.)

in the depths of (the arctic) winter
they had to find a way to survive ~

time: depth / water

depth (extent)

depths of their bitterness
grasp the ~ (Turks on death fast)

depth of its (fiscal) distress
accounting obscured the ~ (hospital)

depth of his knowledge
they came away impressed with the ~

depth of your sorrow
we cannot imagine the ~ (daughters murdered by MS-13)

extent & scope: depth / water

descend (verb)

descended into mob rule
the confirmation hearing ~ (protests)

descended into violence
a peaceful mass rally ~

behavior: direction / verb

derail (verb)

derailed his career
laziness ~ (athlete)

derail a professor's career
it's just as likely that a student can ~ these days (sex)

derail (health-care) reform
the Republicans tried to ~

derail her story
he is trying to ~ (a celebrity)

derail our strategy
the insurgents will not ~

derail this (vulnerable economic) upturn
a conflict with Iran could yet ~ (in US)

♦ [Mr. Webb]: Well, she's late. Reckon she might've jumped the tracks.
/[Loretta Lynn]: Oh, Daddy, them things [trains] don't do that. Do they?
/[Mr. Webb, grimly]: They've been known to. (From the great film, *Coal Miner's Daughter*.)

failure, accident & impairment: train / verb

derailed

derailed
the hype train was ~ (a Y.A. book, by sensitivity readers)

derailed by an avalanche
the murder trial was nearly ~ of prejudicial comment on social media

career and life were derailed
her ~ when she met Ray...

failure, accident & impairment: train

descend (descend on)

descend on Iowa
candidates ~ ahead of crucial caucus (election)

descend on London
a million tourists will ~ (Olympics)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: insect / verb
behavior: insect / verb

descendant (come after / down)

descendants of the (US-backed) mujahedeen
some consider the Taliban the ~

♦ de- = "down," "down from," "away."

past & present / sequence / time: direction / height / history / mountains & hills

descent (decline)

descent into alcoholism
she herself began a gradual ~

descent into (pugilistic) dementia
his slow and steady ~ (Mike Quarry)

descent into despair
her public ~ (suicide at MIT)

descent into intolerance
this is a sad milestone on our ~ (murder)

descent into (Webcam) pornography
he described his ~

public descent
her ~ into despair (suicide at MIT)

slow and steady descent
his ~ into pugilistic dementia (Mike Quarry)

decline / feeling, emotion & effect: direction

desert (verb)

deserted the village for the (big) towns
his own grown children have ~ (Indonesian Borneo)

deserted him
his smooth putting stroke ~ ("the yips" / golfing)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb

desert (food desert, etc.)

child-care deserts
about half of Americans live in ~

food desert
~s have little access to fresh food (urban areas)
~s are poor areas bereft of fresh-food grocers

food-desert
the ideal store for ~ residents is a chain supermarket

"fresh food deserts"
nutritious food is hard to find and expensive in ~ (Bronx)

internet deserts
~ in rural America make it hard for people...

news desert
Youngstown is a ~ (*Daily Vindicator* ceases)
she tracks ~s (no local news)
he tried to fight back against the encroaching ~, but...

'pharmacy deserts'
~ are the new front in the race to vaccinate (COVID)

food and health care deserts
many people live in so-called ~ (US)

cultural desert
the third- and fourth-tier cities are no longer ~

digital deserts
rural communities are stuck in ~ (broadband)

♦ "The living glow of the desert dawn wrapped a blue turban around the mountain's lofty peak... / Even the barren desert knew how to hide surprise to reward those who are patient (grass for a camel, desert truffles, springs, etc.). / In the desert, the soul empties and clears and

becomes free and brave in the process." (From *Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "This processional way greater than imagination." (Wadi Rumm. *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, Chapter LXII, by T.E. Lawrence.)

♦ "Two days later an old man came into our camp. He was limping, and even by Bedu standards he looked poor... The Rashid pressed forward to greet him... I wondered at the warmth of their greetings... Bin Kabina said to me: 'Once he was one of the richest men of the tribe, now he has nothing except a few goats... His generosity ruined him. No one ever came to his tents but he killed a camel to feed them. By God, he is generous!" (*Arabian Sands* by Wilfred Thesiger.)

♦ "The Bait Kathir prayed at dawn. A little later, I would hear bell-like notes as someone pounded coffee in a brass mortar, varying his stroke to produce the semblance of a tune..." (*Arabian Sands* by Wilfred Thesiger.)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: ground, terrain & land

desert (environment)

turning huge swathes of rainforest into desert

the illegal gold mining is ~ (Peru)

environment / resemblance: desert / ground, terrain & land

destabilize (verb)

upend and destabilize

sports podcasts often ~ stereotypes about black athletes

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

destabilizing (adjective)

destabilizing standoff

US officials scrambled to defuse the ~ (in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

disruption: equilibrium & stability

destroy (emotion)

destroyed him

it just ~, he would melt down in my office (death of father)

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / ruins

detached (emotions)

completely detached

emotionally I was ~ (denial)

feeling, emotion & effect: distance / proximity

detective (person)

detectives

editors are gatekeepers, not ~ (fraudulent studies)

armchair detective

an ~ is a fictional character who solves crimes

searching & discovery: person

dethrone (verb)

dethrone New Zealand

they produced a fine performance to ~ (rugby)

dethroned Anthony Joshua

he ~ with an incredible performance (Usyk)

dethrone the champs

this is the start of their quest to ~ (NBA)

dethrone (cultural) gatekeepers

the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

dethrone the king

Yildirim will be attempting to ~ (Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: royalty / verb

dethroned

outboxed and dethroned

Taylor had been ~ in his own backyard (still got decision)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

dismissal, removal & resignation: royalty

detonate (verb)

detonated (national) outrage

the manner of his killing ~ (hate crime)

primed to detonate

the film was ~ this weekend (open)

ready to detonate

a blast is ~ (the Kyoto Protocol)

initiation: explosion / verb

detonator (noun)

detonator

she was handling unstable explosives, and that letter was the ~ (a relationship)

initiation: explosion

detour (noun)

inexplicable detour

to me, it's an ~ that your life took (musician works as currency trader)

course / direction: journeys & trips

Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.)

India's Detroit

Chennai is ~, an auto-industry hub

comparison & contrast: epithet

devastated (emotion)

devastated

everyone was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / force / ruins

devastating (feeling)

devastating blow

loss of the coral reefs would be a ~

devastating course
the cholera epidemic is now waning, having run its ~

devastating incident
this ~ that happened (police shooting)

devastating rape
the ~ of Indonesia's forests

devastating turn
and then the case took a ~ (missing woman found murdered)

beyond devastating
this is ~ (hospitals ban visitors during pandemic)

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / force / ruins

devil (Lady Devils, etc.)

Devil's Playground
The ~ (book by James Traub / Times Square circa 2004)

Devil Dogs
leathernecks, jarheads, ~ (U.S. Marines)

Lady Devils
~ Take 5 Set Win Over Andrews (Bryson City, NC)

Red Devils
Korea's fans, aptly known as the ~

epithet: creature
group, set & collection: creature
devil (Devil's Falls, etc.)

Devil's Backbone
the road is called El Espinazo del Diablo—the ~...
the ~ on the Great North Road (Sydney)

Devil's Courthouse
the first person to climb ~ (a rock outcropping)

Devil's Elbow
the ~ trail parallels the river (Panthertown, NC)

Devil's Falls
~ (Wales)

"Devil's Glacier"
as the ~ it remains to this day on the maps (Antarctica)

Devil's Gulch
the family was found dead in the ~ area of the forest

Devils Hole
the ~ (both a cave and a North Sea undersea feature)

Devil's Home
the ~ (a stony hill / Udehé)

Devil's Nose
the ~ (a section of the Mokelumne River)

Devil's Path
the ~ (bleak desert terrain in the Southwest of the US)

Devil's Pulpit
the ~ (an outcrop in a gorge)

Devil's Staircase
the ~ Wilderness is named after a waterfall (Oregon)

Devil's Throat
~ is a must (Iguazu Falls)

Devils Tower
~, the otherworldly butte in northwest Wyoming

Devil's Courthouse
the ~ (a rock outcropping)

Devil's Highway
the ~ (a 5-turn section on bobsled track)
the ~ runs between Yuma and Ajo, Arizona

Devils Thumb
the ~ is a striking summit on the Alaska-BC border
the NW face of the ~ has never been climbed
the NW face of the ~ rises from the Witches Cauldron
the NW face of the ~ is 6,700 feet

Devil's Thumb
are pets allowed at ~ Ranch Resort & Spa (Colorado)

Espinazo del Diablo
El ~ (the Devil's Backbone, a road in Durango, Mexico)

Majlis al Jinn
the ~ (the assembly of the devils, a cave in Oman)
♦ There are Devil's Backbones in New Zealand, Ireland and South Africa.

proper name: creature / religion

devil (behavior)

devil
he can be a real ~ at times (a toddler)

comma-shaped devils
a man-killing dose of those ~ (cholera microbes)

behavior / character & personality: creature / religion

devil (deal with the devil)

make a deal with the devil
you want something so badly you're willing to ~

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / religion

devil (evil)

devil personified
he was the ~ (a serial killer of women)

affliction / insult: creature / religion

devotee (person)

devotee of (a particular) theory
he's no ~ (a coach)

orchid devotees
as other ~ will attest...

trout fishing devotees
~ worship Snowbird Creek (Graham County NC)

enthusiasm: person / religion

person: religion

devour (devour the classics, etc.)

devoured these books

I ~ (on mountaineering and travel / Heinrich Harrer)

devoured the classics

I ~

devoured *Dracula*

he had ~ by the age of five

devoured these films

this generation of adults ~ as children (Disney)

devoured (HG Wells') *War of the Worlds*

as a child, Brunner ~ (the writer)

devour Christie's work

readers continue to ~ (Agatha Christie)

devoured them

he stumbled onto books and completely ~ (Melville)

consumption: food & drink / verb

devour (destroy)

devoured hundreds of acres

the fire ~

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

devoured

devoured by anxiety

she is ~ when she's not working (magazine editor)

devoured by guilt

Caldwell was ~ (the climber Tommy Caldwell)

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation

diabolical (adjective)

diabolical

gamification is thoughtless at best and ~ at worst

behavior / character & personality: creature / religion

diagnosis (noun)

diagnosis

the ~ is wrong, and the prescription is malpractice

diagnosis for America's ills

it has made equality a ~ (the Democratic Party)

American diagnosis

they share the ~ but not the prescription (Quad nations)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: health & medicine

dial down (dial back)

dial it back

don't drink every day, ~ (alcohol)

dial down the rancor

we need to ~

dial back arrests, incarcerations

we need to ~ (reform)

refused to dial down

he has ~ his wolf-warrior diplomacy (diplomacy)

increase & decrease: direction / mechanism / verb

dialed in

dialed in

if he gets back ~, he can help his team (troubled athlete)

target: weapon

dialogue (global dialogue, etc.)

global dialogue

we are hoping to change the ~ around mental health

attention, scrutiny & promotion: speech

dice (noun)

roll of the dice

publishing is a constant ~, a gamble

it's a ~, I suppose (correctly controlling development)

throw of the dice

the substitution was a late ~ (soccer)

roll the dice

the Air Force is going to ~ (new plane)

okay, if you want to ~, go ahead (take the chance)

we're going to ~ and see what happens

you know I like to ~, but this is going too far

I don't think we should ~ and take that risk

every time we go out, you ~, it's life or death (*Hurt Locker*)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

Dickensian (adjective)

Dickensian character

he was a ~, a poor immigrant adopted, then rejected

Dickensian childhood

his ~ may have fueled his ambition (poverty)

she survived a ~

Dickensian poverty

she lived in ~

Dickensian (rags-to-riches) story

the film is a ~

Dickensian tenements

he rose out of the city's ~ (India)

Dickensian world

a ~ of haves and have-nots

Dickensian warehouses

its orphanages became famous as ~ (Romania)

environment: allusion

allusion: books & reading

die (hyperbole)

dying to meet him

I'm just ~

die from boredom

we were just about ready to ~

dying back here

can we turn up the AC, I'm ~ (car)

innovate or die

"~" has long been the mantra in the computer world

hyperbole: death & life

die (non-human)

die

the fire would not ~ (civil rights)

where do statues go when they ~ (cancel culture)

Die

How Democracies ~ (by Steven Levitsky, Harvard U.)

died

the rumors never ~ (of marital infidelity)

dies

no good thing ever ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

died in France

Alfie ~ (the film *Alfie*, which did not do well in France)

die hard

dreams ~

old habits ~

race-based voting traditions ~ here

dreams die

~ hard

habits die

old ~ hard

project died

the ~ before it got off the ground

traditions die

race-based voting ~ hard here

come to die

Washington, D.C. is a city where ideas ~

go to die

South Georgia is where many big icebergs ~

it's a graveyard where all good things ~ (US Senate)

the hidden life of garbage and where old PCs ~

this is where huge ships ~ (Indian scrap yards)

the hidden life of garbage and where old PCs ~

this is where championships ~ (football / Iowa)

needs to die

the phrase "people of color" ~ (Damon Young)

seemed (to many people) to be dying

New York in 1968 ~ (crime, closed theaters, etc.)

♦ "The balance beam is where Russia's gold medal hopes have gone to die in recent years." (Commentary about the Tokyo Olympics.)

♦ "You know, the cowboy in me just ain't gonna die." (A 92-year-old black ex-rodeo rider.)

♦ "Soldiers who die are taken to a holding area, where they are made to do manual labor to underscore the point that dying is never fun." (Military training.)

♦ "I'll tell you a funny thing about [the film] *Alfie*. Well, I had a very close friend who was a Frenchman. And *Alfie* died in France, it was the only place in the world where it died. And I said to this very close French friend of mine, *Alfie* died in France, you know. He said I know it did. I said why do you think that is, and he said no Frenchman could believe that an Englishman could seduce ten women." (The great actor Michael Caine speaking about the 1966 film *Alfie*. From "TimesTalks: Michael Caine: Five Favorite Films, *The New York Times*" on YouTube. The sentence, "*Alfie* died in France, it was the only place in the world where it died," must present quite a problem in natural language processing!)

♦ "It is very hard to die in a modern ICU [intensive-care unit] these days. This can make it harder for families to accept that there is no chance a fatally ill patient will recover." (End of life issues, "pulling the plug," religion, ethnicities, health-care costs, etc.)

♦ "When I eat, I live. When I drink, I die. What am I?" (A fire, of course!)

♦ Cattle die / Friends die / Thou thyself shalt die / I know a thing / That never dies / Judgement over the dead.

condition & status / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

die (the die is cast, etc.)

die is cast

there is nothing more, the ~ (eve of battle)

♦ In *Word Origins and their Romantic Stories*, Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., devotes a couple of paragraphs to "the die is cast." He mentions that "even today hundreds of loaded dice, be they clay, wood, or bone, are still being dug out of Roman ruins."

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

die down (verb)

hype dies down

once the media ~ (elections)

opposition has not died down

~ (Chechnya)

wind had died down

the ~

gunfire died down

after the ~...

eventually died down

the uproar ~ (dismissal of coach)

decline: death & life / fire / verb

die out (end)

fire is dying out

we've used up all our wood, and the ~

faded or died out

knowledge of the language has ~ (Cherokee)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / fire / verb

diet (noun)

diet of him

none of us wanted a steady ~ (a dominant golfer)

diet of left hooks and right hands

he fed Mayorga a steady ~ (De La Hoya)

media diet

the questionnaire focused on each juror's ~ (trial)

social-media diet

how to manage your ~ (Life Kit / Mayowa Aina)

steady diet

none of us wanted a ~ of him (a dominant golfer)

fed on a (steady) diet

we are ~ of gruesome news (terrorism, etc.)

fed Mayorga a (steady) diet

he ~ of left hooks and right hands (De La Hoya)

served up a steady diet

evangelists ~ of jargon stew (the Ethereal Summit)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

♦ "In the course of my life I have often had to eat my words, and I must confess that I have always found it a wholesome diet." (Winston Churchill about the volte-face in his attitude to Nehru, from dislike to complete approval.)

consumption / experience: food & drink

dig deep (determination)

dig deep

they had the determination to ~, overcome adversity...

dug deep

Italy was less than perfect, but Mancini's side ~ (soccer)

dig deep to avoid

they had to ~ a heavy defeat (Wales / Euro 2020)

commitment & determination: depth / ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig deep (analysis)

dig deeper

~ (command to a detective)

dig (a little) deeper

as we ~, we discover...

dig deep into the story

in this series we ~ of his senseless murder (podcast)

digging for (more) information

we are ~ (TV news story)

dig beneath the surface

documentaries are the ideal way to ~ of sports

analysis, interpretation & explanation / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

digest (verb)

digest the facts

it was hard to ~

digesting the news

veterans are still ~ that all troops will leave Afghanistan

♦ "How do you think this will be processed going forward, how do you think what has happened will you know sort of be metabolized?" (A question asked by Lulu Garcia-Navarro, NPR, Weekend Edition, Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020 for "Jewish Telegraphic Agency Commemorates Members Of the Community Lost to COVID-19.")

consumption: food & drink / verb

comprehension & incomprehension: food & drink / verb

digestible (adjective)

digestible form

he did a good job distilling the big issue into a ~ (debate)

consumption: food & drink

comprehension & incomprehension: food & drink

dig in (verb)

digging in

he is ~ (embattled leader)

he is firing back and his legal team is ~

protection & lack of protection / resistance, opposition & defeat / survival, persistence & endurance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military / verb

dig into (verb)

dug into actions

investigators ~ and uncovered crimes

digs (deep) into their lives

he ~ until they... (TV therapist Phil McGraw)

dig into a word's history

it's fun to ~ (etymology)

dug into the community's past

residents ~ (local history)

dig into this

now to ~ more... (talk show)

♦ "You know what, we need to dig in a little bit deeper, so this year we decided to go underneath the covers and peel back some of the layers." (Megan Bigelow, about a survey of Portland, Oregon, women in technology.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig out (verb)

dig our way out of this problem

we must think how we will ~

dug herself out of the hole

she finally ~ (financial)

situation: hole / verb

dig through (verb)

digs through (bargain) bins
he ~ for rare music tapes

dig through my crates
I'm gonna ~ for your old funky tapes

dug through the (old case) files
he ~ (police)

dug through a pile of (shiny) rocks
they ~ at a gem stand

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig up (verb)

digs up documents from Web sites
she ~

dug up (a lot of) information at the library
I ~

dug up this citation from an old magazine
he has ~

dig it up
it's the past, it's buried, we don't want to ~ again

analysis, interpretation & explanation / appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

diluted (weakened)

heavily diluted
calls for his power to be ~ (Zuckerberg of Facebook)

attenuation: water

dim (decline)

hope is dimming
I imagine that ~ (survivors in collapsed building)

memories dim
~ over time (criminal cases)

star (of Lucy Lunsford) dimmed
how the ~

decline: light & dark / verb

dim (the dim past, etc.)

dim and distant
the ~ past

time: distance / eye

dim (overshadow)

dim the event
every year some crisis threatens to ~ (awards show)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow / verb

dim (hope, etc.)

hope dimmed
~ for two lost, injured whales (swam upriver)

hope dimming
is your ~ as you watch things play out

optimism dimmed
their ~ fairly quickly (government watchdogs)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb

din (attention)

add their voice to the din
students are eager to ~ (campus sex policies)

heard above the din
she is doing her best to be ~ (running for president)

♦ "[Life] is a tale / told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, / signifying nothing." (*Macbeth* by Shakespeare.)

♦ "Was this that? Where is that conversation right now? I mean in this particular moment... Okay! How come?... Shore..." (NPR.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / obstacles & impedance / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

dinosaur (noun)

dinosaur
pull those old ~s from the shed (retro rodeo / kayaking)
many like to argue that libraries are ~s
the network news anchors are ~s
we're ~s (rely on old technology)
it's a ~, a concrete monster (an old sports stadium)
she thinks I'm a ~, which I am, I guess (generations)
they said I was behind the times, a ~ (early critic of...)

dinosaur comment
it's a ~ (Eddie Hearn about something Bob Arum said)

dinosaur feminist
I'm sounding like a ~, but...

walking dinosaur
it's like I'm a really cute ~ (older actor Lucy Lawless)

called the (downtown) landmarks dinosaurs
the mayor has ~

go the way of the dinosaur
frats and sororities should ~ (yet another hazing death)

viewed the (conventional) machines as dinosaurs
they ~ that would soon be rendered extinct

♦ "It's clear that there are still a few crusty old misogynists clinging on. St Barnabas Church would surely be a much better place if it had a woman priest. Some of the local people who have left might return, but we now see that the dinosaurs have won yet again." ("Male only vicar job advert 'misogynistic,'" BBC, 27 September 2018.)

♦ "As I'm becoming more and more of a dinosaur in this league at 31 years old, I've got to do every little thing I can to get the ball to go just a

little bit farther." (Baltimore Ravens kicker Justin Tucker, about his record 66 yard field goal. He took an extra step or two back to get more power.)

♦ "For a group of reptiles that went extinct 65 million years ago, dinosaurs are really good at staying in the news."

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal past & present / time: animal

dip (decrease)

dip

temperatures should start to ~ by the end of the week

decline / increase & decrease: direction

increase & decrease: number

dip (a route can dip)

dipped southeastward

the route ~ through the Dzungarian Gap

fictive motion: direction / verb

dip (noun)

dip in (American) deaths

after a ~ last spring, fatalities are rising

decline / increase & decrease: direction

increase & decrease: number

diplomacy (noun)

model of diplomacy

a woman who had been a ~ began to cry

politeness and diplomacy

~ are often the enemies of action (vs. being rude)

behavior / role: government

diplomat (noun)

best diplomat

sport is the ~ we have (Qatar hosts event)

person / representation: government

diplomatic (adjective)

more diplomatic

you should have been ~

behavior / role: government

comparison & contrast: affix

direction (in every direction)

lurks in every direction

danger ~

extent & scope: direction

direction (a new direction, etc.)

in another direction

I'm going ~

in a new direction

a study that takes stress research ~

course: direction

direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.)

in the right direction

they are going ~

they are heading ~ (a company)

the talks are moving ~ (negotiations)

the trends are moving ~

we're moving ~ (research on brain tumors)

I trust you will get the team pointed ~

from what I hear, it's a step ~

the decision is a small step ~

in the wrong direction

this is a step ~

Washington is headed ~ (politics)

70 percent of the public believes the country is heading ~

they are going ~ (a losing sports team)

Washington is headed ~ (politics)

he was a high-priced 1st-round draft pick heading ~ (athlete)

the numbers are heading ~

course / decline / failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips

direction (course / on a course)

direction of (scientific) research

who determines the ~

direction of his life

he wanted to change the ~

direction in their lives

those who lack purpose and ~

future direction

China's ~

in a direction of hope, unity, conviction

he said he would take Britain ~, and common purpose

change the direction

he wanted to ~ of his life

determines the direction

who ~ of scientific research

follow the direction

the investigation will ~ the evidence leads...

led you in that direction

and what ~ to start writing (an actor)

take Britain in a direction

he would ~ of hope, unity, conviction, and...

take Britain in a historic new direction

we will ~ (elections)

course: direction / journeys & trips

direction (purpose)

purpose and direction

those who lack ~ in their lives

course: direction / journeys & trips

direction (symbol)

directions

~ are historically metaphors

♦ "The cardinal points are always, historically, metaphors. West is the area of promise for Westerners—follow the sun. The allure of the north—it's the gate to Heaven, as native people say. The fear of the south starts with Captain Cook. The east is always behind you, you know where you came from." (The photographer Thomas Joshua Cooper, from "The Ends of the Earth" by Dana Goodyear, *The New Yorker*, October 7, 2019.)

♦ "As the sky breaks open its fans around him, and shimmers / And into its northern gates he rises / Snarling, complete, in the joy of a weasel..." ("For the Last Wolverine" by James Dickey. A beautiful description of the aurora borealis.)

♦ "Gog and Magog were generally located in the extreme north." (Early maps, based on the Bible.)

♦ "The destination, and the real north of life is that you're here only for a short time." (The Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro.)

♦ "I'm goin' way down south... / Way down to Mexico way... / Ain't no hangman gonna / He ain't gonna put a rope around me..." ("Hey Joe" by Jimmie Hendrix.)

♦ "Why care for these dead bodies? They really have no friends but the worms or fishes. Their owners were coming to the New World, as Columbus and the Pilgrims... I saw their empty hulks that came to land; but they themselves, meanwhile, were cast upon some shore yet further west, toward which we are all tending, and which we shall reach at last..." ("The Shipwreck" by Henry David Thoreau, writing about the Irish immigrant ship *St. John*.)

♦ "It's a mile to your objective now, but it's a mile of thrills... A one-pounder in a hedge scares you with several well-placed shots before it 'goes west' [is destroyed]." (A member of a tank crew in World War I.)

♦ "The Montana doctor, McCray, had tried to find a serum to guard his fellow citizens and one morning woke up with bloodshot eyes and an ache in his bones. In ten days McCray had gone West to join McClinic..." (McCray died, as had McClinic before him. From *Men against Death* by Paul De Kruif.)

♦ "The East signified luck to the ancient soothsayers; the sunrise represented life and the beginning of things. These old time prophets judged the future by the flight of birds. If the sacred birds flew east when the priests released them from their cages, it meant good fortune. This superstition was taken over by the Christians [in the architecture of early churches]. In these ancient Roman augurs, however, if the sacred birds happened to fly west it presaged disaster, for the early fathers associated the setting sun with death and destruction." (*Word Origins and their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt.D.)

♦ "With the morning came the minatory prayers, the hoarse clanging bells and the procession westward along the busiest streets of London, from Newgate to Tyburn, the present site of Marble Arch. Each condemned man sat in the cart facing the rising sun, with a noose bound to his chest." (*The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes.)

course: direction / journeys & trips

dirt (worthless)

dirt

his name is ~ in the journalism world (disgraced)

reputation / worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land

dirt (political dirt, etc.)

political dirt

this is top-grade ~

dig up dirt

he hired a firm to ~ on his accusers and reporter

reveal some dirt

critics hoped the report would ~ on the President (politics)

sought political dirt

he ~ from a foreign source (politics)

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land

content: ground, terrain & land

dirty (dirty people, etc.)

dirty people

the Harif are a ~ (disparaging remark about a tribe)

insult: hygiene

dirty (dirty energy, etc.)

dirty coal

we need clean energy, not ~

dirty money

how easy it is to hide ~ in the UK (Pandora Papers)

dirty truth

the ~ is that they are... (social-media companies)

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

dirty (behavior)

dirty war

in the 1970s, Argentina fought a "~" against subversion

"dirty war"

the ~ in Northern Ireland (English against the IRA)

get dirty

we're all in the mud and have to ~ (intelligence)

playing dirty

he is ~ (a politician)

some online retailers are ~ (fake negative reviews)

behavior: hygiene

dirty (sex)

dirty

what she did was ~ (sex)

sex: hygiene

dirty (dirty word)

dirty word

Obama has made profit seem like a ~

speech: hygiene

dirty laundry

dirty laundry

the divorce is over with no ~ being aired...

aired a lot of the group's dirty laundry

the bankruptcy trial ~

hung their dirty laundry out to dry

he dug into their claims and ~

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / hygiene

disappear (from the scene, etc.)

disappear

you turn 35, and you ~ (Doree Shafrir, author)

disappeared into obscurity

he ~, he just faded away... (L.A.'s William Mulholland)

disappeared into (relative) obscurity

the group ~ the following year

disappeared from online learning

students who ~ (during the COVID pandemic)

disappeared from the limelight

after the success of those films, he largely ~

disappeared from the scene

accused of plagiarism, he ~ (composer Osvaldo Golijov)

appearance & disappearance: eye / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

disappear (extinction)

disappeared

since 1970, roughly 30% of North American birds have ~

appearance & disappearance: death & life / verb

disappear (oppression)

disappeared (six of) the opposition candidates
he has ~ (Daniel Ortega)

disappearing into prisons

many of those arrested are ~ (Nicaragua / incommunicado)

euphemism / oppression: death & life / verb

disappearance (oppression)

Involuntary Disappearances

the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or ~

murders and disappearances

his death was just one of many unsolved

oppression: death & life

disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.)

"disappeared" after being kidnapped
up to 30,000 were ~ (Argentina dictatorship)

forcibly disappeared

he was ~ after making allegations...

arrested and disappeared

the elected mayor was ~ (BBC Six O'Clock News)

dead and disappeared

as the number of ~ rise (violence in Indian country)

♦ "By the time he walked away, the man had already disappeared two of the shrimp and was about to get to work on the quesadilla." ("The Iceman" by Emma Cline, *The New Yorker*, August 23, 2021.)

death & life / oppression: euphemism / presence & absence

discard (verb)

discard the possibility

don't ~ of appendicitis (diagnosis)

dismissal, removal & resignation: cards / verb

disciple (person)

Disciples

New Nordic Cuisine Draws ~

disciple of the furniture maker Ward Bennet

he was a ~ (an interior designer)

enthusiasm: person / religion

person: religion

disconnect (noun)

generational disconnect

there is a ~ (society)

division & connection: tools & technology

discordant (adjective)

discordant friendships

the ~ ring quite true

disruption: music / sound

disease (affliction)

disease of grade inflation

the ~ has infected the educational system

disease of intolerance

the attack was a part of a greater ~ (terrorism)

♦ "Initially the word *disease* was introduced to try to force open the doors of hospitals and otherwise get medical treatment for people with addiction... The term is messy." (Carl Erik Fisher, author of *The Urge: A History of Addiction*, a memoir and history. From "The Urge" says calling addiction a disease is misleading." Jeevika Verma, NPR, Morning Edition, January 20, 2022.)

affliction: health & medicine

disease (enthusiasm)

disease

it's a bit of a ~ (Jay Leno on collecting cars)

sickness for flight

his wife accused him of having a ~ (Mark Stucky)

enthusiasm: health & medicine

diseased

fundamentally diseased

the tax code is ~

condition & status: health & medicine

disequilibrium (noun)

fallen into disequilibrium

academic publishing has ~ and needs a new approach

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

dish (revenge is a dish best served cold)

dish

revenge is a ~ best served cold

♦ A rich, stupid city man insulted a Bedouin. Twenty years later, the Bedouin wiped the man's blood from his dagger, thinking regretfully, "Why was I in such a hurry to kill him?"

♦ "It must be understood that neither by word nor deed had I given Fortunato cause to doubt my good will. I continued, as was my wont, to smile in his face, and he did not perceive that my smile now was at the thought of his immolation." ("The Cask of Amontillado" by Edgar Allan Poe. A just-as-creepy-and-nefarious contemporary version is Thomas McGuane's short story, "Balloons.")

♦ "If you dig a hole for your brother, you will fall down in it." (Said in Saudi Arabia.)

♦ He who seeks revenge digs two graves.

revenge: food & drink

dish out (verb)

dished out abuse to the children
nuns ~

dishes out advice to millions
she ~ of people

dished out a beating to Margarito
Pacquiao ~ (boxing)

dished out (ice-cold) revenge on his enemies
he ~ (a media magnate)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb

disinfect (verb)

disinfect the computers
French police were able to ~ (a global pirate botnet)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / health & medicine / verb
computer: health & medicine / verb

disinfectant (noun)

disinfectant of public scrutiny
gangs operate where the ~ struggles to reach (poor neighborhoods)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / health & medicine

disintegrate (verb)

families have disintegrated
~ (as jobs have moved out of area)

marriage had disintegrated
evidence indicated that their ~

began to disintegrate
as Enron's house of cards ~ (bankrupt company)

failure, accident & impairment: erosion / verb

destruction: erosion / verb

disintegration

disintegration of authority

the ~, courtesy and the English language (email, etc.)

failure, accident & impairment: erosion

destruction: erosion

dismantle (verb)

dismantle (legal and de facto) discrimination
the government should ~

dismantle the (terrorist) threat
a campaign to identify, disrupt and ~

dismantle the old order
he hopes to use EU membership to ~

dismantled the (social) safety net
he ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

identify, disrupt and dismantle
a campaign to ~ the terrorist threat

dismissal, removal & resignation: infrastructure / verb
curtailment: infrastructure / verb

dismember (verb)

dismember Turkey

a nation taught of how the West tried to ~

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

dismembered

dismembered into a scattered collection
the Byzantine empire was ~ of Frankish states and Italian colonies

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

dismemberment (noun)

dismemberment of the Chinese nation
the treaty would begin the ~ (1842 Treaty of Nanking)

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

dispirited (adjective)

dispirited voters
many ~ stayed home

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

dissect (verb)

dissected the case
she ~ in a book (a murder)

dissected his sound
I really ~ (a singer)

dissect every rumor

blogs are always ready to ~
dissecting, analyzing
we are ~ the blood-testing company Theranos
research and dissect
the hosts ~ someone's leap into stardom (*Who? Weekly*)
analysis, interpretation & explanation: death / life / health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

dissolve (verb)

dissolve into anarchy
celebration could ~ (Gaza)
dissolves into predictability
the movie's unpolished charm ~
appearance & disappearance: water / verb

dissolve (break up)

dissolved in a wave of dissension
the team ~ (World Cup soccer)

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

dissolve (fade away)

culture dissolved
the hunting ~ and many Sami became settlers

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

dissolve (emotions)

dissolved into tears
when his Mom tried to leave, he ~ (toddler)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water

dissolve (terminate)

dissolve her marriage
a judge may ~ (Islam)

dissolve Parliament
he is considering giving himself the power to ~

dissolved the system
in 1993 Yeltsin ~ of village councils

curtailment: water / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: water / verb

dissolved (ended)

have her marriage dissolved
she has the right to ~ (Muslim ruling)

curtailment: water

dissonance (noun)

cognitive dissonance
~ was not pathology, it was policy (US in Afghanistan)
♦ "I distinctly remember the NFL game between the Vikings and the Green Bay Packers was on the TV the whole time. It's just so American, [our] capacity for cognitive dissonance. If it's something that we love, we can look past the evils because we love it." (Reid Forgrave, author of

Love Zac, interviewing the family of Zac Easter. Zac, age 24, shot himself in the chest and donated his brain to science. A football player, he was diagnosed with CTE.)

disruption: music / sound

distance (verb)

distanced themselves from him
colleges have ~ (college admissions fraud)
distanced themselves from the star
companies and organizations have ~ (Morgan Waller)

avoidance & separation: distance / proximity / verb
division & connection: distance / proximity / verb

distance (noun)

distance between the two sides
the ~ is so great that... (politics)

no distance
there is ~ between us (in our opinions)

division & connection: distance / proximity

distance (feeling)

emotional distance
his ~ has caused problems

feeling, emotion & effect: proximity

distance (time)

distance of time
when I think of Bombay now, at this ~...

at this distance
~, one cannot say... (a historian)

past & present / time: distance

distance (go the distance)

go the distance
they just couldn't imagine that he could ~ (Trump ./ 2016)

survival, persistence & endurance: distance / horse / sports & games

distant (feeling)

distant father
she didn't get support, love or acceptances from her ~

grown distant
she hand her son had ~

feeling, emotion & effect: proximity

distant (past)

distant America
rare film is a glimpse of a ~ (*Daughter of Dawn* 1920)

distant dream
retiring at 60 has become a ~

not-so-distant history

the ~ of radio jingles

past & present / time: distance

distant (future)

not-so-distant future

they imagine a ~

not too distant future

we hope to improve this feature in the ~

seems distant

a deal ~ (politics)

future / time: distance

distant (separation)

distant from our everyday experience

climate change seems ~

division & connection: distance

distant (relationship)

distant cousin

she is a ~

relationship: distance / proximity

distant (a distant second, etc.)

distant second

Biden was a ~ in Nevada (electoral election)

extent & scope: distance

distaste (noun)

distaste for such associations

he has a ~

enthusiasm: taste

distill (verb)

distill the big issue into a digestible form

he was able to ~ (a politician at a debate)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: chemistry

ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.)

stuck in a ditch

while our students are ~, the world is moving ahead

get out of the ditch

we're just spinning our wheels, hoping to ~ (war)

pull the government out of the ditch

he seeks to ~ (a politician)

**obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
movement / ground, terrain & land**

diva (person)

diva behaviour

critics branded her decision “~” (a tennis player)

talented but troubled diva

the ~ wore out his welcome (football player)

called the player a “diva”

Bruce Arians ~ (Antonio Brown)

person: theater

behavior / character & personality / performance: person / theater

dive (analyze)

diving (deep) into the details

she has been ~ of the bill

♦ “NPR Congressional correspondent Kelsey Snell has been diving deep in the details of the bill, she has resurfaced, and she joins us now, ‘Hey Kelsey.’” (Mary Louise Kelley, NPR, All Things Considered.)

absorption & immersion / analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb / water

dive (noun)

stock market's dive

the ~ proved temporary

decline: direction

dive (deep dive)

deep dive into how

Megan takes us on a ~ far-right actors (the radical right) for a ~ COVID-19 may have first begun...

deep dive into what

a ~ is known about the coronavirus

NPR takes a ~ the Mueller report reveals...

her new album takes a ~ it means to love (Jill Scott)

deep dive into plant-focused diets

his latest book is a ~

deep dive into her life

investigators and reporters would be doing a ~ (murdered)

Deep Dive Into The Science

‘Invisibilia’ Team Takes A ~ Of Desire

monthly deep-dive

BTM takes a ~ behind the scenes of the arts and sciences

do a deep dive

let’s ~ right into this (news show)

did a (really) deep dive

these researchers ~ to analyze alcohol consumption

takes a deep dive

OPB Politics Now ~ into the hottest political topics

takes us on a deep dive

Michael ~ into the rallies undertaken by the far right

♦ “Along with host Augusta Dell’Omo, Natalie takes us on a deep dive into... In other episodes Michael takes us on a deep dive into... Sophie takes us on a deep dive into... Simon takes us on a deep dive into... Ashton takes us on a deep dive into... Ashley takes us on a deep dive into... Julia takes us on a deep dive into... (Right Rising / RR on Stitcher. That’s a lot of divers and deep diving! The repetition shows how a figurative expression can go from novel to cliché into the kind of

boilerplate language you might find in a disclaimer or label that is too boring to read. Guests *break down, unpack, discuss, walk us through, give us an overview of*, and *help us* with their respective topics.)

♦ The OPB Politics Now podcast offers the inside scoop, in-depth analysis, insight, rousing conversation, and, of course deep dives into the hottest political topics (of the week).

analysis, interpretation & explanation: water

dive in (verb)

dive (right) in

too many friends just ~ giving advice before...

dove into politics

he ~

dove into peacekeeping

Clinton ~ and failed (diplomacy)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination / involvement: verb / water

diverse (groups)

neurodiverse

people use the term ~ to recognize the rich differences...

inclusion & exclusion: society

diversity (groups)

boxes of (so-called) diversity

there are easy ways to tick the ~ and not critically engage

neurodiversity

~ recognizes the rich differences...

Neurodiversity

Unmasking Autism: Discovering the New Faces of ~

diversity, equity, and inclusion

embed ~ (DEI) more intentionally in TESOL activities

drive for diversity

the ~ at flagship universities (US)

respect for diversity

build inclusion, belonging, and ~ (Georgetown Law)

model diversity

~ and the ever-changing face of fashion

reflect diversity

playlists and show lineups that ~ (music)

♦ “We need [a woman in Formula 1], we need diversity. (Caitlyn Jenner.)

♦ “The way diversity at Riverdale was being practiced was diminish people.” (A parent who removed his children from the school.)

♦ “This points to a unique understanding of plurality of Indian society—it is more like a *thali* (an Indian meal comprising a selection of separate dishes served on a platter), rather than a melting pot.” (Neha Sahgal, a lead author of a Pew study that found Indians support religious tolerance and religious segregation.)

♦ “The Olympic Games are universal. They stand above all differences that divide us. The Olympic Games unite humanity in all our diversity. In our fragile world, where division, conflict, and mistrust are on the rise, the Olympic Games always build bridges. They never erect walls.” (Mr. Thomas Bach OLY, the President of the International Olympic Committee, speaking on October 18, 2021 in Ancient Olympia, Greece, at the marvelous torch-lighting ceremony for the 2022 Winter Olympic Games.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

divide (noun)

divide between him and his coaches

the ~ grew (an athlete)

left-right divide

another election isn’t going to change the ~ (politics)

great divide

they stood on two sides of a ~ (Old and New Hollywood)

impossible divide

that may be an ~ to cross

cultural, gender and political divides

the battle rubbed raw the country’s ~ (politics)

generational and ideological divide

this exposes a ~ (in the Democratic party)

divide (between him and his coaches) grew

the ~ (an athlete)

bridging the divide

ballet and baseball are ~ (between Cuba and the US)

bridge the divide

they want to ~ and find common ground (gun control)

divide to cross

that may be an impossible ~

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

dividend (pay dividends)

paying dividends in good-will

the new policy is ~

paid huge dividends

the concept has ~ (military uses drones to kill)

pay political dividends

his wooing of Jews will ~

already paying dividends

the new policy is ~

pressure paid dividends

England's ~ when Owen scored (soccer)

cost & benefit: money

divorce (noun)

divorce

Brexit was a ~, which was nothing to celebrate

Web divorce

NBC and Microsoft agreed to an amicable ~

diplomatic divorce

a trade war could lead to a ~ (US and Canada)

ugly divorce

the UK and the EU are having an ~

division & connection: love, courtship & marriage

relationship: love, courtship & marriage
starting, going, continuing & ending: love, courtship & marriage

divorce (verb)

divorced themselves from nature
cities have ~ (environmentalists)

divorce yourself from the past
you can't ~ (why a man helped a felon)

division & connection: love, courtship & marriage / verb
relationship: love, courtship & marriage / verb

dizzying (adjective)

dizzying (new) evidence
~ in human evolution provokes debates

dizzying changes
~ to our understanding (evolution)

dizzying developments
the ~ in Puerto Rican politics

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / sensation

DNA (in the DNA)

in her DNA
maybe tribalism is just ~ (politics)

in its DNA
the FBI had politics ~ back to its creation in 1908

in my DNA
he insisted, "stopping isn't ~" (boxer Anthony Joshua)

in my family DNA
it's ~, I'm a loyal Democrat (Evan Bayh / politician)

in our DNA
~, we are a company that builds tech to connect (Meta)

in their DNA
winning is ~ (Brazilian soccer team)
challenging death is ~ (Wallenda family)

in the DNA of the country
conspiracies are ~ (conspiracy theorists)

inscribed in our DNA
some places are ~ (Lake Ohrid, the Balkans)

identity & nature: biology

DNA (other)

nation's DNA
confrontation and conflict are hardwired into the ~ (US)

musical DNA
the depth and complexity of their own ~ (Egypt)

part of your DNA
as a football player, ~ is hard work and effort

share the same DNA
he believes the kitchen and bath industry ~ (House of Rohl)

identity & nature: biology

doctored

doctored
the photo has been ~

creation & transformation: health & medicine

dodge (verb)

dodged a (big) bullet
we ~ (hurricane misses refineries)

dodged a question
he also ~ about whether...

dodged questions
both candidates ~, reverting to talking points (debate)

dodges questions
he ~ about where he gets his ideas

dodged a long prison term
she ~ (Anita Vestal)

avoidance & separation: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

dodo (noun)

going the way of the dodo
privacy may be ~ (Facebook, government, etc.)
white-male secretaries of state seem to be ~
the dealmakers are ~ (U.S. Congress)

gone the way of the Dodo
pay phones have ~
pension plans have ~

kind of gone the way of the dodo
the notion that we are the indispensable power has ~ (U.S.)

♦ "The Wake Island Rail became a victim of World War II. It was hunted and eaten to extinction after the Japanese forces who occupied this island in 1941 became cut off from the supply route in 1944." (Wikipedia entry for "Wake Island Rail.")

♦ "It's hard to put into words. To me they are a symbol of strength, endurance and the failure—the absolute failure—to go the way of the dodo bird. They were teetering, but now they're back." (Horse Capture Jr, a member of the Aaniiih Tribe, about the bison. From "Big Money Is Building A New Kind Of National Park In The Great Plains" by Nate Hegyi, NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, December 8, 2019.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal
past & present / time: animal

dog (afflict)

dog him
his health problems continued to ~

dogged him
asthma has ~all his life (the great boxer Shannon Briggs)

dogged her
her criminal record ~

affliction: animal / dog / verb

dog (dogs of war)

calling up the dogs of war
the US is ~ (against Russia in 2022)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry, "The dogs of war (phrase)."

♦ "War Dogs' Cries Havoc And Lets Slip The Dudes Of War," NPR, Movie Reviews, Mark Jenkins, August 18, 2016. A clever use of the allusion!)

affliction: allusion / animal / dog

dog (big dog)

big dog
I'm the ~ here, whatever I say, goes...

♦ "He's a young puppy, I'm a big dog here, whatever I say, goes." (Magic Johnson talking trash about Michael Jordan at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The team was famous for its chemistry.)

♦ "Justice will be served and the battle will rage / This big dog will fight when you rattle his cage..." ("Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue / The Angry American" by Toby Keith.)

person: animal / dog

dominance & submission: animal / dog / person / size

dog (mad dog / epithet)

"Mad Dog" Mattis
General ~ earned his spurs on the battlefield

Zinovy "Mad Dog" Rozhestvensky
Admiral ~ (he had a fiery temper / Russo-Japanese War)

"mad dog of the Middle East"
Reagan called him the ~ (Gadhafi)

♦ The Wikipedia entry for "Daniel Morgan (bushranger)" has an excellent section, "The epithet 'Mad Dog.' The epithet seems to relate to the 1976 film *Mad Dog Morgan*, an "Ozploitation film," starring Dennis Hopper, who perhaps better deserves the titular epithet for his crazy behavior while filming.)

♦ "Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun."

behavior / epithet: animal / dog

epithet: person

person: animal / dog

dog (attack dog)

attack dog
normally the vice-presidential nominee would be the ~

attack dog for the president
he has been an ~

attack dog for the Republicans
he is the ~ on the committee (impeachment trial)

coercion & motivation: animal / dog

person: animal / dog

dog (insult)

"Dogs!"
~ they yelled at the riot police (protestors)

mad dog
all he is, is a ~ now (ex-marine kills cop)

called him a dog
Chavez had ~ in the week of the fight (boxing)

♦ "When I have a mad dog in my yard there is only one solution." (A comment on a discussion board about a particularly heinous murderer.)

insult: animal / dog

person: animal / dog

dog (dog won't hunt)

dog will hunt
I don't think that ~ (legal challenge to president)

eagerness & reluctance / success & failure: animal / dog / hunting

dog (dog in the fight)

our dog in the fight is the fair trial
~ for Mister... (prosecutor to judge)

have a dog in the fight

I don't think you ~ at this point (judge to prosecutor)
he doesn't ~ (a witness in a trial)

don't have a dog in this fight

I am neither white or black, so I ~ (reader comment)

see also *horse (horse in the race)*

involvement: animal / dog / hunting

dog (black dog / mental health)

black dog starts howling
I gotta get out before my ~ (madness, not melancholia)

black dog returns

he might be useful to me if the ~ (a German doctor)

fend off the black dog

I am trying to hold on to my senses, to ~ (madness)

♦ Winston Churchill used this term to describe his depression. "Where the black dog metaphor for depression comes from" by Marc Wilson is an interesting read.

♦ However, Andrew Roberts in his book *Churchill: Walking With Destiny*, downplays the idea that Winston was clinically depressed, much less manic depressive. He mentions that Winston only used the term once in his writing. He also explains that the term was "used by Victorian and Edwardian nannies to describe their charges as out of sorts or ill-tempered."

feeling, emotion & effect: color / mental health

euphemism: mental health

dog-and-pony show (noun)

did a dog-and-pony show
other legislators ~

performance: animal / horse / theater

dog-eat-dog

dog eat dog
the rag trade was ~, survival of the fittest (clothing)

dog-eat-dog world

in a ~

♦ “The majority of the country doesn’t want to see a dog-eat-dog world where everybody is angry all the time.” (Barack Obama, urging Democrats to preach hope and unity.)

competition: animal / dog / predation

dogfight (noun)

dogfight

fighter-bombers execute mock ~s

it’s a ~ (competition for market share)

Sergio Aguero scored 64 minutes into the ~ (soccer)

dogfight among experts over the cause

there has been a ~ of the crash

conflict: animal / dog

dogged (hounded)

dogged by controversy

the company has been ~ (KBR)

dogged by questions

he is being ~ about whether he... (politics)

dogged by rumors

he has been ~ of drug and alcohol abuse (NASCAR)

he has been ~ of excessive drinking (a politician)

dogged with poor health

he had been ~ his entire life

affliction: animal / dog

dogged (determined)

dogged determination

our ~ sent an important message to our enemies

dogged persistence

justice arrives through ~ (social justice)

dogged (Iraqi) resistance

a day of fierce fighting and ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

commitment & determination: animal / dog

doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)

Tom’s doghouse

Gronkowski fell into ~ (NFL football)

in the doghouse

he’s ~ (in trouble with his wife)

in the coach’s doghouse

he started out ~ because of weight problems

punishment & recrimination: animal / dog

situation: animal / dog

dogleg (shape)

dogleg bend

wood with a natural ~ to it (for head of golf club)

dogleg turn

an icy, rutted ~ (downhill skiing)

♦ A dogleg is an abrupt angle or sharp bend. *Dogleg* is also an intransitive verb. Golf courses often have doglegs.

shape: animal / direction / dog

dogma (noun)

Republican dogma

the plan contains every ~ about political economy

centuries of (medical) dogma

he turned ~ topsy-turvy

trapped by dogma

don’t be ~ (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

doldrums (noun)

in the doldrums of middle age

she strives, ~, to defeat her own disappointment

stuck in the doldrums

the economy is ~

lead us out of the doldrums

it’s Obama’s job to ~ (poor economy)

mired in the doldrums

we remain ~ (poor economy)

went back into the doldrums

it would break my heart if Wales ~ (2019 Rugby)

progress & lack of progress: boat / sea / wind

dollar sign (noun)

dollar signs in their eyes

companies with ~

see \$\$\$ signs

he can only ~ (a boxing promoter)

money: letters & characters / sign, signal, symbol

dollop (noun)

dollops of envy

I must admit large ~ for both groups (young Obama)

dollop of (international) intrigue

a Picasso, a yacht, and a ~

big dollop

her new album features jazz with a ~ of swing rhythm

delicious dollop

his concern for “disclosure” is a ~ of hypocrisy (politics)

generous dollop

the film adds a ~ of Jack Nicholson

♦ “Ma would serve it with a dollop of ghee and some spicy mango pickle and sweet potato fries on the side.” (*Khichuri*.)

amount: food & drink

dome (shape)

granite dome

Half Dome is a ~ (Yosemite National Park)

salt dome

~s can rise to the surface

heat dome

experts are blaming what's known as a ~ (for heatwave)
the central US is baking in a ~ (2021)

shape: infrastructure / roof

dome (Iron Dome, etc.)

Iron Dome

many rockets were intercepted by the ~ air-defense system

proper name: infrastructure / roof / shape

protection & lack of protection: materials & substances / proper noun / shape

dome (Half Dome, etc.)

Castle Dome

~ is a summit in Cochise County, Arizona

Clingmans Dome

~ in Swain County is worth the visit (Great Smokies NP)

Craggy Dome

~ is near Asheville, off the Blue Ridge Parkway

Half Dome

~ is a granite dome (Yosemite National Park)

Iron Dome

many rockets were intercepted by the ~ air-defense system

proper name: infrastructure / roof / shape

geography: mountains & hills / proper noun / shape

domino (domino effect, etc.)

damaging domino effect

a series of minor setbacks created a ~ (suicide)

set off a domino effect

this ~ (economic collapse)

toppled a lot of racist dominoes

it ~ (boycott)

♦ "The left started the dominoes falling, and now it has no way of stopping them." ("Hands up, don't shoot," Defund the Police, and increased crime.)

feeling, emotion & effect / relationship / sequence: sports & games

done (over)

done

after the Battle of the Bulge, the Germans were ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle

done and dusted

done and dusted

I thought the Troubles were ~ (Northern Ireland and Brexit)
another episode ~ and in the can (a podcast)
the game was ~ (but France blew its lead against Swiss)

starting, going, continuing & ending: cloth reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth

Don Juan

Nordic Don Juan

Gran was tall, well-built, flamboyant, a ~

allusion: books & reading

sex / character & personality: allusion / epithet / books & reading

donkey (insult)

donkey

he's as stubborn as a ~

donkey job

it's a ~

"led by donkeys"

~ is a British expression for incompetent leadership

♦ "It is difficult to force or frighten a donkey into doing something it sees as contrary to its own best interest." (A comment on the alleged "stubbornness" of donkeys.)

♦ "I dislocated my arm a few months ago while pulling one of the donkeys." (A Jordanian at Petra.)

♦ "Donkeys are often shown in a silly light, as though they're somehow ridiculous."

♦ "They have a hard life and work their entire lives." (Ethiopian donkeys.)

♦ "Without a donkey, my wife and I become the donkeys." (A saying of Ethiopian farmers.)

♦ Better the ass that carries you than the horse that throws you!

♦ It is better be the head of a donkey than the tail of a horse.

behavior / character & personality / insult: animal

doomed

doomed

is longhand ~ (handwriting)

doomed to fall behind

they are ~ (certain categories of students)

agenda could be doomed

the president's climate change ~ (Build Back Better)

decline: death & life

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

door (Durdle Door, etc.)

Durdle Door

~, the natural arch on Dorset's Jurassic Coast

proper name: doors & thresholds

geography: epithet

door (back door / computer)

backdoor

a ~ is a little portal into the software (SolarWinds hack)

backdoors to their networks
private encryption keys are the ~ (tech vs. cops)

computer: doors & thresholds

door (behind closed doors)

behind closed doors

they are conducting business ~ (politics)
~, without any sunlight whatsoever... (hearings)
♦ “The only way that I have been able to get anything done is behind closed doors, by hoarding favors, by bribing, by wheedling...” (The character played by Donald Sutherland in the film *Citizen X*.)

concealment & lack of concealment: doors & thresholds
attention, scrutiny & promotion: doors & thresholds

door (closure)

shut its doors

he notified the charter school that it must ~...

curtailment: doors & thresholds

door (opportunity)

doors of opportunity

many died opening the ~ (civil rights)
opening the ~ to all God's children (Martin Luther King)

doors in life

many ~ open automatically for you when you're rich

open door

baseball offers a very good ~ for a better life (Latinos)

closes one door

if God ~, he opens a thousand others (Turkish proverb)

doors (in life) open

many ~ automatically for you (when you're rich)

knocking at the door

opportunity is ~ (the boxer Daniel Dubois)

open doors

going to school will ~ for you
money tends to ~

opened doors

it ~ I had never imagined (employment with Ford)

open all doors

good clothes ~ (a proverb)

opened the door

it ~ to a decent education for blacks (court decision)
it ~ to what could be done (penicillin and transplants. etc.)

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (portal)

doors of the spirit world

the Shaman's aim is to throw open the ~ (Korea)

opened the door

he ~ to the rave world for us

portal: doors & thresholds

door (back door / front door)

rear door

I was back in Central Europe, albeit at the very ~
(Transylvania)

“back door” communication

the Cape Horn Route provided ~ (Japan / Germany)

created back doors

are the hackers lying in wait, having ~ to come and go

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

door (back door / illegality)

back door for Russian spying

Italy has become somewhat of a ~

created back doors

are the hackers lying in wait, having ~ to come and go

going out the back door

all those fish are ~ illegally (poaching)

♦ “So where did you get it?” / “It fell off the truck.” (Stolen, fenced goods...)

access & lack of access: crime

door (and doorway / access)

doorway to access

all children in Maine have a ~ a public education

open-door

I have an ~ policy (boss)

opened its doors

Saudi Arabia has ~ to foreign tourists

banging on the door

they are ~ of city government (Yimbies)

keep the door open

I wanted to ~ with him (an interviewer)

breaking down doors

she was ~ herself (a precocious college student)

broke down doors

she ~ in comedy (Phyllis Diller)

found the doors barred

those trying to escape to the US ~ (to them (Jews))

had (many) doors slammed in his face

he ~ (a black American)

kicks down the door

Dick Gregory ~, and Bill Cosby followed

♦ “I lift my lamp beside the golden door.” (From the famous Emma Lazarus poem “The New Colossus,” which is inscribed on a brass plaque and mounted inside the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty.)

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

door (knock at / on the door)

knocking on the door

death was ~

knocked at my door

the opportunity has ~ and I took it (boxer takes fight)

knocking at the door

we're ~ (a team a game away from the playoffs)

they are ~ (a pressing soccer team)

opportunity is ~ (the boxer Daniel Dubois)

proximity: doors & thresholds / verb

door (at someone's door, etc.)

leadership's door

she placed much of the blame at the ~ (Labor defeat)

manager's door

he is injured and that has to come to the ~ (soccer)

laid the blame at Churchill's door

many ~ (the Battle of Leros / Dodecanese)

responsibility: doors & thresholds / proximity

door (get one's foot in the door)

get his foot in the door

he lied on his resume to ~

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: doors & thresholds / verb

door (open the door, etc.)

open door

the 1st virus weakens, the 2nd then has an ~ to sicken

open a door

appeasement may ~ to peaceful co-existence, or...

opens the door to future lawsuits

Monday's decision ~ (Supreme Court)

door opens

once that ~, who knows what will happen

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (hold the door open, etc.)

hold the door open

he seemed to ~ for a change in Germany's policy

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (leave the door open)

left open the door

the US has ~ for storing nuclear waste in the US

leave the door open

he seemed to ~ to the possibility of a change

left the door open

it ~ for an insanity defense

leave the door open for the possibility

he appears to ~ of a pardon

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (close a door, etc.)

close the door

it's wrong to ~ on promising research (human cloning)

door has closed

the ~ on reform...

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (shown the door, etc.)

shown the door

official after official in the Department of Homeland Security was ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: doors & thresholds

doormat (person)

muse and doormat

the muddy line between collaboration and codependence, ~

become a doormat

she allowed herself to ~ (woman-woman relationship)

made herself into a doormat

she ~, she has nobody to blame but herself

admiration & contempt: person / doors & thresholds

person: doors & thresholds

doorstep (on / at the doorstep)

at the doorstep of an (NFL) title

they are ~

on the doorstep of the EU

for a month he's ~ (a migrant vlogging his journey)

on Baghdad's doorstep

coalition forces are poised ~

on death's doorstep

he's ~ (very sick)

the economy is ~

on its doorstep

Saudi Arabia discourages liberalization ~ (Qatar)

Turkey seeks to contain the crisis unfolding ~ (Syria)

on our doorstep

another storm behind Fred will be ~ by mid-week

poised on (Baghdad's) doorstep

coalition forces are ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

proximity: doors & thresholds / house

dormant (adjective)

long-dormant

the ~ volcano has erupted (La Soufriere / St. Vincent)

activity: animal / death & life / sleep

dose (amount)

dose

it's the ~ that makes the poison (emailing, etc.)

dose of inspiration

he provided the team a ~

dose of criticism

the president received a fair ~ for his speech

dose of humility

we all need a good ~ (debate and opinions)

dose of reality

he needs a ~ (selfish teen)

dose of sanity

we could use a ~

dose of wisdom

they got a ~ from the coach
he brings a ~ to the government

dose of goodwill

the project has earned the US a ~ (foreign aid)

dose of good news

we could all use a ~

double dose

a ~ of fantastic news from Vicksburg and Gettysburg (war)

healthy dose

he uses research and a ~ of imagination (writer)

heavy dose

in Copenhagen he ingested a ~ of Aristotle (Tycho Brahe)

small doses

I could only read it in ~ (a book)

provide a dose

recent advances ~ of hope for sufferers

amount: health & medicine

dot (connect the dots)

connect the dots

I must ~

we couldn't ~ (terrorism)

why didn't we ~

it's impossible to ~ looking forward

people are starting to ~ (climate change)

this report helps us ~ (climate change)

fill in the blanks, connect the dots

they want to ~, and figure out what's going on (probe)

♦ Steve Inskeep: I don't want to connect these dots too firmly yet, Carrie, but I want to note what some of the dots are... What would it mean if these dots were more firmly connected? / Carrie Johnson: I think we're going to need to wait and see... rather than speculate... There's been a lot of bad reporting in this case, we've got to be careful. / Steve Inskeep: But what we do know is those dots are there, and that the Muller investigation continues. / Carrie Johnson: Yes, that's right." (Vague and ominous dots. From "News Brief: Paul Manafort, Parkland Shooting, Spying Charges," NPR, Morning Edition, 14 February 2019.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture / verb

dot (verb)

dot the lake

floating restaurants ~ (Tonle Sap)

configuration: mark / verb

dotted (arrangement)

dotted with surveillance) cameras

Times Square is ~

dotted with (observatory) domes

the mountain is ~ (telescopes)

dotted with (small mangrove) islands

a shallow lagoon ~ (Khor al-Beidah)

dotted with (thousands of) kites

the sky is ~ of different colors and styles

dotted with monuments

the area is ~ to him (Lorca)

dotted with the ruins

a valley ~ of 16th-century fortresses (Georgia)

dotted with smokestacks

he looked out on hills ~ (Zarqa)

ice-dotted

~ rivers

island-dotted

the Aegean, the ~ region (sailors rarely far from land)

monastery-dotted

a beautiful, ~ land (Montenegro)

configuration: mark

double down (verb)

doubling down on its decision

the government is ~

double-downed our efforts

we ~ to not have it happen again

doubled down (at the White House) and tripled down

the president ~ on Twitter (political dispute)

action, inaction & delay / commitment & determination: cards / gambling / verb

double-edged (sword)

double-edged sword

opium and its derivatives are a ~

science is a ~ and can be used for good or evil

for Pakistan, success of this kind is a ~ (terrorists)

double-edged sword of biotechnology

the ~ (germ warfare)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

relationship: blade / sword

dove (person)

dove

he is not a ~, but he opposes attacking Iran

person: animal / bird

military: sign, signal, symbol

character & personality / violence: animal / bird / person / predation

dovetail (verb)

dovetails with contemporary anxieties

the film ~ (a zombie movie)

dovetailed with (energy) plans

construction plans have not ~ (China)

dovetailed with US policy

reports by US cyber-security companies appear to have ~

dovetail with his (warped) view

he denigrates ideas that don't ~ of what America should be

configuration: animal / bird / verb

dowager (old)

dowager of the medium

the podcast, which at five years old is practically a ~

♦ "Ebony Magazine turns 76 tomorrow." (Once a pillar of the Black community, this great magazine has fallen on hard times, and is now only available online. You would think some US philanthropist would endow a print version in perpetuity.)

growth & development: death & life / person

down (feeling)

down time

my life is a roller coaster and this is a ~

get me down

it doesn't ~ (criticism)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (decline)

down

it's a long way ~

down market

a ~ is as much an opportunity as an up one

decline: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (functioning)

down

the system is ~

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment /

functioning: direction / mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (down for something)

down for this

are you ~

down for that
if you're ~, then...

♦ You can be down for something or up for something with the same meaning! English is crazy.

allegiance, support & betrayal / commitment &
determination: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (down through the centuries, etc.)

down through the centuries
the voice of Herodotus can be heard speaking ~ (writings)

down through the generations
dancers pass their knowledge ~ (ballet)

down the generations
that voice still echoes out ~ (the filmmaker John Ford)

down hundreds of years
the saint's feast day had been kept ~ of worship

on down
the legend lives on from the Chippewa ~ (Gordon Lightfoot)

come down (to me) through time
it's like hearing a voice that has ~ (bard recites Gesar)

handed down
see handed down (by ancestors, etc.)

passed down
see passed down (by ancestors, etc.)

♦ Barbara Dancygier and Eve Sweetser have a wonderful discussion of up-down metaphors for time in *Figurative Language*, and give "high / low Middle Ages" as a French example. They mention that the metaphor might relate to "reverence for the past" in French and Chinese. But the basis for the metaphor might also relate to topography. Sound travels farther in all directions from a high point like a mountain peak, as people of mountain cultures know, from Tibet through Afghanistan and Switzerland to the Southern Appalachians.

♦ This is an instance of up-down metaphors for time and contrasts with up (up to now, up to date, etc.). Time seems to come down from the past and then up to the present. Perhaps this reflects a cyclical view of time, or simply a hilly topography.

past & present / time: direction / height / history /
mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle

downdraft (noun)

downdraft of debt
the hopelessness of families caught in a ~

downdraft in the markets
concern about Europe helped to lead the big ~

economic downdraft
the powerful ~ started with the failure of Lehman

severe downdraft
the fund could be damaged again by a ~ (money)

bucking the downdraft
some candidates are ~ (elections)

caught in the downdraft
media companies have been ~ of advertising revenue

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

force: air / atmosphere / wind

downfall (noun)

downfall

their greed will be their ~

contributed to his downfall

his protectiveness may have ~

decline / destruction: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

downhearted

downhearted

it made you ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / heart

heart: direction

downhill (go downhill, etc.)

downhill direction

they are going in a ~ (sports team)

going downhill

education has been ~

goes downhill

the health of children with the disease ~

gone downhill

things have ~ in the last few years (polarized society)

went downhill

their relationship ~

things ~ from there

spiraled downhill

at home, he ~ (troubled soldier back from Iraq)

♦ "He got laid off... He went downhill, way downhill, he gave up on himself...He drunk every day, all day, and one day..."

♦ How can *downhill* mean something easily accomplished and also mean decline and failure? J.P. Postgate, Litt.D., Prof. of Comparative Philology, addressed this question in an Inaugural Address delivered at the opening of the Session 1896-7, at University College, London. He said its relationship to the meaning of easiness was an obvious metaphor. As for decline, he explained that at the time of Plautus, who used the word in both senses, "Roman waggons and carriages had no efficient brakes." In addition, Postgate mentioned that when Plautus used the word for decline or failure, it was always in contrast with a flatter level.

♦ "Winter horseshoes are equipped with little spikes that give a horse traction on snow and ice, and prevent it from slipping. Without them, a horse can neither tow a wagon uphill, nor use them as brakes on the way down. In the Russian winter of 1812, this spelt disaster for Napoleon's reduced force. Horses in summer shoes would have 'fallen down underneath whatever it was they were towing,' in the words of Bernie Tidmarsh, one of Britain's leading farriers. 'They wouldn't have got any grip going downhill any more than they would have going up,' he says. 'The end result would have been broken legs and mutilated limbs.' In some cases the horses were butchered for food while still alive by starving soldiers." ("Napoleon's failure: For the want of a winter horseshoe," by Saul David, BBC, 8 February 2012.)

decline: direction / mountains & hills

failure, accident & impairment: direction / mountains & hills

downhill (easy)

all downhill

the hard part was over, and it was ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills / walking, running & jumping

downplay (verb)

downplay his own gifts

he does not ~, but... (a politician)

downplayed the need

he has ~ for widespread testing (pandemic)

downplays the (important) role

this comment ~ that dogs play as sentries

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb

attenuation: theater / verb

downshift (verb)

downshifting to stall speed

the economy is ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb

speed: engine / verb

downside (noun)

downside

modern agriculture has a ~

downside of the electoral college

another ~ is...

downsides to 5G

are there any ~ (geo locating, facial recognition, etc.)

big downside

outsourcing has a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / orientation

downstream

downstream

Nasa sets the goals, it no longer designs everything ~

downstream in their education

grad students who were further ~

downstream business

Chevron's ~ posted profits (refining, marketing)

downstream consequences

depression and PTSD have a number of ~, including suicide

downstream impact

the technology can have a ~ (GM autos)

downstream industries

are squealing ~ (steel tariffs)

downstream operations

Chevron will merge its chemical arm with ~

downstream processing
a lot of ~ will be done by China (rare earths)

♦ In the oil business, oil and gas fields are upstream assets, pipelines are midstream, and refineries and retail outlets are downstream.

♦ In the area of health, upstream interventions are things like wireless scales for weighing people, and free rides to medical appointments. These measures are largely preventative in nature and save money in the long run. Downstream outcomes are things like hospitalizations and surgeries.

orientation: river

down to earth (adjective)

proud and down to earth
her ~ mom

straightforward, down to earth
he demonstrates ~ cooking

character & personality: earth & world

downturn (noun)

downturn in business
hotels have experienced a 90 percent ~ (war)

economic downturn
the company foundered during the ~

decline: direction

doyen (squad leader)

doyen of inaction movies
Andersson, the ~ (*New Yorker* review of the filmmaker)

experience: military / person

draconian (adjective)

draconian
the punishments for food theft were already ~

draconian charges
she faces ~, including sedition (Nuttaa Mahattana)

draconian (budget) cuts
he will not give in to ~ (president)

draconian crackdown
he has presided over the most ~ on leaks in US history

draconian measures
if hospital cases spiral, more ~ may be needed (pandemic)

draconian justice and rule
many Afghans prefer the ~ meted out by the Taliban

criticised as draconian
his radical left-wing policies have been ~

judgment / oppression: allusion

comparison & contrast: affix

draft (verb)

drafted into a trade war
they have been ~ that was not of their making (farmers)

assembling: military / verb

drag (drag on the economy, etc.)

drag on the economy
Brexit uncertainty has been a ~
higher taxes are not necessarily a ~

obstacles & impedance: burden / movement / physics

drag (verb)

drag her knees through the playoffs
Staley is set to ~ (WNBA)

dragged her butt out of bed
she ~ (teen waking up)

difficulty, easiness & effort: burden / movement / verb

drag (drag somebody into something)

dragged you into this
I shouldn't have ~ (dangerous situation)

drag some along kicking and screaming
he may have to ~ (a reform police chief)

involvement: burden / verb

eagerness & reluctance: burden / verb

drag down (verb)

drag Lara down with you
don't ~

dragging the country down into the gutter
they are ~ of rancor and vitriol (politics)

obstacles & impedance: arm / verb

dragnet (noun)

dragnet
the largest ~ in American history (Eric Rudolph)

dragnet for the murderer
authorities cast a ~

DNA dragnet
authorities have conducted a ~ (Louisiana serial killer)

international dragnet
authorities cast an ~ for... (accused rapist)

conducted a (DNA) dragnet
authorities have ~ (Louisiana serial killer)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish

dragnet (cast a dragnet)

cast a dragnet for the murderer
authorities ~

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish / verb

dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.)

Dragon's Back

the ~ is a ridge in KwaZulu-Natal

Dragon's Jaw

the North Vietnamese called it the ~ (US bridge target)

Dragon Shoal

~ is a reef off Rakhine, Myanmar

♦ The Drakensberg is the highest mountain range in South Africa. Its name means, "the Dragon Mountains."

proper name: creature

dragon (resemblance)

dragon of the bush

the ~, a carrion-eating monitor lizard (the goanna)

resemblance: creature

drag on (verb)

drag on for a while

this is going to ~ (a controversy)

dragged on for months

the crisis has ~ now (pandemic)

drag through Christmas

US shutdown looks set to ~

case dragged on

the ~ without any arrests

negotiations drag on

~ (Brexit)

quarantine drags on

frustration and exhaustion as the ~ (COVID-19 lockdown)

war drags on

as the ~ (casualties)

time: burden / movement / speed / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: burden / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: burden / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

drain (remove)

drain spiritual energy from the land

they worry that the drilling will ~ (Medicine Lake area)

drain the Kingdom of \$16 billion

expatriates ~ each year (Saudi Arabia)

drained out of him

eventually, the fight ~ (abuser)

drained his finances

what really ~ was the roll-call bribe (Mexico prison)

drained him

his anger seemed to have ~, and he slumped

strength drained away

as their blood thickened and their ~ (climbers)

leaking: verb / water

drain (an emotion, etc.)

drained out of him

eventually, the fight ~ (abuser)

drained him

his anger seemed to have ~, and he slumped

strength drained away

as their blood thickened and their ~ (climbers)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water

drain (noun)

drain of experience and manpower

the departures meant a great ~

drain on the kingdom's economy

banning women from driving causes a tremendous ~

drain on resources

responding to a terrorist event causes a tremendous ~

economic drain

it's going to be a huge ~ (spending on weapons)

time drain

place limits on TV watching, as it is a great ~

swirling down the drain

the country is ~ (Somalia)

leaking: water

drain (go down the drain, etc.)

swirling down the drain

the country is ~ (Somalia)

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb

destruction: infrastructure / verb

drained (attenuation)

drained of color

under an overcast sky the prairie looked ~

attenuation: water

drained (feeling)

drained and shaken

I left feeling ~ (tour of Auschwitz)

physically drained

he was out of oxygen, ~, and alone (climber on Everest)

physically and mentally drained

you're ~ and then, boom...

end up (emotionally) drained

you ~ (search for missing child)

feeling, emotion & effect: container / water

drama (tense drama, etc.)

drama

bring the ~ to an end (mine rescue)

figure skating is known for its ~
 drama of (athletic) competition
 choking and the ~
Antonio Brown drama
 and you thought the ~ was over (ongoing sports story)
hijack drama
 the ~ saw its final act played out (Medina)
hostage drama
 one ~ may be over, but...
wildlife drama
 a compelling ~ (mountain pond)
life-and-death drama
 they watched their own ~ unfold on satellite TV sets
sporting drama
 the ending was wild, the ultimate in ~ (an NFL game)
tense drama
 a joyous end to a ~ (mine rescue)
end to a (tense) drama
 a joyous ~ (mine rescue)
bring the drama to an end
 ~ (mine rescue)
drama (that) is unfolding
 the US should stay out of the ~ in Egypt (protests)
watched their own drama unfold
 passengers ~ on satellite TV sets (JetBlue Flight)
feeling, emotion & effect: theater
drama (drama queen, etc.)
drama queen
 Nikki is fussy, she's a ~ (sister)
sense of drama
 such a high-flung ~
behavior / character & personality / performance: theater
dramatic (the dramatic)
flair for the dramatic
 he displayed a ~ (traffic commissioner)
feeling, emotion & effect: theater
dramatic (dramatic child, etc.)
dramatic child
 I was a very ~ (threats, etc.)
behavior / character & personality / performance: theater
dramatic (effect)
dramatic action
 this sort of ~ (invasion of Kuwait)
dramatic event
 this ~ (the eruption of a volcano)
 during that season's ~s (on Mt. Everest)
dramatic (new) evidence
 even in the face of ~
dramatic example
 the dying Aral Sea is the most ~ (ecological damage)
dramatic feature
 Karchner's most ~ (a cave)
dramatic photograph
 French TV showed a ~ of the plane in flames
dramatic return
 the ~ of this national symbol (the bald eagle)
dramatic turn
 the case took another ~ when... (murder)
dramatic twist
 this was a ~ in the trial (Trump's second impeachment)
dramatic cityscape
 the ~ of steel and lights (Hong Kong)
dramatic turnaround
 in another ~ (football coach's fortunes)
feeling, emotion & effect: theater
dramatic (extent)
dramatic changes
 he can be counted on to make few ~s
dramatic decline
 the ~ in fatality rates (boating)
dramatic improvements
 in the absence of ~ in the fortunes of Nigerians
dramatic increases
 manufacturing has seen ~ in productivity
dramatic results
 the controversial cancer drug didn't produce ~
dramatic (dust) signatures
 rapid movement causes ~ (military)
extent & scope: theater
dramatically
changed dramatically
 the racial makeup of Canarsie ~
declined dramatically
 Lake Chad's area has ~ since the 1960s
fallen dramatically
 infection rates here have ~ over the past month (COVID)
extent & scope: theater
draw (attract)
 drew people from all direction

Rome ~ (history)
drawn criticism from whistle-blowers
the company has ~
drawn criticism for being derivative
her videos have also ~ (music)
drawn an outpouring
her film has ~ of both praise and outrage
drawn swarms of protestors
the meetings of the World Bank have ~
drawn rave reviews
his new pitch has ~ (a pitcher)
drew cheers and boos
the judge's decision ~

drawing both praise and scorn
their efforts are ~
attraction & repulsion: movement / verb
relationship: movement / verb

draw (luck of the draw)

luck of the draw
there is a ~, we are on a wheel (how judges get cases)
fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games
draw (late / early on the draw)

late on the draw
you were very ~ (to take action)
action, inaction & delay / initiation: weapon

draw alongside

drew alongside the railway line
the road ~

fictive motion: verb

drawbridge (protection)

their own drawbridges
countries pulling up ~ (Internet sovereignty)
drawbridge came up
I arrived just before the ~ (France bans travelers from UK)

pull up the drawbridge
Americans want to ~, bring the troops home

division & connection: military / fortification
protection & lack of protection: military / fortification

draw in (verb)

drew so many people in
the conspiracy theory ~
attraction & repulsion: movement / verb
involvement: movement / verb

drawing board (on the drawing board)

on the drawing board
also ~ is...
creation & transformation: infrastructure
drawing board (other)

going back to the drawing board
we're ending the council and ~ (Google ATEAC)
creation & transformation: infrastructure
draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.)

night draws near
the ~
time is drawing near
the ~
future / time: direction / distance / movement / verb

drawn in

drawn in
just as Daniel was leaving Larry's orbit, others were ~
situation: container / movement
involvement: astronomy / movement
attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

drawn into

get drawn into
we want people to ~ the tent of conservation
involvement: astronomy / movement
situation: container / movement
attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

drawn to

drawn to a Web site
"eyeballs," or the number of people ~
drawn to (conspiracy) theories
I've always been ~ like this

drawn to Ralph Waldo Emerson
as a teen, Nietzsche was ~'s "Promethean individualism"
attraction & repulsion: movement

dream (verb)

dream about
this is what guys like myself ~ (NFL rookie)
dream of dancing
in Russia, all ballerinas ~ at the Mariinsky
dream of finding
scientists and capitalists ~ a drug that could...
dreams of returning
my father ~ to his birthplace
dreamed big

she has always ~ (Lizzo)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: sleep / verb

dream (fever dream, etc.)

fever dreams about Russian collusion

they fill their airtime with ~ (MSNBC, CNN, etc.)

fever-dream projections

“~” regarding pedophilia (conspiracy theories)

dream world

she lives in her own ~

♦ “During his fever Davy later said that he had a repeated hallucination of a beautiful, tender, unknown woman who nursed him, held him and had ‘intellectual conversations’ with him. [When] I contracted that terrible form of typhus fever known by the name of jail fever... there was always before me the form of a beautiful woman... This spirit of my vision had brown hair, blue eyes, and a bright rosy complexion... Her figure was so distinct in my mind as to form almost a visual image...[but] as I gained strength the visits of my good angel, for so I called it, became less frequent.” (*The Age of Wonder* by Richard Holmes.)

consciousness & awareness / fantasy & reality: health & medicine / sleep

dream (noun)

dream

my ~ had been to play in the final... (World Cup)

our ~ is to save enough to buy a one-family home
its banking system is still more a ~ than fact (Russia)

dream that

it was a ~ I never thought would come true (immigrant)
first the ~, then the doubts, then the commitment

it was his dream to drive

~ a bus since he was 9

it was (always) his dream to end up

~ in the United States

it had been a dream (of hers) to canoe

~ in Algonquin Park

dream of El Dorado

what local newspapers call “the ~” (jobs in Europe)

dreams of (artistic) greatness

he had all these ~

dream of hers

it had been a ~ to canoe in Algonquin Park

dreams of marriage

their ~ were delayed yet again (Pakistani man, cousin)

dream of peace

the ~ has often turned into a nightmare of war (Africa)

dreams of a better tomorrow

~ for our children

dreams of holy war

~ vanished in the flames (Afghanistan)

dream of attending

he sacrificed his ~ college to finance his brother's studies

dream of becoming

it was a jolting blow to his lifelong ~ a fighter pilot

dream of developing

his ~ a practical turbine-powered car

dream of turning

he had a ~ a town into a metropolis (William Mulholland_)

dreams for the future

they talked about their own ~ (Wilma Mankiller)

dream car

they got their ~ for thousands less
the Suby is a young athlete's ~ (Subaru Outback Limited)

dream (surfing) destination

Indonesia or other ~s

dream guy

new dating services guarantee a ~

dream home

completing his ~

dream house

he talked of a ~ and a dream car
on Wednesday, their ~ was destroyed (wildfire)

dream job

his ~ secured, he is now...
Notre Dame was his ~ (coach)
your man tanked the interview for his ~

dream lover

at a restaurant with my ~
~, come rescue me, take me anyway you want me

“dream sheets”

we were handed ~ (requests for military schools)

dream ship

a fantastic ~

dream store

invited her to help him open his ~

dream trip

this is a ~ (extended canoe trip)

dream vacation

~s and weekend getaways

dream wedding

the fairy-tale star of her ~

dream world

it was her ~

dream, fantasy, or vision

the only way to keep a ~ intact or rosy

dream and nightmare

every surfer's ~ (Condition Black / huge surf)

designer's dream

her (fashion) show is a ~

everyone's dreams
~ are different—like the former pilot who swam...

immigrant's dream
he had realized the classic ~

kid's dream
it is most any ~ of the perfect place to eat dinner

promoter's dream
Ali was a ~ (poetry, quips, putdowns, predictions, etc.)

skateboarder's dream
20 competitors on a course that's every ~ (street)

Everest dreams
Walter Mitty's with ~ need to keep in mind... (climbing)

Pakistani dream
the ~ of a weak Afghanistan under Islamabad's sway

boyhood dream
he fulfilled his ~ of sailing...
for some, ~s come true (an astronaut)

childhood dream
she has realized her ~

laboratory dreams
these ideas are still ~ (nanotechnology / foods)

rock dream
he realized he wouldn't be living the ~

secret dream
the ~ of any woman...

lifelong dream
it's an opportunity for him to fulfill a ~
it was a jolting blow to his ~ of becoming a fighter pilot

complete dream
it's a ~ (reaching the semifinals of World Cup)

sweet dreams
you hug her and kiss her and wish her ~

age-old (Pakistani) dream
the ~ of a weak Afghanistan under Islamabad's sway

car of my dreams
a tiny red Miata, the ~

man of (your) dreams
find the ~
ask the ~ out on a date

man of her dreams
she had a star-crossed affair with the ~
and then she met the ~

blow to his (lifelong) dream
it was a jolting ~ of becoming a fighter pilot

hopes and dreams
do you have ~ beyond tomorrow morning
his ~ have to do with...
the TV show represented my ~ (Mary Tyler Moore)

plans, hopes, dreams, and ambitions
adults often resent death because it affects ~ (nursing)

potential and dreams
a chance to fulfill their ~ (SuAnne Big Crow Center)

dreams die
~ hard

dream had consumed them
the ~ (climbing K2 together)

dreams come true
I guess ~ (player on tournament victory)
can their ~...

dreams (of holy war) vanished
~ in the flames (Afghanistan)

dream (vacation) turned into a nightmare
their ~

abandoned the dream
I ~ as preposterous (climbing Mt. Everest)

achieve your dreams
we will help you ~ (teen modeling Web site)

achieved my (goal and) my dream
I ~ (Vitali Klitschko / boxer)

chase their dreams
tonight will inspire people to ~ (Olympic successes)
we are boys who, with great sacrifice, ~ (FI driver)

chase his dreams
he is a hero for taking the risk he did to ~ (Anthoine Hubert)

dream a new dream
you are never too old to set another goal or to ~

exceeded their (wildest) dreams
what they actually saw ~ (astronomers)

find your dream
follow every rainbow, 'till you ~ (song)

fulfill his dream
he wants his young friend to ~ (to become world champ)

fulfill (some of) his dreams
so, either way, I did ~ (son, speaking of father)

have a dream
I ~ (Martin Luther King Jr.)

lived her dream
she ~, then died in a lonely hotel room (Anna Nicole)

living his dream
he is now truly ~ (professional windsurfer)

living the dream
we thought we were ~, but... (blacks in north / US)

pursue her dream
she quit her job to ~ of becoming...

pursue a dream

people who switched courses late in life to ~
 realize your dream
 how does it feel to ~ (award show)
 sacrificed his dream
 he ~ of attending college to help his brother
 go after your dreams
 it's important to ~ because life is short (skateboarding)
 give up the dream
 no one expects them to ~, either (for independence)
 given up his dream
 he had almost ~ of being an opera singer (Paul Potts)
 give up those dreams
 maybe it's best to ~ (a musician)
 give up on my dream
 I'm not one to ~ (disappointed "American Idol")
 give up on her dream
 she doesn't want to ~ of being a "real" professor (adjunct)
 allow the dream to die
 he wouldn't ~ (an athlete)
 take your dreams away
 don't let anyone ~
 turned the dream into a nightmare
 the loans have ~ (home ownership)
 make your dreams come true
 it will ~ (how-to-kiss book for teens)
 make their dreams come true
 they feel that they can ~ with hard work and...
 make that dream a reality
 she can now afford to ~ (an Indian able to buy an AC)
 abandoned the dream as preposterous
 I ~ (climbing Mt. Everest)

♦ "Each day as I go through the hospitals with younger colleagues, they give me of their dreams and I give them of my experience, and I get the better of the exchange." (William J. Mayo, M.D.)

♦ "Why do people talk about dreams so much in sports? Dream seasons. Dream matchups. Dream opportunities..." ("NBA "The Dream Team 1992" full documentary, narrated by Ed Burns.)

♦ "Playing video games for a living is a dream for many." (Amazon's Twitch, etc., and online streamers.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: sleep

dredge up (verb)

dredging up old allegations
 they are ~

dredge up wild beliefs
 they ~ from online fever swamps (a podcast)

dredged up (painful) memories
 the fires have ~ of how black churches were razed (arson)

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: boat / ground, terrain & land / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

drenched

blood-drenched allegory
 the film is a ~
 drama-drenched
 ~ retellings of scorn and mockery (epic sports failures)
 neon-drenched
 the seedy, ~ combat zone of massage parlors
 sun-drenched
 in the ~ deserts of California

absorption & immersion / amount & effect: water

dressed (dressed up, etc.)

dressed in scientific clothes
 exploration now had to be ~
 dressed up as control
 it is curiosity ~ (Netflix and interactive shows)

♦ "Good clothes open all doors."
 ♦ "Clothes make the man, naked people have little or no influence on society." (Mark Twain.)
 ♦ "Fine feathers make fine birds."

appearance & reality / subterfuge: clothing & accessories

dressing down (noun)

public dressing down
 the impact of this ~ was critical

accusation & criticism / judgment: military

dress up (verb)

dress that up
 however you ~, that is the fear...

dress up incompetence as heroism
 it is less disturbing to ~ (Scott and the South Pole)

substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

drift (consciousness)

drifted in and out of (bizarre) hallucinations
 he ~ (K2 climber in distress)

drifted in and out of (fitful) sleep
 I ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

drifted off
 I was exhausted and ~ in short order (went to sleep)

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / movement / verb

drift (sound)

drifted in

funeral music ~ through our windows

drifts outside

music from the choir ~

drifted (in) through our windows

funeral music ~

drift across the cuts and trails

they can hear the sound of hammers ~

♦ "A warm wind from the south blew in through the casements.
Locomotives at their distant stations roared like sea lions." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak, "The Hour Of The Inevitable.")

movement: sound

drift (move)

drifted back

but some laborers have since ~ (to Sichuan)

drift into oblivion

he admitted he would likely ~ (boxer)

drifted into construction work

he ~

drifted (apart) from his parents and siblings

he had ~

drifted from job to job

for the next several years he ~ (famous actor)

drifted through a series of jobs

he then ~

drifted about the country

disdaining regular employment, he ~

drifting (closer) to towns and cities

most Nukak clans are ~ (Colombia)

movement: atmosphere / wind / verb

drift (control)

drift in the (US) approach

evidence of a ~ in Afghanistan

control & lack of control: atmosphere / boat / wind

direction: atmosphere / boat / wind

drift (drift apart)

drifted apart

we ~ (a relationship)

drifted apart from his parents and siblings

he had ~

division & connection: atmosphere / boat / verb / wind

drill (drill down, etc.)

drill deeper

we need to ~ into their claims (government claims)

drill down

they can ~ and address the problem (regulators)

drill down into the rankings

it doesn't really make sense, until you ~

drills down (very) deep

she ~ on these issues (a political analyst)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: direction / ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

drink in (verb)

drank in every (tiny) detail

I ~ of her office

drank in knowledge

he ~ from every person and place he met

drank in the scene

I ~ (a town)

drank in the (stunning) sights

I ~ (a trip abroad)

drank in the vistas

we ~ and toured the pastures

absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

drip (and drip-drip, etc.)

drip-drip

this isn't ~, it's a flood (sexual harassment)

drip of negative press coverage

the president was not pleased with the continuing ~

drip of these transcripts

we had a ~ being released all week long (politics)

drip drip drip of (leaked) emails

the ~ (that hurt Hillary Clinton's chances)

drip drip of propaganda

the effect of this slow ~ was that... (ethnic cleansing)

drip-drip effect

it's a ~ (online anti-Semitism)

'drip drip' effect

the ~ of gender-stereotyping (children)

drip-drip way

virginity had a corrosive effect on my self-esteem, in a ~ (adult)

constant drip-drip

this ~ distorts all your feelings (effects of anti-Semitism)

constant drip-drip-drip

the ~ of stuff (leading to criminal conviction)

daily drip

there has been a ~ of new disclosures (impeachment)

slow drip

the ~ of vote counting revealed his leads were dwindling	~, soldier, drive on...
steady drip	resiliency: journeys & trips
this ~ as life is draining from England (Extinction Rebellion)	
steady drip-drip	drool (verb)
an increasingly ~ of irritations	drooling over the possibility networks have been ~ of landing an interview with...
steady drip, drip	makes venture capitalists drool
the ~ of casualties (Iraq)	his pitch ~
described the build-up as a “slow drip”	eagerness & reluctance: bodily reaction / food & drink / verb
the official ~ (troops on border with Ukraine)	
amount & effect / feeling, emotion & effect / leaking / movement: sound / water	drop (prices dropped, etc.)
drip-fed	dropped by (up to) 70% tourist arrivals ~
drip-fed information	increase & decrease: direction / number / verb
we have been ~ over a long period of time	
drip-fed to the media	drop (drop in sales, etc.)
every day leaks are ~	drop in sales the company is suffering from a ~
directing: water	increase & decrease: direction / number
drive (verb)	drop (drop a case, etc.)
drives the FAA	dropped (international) coverage newspapers have ~
data, science, and risk analysis ~	
driving force: engine / verb	drop the idea
directing: animal / verb	we must ~ the US is Johnny Appleseed spreading democracy
drive (drive somebody to do something)	charges have been dropped
drove him to do	let the matter drop maybe we should ~
necessity and poverty ~ this (mercenary / revolutionary)	♦ "I think it's wrong to pursue this, maybe we should let it drop." (A criminal investigation.)
relationship: force / verb	dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb
drive-by (conflict)	drop (product launch)
drive-by media	drop
when social media becomes source material in ~	the “~” is the release of a highly exclusive line the ~ resulted in pandemonium outside stores (fashion)
♦ Rush Limbaugh used this phrase, which compares mainstream media accounts to drive-by shootings, when talking about the “January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation” (Wikipedia.)	dropped (this morning) for (a whopping) \$1, 018 the shoes ~ (endorsed by Lil Nas X)
♦ “I feel very misled, and it is shameful <i>The New York Times</i> would use my words to hurt my daughter.” (The 78-year-old mother of Neera Tanden. She had thought the interview would result in an article that would be “a nice story about Neera.” At least one columnist described it as a “blatant hit piece.”)	drop culture social media is central to ~
♦ A hatchet job, a hit job / piece, a drive-by...	product drop the ~ is a sales tactic
conflict: crime / death & life / violence	monthly drops Burberry announced a series of ~ (24 hours to buy)
accusation & criticism: crime / death & life / violence	sudden (product) drops ~ generate more social media buzz
punishment & recrimination: crime / death & life / violence	year of the drop
driven (adjective)	
incredibly driven	
she was ~ and never gave up	
character & personality: engine	
drive on (resiliency)	
drive on	

2017 was the ~ (limited release / time limit to buy)
lined up for the drop
a thousand people ~ (pop-up fashion display)

set to drop
Bruised is ~ on Netflix in November (the film)

inauguration: flying & falling / mechanism

drop (a product, etc.)

dropping emails
Wikileaks was ~ (Hillary Clinton)

dropped this week
the trailer for one of the most anticipated films of the year ~

set to drop
the evening before her album is ~

♦ "When we were promoting the show before it had aired, or dropped, or whatever they say at Netflix." (Christina Applegate, showing perhaps a little exasperation with "contempo-speak.")

inauguration: mechanism / verb

drop (drop in the bucket)

drop in the bucket
in relationship to its annual revenue, it was a ~ (a fine)
the numbers are a ~ compared to the southern border
the league's own contribution was a ~ compared to...

amount: water

drop out (verb)

dropped out of the race
he ~ (a politician)

dropped out of the labor force
discouraged job-seekers have ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb
dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

drought (in a drought)

in a sexual drought
I've been ~ for a while

in the middle of a drought
the team is ~ (losing)

♦ "I weep for my country. When you can plow, you can hope. Right now, there is no hope." (Mostafa Imam, on drought in Swaziland.)

♦ "In February, when the food ran out, Ezlina Chambukira started selling her precious possessions one by one. First, her goat. Then an old umbrella. Then two metal plates and a battered pail. When she had nothing left, she started praying for a miracle... It is harvest time, but crops are withered and many people are eating banana roots and pumpkin leaves." ("Meager Harvest in Africa Leave Millions at the Edge of Starvation," June 23, 2003, by Rachel L. Swarns.)

♦ "Who in the desert had never tasted drought? Who had not been driven into exile by famine? Such things were the inescapable fate of the desert—and all the songs of the desert were an expression of this grief, drought, and homelessness." (*Gold Dust* by the great Ibrahim al-Koni.)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

drought (play-off drought, etc.)

drought of victories
Clinton faces a painful ~ (Hillary in 2008 vs. Obama)

13-year (playoff) drought
they have broken a ~ (NFL team)

goal drought
by his standards, that was a ~ (3 games / Messi)

decade of (post-season) drought
the team has endured a parching ~ (Phoenix Suns)

end a (44-year) trophy drought
Spain had a chance to ~ (Euro 2008 / soccer)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

drove (herd or flock)

out in droves
tourists are ~ (summer)

leaving in droves
Italy's youth are ~

Showed up in droves
people ~ to donate blood (mass shooting)

turned to BBC in their droves
people have ~ during the pandemic

turn out in droves
Democrats predicted minority voters would ~

turned out in droves
voters have ~

♦ In the 1800s up to 175,000 hogs passed through Asheville, western North Carolina, each fall on their way south to South Carolina from Tennessee. Drovers also drove great herds of turkeys, ducks, mules, horses, cows, flocks of sheep, etc. along the road. Inns and stands grew up along the route to accommodate both men and animals at night. Local people grew corn to feed the animals and established ferries and bridges. And towns grew up as people prospered. The film *The Journey of August King*, based on the book by John Ehle, gives a flavor of life in those times.

amount / behavior: animal

drown (verb)

drown
I feel like I'm treading water and will soon ~ (a teacher)

drowning in crime
Detroit is ~

drowning in debt
I'm ~ for a piece of paper I never received (college debt)

drowning in its own garbage
Lebanon is ~

drowning in (kitchen) gizmos
in an age when we are ~...

drowning in a sea
I'm ~ of acronyms (nuclear weapons)

if you're ~ of medical bills...

drowning in crime and desperation
small towns were ~ (the opioid crisis)

drowning in bitterness and booze
she is a former rocker who is ~ (a film)

♦ "Our hopes and dreams drown in their empty words and promises." (Greta Thunberg during a Youth4Climate event in Milan, Italy.)

♦ In 2009, over one hundred people died in flash floods in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, one of the driest countries on earth.

♦ In Saudi Arabia, in the interior of the Arabian Peninsula, people drown when flash floods fill wadis. They drown in flooded underpasses. They drown in water tanks on top of roofs. Babies can drown in pails. In addition, Saudi Arabia has 2,640 miles of coastline on the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf. Saudi students studying abroad have drowned.

♦ "None of us could swim," Robinson said. "They were yelling 'help me, help me. Somebody please help me.' It was nothing I could do but watch them drown one by one." (Six Teens Drown in Louisiana River; 7th Rescued," by CBSNews, August 4, 2010.)

♦ "Turn Around, Don't Drown." (Slogan to discourage drivers from disregarding "Road Closed Due to Flooding" signs and trying to cross flooded bridges.)

♦ "Teach my children how to swim because they can find someone who will write for them any time but they cannot find anyone to swim for them at the moment of danger."

♦ "Teach your children swimming, archery and horse riding." (Hadith / Ibn Umar.)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb / water

drown out (verb)

drowned out his (in-ring) interview
boos ~ (a boxer who won a split decision)

sound / superiority & inferiority: verb / water

drowned out

drowned out by the Internet drumbeat
the explanation is sometimes ~

drowned out by the thunder
informed voices were ~ of the partisan lynch mob

sound / superiority & inferiority: water

drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.)

banging the drum on this problem
he has been ~ since...

beating the drum about this
the Biden administration has been ~ (COVID masking)

beating the drum against big government
she is ~ (a politician)

pounds the drum for the power of the people
the film ~ to make things right (politics)

message: military / sound / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: military / sound / verb

drumbeat (noun)

drumbeat of accusations

there is a ~ (against the Catholic Church / pedophilia)

drumbeat of criticism
here in Washington we have just heard a ~ (Afghanistan)

drumbeat of news
there has been a steady ~ about the dangerous chemical

drumbeat of war
the ~ has grown louder in the past few days

drumbeats of war
the ~ are filling our nation

drumbeat of (terror) warnings
the recent ~...

drumbeat of "venture capital is dead"
there has been a ~, and it's getting louder

drumbeat (of calls) for his resignation
there has been a deafening ~ (a politician)

extremist drumbeat
militants were encouraged by the ~ in Cairo

deafening drumbeat
there has been a ~ of calls for his resignation (politician)

drumbeats (of war) are filling our nation
the ~

drumbeat of war has grown louder
the ~ in the past few days

Internet drumbeat
the explanation is sometimes drowned out by the ~

drumbeat is intensifying
the ~ to toughen up laws regarding sexual predators

♦ "The drumbeat of war is sounding loud and the rhetoric has gotten rather shrill." (Michael Carpenter, US Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSCE) in Europe, about the Ukrainian crisis in January, 2022.)

♦ Ari Shapiro: "Well, do you hear the drums of war beating?" / Eleanor Beardsley: "You know what? I don't..." (Eleanor Beardsley reporting from Kharkiv / Kharkov, 25 miles from the Russian border. ("The view from border city Kharkiv, Ukraine, as Russian troops appear ready to invade," NPR, All Things Considered, Jan. 13, 2022.)

message: military / sound

attention, scrutiny & promotion: military / sound

drummed out

drummed out of the party
he has been ~ (politics)

dismissal, removal & resignation: military

drummer (different drummer)

different-drummer commitment
he offers a ~ to civility (versus political bickering)

out-of-step, against-the-grain, different-drummer
~ types

march to a different drummer
his willingness to ~ is his biggest liability (politics)

marching to a different drummer
they are often ~ (kids with ADHD)
they are ~ and choosing colleges with different profiles

unanimity & consensus: military / sound
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / sound
drum up (verb)

drum up (public) demand
he is trying to ~ for his invention

drum up interest
she was able to ~ on Facebook (for her company)

drum up publicity
promoters are keen to ~ by any means (boxing)

drum up support
we are trying to ~ for the project
they are trying to ~ for the law
candidates are actively campaigning there to ~ (election)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / creation & transformation:
military / prep, adv, adj, particle / sound / verb

drunk (adjective)

drunk on power
he is ~

restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol
control & lack of control: alcohol
behavior / feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

dry (come up dry)

come up dry on leads
we have ~ (thefts of goats)

♦ This refers to a well that fails to produce water or oil.

success & failure: mining / verb / water
searching & discovery: mining / verb / water

dry run

dry run for the All-Star Game
the stadium manager says the game will be a ~

dry run of the course
participants registered for a ~ (race with obstacles)

made a dry run
he ~ in a wind tunnel (parachutist)

arranged for a dry run
he ~ to make sure everything worked (technology)

♦ There are quite a few theories for the origin of this relatively recently coined phrase. One idea is that it relates to drills by fire departments without water being pumped. It came to prominence in the military during World War II.

readiness & preparedness: military

dry up (verb)

jobs dried up
when the war ended, the ~

money dried up
the ~

overtime has dried up
~ (for immigrant workers)

work dried up
other ~, and old friends stopped calling (disgraced)

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

duck (avoid)

ducked out of the (post-race) interview
he ~ (auto racing)

duck the (tough) issues
we won't ~ (a politician)

ducked the question
he ~ (State Department "official")

duck (the more challenging) questions
he hoped the court would not ~

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: animal / bird / verb

duck (verb)

ducked into the office
she ~ right away to see what was up

duck into a bathroom
the young women ~ to change out of their jeans

movement: animal / bird / verb

dud (noun)

dud
the product was a ~ (marketing)

dud of a book
this disappointing ~ starts with a good premise

success & failure: weapon / explosion

failure, accident & impairment: weapon / explosion

duel (noun)

duels for the ball
he was engaged in 20 ~ (Paul Pogba vs. Germany)

tense duel
the two were locked in a ~ for days (Tour de France)

pair up for duels
with the city's blessing, cars ~ (legal drag racing)

♦ "Smollett states that the admiral [Knowles] himself did not escape without censure. Two of his captains were reprimanded; but Captain Holmes, who had displayed uncommon courage, was honourably acquitted. The admiral fought a bloodless duel with Captain Paulett, of the *Tilbury*; but Captain Innes and Clarke met by appointment in Hyde Park, with a case of pistols each. The former was mortally wounded, and died next morning; the latter was tried and condemned for murder, but received His Majesty's pardon." ("Tortuga, 1748" from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

competition / conflict: weapon

dueling (adjective)

dueling ad

~s, each side accusing the other (politics)

dueling protests

we are expecting ~ today (pro- and anti-government)

competition / conflict: weapon

dug in

dug in

both sides are ~ and neither side will move (politics)

♦ "We will weed out the rebels, but they are dug in."

♦ "A-10 Warthogs destroyed 10 Iraqi T-55 tanks dug in a defensive posture."

protection & lack of protection / resistance, opposition & defeat / survival, persistence & endurance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military

dull (adjective)

grow dull

his life reminds us that the cutting edge can ~ (Hefner)

flaws & lack of flaws: blade / knife

dumb (technology)

dumb mines

~ versus smart mines (self-destruct / self-deactivate)

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)

~ bombs (military)

knowledge & intelligence: mechanism

ability & lack of ability: mechanism

dump (verb)

dumped the editor

she ~ and replaced him with... (magazine)

dump her (3,928) shares

he told her to ~ (of stock)

dumped her stock

just before she ~ in December... (insider trading)

dump you

she's going to ~ (get out of the relationship)

dismissal, removal & resignation: pile / verb

dumped

dumped

she worries about being ~ and getting a bad reputation

dumped Gottlieb for Brown

five year later, he ~ (editor / editors in chief)

dumped by him

you may get ~ later (relationship)

dumped by his girlfriend

he was ~ of nine years...

get dumped

you may ~ by him later... (relationships)

most men who ~ think their girlfriends...

dismissal, removal & resignation: pile

dust (dust settles)

let the dust settle

we will ~ and then make our decisions

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ground, terrain & land

dust (collect dust)

collect dust

the case was left to ~

action, inaction & delay: ground, terrain & land / verb

dust (bite the dust)

bit the dust

many of these mom-and-pop stores ~ (failed)

bites the (desert) dust

English language program ~ (Vinnell Arabia)

destined to bite the dust

the project seems ~ (military project)

♦ In old Western films, cowboys, Indians and soldiers were often shot off their horses and fell into the dust.

failure, accident & impairment: death & life / film

dust (leave somebody in the dust)

left Microsoft in the dust

the iPhone and Android ~ (phones)

competition / superiority & inferiority: direction / horse / movement / sports & games

dust (fairy dust, etc.)

fairy dust

~ from the "Mom wand" makes life easy for them (kids) that something special, that star quality, that little bit of ~ you can find ~ in every situation, no matter how difficult

star dust

can Hollywood ~ revive Wrexham (actors buy soccer club)

sprinkle (tech company) fairy dust

it's a property company trying to ~ over itself

touched with fairy dust

everything he does is ~ (a musician)

♦ "You can never tell when the bad fairy might pay you a visit and sprinkle the f***-you-up dust." (A saying enjoyed by special-forces types.)

♦ "It's not like you sprinkle blockchain dust over it and it's O.K." (Problems with cryptocurrencies.)

♦ "Graham Potter is now sprinkling his magic on this Brighton team and is getting the best out of every player including Neal Maupay." (Liverpool supporter right here, 27 Sept 2021.)

amelioration & renewal: magic

dustbin (noun)

dustbin of history

the Afghans will send the Americans to the ~ (Taliban)
the P-word should be consigned to the ~ (Britain)

consigned to history's dustbin

his political theories have been ~

sweep conversion therapy into the dustbin

we are happy to ~ of history

worth & lack of worth: waste

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: waste

dwarf (size)

dwarf chameleon

Madagascar has produced a group of ~s

dwarf pine

at high elevation, one finds many ~s

size: person

dwarf (verb)

dwarfed all others

the Yankees' payroll ~ (baseball)

dwarfs any other (economic) relationship

the US / EU partnership ~

dwarfs spending

the ad expenditure ~ on other efforts (public health)

dwarfs (all other) threats

an Iranian bomb ~ to Israel

dwarf his other work

the study is likely to ~ in statistics

dwarfs previous ones

the current oil spill ~ (Gulf of Mexico)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height / verb

superiority & inferiority: height / verb

dwell (location)

dwells in your hearts

I know the love of the constitution ~ (politics)

dwell in the past

don't ~ (romance)

location: house

place: house / death & life

dyed-in-the-wool

dyed-in-the-wool optimist

she's a ~

identity & nature: cloth

dying (dying industry, etc.)

dying breed

he is the last of a ~ (race car driver)
moderates are a ~ (politics)

dying industry

nuclear energy may be a ~

condition & status / decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

dynamite (noun)

dynamite for the (party's) base
what he said is ~ (a gaffe / faux-pas)

political dynamite

he was convinced he had ~ (a conspiracy theorist)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / military / sound / weapon

dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.)

dynamite cast

he brings out the best in a ~ (a film director)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / military / sound / weapon

dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.)

dynasty

it's history, we like ~s, to cheer for and against them (sports)

political dynasty

she was a descendant of one of the nation's oldest ~s (Kean)

football dynasty

Coach Bowden built a ~ (at Florida State University)

cheerleading dynasty

she leads a ~ (14 NCA National Championships)

fallen dynasty

he rescued a ~ (Larry Bird and the Boston Celtics)

built a dynasty

they had ~ that had won three Super Bowl championships

power / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

E

eagle eye

eagle eyes of (U.S. spy) satellites
the ~

surveillance: animal / bird / eye

ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)

Ear of the Wind

the ~ is a natural arch in Monument Valley, Arizona

proper name: ear

ear (have somebody's ear)

has the ear of the president
he ~

have the ear of (many) political leaders
they ~ (activists)

has the president's ear
he ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear

ear (attention)

sympathetic ear
he offers a ~ to kids (juvenile offenders)

lent an ear
Michael unselfishly ~ to friends in need

offers a (sympathetic) ear
he ~ to kids (juvenile offenders)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear / speech

ear (surveillance)

ears
the walls have ~

eyes and ears
(see *eyes and ears*)

♦ *What you see here, what you do here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here.*" (Los Alamos and the Manhattan Project.)

surveillance: ear

ear (ear of corn, etc.)

ears of corn
women roasted ~ (Kisumu)

sun's ears
polar explorers call the circles of prismatic colors the ~

resemblance: ear

ear (fall on deaf ears)

fall on deaf ears
calls to end the fighting that seem to ~ (Middle East)
sometimes the warnings ~

fell on deaf ears
his warnings ~ (Gerhart Riegner / Holocaust)
his call for lifting sanctions ~ (a politician)
complaint after complaint ~
police appeals for information ~ (murders of prostitutes)
his desperate appeal ~ (Haile Selassie / Italian invasion)

falling on deaf ears
the appeals are ~ (Russia)

consciousness & awareness: ear

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear

ear (turn a deaf ear)

turned a deaf ear to that argument
Congress has ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear

ear (music to one's ears)

music to Moscow's ears
this was ~ (Macron says NATO is brain dead)

feeling, emotion & effect: ear / music

earful (amount)

getting an earful
he has been ~

amount: ear / speech

early (timeliness)

early in the investigation
as of now it's ~

early in the (democratic presidential primary) process
it's still very ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

earn (verb)

earned a variety of nicknames
the jail ~ over the years (Rikers Island)

achievement, recognition & praise: money / verb

earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.)

ends of the earth
he took the faith of his nation to the ~ (Livingstone)

scoured the Earth
Bill Whitman ~ for rare fruit (collector, popularizer)

extent & scope / searching & discovery: earth & world

earthiness (character)

earthiness
her public persona belies her ~ (she swears, etc.)

♦ In *Metaphors We Live By* Lakoff and Johnson mention a fascinating metaphor: *mundane reality is down*. The example they give is "down to earth." Language that might illustrate this metaphor, besides *earthiness*, could include *grassroots*, a *worm's eye view*, "she has stars in her eyes" versus the mature girl who has *both feet on the ground*, journalists on *the ground*, the teacher who spent 34 years *in the trenches*, actually teaching, the leader with a willingness to *dive into the weeds* to explore detailed elements, people from *all walks of life*, etc.

♦ "I dreamed a thousand new paths...I woke and walked my one."

♦ "Men trip not on mountains but on molehills."

♦ "Before dinner, let us explore the southern plains and climb the northern mountains. After dinner, there are snakes in the southern plains and tigers in the northern mountains." (Chinese.)

character & personality: earth & world

earthquake (effect)

earthquake

his death was an ~ that shook the world (Osama)

cultural earthquake

a massive ~ split the country wide open (US / 1960s)

political earthquake

I think it's going to be a ~ (elections)

'political earthquake'

~ in Ireland as nationalists win (results are a seismic change)

♦ People speak of social ferment in countries with a huge base of young people as "youthquakes."

♦ "My question was surely just a spark but the response was an earthquake." (The remarkable Italian journalist Riccardo Ehrman, who will always be associated with the fall of the Berlin Wall.)

♦ "A sense of insecurity, as during an earthquake, pervaded the minds of men." (*Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ "The sensation produced by an earthquake is never to be forgotten. We feel ourselves in the grasp of a power to which the wildest fury of the winds and waves are as nothing; yet the effect is more a thrill of awe than the terror which the mere boisterous war of the elements produces. There is a mystery and an uncertainty as to the amount of danger we incur, which gives greater play to the imagination, and to the influences of hope and fear. These remarks apply only to a moderate earth-quake. A severe one is the most destructive and the most horrible catastrophe to which human beings can be exposed." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

equilibrium & stability: earthquake / ground, terrain & land
amount & effect / disruption / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land

earthshaking (adjective)

earthshaking experiment

the ~ has rocked the scientific community

earth-shaking transformation

China's economy has experienced ~s in recent decades

amount & effect / equilibrium & stability / extent & scope: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

earworm (noun)

earworm

this song has always been an ~ ("Red Beans and Rice")

attachment: animal / ear

Easter egg

Easter eggs in music video

Taylor Swift reveals secret ~

easter eggs and jokes

there're ~ throughout (*The Every* / Dave Eggers)

secret Easter eggs

Taylor Swift reveals ~ in music video

full of easter eggs

Taylor Swift's "The Man" music video is chock ~

pregnant with Easter eggs

it's ~ (the book *D C-T!* by Avillez and Young)

allusions and Easter eggs

the series has included ~ from previous episodes (TV)

♦ "Good morning, I'm A Martinez. If you're a college student, reading your syllabus could be a good way to start off a semester. A University of Tennessee professor recently taught his students that blowing it off could cost you. His name is Kenyon Wilson, and just to see who was reading closely, he added an easter egg to the course outline. It said, "Free to the first who claims" with a locker number and combination. In it, a fifty dollar bill, no strings attached, but of course... nobody claimed it. It's Morning Edition." ("Tennessee professor hid a cash prize on campus. The clue was in the syllabus," NPR, Morning Edition, December 20, 2021.)

♦ "In Detroit you have WONDR and MOTWN, above St. Louis there are waypoints for ANNII and LENXX." (Steve Trimble of *Aviation Week*, talking about the names of aviation waypoints. From "Unusual Names Of Waypoints Used For Airplanes' Navigation," NPR, All Things Considered, May 26, 2020.)

♦ "Navigation waypoints on this highway in the sky will honor Helge, Mylius, Uroa, Per, Frithjof and Lasse (six of Amundsen's Greenland dogs) and Jimmy Pigg, Snippets, Bones, Jehu, and Nobby (five of Scott's Manchurian and Siberian ponies)." ("Polar Sidekicks Earn a Place on the Map" by John Noble Wilford, *The New York Times*, September 30, 2010.)

♦ "James enjoyed hiding references to heroin use in his lyrics, he once told one of his dope dealers..." (James Taylor. From *Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

♦ "Occasionally one could test a plagiarist. I had to invent a tree, with name to match, for a man who at that time was rather riding in my pocket. In about eighteen months—the time it takes for a 'test' diamond thrown over wires into a field of 'blue' rock to turn up on the Kimberley sorting-tables—my tree appeared in his 'nature-studies'—name as spelt by me and virtues attributed. Since in our trade we be all felons, more or less, I repented when I had caught him, but not too much." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "The whores will be busy." (The first letter of each line of Oliver St. John Gogarty's patriotic poem, "Ode of Welcome," to the Irish soldiers returning home from the Boer War.)

searching & discovery: hunting
concealment & lack of concealment: hunting

easy (sex)

easy

she's ~

♦ Mac: What is *easy*? / Valerie: This is easy. (Silly dialogue from the film *Earth Girls Are Easy* with Geena Davis.)

♦ "I was a bit of a slapper at Uni." (A UK woman.)

sex: euphemism

easygoing (adjective)

easy-going attitude

Atlanta's ~ toward skin and vice

easygoing personality

he has one of those ~s

easygoing country boy

an ~ from Kentucky

good-natured and easygoing

elephants are ~ (according to keeper at zoo)

♦ "No camel route is long with good company." (A Turkish proverb.)

character & personality: journeys & trips

eat (eat one's words, etc.)

eat those words

I'll make you ~ (competition)

eat your words

so called experts and pundits, ~ (Usyk beats Joshua)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

♦ "In the course of my life I have often had to eat my words, and I must confess that I have always found it a wholesome diet." (Winston Churchill about his change in attitude towards Nehru, to one of complete approval.)

speech: consumption

eat (destroy)

ate away at me

it ~ (an unpleasant truth)

my anxiety ~, like ants consuming their prey, bit by bit

ate up entire neighborhoods

rivers ~ (floods)

eat their own

"SWOs ~" is a common Navy refrain (jealousy)

liberals ~ over the most minor slights

eating away the banks

the current is ~ of the river

eating away at your mental health

if social media is ~, please stop (advice to athletes)

eat away at you

secrets ~

eats away at me

that I will never face him in court ~ (sex abuse)

eaten away at me

it would have ~ (not confronting his brother)

eat away at America's sense of security

the sniper attacks ~ (D.C. area)

eat through the (plastic) sheeting

the chlorine will ~

eat into the flesh

necrotic ulcers are deep, open wounds that ~

eat up your mind

meth will ~ (methamphetamine addiction)

eat you up

playing such a demanding role could ~ (Tina Turner)

eat him up

this will ~ bad (boxing champ loses in shock defeat)

eating him up

he kept quiet, but it was ~ (sexually assaulted)

eat me up

I knew the shame would ~ otherwise (without confessing)

eating me up

it was ~ (reveals hidden past to family, world)

eat you alive

that darkness will ~ (journalist investigates sex crimes)
it's there to ~, no pity (Nazare / big-wave surfing)

eating my joy

the "Sunday scaries" are ~ (anxiety about work week)

eaten your soul

and then you are lost, he has ~ (accommodating a boss)

affliction / destruction / feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

eat (endure)

eat only sorrow and misery

I ~ (a Kurdish expression)

eaten some heavy shots

Khan has already ~ (Khan vs. Brook / boxing)

eating them

Lewis is throwing right hands, and Tyson is ~

♦ "When my Dad decided the whole fatherhood thing was a buzzkill for his creativity, we had to take the shit sandwich we'd been served and make it edible. So I cooked..." (The film *Words On Bathroom Walls*.)

♦ "Just when you think you've got your ration of shit-happens someone heaps on another helping."

♦ "Are there not other alternatives than sending our armies to chew barbed wire in Flanders?" (Winston Churchill, in a letter of advice to Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith. The alternative turned out to be Gallipoli.)

♦ James Mossman: I'm told that Tolstoy once said late in his life that life was a tough [?] of which one was obliged to eat slowly. Would you agree with him? / Vladimir Nabokov (laughing delightedly): "I've never heard that story, it's a very funny one. The old boy was sometimes rather [a word that sounds like *degustation*]. No, my own life is fresh bread with country butter and alpine honey." (Vladimir Nabokov, BBC Author Archive Collection, "James Mossman talks to Russian writer Vladimir Nabokov in this 1970 interview.")

consumption: food & drink / verb

eat (eat and breathe, etc.)

eat and breathe

these guys ~ cycling (Giro d'Italia)

♦ "Larry slept it, ate it, drink it, eat it, it was all basketball for him." (An admiring comment about the great Larry "The Hick from French Lick" Bird, about his work ethic.)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination / consumption / enthusiasm: breathing / food & drink / verb

eat (eat and sleep, etc.)

eating and sleeping

he has been ~ boxing, work, work, work (training)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination / consumption / enthusiasm: food & drink / sleep / verb

eaten alive, etc.

eaten up inside

whenever I thought about it, I found myself in a rage, ~

eaten alive by debt

I was ~

get eaten alive
don't ~ by debt (an advertisement)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation
destruction: animal / food & drink / predation

Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.)

"Eaton of Africa"
the so-called ~ (Kamuzu Academy in Malawi)
achievement, recognition & praise / military: epithet

eat up (verb)

ate it up
the crowd ~ (a campaign speech well received)
eat this stuff up
people who watch the History Channel and ~ (UFOs)
eating up (so much) bandwidth
the number of attacks is ~ that...
ate up comic books
I ~ as a kid
ate up every line
the crowd ~ (election rally)
eating up the mist
the sun was ~ (*Lord Jim*)
eat the sun
plants essentially ~ (photosynthesis)

ate up its own weight
the artillery ~ in shell in 3 or 4 minutes (Boer War)

ate up \$5 billion
the program ~

consumption: food & drink / verb

ebb (decline)

ebbed away
for at least 9 days they lay in their tent, as their lives ~
ebb and flow
gang killings ~ but never stop (Los Angeles)
ebbs and flows
the number of cases ~ (West Nile virus in US)
fighting ebbed
the ~ Tuesday (Ubaydi)

decline: sea / tide / verb

ebb (at a low ebb)

at a low ebb
the militant's fortunes in Iraq are ~

decline: sea / tide

ebb (on the ebb)

on the ebb

his racing career is ~

decline: sea / tide

ebb (movement)

ebb and flow of passengers
the ~ through the car doors and turnstiles (D.C. metro)

movement: sea / tide

ebb (development)

ebb and flow of the war
the ~ (Angola)

development: sea / tide

ecclesiastical (adjective)

ecclesiastical stature
the "Twining memo" gained ~ among ufologists

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

echo (verb / effect)

echo and echo and echo
war and trauma can just ~ (lack of closure)

echoes (now) through every talk show
the bitter debate that ~ and coffee shop

repetition: sound / verb

echo (noun / effect)

echo of this vote
the ~ will be loud and long (anti-Hispanic vote)

misled by the echoes
we're ~ (of history)

effect: sound

echo (repeat)

echo what
first, let me ~ the President said (speeches)

echoed Templeton
the State's Attorney Joe Hettel ~... (opinion)

echoes allegations
the report ~ that the company...

echoed the (the teacher's) statement
many school employees ~ that...

echoes the style
the painting closely ~ of his friend Henri Matisse

repetition: sound / verb

transmission: sound / verb

echo (in an echo)

in an echo of (the president's) position
~, Michael Chukwu told BBC that....

repetition: sound

echo chamber

echo chamber

it's an ~where lost souls talk up and amp up one another

echo chamber of social media

in the fact-challenged ~, beliefs and biases are confirmed

media echo chamber

their views are amplified by the ~ (stock analysts, etc.)

online political echo chambers

~ have exacerbated America's divisions

social media echo chamber

another example of the ~ that amplifies all offence

pushes people (deeper) into their own echo chambers

the amount of outrage on social media ~

leapt from echo chambers (of social media) to headlines
the movement ~ in the news (a conspiracy theory)

repetition / transmission: sound

echoed

echoed by NASA

Boeing's conclusion was ~ in its mission reports

echoed by (many) Central Asians

her view is ~

echoed by (many) Americans

that sense of patriotic pride is ~

echoed by others

such criticisms have been ~ who...

echoed by (numerous) others

comments ~... (protestors)

echoed in academic circles

you raise a good point that has been ~

view is echoed

his ~ by many Central Asians

repetition / transmission: sound

eclipse (verb)

eclipsed fishing as (the state's major) revenue source
mining long ago ~ (Nauru)

eclipse electric tanning beds

some predict sunless tanning booths could ~

eclipsing the feudal landowners

the middle class is finally ~

eclipses (all) others

in Havana, one feature ~ of the city (the Malecon)

eclipse all other European palaces

the Czar wanted to ~ (Peterhoff / Peter the Great)

eclipsed that of 1962

the 1970 quake ~ (Peru)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / decline / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority:
astronomy / light & dark / moon / shadow / sun / verb

eclipse (noun)

eclipse of Cantonese

older people affected by the ~ in China and the world

beginning of his eclipse

it was the ~ (Napoleon)

driven the German shepherd into eclipse
overbreeding has ~ (the dog breed)

gone into total eclipse

for decades before his death he had ~ (Herman Melville)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / decline / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority:
astronomy / light & dark / moon / shadow / sun

ecosystem (noun)

ecosystem of corruption

he exposed an ~ at the bank

ecosystem of (extremist) groups
the ~ in the region (Afghanistan, etc.)

ecosystem of hate

far-right parties fan an ~ (Australia)

ecosystem of people

there is an ~ who serve professional athletes

ecosystem of support

designers rely on a complex ~ (garment district)

ecosystem of entrepreneurs, engineers, investors
the ~ and other players is growing (NYC tech scene)

business ecosystem

smart executives cannot control but can influence the ~

disinformation ecosystem

Facebook banned a significant chunk of the ~

Hollywood ecosystem

major change within the ~ was on the horizon (2001)

Internet ecosystem

this regulation will do damage to the ~

innovation ecosystem

many factors created the ~ to nurture the Internet
talent acquisition and furthering the ~ (cryptocurrency)

locker-room ecosystem

how a player fits into a delicate ~ (NFL / personal conflicts)

media ecosystem

a conservative ~ helps amplify those ideas (alt-right)

Y.A. ecosystem

some readers don't care about the politics of the ~ (books)

closed ecosystem

can the iPhone thrive in Apple's ~
self-correcting ecosystem
the Internet is a ~ (controversy)

commercial ecosystem
the garment district is a ~

financial ecosystem
he benefited from the burgeoning ~ (NYC)

fragile and interconnected ecosystem
this ~ (garment district)

global social-media ecosystem
the alt-right has turbocharged this ~ of hatred

fit into the ecosystem
help me understand how he ~ of protestors in Portland

♦ "Well, you know, this is so fascinating, first of all, the fact that you use that term, 'Bachelor Nation.' So what I take from that is it isn't just a show anymore, it's like a whole, what? ecosystem?" Who's in Bachelor Nation, is it like everybody who watches the show, who was a part of it, what does that mean?" (Michele Martin wants to know. From "Racism Controversy Rocks 'Bachelor' Nation, NPR, All Things Considered, Feb 20, 2021.)

area / biodiversity / environment: ground, terrain & land

Eden

leads me through Eden
Rob ~ (Dales Gorge in Western Australia)

biodiversity: Bible / place / religion

edge (over the edge)

over the edge
in my opinion, this is ~ (a controversial song)

behavior: boundary / ground, terrain & land / line / mountains & hills

edge (push something over the edge)

pushed some farmers over the edge
drought has ~

push them over the edge
just a tiny temperature rise can ~ (coral bleaching)

pushed the system over the edge
the hiring freeze has ~ (corrections)

destruction: ground, boundary / line / mountains & hills / terrain & land

edge (on edge)

on edge
the city is ~ (a series of murders)
everybody was ~ (serial bomber on the loose)

already on edge
the news terrified women ~ (murders of lesbians)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.)

on the edge of (electoral) abyss
his campaign teetered ~, but it is scrambling back

on the edge of the cliff
we're ~, we don't have much time to back away (diplomacy)

on the edge of collapse
the air travel network teeters ~ (Unfriendly Skies)

on the edge of extinction
they're ~ (orangutans)

on the edge of a (nervous) breakdown
I'm ~

lived on the edge
he ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

teeters on the edge
the air travel network ~ of collapse

♦ On the edge for you is the middle of the road for me." (Bumper sticker on snowboarder's car.)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / proximity: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

edge (at the edge)

at the (extreme) edge of complexity
this is ~ (a brain operation)

at the edge of starvation
meager harvests leave millions ~ (Africa)

proximity: blade / knife

edge (lose one's edge)

losing his edge
some observers think he may be ~ (chess grandmaster)

ability & lack of ability / flaws & lack of flaws: blade / knife

edge (rough edges, etc.)

smooth (capitalism's) rough edges
her policies aim to ~ (a progressive)

flaws & lack of flaws: hardness & softness / manufacturing

edge (edge cases, etc.)

edge cases
~ in grammar and syntax

edge habitats
~ hover between domesticated and wild (zoonotic diseases)

edge and corner
it doesn't take long to find ~ cases (grammar rules)

division & connection: boundary / line

edict (noun)

edict from on high
an ~ banned any mention of sex (Woman's Weekly)

his edicts
~ and his "my way or the highway" (recall election)

oppression: government / royalty

edifice (noun)

edifice of (city and state) finance
much of the ~ is jury-rigged

edifice of the state
the ~ is in danger of crumbling

"climate science" edifice
the whole ~ is exposed and will collapse (opinion)

narrative's edifice
the intelligent building of the ~ (book review)

imperial edifice
the bureaucracy is an ~ built on feudal foundations

once-impregnable edifice
the ~ of the regime's authority is starting to crumble

meticulously built edifice
science is a ~

cracks in the edifice
early ~ appeared in the 1990s (economy)

edifice could collapse
and so the whole ~ (economy)

edifice would crumble
the ~ if...

bring down the (whole) edifice
any crack in the system would ~ (dictatorship)

tear down the edifice
the right has used religion to ~ and secular morality

chipping away at the edifice
lawyers are ~ of person responsibility (neuroscience)

bases: house

Edison (Edison of the Internet, etc.)

Edison of the Internet
Bill Joy is sometimes called the ~

creation & transformation: epithet

edit (verb)

edit DNA
they developed the tools to ~

edit any genome
we can ~ (Crispr-Cas9)

creation & transformation: verb / writing & spelling

edited (genes, etc.)

gene-edited
he created the world's first ~ human babies

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

editing (noun)

genome editing
the technology of ~ (Crispr-Cas9)

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

effervescent (personality)

effervescent personality
her ~ has endeared her to fans (Emma Raducanu)

character & personality: bubble / water

egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.)

put a lot of eggs in this basket
the president has ~ (support of a country)

put all your eggs just in the DNA basket
you have to be careful not to ~ (murder investigation)

allegiance, support & betrayal: food & drink
commitment & determination: food & drink

egg (golden egg)

laid the golden egg
they will kill the golden goose that ~ (ESL soccer)

♦ "Perhaps, if he will husband his resources, and not kill, with overwork, the mental goose that has given us these golden eggs, he may one day rank among the brightest of our wits." (A favorable review of Mark Twain's first book, *The Jumping Frog and Other Stories*.)

cost & benefit: allusion / animal / bird

worth & lack of worth: allusion / animal / bird

eggshell (noun)

eggshell of trust
it shatters the ~ (Pilots Union vs. Boeing)

strength & weakness: animal / bird / materials & substances

eggshell (walking on eggshells)

walking on eggshells
for over 10 years, I spent every day ~ (domestic abuse)
I was ~ (interviewing Malala Yousafzai)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird / materials & substances

eight ball (behind the eight ball, etc.)

way behind the eight ball
we are ~ (Patty Murray about pandemic response)

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

Einstein (intelligence)

Einstein
you don't need to be ~ to know what that means (snark)

footballing Einstein

he has never been considered a ~ (a player-coach)

knowledge & intelligence: allusion

eject (verb)

eject the Iraqis out of Kuwait

our intention was to purely ~ and destroy... (Gulf War)

dismissal, removal & resignation: throwing, putting & planting / verb

elastic (adjective)

elastic definition

this ~ (of harassment)

elastic term

the word is an ~ (for nomads and pastoralists)

constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances

elbow (force)

elbowed him out

the company ~

elbowed him aside

she ~ (politics)

elbowed aside its competitors

the company has ~

elbowed her way into the (heavily male) club

she ~ (a profession)

elbowed into the lineup

women have ~ on the North Shore (surfing)

force: arm / verb

elbow (sharp elbows, etc.)

sharp elbows for President Trump

she had some ~ (political speech)

sharp-elbowed intervention

the book was a ~ in the debate between historians...

sharp elbows and a lot of self-regard

Gorsuch has somewhat ~ (the Supreme Court judge)

feeling, emotion & effect / character & personality: arm / gesture / sensation

elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)

Elbow Lake

we visited ~ (Becker County)

Elbow Cay

we sailed to ~ (Bahamas)

Elbow Point

~ is a point in Quezon, Philippines

Devil's Elbow

the ~ trail parallels the river (Panthertown, NC)

♦ Elbow Pass contains Elbow Lake, which is the origin for the Elbow River, which flows to Calgary where it merges with the Bow River. (Alberta, Canada.)

proper name: arm / shape

geography: arm / proper name / shape

elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.)

“Elbow of the Andes”

Amboro National Park, at the ~ (Bolivia)

epithet: arm

shape: epithet

elbow (shape)

elbows

~ can change the direction of piping

shape: arm / direction

“El Chapo” (Asia’s El Chapo, etc.)

‘Asia’s El Chapo’

~ is set to be extradited to Australia (Tse Chi Lop)

♦ The drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman is currently jailed at ADX Florence, “the Alcatraz of the Rockies.” El Chapo means “shorty.”

comparison & contrast: epithet

El Dorado

skier’s eldorado

the sastrugi ceased, it was a smooth sea of snow, a ~

new El Dorados

the traffickers that service them flock to the ~ (oil and gas workers)

African El Dorado

Timbuktu became this idea of an ~ (age of exploration)

dream of El Dorado

what local newspapers call “the ~” (jobs in Europe)

♦ “I suppose it is not very charitable of me, but I must say that to this day I feel a malicious pleasure at the many disappointments of those pertinacious searchers for El Dorado who climbed mountains, pushed through forests, swam rivers, floundered in bogs, without giving a single thought to the science of geography. / Not for them the serene joys of scientific research, but infinite toil, in hunger, thirst, sickness, battle; with broken heads, unseemly squabbles, and empty pockets in the end. I cannot help thinking it served them right. It is an ugly tale...” (“Geography and Some Explorers” by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ “Gaily bedight, / A gallant knight, / In sunshine and in shadow, / Had journeyed long, / Singing a song, / In search of Eldorado.” (“Eldorado” by Edgar Allan Poe.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / history

wants, needs, hopes & goals: allusion / history

searching & discovery: allusion / history

electric (feeling)

electric

at the opening of the trial, the atmosphere was ~

electric performance

despite another ~ from Mia Hamm... (soccer)

electric quarterbacks

the game showcased a pair of ~ (NFL)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

electricity (feeling)

electricity is

but the real ~ two iconic actresses on the same stage

'electricity' between two people

the ~, that special spark (lovers)

electricity in the room

tears, shouting, there was real ~ (politics)

♦ "No current passes between this Macbeth and Lady Macbeth." (An unfavorable review of Joel Coen's film.)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

electrified

electrified by the rise

they were ~ of Trump

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

electrify (verb)

electrified (many) people

she ~ (a politician at a convention)

electrified the region

Tunisia's uprising ~ (2011)

electrified the movie world

he ~ with the *Sixth Sense* (movie director)

♦ "I wanted to be at my parents' house when the electricity came. It was in 1940. We'd all go around flipping the switch, to make sure it hadn't come on yet. When they finally came on the lights just barely glowed. I remember my mother smiling. When they came on full, tears started to run down her cheeks." (A farm family that got electricity from the Rural Electrification Administration.)

♦ "I'll never forget how scared I was when Pa took me to the first [electrified and blinking] Christmas tree there in our little church. That tree just jumped at me as I went in, it was so bright and wonderful; the most beautiful thing I had ever seen in my life. When my name was called to come up for my gift it about scared me to death. Instead of going on up like the others had, I just clung to Pa's legs and wouldn't budge. Pa had to go up with me, holding on to my hand." (Alma Covel, a textile worker, interviewed in the 1930s about her childhood. From "How the Christmas Tree Got Its Lights," by Alexis Madrigal, *The Atlantic*, Dec. 24, 2010.)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / verb

electrifying

electrifying

flamenco is ~

electrifying in victory

he was ~ (sports)

electrifying best

he was at his ~ (an athlete)

electrifying and polarizing

he has been both ~ (a union leader)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

elegiac (adjective)

hauntingly elegiac

the chorus and the chords that made the song so ~

comparison & contrast: affix

elegy (noun)

elegy for those bygone days

the book is an ~

♦ "Some day, they're gonna write a blues for fighters. It'll just be for slow guitar, soft trumpet and a bell." (Sonny Liston. His biography, published in 1963, was titled *The Champ Nobody Wanted*.)

speech: death & life

elephant (elephant in the room, etc.)

elephant in the pew

pornography is the ~ (Christians addicted to porn)

elephant in the room

one ~ no one wants to discuss is...

this is the ~ that nobody is talking about

the condition of these banks has been the ~ (future of EU)

that really is the ~ here... (context to political story)

there is always that ~, when you are different it is obvious

elephant in the room for all those meetings

the ~ was Russia (India-U.S.)

4ft 8in, 105lb elephant in the room

there's no point in talking around the ~ (Simone Biles / Olympics)

giant elephant (here) in this room

is there not just a ~, something we need to discuss...

address the elephant in the room

let's ~ (sexual misconduct)

but before we do this, we need to ~ (murder case)

they did not ~, the filibuster... (politics)

see the elephant

nobody wants to ~

talk about the elephant in the room

are we ever going to ~

♦ "Well, I mean, the elephant in the room as well, also, is that, although... (An overstimulated BBC pundit makes an elephant disappear.)

presence & absence / size: animal

elevate (verb)

elevate rap from a fad to an art form

he helped ~ (Tupac Shakur)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / verb

elevated (level)

elevated level

~s of testosterone (sports)

elevated blood pressure

a pregnant patient with abnormally ~

severe, high, elevated, guarded, low >
(terror alert system)

increase & decrease: direction / height

elevation (noun)

his elevation

a press release announced ~ (publishing company)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height

elf (Elves Chamber, etc.)

Elves Chamber

the ~ contains calcite formations (Marvel Cave)

♦ The *curupira* is a mischievous red-haired elf who has feet that face backwards and takes delight in making tracks that lead travelers astray. (The Amazon.)

♦ "My philosophy is, you don't have to see everything you believe in because many of your greatest experiences happen with closed eyes." (A person from Iceland, about the existence of elves.)

♦ Residents of Hafnarfjordur sometimes dress up as elves. (Iceland.)

proper name: creature

Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.)

Ellis Island of the black migration

the Illinois Central station, the ~ to Chicago

Ellis Island of the Southwest

El Paso is often referred to as the ~

Ellis Island of the West

Angel Island was nicknamed the ~ (San Francisco Bay)

comparison & contrast / migration: epithet

Elon Musk (epithet)

Elon Musk, shooting-for-the-heavens

this is a wholly ~ type thing (Andrei Doroshin)

creation & transformation: epithet

elusive (adjective)

elusive

the truth is ~ (crime)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

subterfuge: hunting

Elvis (Afghanistan's Elvis, etc.)

Afghanistan's Elvis

they called him ~, he sang from the heart (Ahmed Zahir)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

emasculated (adjective)

got emasculated by Tom Brady

and once Bruce Arians ~, completely undercut...

♦ Atlanta mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, in her press release announcing that she would not run for reelection as mayor, decried the possibility of Atlanta officials being "castrated on the evening news."

♦ "I circumvent the system. I *circumcise* the system." (The character Shaw from *South Side* on HBO Max.)

attenuation: health & medicine

force / strength & weakness: health & medicine

embark (embark on something)

embark on new adventures

it's time for me to ~ (she quits NPR)

embarks on a new chapter

he ~ in life (David Greene leaves NPR)

embarked on a (bold) course

he ~ intended to lead Pakistan... (Musharraf)

embarks on a (120-mile) journey

in the winter the pronghorn antelope herd ~

embarked on a big night out

they ~ (social)

embarked on a path

China ~ of reform (economy)

embarked on his (morning) run

he ~

embarked on a (hacking) spree

he ~

embark on another

it is better to finish one thing before you ~

♦ see also *set out (and set off)*

♦ "The inscrutable river coursed northward into the jungle, sixty-five feet wide, swift, deep, black, and silent. Goodbyes were exchanged. Roosevelt, Cherrie, and Dr. Cajazeira took their places in their canoe... (Setting off on the Duvida River in Brazil. From *Colonel Roosevelt* by Edmund Morris.)

♦ "Powell's men slid their four boats into the Green River on Monday, May 24, 1869... Powell's men...would not emerge from their own unprecedent epic for ninety-eight days of nearly perpetual terror, hunger, cold, and wonder..." (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ "I received my instructions in the middle of March 1906, and on 17 May we left... It was a brilliant sunny day with a cloudless sky, although the air was heavy with moisture. Everybody was in the best of humour." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ "Beginning is easy, continuing is hard." (A Japanese saying.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / verb

embargo (noun)

"embargo"

the photo had an ~ or scheduled release time (publishing)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: government

embattled

embattled CEO

the company has replaced its ~

embattled (accounting) industry

the ~ (fraud)

embattled singer

the ~ was hounded by reporters (sex abuse)

conflict: military

embed (verb)

embed DEI (more) intentionally

~ in TESOL activities (diversity, equity, and inclusion)

**attachment / identity & nature / impression / relationship:
ground, terrain & land / verb**

embedded

embedded in football

violence is ~

embedded into (Colombian) culture
bullfights are ~

embedded reporter

he served as an ~ in Afghanistan

**attachment / identity & nature / impression / relationship:
ground, terrain & land**

emblem (emblem of freedom, etc.)

emblem of freedom

the bushranger became the ~ in a chained society (Oz)

representation: sign, signal, symbol

emblematic (adjective)

emblematic of the city

my style was very ~ (Ray Mancini / Youngstown)

representation: sign, signal, symbol

embrace (verb)

embraced the cause

he ~ (reparations for US slavery)

embrace democracy

if Palestinians ~, confront corruption and reject terror

embrace the future

a split over whether to preserve the past or ~ (Swazis)
we must ~ (trade and business issue)

embraced globalization

two nations that have ~ (Chile, Mexico)

embraced its image

the company has ~ (Starbucks)

embrace Soviet imports

the young began to ~, including vodka (Inuit)

embraced Islam

I recently ~ and this is my first Hajj

embraced it

every supervisor has ~ or paid lip service to it (change)

embraced (for itself) the legacy

Gazprom has ~ of Peter the Great (skyscraper)

embracing who

he is ~ he is and taking control of his life

embrace reform

he urged Wall Street to ~ (Obama)

embrace risk

there is a subset of us who ~ (aviators / astronauts)

embracing the role

Alabama is ~ of the favorite (football)

he ~ of provocateur (a writer)

embracing (palliative care) specialists

more doctors are ~ as partners

embraced his (Internet) strategy

still, investors have not ~

embrace (new) technology

schools are among the first to ~ (surveillance)

embrace (an uncomfortable) truth

we must ~ (US corrections)

embraces change and innovation

he ~ (a high-school principal)

embraces violence and sexuality

the show ~ (Harley Quinn)

embraced the blog world

some restaurants have ~ (instant marketing)

embrace the gift of science

we ~, which is a gift from God (Jews / reproduction)

embrace nor reject

he will neither ~ another quest for the presidency (Gore)

reluctance to embrace

America's ~ the metric system

came to embrace

I ~ multiple identities (a man from Lebanon)

♦ “No, we weren’t [expecting his storm]. But he said [pointing her drink at her husband], you know what, let’s just embrace it, and, um, everything will be fine.” (A family from Tennessee, visiting New Orleans during tropical storm Claudette. The storm caused flooding and spawned several tornados. In Alabama, a fiery 18-vehicle crash killed 10 people, one adult and nine children.)

♦ Step in / lean in and embrace it...

**acceptance & rejection / allegiance, support & betrayal /
attachment / attraction & repulsion / commitment &
determination / division & connection / welcome: arm /
gesture / verb**

embraced

embraced by Hollywood

he has been ~ (a writer)

embraced by the masses

that kind of message isn't going to be ~

embraced by physicians

until the 1960s, that approach was ~

embraced by (some) teenagers

surveillance is not only accepted but also ~

embraced by thrill seekers and martial-arts adepts
parkour has been ~

acceptance & rejection / allegiance, support & betrayal / attachment / attraction & repulsion / division & connection: arm

embroider (verb)

embroiders the truth
he sometimes ~ (a politician)

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

embryo (noun)

embryo settlements
England's ~ in North America (1600s)

embryo town
in a sketch, one sees the ~ of Hobart (1805)

growth & development: death & life / biology / birth

embryonic (adjective)

embryonic European Common Market
he refused to join the ~ (Churchill)

embryonic stage
I'm still a novice, in the ~ of my career (a boxer)

growth & development: death & life / biology / birth

emerge (verb)

emerging
a new world is ~ (nationalism)

emerged
a four-way race has ~ (election)

emerged that
it ~ she had...

emerged from the ashes
the League ~ of World War I

emerge from the (revolutionary) cauldron
many ~ to become conservatives

emerged from a turbulent childhood
he ~ emotionally brittle

emerge from the cocoon
he began to ~ of sorrow, rage and despair that had enveloped him

emerge from his brother's shadow
he was desperate to ~ (Mike Quarry)

emerged as a (top talent) incubator
the art gallery has ~ (Damascus)

emerged as a pathology
Nazism ~ of an inflation-wracked country

emerge in 2017
allegations against Weinstein began to ~

emerges early
empathy, the key emotion, ~

patterns emerge
~ (VICAP cold-cases investigations)

picture emerged
a different ~ of the risks...

portrait emerges
a Jekyll and Hyde ~ of SEAL accused of murder

appearance & disappearance: plant / verb / water

emerging (adjective)

emerging artists
he had been in Singapore, to meet ~ (a curator)

Emerging Journalist
he was named “~ of the Year” (by a national association)

emerging technology
she is an expert in human behavior and ~

emerging writers
the magazine's greatest achievement was publishing ~

appearance & disappearance: plant / water

emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.)

Exmoor Emperor
the giant red stag known as the ~

proper name: royalty

emperor (power)

network and its emperor
the social ~, Mark Zuckerberg

power: history / person / government

empire (enterprise)

empire in the Caribbean
he built a drug-trafficking ~

empire of Facebook and Twitter and the social networks
the only empire of America is the ~

family's (business) empire
his place in the ~

banana empire
the fourth biggest ~ in the world (Noboa / Ecuador)

business empire
his place in the family's ~

cocaine empire
he helped run a \$1 billion ~ (Colombia)

construction empire
his late father's ~

department store empire
Marshall Field's ~

nationwide (freight-hauling) empire
Johnnie B. Hunt, who built a ~

gambling empire
police uncovered a ~ (video poker)

publishing empire
its vast ~

drug-trafficking empire
he built a ~ in the Caribbean

freight-hauling empire
Johnnie B. Hunt, who built a nationwide ~

criminal empire
he runs a ~ from his Italian restaurant in Queens

vast (publishing) empire
its ~

\$1 billion (cocaine) empire
he helped run a ~ (Colombia)

place in the (family's business) empire
his ~

built a (nationwide empire
Johnnie B. Hunt, who ~ (freight-hauling / trucks)

built a (drug-trafficking) empire
he ~ in the Caribbean

dismantled an empire
changes since Ferguson effectively ~ (Man U failures)

power: history

empower (groups)

empower them to stand up for themselves
she can show other girls and women how to ~

celebrate, educate, and empower
we ~ African American/Diverse people (arts & counseling)

support, uplift, and empower
feel empowered, and ~ others as well (art)

♦ "We empower those who act." (An advertisement for CME showing women golfers.)

inclusion & exclusion: society / verb

empowering (groups)

empowering about it
there's something really ~ (pose of "Fearless Girl" statue)

empowering to me
using my voice has been very ~ (an elite athlete)

inclusive and empowering
make our language more ~ (no gender assumptions)

positive, safe and empowering
our goal is to create a ~ space where... (Morphe cosmetics)

inclusion & exclusion: society

empowerment (groups)

empowerment
more ~, more representation (Beyond Inclusion)

"economic empowerment"
~ has become the rallying cry

my own empowerment
~, not power, but empowerment as a woman (Lady Gaga)

anthem of (female and black) empowerment
the video is an ~ (Beyoncé's "Formation")

flip victimhood into empowerment
the art exhibit is designed to ~

♦ "Empowerment" seems to mean anything from self-actualization, to "authority that is granted," to actual power.

♦ "I felt it was so important for someone like that to be given a voice and then to be shown that she is actually a superheroine..." (Actor Michelle Yeoh about her character in *Everything Everywhere All At Once*. From "Actor Michelle Yeoh wants to change the way we think of superheroes," NPR, Fresh Air, April 25, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

emptiness (depression)

emptiness
something in me broke and I felt nothing except ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / mental health

empty (depression)

empty inside
catching her killer won't change anything, I'm just ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / mental health

empty (empty words, etc.)

empty promise
for laid-off workers, ~s of new jobs (US)
she got so many powerful people to believe in an ~

empty threat
such talk no longer passes as an ~ (school massacres)

empty words
another meeting is over, and all that is left are ~ (U.N.)

vague or empty (m)
~ threats are worse than useless (school discipline)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

empty-handed

empty-handed
she departed ~
people leave the video store ~
Liverpool will finish this season ~ (Man City)

attainment / possession: hand

encore (noun)

encore

what would she do as an ~ (fashion designer)

encore career

older workers embark on ~s
many ~s build on work and life experiences

encore of a lifetime

he was hoping for an ~ (Magic Johnson / 1992 Olympics)

enjoying an encore

the U-2 spy plane is ~

bring them back for an encore

we don't want to ~ (politicians)

♦ *Nowadays, concertgoers may be offered a chance to choose the encore by text message, using their cellphones. Not everyone thinks this is a good idea.*

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: theater

encounter (difficulties, etc.)

encounter bumps

many families ~ in the road to toilet training

encounter the "honeymoon shocker"

couples who ~ (a snoring spouse)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

encounter (kill)

catch (him) and encounter (him)

we will ~ (police)

♦ *"We will catch the rapist and murderer, and encounter him." ("Hyderabad rape suspect found dead: Is it murder or suicide?" by Geeta Pandey, BBC News, Delhi, Sept 18, 2021. This refers to extrajudicial murder by police who "encounter" a suspect.)*

death & life / oppression: euphemism / verb

encouraging (adjective)

certainly encouraging

the data are ~

fictive communication: speech

encrustation (affliction)

encrustations of (unflattering and beatifying) hearsay

trying to excavate Thoreau from beneath the ~

♦ *see also barnacle*

affliction / attachment: animal / boat / burden / sea

encrusted

myth-encrusted

Scott, the ~ Englishman (Robert Falcon Scott)

myth-encrusted version

that ~ of history (that newspaper brought down Nixon)

attachment / configuration / cover: materials & substances

encyclopedia (amount)

encyclopedia of sins

Europe has blamed the Jews for an ~ (Jeffrey Goldberg)

amount: books & reading

encyclopedia (knowledge)

encyclopedia of knowledge

he was remembered as the resident ~ (cooking school)

encyclopedia of (cheating) tips

he is an ~

veritable encyclopedia

he is a ~ of musical knowledge (Vic Galloway)

walking encyclopedia

he was a ~ of rhythms (a drummer)

he is a ~ on the history of rock and roll

knowledge & intelligence: books & reading

encyclopedic (adjective)

encyclopedic in breadth

the book is ~

encyclopedic knowledge

he had an ~ of theater songs (composer)

she has an ~ of criminal law

he had an ~ of Asian culture (Lockwood Kipling)

encyclopedic museum

~s have huge, permanent collections

comparison & contrast: affix

extent & scope / knowledge & intelligence: books & reading

end (go off the deep end)

go off the deep end

she might ~ (sex)

went off the deep end

she ~

restraint & lack of restraint: verb / water

behavior: verb / water

end (deep end)

deep end

she was thrown in the ~

push us off the deep end

they ~ (a non-academic Norwegian boarding school)

absorption & immersion / involvement: depth / water

end (no end in sight, etc.)

end is in sight

luckily, the ~ (end to pandemic quarantine)

no end in sight

there is ~

no end in sight for the (government) shutdown

there is ~

future / time: distance / eye / journeys & trips

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: distance / eye / journeys & trips

end (the end)

the end of it

but that was not ~ (a religious affair)

starting, going, continuing & ending: orientation

end (come to an end, etc.)

came to an end

my career ~ for a while (drug problem)

come to an end

it's been a good run, but it's ~ (Blog of the Nation)

coming to an end

is the nightmare finally ~ (politics)

bring the drama to an end

~ (mine rescue)

curtailment / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

ended (his life was ended, etc.)

ended

he would have been somebody if his life wasn't ~

♦ "He would have been somebody if his life wasn't ended." (The young man was murdered.)

death & life: euphemism

endemic (adjective)

endemic in the NFL

race is ~ (lawsuit)

endemic in the start-up world

NDAs are ~ (secrecy)

endemic (drug) violence and corruption

he condemned the country's ~

♦ Commenting on a BBC article about spying pixels, "ubercurmudgeon" wrote, "Interesting the use of the word 'endemic' in this article. There's still debate as to whether COVID can be eradicated. But apparently we are past the point where that might've been possible for these spying pixels. Marketing people and their nefarious techniques are, it seems, harder than a virus."

presence & absence: biology / ground, terrain & land

endgame (noun)

end game

what's the ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

endgame

could he get to the Sudan in time to see the ~ (Mahdi)

endgame to our involvement

an ~ in Afghanistan

endgame (to our involvement) in Afghanistan

an ~

uncertain endgame

Iran is a factor in the ~ in Afghanistan (diplomacy)

starting, going, continuing & ending / strategy: chess

end run (noun)

end round around the Vacancies Act

this seems to be an ~ (politics)

end run around the union

union leaders have denounced the plan as an ~

end run around the public's wishes

liberals are pursuing ~ (politics)

try an end run

they plan to ~ to prove their theory (virology)

avoidance & separation: football / movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

enemy (conflict)

enemy

I felt like time was my ~ (child stranger abduction)
the *Fitzgerald* was now at war, the ~ the sea (sinking)
Democrats welcome change, not as an ~ but as an ally
we must stand like in wartime, except now the ~ is a virus
nature is not an ~ to be conquered (Norwegian explorers)
uncertainty is the ~ (attempts to get hostage released)

enemies of action

politeness and diplomacy are often the ~

enemy of business

instability and uncertainty are the ~

enemy of the good

don't let the perfect be the ~

enemy of warmth

sweating is the ~ (the Arctic)

enemy number one

~ is the sun (skin cancer)

hidden enemy

landmines, the ~

sworn enemy

Levi was a ~ of denial in all its forms (Primo Levi)

dangerous enemy

sweating is a ~ (Arctic clothing)

formidable enemy

time is always the most ~ in an epidemic

mortal enemy

unlawful command influence is the ~ of military justice

old enemy

influenza is an ~, one that comes every year

shifty enemy

we're dealing with a really ~ (Omicron virus strain)

strongest enemy

overconfidence was his ~ (Francois Botha vs. Tyson)

invisible, horrible enemy
defending our nation from this ~ (COVID-19)

invisible sneaky enemy
it's microscopic, fast and mysterious, an ~ (virus)

♦ "As I always say, don't let profound be the enemy of interesting." / "Hold on while I call the Nobel Prize Committee." (The last panel of a great Non Sequitur cartoon by Wiley Miller, June 20, 2021.)

♦ "The enemy stands 602 feet tall and weighs 15 million tons." (Shasta Dam versus the Winnemem Wintu group, which is opposed to making the dam higher.)

♦ "It's microscopic, fast and mysterious, an invisible sneaky enemy. (Saudi journalist Maha Akeel, writing about COVID-19.)

♦ "We are fighting malaria as we are fighting the Maoist rebels. The mosquitoes are deadlier than the Maoists since we are more vulnerable to their attacks. Mosquitoes are killing more security forces than the rebels." (Akhileshwar Pandey, president of the Jharkhand police association, on the deaths of more than 100 policemen and soldiers from cerebral malaria. The police and paramilitary forces are stationed in forest camps.)

♦ "The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

♦ "Keep your friends close, and your enemies closer."

♦ "An enemy will agree, but a friend will argue."

♦ "One hundred friends are too few; one enemy is too many."

conflict: military / person

relationship: person

person: military

engine (engine room)

engine room of growth for the industry
streaming is the ~ (Spotify, etc. / music)

engine rooms of a government
he takes us into the ~ under attack by its own leaders

in their 'engine room'
they have race winners ~ (Team Ineos / Sky)

driving force: engine

engine (person)

better engine
he's probably got a ~ because he's a smaller frame (boxer)

great engine
he was quick, he's got a ~, he could run all day

ridiculous engine
Del Boy's got this ~ now, he's fitter, slimmer, smarter

♦ "He was quick, he's got a great engine, he could run all day." (The young footballer Jamie Vardy.)

♦ He had a non-stop motor, no-quit attitude, and willingness to... (A football player.)

♦ "If Usyk keeps a high pace and makes Joshua miss with a lot of shots, that will work to Usyk's advantage as he has probably got a better engine." (Former world champion George Groves, about Oleksandr Usyk vs. Anthony Joshua.)

driving force: engine

engine (driving force)

engine of growth
Punjab is the ~ for Pakistan

engine of prosperity
Harlem could be an ~

engine of (upward) mobility
education was the most reliable ~ (blacks)

engine for prosperity
the US economy is a fantastic ~

economic engine
biotechnology could be the state's new ~

economic and industrial engine
Lombardy is Italy's ~

driving force: engine

engineered

engineered by the ETA
the explosion was ~ (terrorism)

creation & transformation: infrastructure

engineering (noun)

social engineering
Radio 2 became committed to ~ (BBC)

creation & transformation: infrastructure

engraved (impression)

engraved in my heart
your faces are ~

impression: mark / tools & technology

enmeshed

enmeshed in corruption
he is ~

involvement: movement / rope

situation: rope

enrich (verb)

enrich education
different perspectives, stories, and experiences ~

increase & decrease / worth & lack of worth: money / verb

enshrine (verb)

enshrines (beach) access for all
the act ~ (California)

enshrine (very particular) ideologies
rankings ~ (of colleges, etc.)

enshrines free speech
the US ~ in its constitution

reverence: religion / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

enshrined

enshrined in the Constitution

a common misperception is that this principle is ~
enshrined in the first amendment
the right to freedom of speech is ~ of the US constitution
enshrined in law
the right to maternity leave is now ~ (Switzerland)

enshrined in textbooks
false claims have been ~ (medicine)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion
reverence: religion

ensnare (verb)

ensnared dozens of executives
the scandal has ~

ensnared scores of investors
his scam lasted for years and ~

ensnared them
their own greed ~

involvement / situation: hunting / rope / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / rope / verb

ensnared

ensnared in the downturn
Seattle has been ~ (economy)

ensnared in the inquiry
he has been ~ (politics)

ensnared in a (public-relations) nightmare
he wound up ~

ensnared in legal proceedings
he spent a huge amount of time ~

ensnared in the scandal
he was ~ (a lobbyist)

ensnared in a love triangle
she was ~

ensnared by blood feuds
thousands of innocents have been ~ (Albania)

ensnared by a traffic jam
I was ~ on my way to work

ensnared by the investigation
he is the most prominent executive to be ~

ensnared by a (bizarre online extortion) plot
he was ~ (catfished)

became ensnared
he ~ in a tax inquiry

got ensnared
she ~ by fast food at the age of six (McDonald's)

found himself ensnared
he has ~ in allegations of corruption

involvement / situation: hunting / rope

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / rope
ensnarled (involvement)

ensnarled in the (developing racial) unrest
Lutheran authorities worried Graetz might become ~

involvement / situation: rope

entangled (involvement)

entangled in history
to live in Moscow is to be ~

entangled in the probe
another associate of the President has become ~

entangled in the Syrian War
he became ~ (James Le Mesurier)

involvement / situation: movement / rope

enthralled

enthralled by media coverage
the public was ~ (a murder case and trial)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

entralling (adjective)

entralling bout
the ~ ended in a draw (boxing)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

entranced

entranced by one player
lots of people are ~ in particular (Zion Williamson)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

entrenched

entrenched in Atlanta
Mexican drug traffickers are firmly ~

entrenched in Uganda
anti-gay feeling is ~

entrenched on opposite sides
Democrats and Republicans are ~ of the issue (abortion)

entrenched attitudes
~ still make it difficult to report rape (Mexico)

entrenched bureaucracy
the VA is an ~

entrenched insider
he is a Washington outsider facing down ~s

entrenched interests
powerful ~ will thwart him

entrenched leader
the protests have toppled ~s in Egypt and Tunisia

entrenched practice
she is seeking asylum from Guinea's ~ of FGM

entrenched problems
the next police superintendent will have to take on ~

culturally entrenched
child-rearing traditions are ~ (diapers, etc.)

deeply entrenched
lighting fireworks to celebrate is a ~ custom (Peru)

firmly entrenched
Mexican drug traffickers are ~ in Atlanta
the videos appear to be ~ in the blogosphere

well entrenched
Wal-Mart's reputation is ~

even more entrenched
denial is becoming ~ (in politics)

become (deeply) entrenched
conspiracy thinking has ~ in American society

protection & lack of protection / resistance, opposition & defeat / survival, persistence & endurance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military

entwined

became entwined
the moment when the lives of two strangers ~ (photo)

involvement: cloth / rope

attachment / division & connection: cloth / rope

relationship: cloth / rope

envelope (push the envelope)

push the envelope
trendsetters ~ (eco-friendly motels)
entertainment continues to ~ (sex and kids)

pushed the envelope
the company has always ~ (oil drilling)

pushing the envelope
he was always ~, looking for a good time

pushing the envelope
he was always ~, looking for a good time

pushes the envelope on safety
the race often ~ (Giro d'Italia death in 2011)

push the envelope on what
they are trying to ~ is possible... (Google)

◆ This expression seems to have originated with test pilots and flying.

restraint & lack of restraint: allusion / plane / verb
constraint & lack of constraint: allusion / plane / verb

envision (envision the future, etc.)

envisioned the end
it was not how he ~ of his character (TV show)

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb
future / time: eye / verb

epic (noun)

epic
to a climber, "~~" means "near total disaster"

epic battle
their ~s for championship crowns (sports)
hooked makos diving into boats during ~s with anglers
their ~ Saturday night (Micky Ward vs. Arturo Gatti)

epic bout
wondering if an ~ was in store (boxing)

epic breakout
Jimmy Fastenrath was at the Marines' ~ from Chosin
(Korean War)

epic chronicle
Robert Caro's ~ of the life and times of Lyndon Johnson

epic confrontation
the expedition was not supposed to be an ~ with death

Epic Conquest
"East of the Sun, the ~ and Tragic History of Siberia"

epic day
this was an ~ (satisfied motorcyclist)
tales of an ~ at Waimea Bay (surfing)

epic fail
her ~ is still a raw nerve among Democrats (Hillary)

epic failure
he stands at the precipice of ~ (politician)

epic game
its ~ against the Soviets (hockey)
Syracuse won an ~ (6 overtimes)

epic party
remembering swells and ~s (surfing milieu)

epic proportions
it was a catastrophe of ~ (1928 St. Francis Dam fail)

epic rivalry
Muhammad Ali's ~ with Joe Frazier (boxers)

epic scale
the ~, and epic inefficiency, of its coal economy
both of them liked to do things on an ~ (government)

epic (playoff) series
O'Neal wouldn't allow this ~ to end early (NBA)

epic terms
Mendes saw the material in larger, ~ (comic books)

epic (surf) wave
an ~ had formed over Brookmont Dam (kayaking)

Everest epic
accounts of the 1963 ~ resonated loud and long

gangster epic
this grandly stylized ~ (John Woo / A better Tomorrow)

superlative: Iliad & Odyssey

epicenter (noun)

epicenter of that battle

Birmingham became the ~ (for civil rights)

epicenter of the disease

in Nigeria, the ~ in Africa (polio)

epicenter of the (new) disease

New York City, the ~ (AIDS)

epicenter of the epidemic

Gorakhpur, the ~ (Japanese encephalitis)

epicenter of youth culture

the ~ (Shimokitazawa in Tokyo)

riot's epicenter

South-Central, the ~ (LA)

global epicenter

Vegas is boxing's ~

♦ "I'm inside the corridors of the Papa Giovanni XXIII Hospital. And it was really the epicenter of the epicenter, absolutely overwhelmed in the first wave, the scenes that woke the West up to what was in store for them... The mental scars still run very deep... and will take a generation to fade." (BBC Correspondent Mark Lowen in Bergamo, Dec. 23, 2020.)

location / place: earthquake

center & periphery: earthquake

epidemic (noun)

epidemic

amid that ~, one single infection was fateful (NotPetya)

epidemic of crack

the neighborhood is recovering from an ~

epidemic of fear

an ~ has spread over about 130 villages (black magic)

epidemic of piracy

there has been an ~ off the coast of Somalia

epidemic of violence

an ~ which is rapidly spreading

there's an ~ that is sickening the soul of this nation

epidemic proportions

underage drinking has reached ~

NFL's (domestic violence) epidemic

study and rectify the ~ (players beat their partners)

crack epidemic

the nineteen-eighties issued in the ~

cheating epidemic

some blame schools for the ~

this ~ and the 'essay mills' who profit from it

hidden epidemic

sex trafficking is a ~ (US)

silent epidemic

the ~ of America's problem with guns (suicide)

stem the epidemic

we have done nothing to ~ of violence

verge on an epidemic

mental health problems that ~ (colleges)

♦ Epidemics follow war.

♦ Endemic, epidemic, pandemic...

♦ "Murderous epidemics were routine in the lightly sanitized, pre-antibiotic world."

♦ "No one knows how many thousands of Comanches died in the cholera epidemic of 1849."

♦ "Typhoid is epidemic along the entire Susquehanna Valley, lasting the year round. / Dr. Edson describes the streets as still reeking with filth, and says that disinfectants are still apparently unknown to the majority of the people there." ("The Plague At Plymouth," *The New York Times*, May 17, 1885.)

♦ "New York City had seen its share of epidemic disease. From the Dutch settlement forward, infectious outbreaks were a common part of daily life." (*Bellevue: Three Centuries of Medicine and Mayhem at America's Most Storied Hospital* by David Oshinsky.)

♦ "Most of the adult male leaders in Samoa died during the 1918 epidemic."

affliction / amount & effect / extent & scope: health & medicine

epitaph (noun)

epitaph for his campaign

the ~ may be that... (losing politician)

destruction: burial / death & life

equate (verb)

equates not getting the COVID shot to drunk driving
he ~ (a politician)

comparison & contrast: number / verb

equation (noun)

changed the equation

the added sanctions don't seem to have ~ (diplomacy)

strategy: number

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

equilibrium (noun)

equilibrium between mankind and nature

how to restore ~

emotional equilibrium

trolls try to disrupt your ~ (Internet)

mental equilibrium

she works hard to maintain her ~ (video celebrity)

equilibrium returns

when you peel off from the herd, your ~ (a politician)

achieve equilibrium

the goal is to ~ (diplomacy)

maintain some equilibrium

the dramas teach you to think and ~ (gentle parenting)

reached an equilibrium

- eventually they ~ (dose and side effects)
- regain emotional equilibrium
songs about trying to ~
- equilibrium & stability: scale**
- equity (groups)**
- equity
~ is the product of an invisible legal revolution
- equity in the entertainment industry
in a report on ~, McKinsey & Company notes that...
- equity activists
the Democratic Party and its ~
- Equity Affairs
the Office of ~ (Wake County public-school system)
- equity issue
shade is an ~ (Mayor Eric Garcetti of LA / trees)
moving the SAT online is not going to eliminate ~s
transgender health care is an ~, not a political one
- equity-themed
a session at an ~ teachers' conference
- equity and inclusion
the culture of ~ at Georgetown Law
- Period Equity
Rutgers University has a ~ Project (menstruators)
- “tree equity”
American Forests has championed ~
- racial equity
everything has a ~ component to it (White House)
- broadband and digital equity
the director of ~ (Baltimore)
- diversity, equity, and inclusion
embed ~ (DEI) intentionally in TESOL activities
- ♦ Equity is “removing the predictability of success or failures that currently correlates with any social or cultural factor.” (National Equity Project.)
- ♦ According to the American Forests’ website, “But a map of tree cover in America’s cities is too often a map of income and race. That’s because, due to decades of redlining and other discriminatory policies, trees are often sparse in neighborhoods with more low-income families and people of color.”
- ♦ “I really think about “sleep equity” as an access issue. What we find in society is that caregiving roles or shift work—working when your body would rather be sleeping—disproportionately falls on people of color, Black people, other people of color.” (Lauren Whitehouse, an assistant professor of psychology and cognitive neuroscience at the University of Kentucky. From “More than a third of U.S. adults don’t get enough sleep. Here’s how to get the rest we need,” Sacha Pfeiffer, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022.)
- ♦ Access (lack of access, etc.); disparity (and disparities); disproportionate; rates (suffer from higher rates); systemic; underserved (underserved communities, historically underserved)... (Words and phrases that typically occur with *equity*...)
- ♦ “Equity is everywhere. The Biden White House even has something called the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity.” (“The Inequality of ‘Equity,’” by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)
- ♦ “If we’re rolling our eyes at African-Americans, then we should be rolling our eyes at everyone else.” (Amani Nuru-Jeter.)
- inclusion & exclusion: society**
- equivalent (noun)**
- equivalent of Area 51
this could be China’s ~ (airfield in Lop Nur area)
- equivalent of “mechanical doping”
the shoes are the ~ (Nike shoes at Tokyo Olympics)
- equivalent of a conscientious objector
he views himself as the ~ (refuses to get vaccinated)
- equivalent of the full-court press
a decoy deadline is the productivity ~ (deadlines)
- equivalent to a slap on the wrist
this is the ~
- food equivalent
it’s the ~ of the “Mona Lisa” (Jiro’s in Japan)
- software equivalent
it’s the ~ of cancer (code to unlock iPhone)
- Twitter equivalent
Benet gave Justice the ~ of a fist-bump (bro-ing up)
- legal equivalent
the case is the ~ to nails on a chalkboard (problems)
- literary equivalent
it is the ~ of potato chips (a VERY interesting book)
- political equivalent
this was the ~ of capital punishment (calls for resignation)
it was the ~ of a food fight (presidential debate)
- ♦ “By using sports terms, one could say the atmosphere has been exposed to doping, which means we have begun observing extremes more often than before.” (Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization.)
- comparison & contrast: number**
- era (time)**
- era of judging
the ~ 4-year-olds is over (educational testing)
- vaccine era
back in December and January in the beginning of the ~
- waterbed era
he was hired right in the beginning of the ~ (cold case)
- four-belt era
Scotland’s first undisputed world champion in the ~
- bygone era
in modern-day America, there is no such thing as a ~
- golden era
the ~ of whaling, from about 1820 to 1860
the ~ of boxing was the 80s and 90s (20th century)
- change of era

it was a ~ in tennis (Federer beats Sampras in 2001)

end of an era
is it the ~ for James (the great NBA player LeBron James)

time: history

erase (groups, etc.)

erase the event from his life
he tried to ~ (sexually assaulted)

erased women as public beings
laws that ~ (Afghanistan)

erase the legacy
they seek to ~ of discrimination and lived experiences

erase the past
they are desperately trying to ~ and we won't stand for it

erase his past
he would like to ~ (a gang member)

erase us and our families
they are trying to ~ (Don't Say Gay Bill)

cancels or erases
I want to assure people this in no way ~ history

dehumanise and erase
stories ~ the multiplicity of black people's existence

obscure or even erase
teaching online will ~ my presence (a black female)

inclusion & exclusion: society / verb

erased (groups, etc.)

erased
so much history about queer life has been ~ (POC)

erased from public discourse
this moment in history has been all but ~

erased from American teaching
knowing your history has essentially been ~...

erased and invisible
being ~ from conversations (non-binary gestation parent)

particularly erased
older women are ~ (TV & films / Geena Davis Institute)

lost or erased
the rediscovery of ~ black cemeteries raises many issues

♦ "Oftentimes we don't use the word *lost* or *abandoned*, we are really saying erased, physically erased from the landscape for other purposes." (Antoinette Jackson, Chair of the Anthropology Department at the University of South Florida, about a Black cemetery. From "Thank God you found me: Florida officials unearth a fourth forgotten Black cemetery," NPR, All Things Considered, Dec 20, 2021.)

♦ "Knowing your history has essentially been erased from American teaching, how do you preserve your history and culture?" (Sommer Hill interviews Devin Mellor, "Faces of NPR: Devin Mellor," Dec. 1, 2021.)

♦ We're not going anywhere; we're here to stay; we're in your face; we're present and not absent; you will not erase us...

**inclusion & exclusion: society
erasure (groups, etc.)**

Erasure of Black Girls' Childhood
Girlhood Interrupted: The ~ (a book by Jamilia Blake)

erasure of my existence
I hear that call as a complete ~ (Dahlia Belle, Black trans)

self-erasure
~ and self-display (eating disorders)

black erasure
the term ~ is real and not an exaggeration (Questlove)
I want to make sure that ~ doesn't happen (Questlove)

black equestrian erasure
the history of ~

purposeful erasure
the data isn't there because they don't collect it, this is ~

♦ "For many years, when our tribal leadership would go to them and push for resources and highlight this issue, they'd say, 'but where's your data?' But we know the data isn't there because they're not collecting it. This is purposeful erasure." (Abigail Echo-Hawk, director of the Urban Indian Health Institute.)

♦ "In the piece, Elizabeth's last name is spelled 'Keckley'...[b]ut the woman herself signed her name 'Keckly.' The erasure of her spelling in the pages of her own memoir may be an indication of how little control this formerly enslaved autobiographer had over her manuscript's publication..." ("What's In A Name?" by Jennifer Fleischner, *The New Yorker*, April 14-20, 2021.)

♦ "Think about what that means. They didn't even cast a Black gay actor, or a Black gay character. It's played by a straight (laughing) Italian American man. So just like process that... that erasure." ("Bonus: Remembering the iconic, complicated Andre Leon Talley," NPR, Code Switch, Jan. 23, 2022. The commentators are discussing the idea that Stanley Tucci's character in the 2006 film *The Devil Wears Prada* represents Andre Leon Talley.)

♦ "[W]e are spending a lot of time on erasure, and these are great conversations to have with children..." ("Born on the Water" puts the '1619 Project' into kids' hands," NPR, All Things Considered, February 17, 2022.)

♦ "The history has been obfuscated and obliterated..." (An attempt to rename Chicago's oldest house, the Henry B. Clarke House, to the Louis Henry Ford House.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

erode (verb)

eroded
America's military superiority has ~ to a dangerous degree

erode ("traditional") beliefs
modernization need not ~ in the supernatural (sangomas)

erodes (social) cohesiveness
an epidemic ~

erode confidence
corrections and retractions ~ in science (journals)

eroded (public) confidence
the accident has ~ in aviation safety

eroded their (political, spiritual and cultural) power

British policies further ~ (Maasai)

erodes the (moral) underpinnings
capitalism ~ of society

erode (indigenous) Tibetan culture
critics fear the railroad will ~

threaten to erode
divisions ~ France's tradition of equality (Muslims)

confidence (in him) has eroded
public ~ markedly (leader of country)

credibility erodes
~ when attention to detail falters (NPR journalism)

grip (on this country) may be eroding
the king's ~

decline: erosion / verb

failure, accident & impairment: erosion / verb

eroding

eroding (ring) skills
questions about his ~ (Mike Tyson, the boxer)

decline: failure, accident & impairment / erosion

erosion (noun)

erosion of (intelligence) assets
citing the ~

erosion of confidence
the recrimination betrayed an ~ (Israeli raid)

erosion of (Aboriginal) culture
the historic ~

erosion of privacy
each new ~ (Internet)

erosion of profits
with the ~ (US sheep industry)

erosion of support
he faces an ~ (a politician)

erosion of (sexual) values
it's wrong to blame popular culture for the ~

erosion of viewership
broadcasters alarmed at the ~

erosion of (NASA's) technical skills
experts point to an ~

ratings erosion
the two TV game shows are facing serious ~

physical and cultural erosion
American Indians try to reverse decades of ~ (diet, etc.)

blame popular culture for the erosion
it's wrong to ~ of sexual values

decline / failure, accident & impairment: erosion

error (unforced error)

unforced error and a self-inflicted wound
he described it as an ~ (politics)

failure, accident & impairment: baseball / sports & games

ersatz (substitute)

ersatz vision quest
they weren't on some ~ (nomads)

suspected to be ersatz
sexuality that they ~

♦ This means *substitute* in German. It rose to prominence in World War I:
ersatz coffee (from acorns), ersatz flour (made from potatoes), etc.
Currently, it means "artificial imitation."

allusion: military

appearance & reality / identity & nature: materials & substances / military

erupt (feeling)

erupts in anger
just then he ~ and... (drunk)

erupted in celebration
the Fire Hall ~ (rescue of miners)

erupted in cheers
when he came across the finish line, we all ~

erupts into cheers
the crowd of soldiers ~ (Bagram)

erupted with joy
the Yankees' dugout ~ (sports)

cheers erupted
more ~ (rescue of coal miners)

panic erupted
the victims were trampled to death when ~ (Hajj)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb / volcano

erupt (verb)

erupted in Kinshasa
fighting ~ (Congo)

erupted in Lagos
violence ~

erupted on message boards
squabbles ~ (online investments)

erupted during a (motorcycle) rally
a wild clash that ~

erupted in protest
Lebanon ~ when Hariri was murdered

erupt in violence
political races in the Niger Delta frequently ~

erupted in civil war
Libya has ~

erupted into violence
Haiti, which ~ three weeks ago
long-simmering ethnic tensions have ~

erupt (quickly) into (violent) free-for-alls
rallies can ~ (Kenya)

Egypt is erupting
~ (protests)

chaos erupted
~ in the diner (Seacrest Diner attack)
the ~ at a security checkpoint (at an airport)

conflicts erupt
when ~, MSF sends teams of surgeons...

controversy erupted
~ when a white fraternity performed a skit...

crisis erupts
the US will need to strike preemptively before a ~

fire erupted
more enemy ~ and he dove for cover behind a rock

hotspots erupt
coronavirus ~ across country

lawlessness erupts
when disasters occur, ~

protests erupted
~ (Korea)

riots erupted
the ~ after Japan scored (in Moscow / World Cup)

squabbles erupted
~ on online-investor message boards

trouble erupted
some minor ~

trouble will erupt
bikers have been wondering if ~ in Sturgis (rally)

violence erupted
last year ~ in France's small towns (Beurs / Rebeus)

gunfire erupts
~, and bodies sprawl everywhere

warfare erupted
gang ~ in Compton as the Bloods sought revenge...

fighting erupted
the ~ July 20 between... (rival political gangs)
~ in Kinshasa (Congo)

caused (racial) tensions to erupt
the altercation ~

♦ Sounds from the eruption of Krakatoa volcano in the Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra in 1883 were heard up to 3,000 miles away, but not by everyone, due to peculiarities of sound waves and the atmosphere.

initiation / occurrence: verb / volcano
amount & effect: verb / volcano

eruption (noun)

eruption of violence
the ~ has dashed hopes (Middle East)

eruption of (gun) violence
the ~ across the country, with kids caught in the crossfire

eruption of gunfire
he heard the ~ (combat)

initiation / occurrence: volcano
amount & effect: volcano

ery (badassery, etc.)

assholery
prestige TV is prime territory for ~ (writers' rooms)

badassery
despite such ~, she never really...
overuse has leached *badass* of its ~
she regarded her burns as the stigmata of ~ (Tamar Adler)
the film features the ~ of Michelle Yeoh (*Everything...*)

f***ery
the ~ of society that results in school shootings

radio-producery
and you approached this in a very ~ way (podcaster)

whataboutery
there's a lot of ~... (raising a different issue)

wordnerdery
she's celebrated for bringing ~ to the masses (a crossword constructor)

♦ "Strong Language, A sweaty blog about swearing," (stronglang.wordpress.com) has a very nice entry for f***ery. The comments are particularly good, especially the one by a person who lived in Jamaica for many years.

♦ "We've Hit Peak Badass. It's Gotta Stop" by Jesse Sheidlower, *The Daily Beast*, Apr. 14, 2017.

inclusion & exclusion: affix

escalate (verb)

violence escalated
the ~ on Saturday (protests)

♦ This word comes from the escalator. As such, it is relatively recent.

increase & decrease: movement / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb

escape (mental health / verb)

escape
I daydream to ~

escapes from his anxiety
he ~ by performing (an actor)

struggled to escape
she ~ her mother's shadow

♦ "You can rent an underground cave to escape from election news." (In New Mexico.)

avoidance & separation: mental health / verb

escape (mental health / noun)

escape from all the chaos on land
surfing is an ~ (Bethany Hamilton)

his escape

books, movies and his car were ~ (Bret Easton Ellis)

soothing escape

the album is a ~ from the rush of everyday life

mental escape

when I need a ~ from a stressful situation, I fantasize...

running was his escape

~ from a home that was a prison (Frank Shorter)

offer an escape

books that ~ (during the pandemic)

♦ "I left Saint Louis. I descended the steps of this fire-escape for a last time and followed, from then on, in my father's footsteps, attempting to find in motion what was lost in space—I travelled around a great deal. The cities swept about me like dead leaves, leaves that were brightly coloured but torn away from the branches." (*The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams.)

♦ "Escapism is not escape."

avoidance & separation: mental health

ese (legalese, etc.)

bureaucrat-ese

this is kind of ~ big time (government guidelines)

crosswordese

the puzzle was a beauty, with a minimum of ~

diplomat-ese

translating 'unacceptable' from the ~

Educationese

"A Parent's Guide to ~" (*Psychology Today*)

legalese

these instructions from the judge, they're ~
the language is ~ (equity activism)

medicalese

~ is entered at Merriam-Webster and Wiktionary
what did my doctor just say, ~ translations

slopestyle-ese

the trick is a B-Spears, in ~ (snowboarding)

New York-ese

his characters speak fluent, mid-20th century ~

Senate-ese

the two old Senate hands sometimes slip into ~

wonk-ese

"we're de-risking" he says in perfect startup ~

♦ "Those instructions [from the judge], I'm a lawyer and I couldn't understand them... They've gotten to be too much. They're legalese." (Mark Richards, Kyle Rittenhouse's attorney, speaking to Ailsa Chang. From "Kyle Rittenhouse's defense attorney discusses the trial and acquittal," NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 19, 2021.)

♦ "The assertions are strident, and the vocabulary is esoteric ('harm,' 'insurrection') as if it were translated from a foreign language. In a sense, it is. The language is legalese, and it is designed to build a foundation upon which a company can be held liable under civil-rights law in an American court. This activist tactic has been widely misunderstood." ("The Inequality of 'Equity,'" by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

♦ "Barney the Bear is a secure test item..." (An ESL supervisor, stressing the necessity of keeping the stuffed Teddy bear locked up before using it to test LEP first graders for the yearly high-stakes test. Teachers had complained that the bear frightened some children, and wondered if they might introduce the bear to the children prior to the test.)

♦ see also *boilerplate (noun)*, *buzzword (noun)*, *funny language*, *language (of sports, cars, etc.)*, *lip service (pay lip service, etc.)*, *speak (NASA-speak, etc.)*, *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*, *talk (mediator talk, etc.)*

speech: affix

language: speech

essence (noun)

essence

his ~ rather than his show-biz surface...

essence of the (scientific) method

the ~ lies in the repeatable result

essence of motherhood

the ~ is to nurture, protect, love

essence of childhood

the ~, of course, is play (*Childhood* by Bill Cosby)

bases: chemistry

analysis, interpretation & explanation: chemistry

etch (verb)

etched their mark

his companies ~ on city skylines (developer)

etched itself into my memory

the photo ~

etched him in my mind

that experience has forever ~

impression: mark / tools & technology / verb

etched

etched in their faces

I could see despair and suffering ~

etched in the (tribe's permanent) memory

the crime will remain ~ (murder of tribal cop)

etched in the (country's) memory

the murders are ~

etched in stone

reform is not yet ~

none of the rules are ~ (about health)

nothing is ever ~ (planning)

etched into the landscape

some journeys are ~ of our lives (Lake Ohrid)

etched on his face

he stood over him with concern ~ (boxing)

etched by the weather
her face is ~

impression: mark / tools & technology

ether (into the ether)

disappeared into the ether
any trace on social media has ~ (a company)

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

eulogy (noun)

eulogy for social studies
it is time to write the ~

speech: death & life

eureka (moment, etc.)

eureka moment
but the ~ came when...
this was a ~, he realized what he needed to do...

Eureka moment

the Aha! instant in cognitive science, the ~

♦ This word is Greek and translates as, "I found it!" Its utterance is associated with the scholar Archimedes and hydrostatics. The word is the state motto of California and refers to the discovery of gold and the Californian Gold Rush.

♦ "And then came this crucial moment...a eureka moment, and the light went off in Semmelweis' head... This was the final bit of evidence that he needed... and it was at this point that everything came together...and all of the sudden it made perfect sense and he knew that he had the answer." (The great Ignaz Semmelweis autopsied his good friend Jacob Kolletschka and connected lack of hand hygiene with puerperal (childbed) fever. While today he is known as "the saviour of mothers," at the time his ideas were dismissed by the medical establishment. As John Snow's ideas had been dismissed, and Thomas Aitchison Latta's. From BBC, Sounds, Great Lives, "Ignaz Semmelweis.")

♦ "We were returning to the bungalow for tea and suddenly he shouted, 'That's it! It must be a sphere...large enough to hold two people... It will be made of steel lined with thick glass. It will contain a proper store of solidified air, concentrated food, water... One might go to the moon!" (*The First Men on the Moon* by H.G. Wells.)

comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / exclamation

evangelical (adjective)

evangelical about camels
Lauren Brisbane is ~ and their milk (in Australia)

evangelical certainty
she speaks in staccato bursts of ~ (death penalty)

message: religion

evangelist (person)

"evangelist of science"
he is a self-described ~

evangelist for veterans' care
he is the President's ~

evangelist for energy efficiency
he has been an ~ (Nobel Prize winner)

evangelist for the idea

I really became an ~ (E.O. Wilson / inclusive fitness)

developer evangelist

she is a ~ who teaches programming to girls

open-source evangelist

Bruce Perens, an ~ (computing)

Web evangelist

I come from print, I'm not much of a ~ (newspapers)

culinary evangelist

he is a ~ out for converts (chef)

enthusiasm / message: person / religion

person: religion

evaporate (verb)

enthusiasm (seemed to have) evaporated

Scott's ~ (for skiing in Antarctica)

forces evaporated

despite their vows to fight to the death, their ~ (rebels)

revenue has ~

~ in the digital-music industry

good will has evaporated

the ~ (government)

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

eve (on the eve)

on the eve of destruction

we are ~

on the eve of 1914

periods that precede great upheavals such as Europe ~

♦ "Eve" relates to "evening."

proximity / timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

even-handed (adjective)

even-handed policy

he's striven to maintain an ~

judgment: hand

evening (decline)

evening of my life

if I can choose where to pass the ~, it will be Kyirong

in the evening of life

what am I called, ~ (an 81-year-old man)

time / decline: day

growth & development: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

evergreen (adjective)

evergreen efforts

his ~ have seen him score 500 club goals ("Ibra")

evergreen forward

Zlatan Ibrahimovic and that other ~, Cristiano Ronaldo
evergreen quarterback
the ~ has already won six Super Bowls (Tom Brady)
evergreen question
the ~, "What does it all mean?" (pop culture)

death & life: color / tree

evil (non-human)

evil disease
we will once and for all beat Covid 19, this ~ (politics)

character & personality: religion

evil eye

parting evil eye
she gave me a ~

gave him the evil eye
I turned and ~ ("Don't Call Me 'Mamacita'")

giving us the evil eye

sing off tune, and believe me, Ike was ~ (backup singer)
♦ "The [camel] opened his jaws as far as they would go, and froth, mucus and black bile spilled out. Ah, black bile—sign of the evil eye. The soothsayers all agreed on that. So, he had been envied for his [camel]. The evil eye had been behind everything that had happened. According to the teaching of the soothsayers, envy is stronger than poison. And the eye of the envier is deadlier than a poisoned arrow, the blow of a sword, or the thrust of a dagger. It's deadlier than any weapon. So when did the envious thugs cast their eye on him?" (Ukhayyad realizes the source of his camel's sickness. From *Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "King Alfonso of Spain was reported to have the evil eye. In 1923 he paid an official visit to Italy. Several sailors of the fleet sent to greet him were washed overboard; there was an explosion in one of the submarines; an ancient cannon fired in the King's honor blew up, killing its crew; and a naval officer with whom the King shook hands collapsed and died shortly afterward. / During the King's tour of Lake Gleno a dam burst, drowning 50 people and making 500 homeless. / The Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, who was terrified of the evil eye, refused to meet Alfonso personally..." (Reader's Digest "Strange Stories, Amazing Facts.")

♦ "If looks could kill!"

danger: eye

eviscerate (verb)

eviscerated the book
Latino writers have ~ (cultural appropriation)

eviscerated the prosecution's case
she ~, point by point (a judge)

eviscerated world leaders
she ~ in a passionate speech (Greta Thunberg)

accusation & criticism / destruction / speech: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

eviscerated

eviscerated by liberal judges and politicians
the justice system has been ~

accusation & criticism / destruction / speech: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

evolution (noun)

evolution from shock jock to political pundit
his ~ (Charlamagne tha God)

evolution of artificial intelligence
it was a landmark moment in the ~

growth & development: biology

evolve (evolve the sport, etc.)

evolve the sport
we must ~ (a young boxing promoter)

growth & development: biology / part of speech

excavate (verb)

excavates her history
Chow ~ (*Seeing Ghosts: A Memoir*)

excavates the idea

Jon Savage ~ of the teenager (*Teenage: the Creation of Youth Culture*)

excavates the legacy

Kotlowitz ~ of racism and violence (*An American Summer*)

excavate some meaning from it

I began to interrogate my predicament and to try to ~

excavates racial inequality and anti-Blackness
the 1619 Project ~ (Nikole Hannah-Jones)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

excite (verb)

excited curiosity, speculation and fear
it ~ (the submarine from *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb
creation & transformation: verb

exclamation point

put an exclamation point on that round
he ~ (strong finish to MMA match)

put a (major) exclamation mark on her career
she has ~ (Sawa Homare / football)

puts exclamation point on big day
Lilly King ~ for U.S. swimming

attention, scrutiny & promotion: exclamation / letters & characters

excommunicated

excommunicated from the movement
he has been ~

excommunicated from the priesthood
he was ~ of economists

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion **executed**

executed at close range with a spear gun
Kostis was ~ (a Mediterranean monk seal)

hyperbole: death & life

exhale (verb)

exhale
that does not mean Florida can fully ~ (hurricane track)

exhaled
she broke up with her boyfriend, and her parents ~ (relief)

exhaling
today everybody is sorta ~ (crisis averted)

begin to exhale
if the troops return to the barracks, people will ~

danger: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

exhausted (condition)

exhausted
our armed forces are ~

exhausted with its wars
the US is ~ in Iraq and Afghanistan

exhausted and broken
an ~ post-war Britain in 1948

condition & status: health & medicine

exhausted (groups)

exhausted with the culture of country music
I was ~ not creating space for people who look like me
♦ (NPR's Michel Martin): Thank you so much for talking with us. I imagine this just has to be exhausting. (Aly Raisman): Thank you for having me on. You know, this is one of the moments where right now I'm definitely, I'm definitely feeling it, I'm definitely exhausted, but that's that's what surviving and healing looks like. You know, there are some moments where I feel okay and then other moments....."

inclusion & exclusion: society

exhausting (groups)

exhausting
all of the debate is "~~" (a biracial athlete / how Black)
racism is ~ and embarrassing (microaggressions)
♦ (NPR's Michel Martin): Thank you so much for talking with us. I imagine this just has to be exhausting. (Aly Raisman): Thank you for having me on. You know, this is one of the moments where right now I'm definitely, I'm definitely feeling it, I'm definitely exhausted, but that's that's what surviving and healing looks like. You know, there are some moments where I feel okay and then other moments....."

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exhausting (mental health)

exhausting treadmill
it's an ~ (trying to manage time to meet deadlines)

feeling, emotion & effect: mental health

exhaustion (groups)

feelings of exhaustion
people expressed ~ over having to...

♦ "Others joined in expressing feelings of exhaustion over having to call out such careless oversights, which are much more common in stories about people of color." ("Ai Wong's divorce news causes another case of #wrongasian" by Vanessa Romo, NPR, April 13, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

exhaustion (other)

moral exhaustion
beneath the pep talks is a rueful sense of ~

condition & status: health & medicine

exhume (verb)

exhumes skeletons
Poland ~ in its Communist closet

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: burial / death & life / verb

exile (in exile)

in exile
you're in the inner circle, or you're ~ (politics)
he's no longer ~, but... (access to President)

living in exile
they have been ~ (falsely accused by DA)

society: ground, terrain & land
dismissal, removal & resignation: society
acceptance & rejection: society

exile (noun)

exile
its ~ from high-school curriculums is hard to explain (*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane)

period of exile
the political party can look forward to a long ~

self-imposed footballing exile
his ~ (Zinedine Zidane)

exile has been ended
his international ~ by Didier Deschamps (Karim Benzema)

society: ground, terrain & land
dismissal, removal & resignation: society
acceptance & rejection: society

exiled

exiled from wealth and social standing
in his eyes, the family had been ~ (poor)

society: ground, terrain & land
dismissal, removal & resignation: society
acceptance & rejection: society

exist (verb)

exists in society
anti-Semitism still ~ (desecration of Jewish graves)

exist back then
body cameras didn't ~ (policing)

exist in the world of tomorrow
fixed-wing aircraft will still ~ (military)

never existed
they want to go back to a romanticized past that ~

approach exists
no one-size-fits-all ~ (the COVID pandemic)

♦ "Under the earth's crust there exists such an enormously great world, in absolute darkness, that we can with some justice speak of a new continent." (Alfred Bogli.)

♦ Sorry, you've reached a page that doesn't exist." (The internet.)

presence & absence: death & life / verb

exit (noun)

exit
I'm not surprised by his ~ (resignation)

no possible clean exit
there was ~ (combat)

rush for the exits
the withdrawal is a hasty ~ (Afghanistan)

rush for the exits
US troops will not "~" (in Afghanistan)

rushing to the exit
the Biden administration is ~ (Afghanistan)

urging an exit
his generals and the prime minister were ~ (a leader)

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: container
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / theater

exodus (noun)

exodus of civilians
he expects a further ~ (war)

exodus of staff members
the magazine has been bled by an ~

exodus of doctors, engineers, scientists
Venezuela suffers from an ~ and other professionals

exodus (of women) from the (science) fields
her paper examines the ~

immigrant exodus
Italy fears an ~ on a biblical scale (from Libya)

management exodus

the company has seen a ~

vacation exodus
the ~ brought Beijing to a standstill (Autumn Festival)

annual exodus
"mudik" is an ~ in Indonesia (visiting the countryside)

prompted a (small) exodus
the score ~ towards the exits (sports)

led to a (huge) exodus
Germanization of Metz ~ of the French

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: Bible / religion

exorcise (verb)

exorcise
Baathism remains a ghost that Iraq can't ~

exorcise the demons
we must ~ of the past... (history)

exorcised that ghost
European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

amelioration & renewal / dismissal, removal & resignation
/ reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: creature / religion / verb

expedition (fishing expedition)

fishing expedition
the government claimed the investigation was a ~ (politics)
traffic stops that became ~s (police and Latinos)

fishing expedition for information
it appears to be a ~, casting a very broad net

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish / hunting
searching & discovery: animal / fish / hunting

expense (at the expense)

at the expense of Arabs
Turkey's growing regional role will not be ~

at the expense of the animals
owners cut costs and corners ~ (ranches)

at the expense of (naive) consumers
sophisticated consumers can profit ~

at the expense of the family
but all this success was ~... (working women)

at the expense of the poor
privatization further enriches the rich ~

at the expense of his life
his actions ~... (Medal of Honor)

at the expense of troop levels
shifting troops to Baghdad will come~ elsewhere

at Owner's Expense
Violators will be Towed Away ~ (airport)

at your expense
it will be ~

profit at the expense of naive consumers
sophisticated consumers can ~

cost & benefit: money

experiment (noun)

experiment
the US is often referred to as an ~

thought experiment
my book is a ~ (*Break it up*, about political succession)
compromise is a noble ~ (gays / religion)

“Jurassic Park experiment”
they condemned the plan as a public ~ (GM mosquitos)
* “A fool, you know, is a man who never tried an experiment in his life.”
(Erasmus Darwin to Richard Lovell Edgeworth.)

experimentation: chemistry

expiration date

America's Expiration Date
~: *The Fall of Empires and Superpowers*

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: food & drink

explode (destroy / disrupt)

exploded
it's been a year since the economy ~

explode this notion
I'm really trying to ~ of genre (Rachel Yoder)

destruction: explosion

explode (emotion)

explodes
she ~ (becomes angry)

made my mind (kind of) explode
so what ~ when I first heard about this was... (surprise)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: explosion / pressure / verb / weapon

explode (initiation)

explode into violence
he let his anger ~

exploded in violence
months of protests that ~ late Thursday

exploded with support
the Internet ~ for Hanson

intifada exploded
in 1987, when the first ~ through Gaza and...

situation exploded
the whole ~ (divorce / violence)

violence could explode

~ after the traditional mourning period (Caucasus)

starting to explode
the whole punk-rock scene was just ~

initiation: explosion / verb

explode (increase)

exploded
for some reason it took off, it ~ (Plague of Justinian)

exploded in popularity
rafting and camping ~ (below a dam)

exploded in the past decade
wakeboarding has ~

exploded in the United States
the sport has ~ (soccer)

exploded in the '90s
Pokémon ~

exploded in the last few years
the black market has ~ (for Venus flytraps)

enrollment has exploded
UMUC's ~, from 21,100 to 30,700 this year

interest (in cookie decorating) has exploded
~ in recent years

popularity exploded
his ~

population has exploded
the town's ~ in the last decade (increased)

population (of Niger) has exploded
the ~ (increased dramatically)

use (of Ecstasy) is exploding
the ~

Internet modeling has exploded
~ in all forms (teen modeling)

caused the (mouse) population to explode
the hunting of snakes has ~

increase & decrease: number
growth & development / increase & decrease / initiation: explosion / verb

explode (onto the scene, etc.)

exploded onto the scene
she ~ last year (a singer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / sound / verb

exploding (adjective)

exploding population
the world's ~
ensuring flood control for South Florida's ~

increase & decrease: explosion / number

exploration (noun)

exploration of her life
it's an ~ (a film)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / searching & discovery: journeys & trips

explore (analyze)

explore your background
before we get into the specifics, why don't we ~ (a trial)

explore this
let's ~... (the topic of tariffs)

explores the lives
his book ~ of Native Americans

explores the (counterintuitive) notion
he ~ that... (decision-making)

explore the possibility
~ of a negotiated settlement (Middle East)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / verb

explore (discover)

explored (several) fantasies
we ~ with each other (Internet)

explore my (secret) fantasies
my website allows me to ~

explores matters
the film ~ of love, sex, and commitment

exploring its options
Twitter says it's ~ under Indian law

explore the Bard's life and work
we will ~ (BBC program)

searching & discovery: journeys & trips / verb

explorer (person)

explorer of the past
he was a pioneer ~ (Francesco Petrarca)

explorer of race, memory and discrimination
meet Jessie Yaros: an ~ (neurobiology and behavior)

Dora the Explorer
~ is one of the most recognized Latinx characters on TV

Internet Explorer
~ will die next year (the blue "e" icon)

new (space) explorers
robots, not humans, are the ~

explorer and enthusiast
remembering Anthony Bourdain, ~ (Linda Holmes)

♦ "What does Dora Explorer explore?" (Google search: People also ask...)

♦ "A US college outdoors club is being disbanded because its activities, which include hiking, running and backpacking, are deemed too risky." (BBC, "US college says outdoors too risky for outdoors club," April 25, 2018.)

♦ "What are called UUVs or AUVs, autonomous vehicle systems. That's what's going to be the force multiplier, that's what's going to accelerate everything... I envy the generation in middle school right now. I'm gonna be eclipsed by some kid in eighth grade that's going to have the technologies to do a thousand times more exploration than I have been able to do because of the advent of new technologies where they don't have to physically do it..." (Robert "Bob" Ballard at TED.NPR.ORG.)

♦ "[Spallanzani] conceived himself the hero of a new epic exploration, he compared himself—in his writings even—to Columbus and Vespucci. He told of that mysterious world of microbes as a new universe, and thought of himself as a daring explorer making first groping expeditions along its boundaries only... His genius whispered to him that the fantastic creatures of this new world were of some sure but yet unknown importance to their big brothers, the human species..." (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif.)

♦ Christopher Columbus; Vasco Nunez de Balboa; Abel Tasman; James Cook; Sir John Franklin; Mungo Park; Dr. Heinrich Barth; David Livingston... (Explorers mentioned by Joseph Conrad in his essay "Geography and Some Explorers.")

♦ "An eight-year-old boy from the city of Astrakhan in southern Russia has won social media fame after setting off on an around-the-world trip. / The boy's mother contacted the police after finding a note from her son saying he had left to 'travel around the world'. / A few hours later, a search team found him walking down a street equipped with encyclopaedias, a toy, money from his piggy bank and a banana, the Russian Interior Ministry reported on its official website." (BBC "Boy, 8, found after leaving home to 'travel the world'" by Katherine Zeveleva, 3 April 2019.)

searching & discovery: journeys & trips / person

explosion (violence, etc.)

explosion of violence
both sides shared the blame for the ~
this ~ follows weeks of simmering tension (Jerusalem)

initiation: explosion

explosion (sound)

explosion of gunfire
he heard the ~ (combat)

sound: explosion

explosion (increase)

explosion of (arctic) flowers
May and June bring an ~

explosion of studies
we have seen an ~ examining violent video games

explosion in (graphics) technology
the ~

explosion in (cellphone) use
the ~ has had an impact on 911 operations

explosion of (international) trade and travel
the ~ that's occurred

AIDS explosion
the potential for an ~ in the country (India)

crime explosion
the ~ (in Venezuela)

information explosion
there is a tremendous ~ today
potential for an (AIDS) explosion
the ~ in the country (India)
increase & decrease: number / explosion

explosive (power)

explosive burst
you load the dart in the mouthpiece and exhale in an ~

power: explosion

explosive (increase)

explosive growth
the ~ of the textile industry
the ~ in technology over the past few decades
keeping up with the ~ of scientific data (storage)

explosive rate
condo conversion sales have been increasing at an ~

increase & decrease: explosion

explosive (violence, etc.)

explosive mix
put them together, and it was an ~ (government figures)

explosive situation
they discussed the ~ in the Palestinian territories

initiation: explosion

express (Biden express, etc.)

Biden express
not that everyone has come on board the ~ (election)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: train

express (Pineapple Express, etc.)

Pineapple Express
the ~ is the source of moisture into southern California
the ~ is an atmospheric river (into southern California)

force: epithet

express (Tokyo Express, etc.)

Tokyo Express
JFK lost PT-109 in an attack against the ~ (WW II)
the ~ brought Japanese troops and supplies to Guadalcanal

military: epithet

expressway (expressway to death, etc.)

expressway to death
National highway 8 is known as the ~ (India)

death & life: epithet

extinct (adjective)

almost extinct

moderate Republicans and conservative Democrats are ~

near-extinct
the old sound recordings turn ~ machines into music
totally extinct
ticket-splitting isn't ~ (voting during election)

going extinct
old-school conglomerates are ~ (General Electric, etc.)

went extinct
the lautenwerck almost ~ (the music instrument)
it's time that these events ~ (monkey rodeos / abuse)

♦ "A tiny pink peanut is not a white rhinoceros. Nor is it a green turtle or a Bengal tiger. But..." (The Lost Ancestral Peanut Of The South Is Revived" by Jill Neimark, NPR, The Salt, December 29, 2016.)

♦ "This fabulous bird used to visit Michigan in numbers beyond belief... A newspaper reported in 1878 that from three to six tons of birds, plucked and packed in barrels of ice, were shipped south every day... It was a good business while it lasted.... [T]he last passenger pigeon in North America died in its cage in an Ohio zoo." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by the great writer Bruce Catton.)

♦ The small corpses of Carolina parakeets were used whole by milliners to adorn women's hats. (Last known representative of its species died in February 1918.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal
past & present / time: animal

extinguish (verb)

extinguish (negative) behaviors
a discipline plan to ~ (school)

destruction: fire / verb

extinguished

extinguished
it is a young life that has been ~ (Swedish rapper Einar)

destruction: fire

extracurricular

extracurricular activities
prying into employees' harmless ~

extracurricular uses
~ of the office computer

extent & scope: school & education

eye (verb)

eyed me suspiciously
he ~

sight: eye / verb

eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.)

Blue Eye of Siberia
Lake Baikal, known as the ~

epithet: color
geography: epithet

eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)

Eye of Kuruman

the ~ is a natural spring (Die Oog / S. Africa)

Eye of the Sun

the ~ is a natural arch in Monument Valley, Arizona

Eye of Zastron

The ~ is in the cliffs of Vulture Mountain (Aasvoelberg)

♦ The Eye (Die Oog) in Kuruman is the largest known natural spring in the southern hemisphere. And there is also an "Eye" in the town of Zastron, also in South Africa. In the latter case, the Eye is part of a rock formation and has an interesting creation story!

proper name: eye / shape

geography: eye / shape

eye (resemblance)

eye

I was here when the ~ came right over the island

eyes of the coconut

pierce two ~ with a sharp object

eye of the storm

the ~ passed over Portsmith (hurricane)

hurricane's eye

police rescued 5 families when the ~ passed over

needle's eye

thread the thread through the ~

storm's eye

Gulf Shores, where the ~ blew ashore (hurricane)

defined eye

a minimal hurricane with 75 mph winds and a ~

♦ See the Wikipedia entry "Eye of a needle" for references to the three Abrahamic religions.

♦ "I walk east, west, north and south / I have a tongue but I don't have a mouth. What am I?" (Answer: Boots. Boots also generally have eyelets.)

resemblance / shape: eye

eye (believe one's eyes)

believe my eyes

I couldn't ~

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. A *New Yorker* cartoon shows a pirate ship at sea. A sailor, forced to walk the plank, is in the middle of an exuberant back flip. The pirate captain, who is wearing an eyepatch, is watching in astonishment on the deck. The caption of the cartoon is, "I can't believe my eye!"

comprehension & incomprehension: eye

eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)

poke the voters in the eye

he continued to kind of ~ (politics)

stick a finger in Trump's eye

she welcomed the opportunity to ~ (her vote for governor)

♦ You'll blink if I poke you in your damn eye!

punishment & recrimination: eye / finger / sensation

eye (roll one's eyes)

roll her eyes

no comment from her, but she did ~, clearly I was getting on her nerves...

shaking my head and rolling my eyes

I'm just ~ (Boeing debacle of 2019-2020)
the shooter is now the victim, ~

♦ "I completely respect him... I know he can be bit of a character... I've rolled me eyes a couple of times at things he done and said." (Ben Davison talking about the great boxer Dillian Whyte.)

♦ In academia, eye-rolling can be considered a sign of patriarchy and a micro-aggression.

♦ "When I conferred with Dr. X... I could almost hear his eyes roll over the phone."

♦ "Do you have sheet music on this stuff?" (YouTube, "Time of My life" (Final Dance))

♦ see also [eye-roll \(dismissal\)](#)

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / gesture / verb

eye (met our eyes, etc.)

met our eyes

an unusual sight ~ (on a wilderness trip)

fictive meeting & seeing / sight: eye

eye (more than meets the eye)

meets the eye

there is more to him than ~

a closer look at the numbers finds less there than ~

appearance & reality: eye

eye (catch one's eyes)

caught my eye

she ~ (attraction)

caught his eye

a large display of toothpaste ~ (in a store)
deviations from Islamic social norms also ~

caught Jean's eye

when I ~ again, I nodded towards...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (public eye)

in the public eye

this will boost his image ~ (a fallen celebrity)

out of the public eye

he has created a new life ~...

came to the public eye

it never ~ (campus espionage)

remained in the public eye

Wilma Mankiller has ~ (Cherokee leader)

brought windsurfing into the public eye

he ~

fell out of the public eye
 she ~ for a year but returned... (an influencer)

vanished from the public eye
 he ~ for nearly six weeks before reappearing (Korea)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (attention)

eyes of the nation
 the ~ are on Indianapolis today (a mass shooting)

Eye on America
 features like ~ (network news)

eyes and ears
 they were all ~ (Germans at a Oglala Sioux powwow)
 it's a show for the ~ (gambling at casino)

all eyes
 ~ were on Kate (performance)
 ~ will be on Queen Elizabeth (her husband's funeral)
 once again ~ are on the Dallas district attorney (crime)

wary eyes
 her ~ took me in at a glance

prying eyes
 she retreated there from ~

wandering eye
 he was a lecher with a ~

wandering eyes
 ~ and other suspicious test activity (cheating)

keep an eye on
 is there anything else to ~ (elections)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (stars in one's eyes)

stars in her eyes
 she has ~ (not practical)
 she had ~ and a sense of her own destiny (Theranos)

character & personality: earth & world / eye

eye (open eyes, etc.)

eyes wide open
 we want him to make his own decision, ~

eye opening
 it was very ~ for me (kids' comments)

with eyes (wide) open
 the decision was made ~ (foreign policy)

go into this with our eyes open
 it is critical that we ~ (elections)

keeps an (eagle) eye out for infractions
 he ~

keep an eye out for you
 I'll ~ (watch for your arrival)

keep my eyes open
 I ~ (for opportunity)

keep your eyes open
 ~ (warning)

opened my eyes to the opportunities
 the experience ~

opened my eyes to so much
 it ~ (a new experience / job)

open your eyes to the reality
 ~ that there is big-town crime here (Taos)

roving eye
 my husband has a ~

♦ "A stranger has big eyes but sees nothing." (An African proverb about traveling and travelers.)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye (closed eyes, etc.)

eyes closed
 people didn't go into this with their ~ (Brexiteers)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye (for the eyes)

feast for the eyes
 it was a ~

sight for sore eyes
 he was a ~

appearance: eye

eye (eye candy)

eye candy
 many go to auto shows looking for ~

eye-candy for philistines
 the work is ~ (Koons' Bouquet of Tulips in Paris)

blond eye candy
 there's lots of ~ Down Under (Oz)

appearance: eye

eye (on the eyes)

easy on the eyes
 he's quite good looking, ~ (Omar Kamal, Nablus)

hard on the eyes
 she's ~, shudders (discussion board snark)

appearance: eye

eye (goal)

eye
 he had his ~ on the nomination (Ted Kennedy)

dollar signs in their eyes
 companies with ~

♦ "I think they had dollar signs in their eyes." (The great climber Tommy Caldwell talking about being taken hostage by members of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan while he and his group were climbing in Kyrgyzstan.)

♦ "Keep your eye on the prize, hold on." (A moving song from the Civil Rights era of the 1960s.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: eye

eye (turn a blind eye)

cast a blind eye on his conduct
the university ~ (sexual misconduct)

turn a blind eye to his (intense) abuse
the university could no longer ~ of one of its students

turned a blind eye to the concerns
UKA whitewashed its review and ~ (sports doping)

turn a blind eye to the consequences
loggers learn to ~ of clear-cutting

turn a blind eye to polygamy
local officials ~ (southeastern Turkey)

turn a blind eye to the problem
we cannot ~

turned a blind eye to terrorism
they have ~

turn a blind eye to cruelty and crime
the state should never ~ (honor killings, etc.)

turns a blind eye to predators and harassers
this culture that ~ (entertainment)

bribed to turn a blind eye
officials were ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb

eye (bat an eye / eyelash)

bat an eye
the students don't ~ at the sight of fast-food-delivery robots

bat an eyelash
he didn't ~

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture / verb

eye (perception)

in the eyes of the US
it has done a bit to improve its standing ~ (a country)

in the eyes of his competitors
~, he is the best (mixed-martial arts)

in the eyes of the public
Muhammed Ali is still the champion ~

in the eye of the beholder
beauty is ~

with his geologist's eye
~, he found a field nearby and found...

with a practiced eye

he watches ~ (an anthropologist)

with fresh eyes
people are looking at his issue ~ (foreign aid)

with new eyes
a student may see home ~ (after studying abroad)

with a suspicious eye
those who come to Jerusalem are watched ~

with suspicious eyes
sportswomen are looked at ~ (homophobia)

to the (outside) eye
the system appears medieval ~ (Afghanistan)

to a (trained) eye
the data reveals a disturbing pattern ~

to the (untrained) eye
it may look complicated ~ but...
clues not apparent ~ (police)

to (Mexican) eyes
~ the US has more than its share of everything...

to modern eyes
his racial ideas appear ~ as a blot on his record (Churchill)

eyes of an expert
what is most important is the experience of the ~

leaders' eyes
countries whose ~ are fixed on domestic voters (summit)

painter's eye
the workings of a ~

keen eye
a ~ is the result of training and practice (landmines)
recognizing traps demands intuition and a ~

watches with a practiced eye
he ~ (an anthropologist)

see home with new eyes
a student may ~ (after studying abroad)

looking at this issue with fresh eyes
people are ~ (foreign aid)

looked at with a suspicious eye
sportswomen are ~ (homophobia)

watched with a suspicious eye
those who come to Jerusalem are ~

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

eye (an eye for an eye)

eye for an eye-style
a crowd gathered to demand ~ justice (Pakistan)

stick a finger in Trump's eye
she welcomed the opportunity to ~ (her vote for governor)

revenge: eye

eye (subterfuge)

throw smoke and dust in the eyes
they are trying to ~ of the investigators (lawyers)

subterfuge: eye

eye (surveillance)

eyes
the special forces were the ~ that were out there (Gulf War)

eye in the sky
you can put an ~ (drone / UAVs)

eyes of Boston Harbor
we're asked to be the ~ (a Yacht club, terrorism)

eyes of (U.S. spy) satellites
the eagle ~

Dragon Eye
the portable ~ (an unmanned aerial vehicle / military)

robot eye
a ~ attached to the Internet, which visitors could control

robotic "eye"
a free-flying ~ that can circle the space station

sets of eyes
the robots could serve as extra ~ (PSA)

under the (watchful) eyes of their mothers
the cubs hunt ~

under the (watchful) eyes of (security) officers
he was constantly ~

have eyes on that money
we don't ~ (charitable contributions)

keep a (close) eye on her
we have to ~

keep a (close) eye on them
we ~ (detainees)

keep a (good) eye on her
I have to ~

keep a (watchful) eye on players
coaches must ~ (heat stroke in summer)

taken out his eyes
once we had ~... (Saddam's Air Force)

got out from under the father's (controlling) eye
when she ~

♦ Positive controls provide a means to put "eyes" on a target. (Military.)
♦ "The Five Eyes" is the intelligence sharing partnership between Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the USA. (New Zealand.)

surveillance: eye

eye (eyes and ears / surveillance)

eyes and ears
the public is our ~ (police manhunt)

eyes and ears of the Americans
interpreters were the ~ (the Taliban)

"eyes and ears" of the commander
the Air Cavalry Team is the ~ (military)

eyes and ears of the (battalion) commander
we serve as the ~ (scout/snipers)

eyes and ears of the community
"Amber" alerts mobilized the ~ (child kidnappings)

eyes and ears of the outside world
African Union monitors serve as the sole ~ (Darfur)

ears and eyes in the sky
the NSA, Uncle Sam's ~

eyes and ears on the ground
he worked under cover as Al Jazeera's ~

keeping our eyes and ears open
we're definitely ~

♦ "Keep your head on a swivel." "If you see something, say something."
(Situational awareness.)

surveillance: eye

eye (eyes and ears / attention)

eyes and ears
they were all ~ (Germans at a Oglala Sioux powwow)
it's a show for the ~ (gambling at casino)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (see eye to eye, etc.)

see eye to eye with my (new) boss
I don't ~

see eye to eye
we will never ~
they don't always ~ (European leaders)
they might ~ (two leaders)

unanimity & consensus: eye

eye (naked eye)

naked-eye observer
an inexperienced ~ (sky phenomena)

naked-eye light phenomena
~ in the sky

naked eye, binoculars or telescope
don't look at the sun with the ~

invisible to the naked eye
trace evidence looks at microscopic evidence ~

visible to the naked eye
the comet should be ~

help & assistance: clothing & accessories

eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)

up to their eyeballs in (dangerous) chemicals

these fish are ~ (tomcods in New York and New Jersey)

involvement: eye

eyeball (attention)

eyeball

"~s," or the number of people drawn to a Web site

bring more eyeballs to boxing

these YouTubers are really corny and stuff, but they ~

brought a ton of eyeballs to her sport

her sex appeal has ~ (Danica Patrick)

person: sign, signal, symbol

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / sign, signal, symbol

eyeball (eyeball-popping)

eyeball-popping conference

an ~ (politics)

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / gesture

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture

eyeball (sight)

map, eyeball, and stars

troops were still navigating by ~ (pre-GPS)

sight: eye

eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.)

raised eyebrows

it ~ last month when... (officer criticizes another officer)

his comments ~

a seaside town in Japan has ~ after it...

the report ~...

his decision ~

raises an eyebrow

the timing ~

raised no eyebrows

the marriage ~ (professor / student)

raised (so many) eyebrows

he ~ with his announcement

raising scientific eyebrows

that's one of the strange things that's ~

the other issue that is ~ is how the virus has mutated

instantly raised eyebrows

the timing of the murder ~

eyebrows lift

their ~, they can't quite hide their disapproval

eyebrows raised

there were some ~ when Bale was left out of the game

♦ "I was just really sort of eyebrow raised... (Disbelief. Heard on *Who? Weekly.*)

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture

eyebrow-raising (adjective)

eyebrow-raising claim

her ~ aroused skepticism in scientific circles

eyebrow-raising ideas

he voiced some ~ about women (upset)

eyebrow-raising tweet

President Trump issued an ~ Friday morning

eyebrow-raising words

Justice Scalia has used some ~ (argle-bargle, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture

eyebrow-raising (noun)

a little bit of eyebrow-raising

there's ~, how will you regulate this

some eyebrow-raising

there is ~ to be had in the fine print (a report)

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture

eye-catching

eye-catching

the figures were ~ (# of excess deaths / pandemic)

eye-catching glow

she projected a happy, ~

eye-catching moves

he's got ~ (a very good lacrosse player)

eye-catching (white) suit

a curvy Southern belle in an ~

eye-catching win

she had an ~ at Indian Wells (a tennis player)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye-opener

eye-opener

the visit was an ~

it is an ~ in several ways ("Lan Yu," filmed in Beijing)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye-opening

eye-opening

the new information was ~ (a murder investigation)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye-popping

eye-popping (stock) performance

years of ~

eye-popping \$46 million

he pulled in an ~ (campaign contributions)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / eye

eye-roll (dismissal)

biggest eye-roll

that is the ~ I've ever seen you do

become an eye-roll

the term has ~ (woke)

♦ see also *eye (roll one's eyes)*

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / gesture

eyesore (noun)

eyesore

the tower is an ~ (on a mountain)

the cell tower near Yellowstone's Old Faithful is an ~
the armory is an ~ right now and needs a facelift

armory is an eyesore

the ~ right now and needs a facelift

tower is an eyesore

the ~ (on a mountain)

criticized as an eyesore

the cell tower has been ~ (in Yellowstone)

appearance: eye / health & medicine

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

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fabius (Fabius Maximus)

fabiused [our affairs] into a very disagreeable posture
he has ~ (criticism of General George Washington)

♦ The name of the Roman general Fabius Maximus is a byword for caution and delay in warfare. He led Rome against Hannibal. The Fabian Society is named after this general. Fabians are socialists who advocate a gradual reform of capitalism, as opposed to Marxists, who would overthrow it. The Fabian Society was formed in England in 1884 and exists to this day.

allusion: military

action, inaction & delay: allusion / military / part of speech

fabric (fabric of society, etc.)

fabric of (accepted) conduct
cheating is woven into the ~

fabric of democracy

people living and working together is the ~

fabric of our nation

their legacy is woven through the ~ today (gen WW I)

fabric of our society

this division tears at the very ~ (elite vs. underclass)

city's fabric

violence has become a part of the ~ (Baltimore / drugs)

social fabric

the stress of collapsing economies can tear the ~ apart
we have to consider the ~ of Lebanon (politics)

part of the fabric

I don't remember it being ~ (a sports tradition)

part of the (city's) fabric

violence has become a ~ (Baltimore / drugs)

fraying the fabric

logging and roads are ~ of nature

eat away at the fabric

these are things that ~ of our city (hate crime on gays)

tearing at the fabric

this is ~ of people's lives (oil spill)

threaded itself into the fabric

the gang has ~ of the village

woven into the fabric

cheating is ~ of accepted conduct

Arab Americans are deeply ~ of America

bases / environment: cloth

fabricate (verb)

fabricated her story for money and fame

he claimed she ~ (sex-abuse trial)

fabricated his account

there was no reason to believe that he ~ (crime)

fabricate data

the fear that doctors who own company stock will ~

fabricated evidence

he ~ that he had cloned human cells (scientist)

fabricated the figures

many questioned whether the medical examiner had ~

fabricated (various) Black identities

she ~ (an academic)

fabricated and falsified

MIT said he ~ data in a scientific paper;
he ~ research findings (breast-cancer researcher)

♦ She fabricated various Black identities, including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, Boricua... (An academic.)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

fabricated

fabricated data

a large study was based on ~ (published cancer study)

inaccurate, incomplete or fabricated

~ evidence

creation & transformation: manufacturing

fabrication (lying)

fabrication

the quote was a ~

fabrication and plagiarism
he committed widespread ~ in news articles

creation & transformation: manufacturing

façade (noun)

façade of (mutual) esteem
the two men masked their hostility by a ~

façade of normalcy
it was a total ~ (US intelligence fail in Afghanistan)

façade of respectability
he lifted the ~ to reveal the hypocrisy

cracks in Bierenbaum's façade
~ started to appear (surgeon convicted of murder)

maintained a façade of negotiation
the government began planning military action while it ~

peered behind the facade
the center's reputation had taken some hits from reporters
who'd ~

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge / substance & lack of substance: infrastructure

face (public face, etc.)

face of boxing
he changed the ~ (Muhammad Ali)

face of climate denial
President Trump has become the ~ (Al Gore)

face of fashion
model diversity and the ever-changing ~

face of (sideline) protests
he became the ~ (NFL's Kaepernick)

face of resistance
he was one ~ to the Nazis at Stalingrad (Vasily Zaitsev)

changing face
the ~ of a rural Colorado community (immigration)

international face
he was the ~ of Iraq (Tariq Aziz)

public face
he is the ~ of the proposed community center
he has become the ~ of the hospital (chief of trauma)
Yamani became the ~ of the oil embargo (1973)
the Defense Secretary is the ~ of the Pentagon

changing the face
they are ~ of competitive skateboarding (Sky, Bombette)

representation: face / picture / sign, signal, symbol

face (look something in the face)

looked their tragic history in the face
the Americans had never ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb **face (in one's face)**

in your face

some of these feminists can be really ~ (a Swiss woman)
racism can be covert and underhanded, versus ~

in each other's face

the coaches want the players ~ (to call out mistakes)

in-your-face president

he is an ~

get in people's faces

she was not afraid to ~ (a politician)

- ♦ "Why are we firing them, why are we blaming them, attacking and demonizing them, why are we in their face?" (The unvaccinated.)
- ♦ We're not going anywhere; we're here to stay; we're in your face; we're present and not absent; you will not erase us... (Different groups.)
- ♦ "Running while brown. Skittish while Muslim." (NPR. Code Switch. Race. In Your Face.)
- ♦ "He was the originator of getting in your face and talking trash." (Orlando Woolridge about the great NBA star Larry Bird, a Hoosier from French Lick, Indiana.)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: face

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face

face (conflict)

get out of my face
now ~ (leave / rude)

conflict: face

face (face facts, etc.)

face your problems
you have to ~ head on

face facts
it's time to ~

face the facts
she urged her youngest daughter to ~

faced the reality
he finally ~ that the agency was bumbling (C.I.A.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb **face (brave face, etc.)**

putting on a brave face
his allies are ~ (politics)

put your best face forward
sometimes you just have to ~

put a brave face on this awful situation
they are trying to ~

appearance & reality: face

face (face anger, etc.)

face anger
leaders ~ across Nigeria

faces the ax
 the show still ~ (TV)

face (tight) budgets
 schools ~

face the challenge
 soldiers must ~ of combat with leadership, initiative, skill

faces a charge
 he ~ of theft by deception

facing charges
 they are ~ of murder and aggravated assault

faced collapse
 the company asked for government intervention as it ~

face danger
 once you ~ over and over you lose your fear

face death
 they still ~ by beheading (Saudi Arabia)

face my death
 a nursing staff that will help me ~ (dying)

face discrimination
 their children ~ in Somali schools (Somali Bantus)
 many Israeli Arabs say they ~

face (widespread) discrimination
 laborers from rural areas ~ (in large cities)

faces a (potential rabies) epidemic
 the city ~

faces eviction
 the business ~ when its lease expires (nightclub)

faces a (terrible economic) inheritance
 the government ~ (Britain)

face (tough) penalties
 some young abusers do ~ (animal abuse)

face (strong family) pressure
 they ~ to be dutiful sons

faces a (rough) road
 President Obama ~ (politics)

faces (potential) sanctions
 Missouri ~ (sports)

faces (big) test
 US ~ in ambitious troop rotation

faced a (new) threat
 the Rangers ~ (mortars / Takur Ghar)

face forced marriages
 five girls ~ (Pakistan / result of vani tradition)

fictive meeting & seeing: face / verb
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb

face (in the face of)

in the face of adversity
 motivate soldiers to fight on ~
 the belief that men must be strong ~ (emotions)

in the face of authority
 the defiant gesture ~

in the face of change
 this marriage tradition is disappearing ~ (Yupiks)

in the face of danger
 we will not blink ~ (military)

in the face of (harrowing) danger
 his heroic actions ~ (military)

in the face of death
 all fear of embarrassment or failure fall way ~

in the face of failure
 the team has demonstrated resilience ~
 why do some persist ~ while others give up

in the face of their fury
 the ceasefire meant little ~

in the face of a (major) threat
 what would they do ~ (military)

in the face of (faculty) unrest
 ~ (at a college)

blink in the face of danger
 we will not ~ (military)

wilt in the face of threats
 we will not ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face
resistance, opposition & defeat: face
appearance & disappearance: face

face (fly in the face)

fly in the face of notions
 the 2000 census findings ~ of...

flies in the face of (social) convention
 his work ~ (an artist)

fly in the face of the facts
 his findings ~

fly in the face of power
 artistic works that ~ (an award)

fly in the face of conventional wisdom
 his findings ~ (scientist)

♦ Have you ever been "dive-bombed" by a bird protecting its nest or territory? Perhaps that is the basis for this expression.

resistance, opposition & defeat: bird

face (blow up in one's face)

blow up in his face
 it could ~ (if he ignored the infraction)

blown up in our face
this has ~ (supporting Somali warlords)

reversal: explosion / verb

face (slap in the face)

slap in the face
the offer was a ~ (to relatives of dead miners)

slap in the face of (U.S.) politicians
a ~ (Saddam's view of nine-eleven)

slap in the face for the US
the attack was a ~ (by Iran)

slap in the face to Chicagoans
his actions were a ~ (false accusation of hate crime)

slap in the face to the female students
it was a ~ (who had been molested at USC)

slap in the face to his victims
this was a ~ (Markeith Loyd penalty decision)

insult: face

face (concept)

loss of face
easing him out of power without a ~

save face
dictators always need to ~ (repression)

private face
he had a public face and a ~

public face
I have taken a lot of trouble with my ~ (Noel Coward)

true face
Iranians hide their ~ (speech)

national, ideological and political face
so much ~ was involved (building a huge dam)

hide their (true) face
Iranians ~ (speech)

♦ "The mind thinks something, the heart feels something else, the tongue says something else, and manners do something else. It doesn't mean people are lying. They are just dealing with you with a different character." (Muhammad Arianfar, an Iranian newspaper publisher, on the complexities of communicating with his fellow Iranians.)

♦ "Honne or tatnai?" (A Japanese expression for the difference between one's public facade and one's real feelings.)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / society: face

face (appearance)

baby face
the lean build, ~, and curly brown hair
a full beard to hide his ~

game face
suit up and put on his ~ (NASCAR driver)
she had on her ~ (a law-enforcement officer)

appearance: face

face (smiley face)

smiley-face
~ stickers

putting a happy face on everything
he was still ~ (politics and the pandemic)

representation: face / picture / sign, signal, symbol

face (red face, red-faced, etc.)

red-faced
I am ~ (embarrassment)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / color / face

face (face-palm, face palm)

face-palm bad
my idea is bad, like you know, ~

♦ "My idea is bad, like you know, face-palm bad." (The successful (relatively) young creative holds her palm to her eyes, feigning embarrassment but smiling.)

♦ See the excellent Wikipedia entry, "Facepalm." It's a meme, an emoji, etc. Apparently, mandrills do it, too. Like so much language, this started on the internet and has spread on same. Who knew?

feeling, emotion & effect: face / gesture / hand

Facebook (the Facebook of knitting, etc.)

Facebook of knitting
Ravelry is often called "the ~" (millions of accounts)

size: epithet

faceless (adjective)

faceless bureaucracy
try as he may, he cannot penetrate a ~

identity & nature: face

facelift (noun)

undergo a (major) facelift
the museum will ~ (Guggenheim)

amelioration & renewal: face

face-saving (concept)

British face-saving
this is just an exercise in ~

face-saving compromise
he has quietly argued for a ~ that would...

exercise in (British) face-saving
this is just an ~

social interaction / society: face

face up (face up to something)

face up to the need
the government was forced to ~ for urban planning

face up to this problem

soccer must ~ and tackle it (fan racism)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / face / verb

factory (creation)

factory of extreme weather
the supercell can be a ~

factories for (left-wing) political activism
California schools are ~

factory for the production
it operated as a ~ of knowledge (universities)

disease-factory
packing our kids into a ~ (schools / pandemic)

dream factory
Los Angeles, the ~ (1980s / drugs, films, clubs)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

factory (glue factory)

sent to the glue factory
it's time for Maguire to be ~ (disgruntled football fan)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse / manufacturing

fade (verb)

faded into irrelevance
the group has ~

fades into obscurity
he may not mind if his name ~...

faded into the past
episodes of violence which have long ~

fade into the background
many prefer to ~ (teen-model sites on Internet)

faded into (grim) determination
my earlier feeling of achievement ~ as we struggled...

fades out of boxing
my hope is that Tyson just ~ (the boxer)

faded after a few weeks
her latest book got lousy reviews and ~

fades over the course of a month
anxiety following a trauma that ~ or so isn't depression

faded from the scene
the anti-crime campaign ~ in most urban areas

faded from sight
the Rebel Flag ~ when the South was defeated...

fading fast
America's reputation is ~ (Iraq)

faded steadily
a trauma that ~ over the course of a month

applause faded

as the ~ and he approached the lectern...

enthusiasm faded

his initial ~ (an employee)

fame faded

the ~ (a writer)

hopes faded

~ for 102 miners trapped in a flooded coal mine
his ~ (Montagnard in Cambodian refugee camp)

impression (soon) fades

but our initial ~ as... (of a film character)

memories fade

~... (time)

~ and memories change (a defense lawyer)

memories (of Katrina) have faded

but ~... (New Orleans)

memory (of the Hayman fire) fades

as ~ (wildfire)

stigma is fading

the TV appearance of teen victims suggests the rape ~

threat (of war with Spain) faded
as the ~

old ways have been fading

the ~ (Inuit)

begins to fade

if we offer hope, then the stigma ~ (HIV and retrovirals)

starting to fade

old ways of life are ~ as the Arctic thaws

♦ "TO LET / CARRIAGES COUPES HANSOMS VICTORIAS LIGHT WAGONS / HORSES BOARD BY THE MONTH." (A fading "ghost sign" on an old brick wall in New York City.)

appearance & disappearance / decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: light & dark / verb

fade away (verb)

faded away

he disappeared into obscurity, he just ~ (a civic leader)

fade away quickly

their recent memories ~ (the elderly)

memories fade away

their recent ~ quickly (the elderly)

support fades away

as his ~... (leader of a country)

burn out or fade away

playboating didn't ~ (whitewater rodeos, etc.)

appearance & disappearance / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: light & dark / verb

fail (a big fail, etc.)

Amazon fail

an ~ is a learning experience (restaurant delivery)

debate fail

after his ~ last week... (a politician)

stunning fail

it was a ~ (Boeing's software problems with Max plane)

big fail

I think it's a ~ (an ad campaign)

♦ In the dictionary I use, the only use of *fail* as a noun is in the expression, "without fail."

failure, accident & impairment: part of speech

faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)

faint hearted

academia, like war, is not for the ~

this is a tough business model, it's not for the ~ (a pub)
filmmaking is not a world for the ~ (Scorsese)

faint-hearted

politics is a hard business, it has never been for the ~

heart: force

eagerness & reluctance / courage & lack of courage /
strength & weakness: heart

fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.)

Fairy Bridge

we floated under the ~ (a natural arch on Buliu River)

Fairy Castle

~ is a pillar in Bryce Canyon, Utah

Fairy Dell

~ is a valley in Nevada

Fairy Ladder Falls

we visited ~ near Dix Mountain

Fairyland Canyon

~ is a valley in Bryce Canyon

Palace of the Fairy Queen

the ~ is a pillar in Bryce Canyon

* "They resemble humans, but their mouths are wider and their legs are much longer than ours, with the feet facing backward. They have wings to fly through the air, and are clad in green robes." (Mashraf Khan, the royally appointed wizard of Hunza, speaking of the snow fairies that, in Hunza tradition, inhabit the surrounding mountains in northwest Pakistan. Mashraf says that they have a king and a queen, and the queen makes prophecies, such as 'A girl will die a month from now, falling into the river to the north.' Mashraf says he dances with the fairies. People watch him dancing, but the fairies are invisible.)

♦ The *curupira* is a mischievous red-haired elf who has feet that face backwards and takes delight in making tracks that lead travelers astray. (The Amazon.)

♦ "Over there, so Myra used to say, the Little People dwell in caves on the mountainsides and under the waterfalls. They are a tiny folk, hardly reaching to a man's knee, but well formed and featured, with long hair reaching nearly to the ground. / They are fond of music and of dancing. Sometimes, on a summer day, when all else was silent about the cab, we would hear a far-off mysterious throbbing somewhere in that glen, and Myra would say to me 'Listen: it is the Little People beating their

drums!' / She said they were kind to mortals who think kindly of them; but they play tricks on busybodies and other folk that they do not like. If a man gets too curious and spies on the Little People when they are at their games, or tries to enter their caves without being invited, or pokes behind the small waterfalls with a stick, they will cast a spell upon him so that he loses his way in the woods and goes wandering about in a daze. / When one finds anything pretty in the woods or among the rocks he must say 'Little People, I want to take this,' for it may belong to them, and if he does not ask permission they will stone him away from the place. / Myra used to hint to me that old Grandpa Dale brought most of his bright crystals and colored stones from over there; and so, she said, he must be a great friend of the Little People, or they would not let him find such things, or would make them dissolve and fade away before he could take them out of the glen." (*Smoky Mountain Magic* by Horace Kephart.)

♦ According to a legend attributed to the Cherokee Indians, the Tallulah Gorge in northern Georgia was inhabited by a race of "little people."

proper name: creature

fairy tale (happy)

fairytales ending

this was not the ~ his glittering career deserved (soccer)

fairytales ending for the club's greatest goal scorer
there was no ~ (Manchester City bottles final)

fairy-tale romance

they had a ~

fairy-tale wedding

and after the ~ things did get bad

modern day football fairy tale

it's a ~ (the Jamie Vardy story)

resemblance: books & reading

fairy tale (fantasy, delusion)

fairytales land

Mr. Binger must ~ to think that... (a prosecutor)

fairy-tale thinking

it's hard to tell if this is ~ or an evil plot (gamification)

just a fairy tale

at first the coronavirus was ~, a rumor in the camp...

black fairytale

he called it "the first ~" (1988 film *Coming to America*)

Hollywood fairy tale

the ~ that representation equals change (inclusion)

fantasy & reality: books & reading

faith (noun)

blind faith

he had this ~ in me (defensive coach)

lose faith

I began to ~ in him

allegiance, support & betrayal: religion

faithful (the faithful, etc.)

the Laker faithful

obviously ~ will give us a lot of energy (LeBron James)

the pickleball faithful
the ~ have looked to the town for assistance (courts, etc.)

enthusiasm: religion

fall (noun)

fall of the (police) state
with the ~

fall of the Soviet Union
in the chaotic period following the ~ (nuclear arms)

fall from grace
it was a stunning ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

stunning fall
now to the ~ of a CEO

dramatic fall
it was a ~from grace (Hollywood mogul)

hard fall
Indonesia's economy has taken a ~

imminent fall
diplomats predicted Taylor's ~ (Liberia)

took a fall
religious coexistence ~ under Gen. Zia ul-Huq

decline: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

fall (fall from power, etc.)

fallen from favor
she has ~ (a replaced Broadway director)

fell from power
he ~

stand or fall
the theory will ~ on the strength of that argument

stood or fell
the government ~ by its alliance with...

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

fall (defeat)

fell to the Incas
the Chimu Kingdom ~ (Peru)

fall to the opposition
eastern Libya was first to ~

fell in the first round
4 giants ~ (World Cup soccer)

fell without a shot
the rebel forces evaporated, and the city ~

city fell
the rebels fled and the ~ without a shot

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / verb

fall (fall ill, etc.)

fall ill

their duty status at the time they ~...
those who do ~ become infectious days earlier (dengue)
they began to ~ with mysterious symptoms

decline: direction / health & medicine / verb

fall (fall into a coma, etc.)

fell into a (fatal) coma
he ~ after drinking bourbon (fraternity member)

fell into a (deep) depression
he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

fall into a funk
it's easy to ~ about Russia's future
the jobless aren't the only people who can ~ over work

fell into a (deep) sleep
he ~

fall into a dream state
its victims ~ (tokoloshe)

consciousness & awareness: direction / health & medicine / verb

fall (fall into a rage, etc.)

fell into a depression
she ~

fell into a (deep) depression
he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

fell into panic
I ~ (a student)

fell into rages
he ~ (after traumatic brain injury)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb

fall (on Friday, etc.)

fell on a school night
Halloween ~

occurrence: direction

time: height

fall (night fell, etc.)

dark had fallen
full ~ by now

night had fallen
~ by the time we set up camp

occurrence: direction

time: height

fall (silence fell, etc.)

fell into (an uncomfortable) silence
they ~

silence fell
a ~

occurrence / sound: direction

increase & decrease: sound

fall (numbers)

fell 50%
attendance ~

fall to (abnormally low) levels
causes the blood sugar to ~

fell to 165 pounds from 198
his weight ~ (injured bedridden skier)

fell to 16 below zero
temperatures ~

fell to single digits
his popularity ratings ~

fell to 190 million kilograms
the country's tea exports ~ (India)

fell steadily
AIDS cases ~ as new, more effective drugs took hold

attendance fell
~ more than 50 percent (at a museum)

cases fell
AIDS ~ as new, more effective drugs took hold

exports fell
the country's tea ~ to 190 million kilograms (India)

population has fallen
Malaysia's wild-tiger ~ from 3,000 to 500 (2008)

ratings fell
his popularity ~ to single digits

temperatures fell
~ to 16 below zero

weight fell
his ~ to 165 pounds from 198 (bedridden injured skier)

ridership fell
~ as tourism slumped (cabs)

viewership has been falling
~ (the Olympics)

blood pressure falls
~, the pulse is rapid and weak (shock)

death rates (per vehicle mile) have fallen

decline: direction / verb

increase & decrease: number

fall (money)

fell 6 percent
revenues ~ (a company)

fell by 0.6%
construction spending ~ in November (US)

income fell
its ~ because of... (a company)
prices have been falling
disk ~ (computers / storage)

prices (subsequently) fell
oil ~ as low as \$10 a barrel

revenues fell
~ 6 percent (a company)

shares fall
profits rise, but ~ at G.E.

stock fell
the ~ even though the company...

spending fell
construction ~ by 0.6% in November (US)

continue falling
commission prices are likely to ~

decline: direction / verb

fall (fall into place)

falling into place
all the pieces to this investigation are ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle

fall (fall short)

fall (far) short of acceptance
we'll see improvement, but it will ~

fall short of demand
the teacher supply will continue to ~

fell (7,000) short of its (recruiting) goal
the Navy ~

fell (far) short of the (UN) goals
the plan ~ for combating...

falls short of its hype
the city ~ (Seattle)

fell short of its promises
Facebook ~ to...

falls short of requirements
improvise where the logistics system ~ (war)

falls short of (professional) standards
a doctor can be admonished if he ~

fell short of its (enlistment) target
the Navy ~

fall short of torture
methods that ~, such as sleep deprivation

fell (far) short of meeting
it ~ the Congressional intent (government plan)

fell 7,000 short
the Navy ~ of its recruiting goal

success & failure: direction / target

failure, accident & impairment: target

fall (fall on / upon)

fell upon hard times
she ~

fallen on hard times
the team has ~ (losing record)

decline: direction

fall (an emotion can fall)

rose and fell
hope ~ as the hours passed (mine-rescue attempt)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

fall (fall in love)

fell in love with America
I ~ (an exchange student)

fall in love with the (area's) seascapes
artists ~ (northern Jutland)

fell in love with (tribal) carvings
Andre Breton ~ from Oceania (artist)

fell in love with the sport
like a lot of boys, he ~ straightaway (Ben Raemers)

fallen in love with climbing
he had ~ after taking a NOLS course

fell in love with cycling
she ~ while on a holiday in Turkey (an Iraqi female)

♦ "What can I say, I'm in love with birds." (A birder.)

♦ "To meet a walrus is to fall in love with a walrus." (A walrus researcher.)

♦ "I love maps, and when you get hooked, you get hooked." (W. Graham Arader III, a preeminent map dealer of old American maps.)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

fall (weight)

weight (of the tragedy) fell
the full ~ over the neighborhood (AIDS)

burden falls
the ~ primarily on women (decisions)

oppression: direction / weight

fall (fall into a category, etc.)

fall into (3) categories
pattern injuries ~ (ED)

falls into the (choking-agent) class
chlorine is a chemical that ~ (ED)

fall into (two) groups
field services ~~essential and nonessential (war)

fall into (two) groups
he believed people ~: prey and predator

falls into the (latter) group
don't worry if your child ~

taxonomy & classification: direction

fall (fall into the hands, etc.)

fallen into the hands
regions that have ~ of the insurgents

fall into (enemy) hands
the material could ~ (military)

fall into (rebel) hands
the stronghold of Korhogo ~

falls into the (company's) lap
consumer data ~

fall into the hands
weapons that may ~ of terrorists (NBC, etc.)

fall into the (wrong) hands
it could ~

fall into enemy hands
he feared the machine gun could ~

fall into the wrong hands
if the information ~

possession: direction / hand / verb

fall (fall into chaos, etc.)

fall into an abyss
women with eating disorders ~ and can't get out

fall into (bloody, lawless) chaos
Afghanistan ~

fall into a (relentless) cycle
sufferers ~ of compulsive scratching

fallen into disrepair
the property had ~

fallen into disuse
many fire lookout towers have ~

fall into the habit
it is easy to ~ of using stereotypes to prejudge people

fall into the life
their children ~ of American teenagers (Somalis)

fall into a pattern
he ~ and was caught (criminal)

fall into prostitution
homeless kids often ~ as a form of "survival sex"

fall into the trap

the Marines ~ (ambush in Anbar Province)

fallen into a trap

the Bush administration has ~ (by invading Iraq)

fell into drug abuse

she ~, self-mutilation and promiscuity (teenager)

fell into a state of disrepair

the terminal ~ (Grand Central Terminal)

easy to fall into

it is ~ the habit of using stereotypes to prejudge people

decline: direction / verb

fall (devolve)

falls to the sheriffs

the ultimate responsibility for safety ~ (of jailed inmates)

responsibility (for safety) falls

the ultimate ~ to the sheriffs (of jailed inmates)

responsibility: direction

fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.)

fell off the charts

the song rose to number 3, then ~

fell off the radar screen

both men ~ (terrorists)

appearance & disappearance: direction / verb

fall apart (emotionally)

falls apart

he ~ at the merest hint of frustration (toddler)

fell apart

he ~ and turned to heroin (after being molested)

I ~ and started using drugs

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb

fall apart (verb)

fell apart

my life ~ after I discovered...

their relationship ~ (married couple)

the case ~ (criminal trial)

fallen apart

the case against him has ~

argument falls apart

but then his ~

arrangement fell apart

less than 2 years later, the ~

life fell apart

my ~ after I discovered...

marriage fell apart

she described how her perfect ~

plans can fall apart

even the best of ~...

things fell apart

that's what happened in Africa, ~ (aid projects)

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb

fall behind (competition and progress)

fall behind

we want to keep up and not ~ (government official)

the US could ~ China (digital currency)

fallen behind at Fremont

he had ~ at Fremont, not just in history but... (school)

fell behind by 3 years

our program ~ (space)

doomed to fall behind

they are ~ (certain categories of students)

keep up and not fall behind

we want to ~ (government official)

competition / growth & development / progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

fall down (verb)

fall down

he ~ and now he's getting back up (redemption)

behavior / success & failure: direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: verb / walking, running & jumping

fallen (dead)

fallen detective

the NYPD paid tribute to its ~ (killed in line of duty)

death & life: direction / euphemism

fallen (the fallen)

living and the fallen

may God bless them, the ~ (speech to military)

death & life: direction / euphemism

fall for (verb)

fell for it

it was a scam, but more than 400 people ~

fell for opera

a gramophone and Mozart, or how I ~

fell for each other

in college, they instantly ~ (romance)

♦ "Any woman who grew up during the late 1960s and '70s will fall head over heels for Sheila Weller's *Girls Like Us*." (*Ladies' Home Journal*)

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / verb

fall off (verb)

rates fall off

~ rapidly after the peak (meteor shower)

decline / increase & decrease: direction / verb

falloff (noun)

falloff in travel

there has been a ~ to and from Bali (terrorism)

decline / increase & decrease: direction

f fallout (effect)

fallout of an (Iraqi) war

they are worried about the ~ (Egyptians)

fallout from the allegations

the firm faces continued ~ (fraud)

fallout from the incident

the ~ was unexpected and severe

fallout from the resignation

the newspaper is still coping with the ~ of...

political fallout

he faces the potential for ~ (politics)

psychological fallout

the ~ to those who served in Vietnam

mental-health fallout

the ~ has yet to peak (Gulf of Mexico)

contain the fallout

the US seeks to ~ from the murders of civilians

bracing for (more) fallout

Washington is ~ from the scandal

♦ "Some seventy per cent of the fallout landed on Belarus and created an unprecedented public-health crisis." (The Chernobyl disaster of 1996, Ukraine.)

affliction / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / nuclear energy

fallow (adjective)

fallow

the economy is still ~ (lack of growth)

fallow period

she was enduring a ~ and fighting irrelevance (comic)

she endured ~s in her personal life (relationships)

the following 7 years were a ~ (a bacteriologist)

fallow stretch

Disney has seen a ~ at the box office (films)

fallow territory

FIFA sees the US as ~ for soccer's growth

fallow time

it was a ~, a frustrating time for him

lay fallow

his analysis ~ for half a century (economics)

lying fallow

the pier has been ~ for a long time (development)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

fall through (verb)

adoption fell through

if the ~ and they often do...

deal fell through

but the ~ because...

plans had fallen through

~ (for a shared meal)

sale fell through

the ~ (protests)

talks fall through

should the trade ~

success & failure: direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

falter (verb)

negotiations faltered

he threatened China with new tariffs as ~

plans have faltered

their ~

failure, accident & impairment / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

family (group)

family

policing is a ~ (Sgt Matt Ratana)

family of nations

Russia had no place in the ~ (18th century)

rugby family

our thoughts and those of the entire ~ are with the family

member of the (European) family

do we want to remain a ~ or wander lost (EU)

drive Greece out of the family

the EU is a heartless stepmother trying to ~

relationship: family

family (gang / group)

Mafia family

New York's biggest ~

group, set & collection: family

family (plants)

onion family

the ramp, a member of the ~

orchid family

the ~ has more than 40,000 species

plant family

120 ~s and 300 species (Botanical Gardens)

taxonomy & classification: family

family (animals)

families of Arabian horses

there are five great ~

dolphin family

killer whales, or orcas, are the largest members of the ~

pinniped family

monk seals are the oldest in the ~

equine family

the donkey, mule, and zebra are all members of the ~

taxonomy & classification: family

family (viruses)

family of coronaviruses

a new strain from the ~ is to blame (SARS)

family of viruses

it is a ~ that... (coronaviruses)

dengue is from the same ~ that causes yellow fever

viral family

monkeypox is a member of the same ~ as smallpox

taxonomy & classification: family

family (products)

family of engines

the JT8D-200 is from the same ~ used on midsize jets

notebook family

the ~ that's won over 800 awards (computers)

combat vehicle family

each member of the future ~

member of the (future vehicle) family

each ~ (military)

taxonomy & classification: family

family (languages)

linguistic family

40 ethnic groups belonging to 3 ~s (Africa)

taxonomy & classification: family

family tree

family tree

the roots of his ~ lie in Ireland

branching system: family / tree

famine (noun)

feast to famine

it was ~ in a couple of weeks (laid-off tech worker)

go from feast to famine

you ~, bologna to steak back to bologna (coal miner)

♦ The Great Irish Famine ("The Great Hunger, 1845-1852); The Russian famine of 1921-1922 (Volga and the Urals); the Ukraine famine of 1932-33; the Siege of Leningrad... (Starvation.)

♦ "His wife was called Itusarssuk. She loved children because once, during a hunger period, she had to kill four of her own to spare them from the death of starvation... / Itusarssuk was highly respected because of her deed. She had loved her children enough to kill them so as to free them from further sufferings." (*Book of the Eskimos* by Peter Freuchen.)

♦ "Who in the desert had never tasted drought? Who had not been driven into exile by famine? Such things were the inescapable fate of the desert—and all the songs of the desert were an expression of this grief, drought, and homelessness..." (From *Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "Like most creatures of the Wild, the grey cub early experienced famine. There came a time when not only did the meat-supply cease, but the milk no longer came from his mother's breast. At first the cubs whimpered and cried, but for the most part they slept...reduced to a coma of hunger...while the life that was in them flickered and died down. When the grey cub came back to life...he found...only one sister remained to him. The rest were gone. [And] the food had come too late for her. She slept continuously, a tiny skeleton flung round with skin in which the flame flickered lower and lower and at last went out." (*White Fang* by Jack London.)

consumption / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

fan (verb)

fan the flames

this senator sought to further ~ of division
they just ~ to get clicks (the media online)
high winds helped ~

fanned the flames

he has ~ of the controversy

fanning the flames

he is ~ of hostility towards Muslims (a politician)

fanning civil war

Iran and Syria have been ~ in Iraq

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

fan (shape)

alluvial fan

a vast ~ extends out into the Bay of Bengal

♦ "As the sky breaks open / Its fans around him and shimmers / And into its northern gates he rises / Snarling complete in the joy of a weasel / With an elk's horned heart in his stomach..." ("For the Last Wolverine" by James L. Dickey. The aurora resembles a fan both in shape and movement.)

resemblance / shape: fan

fanatic (person)

fitness fanatic

he is a ~

health fanatic

he is a fitness trainer and a ~

jade fanatic

Hu Xianli, a self-professed ~ from Zhejiang Province

sports fanatic

she describes herself as a ~ (Miss USA)

camel racing fanatic

a ~ bought a racing camel for \$2.7 million (UAE)

self-professed (jade) fanatic
Hu Xianli, a ~ from Zhejiang Province

describes herself as a sports fanatic
she ~ (Miss USA)

♦ "My motto is, 'Be fit, not fanatic.'" (Exercise in moderation.)

♦ Reda The Elephant (Tunisia); Petit Bamba (Ivory Coast); Spike Lee (New York City)... (Internationally famous sports fans.)

♦ *Fan* is short for *fanatic*, which comes from the Latin *fanaticus*, "in or of the temple," from *fanum*, or temple, and took on the meaning "inspired by divinity." It began to be used in the US around 1900 by sportswriters writing about baseball enthusiasts, and the Hollywood movie industry would spin off *fan* magazines.

enthusiasm: person / religion

fanaticism (enthusiasm)

sneakerhead fanaticism

it's a masterly satire of ~ ("The Day the Jordans Drop")

♦ "These were as brave men as ever walked the earth...destroyed, not conquered, by machinery." (Winston Churchill, about the Battle of Omdurman. From *Churchill: Walking With Destiny* by Andrew Roberts.)

enthusiasm: religion

fanboy (person)

fanboy status

he's made no secret of his ~ (two judges / SCOTUS)

enthusiasm: person / religion

fanfare (attention)

with much fanfare

her appointment was announced ~ (air force)

with little fanfare

the question was added to the forms ~ in 2008

with little (advanced) fanfare

he visited smaller towns, ~ (a presidential candidate)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: music

fan out (verb)

fanned out from Moscow

"politically literate" young Bolsheviks ~ to the rural areas

fanning out over the country

census workers are ~ (India)

movement: fan / shape

extent & scope: fan

fantasy (dream)

fantasy was that

my ~ I could...

my fantasy

you are the most beautiful woman in the world, you are ~
that was ~ growing up (to be a chess grandmaster)

living my fantasy

I guess I'm ~ (a music groupie)

♦ "In the Big Rock Candy Mountains, all the cops have wooden legs, and the bulldogs all have rubber teeth, and the hens lay soft-boiled eggs. The brakemen have to tip their hats, and the railroad bulls are blind. There are birds and bees and cigarette trees, and lemonade springs where the bluebird sings, Oh I'm bound to go where there ain't no snow, where the rain don't fall and the wind don't blow, in the Big Rock Candy Mountains." (The hobo song written by Harry "Haywire Mac" McClintock. Heard in the film *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*)

♦ "Someday, we're gonna have us a little house and a couple acres, and a cow and a pig and chickens. And have rabbits. We're gonna have a big vegetable patch and we're gonna have a rabbit hutch. And down in the flat we'll have a little field of alfalfa. Yeah, you get to tend the rabbits. When it rains, in the winter, we'll just say hell with going to work, and we'll just build a fire in the stove, and we'll just sit there, and we'll listen to the rain." (George speaking to Lennie. From the 1992 film *Of Mice and Men*, with Gary Sinise and John Malkovich, screenplay by Horton Foote, based on the novella by John Steinbeck.)

♦ "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride!"

wants, needs, hopes & goals: mental health

fantasy (fairy tale, etc.)

fantasy land

it's ~, brother, enjoy it (Logan Paul vs. Mayweather)

feminist fantasy

I fell headlong into the frantic ~

♦ "I fell headlong into the frantic feminist fantasy of *State of Terror*... The twist here is the gender of the action figure, who's barking commands and sweating her mascara off in the effort to save American democracy. Not only is she female, but she's a late middle-aged Secretary of State named Ellen Adams..." (Maureen Corrigan loves Hillary Clinton's book.)

fantasy & reality / resemblance: books & reading

fantasy (delusion)

fantasy

these charges are a ~ cooked up by the prosecutors

fantasy science

the company was based on ~ (Theranos)

delusion, denial and fantasy

they seek refuge in ~ (the Middle East)

fantasy & reality: mental health

far (farther on / time)

200 years further on

~ again, he enthuses about the Bauhaus (German history)

past & present / time: distance

far (far from, etc.)

far from where

we're still so ~ we need to be (testing for COVID)

far from the finish line

deep into the rat race, ~ of retirement

far (away) from the next scandal

he was never ~ (John McAfee)

far from over

the criticism and handwringing is ~ (foreign-policy issue)

the legal saga was ~

far from perfect

she was ~ as the USA finished second (gymnastics)

♦ see also *way (a long way from, etc.)*

proximity / time: distance

far (progress)

go far

together we will ~

get this far

I never thought I would ~ (immigrant success)

gone too far

we've ~ to turn back now (politics)

not go far enough

she said the law did ~ (Greta Thunberg)

gone (quite) a distance

we have ~ in creating a better Afghanistan

how far he can go

he's looking to see ~ (a politician)

♦ "There's no point coming this far, to only come this far." (The #filterdrop campaign.)

♦ "So far, so good!" (Not too many problems.)

attainment / progress & lack of progress: distance / journeys & trips / movement

far (too far)

bridge too far

see *bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)*

a bit too far

he takes his theory ~

way too far

this ideology has gone ~

going too far

revoke her license, but being sent to jail is ~ (a nurse)

gone too far

he conceded that he had ~ (behavior)

counterterrorism measures have ~

all this talk about rights has ~

went too far

he claims the officer ~

she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

OSHA stepped out of its lane, it ~ (a legal case)

pushed the limits too far

she has ~ (nudity)

pushed religion too far

the Islamists ~ (a Somali)

erred too far

we have ~ on the side of caution

swung too far

the pendulum has ~ and they want to push it back

♦ see also *ski (over one's skis)*

"Critics of the Georgia elections law got far out over their skis."
(Corporations sanctioned the state, and Major League baseball removed the All-Star Game from Atlanta. If you get too far out over your skis while skiing, you can crash.)

♦ For some reason this type of phrase gets tossed around a lot at my company. They'll say, "you don't want to get ahead of your skis" and I always have the urge to shout back "actually I don't want my skis to get ahead of me! Lol It's always distracting... (MissySki, Apr 19, 2021, on "The Ski Diva forum titled "Can you really get "out over your skis"? by SallyCat, Apr 18, 2021.)

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: distance

failure, accident & impairment: distance

farce (noun)

farce

this was a ~, window dressing (Savoy plebiscite)

courtroom farce

the trial was less a drama than a ~

political farce

meanwhile, a ~ took place at Stormont

farce and tragedy

man walks a narrow line in nature between ~ (Antarctic)

become a farce

the law has ~ (anonymity destroyed by social media)

descended into a farce

the organizational plans have ~ (Olympic security)

follow tragedy with farce

this will undermine them, you will ~ (politics)

♦ When Marx wrote that history repeats itself, "the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce," he was specifically comparing Napoleon Bonaparte to his nephew, Napoleon III. Victor Hugo disparagingly referred to Napoleon III as Napoleon the Little. Winston Churchill had a somewhat more favorable view of Napoleon III: "For more than twenty years this amiable, dreamy figure was to play a striking and not always ineffective part upon the European scene."

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

farewell (noun)

farewell to comedy

it is her ~

fond farewell

Belfast is a ~ to Branagh's childhood (the film)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exclamation / speech

far-flung (adjective)

far-flung parts

you have been to so many ~ (a birder)

extent & scope: distance / throwing, putting & planting

farm (computers)

bitcoin farms

Malaysia police crush ~ with steamroller

~ even sell unused power back to the grid (Texas)

computer / product: farming & agriculture

farm (enterprise)

body farm

the ~ has revolutionized forensic anthropology
cadaver dogs will train at the ~ (North Carolina)

bitcoin farms

Malaysia police crush ~ with steamroller

content farm

Demand Media is a ~
~s employ freelance writers
~s supply articles based on search-engine queries

tank farm

one of the facility's two ~s was destroyed (chemicals)

wave farm

the world's first ~ off Portugal (generating electricity)

wind farm

a 20-megawatt ~ with 13-16 windmills
the ~ contains some 4,000 individual windmills (CA)

Wind Farm

the Gray County ~ in Kansas

computer server farm

his Websites were connected to the same ~ in Russia

wave energy farm

the US has awarded a permit to conduct testing for a ~

product: farming & agriculture

far-off (time)

far-off days

the ~ of the quill pen and the ink well

past & present / time: distance

far-reaching

far-reaching

his predictions are ~ and broad

far-reaching changes

Congress is expected to make ~ in the law that...

far-reaching consequences

the finding could have ~ for how patients...

far-reaching importance

something of ~

far-reaching and broad

his predictions are ~

extent & scope: arm / distance

farsighted (adjective)

heroic and farsighted

his dedication to space flight was ~ (Von Braun)

consciousness & awareness / future / perception, perspective & point of view: distance / eye

fashion (out of fashion)

fallen out of fashion

empathy has ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: clothing & accessories

fashion (noun)

political and intellectual fashions

they have picked up the latest ~ (overseas Indians)

appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

fashion (verb)

fashioned a knife out of wood

researchers have ~ that's three times sharper than steel

creation & transformation: hand

fat (chew the fat)

chewed the fat for about 15 minutes

we ~, then finally the General said... (getting serious)

speech: food & drink

fat (adjective)

getting fat

the regime is ~ while the poor suffer

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness

fatal (adjective)

fatal to an athlete's career

a doping ban can be ~

fatal contradictions

there were two ~ in the American project (Afghan war)

fatal mistake

he called it a "pretty ~" (election prospects)

♦ "She was probably a good nurse in many ways, but she made a fatal mistake. Literally." (A nurse who injected the wrong drug, which killed her elderly patient. The case was controversial because the nurse was criminally charged and convicted.)

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

fatally (fatally wounded, etc.)

fatally wounded

the campaign is ~ (politics / election)

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

fat cat

fat cat

plutocrats, ~s... (rich politicians)

money: cat / fatness & thinness

father (verb)

father and god-father

he had been imported to ~ the bill (C.P. Ilbert)

creation & transformation: family / verb

father (Father of Waters, etc.)

father of floods

the Yellow River was known as the “~”

Father of Waters

the ~ again goes unvexed to the sea (Mississippi River)

“Down the Yellowstone, the Milk, the White and Cheyenne; / The Cannonball, the Musselshell, the James and the Sioux; / Down the Judith, the Grand, the Osage and the Platte, / The Skunk, the Salt, the Black and Minnesota; / Down the Rock, the Illinois, and the Kankakee, / The Allegheny, the Monongahela, Kanawha, and Muskingum; / Down the Miami, the Wabash, the Licking and the Green, / The Cumberland, the Kentucky, and the Tennessee; / Down the Ouachita, the Witchita, the Red, and Yazoo. // Down the Missouri, three thousand miles from the Rockies; / Down the Ohio, a thousand miles from the Alleghenies; / Down the Arkansas, fifteen hundred miles from the Great Divide; / Down the Red, a thousand miles from Texas; / Down the great Valley, twenty-five hundred miles from Minnesota, / Carrying every rivulet and brook, creek and rill, / Carrying all the rivers that run down two-thirds the continent-- / The Mississippi runs to the Gulf.” (Narration from *The River* by Pare Lorentz, 1938, a New Deal government-financed documentary.)

epithet: family

geography: epithet

father (father of progress, etc.)

father of progress

necessity is the mother of invention, discontent is the ~

relationship: family

father (father of India, etc.)

Pater Patriae

Captain Arthur Phillip, the ~ of Australians

fathers of Modern Anesthesia

the ~ (Crawford W. Long and William T.G. Morton)

father of landscape architecture

America's ~, Frederick Law Olmsted

father of Roman architecture

Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, considered by many to be the ~

Father of Bibliography

he earned his title as the ~ (Konrad Gesner)

father of bluegrass

the legendary ~, Bill Monroe

father of the atomic bomb

the man known as the ~ (Oppenheimer)

Father of the (Pakistani) bomb

Abdul Qadeer Khan, the ~ (nuclear)

father of American musical comedy

he is considered the ~ (George M. Cohan)

father of containerization

Malcolm P. McLean, the ~

father of CPR

Peter Safar, the “~”

father of the English dictionary

Samuel Johnson, the ~ (England)

father of science fiction

Jules Verne, conventionally considered the ~

fathers of flight

the Wright brothers are considered the ~

Father of Modern Chinese Geology

dignified by the title of the ~ (Li Siguang)

father of English grammar

Lindley Murray came to be known as the ~ (in the U.S.)

father of modern gynecology

James Marion Sims was known as the “~” (fistula)

father of Impressionism

he is often called the ~ (Manet)

father of India

Mohandas K. Gandhi, the ~ (from Gujarat)

father of the Internet

Vint Cerf is often called “The ~”

fathers of (Angola's) independence

Holden Roberto, one of the ~

father of American copyright law

he became known as the ~ (Noah Webster)

father of American literature

William Faulkner called him “the ~” (Mark Twain)

father of tropical medicine

Patrick Manson, the ~

father of Australian medicine

the “~” helped reform the system (William Redfern)

father of microbiology

Antonie van Leeuwenhoek, the ~

“father of mindfulness”

Thich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist monk and ~

father of the (modern innocence) movement

he is considered the ~ (Jim McCloskey, Centurion)

Father of Country Music

Jimmie Rodgers is known as “the ~”

father of the (Bengali) nation

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is often called the ~

father of neurosurgery

he was hailed as the ~ (Harvey Cushing, brain surgeon)

father of Pakistan

Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the ~

“father” of India's nuclear programme

the ~, Homi J Bhabha

father of modern protozoology

I've seen him referred to as “the ~” (Fritz Schaudinn)

father of cognitive psychology
Ulric Neisser, considered the ~

father of modern surgery
John Hunter, the ~

father of Russian field surgery
N.I. Pirogov, known as the ~...

father of the tank
it is plausible to describe him as the ~ (Winston Churchill)

father of tiramisu
Ado Campeol, dubbed “the ~” by Italian media, has died

father of modern Turkey
Mustapha Kemal “Ataturk,” the ~, was also a Macedonian

father of (modern) hot-air ballooning
he was the ~ (Ed Yost / propane)

father of modern figure skating
Jackson Haines, the ~ (born in 1840)

“father of trekking”
he is fondly remembered as the ~ in Nepal (Jimmy Roberts)

father of modern sledge travelling
Parry was indeed the ~ (Sir Edward Parry)

Internet ‘father’
~ Vint Cerf on challenges ahead

♦ Who teaches me for a day is my father for a lifetime.

♦ Gandhi is often referred to as the Father of India. Gandhi himself referred to his mentor Dadabhai Naoroji as the Father of the Nation. Every father has a father!

♦ see also mother (mother of NPR, etc.)

creation & transformation: epithet / family
epithet / person: family

Father Time

Father Time
there is no stopping ~

father time
~ catches up with everyone (a boxer)

Father Time remains undefeated
Woods said previously that ~ (golfer Tiger Woods)

defied father time
Zlatan has ~ to continue to excel (Ibrahimovic)

outrun Father Time
it's impossible to ~ (boxing and age)

time: epithet / family

epithet: family

fathom (verb)

fathom the magnitude
she didn't ~ of the problem (immigration)

difficult to fathom
his demeanor made the attack even more ~ (murderer)

hard to fathom
the military's longer game plan is ~ (coup in Myanmar)

comprehension & incomprehension: depth / sea

fatigue (noun)

COVID 19 fatigue
people have ~ (ending restrictions too early)

compassion fatigue
we are all vulnerable to ~

feedback fatigue
I am suffering from such a serious case of ~

franchise fatigue
after nine films, there is a danger of ~

internet fatigue
I think we all get ~ (during the COVID lockdown)

negotiation fatigue
we have been warning about ~ for a long time (boxing)

Olympic fatigue
there's a lot of ~ (viewership down)

politics fatigue
~ is when you're sick of talking about politics

pop-up fatigue
~ may have contributed to the error (medication error)
the hidden dangers of EHR ~

zoom fatigue
many are suffering from ~ (pandemic)

fatigue set in
zoom ~ months ago, but audio is stepping into the breach

♦ “I find it really annoying when they send me those emails, I never review anything... You just buy the smallest thing and you’re asked to review it. You know, you buy a metre of string and you’re asked to review it. I mean, it’s ridiculous.” (BBC, Sounds, Business Daily, “Feedback Fatigue,” 25 Oct 2017.)

♦ “Question eight. ‘Was our delivery service awesome, just what the doctor ordered, or well and truly hit the spot.’ Well, there’s no negative option! You see, this is what they do. By the time you’ve spent 25 minutes answering their short survey, they shut down all dissent in the hope that you’ll just give up and that way they’ll never receive any negative feedback!” (Ed Reardon’s Week: Series 14: You’re Cancelled, BBC, written by Andrew Nicols and Christopher Douglas. It’s hilarious!)

condition & status: health & medicine

faucet (noun)

faucet of sound
there's no turning off the ~ in Louisiana

money faucet
finally, the European Central Bank turned on the ~

turn on the faucet
many wish to ~ and shower the country with easy loans

turned their faucets off
they just all ~ at exactly the same time (ad firm loses clients)

opened that faucet wider

the Federal Reserve has steadily ~, hoping to keep the money flowing

control & lack of control: infrastructure / water

increase & decrease: infrastructure / water

fault (fault line)

fault line

the ~s break people into two camps (computers)
race is the ~

society's fault lines

invasion and occupation expose a ~

Sunni-Shiite fault line

the ~ originated in the deserts of Iraq in the 7th century

sectarian fault line

Jurf as-Sakhr sits right on a ~ (Sunni / Shiite)

fault line has cracked wide open

a long-standing ~ (in a royal family)

exposed (deep) fault lines

the referendum has ~ in Latvia (with ethnic Russians)

exposed a (stark) fault line

the Smollett case has ~ between Chicago, county and state

lays bare the fault lines

the report ~ that divide this group (Amish)

♦ "The [Evan] Bayh defection coming on top of the stunning Democratic loss seen in Massachusetts reveals a threatening fault line running under the political scene. And we can expect further aftershocks..." (The great Daniel Schorr from "Bayh Exit Highlights Public Rejection Of Politics," NPR, All Things Considered, Feb 18, 2010.)

division & connection: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

Faust (noun)

second Faust

Nansen, the tortured driven soul, a ~

allusion: books & reading

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / person / religion

Faustian (adjective)

Faustian

we have this bargain, you can call it ~ if you want (tech)

Faustian bargain

Obama made a ~ with the Republicans to...
he accused them of striking a ~ to regulate...
they entered into one ~ after another (Hollywood media)

allusion: books & reading

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / person / religion

comparison & contrast: affix

favorite son

favorite son

he was welcomed to Ireland like a ~ (Obama)

Australia's favorite sons

the death of one of ~ has shocked the country

♦ "The death of one of Australia's favorite sons has shocked the country." (Shane Warne, the iconic sportsman and cricketer. A consolation is that he died on holiday in a wonderful country.)

person: family

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative / worth & lack of worth: family / person

fealty (noun)

fealty to the Constitution

Republicans took control of the House with a show of ~

fealty to Israel

she has criticized those who demand that she show ~

show of fealty

it was a ~ to the Constitution (a ceremony)

out of fealty to Day-Lewis

~, who is fiercely private, he would not elaborate...

flattery and fealty

he went through the requisite motions of ~ (politics)

show (true) fealty

her unwillingness to ~ to him was untenable (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: history / Middle Ages / royalty

fearless (girls and women, etc.)

Fearless

~, Taylor Swift's second studio album (2008)

fearless with love and life

she is also ~ (Mia Farrow about Carly Simon)

fearless conversations

the ~ about race you've been waiting for (NPR)

"Fearless Girl"

the ~ statue created by Kristen Visbal

fearless and adept

the world knows her as a ~ interviewer

fearless, generous

those ~ souls (*The Miracle Season* / very young girls)

fearless, independent

our ~ journalism (*The Guardian*)

frank and fearless

comedienne Sommore is ~

YOUNG AND FEARLESS

~ (a pink T-shirt worn by female of S. Asian heritage)

feel fearless

when you need to ~ this fall... (women's fashion)

♦ People have named their children after Sommore.

♦ "[Her book] was described as 'fearless' by British writer Zadie Smith." (New York writer Raven Leilani, winner of 2021 Dylan Thomas Prize.)

♦ "12 Fierce Accessories to get you through every occasion when you need to feel fearless this fall." (Glamour X, Nine West.)

♦ Forward. Jewish. Fearless. Since 1897. (*The Forward* digital magazine.)

♦ "More than 1.5 million people in 180 countries now fund our fearless, independent journalism. Will you support us?" (*The Guardian*.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

fearlessly

fearlessly forward
he looks back—and ~... (a poet)

fearlessly paving
jazz is about ~ new ground for the future

fearlessly fought
he ~ those who were hurting the poor (Harry Reid)

attacks the problem fearlessly
she ~ and with consummate art (writer Nella Larsen)

keep creating fearlessly
just ~ (Thundercat, real name Stephen Bruner)
♦ "Ensure carefully and dream fearlessly." (An advertisement for American Family Insurance.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

fearlessness (noun)

fearlessness of the female spirit
it's about the ~ (Fearless Girl statue by Kristen Visbal)

inclusion & exclusion: society

feast (noun)

feast for the ears
our ringside commentary team is a ~

feast for the eyes
it was a ~

feast of great music and chat
they present a ~ (a radio show)

feast of arts and culture
he dives into the ~ on offer in North Yorkshire (BBC)

feast to famine
it was ~ in a couple of weeks (laid-off tech worker)

feast or famine
freelancing is ~ (lost job to pandemic)

visual and musical feast
it is a fast-paced ~ from start to finish (a stage show)

♦ Diamond Jim Brady was a notorious gourmand. See "Whether True or False, a Real Stretch," by David Kamp, NYT, December 30, 2008, which includes quotations about Brady from *America Eats Out* (1991) by John Mariani.

♦ "You know what's good? Instant mashed potatoes mixed with ramen noodles. Now, that's good." (A hiker at the "Fontana Hilton" trail hut on the Appalachian Trail. Hikers can eat only what they can carry.)

consumption / superlative: food & drink
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

feather (ruffle feathers)

ruffled some feathers
he ~ and bruised egos (a general)

ruffle feathers in history departments
she is the latest revisionist to ~

ruffled feathers in Washington
he ~ with his warnings (a diplomat)

♦ "This will ruffle some feathers. We need to know what is going on with the measurement. The fact that we have two other experiments that agree with each other and the Standard Model and strongly disagree with this experiment is worrying to me." (Professor Ben Allanach, a theoretical physicist at Cambridge University. From "Shock result in particle experiment could spark physics revolution" by Pallab Ghosh, BBC, April 7, 2022.)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird / verb

behavior / disruption: animal / bird / verb

character & personality: animal / bird / verb

febrile (adjective)

febrile atmosphere
he postponed the trial so it could take place in a less ~
the ~ of the city was... (siege of Constantinople)
reflecting the ~, some alleged that...

febrile energy
the play has the ~ of the wilder parties of your youth

febrile (political) environment
in that ~ (Arab Spring)

febrile minds
in the ~ of anti-Semites, Jews were... (stereotypes)

febrile nationalism
Modi seeks to hold power in a climate of ~ (India)

activity: health & medicine / temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / temperature

fed (supplied)

fed a (steady) diet
he was being ~ of far-right content and conspiracy theories

directing / supplying: food & drink

fed up (adjective)

fed up
he got ~ and quit the team
~, his wife challenged him to...
people really felt ~ (government corruption)

fed up with being stereotyped
pensioners are ~ on TV as grumpy or sweet

fed up with (growing) hordes
people are ~ of homeless people begging on their streets

fed up with incumbents
the electorate is ~ (elections)

fed up with the police
people are ~ (slow response times)

fed up with their (justice) system
polls show that Mexicans are ~

fed up with the (preferential) treatment

inmates are ~ she's been getting (a jailed celebrity)

fed up with the lack of progress
the commission, ~, gave both parties a year to accept

fed up with what's going on
people are ~ (protests)

fed up and (kind of) at the end of his rope
he was pretty much ~

amount / consumption / feeling, emotion & effect / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / stomach

feed (fuel)

feeds a climate
reject language that ~ of hate (politics)

feeds the insurgency
government corruption ~

feed extremism
how poverty may ~ (Morocco)

feeds lawlessness and instability
Afghanistan's immense opium harvest ~

feeds fears, prejudices, and hate
the powerful ways modern media ~

increase & decrease: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

relationship / supplying: food & drink / verb

feed (direct)

feed intelligence to airlines
the US will now ~ (terrorist watch lists)

directing / supplying: food & drink / verb

feed (supply)

fed Mayorga a (steady) diet
he ~ of left hooks and right hands (De La Hoya)

fed the Germans (fake) gossip
Elvira Chaudoir ~ (World War II)

feeds the (fast farm) empire
the canal ~ of the Imperial Valley

feeds the production
there's a whole supply chain that ~ of the plane

supplying: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

feed (satisfy)

feed the (public) appetite
the Y has increased the number of debates to ~

tap, feed and nurture
he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

consumption: food & drink

feed (feed on / off something)

fed on his antics
the tabloid media have ~ for years (a celebrity)

feed on fear
they ~ of immigrants (extremists)

feeds on itself
fear ~

feed on one another
these cycles of outrage ~ (social media)

feeds off such (public) anger
the group ~ (collateral damage)

feeds off ignorance
he's the type who ~ (a radio commentator)

feed off the misery
there are predators who ~ of the refugees

feed into and off of
they ~ of the anger of people (preachers)

consumption / increase & decrease / supplying: food & drink

feed (feed into)

feed into a (broader public) discontent
concerns about unions ~ with powerful institutions

feeds into (the deepest) fears
his speech ~

feed into the Owyhee
these streams ~ (Idaho river)

feeds into stereotypes
his article ~ of American Muslims

feeds into the white manifest destiny thing
the propaganda story ~

feed into and off of
they ~ of the anger of people (preachers)

branching system: river / verb

feed (drip feed)

drip feed of outrage
there's a constant ~ (social media)

supplying: water

feed (video, etc.)

feeds off the Web
TVs can receive video ~

video feed
tap into the ~ between...(two cities)
TVs can receive ~s off the Web

live feed
monitored a ~ from their console video screens

reporters in another room reported on the ~ (Oscars)

transmission: tools & technology

feed (auto feed, etc.)

feed automatically

remaining towels ~ for next use (from canister)

auto feed (m)

~ function (paper shredder)

supplying: mechanism

feedback (noun)

feedback

the company takes ~ from them

your ~ will help us

~ makes clear the connection between...

give your team members ~ they can act on

feedback on their strengths and weaknesses

tests give them ~ (students)

feedback about their performance

give corrective ~ (teachers)

feedback loop

in the 70s, we saw this unfortunate ~ (wage-price inflation)

complex ~s (AI / computers)

the narrative was amplified in a ~ by the media (politics)

consumer feedback

user-opinion sites offer ~

customer feedback

text mining software to analyze ~

corrective feedback

give ~ about their performance (teachers)

immediate feedback

achievement is higher when kids receive ~ (school)

regular feedback

~ is more desirable than sporadic feedback (schools)

sporadic feedback

regular feedback is more desirable than ~ (schools)

give (corrective) feedback

~ about their performance (teachers)

provides feedback

the teacher ~ (during seatwork assignments)

judgment: mechanism

feeler (put out feelers, etc.)

put out feelers about him

several clubs have ~ (an NFL player)

put out feelers on social media

in June, the brothers ~ (for a climbing trip)

have all our feelers out

we ~, and there's a lot of options

searching & discovery: animal / arm / insect / verb

feeling (sinking feeling)

sinking feeling

I had a ~ (on a date)

sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach

I had a ~ (about to lose)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

feet (think on one's feet)

think on their feet

they must be able to ~ (Green Beret trainees)

haste / readiness & preparedness: foot

feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)

back on its feet

I wanted to see it ~, get it up and running (a town)

landed on his feet

he ~ (fired, but found a better job)

land on my feet

my family calls me Kat because I always ~ (survivor)

get back on its feet

the department is beginning to ~ (university)

get back on their feet

people need help to ~

get back on your feet

this will help you ~ (medicine)

get back on our feet

after we ~, after the economy gets going again (pandemic)

got (back) on his feet

he finally ~ financially

resiliency: direction / foot / standing, sitting & lying

amelioration & renewal: direction / foot / standing, sitting & lying

feet (drag one's feet)

dragging its feet

the Pentagon has been ~ (on legalizing gays in military)

dragging its feet on steroids

the players union must stop ~ (MLB)

dragged its feet on carrying out

Japan's Parliament has ~ laws...

action, inaction, & delay: foot / movement / verb

feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire)

hold their feet to the fire

you've got to ~ (to get them to act)

hold the airline's feet to the fire

he vowed to ~ (a regulator)

coercion & motivation: fire / verb / violence

feet (knock somebody off their feet)

knocked me off my feet
her response ~

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / force / verb

feet (stand on one's own two feet)

stand on their own two feet
nobody knows when they will be able to ~ (Iraqi army)

growth & development: death & life / standing, sitting & lying

feet (get one's feet wet)

get her feet wet
it's a chance for her to ~

absorption & immersion / experience: water

feet (feet first)

feet first
the soldiers came out of the hospital, ~ (yellow fever)

death & life: euphemism

feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)

at the feet of the president
Democrats have been laying the blame ~ (politics)

falls at the feet of the president
this ~ (responsibility)

lays every problem at the president's feet
she tries to ~

responsibility: foot / proximity

feet (master / protégé)

sat at the feet of black stride piano players
George Gershwin ~

knowledge & intelligence: foot / position

feisty (adjective)

feisty (TV) debate
the candidates' divisions were laid bare in the ~

♦ A feist is a small hunting dog, used in the Southern Appalachians to hunt bear. They can range through the laurel and rhododendron more easily than larger dogs.

character & personality: animal / dog

fell (verb)

felled many a great scientist
contamination has ~

fells Navy skipper
video scandal ~

destruction: direction / verb

fence (division)

good fences
~ make good neighbors

♦ "Something there is that doesn't love a wall..." (The first line of "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost. Twice his neighbor says, "Good fences make good neighbors.")

division & connection: fence

fence (mend fences)

mending fences
he is ~ (trying to re-establish broken trust)

mend fences with the Arab countries
he started to ~ (Abdullah of Jordan)

mend fences with Great Britain
the State Department is trying to ~

♦ This focuses only on repairing what is broken.

amelioration & renewal: fence / verb

fence (on the fence, etc.)

on the fence
he is trying hard to stay ~ (between Russia, US)

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence

position, policy & negotiation: fence

fence (straddle the fence)

straddling the (diplomatic) fence
the Yemeni leader is ~ (US vs. Iraq)

came off his fence
on 7 July, Bernadotte finally ~ and began marching

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence / verb

position, policy & negotiation: fence / verb

fence (fence-straddling)

fence-straddling politician
he's just another ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence

position, policy & negotiation: fence

feral (behavior)

feral
he's out on his own, he's ~, not under supervision (a child)

behavior / identity & nature: animal

ferment (verb)

fermented in Cavani over time
the idea for these characters had ~ (*The Night Porter*)

activity: alcohol / chemistry / verb

ferment (noun)

ferment and activity

there is a great deal of ~ in Iran

cultural ferment

it was a time of ~ (Russian poetry)

activity: alcohol / chemistry

ferocious (groups)

ferocious achievements

~ for a woman at the time (a NYC gourmet, oenophile)

ferocious new album

Flotard has released a wonderfully ~

ferocious rapper

~ Megan Thee Stallion returns with a royal guest

ferocious new single

Juan Manuel Torreblanca's ~

ferocious performances

~ by conductor Andris Nelsons (Gewandhaus Orchestra)

♦ "Alexia, a punky *Tank Girl* played by ferocious newcomer Agathe Rousselle..." ("Titane: The most shocking film of 2021" by Nicholas Barber, BBC, 15th July 2021.)

♦ "Simply by envisioning teen girls as ferocious beasts, Cain finds a hundred ways to mock our culture's fear of powerful women." ("In Wildly Satirical 'Man-Eaters,' teen girls turn into ferocious panthers" by Etelka Lehoczky, NPR, March 6, 2019.)

♦ "As a teenager, I studied its lessons carefully and now, even as an emerging adult, I learn something new with every relisten: how to say no, when to push myself, when to hold back, be gentle, be ferocious, where I can hold space for grief and growth." ("Beyoncé's '4' Taught Me How To Become And Embrace Being An Emotional Woman," NPR, Latesha Harris, June 24, 2021.)

♦ "I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through the fire, 'cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar." (Lyrics of song "Roar" sung by Katy Perry.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

ferocious (other)

ferocious battle

the ~ for Hue (Vietnam War)

ferocious criticism

those who broke ranks are facing ~ (impeachment vote)

ferocious fighting

~ is taking place in Lashkar Gah (Helmand province)

ferocious fires

~ burned through the Santa Monica Mountains

ferocious reputation

he is a local military commander with a ~ (Afghanistan)

ferocious (American) response

there is going to be a ~ (diplomacy)

ferocious (diplomatic) row

her detention led to a ~ between China and Canada

ferocious storm

they were caught in a ~ near the summit of Les Droites countries in the Caribbean that have to deal with ~s

ferocious wildfire

~ destroys 8,000 acres (California)

ferocious winds

~ have fueled the fire (California)

more ferocious

the media attacks were ~ than ever (on Labor Party)

♦ "The mother bear gets ferocious if another bear even wanders near her family." (Katmai National Park.)

character & personality / destruction / force / strength & weakness: animal / predation / wolf

ferociously

enforced ferociously

the regulations were ~

destruction / force / strength & weakness: animal / predation / wolf

ferocity (groups)

ferocity of physical desire

I miss the ~ (embracing menopause)

ferocity and joy

the group could have fed the Oscars a jolt of ~ (music)

that ferocity, that spirit

she has ~ (Lyla Kohistany)

Candy Ferocity

~ of *Pose* (FX TV series)

so much ferocity

there's ~, such commitment to the message (music)

blithe ferocity

he drops names with a kind of ~

with equal ferocity

she loves and hates him ~

agency, ferocity and encouragement

inspirational declarations of ~ (the TV series *Pose*)

♦ "[Angelica Ross]' breakthrough role came in 2018, as Candy Ferocity in Rya Murphy's FX drama series *Pose*." (Wikipedia.)

♦ "She's a maniac, maniac on the floor / And she's dancing like she's never danced before." (The film *Flashdance*, 1983.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

ferocity (other)

ferocity of the ambush

commanders were stunned by the ~ (Afghanistan)

ferocity of the eruption

scientists were caught off guard by the ~

ferocity of weather

we don't normally get that sort of ~ (Storm Eunice / UK)

war's ferocity

the fate of one family illustrates Gaza ~ (2009)

with such ferocity

he threw punches ~ (Mike Tyson)

♦ “Tyson Fury now has an energy drink out called “Ferocity,” there’s a plug...” (5 Live Boxing with Steve Bunce.)

destruction / force / strength & weakness: animal / predation / wolf

farrago (confused mixture)

farrago of nonsense

he dismissed the row as a ~ (politics)

♦ In Latin, mixed fodder or a mixture.

♦ “Fish and milk and tamarind juice.” (An Egyptian expression for an unappealing mess.)

mixture: food & drink

ferret out (verb)

ferreted out the (hidden) information

they ~

ferret out (potential) bias and prejudice

procedures are inadequate to ~ (jury selection)

searching & discovery: animal / verb

behavior: animal / verb

fertile (adjective)

fertile in writers

Australia is ~ whose books faithfully mirror life

fertile field

Donald Trump was plowing a very ~ (Mara Liasson)

fertile ground

Russia is a ~ for spammers

fertile soil

that chaos was the ~ for a growing insurgency (Iraq)

growth & development: farming & agriculture

fester (verb)

fester

better to correct now than to let the situation ~

fester on the internet

hate and violence ~

fester for years

these problems have been ~

fester for so long

circumstances were allowed to ~ (*The New York Times*)

fester online

hateful sites ~

hatred festers

~ in the Middle East

secrets fester

~ between Mick and Linda

affliction / corruption / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: starting, going, continuing & ending: health & medicine / verb

fester (adjective)

fester dispute

he was murdered over a ~

fester sore

the conflict has remained a ~ left untended (Middle East)

affliction / corruption / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: health & medicine

fetish (noun)

fetish for manufacturing

they both share a ~ (politicians)

have a fetish for big food

it's no secret Americans ~ (triple-decker cheeseburgers)

makes a fetish of period detail

the show ~ (*Mad Men* / early 1960s)

makes a fetish of transparency

the media ~

turned him into a fetish

the Republicans have ~ (Ronald Reagan)

importance & significance: religion

fetishistic (adjective)

fetishistic interest

I've had this almost ~ in *The New Yorker* (Wes Anderson)

importance & significance: religion

comparison & contrast: affix

fetishistically

moves almost fetishistically

Burns' camera ~ over the manuscript page (Hemingway)

importance & significance: religion

fetishization (noun)

fetishization of (street) art

there is an almost kind of ~ these days (Banksy, etc.)

fetishization of (Afro-Americans') hairstyles

white media's ~ trivializes Blacks

fetishization of (black) trauma

this ~ epitomizes an industry (entertainment)

fetishization of wealth

economic despair and the ~

rights fetishization

~ or rightsism (Jamal Greene / *How Rights Went Wrong*)

hypersexualization and fetishization

the history of ~ of Asian women in the US

inclusion & exclusion: society

fetishize (verb)

fetishize (military) funerals

we ~ so we can continue to allow our kids to be killed

fetishize the work

we ~ of great artists as somehow mythical (music)

importance & significance: religion / verb

fetter (noun)

shake off the fetters

to ~ of tradition and radically remake...

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: chain / crime / leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

fettered

fettered by calls and e-mails and errands

I like to not be ~

fettered in any way

do you think your colleagues are~ (cartoonists draw women)

mentally fettered

his subordinates were ~ (by Naval discipline / orders)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: chain / crime / leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

feud (verb)

feuded with the intelligence community

he ~ throughout his presidency (US President Trump)

conflict / revenge: verb / violence

feud (noun)

feuds

the music industry thrives on ~

feuds in the entertainment industry

there is considerable public appetite for stories of ~

feud between (next-door) neighbors

a ~ led to a confrontation

family feud

a long and bitter ~ over the estate of Jimi Hendrix

this exposes a real ~, a generational divide (Democrats)

academic feud

this ~ began to poison the project (undersea mapping)

diplomatic feud

the ~ between Russia and the U.S.

political feud

the ~ between London and Paris

public feud

sisters get embroiled in a ~

flare-up of their long-running feud

the latest ~ (2 NASCAR drivers)

♦ see also *vendetta* (noun)

♦ The Howards and the Turners; the Hatfield and the McCoys; the Lincoln County Feud; the Frenches and Eversoles; the Martins and Tollivers; the Bakers and Howards... (Famous Appalachian family feuds.)

♦ "Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against the Campbells, but I would not stay a night in the company of one." (Said by a MacDonald recently, referring to a massacre of MacDonalds by Campbells after the Campbells had accepted the MacDonalds' hospitality. The murders took place in 1692.)

♦ Dante put Mosca dei Lamberti in hell as a sower of discord for the role he played in igniting the feud between the Amidei and Buondelmonti in Florence.

♦ The Sutton-Taylor feud was the longest and bloodiest in Texas. (According to the Texas State Historical Association Handbook of Texas, in an article written by C. L. Sonnichsen: "Persons who wished to live in the area had to take sides, there was constant pursuing and lying in wait...")

♦ In the US, there has been a longtime feud between people on the East Coast and the West Coast as to which coast has the better sports teams and rappers. Meanwhile in Atlanta, Georgia, rappers think of themselves as being the "Third / Dirty Coast." With the rappers, this feud is not always good natured.

conflict / revenge: violence

fever (fever tree, etc.)

fever tree

yellow-tinged trunks of the ~ glow (Kruger Park)

proper name: health & medicine

fever (behavior)

fever pitch

all of these issues have reached a ~ (politics)
the steady buildup of hype has reached a ~

cabin fever

~ plagues Vermont all winter
people are getting ~

launch fever

one thing we have to guard against is ~

lottery fever

~ draws people from surrounding states (to buy tickets)

partisan fever

Washington's well-known ~ (vs. decorum and discretion)

spring fever

September is the evil twin of ~

summit fever

they call it "~~" (failure to summit not an option)
~ can lead to disaster (Denali / Mt. McKinley)

war fever

every few decades, the US catches a case of foreign "~~"

"go fever"

we do not want to get ~ (shuttle launches)

patriotic fever

crowds energized with ~ (the Olympics)

yellow fever

some men have ~ (lust for Oriental women)

♦ "A classic malaria attack has three stages. (1) Cold stage (chills): rising fever, patient feels cold, ashen color, temperature is increasing rapidly,

patient seeks additional covering with blankets. (2) Hot stage: patient throws off all blankets, looks red and congestive, very warm, high temperature, splitting headache and severe neck pains. (3) Sweat stage: patient suddenly breaks out in perspiration, clothes and bed are wet with sweat, temperature falls off quickly, patient feels better, often gets appetite back and falls asleep. An attack lasts 10-12 hours."

behavior: health & medicine

fever (enthusiasm)

Super Bowl fever

not everyone is caught up in ~

Cristiano Ronaldo fever

it's fair to say ~ has hit Old Trafford (soccer)

football fever

get ready for ~ (English Premier League start)

Oshin fever

a kind of ~ raged worldwide (1980s Japanese TV series)

soccer fever

Germany has *Fussballfieber*—~ (2006 World Cup)

vacation fever

with ~ reaching new highs... (post-COVID)

enthusiasm: health & medicine

fevered (adjective)

fevered speculation

details derived from rumor and ~ (mass murder)

grew (even more) fevered

anticipation ~ as word spread that...

activity: health & medicine / temperature

feverish (adjective)

feverish activity

it is now the scene of ~ (a disaster)

feverish labor

the end result of years of ~ (the A-bomb)

feverish talk

the ~ of an imminent attack has ebbed (military)

activity: health & medicine / movement / temperature

feverishly

feverishly courting

she has been ~ black voters

working feverishly

we are ~ (disaster relief)

the US is ~ behind the scenes (diplomacy)

worked feverishly

doctors ~ to save him

♦ "Hughes, Dr. E. W., b. 15 March 1819, d. at his post of duty, 31 Aug 1878." (A marker in what is referred to locally as "the Yellow Fever" cemetery in Granada, Mississippi, on 2nd Street, east of the railroad tracks. The Yellow Fever epidemic of 1878 devastated New Orleans and Memphis, infecting at least 120,000 and killing between 13,000 and 20,000 people.)

activity: health & medicine / movement / temperature

fever pitch (noun)

reached a fever pitch

speculation ~... (possible military action)

activity: health & medicine / temperature

few and far between

few and far between

we are ~ (a Parsi)

amount: distance

fiddle (second fiddle)

plays second fiddle

when you worry about your family, the other stuff ~

play second fiddle to UFC

boxing had to ~

played second fiddle to the Ambassador's Road
during this period the Burma Road ~ (China)

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: music / number / position

fiefdom (control)

fiefdom of his ship

a captain was a monarch of the floating ~ (1777)

gangster fiefdoms

this new system of ~ (warlord rule in Afghanistan)

individual fiefdoms

Chicago's 50 aldermen are mini-mayors of their ~

personal fiefdom

the Rainbow Coalition is his ~ (Jesse Jackson)

rival fiefdoms

the two groups were ~ (criminal investigation)

theoretical fiefdom

everybody wants to create their own little ~ (research)

one-man fiefdom

his department was a ~ that he defended from the outside
he ran a ~, he called the shots (Curtis Institute of Music)

runs his or her own fiefdom

the cabinet secretary generally ~ (without interference)

control & lack of control: Middle Ages

area: ground, terrain & land / Middle Ages

field (verb)

fielding calls

he had been ~ about the accident most of the night

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb

field (fertile field, etc.)

fertile field

Donald Trump was plowing a very ~ (Mara Liasson)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

field hand (person)

field hands of academia

adjunct faculty are the ~

dominance & submission / superiority & inferiority: farming & agriculture / person

fiend (behavior)

fitness fiend

I'm a ~ (an NFL player)

text messaging fiend

California girl is ~ (14,528 in one month / 2009)

behavior: creature / mental health

fierce (girls and women / groups, etc.)

fierce accessories

13 ~ to get you through every occasion (fashion)

fierce advocate

she was a ~ for women's athletics (a soccer player)

fierce Abigail Breslin

moving performances by Damen and a ~ (*Stillwater*)

Fierce Five

they were known as the ~ (2012 US Olympic gym team)

fierce honesty

her album gives musical form to ~ and emotional freedom

fierce enthusiasm

she was known for her ~ for sci-fi and comics

fierce performance

Kathryn Hunter delivers a ~ (*The Tragedy of Macbeth*)

'fierce poise'

with ~, she poured beauty (artist Helen Frankenthaler)

fierce (political) views

how she gained her ~ (Ani DiFranco)

fierce women

we're standing up for ~ (politics)

Fierce Little Thing

~ is the story of a young girl

from classic to fierce

~, there isn't a red carpet look Taylor hasn't tried

fierce and heartwarming

she is a ~ hero (Afghan woman scores high on test)

famous, fierce and fashion forward

RuPaul, ~

make herself look fierce

she wanted to get some piercings to ~ (an 18-year-old queer Latinx mestiza)

♦ *I Am... Sasha Fierce.* (The 2008 studio album by Beyoncé.)

♦ "She was a fierce, fierce woman who wanted him at all costs" (2008) is the traditional construct: a determined, predatory woman who knows what she wants (a particular man) and will stop at nothing to get him. See *maneater (female)*. This is the contemporary construct.

♦ see also *badass (power)*, *beast (power)*, *fearless (girls and women, etc.)*, *ferocious (other)*, *fiercely (girls and women / groups, etc.)*, *savage (adj)*

♦ [high pitched whoop] (Closed captioning.)

♦ LFG. (The "battle cry" of the US Women's national soccer team.)

♦ "Mean-mugging" is a meme.

♦ "We're standing up for fierce women who raised me to never back down from a tough fight." (Politics.)

♦ "Now that's what I call fierce! You're a star." (Michelle Obama in a tweet about Nia Dennis and her "the Culture" gymnastic routine.)

♦ "I imagine the term 'fierce' was coined after meeting him." (Actor and supermodel Milla Jovovich on the death of Andre Leon Talley, fashion industry icon and author of *The Chiffon Trenches*.)

♦ "Renee Ballard, a fierce young detective fighting to prove herself." (A blurb to promote a book.)

♦ "12 Fierce Accessories to get you through every occasion when you need to feel fearless this fall." (Glamour X, Nine West.)

♦ "Chrissy Metz, 40, Shows Off Massive Weight Loss In Fierce New Photo." (Promoted: Swift Verdict.)

♦ "Both of you are mighty, I gotta say, both of you, and you're bringing it to us again, thank you so much..." (Robin Roberts introducing a travelogue on Washington State featuring Becky Worley and Ginger Zee.)

♦ "Melina, a scientist who may know a little something about how an army of young girls could be coerced into becoming assassins..." (Bob Mondello reviewing Marvel's *Black Widow* for NPR.)

♦ Girl-boss culture; girl boss culture; girlboss... (See the Wikipedia entry. Or "Is Being a 'Girl Boss' a Bad Thing? It's Complicated" by Paige Skinner, *Los Angeles Magazine*, May 13, 2021.)

♦ Girl boss culture, it's hustle culture, it's putting bright red lipstick on capitalism."

♦ *Juche.* (The DPRK's state ideology. The word could be translate as "taking charge" or "in command.")

♦ "The main selling point will be 'girl power.'" (Snark on an upcoming Angelina Jolie film.)

♦ "She is a passionate animal advocate and fierce in the fight against cancer." (The *biography* of a meteorologist welcoming her to a different market.)

♦ "'Snapped up this designer trench at Marshalls. Shoulda cost a lot more.' Stay fierce. Fabulous Brands. Feel Good Prices." (An advertisement for Marshalls with music by the Pom Poms: "Look at me, look at me, look at me...")

♦ "Gatorade Fierce. Grape. Naturally Flavored with Other Natural Flavors. Bold and Intense. Water, sugar, dextrose, citric acid, natural flavor, sodium citrate, salt, monopotassium phosphate, modified food starch, glycerol ester of rosin, blue 1, red 40."

♦ "When black ladies go bald they look fierce [sic], when white women do it we look like Kemo [sic] patients. (NoMoreFalseGods to Loves_Trees.)

♦ "In the mellowing afterglow of victory, they don't seem so fierce." (Elected women.)

♦ "Death only comes once, I'm not afraid of them killing me." (Photojournalist Roya Heydari, who fled Afghanistan and is currently in France.)

♦ STOP. SAYING. "FIERCE!" (SkepDoc, on a comment board about "The 33 Fiercest Moments From Beyoncé's Halftime Show" by Lauren Yapalater, BuzzFeed, Feb. 4, 2013.)

♦ "Only then was I able to attach the name to an actual body, but I was inwardly astonished. I had imagined that the students who had been so

unwavering in the face of the authorities and had resisted a principal with strong backing would, of course, be bold and fierce. Yet she often smiled and her manner was gentle." ("In Memory of Liu Hezhen" by Lu Xun.)

♦ "Gentlemen. I am 25 years old and I have killed 309 fascist occupants by now. Don't you think, gentlemen, that you have been hiding behind my back for too long?" (Lyudmila Pavlichenko. From "Eleanor Roosevelt and the Soviet Sniper" by Gilbert King, *Smithsonian Magazine*, Feb 21, 2013.)

♦ Assault; attack; battle; charge; combat; counterattack; defense; engagement; fight; firefight... (Words modified by *fierce* in the Medal of Honor citations of the Vietnam War.)

character & personality: animal

inclusion & exclusion: society

fierce (other)

fierce

it's ~ our there (buying a home)
competition for jobs is ~

fierce battles

waging ~ with unions and regulators

fierce (custody) battle

he was the object of a ~

fierce criticism

the coach backpedaled after ~ from Chinese fans...

fierce defender

it helps to have a wise friend and ~ like AARP (an ad)
your wise friend and ~ (an advertisement for AARP)

fierce (price) wars

~ have reduced profits

fierce winds

~ downed the transmission line (Hurricane Ida)

fierce and noisy

Tunisians are locked in a ~ debate about Islam in politics

fierce and ugly

a ~ about in-person learning (during the pandemic)

pretty fierce

the environment of Jupiter is ~ (Margaret Kivelson)

so fierce

the frenzied rumors have become ~ that...
she feels a stab of love ~ (mother for husband, kids)

competition (for clinical training slots) was fierce
~ (nursing bottlenecks)

turned fierce

that's when the weather ~ (climbing K2)

♦ "It's a jungle out there!"

destruction / force / strength & weakness: animal / predation / wolf

fiercely (girls and women / groups, etc.)

fiercely expressive

even her silences are ~, she's flinty, tough, guarded (film)

competed fiercely

I ~ and made it to the finale

♦ "On 'All Stars' season three of the series, I competed fiercely and made it to the finale." (The drag superstar Shangela, also known as D. J. Pierce. The "All Stars" season refers to "RuPaul's Drag Race" franchise.)

♦ "Hello there, I'm Jennifer and welcome to *Simply + Fiercely...* I'm passionate about helping other women just like me."

♦ "Fiercely the red sun descending / burned his way along the heavens / set the sky on fire behind him / as war parties, when retreating / burn the prairie on their war trails. ("The Song of Hiawatha.")

inclusion & exclusion: society

fierceness (noun)

fierceness

you see a ~ that's coming from the girls...

♦ "You see a fierceness that's coming from the girls that are coming up now, that's because we understand we ain't got nuttin to lose. I already done lost that job, I already done lost that job." (Angelica Ross, about Trans representation in media / entertainment. According to her Wikipedia entry, "Her breakthrough role came in 2018, as Candy Ferocity in Rya Murphy's FX drama series *Pose*.)

character & personality: animal

fiery (character)

fiery (clubhouse) leader

he is their ~ (an athlete)

fiery preacher

the ~ has died at 91

fiery temperament

the son inherited his father's ~

fiery and brash

she is ~

character & personality: fire / temperature

initiation: fire / temperature

fiery (speech)

fiery debate

heated words were exchanged during the ~

fiery denunciation

the charges resulted in ~s of labor unions

speech: fire / temperature

initiation: fire / temperature

fight (noun)

without a fight

Amazon is unlikely to give up ~ (v. Reliance in India)

allies in that fight

she didn't have a lot of ~ (trouble between 2 actors)

weapon in the (COVID) fight

it is the third ~ (third vaccine approved)

rearing for a fight

Dees is still ~ (head of Southern Poverty Law Center)

♦ "Hit 'em with a left, hit 'em with a right, it's a fight, it's a fight, it's a fight, fight, fight!" (Stirring music lyrics to a video of the great boxer Naseem Hamid.)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: military fight (verb)

fighting to beat back

Yahoo and AOL are ~ spammers

fights urban blight

the group ~ (buildings)

fight like hell

they're not taking the White House, we're going to ~

fighting for his life

he has been ~ (hospital seeks to unplug ventilator)

fight incessantly

people ~ online...

♦ "It's an uphill battle... We're gonna fight him in congress, we're gonna fight in the courts, and I believe that a large segment of the American public will fight the president on this." (Democratic representative Joaquin Castro of Texas, channeling his inner Winston Churchill.)

♦ "I want the Democrats to raise their hands if they have ever given a speech that says 'take...back,' 'fight for your country.' Who hasn't used the words *fight* figuratively, and are we going to put every politician in jail, are we going to impeach every politician who has used the words *fight* figuratively in a speech? Shame!" (Senator Rand Paul.)

♦ "These are the metaphorical rhetorical uses of the word *fight*. We all know that, right? Suddenly the word *fight* is off limits? Spare us the hypocrisy and false indignation. It's a term used over and over and over again by politicians on both sides of the aisle." (Michael Van Der Veen, defending President Trump at his second impeachment trial.)

conflict: military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

fight (food fight)

food fights

you can't be proud when you have ~ breaking out in the White House (politics)

procedural food fight

the trial will kick off with a ~ (impeachment trial)

equivalent of a food fight

it was the political ~ (presidential debate)

behavior / conflict: school & education

fighter (person)

real fighter

she's a ~, she has led the fight for the prisoners

street fighter

can hope and unity beat Trump, or do you have to be a ~ some wonder if he is the ~ they want or need (candidate)

♦ "I understand the spirit of a fighter, I've also been a fighter my whole life, my whole career." (Halle Berry, promoting her film *Bruised*.)

♦ CEO Margaret Low of WBUR, in a staff memo announcing "a significant reorganization" to include layoffs, wrote that that it was necessary to be "in fighting shape to deliver on big ambitions."

♦ "I tried to keep his spirits up, saying that this was just Round One in a long-term fight. 'More like the end of round #3...and they are winning 6-10 every round,' he wrote." ("Coin Toss: A Welshman has lost the key for half a billion dollars' worth of bitcoin" by D.T. Max, *The New Yorker*, December 13, 2021.)

♦ "We still have our guard up, we're still in the ring fighting for safety, we just now have some space between us and the opponent." (Captain

Dennis Tajer of the Allied Pilots Association, about 5G and its effect on aviation. From "An airplane pilot details the issue 5G could have on flights," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, Jan 22 2022.)

♦ "Now, look you here, Huw, my son. You are growing to be a man. It is a man's place to take punishment and give back more than he takes if there is a head on him... A boy shall learn to fight, or let him put skirts about his knees." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn.)

♦ "Joe Frazier is my friend... If I had \$4 left in my wallet, two of those would go to Joe." (Larry Holmes, after a reporter asked him if he had paid for an operation that Joe Frazier needed but couldn't afford. Larry wouldn't admit to it, but he had.)

♦ "The best fight I've ever seen, praying that Mick Conlan is ok."

♦ "Some day, they're gonna write a blues for fighters. It'll just be for slow guitar, soft trumpet and a bell." (Sonny Liston. His biography, published in 1963, was titled *The Champ Nobody Wanted*.)

♦ "Man... knows how to fight and win." (A stirring speech in Greece prior to the 2022 Olympics.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: person

fig leaf

fig leaf to cover

democracy is only a ~ the powers of capital

fig leaf for its (geopolitical) ambitions

the US uses the UN as a ~

fig leaf for imperialism

democracy is a ~

fig leaf for (US) occupation

the Afghan elections are a ~

fig leaf for politicians

the reform bill is a ~ opposed to any serious action

fig leaf for (US) withdrawal

"Vietnamization" was a ~

fig leaf for profiteering

philanthropy is often a ~

very small fig leaf indeed

"communist influence" was now a ~ in the surveillance

under the fig leaf of comedy

he hides his conservatism ~

♦ Clement XIII (1693-1769) covered the genitalia of the Vatican's nudes with fig leaves.

concealment & lack of concealment / substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

figurehead (noun)

figureheads

the old play-writing establishment and its ~

figurehead of the Somali community

she became a ~ in Canada

saw Ancelotti as the figurehead

Moshiri saw ~ who would fulfil his aspirations (Everton)

driving force / representation: boat

filling (content)

filling

the ~ is always a surprise (Twilight Zone episodes)

♦ "There was a signature tone to the stories, the same dark chocolate coating—but the filling was always a surprise." (Charlie Brooker, creator of Black Mirror, about the older Twilight Zone series.)

content: food & drink

filter (verb)

filters the news
the country ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: air / hygiene / water

filth (insult)

trash, filth, and sleaze

locals use words like ~ (an annual motorcycle rally)

♦ "Late Sunday, riot police sprayed putrid-smelling water to break up Palestinian protests." (AP, "Israeli troops kill Palestinian in West Bank clashes," Feb 13, 2022.)

insult / violence / worth & lack of worth: hygiene

filthy (bad)

filthy habit
smoking is a ~

worth & lack of worth: hygiene

filthy (filthy rich)

filthy lucre
I am not immune to the lure of ~ (a writer)

filthy rich
there's rich and then there's ~

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: hygiene

filthy (corruption)

filthy business
greed has turned our health-care system into a ~

filthy mess
we must clean up this ~ (Wall Street)

filthy politics
we have seen eight years of ~

corruption: hygiene

filthy (sex)

filthy joke
he cracked ~s

filthy mind
people who see sex in this have ~s
old people have ~s, too

filthy piece of trash
the book is a ~ ("Lolita" by VN)

called the play filthy
Comstock ~ ("Mrs. Warren's Profession by GBS")

sex: hygiene

filthy (language)

too filthy

the play was deemed ~ for theatres (Pinter's *Landscape*)

speech: hygiene

finale (noun)

finale

you've just seen the first act, the ~ is yet to come (trial)

development: theater

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

find (a date can find us, etc.)

finds us in Newman

dawn the next day ~ (Western Australia)

found the travelers in Rome

August 12 ~

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

find (discover)

found that

we ~ the language became more hostile (a study)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: hunting

searching & discovery: hunting

find (find oneself in a place, etc.)

found myself doing something

any time I ~ that didn't feel like the intended path...

found ourselves among other journalists

we ~ and aid workers scrambling to escape

found ourselves trying

we ~ to...

found ourselves cooped up

we ~ for a while (pandemic)

find yourself in a situation

you could ~ where you keep boosting... (vaccines)

♦ "Over the pass we dropped at once into a gulch. The place was extraordinarily broken. Deep scree, encumbered with boulders and trunks, streams and rocks, all thickly overgrown with a carpet of moss; the whole scene reminded me vividly of a picture of Walpurgis Night. It would be hard to imagine a wilder and more repellent scene than that grim gorge." (*Dersu the Trapper* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "Midway in our life's journey, I went astray / from the straight road and woke to find myself / alone in a dark wood..." (*The Inferno*, translated by John Ciardi.)

consciousness & awareness: journeys & trips / place

find (hope, etc.)

found Jesus in prison

John Ellis Sparks ~ (Alabama murderer)

searching & discovery: hunting

fine-tune (verb)

fine-tune a search

you can ~ by using wildcards (computers)

fine-tune scripts

she can ~

fine-tuned the work in progress

together they ~

amelioration & renewal: music / verb

finger (shape)

pokes its finger

they met where the Gulf of Issus ~ into Asia Minor

shape: finger

finger (Finger Lakes, etc.)

Finger Lakes

the ~ produce an excellent Riesling (New York)

proper name: finger

finger (middle finger)

“middle finger” to everyone

the mass party was a ~ who had suffered (pandemic)

middle finger to social norms

he intended his haircut to be a ~ (the mullet hairstyle)

middle finger to the patriarchy

the vengeance is not just personal, it's a ~ (women)

middle-finger salute

Verstappen gave Hamilton a ~ (F1)

Kyrie hit the shot and gave the ~ to the Celtics fans
the new bicycle lanes are a big ~ to us residents...

one-finger salute

LeBron James got a *double* ~ from a brazen child

gave fans a one-finger salute

he ~

gives the middle finger

she ~ to haters (a singer and her lyrics)

seen as a middle finger

it was ~ to America (Muhammad Ali refuses induction)

threw out a one finger salute

he ~

♦ see also *flip off* (verb)

♦ “Berlin’s tourism authority has launched an ad campaign featuring an elderly woman giving the middle finger to people who refuse to wear masks... / But the campaign has proved controversial, with some in Germany calling it insulting.” (“Coronavirus: Berlin ad sticks middle finger to mask rule breakers,” BBC, October 14, 2020.)

♦ “We should note that you *did* give someone the middle finger as you were leaving this event, you say it was out of frustration and you regret it...” (An otherwise sympathetic NPR interview with a public-health official about a public meeting.)

♦ “Brooklyn Nets guard Kyrie Irving has been fined \$50,000 by the NBA for ‘making obscene gestures on court...’ in their opening play-off game.” (He gave the middle finger to Boston Celtic fans. Nuff said.)

insult: finger / gesture

finger (slip through one's fingers)

slipped through his fingers

the Super Bowl has ~ again (NFL’s Aaron Rodgers)

slipped through their fingers

he ~ (a criminal)

attainment / possession / pursuit, capture & escape: finger / hand / verb

finger (in the snap of a finger)

went from 0 to 60 in the snap of a finger

he ~ (car driver)

♦ “Everything happened just like that... (he snaps his fingers four times.) I was just shootin’.” (Markeith Loyd, at his first trial in Florida, for murdering his pregnant girlfriend)

speed: finger / gesture / sound

finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)

snap their fingers

can they just ~ and make this happen (policy)

snap your fingers

if you could ~ and change one thing, what would it be

♦ “There will be no snap of the fingers to make the virus disappear.” (It will become endemic, here to stay.)

creation & transformation: finger / gesture / magic

finger (point a finger)

finger of blame

he points the ~ at his business partner (trial)

finger of guilt

pointed the ~ in this man’s direction

accusing finger

it’s easy to point an ~

the ~ has been pointed in every direction

pointing accusing fingers at white doctors

a lot of black people today are ~

pointing fingers at the company

people are ~

pointed the finger (of guilt) in this man’s direction
circumstantial evidence also ~

point fingers and criticize

a lot of people want to ~ (disaster relief)

right to point fingers

the US has no ~

♦ “A lot of black people today are wringing their hands and pointing accusing fingers at white doctors from the public health service.” (Janie Taylor, “Origins of the Infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study,” NPR, August 7, 1972.)

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture / verb

finger (lift a finger)

lift a finger for him

I wouldn't ~

help & assistance: finger / hand / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: finger / hand / verb

finger (put one's finger on something)

puts his finger on (one of the chief) difficulties
he ~ of the movement (can't define itself)

location: finger / gesture / hand / map / verb

finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)

fingers crossed

~, we go to Sunday full of energy (Liverpool FC)
it's ~ that it continues... (noisy neighbors quiet down)

fingers crossed approach

many US companies resort to a ~ to cybersecurity

keeping my fingers crossed

I was ~ (mass shooting survivor)

♦ "It's coming home... Hopefully (Fingers crossed). Realistically... probably not... but hey after almost 18 months of misery let's all get behind them and enjoy it. You never know!" (A BBC HYS writer on the eve of England vs. Ukraine at Euro 2020.)

fate, fortune & chance: finger / gesture / verb

finger-pointing

finger pointing

there was much ~

there is plenty of ~ going on (blame)

finger-pointing

~ began even before the fighting ended

finger-pointing among Democrats

her loss led to a round of ~ (election)

finger-pointing and accusations

a lot of ~ (NASA failure)

finger-pointing and (political) posturing

we must put behind us ~ and solve this problem

years of (squabbling and) finger-pointing

after ~ (UN conference)

hand-wringing and finger-pointing

the battle led to a lot of ~ in Washington (war)

squabbling and finger-pointing

after years of ~ (UN conference)

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture

fingerprint (noun)

computer fingerprint

every visit leaves a ~

digital fingerprint

the program leaves none of the traditional ~s (malware)

genetic fingerprint

a person's nearly unique ~

Saudi fingerprints

~ are everywhere (politics)

unique (genetic) fingerprint

a person's nearly ~

evidence: finger / mark

fingertip (at one's fingertips)

at his fingertips

he has helicopters and jets ~ (Vice President)

proximity: finger / hand

finger-wagging

finger-wagging

this ~ sparked a reaction (mask-wearing)

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture

fire (a question, etc.)

fire the same questions

they would ~ over and over again (police interrogation)

speech: verb / weapon

fire (conflict)

racial fires

he is stoking the ~ (politician)

on fire

the Middle East is ~ (protests, regime change)

extinguish a fire

he was trying to ~ that would not die (civil rights)

lit the (prairie) fire

this became the spark that ~ (a political issue)

stoking the (racial) fires

he is ~ (politician)

conflict: fire

fire (through the fire, etc.)

through the fire

Harris has been ~ and knows what it feels like

no way, I've been ~ (politician about running again)

through the fire of (suicidal) depression

I have lived ~

pass through the fire

once children ~ of adolescence

♦ "I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through the fire, 'cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar." (Lyrics of song "Roar" sung by Katy Perry.)

character & personality / experience: fire

fire (substance)

fire

where there's smoke, there's ~

evidence / substance & lack of substance: fire

fire (criticism)

heavy fire

he has been taking ~ from his rivals (Democratic politics)

incoming fire

he's going to take all this ~ (a politician)

took (incoming) fire

I ~ on social media for that...

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon

fire (under fire)

under fire

his judgment has repeatedly come ~

he is ~ after an unconfirmed report surfaced...

she displayed coolness ~ (political debate performance)

under fire for not arresting

the FBI is coming ~

under fire for his policy

he has come ~ (visas)

under fire from (human rights) groups

Egypt recently came ~

come under fire

mink farms have ~ for skinning minks alive
his judgment has repeatedly ~ (a prosecutor)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon

fire (draw fire, etc.)

drawing fire

the plan is ~

face fire

he is going to ~ from his fellow candidates (debate)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

fire (fire back)

firing back

Smollett is ~ and his legal team is digging in

-fired back at her attackers

she ~

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon / verb

fire (flash fire)

flash fire of hope

he ignited a ~ (Obama)

amount & effect: fire

fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire)

see feet (*hold somebody's feet to the fire*)

fire (on fire / feeling)

on fire

the team came out ~ (playing well)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / temperature

fire (fire and desire, etc.)

fire in my belly

I didn't have that ~ (to become president)

fire and desire

they have some young players with ~ (soccer)

competitive fires

he admitted his ~ had been banked (pro athlete)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

commitment & determination: fire

fire (light a fire under somebody)

light a fire under him

we need to ~ (motivation)

lit a fire under that boy's ass

whatever it was, something ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

coercion & motivation: fire / verb / violence

fire (fuel on the fire, etc.)

fire of (toxic) political warfare

this will pour fuel on the ~

pour fuel on the fire

this will ~ of toxic political warfare

poured gas on the fire

the president ~ with a provocative tweet (sports issue)
a tweet ~ when... (sports dispute)

throws gas on the fire

Palin ~ in Iowa (politics)

threw kerosene on an already blazing situation

his cheap shots ~

drain the fuel away

the military alone will not ~ from the jihadists

increase & decrease: fire

fire (play with fire)

playing with fire

you better be careful, you're ~

I was ~, it was just a matter of time before I got caught

I hope they appreciate the degree to which they are ~
(diplomacy)

fate, fortune & chance: fire / verb

fire (catch fire)

caught fire

none of these websites have taken off and ~
the youth movement ~ (US / counterculture)
his campaign ~ in the spring (politics)
his senate race ~ in 2018 (politics)
her campaign never ~ or even showed signs of a spark

catches fire

around 2015, suddenly the movement ~ (flat earthers)

interest (in Dante) caught fire

Harvard was where his ~ (the poet John Ciardi)

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: fire

fire (hang fire)

hung fire

for almost two months, Scott's plans ~

hung fire for eight minutes

the way you ~ at the beginning (he delayed the start)

hung fire for a while

the case has ~ (Pakistan refuses to release diplomat)

hang fire until the 111th Congress convenes

both bills will likely ~ (a delay)

die, hang fire, or are lost

the bills ~ in limbo (in the US Senate)

action, inaction & delay: verb / weapon

timeliness & lack of timeliness: verb / weapon

firebomb (noun)

rhetorical firebomb

this was a ~ that he deliberately detonated ("lynching")

amount & effect: explosion / weapon

attention, scrutiny & promotions: explosion / weapon

firebrand (person)

firebrand Republican

the ~ from Florida...

liberal firebrand

~ Elizabeth Warren took center stage at the heated forum
he is not known as a ~ (a Democratic politician)

character & personality: fire / person

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / person

person: fire / temperature

fired up

fired up

I'm ~ and ready to go to the finals (victor)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

firefight (and fire fight)

firefight

Joshua backed off, wary of a ~ (against Usyk / boxing)

firefight ensued

but Skeete was clearly dazed and a ~ (boxing match)

continue the firefight

Khan needs to take control rather than ~ (boxing)

conflict: military

fire up (verb)

fire up the Democratic foot soldiers

she wants to ~ (politics)

fire up the Democratic base

he wants to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

coercion & motivation: fire / verb

firestorm (noun)

firestorm of controversy

the pandemic has created a ~ here (mandates, etc.)

firestorm of criticism

the government is trying to respond to a ~
he was fired after a ~ (a comic from SNL)

firestorm of envy

it would create a ~ (a transfer)

firestorm over his allegations

the ~ shows no sign of abating

media firestorm

his threat to burn the holy book caused a ~

viral firestorm

the wrongly edited footage set off a ~

political and public relations firestorm

his firing ignited a ~ (free-speech issue)

at the center of a (political) firestorm

the oil leak has put BP ~ (oil spill)

created a firestorm

the book has ~

ignited a (national) firestorm

he ~ with his blog post

set off a firestorm

he ~ of opposition when he...

found himself in a firestorm

he ~ after key investor withdrawals (hedge fund)

whipped the criticisms of the press into a firestorm

this ~ (a public statement)

♦ "For the first time in my life I beheld a raging forest fire at close quarters, a fearful spectacle! Enormous cedars, gripped by the flame, were blazing like colossal torches. Beneath them, on the ground, was a sea of fire. Everything was burning, grass, fallen leaves, trunks, logs, stumps. We could hear living trees groan and burst from the heat. The yellow smoke rolled upwards in enormous billows. Waves of fire raced over the ground. Tongues of flame wound round the stumps and licked the red-hot rocks... I saw a wild boar make his way across the river, a big snake swim sinuously over, and a woodpecker flew from tree to tree

like a mad thing, while a nutcracker never ceased its raucous chatter..."
(*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

amount & effect: fire

firing squad

literary firing squads
and then come the ~ (Amos Oz on criticism)

accusation & criticism / judgment: justice / military

firewall (computers)

firewall
upgraded the ~ that was supposed to keep hackers out

firewall program
you can download a good ~ (computer)

firewall software
Windows XP includes basic ~ (Internet security)

firewall, network and browser (m)
flaws in its ~ settings (Windows)

Great Firewall
the ~ of China can censor the Internet

high-security firewall
~s that protect secret data (computers)

computer / protection & lack of protection: fire / wall

firewall (other)

firewall
black voters are his "~~" (they will vote for him)

firewall against Nancy Pelosi's agenda
we are the ~ (Trump Republicans)

firewall hopes
his ~ aren't unfounded (politician needs black vote)

firewall state
his campaign needs a good result in his ~

build firewalls
bankruptcy courts can ~ around a company's assets

protection & lack of protection: fire / infrastructure / wall

fireworks (conflict)

fireworks
this congressional hearing was notable for its ~

conflict: explosion / sound / speech

speech: explosion / sound

firmament (noun)

public-health firmament
nobody in the ~ was doing anything (early days of AIDS)

place in the (current Democratic) firmament
he doesn't occupy the ~ that Schiff does

star in the (neoconservative) firmament
Bloom had become a ~

stars of the (democratic foreign-policy) firmament
they are the ~

rising star in the (Lincoln) firmament
General Grant was a ~

part of the (political) firmament
he has just been ~ for so long (Joe Biden)

environment: astronomy / sky

fish (verb)

fishing for information
she was ~

fishing for referrals
he is always ~ (a businessman)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb

fish (big fish)

big fish
the arrest is big progress because he is a ~ (LRA leader)
the first ~ to testify was Vincent "Fat Vinnie" Teresa

big fish in a small pond
back home, I was a ~ (a model now in Miami)

get the big fish
the only way you can ~ is through the little fish (crime)
♦ "Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks." (A model.)

importance & significance: animal / fish / size

power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

size: animal / fish

fish (small fish)

small fish
he was a ~ (an elderly Nazi)

importance & significance: animal / fish / size

power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

size: animal / fish

fish (fish out of water)

fish out of water
I was a ~ out there (rookie NASCAR driver)

environment: fish

fish (different kettle of fish)

different kettle of fish
we're a ~ (southeastern vs west Michiganders)
Holmes was a ~, he didn't like people all that much...

taxonomy & classification: animal / fish / food & drink

fishbowl (in a fishbowl)

works in a fishbowl
everyone in media today ~ (criticism, etc.)

environment: fish / water

fishbowl (other)

fishbowl

his office was a ~
she hated living in a ~ (a celebrity)

environment: fish / water

fisheye (fisheye view, etc.)

fisheye view

a ~ from Spirit's navigation camera shows... (Mars)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / fish / position

fishtail (verb)

fishtails

the vehicle ~ under hard steering (rollover accidents)

movement: animal / fish / verb

fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)

something fishy

cops were pretty sure that ~ was going on
he noticed ~ (a scam)

smells fishy

something ~

smelled (very) fishy

the timing ~ (article causes stock to plunge)

noticed something fishy

he ~ (a scam)

♦ "There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression. A branch is a watercourse like a creek or a stream.)

evidence / suspicion: animal / fish / smell

fissure (noun)

deep fissure

the resignations revealed a ~ among Afghan leaders

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

fist (armored fist, etc.)

armored fist

the ~ of the tank-heavy 1991 Persian Gulf War

driving force / force: fist / military

fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)

ran the company with an iron fist

he ~

treated with an iron fist

some patients are ~ (mentally ill, etc.)

character & personality / control & lack of control: fist

fist (a leader with an iron fist)

iron fist of a brutal dictator

my grandparents fled the ~

rules with an iron fist

he ~ (a dictator)

force / oppression / violence: fist

fist bump (noun)

equivalent of a fist-bump

Benet gave Justice the Twitter ~ (bro-ing up / support)

achievement, recognition & praise: fist / gesture

fit (adjective)

fit to stand trial

a psychiatrist determined that she was ~

ability & lack of ability / condition & status / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine

fit in (verb)

fit in

he ~ well (a teammate)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mechanism

society: center & periphery

fitness (ability)

fitness to practice

aging doctors' ~ has come under question

fitness for office

some question his ~

fitness of Thomas

the association split on the ~ for the Supreme Court

reproductive fitness

~ is a factor in evolution

spiritual fitness

the Army now assesses the ~ of troops (US)

spiritual-fitness

soldiers are suing to eliminate the ~ assessment (US)

ability & lack of ability: health & medicine

flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine

fix (verb)

fix it

the economy is broken, and Obama can't ~

fix relations

the US is trying to ~ (with Pakistan)

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

fix (daily fix, etc.)

daily fix

news junkies can get a ~ (Web site)

weekly fix

it's Fight Talk, your ~ of boxing news (BBC boxing)

enthusiasm: addiction

fizzle (and fizzle out)

fizzled out in the playoffs
the team ~

fizzle fast
most memes ~ (but not Florida Man)

investigation fizzled out
the police department's ~ (a murder)
♦ "How the economy went from sizzle to fizzle."

failure, accident & impairment / starting, going, continuing & ending: explosion / fire / verb

flabby (adjective)

flabby reasoning
but this is ~

ability & lack of ability / flaws & lack of flaws / size / strength & weakness / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness / health & medicine

flag (rally around the flag)

rally-round-the-flag
sometimes there has been a ~ effect for a president
♦ "Yes we'll rally round the flag, boys, we'll rally once again / Shouting the battle cry of freedom / We will rally from the hillside, we'll gather from the plain / Shouting the battle cry of freedom!" (The "Battle Cry of Freedom," also known as "Rally 'Round the Flag.")
♦ "About ten thousand wounded soldiers were in the care of thirty or forty surgeons. Still, a fellow worker described Barton as a cheerful spirit, seeming to be everywhere in her blue dress and white apron. He remembered that she sometimes encouraged the men to join her in singing 'Rally Round the Flag, Boys.' (Clara Barton: Civil War Nurse by Nancy Whitelaw. Historical American Biographies. Of course, "the Angel of the Battlefield" was not always cheerful in her life. But it the face of horror, it seems she knew how to put on a brave face.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

flag (false flag)

false flag for the election
is it a Likud ~ (a provocation)

"false-flag" attack
the regime called it a ~ by the rebels against their own side

false flag operation
a ~ is right out of their playbook (military tensions)

♦ "Broken and squally weather rendered the attempt to land impracticable for a week; and in the meantime a French frigate, which, by capturing some British ships, had become acquainted with our private signals, and daringly accompanied the expedition as if she formed part of it, suddenly shot ahead of the fleet, and, hoisting the tricolour, ran safely into the harbour of Alexandria, with a reinforcement for General Menou." ("Alexandria, 1801" from *British Battles on Land and Sea*.)

subterfuge: flags & banners

flag (raise a flag, etc.)

raised the Beaujolais flag
he ~ all over the world (Georges Duboeuf)

representation: flags & banners / verb
attention, scrutiny & promotion: flags & banners / verb

flag (plant one's flag)

plant my flag
this is what should happen, this is where I ~, we must do this

planted his flag in that stretch of cyberspace
he ~, declaring that... (defending his company)

planting their flag about what
this is them ~ they're going to do now (celebrity couple)

commitment & determination / possession / resistance, opposition & defeat: flags & banners / ground, terrain & land / military

flag (flag of convenience)

flag of convenience
race relations is the ~ under which it sailed (Broadway)

♦ "Porgy and Bess is a buncha good songs but has nothing to do with race relations, which is the flag of convenience under which it sailed." (The great playwright David Mamet, from "Why I Am No Longer a 'Brain Dead Liberal,'" *The Village Voice*, March 11, 2008.)

representation: boat / flags & banners

flag-bearer

party's flag-bearer
the decision shortened his run as his ~ (politics)

person / representation: flags & banners / military

flagellation (noun)

self-flagellation
~ versus self-congratulation (debate over US history)

punishment & recrimination: violence / whip

flagpole (run something up the flagpole)

run it up the flagpole
when you ~ for review...

running up the flag pole
the administration is ~ the idea of a tax that... (just an idea)

experimentation: atmosphere / flags & banners

attention, scrutiny & promotion: atmosphere / flags & banners

flagship (superlative)

flagship campus
the university of Illinois' ~ (at Urbana-Champaign)

flagship dealership
Mercedes-Benz USA is building a ~ (330,000 sq/ft)

flagship fund
investors are withdrawing from his ~

flagship imprint
he will control the company's ~, Simon & Schuster

flagship (public) institution
the university is a ~

flagship product
the car competes with similar ~s

flagship restaurant
he is moving his ~ to the Left Bank (Guy Savoy)

flagship shows
CBS has announced major changes to its ~ (anchors, etc.)

flagship (E-commerce) site
the company's ~

flagship (Orion) software
SolarWinds has updated its ~

flagship store
Ralph Lauren's new ~ on Madison Avenue
Macy's ~ in Herald Square

flagship universities
the drive for diversity at ~ (US)

flagship venture
the probe is a ~ of the European Space Agency

♦ HMS *Victory* was Lord Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar. J.M.W. Turner's great painting "The Fighting Temeraire" (1839) is an elegy for the great ships of the line. But they live on in the language.

superlative: boat

flak (criticism)

flak from those
journalists often take ~ they criticize

flak for the photo shoot
yeah, I do catch ~, and I totally don't care

flak and responsibility
I'm the manager and I'll take the ~ (Ole Solskjaer)

heavy flak
she had taken ~ for suggesting... (an academic)

catches flak
Obama ~ for remarks on working class

♦ Attack ads; battleground states; blood; political bombsHELLS; crash and burn; campaigns; carnage; crosshair; drop dead; fire away; catch flak; gun ("they bring a knife, you bring a gun"), outgunned; kill (and killing); lock and load; marching orders; take no prisoners; shoot down; shot through; target; war rooms... ("How Traumatic Events Change Our View of Language," Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, January 20, 2011. He talks about "de-natured metaphors" and dead metaphors.)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

flame (life is a flame)

flame flickered (lower) and (at last) went out
the ~ (death)

death & life / decline: fire

flame (moth to a flame, etc.)

see moth (*a moth to a flame, etc.*)

flame (in flames)

up in flames
with yet another relationship ~, all bets are off (marriage)

shot down in flames
its strategy has been ~ (a political party)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: fire

flame (conflict)

flames of division
this senator sought to further fan the ~

flames of hostility
he is fanning the ~ towards Muslims (a politician)

flames of intolerance
extremists are stoking the ~

flames of revolt
Libya is going up in the ~

flames (of strife) flickered out
as the ~ in the US (the Civil War ends)

fanned the flames
he has ~ of white supremacy in this nation (politics)

fanning the flames
his policies are ~ (of Arab rage)
he is ~ of hostility towards Muslims (a politician)

fuel the flames
don't ~ (a controversy)

stoking the flames
extremists are ~ of intolerance

conflict: fire

flameout (noun)

complete flameout
he had a ~

failure, accident & impairment: engine / plane
starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / plane

flame out (verb)

flame out
it's a trend that's unlikely to ~ (vaping)

failure, accident & impairment: engine / plane / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / plane / verb

flank (side)

flanks of a mountain
half a mile up on the ~, the Yangtze looked like...

orientation: animal

flank (protection)

left flank of the culture wars
it has taken up the ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

orientation / protection & lack of protection: military

flare (noun)

send up a flare

if engineers spot a problem, they can more easily ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: fire / light & dark

message / warning: fire / light & dark

flare (verb)

flares in the Delta

political violence regularly ~ (Nigeria / oil, etc.)

flared on (Russia's) border

fighting ~ with Georgia today...

flared for a third day

Christian-Muslim violence ~ in Kaduna

flared into violence

pent-up frustrations have ~ (Nigeria)

flared with a new ugliness

racial hatred has ~

flared sporadically

sectarian violence has ~ across the country (Nigeria)

conflicts will flare

generational ~ (baby boomers vs. Gen X, etc.)

fighting flared

~ on Russia's border with Georgia today...

issue has flared

the ~ in the wake of 2 incidents (fans invade field)

tempers flare

the appropriate response when ~ in business meetings

tempers flared

at airports, ~ (weather delays)

~ as the team wilted (sports)

tempers are flaring

~ over the oil spill

tensions (with Georgia) flared

the latest ~ on July 27 when...

uprising flared

an ~ after the cancellation of a general election (Algeria)

caused tempers to flares

police said the hot weather ~

initiation: fire / verb

flare up (verb)

flare up

a few years ago his asthma started to ~

battles have been flaring up

biker ~ around California and the West...

controversy flared up

since the ~ over the issue (eating dog meat)

unrest flared up

serious ~ following the killing of protestors

initiation: fire

flare-up (noun)

flare-up

drawing lessons from the ~

Muslim prayers at the shrine passed without a ~

flare-up of their (long-running) feud

the latest ~ (2 NASCAR drivers)

border flareup

a war, a skirmish, a ~

current flareup

the ~

latest flare-up

the ~ of their long-running feud (2 NASCAR drivers)

war, skirmish, or a (border) flareup

a ~

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

flash in the pan

flash in the pan

this is not a ~ (success of tennis player Emma Raducanu)

failure, accident & impairment: weapon

flashpoint (noun)

flashpoint of the (civil-rights) era

Philadelphia, Mississippi was a ~ (murders)

flashpoint of resistance

Fallujah has been a ~ to occupation (Iraq)

flash point of (two) wars

Kashmir has been the ~

flashpoint in this debate

the ~ was...

flashpoint for (racial) antagonism

the book was a ~

flashpoint for violence

the area has become a ~ (in Jerusalem)

flashpoint issues

the ~ of our times (guns, abortion, religion)

political flashpoint

her murder has become a ~ (by illegal immigrant)

become a flash point

his suicide has ~ (teacher and education)

initiation: fire

flatfooted (caught flatfooted)

caught the army flatfooted
the insurgency ~ (Iraq)

caught flatfooted
the Defense department can't be ~ (contingency plans)
we were ~, we never saw it coming (Uber's success)

readiness & preparedness: foot / standing, sitting & lying
flatline (verb)

flatlined with inert sexual chemistry
the film ~ between... (a bad review)

caused her relationships to flatline
fame ~

♦ "Arsenal: Freddie Ljungberg has flatlined and lifeless Gunners are heading south," by Phil McNulty, Chief football writer, 15 December 2019.)

success & failure: death & life / verb

flatten (verb)

flatten you
the fever, aches and chills can ~ fast (ad for flu medicine)

destruction: ruins / verb

flattened (emotion)

flattened
you will be ~ by the end of the movie, you'll be floored

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / force

flavor (flavor of the month)

flavor-of-the-month (m)
the requirements have a ~ feeling (demands on nurses)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: taste

flavor (regional flavor, etc.)

flavor of old Istanbul
he highlights the rich ~ (novelist Jason Goodwin)

flavor of youth
no other book better catches the ~ in wartime

local flavor
crowds prefer musical theater with a ~ (Singapore)

regional flavor
the race has a ~ now (running)

American flavor
audiences are enjoying the festival's ~ (ballet in Cuba)

Southern flavor
the one-man show is rich with ~

1970s flavor
all the running added to the game's ~ (football)

♦ "Walrus flippers with sea cabbage. It's delicious food." (Ludmilla Ainana, a 66-year-old woman, reminiscing on the food she ate at coastal camps as a child.)

♦ "Squirrel soup with a lot of hot peppers is very popular." (Hmong maintain their hunting tradition in the US.)

♦ "Wasna, a patty Lakota elders used to fashion from the kidney fat and meat of bison mashed with chokeberries..."

♦ "You crave it." (A Native American on the delight of fry bread.)

♦ "When you eat them they squirm in your mouth and then you bite them." (Grubs from the Sago tree in Papua New Guinea.)

♦ "Australian Aborigines like witchetty grubs."

♦ "The staple food in this region is tsampa. This is how they prepare it..." (Seven Years in Tiber by Heinrich Harrer, from the chapter, "The Village of Happiness.")

character & personality / identity & nature: taste

flawed (adjective)

flawed

the studies turned out to be ~
he was not a mean man but he was ~

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

flawless (adjective)

flawless

his performance was ~ (sports)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

fledgling (adjective)

fledgling democracy

support for Nigeria's ~
Iraq's ~ seems to be coming of age

fledgling firm

most of these ~s will fail (dot-coms)

fledgling government

foreign aid to help the ~ (Afghanistan)

fledgling (electronic publishing) market
the ~

fledgling sport

if the ~ can take off (snowkiting)

fledgling space station

the three batteries were ferried to the ~

♦ Man: That's pretty good for a fledgling charity. / Woman: 'Fledgling'? I'm impressed. (Silly dialog from an episode of Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.)

♦ "Television was a fledgling, barely out of the nest, when I began..." (The beloved actress and comedienne Betty White, "the First Lady of Television," known to many for the TV series *The Golden Girls*.)

growth & development: animal / bird

flee (verb)

flee the heat and humidity

they ~ (Egyptians go to the coast)

avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping / verb

fleeced

getting fleeced

we are ~ (universities, by academic publishers)

taking & removing: animal / sheep

flesh (inside)

fruit's flesh

the mango skin ripping away from the ~...

white flesh

foods with ~ include apples and pears

delicious, crisp, yellow flesh

Ashmead's Kernel has ~ (the apple)

♦ Foods with white flesh include apples, pears, bananas, cauliflowers, and cucumbers. Eating them may reduce the risk of a stroke.

orientation: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

resemblance: skin, muscle nerves & bone

flesh and blood

flesh and blood

when he discusses a film, it becomes ~

substance & lack of substance: death & life / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

flesh out (verb)

flesh it out

this is a skeleton, you need to ~ (an essay)

substance & lack of substance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

fleshed out

fleshed out by his experience

his approach is ~ of being in the White House

fleshed out in the House investigation

adding more detail to a narrative that has been ~ (politics)

fleshed out quickly

the program contains little of substance and must be ~

substance & lack of substance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

flex (bragging)

small flex

I predicted them to win, ~ ("you deserve the flex")

weird flex

squatting next to a bear you just murdered is such a ~

describes her album as a flex

she ~ (sole producer, plays many of the instruments)

deserve the flex

you ~ (to a man crowing about a right prediction)

♦ Boasting, bragging, showing off, etc. This usage probably refers to bodybuilders and their poses. It seems analogous to the lexicalized "take a bow." Or actually bowing. Or pantomiming blowing smoke away from the barrel of a pistol. Or kissing the back of one's hand or one's fingertips to express admiration for oneself—the Bruno Mars' "Uptown Girls" "Gotta kiss myself, so pretty" flex. Or a soccer player kissing his bicep after a superb goal. In other words, the flex is a sign of extreme self-satisfaction, which narcissists feel all the time and the rest of us feel hardly ever.

♦ Sometimes Flexing and a "power move" are synonymous: "Fame is so powerful that renouncing it can seem like the supreme power move."

♦ "Weird flex. Good flex. Flex with our annual mileage discount. Insurance that flexes with you." (A silly online advertisement for USAA Auto Insurance. When a cliche is used by corporate advertisers, it has been societally sanctioned, even if it is not in a dictionary. And it will be transmitted, and picked up.)

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

flex (muscle, etc.)

flexes a lot of (political) influence

Boeing ~ in Washington, D.C.

flex its muscles

North Korea might ~

flexing its muscles

the religious right is ~ in the corridors of power

flexing its (geopolitical) muscles

Iran is increasingly ~

flexed its (political) muscle

the Eastern Band has visibly ~ (Cherokee)

power: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

force: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

flexible (adjective)

flexible

natural gas is not as ~ a commodity as oil

flexible approach

a ~ allows mission crews to modify plans (military)

flexible (retirement) plan

a more ~...

flexible (work) schedule

everyone would like a ~, but...

flexible and convenient (m)

a ~ way to get your college degree

more flexible

people's moral codes are ~ than generally understood

fast and flexible

the air Volcano is ~ (military)

rigid versus a flexible

commanders must weigh the benefits of a ~ plan

♦ A reed bends but does not break.

ability & lack of ability / constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances / movement

flexible (character)

flexible

being ~ is an important survival skill (new economy)

flexible in their ability

some elderly are less ~ to change their attitudes

flexible leader

agility requires quick-minded, ~s (military)

quick-minded, flexible (m)

 agility requires ~ leaders (military)

ability & lack of ability / character & personality / resiliency:
materials & substances / movement

flimsy (adjective)

flimsy charges

 prominent political leaders were jailed on ~

flimsy at best

 the evidence is ~

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness / substance & lack of substance: materials & substances

flinch (verb)

flinch in our coverage

 it was important not to ~ (AIDS)

flinched from responsibility

 he never ~ (President bush on Donald Rumsfeld)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / courage & lack of courage: bodily reaction / verb

flip (verb)

flip the blame

 they try to ~ (sex abuse)

flipping the script

 older gymnasts are ~ (gymnasts are usually girls)

flipped seats

 she is one of those Democrats who ~ in 2018

flip victimhood into empowerment

 the art exhibit is designed to ~

reversal: direction / movement / verb

flip-flop (verb)

flip-flopped on increasing

 Biden ~ the refugee cap

reversal: direction / movement / verb

flip-flopping (reversal)

reputation for flip-flopping

 he has a ~ (a politician)

reversal: direction

flip off (verb)

flipped off the camera with both hands
 she ~ (a spoiled young internet influencer)

♦ see also *finger (middle finger)*

insult: finger / gesture / verb

flipped

flipped

 my life got ~, turned upside down

disruption / reversal: direction

flirt (verb)

flirting with bankruptcy

 we're ~

flirted with disaster

 he ~

flirt with the freezing point

 Chicago and Detroit will ~ (weather report)

attraction & repulsion / fate, fortune & chance: love, courtship & marriage / verb

float (a plan, etc.)

float (immigration reform) plan

 Democrats ~

floated that possibility

 officials ~ prompting angry denials (origin of virus)

experimentation: atmosphere / balloon / verb

floated

floated

 one of the ideas that is being ~ is...

 the idea was first ~ in 1898 (Indian cricket team)

 the idea has been ~ for 20 years (a US space force)

floated as a possible presidential contender

 she was ~ in 2016 (politics)

experimentation: atmosphere / balloon

flock (verb)

flocked to Karbala for the climax

 Shia pilgrims ~ of Ashura

flocking to the *Guardian* for quality news

 millions are ~ every day

flock to Bahrain and Dubai to celebrate

 Saudis ~ the New Year

flocked to cooling centers

 New Yorkers ~ (heat wave)

flock to their summer homes

 out-of-towners ~ (New Hampshire)

flocked to Parker

 black teenagers from all over ~ (a Birmingham school)

flocked to the polls

 Southern Sudanese ~ (vote on succession)

flocking to the slopes

 people are ~ (French ski season reopens / pandemic)

1.5 million people flocked
~ to watch the procession (Wellington's funeral / 1852)

behavior: animal / bird / sheep / verb
movement: animal / bird / sheep / verb
flog (criticize)

flog CNN
Trump has a reason to ~ (CNN leaked interview questions)
♦ *The Fatal Shore: The epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes details the horrible practice of flogging. Men would be flogged to death, survivors might have the white bones of their shoulder blades in the back permanently exposed, and the flogger would work spattered with blood and bits of flesh. Two hundred strokes were common.

punishment & recrimination: speech / verb / violence / whip

flood (amount / verb)

flooded the state with ads
the union ~ (elections)
flood the market with (boring) options
businesses that ~
flood all forms of the media with depictions
they ~ of sex (ads)
flood the country with (good) governance
the strategy is to ~ (USAID / Afghanistan)
flooded highways with (coal) trucks
China's policy has ~ (electricity)
flooded the Nation Mall
crowds ~ (rally)
flooding south
guns are ~ (to Mexico, from the US)
flood the area
as undocumented workers ~ (a town in Arkansas)
flooded (neighboring) states
2 million Iraqis have ~ (Jordan, Egypt, etc.)
applications (for asylum) flooded in
19,000 ~ (Zimbabweans in S. Africa)

amount & effect: flood / river / verb / water

flood (move)

flooded onto the island
as thousands of new workers ~ (Sakhalin)
flooded into (booming) Shenzhen
millions of jobseekers ~ (China)
flooded into Uzbekistan
70,000 ethnic Uzbeks have ~ (from Kyrgyzstan)

movement: flood / river / verb / water

flood (flood of refugees, etc.)

flood of beggars
at the end of each Hajj, Jeddah is invaded by a ~

a ~ around mosques and markets asking for money

flood of calls
I've had a ~ from people who say...
flood of (passenger) complaints
a ~ (plane flights)

flood of (genetic) data
aided by a ~
flood of emotions
when I read the letter, a ~ came back to me

flood of (cheap) heroin
Uzbek volunteers fight a ~
flood of (newly unleashed) hormones
caught up in a ~ (middle schoolers)
flood of (Chinese) immigrants
Tibetan exiles fear the rail line will unleash a ~

flood of (conflicting) information
the public was being inundated by a ~ (epidemic in US)

flood of (new) inmates
new prisons for the ~ (US)
flood of leads
the media attention generated a ~ (criminals on loose)
flood of memories
the trial has brought back a ~ (murder)
a ~ burst through the psychological dam he had built

flood of misinformation
social-media companies have little incentive to stop the ~

flood of (uniformed) officers
a ~ washed over the thicket (body)

floods of refugees
fighting has sent new ~ across the border

flood of (new accommodation) requests
if there's a ~ (SAT)

flood of tourists
controlling the ~ visiting Kartchner Caverns

flood of waste
short-term projects to stem the ~ (Kabul)

became a flood
the trickle of surrendering soldiers ~

become a flood
it's a constant trickle that threatens to ~ (email inbox)

inundated by a flood
the public is being ~ of conflicting information

stem the flood
projects to ~ of waste (Kabul slums)

unleash a flood
Tibetan exiles fear the rail line will ~ of Chinese

♦ Last time we held the levy / But the Mississippi claimed her valley / She backed into Tennessee, and Arkansas, and Illinois, and Missouri / She spread her arms over thousands of acres of land / and she left farms ruined, stock drowned, houses torn loose / nineteen-three, nineteen-seven, nineteen-fifteen, nineteen-sixteen, nineteen twenty-two, nineteen twenty-seven, nineteen thirty-six, nineteen thirty-seven / We built a hundred cities and a thousand towns / But at what a cost. [Scenes of a dog marooned on a rooftop; inundated houses; aerial views of flooded countryside and of flooded cities] (Narration from *The River* by Pare Lorentz, 1938, a New Deal government-financed documentary.)

amount & effect: flood / river / water

flooded

flooded with (e-mail) messages
the company was ~

flooded with ads, calls and pamphlets
voters were ~ (elections)

amount & effect: flood / river / water

floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates)

opened the floodgates
the court's ruling ~, raising questions about whether...

opened the sluice gates
these events suddenly opened the ~, and the thing moved with a rush (government policy)

opened the floodgates to (million-dollar) contracts
in the 1970's, Steinbrenner ~ (baseball)

open the floodgates to people
this will ~ who want to beat the system

opened the floodgates to more upheaval
the miners' action has ~

amount & effect: dam / flood / river / water

constraint & lack of constraint: dam / flood / river / water

floodgate (other)

floodgates of memory
as he began to write, the ~ opened (Leigh Fermor)

floodgates of the past
his dark moods open up the ~ (a boxer)

floodgates for misuse
the ~ are wide open (euthanasia law)

emotional floodgates
once he starts telling his story, the ~ open

floodgates opened
I told him to use street language and the ~ (writing class)
in his 60s the ~ with an outpouring of poems (Geoffrey Hill)

floodgates were flung (wide) open
in 1985, the ~ when... (guided climbs up Mount Everest)

♦ Floodgates control the level and flow of water, particularly in dams. If the water level gets too high behind a dam, engineers will open the floodgates to lower the level of the reservoir. Floodgates can also keep tidal surges out.

amount & effect: dam / flood / river / water

constraint & lack of constraint: dam / flood / river / water

floodtide (noun)

floodtide of (school-age) children
sub-Saharan Africa's 45 countries face a ~

floodtide of filth

a ~ has engulfed the newsstands (pornography)

♦ At floodtide, the water is coming in towards the beach or coast.

amount & effect: sea / tide / water

force: sea / tide / water

floodwaters

stop the floodwaters
we are trying to ~ (immigration)

amount & effect: flood / river / water

floor (pelvic floor, etc.)

pelvic floor
her ~ was so weak that she peed all over the set (actor)

orientation: direction / house

floor (low point)

ceiling and the floor
his numbers have been durable, the ~ (president's popularity)

increase & decrease: direction / height / house

floor (dance floor)

literary dance floor
there's room on this ~ for everyone (website)

acceptance & rejection: party

floored (emotion)

floored
you'll be flattened by the end of the movie, you'll be ~

floored when
I was ~ I heard the news

floored by this decision
many are ~ (released from prison on technicality)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / force

Florence (Florence on the Elbe, etc.)

Florence on the Elbe
nearby Dresden, then known as ~

Greek Florence

here for a fragile moment, Constantinople rebuilt itself in miniature as a ~ (Mystras, in the Peloponnese)

knowledge & intelligence: epithet

Florence Nightingale (our Florence Nightingale, etc.)

our Florence Nightingale
~ is Sally Tompkins (the Confederacy)

♦ Florence Nightingale was known as "the Lady with the Lamp." She was not, in fact, a nurse. She was an administrator, logistician, statistician, advocate, reformer, founder, writer, etc.

military: epithet

flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)

flotilla of icebergs
Spalte Glacier has become a ~ (breaks into pieces)

amount / group, set & collection / resemblance: boat

flounder (verb)

floundering
his campaign has been ~ (election)

♦ Flounder may come from founder. The literal use of flounder means to struggle to move or to thrash about.

failure, accident & impairment: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

flourish (verb)

flourish in the netherworld
these falsehoods ~ of internet pranksters and trolls

flourished from his first day
he ~ (in his new job)

black market flourished
wages plummeted, and the ~

growth & development: plant / verb

flow (flow of the lesson, etc.)

flow of the lesson
disciplinary actions should not interrupt the ~ (ed)

even flow
establish an ~ of aircraft into maintenance... (military)

interrupt the flow
disciplinary actions should not ~ of the lesson (ed)

movement: river / water

flow (go with the flow, etc.)

go with the flow
just ~ (don't get upset, anxious, worried, etc.)

control & lack of control: mental health

flow (move)

flow across the (southwest) border
drugs ~ (from Mexico into US)

flow into theater
as corps forces ~ (military)

flow through Dubai
drugs from Afghanistan and Iran ~

flow from the RAS to the ...
supplies ~ (military)

flow around the obstruction
legitimate traffic could ~ (Internet)

flow south
the wealth from our land continues to ~ (Canadian Inuit)

flowing normally
traffic is ~

flow smoothly
the right aperitif will make your picnic ~...

money is flowing
military ~ to Boeing, Lockheed Martin and...

supplies flow
~ from the RAS to the... (military)

kept flowing
with only a few exceptions, traffic ~ (protest)

started flowing
after the merge lane was lengthened, traffic ~ normally

keeps the (combat) information flowing
this ~ rapidly to... (military)

movement: river / verb / water

flow (increase)

ebb and flow
gang killings ~ but never stop (Los Angeles)

increase & decrease: tide / verb / water

flow (noun)

flow of arms
stop the ~ into Macedonia

flow of capital
the ~

flow of the crowd
the ~ pushed him down the stairs (nightclub crush)

flow of (illegal) drugs
the ~ into the US (from Mexico)

flow of goods
improve the ~ to its stores (a retail chain)

flow of information
control of the ~ (politics)
supports the free ~ (computers)
managing the ~ is another critical task (military)

flow of insurgents
shut down the ~ into Kashmir

flow of intelligence
try to improve how they manage the huge ~ (F.B.I.)

flow of materiel
 intercept the ~ along Vietcong supply routes

flow of migrants
 slowing the ~ (from Mexico to U.S.)
 step up naval patrols to reduce the ~ (Italy and Libya)

flow of money
 the ~ around the globe

flow of (government) money
 the dwindling ~ (to hospitals)

flow of pilgrims
 security forces tried to ensure a smooth ~ (Hajj)

flow of supplies
 it is prudent to start the ~ now (military)

flow of traffic
 police directed the ~ around the accident scene;
 regulate the ~ on MSRs (MPs / military)

flow of (pedestrian) traffic
 the ~ can be regulated

flow of (illegal Chinese) workers
 a more recent ~ (into France)

flow of E-mail
 today's high-volume ~

flow of natural gas
 Russia failed to restore the ~ (to Georgia)
 the disruption in the ~ from fields in Siberia

flow of paperwork
 an endless ~

flow of drugs and alcohol
 stemming the ~ into Saudi Arabia

flow of goods, services
 the ~ and investment capital (globalization)

flow of patients and visitors
 control the ~ so that... (ED post terror event)

flow (of traffic) on MSRs
 regulate the ~ (MPs / military)

flow (of arms) into Macedonia
 stop the ~

flow (of alcohol) into Saudi Arabia
 the authorities want to stem the ~

flow (of money) around the globe
 the ~

flow through Boston
 the project will improve traffic ~

flow (of information) between ACTs and troops
 the ~ (military)

Flow Control
 nicknamed, in typical FAA-speak, "~~" (planes aloft)

cash flow
 concern about the company's ~

cash-flow
 the ~ situation
 he may have ~ problems

information flow
 our economy is one that is increasingly based on ~

logistics flow
 Figure 5-4 shows the ARSOA ~ (military)

traffic flow
 solutions include rerouting ~

high-volume flow
 today's ~ of E-mail

dwindling flow
 the ~ of government money (to hospitals)

accelerated flow
 the ~ of information in combat (laptops, com, etc.)

endless flow
 an ~ of paperwork

free flow
 supports the ~ of information (computers)

paper flow
 the ~ between headquarters and the field

smooth flow
 security forces tried to ensure a ~ of pilgrims (Hajj)

control of the flow
 ~ of information (politics)

tempo and flow
 the ~ of the game probably will come down to... (soccer)

trickle, flow, gush
 we had a theory called, "~~" (to rescue hostages)

flow has slowed
 the ~ to a trickle (migrants)

cut off the flow
 efforts to ~ of diamonds through Taylor's network

facilitate the flow
 ways to ~ of passengers through security (airports)

manage the (huge) flow
 try to improve how they ~ of intelligence (F.B.I.)

reduce the flow
 step up naval patrols to ~ of migrants

regulate the flow
 ~ on MSRs (MPs / military)

shut down the flow
 ~ of insurgents into Kashmir

slow the flow
 the objective is to ~ of forces into the area of operations

slowed the flow
controllers ~ of planes into O'Hare (labor dispute)

stanch the flow
he asked the elders to help ~ (of Somalis to Lewiston)

stem the flow
the authorities want to ~ of drugs into Saudi Arabia

flow of arms
stop the ~ into Macedonia

movement: river / water

flower (wilting flower, etc.)

wilting flower
Joni's feistiness surfaced, she was not a ~

person: plant
character & personality / resiliency / strength & weakness:
person / plant

flower (verb)

flowered intellectually
Islam ~ (early centuries)

growth & development: plant / verb

flowering

flowering of creativity
this apparently abrupt ~ (European cave drawings)

growth & development: plant

flowing

flowing (black) abaya
she remained shrouded in a ~ (Doha)

flowing (white) beard
a farmer in a ~ trotted by on a tiny donkey

movement / resemblance: water

flu (enthusiasm)

Oxford flu
interest in quantum computing has been called the ~

enthusiasm: health & medicine

fluctuate (verb)

morale fluctuated
~ (during Mao's Long March)

♦ Up and down, side to side, like water or a wave.

increase & decrease: number

movement: verb / water / wave

increase & decrease: movement / verb / water / wave

fluent (ability)

fluent in the language
Jake Paul was ~ of YouTube

fluent in the subject

she seemed not really very ~ (foreign policy)

looked (much less) fluent
but the team ~ in the second half (Tottenham Hotspur)

ability & lack of ability: speech

fluid (adjective)

fluid situation
this is a ~ and bears very close watch (politics)

fluid and confusing
the situation on the ground is ~ (rebellion)

gender fluid

some think the Pharaoh might have been ~

control & lack of control / movement: water

flurry (activity)

flurry of (diplomatic) activity
we've seen a ~

flurry of (law-enforcement) activity
there was a ~ from agencies all over (murder of girls)

flurry of trial balloons
his office floated a ~

flurries of requests
officials sent him ~ (a filmmaker)

flurry of social media posts and retweets
Trump responded with a ~

♦ This word is often used to describe snow and leaves in the wind.

activity: flying & falling / rain / wind

amount & effect: flying & falling / rain / wind

flush (remove)

flush them out
security services launched an operation to ~ (criminals)

flushed (some of the organization's staff) from the city
the violence ~ (UN in Yemen)

dismissal, removal & resignation / violence: hygiene / verb / water

fly (on the fly)

adjust on the fly
they are used to having to ~ (wildfire fighters)

learn on the fly
he had to do it all by himself, ~ (programming website)

do it on the fly
I wasn't going to ~ with all that consequence (climbing)

crafted untried solutions on the fly
the FED, having to act with unimaginable speed, ~

figured it out on the fly
we kind of ~ (retired vets evacuate Afghans)

make (good) decisions on the fly

he can ~ (a football player)

get science on the fly
we are having to ~

♦ Birds can do astonishing things "on the fly." Not to mention their ability to fly in, among, and through the densest foliage.

haste / readiness & preparedness: bird

fly (fly into a rage, etc.)

flew into a (jealous) rage
he ~ (murderer)

flew into a (jealous) rage after finding
he ~ a text message...

flew into a rage over her refusal
he ~ to cooperate

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / verb

fly (activity)

flying off the rack
fur is ~ worldwide (fashion industry)

fly off the shelves
skin-whitening products ~ (Philippines)

flying off the shelves
her tell-all book is ~
toilet paper and milk were ~ (coronavirus panic)

flying off (store) shelves
the new product is ~

flying all over campus
rumors were ~ (students charged with rape)

flying around
there are plenty of gruesome rumours ~

flew between them
letters ~ (writer / publisher)

rumors flew
~ (campus gossip about surveillance cameras)

rumors fly
~ in small communities (Red Lake Reservation)

rumors were flying
~ all over campus (students charged with rape)

activity: animal / bird / flying & falling / verb
speed: animal / bird / flying & falling / verb

fly (constraint)

let his imagination fly
he let his ~ (a poet)

constraint & lack of constraint: bird / flying & falling / verb

fly (time flies)

time flies
~ when you're having fun

it's so crazy how ~, my boys are so tall now

time: movement / speed

fly (fly on the wall)

flies on the wall
thank you for letting us be ~ (a documentary maker)

fly-on-the-wall reporter
he was a ~

presence & absence / surveillance: animal / insect

fly (fly in the ointment)

fly in the ointment
the ~ though is... (emergence of variants / vaccines)

flaws & lack of flaws: animal / insect

focus (verb)

focusing on target genes
he is ~ for schizophrenia

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

focus (noun)

focus of the day
the ~ differs within the strands of Christianity (Epiphany)

political and policy focus
Republicans should keep the ~ on promoting job creation

ongoing focus
there is an ~ on these economic issues (White House)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)

fodder for comedy
his ridiculous ideas are ~

fodder for debate
his legal woes are more than ~ (politics)

fodder for some (lively) discussions
she was perfect ~ in the newspapers (a celebrity)

fodder for (cruel) mockery
her life became ~ (#FreeBritney)

fodder for clicks, likes, and views
these images became ~ (GIF reactions / digital blackface)

campaign fodder
his gaffe has given Democrats ~

meme fodder
her dress was easy ~ that the Internet ate up

tabloid fodder
his five marriages provided endless ~
the story is overblown sensational ~ (celebrity gossip)

political fodder
that term has become ~ (concentration camp)

used as fodder
the academic paper was ~ for conspiracy theorists

consumption: animal / farming & agriculture / plant
content: animal / farming & agriculture / plant
gossip: animal / farming & agriculture / plant

fog (fog of war, etc.)

fog of battle
in the ~ initial reports are often confusing

fog (and friction) of war
in the midst of the ~

fog and friction
soldiers must show initiative in the ~ of battle

fog and a friction
there is a ~ to war (civilian deaths)

casualties of the fog of war
innocents are sometimes the ~

attributed the tragedy to the fog of war
an official ~ (lost convoy)

♦ The term, "fog of war," was coined in the era of black-powder rifles.

consciousness & awareness: fog / military / weather & climate

fog (mental fog, etc.)

fog of pain
he listened, in a ~

fog lifts
as soon as you make the mental shift, the ~ (probability)

brain fog
fatigue, ~, shortness of breath (lingering COVID)

"cognitive fog"
symptoms include ~ (mysterious "Havana Syndrome")

put me in a fog
the medications ~

♦ Wikipedia redirects queries for "brain fog" to "Clouding of consciousness."

consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate

foggy (adjective)

recollection is foggy
my ~ (testimony at trial)

consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate

fold (verb)

fold its case
the House is not going to ~ (against Trump)

administration has folded
the ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: cards / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: cards / verb

curtailment / dismissal, removal & resignation: cards / verb
fold (to / into the fold)

brought him back into the fold
Damenech ~ (soccer player on national team)

brought Egypt back to the (Arab) fold
he ~ (Mubarak)

drew many into the (gang's) fold
money and power ~ (prison)

acceptance & rejection / society: sheep

folded in (and folded into)

folded into the (Q) theories
vaccine rhetoric starts to get ~ (Momfluencers)

attachment / relationship: cooking
configuration / identity & nature: cooking

fold in (verb)

fold in the voices
we will absolutely ~ of our critics (Time's Up)

attachment / relationship: cooking / verb
configuration / identity & nature: cooking / verb
mixture: cooking / verb

follow (result, sequence)

followed
where he went, violence and death ~ (Q. Soleimani)

follows weeks
the explosion of violence ~ of simmering tensions

relationship: direction / movement / verb

follow (it follows that, etc.)

follows that growth must be a good sign
and so it ~ (economics)

follows that the sight of it frightens many
and so it ~ (blood)

follows that we have to bear them
if school shootings continue, it ~ (no solutions)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / development /
relationship: direction / movement / verb

follow (at a later time)

followed the horse
the car ~

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / verb

follow (the facts, etc.)

follow the facts
we will ~ and go where they take us

follow the science
“~” has been a refrain from Democrats (pandemic)

will the diplomats ~ on climate change (COP26)
we are urging them to ~ (environmental activists)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: direction / verb follow (afflict)

follow me for life
the Internet was full of trash that threatened to ~

following him since 2007
this scandal has been ~ (Sarkozy)

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb
affliction: hunting / verb**

follow (follow a feeling or emotion)

follow my instincts
I can't do anything if I don't ~ (Saudi intellectual)

followed a (gut) instinct
I ~ and chose to run the rapid (kayaker)

followed his passion
he ~ (a windsurfer)

follow your passion
that's part of the spirit of mountaineering, to ~

followed my curiosity and intuition
I ~ (the young Steve Jobs / Apple)
♦ "I should have followed my instincts, not my generals!" (President Trump, about the "endless war" in Afghanistan.)

feeling, emotion & effect: journeys & trips / movement / verb

follow (a path, route, road, etc.)

follow in Qeis's path
he vowed he will ~ (suicide bomber)

follow its (relentless) course
if we sit back and let the epidemic ~...

follow the direction
the investigation will ~ the evidence leads...

follow his lead
in a note, he urged his supporters to ~ (suicide bomber)

followed his (father's) path
he eventually ~ (seminarian)

follow their (mothers') paths
often, young prostitutes ~ into the sex trade

follow in his (murderous) footsteps
he is determined his son will not ~

follow in the footsteps
Aborigines must ~ of their ancestors

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

follow (argument)

follow you
I don't ~

♦ see also go (argument)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / comprehension & incomprehension: journeys & trips / movement / verb

follow (a road can follow, etc.)

follows the shore
a road ~ of the lake

fictive motion: verb

following (sequence)

following items
click on the ~ on the View menu (computers)

following reasons
he has been compared to Obama for the ~ (Sagbo)

sequence: movement

following (at a later time)

following days
in the ~ the soldiers rested from battle

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

follow-through (investigation, etc.)

follow-through
now we're seeing some ~ (investigation)

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / sports & games

food (food for thought)

food for thought
what you said is ~

consumption: food & drink

content / substance & lack of substance: food & drink

food (meat)

food for every dude at 130
you're going to be ~ (a losing boxer)

consumption: animal / meat / military / predation

food chain

food chain
he is working his way up the ~

higher up the food chain
you need to ask somebody ~ (Hollywood)

at the top of the chain
the wolf is at the ~ and it's very important (Iberian wolf)

at the (very) top of the food chain
women ~ at the studios (executives)

working his way up the food chain
he is ~ starting with small fry (a prosecutor)

hierarchy: animal / predation

fool's errand

fool's errand

it's really been a ~ to try and predict when, if, or how...

♦ Hazing inexperienced sailors by sending them on a fool's errand is a hallowed maritime tradition.

worth & lack of worth: allusion

fool's gold

fool's gold

a degree nowadays is ~ (no job, debt)

mining for a fool's gold

let's not revert to ~ (a poor solution to a problem)

paying (high) prices for fool's gold

we are ~ (involvement in overseas war)

chasing fool's gold

the state is ~ legalizing (gambling vs. social costs)

searching & discovery / success & failure / worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land / mining

appearance & reality: ground, terrain & land / mining

foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot)

on the right foot

start the new year ~

on the wrong foot

their relationship began ~

we started the season ~ (sports)

got off on the wrong foot

I think he ~, but... (politics)

yes, Romney "~~" in Britain (*Wall Street Journal*)

started off on the wrong foot

he ~ by trying to...

starting, going, continuing & ending: foot / walking, running & jumping

flaws & lack of flaws: foot / walking, running & jumping

foot (on the back foot / on the front foot)

on the front foot

many people were ~ ready to criticize

on the back foot militarily

the Mau Mau were now ~

on the back foot from the moment

the Lakers were ~ Anthony Davis hobbled off... (NBA)

caught on the back foot

police admit they have been ~ by the protests

placed on the back foot

he hates being ~ and having to defend himself publicly

♦ "The [Republican] campaign would much rather be talking about the gaffes that Joe Biden made. But instead they're on their back fence..."

pardon me, their back foot here! I spoke to..." (NPR, All Things Considered.)

readiness & preparedness: foot / standing, sitting & lying

foot (back / front foot)

get off the back foot

we have to ~, we have to lead on this issue (Beto O'Rourke)

readiness & preparedness: foot / standing, sitting & lying

foot (one foot / the other foot)

one foot (firmly) planted in the commercial world

their strategy is to have ~ and the other in the defense business (Boeing)

division & connection: leg / line / standing, sitting & lying

foot (put a foot forward)

put America's best foot forward

an opportunity for us to ~ forward (Olympics)

put her best foot forward

she was determined to ~

representation: foot

foot (put one's foot down)

put his foot down

he ~ about another interview (said "No")

resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / verb

foot (under the foot)

under the foot of white men

we both live ~ (a gay man about cisgender women)

oppression: foot

foot (foot in the door)

get his foot in the door

he lied on his resume to ~

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / foot

foot (foot in both worlds, etc.)

foot in both worlds

people with a ~ (Chinese students in US)

division & connection: leg / line / standing, sitting & lying

foot (shoot oneself in the foot)

see *shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)*

foot (orientation)

foot of the bed

his pillow had slipped off the ~
she'd curl up at the ~ and fall asleep (a cat)

foot of the gallows

the condemned recited the Psalm 51 at the ~ (Tyburn)

foot of the glacier

the dogs were supposed to turn back at the ~
ponies could only be taken to the ~
their bodies were found at the ~ (years later)

foot of the memorial

citizens leave objects at the ~ (Vietnam War Memorial)

foot of the stage

they pushed their way to the ~ (crowd stampede)

foot of the stairs

he stood at the ~ and looked up...

foot of the tree

a small shrine at the ~ is filled with offerings (Japan)

at the foot of the Himalayas

hills, deep valleys and fast-flowing rivers ~

at the foot of the Ko'olau Mountains

he grew up in Waimanalo, ~ (Cyril Pahinui)

at the foot of the Statue of Liberty

the Immigration and Nationality Act was signed ~ (1965)

at the foot of the Washington Monument

the demonstrators rallied ~ (Washington, D.C.)

orientation: direction / foot

football (conflict)

political football

the Anthem protests became a ~ (NFL)

AstraZeneca has become a ~ in a European blame game

cultural, political footballs

this has become one of those ~ (culture war kerfuffle)

playing (political) football

they are ~ with women's health (politics)

competition: football / sports & games

conflict: football / sports & games

football (spike the football)

spike the football

we don't want to ~ too early (public health emergency)

spike the football on the five-yard-line

the president has been very careful not to ~

♦ "I think he'll get it done. I think the president has been very careful not to you know spike the football on the five-yard line, and not declare victory before he has it in hand." (Getting a paid-family-leave bill through Congress.)

success & failure: football / sports & games

foot-dragging

foot-dragging by (school) officials

so why the ~ (reform)

bureaucratic foot-dragging

the test has been bogged down by squabbles and ~

action, inaction & delay / eagerness & reluctance: foot / walking, running & jumping

foothold (noun)

foothold

US forces established a ~ in...

foothold in the Caribbean

eliminate lymphatic filariasis from its last ~

Arctic foothold

the eight countries with ~

dangerous foothold

a subpopulation can offer the virus a ~ (Covid, etc.)

last foothold

eliminate malaria and lymphatic filariasis from their ~

gains a foothold

stop coronavirus before it ~

give socialism a foothold

~, and nothing can arrest the slide to perdition

presence & absence: foot / mountains & hills

survival, persistence & endurance: foot / mountains & hills

footing (position)

emergency footing

all parts of the UK are on ~ (pandemic)

war footing

land forces could shift to a ~ on short notice

put the nation on a war footing

President Kennedy ~ (Cuban Crisis)

position, policy & negotiation: foot / standing, sitting & lying

footing (solid footing, etc.)

on solid (financial) footing

he has never been able to put the review ~

bases: foot / ground, terrain & land / walking, running & jumping

footing (find one's footing, etc.)

find their footing

politicians struggled to ~ in the new political landscape

found its footing

her campaign stumbled out of the gate but has since ~

find her footing

she struggled to ~ as a newly separated woman

regain our footing

we are struggling to ~ (a political party)

regained his footing

since then, Biden has ~ (elections)

bases / equilibrium & stability: foot / ground, terrain & land / walking, running & jumping

footnote (noun)

fleeting, feel-good footnotes
they could turn out to be ~ to the pandemic (“freedges”)

made a footnote
they have largely been ~ (hip hop group the Sequence)

separate the footnotes from the milestones
it can be hard to ~ (journalism)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters

footprint (noun)

footprint
Hezbollah has its ~ everywhere here (Tyre)
our ~, the influence of the US in the world, will diminish

"footprint" of a credit card
the camera has the ~, weighing just 5.6 ounces

"footprint" of oil infrastructure
limiting the ~ (Arctic oil)

footprint on the environment
we might lighten our collective ~

footprint overseas
he wants to shrink the military and reduce its ~

footprint or signature
they don't have a ~ (terrorists)

city footprint
this will affect the entire ~ (urban-renewal project)

consumption footprint
the enormous ~ of someone living in the state right now

noise "footprint"
they should have a smaller ~ than... (airplanes)

terrain footprint
the Stinger missile has a small ~

online footprint
his other ~ includes a site... (Web sites)

combat service support (CSS) footprint
the Stinger has a small ~

digital footprint
investigators are examining the case's “~”
the ~ led cops to the suspect's house (cell-phone towers)

industrial footprint
concerns about the ~ (drilling in Arctic)

large footprint
the ~ created when the minefield is fired (war)
due to the ~ when the minefield is fired...

larger "footprint"
a tire with a ~ on the road has more rolling resistance

light footprint
the coalition has limited its ambitions and kept a ~

military footprint

we must reduce our ~ in Iraq (a politician)

small footprint
the Stinger missile has a ~

expanding its footprint
it is ~ in several parts of Africa (a terror group)

reduce our (military) footprint
we must ~ in Iraq (a politician)

shrink its footprint
as the US military begins to ~ in Afghanistan

presence & absence: foot / ground, terrain & land

foot soldier (duty)

foot soldiers for Martin Luther King
he was one of those ~ (Reverend James Orange)

foot soldiers in a (vast right-wing) conspiracy
they were recast as ~ (government lawyers / prosecutors)

movement's foot soldiers
the ~ are less inhibited (alt-right)

Democratic foot soldiers
fire up the ~ (for a coming election)

work & duty: military / person

hierarchy / person: military

footstep (in the footsteps)

in the footsteps of their ancestors
Aborigines must follow ~

in his father's footsteps
he was going to follow in his ~

in their parents' footsteps
too young to be thinking about following in their ~

in his murderous footsteps
he is determined his son will not follow ~

follow in the footsteps
Aborigines must ~ of their ancestors

follow in his (murderous) footsteps
he is determined his son will not ~

direction: foot / journeys & trips / movement

footstep (retrace one's footsteps)

retraced my footsteps in Haiti
one year after the earthquake, I ~ (journalist)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: foot / movement / verb

footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.)

digital footsteps

TOR drags branches behind your ~

pursuit, capture & escape / subterfuge: hunting

concealment & lack of concealment: hunting

footwork (noun)

clever footwork

some companies are getting by with some ~ (pandemic)

ability & lack of ability: movement

for (support)

for you

I am ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

force (show of force)

political show of force

a campaign kick-off is a ~

conflict / force / power: military

fore (come to the fore, etc.)

come to the fore

issues of race have ~ (2020 presidential election)

bringing those voices to the fore

so it's ~ (diversity & inclusion / Archibald Prize)

brought to the fore

it has ~ some ethnic tensions (Elian Gonzales case)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / importance & significance

/ priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery /

direction / position

forefront (center)

to the forefront of the (death-penalty) debate

he has been catapulted ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion / importance & significance

/ priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery /

direction / position

foreground (noun)

move to the foreground

as the midterm elections ~ (news cycle)

moved into the foreground

money has ~ (doctor-patient relationship)

pull nuclear energy into the foreground

we need to ~

pushed the instrument into the foreground

he has ~ (African musician)

center & periphery: direction / picture / position

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny &

promotion / importance & significance / perception,

perspective & point of view: center & periphery / picture /

position

foreground (verb)

foregrounded his virtues

he has lied about his crimes and ~ (a flawed individual)

foregrounds warfare

Colley ~ (*The Gun, the Ship, and the Pen* / constitutions)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture

appearance & disappearance: picture

perception, perspective & point of view: picture

forenoon (at an earlier time)

in the forenoon

~, we built igloos

♦ This means before noon, in the morning. Earlier times are before (in front of) later times. So this seems to be the time queue.

sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

foresight (noun)

foresight

his ~ was miraculous (a prediction)

♦ In this use, it seems that the future is ahead, and approaching. Contrast with *forefather*.

time: direction / eye / prep, adv, adj, particle

future: direction / eye / prep, adv, adj, particle

forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)

forest of (empty) bottles

a ~ spread across the tables...

forest of cranes

I saw a ~ and, beyond them, skyscrapers

forest of stalactites

a hanging ~ (Kartchner Caverns)

kelp forests

the ~ off of California

the Great Southern Reef and its ~ (Australia)

the underwater ~ off the southwest tip of Cape Town

stalagmite forest

she threads her way through a ~ (underwater cave)

amount / group, set & collection / resemblance: forest

forever (forever chemicals, etc.)

“forever” chemicals

the discovery of so-called ~ in the soil (agriculture)

‘forever chemicals’

detecting ~ like PFAS is costly and difficult

forever wars

tired of ~, the U.S. weighs options if Russia invades...

Biden pledged to end the ~

Trump promised to end the “~”

♦ “Foreign policy is domestic policy... We've got to turn the page on the forever wars.” (Jake Sullivan, Biden's national security adviser.)

♦ Alex Gibney's new documentary about Abu Zubaydah is named *The Forever Prisoner*. (HBO Max.)

♦ PS Resorts, a hospitality organization, has decided "Forever Marilyn's" forever home will be the Coachella Valley." ("Giant Marilyn Monroe Statue Returns to Palm Springs, But Its Backside Faces Backlash" by Matt Guilhem, NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, May 16, 2021.)

♦ "You're my forever love." (NPR. A friendship between a gay Black man and a woman. There is an reprise of my "My Endless Love" by Lionel Richie et al. in that.)

♦ The origin, progression and promotion of this cliché is utterly typical.

survival, persistence & endurance: part of speech

forge (verb)

forge an agreement

we will do our very best to ~ (politics)

forged checks

she graduated to cocaine and ~ to support her habit

forge compromise

how hard it will be for him to ~ (a diplomat)

forged (new American) heroes

each test has ~ (natural disasters, mass shootings, etc.)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

forged

forged from (nearly) a decade

doctrines ~ of fighting in both wars

forged in her own adversity

she was ~ (overcame a rare medical condition)

forged in the furnace

he is ~ of Parris Island and San Diego (a marine)

forged document

the terrorist groups have coordinated in acquiring ~s

forged notes

~ and other bogus documents

forged (immunization) records

many legal visitors carry ~ (Hajj / Saudi)

forged (immigration) stamp

falsified passports and ~s (Singapore)

forged passports

foreign nationals entering the US with ~

forged transcripts and (recommendation) letters

~ (college)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

fork (a trail can fork, etc.)

forked

the trail ~, one branch following the stream, the other...

fictive motion: shape / verb

fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.)

Forks of the Ohio

the ~, where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers join

epithet / branching system: shape

geography: epithet

fork (a fork in the road, etc.)

at a fork in his career

he's ~

alternatives & choices / direction: journeys & trips

fork over (verb)

forked over three hundred million dollars

the Saudis reluctantly ~

forked over billions of dollars

American taxpayers had ~ in economic aid (to Greece)

possession: food & drink / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb

formula (script)

formula to satisfy

officials are seeking a ~ both sides (diplomacy)

formula for creating

he has to learn the American ~ (politics)

formula for maintaining

there is no neat ~ this balance (secrecy / press)

magic formula

there is no ~, but try... (predicting NCAA winner);

we don't have a ~ for predicting wildfires

simple formula

her long, ludicrous career has followed a ~ (feminist)

standard formula

the ~ of a romantic comedy

followed a (simple) formula

he long, ludicrous career has followed a ~ (feminist)

seeking a formula

negotiators were ~ to keep the talks going (diplomacy)

script: number

fort (hold down the fort)

hold down the fort

~ until reinforcements can be hired, trained (a company)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

fortress (noun)

fortress

terror concerns have turned public buildings into ~

fortress mentality

a ~ that protects the home folks while... (public health)

neighborhood fortress

it is a ~ (a high school in South-Central LA)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

fortuneteller (person)

fortuneteller

are these things probable, I don't know, I'm not a ~
stock analysts are modern-day ~s looking into crystal balls

fortune tellers

the latest pronouncement from the ~ (stock analysts)

modern-day fortune tellers

they are ~ promising riches (stock analysts, etc.)

♦ In Canto XX of *The Inferno*, the fortune tellers and diviners have their heads screwed on backwards, so that as they walk forward they can only see backwards, and their tears run down their buttocks. About Amphiareus, Virgil tells Dante: "In life he wished to see too far before him, / and now he must crab backwards round this track." (From the great translation of *The Inferno* by John Ciardi.)

message: person / magic

person: magic

future / time: person / magic

forward (look forward, etc.)

forward

we will probably see this every year ~
going ~, who can predict what will happen (boxing)
from this day ~, you will be known as Muhammad Ali

go forward

this will not help us as we ~

look forward

New Year's day is a time to ~ and backward

move forward

as we ~, we will see (politics)

♦ In Canto X of *The Inferno*, Dante is curious as to why the heretics can foresee the future, but know nothing of the present, for example, if somebody is currently dead or alive. Farinata Degli Uberti, the great Tuscan war chief, explains: "We see asquint, like those whose twisted sight / can make out only the far-off... / When things draw near, or happen, we perceive / nothing of them..." (From the great translation of *The Inferno* by John Ciardi.)

future / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

forward (move forward, go forward, etc.)

go forward

drilling projects continue to ~
this will not help us as we ~

moved us forward

inventions that ~

move forward

we just want to ~, and hopefully change will come

moving forward

we are ~ in a cautious way (diplomacy)
things aren't ~, we're stuck (refugees)
things are ~ and they're moving quickly (many projects)
we are ~ with solutions on many issues (politics)

move forward with her life

she wants to ~ (abuse victim)

find a way forward

unless the Paris meeting can ~, Iran...
hopefully, negotiators can pick up the pieces and ~

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

forward (bring something forward, etc.)

bring that (important) narrative forward

how can they ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

forward (come forward)

see *come forward* (verb)

forward (future forward, etc.)

action-forward

this month has been about ~ that are entertaining, but...

fashion forward

RuPaul, famous, fierce and ~

fashion-forward

~ men, take note (tiny pants)

future-forward

their music is a ~ experiment

technology-forward

the company has taken a ~ approach

attention, scrutiny & promotion: position / affix

forward-looking

forward-looking approach

a ~ to marketing

future / time: direction / eye

perception, perspective & point of view: direction / eye

forwardness (noun)

female forwardness

her appealing expression of ~ (music)

sex-forwardness

the sly acknowledgment of her ~ (song lyric)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction

fossil (noun)

fossil

my computer is a ~ (very old)

living fossils

sturgeon are ~ (Wisconsin)

Lake Ohrid is known for its species of ~

archaic or a fossil

some modern stylists have called it ~ (*behove*)ve)

viewed as troglodytes

debating literary lions now ~

♦ "On the white sand of the bottom / Lay the monster Mishe-Nahma, / Lay the sturgeon, King of Fishes; / Through his gills he breathed the water, / With his fins he fanned and winnowed, / With his tail he swept the sand-floor. // There he lay in all his armor..." ("The Song of Hiawatha" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal
past & present / time: animal**

fossilize (verb)

fossilises

an organisation that does not change ~

past & present / time: animal / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal / verb

fossilized

fossilized bureaucrat

a ~, a cog in the machinery for decades...

fossilized method

low voter participation indicates a ~ of outreach (Latinos)

fossilized understanding

she is an out-of-touch relic with a ~ of race and gender

calcified and fossilized

everyone is so partisan, our political views have become ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

past & present / time: animal

foundation (noun)

foundation of identity

in Egypt, nationalism and Arabism once were the ~

foundation in (native-language) literacy

a solid ~

foundation of (modern) research

being able to replicate results is the ~ (medicine)

foundation for success

brand loyalty is the ~ (business)
education is the ~ (life)

foundation narrative

the ~s of particular Native Nations (US)

foundation story

the Long March became a ~ for Communist China

solid foundation

a ~ in native-language literacy

foundation (of the lithium-ion battery) was laid
the ~ during the oil crisis of the 1970s

foundations (of the postwar order) are cracking
the ~ in Europe (economies)

build a foundation

we help people ~ for the rest of their lives (ad for school)

built a foundation

we've ~ of distrust (Iran / US)

lay a foundation

you ~ for a sense of community

laid a foundation

we ~ to talk about those issues (diplomacy)

rests upon a foundation

our global role ~ of unmatched military power (US)

bases: house

foundational (adjective)

foundational in teaching and learning

collocation is ~ language

foundational for American democracy

liberal arts education is ~

foundational to the narrative

education is ~ of social mobility in this country

foundational to a free society

privacy, including privacy online, is ~

foundational element

a ~ of US society is that we are a cultural melting pot

foundational myths

as the US awakens from one of its ~ (that it is classless)

foundational narrative

their work threatens the ~ of Polish Society (Holocaust)

foundational values

ensuring America lives up to its ~ of equality and freedom

foundational part of himself

Shakespeare is a ~ as an actor (Denzel Washington)

bases: house

comparison & contrast: affix

founder (verb)

foundered

the TV channel quickly ~

two previous tried have ~ in the courts

the plan ~ with depressed stock prices

the company ~ during the economic downturn

Spain's economy has ~

foundering on the shoals

he finds himself ~ of issues around race (a politician)

♦ *Flounder* may come from this word. The literal use of *founder* was often used for horses and is still used for boats.

destruction: boat / horse / sea / verb

failure, accident & impairment: boat / horse / sea / verb

fountain (resemblance)

fountains of (bright red) lava

~ and towering clouds of ash

resemblance: fountain / water

fountain (source)

fountain of Islam

they come and drink from the ~ (mosque)

source: fountain / water

fountainhead

fountainhead of freedom

England was a ~ (Enlightenment)

fountainhead of (chamber) music

the festival was a ~ in America

fountainhead of ideas and discovery

the university has historically been a ~

fountainhead of ideals and law

Lincoln saw the Declaration of Independence as the ~

poetic fountainhead

Shakespeare was a ~

source: fountain / river / water

Fountain of Youth

looking for the fountain of youth

women and men are ~ (cosmetics, surgery, etc.)

♦ There is no real proof that Ponce de Leon sought the Fountain of Youth in America.

♦ "We have grown up in a society that has always pursued the Holy Grail, the fountain of youth." (Madeline Di Nonno, president of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, about ageism, particularly towards older female actors.)

amelioration & renewal: allusion / death & life / fountain / water

fox (subterfuge)

fox

the ~ is in the henhouse, and we invited it in

put the fox in charge of the henhouse

the FAA ~ (safety of Boeing planes)

♦ "They're going to burn the forest to kill the fox." (An Iraqi, speaking of US invasion to rid Iraq of Saddam.)

behavior / subterfuge: animal / fox

foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.)

in a foxhole

we're all Keynesians ~ (gov't intervention in crises)

♦ "There are no atheists in foxholes." (Father Cummings, Bataan.)

♦ "I always wondered who invented the absurd lie that proclaimed there were 'no atheists in foxholes.' Where else could atheism better thrive than in the killing fields where homicide was honored? In the Third General Hospital at Aix, the poker game was as religious as things got." (The wonderful Tony Hillerman, from *Seldom Disappointed*.)

♦ "During a time of a serious epidemic, religiosity rises. People become more religious. And that actually is generally reversed, when the epidemic goes away. You know, they say there are no atheists in foxholes, well, we're under a barrage right now, so you know people get religious, but then afterwards, you know, their religiosity sort of returns to baseline..." (Nicholas Christakis, "Denial And Lies Are 'Almost An Intrinsic Part Of An Epidemic,' Doctor Says," NPR, Fresh Air, October 29, 2020.)

protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / hole / military
fracture (failure)

fracture in politics between elites and nationalists

there is a ~ (European Union)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

fractured (separated)

fractured

the cartels are ~ and fighting over territory (Mexico)

division & connection: materials & substances

fragile (weak)

fragile

the ceasefire is ~ (Israel / Gaza)

fragile economy

Bosnia's ~ was hit hard by the global financial crisis

fragile and weak

the caretaker government is ~

strength & weakness: materials & substances

fragile (feelings)

fragile ones

enact measures to protect athletes, especially the ~

emotionally fragile

he was an ~ young man (suicide)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

fragility (feelings)

fundamental fragility

accept and be honest about our ~ (Simon Reeve)

♦ "We're confronted by so many images of perfection now, and I think, as much as we can, it's a good thing for us to accept and be honest about our fundamental fragility." (Simon Reeve, traveler. He is talking about failings and insecurities.)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

frame (characterize)

frame what happened to young players

leaders are trying to ~ (football tragedy)

frame the story as a religious issue

they ~ between locals and outsiders

framed it as a character study

she has ~ as opposed to an attack (*Nomadland*)

frames Aboriginal identity in a narrative

the "deficit narrative" ~ of negativity

characterization: infrastructure / picture / verb
analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / picture / verb

frame (in the frame / involvement)

in the frame already

he was born in Innsbruck, so he was ~ (why Buhl became a climber)

involvement: picture

framed (characterized)

framed

once a story has been ~, it's hard to change the narrative

characterization: picture

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / picture

franchise (noun)

regional franchises

Al-Qaeda still has its ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: government

Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.)

Frankenfood

~ has been included in the Oxford dictionary (2000)

Frankenstorm

weather forecasts deliver threats of ~s (hyperbole)

affliction: affix / allusion / creature

Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)

Frankenstein

~ was tough (named rapid / kayaking)

Frankenstein Cliff

excellent views along ~ (near a waterfall)

Son of Frankenstein

we got to ~ (named rapid / kayaking)

proper name: allusion / creature

geography: allusion / creature / proper name

Frankenstein (product)

"Frankenstein" foods

concerns about the safety of the so-called ~

Frankenstein hybrid

2 coronavirus variants can give birth to a ~ (NPR)

"Frankenstein" vehicles

the limo crash raises safety questions about ~

Frankenstein's monster

Ducourneau has sewn together a ~ from disparate ideas
the song is a ~ of pop genres ("Can I Get It?")

♦ "When two coronavirus variants meet inside one person, a Frankenstein hybrid can be born." (NPR Morning Edition, Michaela Doucette, March 23, 2022. With a graphic that is perhaps meant to be the Bride of Frankenstein by Francesco Zorzi.)

affliction / product: allusion / creature

allusion: books & reading

Frankenstein (a monster)

Frankenstein experiment

a ~ gone wrong

higher education's Frankenstein

the NCAA has become ~, terrifying its overseers

create a Frankenstein

it gets out of hand, they ~ (extrajudicial killings)

♦ "And now it's grown so much, how do you control it? BA [Bruce Arians] thought they could control it. Even Tom [Brady] thought he could control it until, guess what, it got so big, even he couldn't control Frankenstein. And then Frankenstein started consuming. Mike Tomlin can't control it, Jon Gruden... even Coach Belichick... This is who AB [Antonio Brown] is." (Shannon Sharpe talking with Skip Bayless about the great NFL player Antonio Brown on "Undisputed.")

♦ The oppression of Frankenstein's monster in the sentimental film versions seems irrational and cruel. Less so if you read Mary Shelley's harrowing and creepy novel!!

affliction: allusion / creature

allusion: books & reading

Frankenstein (as verb)

Frankenstein them back together

you could ~ if you had the right parts (blown up MRAPS)

Frankensteins various takes together

he ~ to get a flawless rendition (music producer)

Frankensteining alternatives

he has been ~ (Michael McAlpine / body parts)

♦ "Michael McAlpine has been Frankensteining alternatives." ("It's Alive! 3D-Printing Body Parts" by Rebecca Heilweil, *Wired*, December 2018.)

creation & transformation: part of speech / verb

fraternity (noun)

fraternity of test pilots

death wasn't unusual within our ~

small fraternity

the Las Vegas boxing community is a ~

member of the fraternity

I'm proud to be a ~ (a retired boxer)

society: school & education

group, set & collection: school & education

fray (verb)

fray the fabric

logging and roads ~ of nature

frayed (US-China) ties

many issues have ~

badly frayed

the incident ~ inter-Korean relations

bond frayed

their ~ almost to the breaking point

coalition frayed

the ~

consensus is fraying

the political ~

fibers (within the tendons) fray
the ~ (tendinopathies)

nerves are fraying
~ as the lockdown continues (coronavirus)

relationship frayed
the ~ over the past year (diplomacy)

began to fray
relations between the countries ~ in November

beginning to fray
tolerance is ~

failure, accident & impairment: cloth / verb
flaws & lack of flaws: cloth / verb

fray (above the fray)

above the fray
he is trying to stay ~ (a politician)

conflict: military

behavior: direction

fray (conflict)

2020 fray
he is joining the ~ (running for president)

conflict: military

frayed (degraded)

frayed by his rejection
their longtime alliance has been ~ of the bill

frayed by scandals
taxpayer confidence has been ~

frayed relations
Obama has worked hard to repair his ~ with...
he wants to rebuild ~ with neighbor Argentina

frayed (political) system
the two leaders promised to reform the country's ~

frayed ties
Obama is trying to smooth ~ with business leaders

badly frayed (m)
he sought to mend ~ relations between the two countries

seriously frayed
the social safety net is ~

grow (yet more) frayed
an already strained social compact will ~

failure, accident & impairment: cloth
flaws & lack of flaws: cloth

frayed (emotions)

frayed nerves
he experienced ~ and growing exhaustion
he tried to smooth the ~
he wasn't the only person with ~ (war)

become frayed
nerves can ~ in the blasting Antarctic winds

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

freak show (noun)

leave behind the freak show
the party must return to its center and ~ (politics)

performance: circus

free-fall (in free-fall)

in free fall
his life was ~
house prices continue to be ~ nationwide
the economy is ~, economic meltdown (Zimbabwe)

increase & decrease: direction / number

decline: direction / flying & falling

free-fall (noun)

free fall in (air) travel
the ~ post-9/11 (due to fears of terrorism)

company's (financial) free fall
the ~ (into bankruptcy)

stock-market free fall
the ~ was harrowing to watch

financial free fall
the company's ~ (into bankruptcy)

mental freefall
he went into a ~ (murderer)

decline: direction / flying & falling

free-for-all (control)

free-for-all
space is a ~ right now (space pollution)

free-for-all of people
it is a ~ suggesting that...

free-for-all on what
it's a bit of a ~ the government can do (facial recognition)

behavior / control & lack of control: sports & games

freeze (verb)

freeze assets
~ of terrorists

frozen its (nuclear) tests
North Korea has ~

activity: snow & ice / verb

freeze (computers, etc.)

computer freezes
if your ~...

functioning: snow & ice / verb

freeze (position of body)

hold the freeze

patrol members ~ until signaled to do something else

movement: snow & ice

freeze (activity)

freeze on (U.S.) aid

if that's the case, should there be a ~ (politics)

freeze on (high-level) contacts

the European Union recently ended its ~ with Iran

freeze on (all state) hiring

it would put a ~

price freeze

a ~ until 2002 (public utilities)

hiring freeze

a ~ is often a last-ditch effort to reduce staff...

60-day freeze

he asked for a ~ (on aid to Russia / politician)

put a freeze on (all state) hiring

it would ~

freeze began to thaw when...

the ~

activity: snow & ice

freeze out (verb)

frozen Tomaz out of funding

the Alpine Association had ~ (climber)

acceptance & rejection: snow & ice / society / temperature / verb

freighted

freighted with (historical and cultural) baggage
the N-word is ~ (racial epithets)

history: burden / journeys & trips / weight

oppression: burden / journeys & trips / weight

speech: burden / journeys & trips / weight

freight train (force)

unstoppable freight trains

hurricanes are the ~ of weather (wind and water)

force: train

frenzied (adjective)

frenzied rumors

the ~ have become so fierce that...

activity / behavior: health & medicine / mental health

frenzy (feeding frenzy)

media feeding frenzy

it was a ~

social media feeding frenzy

the information generated a ~

activity / behavior: animal / predation

frenzy (other)

media frenzy

such was the ~ around the trial (national attention)

center of a (media) frenzy

he is now the ~ (accusations of sex abuse)

whipped the snow into a frenzy

the winds ~ (ground blizzard)

working themselves into a frenzy

the fans are ~ (World Cup)

activity / behavior: health & medicine / mental health

fresh (fresh evidence, etc.)

fresh approach

we need a ~ to this problem

fresh attempt

the time seemed ripe for a ~ (scientific ballooning)

fresh blood

the king might reshuffle his cabinet to inject ~

fresh burst

the crisis signaled a ~ of negotiating

fresh concerns

the floods have sparked ~ over... (N. Korea)

fresh effort

a ~ is underway to refloat the ship

fresh evidence

they said there was ~ available (politics)

fresh (scientific) evidence

~ is turning this case on its head

fresh search warrants

armed with ~ police arrived...

amelioration & renewal: food & drink

freshman (adjective)

freshman Democrat

the 29-year-old ~

experience: school & education

Freud (sex)

Freud of the botanical world

Linnaeus was the ~ (all about sex)

sex: epithet

friction (conflict)

friction

get along enough to avoid ~ in the office

the ~ of 37,000 US troops (anti-Americanism in Korea)
in one step to reduce ~... (US forces)

friction between cyclists and motorists
~ who have to share the road

friction between the LAPD and the residents
decades of ~ (LA)

friction between pedestrians and motorists
the road network has created ~

frictions between their camps
~ of advisors and loyalists (politicians)

friction between you
there was obviously a lot of ~ (antagonism)

avoid friction
get along enough to ~ in the office

conflict: physics

friction (impedance)

friction
government rules are only one kind of ~ to free markets
does e-commerce reduce ~, add convenience and...

trade friction
~ is channeled into the WTO's dispute settlement process

points of friction
troops would pull back from ~

fog and a friction
there is a ~ to war (civilian deaths)

♦ Friction, it turns out, is the parent of the profit margin. The more you move toward a perfect market mechanism the fewer opportunities there are for anyone to make money." (E-commerce.)

obstacles & impedance: physics

frictionless

frictionless travel
the airlines' attempts to create ~

obstacles & impedance: physics

friend (noun)

friend
technology is not our ~ today (glitches during trial / judge)
we will be your ~, not your slave (PM Imran Khan to US)

best friend
why the A-10 Warthog is a ground soldier's ~
I grew up an only child, so my ~s were books (Lucy Yu)

no friends left
the NCAA has ~ (on the left or on the right)

friends and allies
Kosovo needs more ~

becomes a friend
ultimately, in cold case murders, time ~ (new technology)

♦ "Friends are thieves of time."

- ♦ "When a friend asks, there is no tomorrow."
- ♦ "A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody."
- ♦ "A stone from the hand of a friend is an apple." (Morocco.)
- ♦ "Friends are better than money." (That is because if you need money, you can ask your friend.)
- ♦ "Lend your money, lose your friend."
- ♦ "A friend in need is a friend indeed." (This means that in bad times most of your friends will abandon you, but a true friend will stick with you and help you. But a *real* friend will die for you.)
- ♦ "We have no friends but the mountains." (Kurdish.)

help & assistance / relationship: person

friendly (adjective)

friendly to life
salt in very high concentrations is not very ~ (Mars)

friendly atmosphere
the ~ that originally drew foreigners to Wisconsin

friendly face
fraud often hides behind a ~

friendly fire
they were killed by ~ (soldiers)

friendly ground
don't assume Ireland will be ~ for the pope (sex abuse)

friendly microbes
there are things called ~ (digestion, etc.)

friendly neighbors
Azerbaijan and Armenia are not ~

"friendly skies"
the ~ have become unfriendly (air travel)

friendly and enemy
~ thermal and optical signatures (military)

dog-friendly
track down ~ cafes and hotels (a Web site)

eco-friendly
trendsetters are visiting ~ resorts

help & assistance: person

frigid (adjective)

frigid reception
the idea had met a ~ from France and Britain

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

fringe (configuration)

fringe of islets
the lagoon, with its distant ~

broad fringe
a ~ of sea ice builds each austral winter

configuration: cloth

fringe (edge)

fringe of the storm

wind and rain from the ~ lashed the state

fringes of the solar system

unmanned vehicles are zipping to the ~

desert's (southern) fringe

the ~

southern fringe

the desert's ~

eastern fringes

this country on the ~ of Europe (Ukraine)

southern and eastern fringe

the arc of deforestation along the ~ of the Amazon

outer fringes

icy rocks found on the ~ of the solar system

center & periphery: cloth

fringe (on the fringe)

on the political fringe

both groups arose ~ (Occupiers, Tea Party)

operate on the fringes

the gangs ~ (versus established gangs)

center & periphery: cloth / direction / society

society: center & periphery / cloth / direction

fringe (versus mainstream)

fringe Berlin

the restaurant is ~ at its best

fringe books

we are seeing fewer ~ and new authors (publishing)

fringe cult

he joined a ~

fringe dwellers

every society has its ~

fringe idea

animal liberation is no longer the ~ it once was

fringe minority

the so-called “~” is actually the government (Elon Musk)

fringe territory

their most recent article veered into ~ (UFOs / NYT)

criminal fringe

the “one percenters” are the ~ of the biker world

lunatic fringe

the group is part of the ~

militant fringe

Turkey has been at war with the ~ of the Kurds

radical fringes

he is a figure on the most ~ of the movement

violent fringe

they are members of a nationalist, sometimes ~

from the fringes into the mainstream

social media can push conspiracies ~

society: center & periphery / cloth / direction

center & periphery: cloth / direction / society

fringed

fringed by (mountain) peaks

the Salar de Uyuni is ~ (salt flat in Bolivia)

fringed with coral reefs

Kenya's southeast coastline is ~

palm-fringed

a beautiful, ~ beach...

configuration: cloth

frog (frog in boiling water)

frog in the boiling water

ignoring the need to fix entitlement programs is the ~

♦ This fable illustrates the danger of changes that occur slowly.

♦ “Are we frogs? Are we being boiled and don’t know it yet?” (A Californian, discouraged by fires, drought, and record temperatures.)

consciousness & awareness / environment / situation:
allusion / animal / frog / temperature / water

front (get in front of an announcement, etc.)

get in front of it

we'll announce it later today, I don't want to ~

got out in front of Obama

Biden ~ on gay marriage

timeliness & lack of timeliness: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

front (in front / competition)

get in front of it

the nationwide quarantine is an effort to ~ (coronavirus)

competition: direction / position / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

front (the future is in front of us)

in front of her

she had her whole life ~ (committed a murder)

future: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

front (in front / proximity)

in front of me

I was so blinded by love that I didn't see the problem ~

in front of us

the answer is ~
we have these issues ~

proximity: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

front (conflict)

front in the (overall) struggle
his indictment could be a new ~ to get at what happened
legislative front
do you think something will get done on the ~ (politics)
new front
a ~ in the president's battle with congress is emerging
fake 1-star reviews are the ~ of review manipulation
two-front
he's fighting a ~ campaign (Bernie Sanders)
on all fronts
the oil spill is being attacked ~
on several fronts
our efforts are advancing ~ (oil-spill cleanup)
on that front
how are you doing ~ (protective supplies / COVID)

conflict: military

front (front and center)

front and center
the wave of sex-abuse scandals will be ~ conference)
front and center on his mind
clearly this topic is ~
center & periphery: position
attention, scrutiny & promotion / importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position
frontier (noun)
frontier of crime
Silk Road was the new ~, a digital-era Wild West (drugs)
frontier between barbarism and civilization
this is a humanity problem on a modern-day ~ (a war)
final frontier
direct flights represented the ~ (Australia to London)
latest frontier
Oklahoma is the ~ in the marijuana gold rush
next frontier
deep fake videos are the ~ in fake news
the Metaverse is the ~ (according to Mark Zuckerberg)
push the frontiers
the US has always wanted to ~ (physics, etc.)

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land

front line (on the front line)

on the front lines

state and local law enforcement ~
the dedicated people ~ (social services)
she tells what it's really like ~ (nurse in pandemic)

on the front lines of this battle
he is ~ (agency fighting spam phone calls)

on the front lines of this disease
health care workers ~ (COVID-19)

on the front line of (interpersonal) violence
doctors are ~ (EM)

on the front lines of the drug crisis
they have been working ~

♦ "They get awfully sick at the big-print headlines in some of the papers—"The Hill 60 Thrill!" 'Thrill, indeed! There's nothing thrilling about ploughing over parapets into a machinegun, with high explosives bursting round you,—it's merely beastly,' said a boy this evening, who is all over shrapnel splinters. / Saturday, May 8th, 9 A.M. [1915]—This is Der Tag. Could anybody go to bed and undress? / I have been cutting dressings all night. One of the most stabbing things in this war is seeing the lines of empty motor ambulances going up to bring down the wrecks who at this moment are sound and fit, and all absolutely ready to be turned into wrecks." (*Diary of a Nursing Sister on the Western Front: 1914-1915* by Kate (Katherine) Evelyn Luard.)

experience / place: military

front line (other)

front line
in battles of identity, language often becomes the ~
frontline
the CDC is the ~ in any public health emergency
front lines of COVID-19
medical students are rushed to ~
front line of the (culture) war
the judiciary committee is the ~ (U.S. politics)
frontline in the fight
this is the ~ against a deadly global trade (poaching)
front-line caregivers
nurses are the ~

become the front line
in the battle to contain the contagion, these labs have ~
♦ There were great husky men crying with the pain of gaping wounds and dreadfully swollen, discolored trench feet, who sank down exhausted the moment they stopped. There were strings of from eight to twenty blind boys filing up the road, clinging tightly and pitifully to each other's hands, and led by some bedraggled limping youngster who could still see... I wonder if I'll ever be able to look at marching men anywhere again without seeing those blinded boys, with five and six wound stripes on their sleeves, struggling painfully along the road." (*Sister: The War Diary of a Nurse* by Helen Dore Boylston.)

place: military

front-runner (noun)

front-runner
he is the ~
the ~ Barak Obama (politics)
front-runner in the race
he has cemented his position as ~ (politics)

front-runners for the job
there are two ~

front-runner for a (future Supreme Court) nomination
he is a ~

front-runners and underdogs
~ loved him (a race-car driver)

competition: person / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

frostily

replied frostily
Cynthia ~, “It’s disgusting”

feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature

frosty (adjective)

frosty
US relations with Cambodia have long been ~

frosty handshake
they shared a ~ after their match (two tennis rivals)

frosty relationship
he has a ~ with Netanyahu (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature

frothy (substance)

frothy page-turner
the ~, the one book everybody is reading...

substance & lack of substance: water

frown (verb)

frown on those things
we ~

frowned upon homosexuality
he came from a religious background that ~

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb

frowned upon

frowned upon by some
skateboarding is still ~

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol

frozen (movement)

frozen to the spot
we were all ~

movement: snow & ice

frozen (emotion)

frozen with fear
well, I was terrified, I was ~ (in an acting class)

frozen with fear and grief
I knew if I watched it I would be ~ (a video)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement / snow & ice / temperature / water

frozen (development)

frozen in time
the Framers did not expect the Constitution to be ~

frozen conflict
~s don’t remain frozen forever (Nagorno-Karabakh, etc.)

development: snow & ice

frozen (frozen in time)

frozen in time
Vietnam's Ha Giang Province remains ~
Trans-Dniester is a place ~ (Transnistria / Tiraspol)
it was a unique environment, sort of ~ (military reservation)

♦ What things are frozen in time? Countries like North Korea and Bhutan and Transnistria seem like such places. Certainly places like Australia when Cook visited or New Guinea when the first whites arrived in the highlands in the 1930s must have seemed frozen in time, and other remote places, such as northern Burma.

♦ Cataclysms can lock places in time, like Pompeii and Herculaneum by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, and Chernobyl in the Ukraine by the failure of a nuclear reactor.

♦ Fossils are frozen in time, whether in stone or in amber, in peat or in permafrost, in a glacier or in the long-vanished sediment of an ancient river or sea.

♦ Demilitarized zones, like the one between North and South Korea, or between Ethiopia and Eritrea, can be frozen in time, often to the advantage of the wildlife.

♦ In the U.S., military reservations, some taken over in the First World War, have been frozen in time. The small communities that existed on them were simply left to decay in place.

♦ The Great Smoky National Park has been frozen in time since its creation. The small communities were left to decay, so that only the foundations of buildings remain. Its old-time cemeteries, however, like the Proctor Cemetery, are still kept up or “V-upped” by descendants annually on Decoration Day.

♦ Areas flooded by dams are frozen in time. This is the case with Lake Fontana in North Carolina, where drowned bridges, trees, and even buildings may reappear when water levels drop.

♦ All places “frozen in time” are inherently interesting to people, because they make us think of the past, our own mortality, and eternity.

♦ see also *time capsule (noun)*

past & present / time: snow & ice

frozen (activity)

frozen funds
is it time to release the ~ (sanctions)

activity: snow & ice / temperature

frozen out (excluded)

frozen out of discussions
they have been ~ about how the law will work (veterans)

acceptance & rejection: snow & ice / society / temperature

fruit (product)

fruits of the field

the first ~ have been mundane (nanotechnology)

fruits of my labor

she carefully examined the ~ (a woodcarver)

fruits of that work

you are now seeing the ~ (war planning)

bore fruit

their protests ~ only after...

product / worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fruit (low-hanging fruit)

low-hanging fruit

for people who want to consume less plastic, straws are ~
vacant lot greening is a piece of ~ (simple, low cost)
the expulsion of intelligence officers is ~ (symbolic only)
pick some ~ that can be accomplished (in tax reform)
he explores deeper cuts and textures, rather than ~ (music)

low-hanging fruit of international health

cataract surgery is the ~ (just \$75 per patient)

pick that low-hanging fruit clean

they ~ (film about old women reentering the dating scene)

go-to, reflexive, low-hanging-fruit

~ complaints (about American Vandal season two)

difficulty, easiness & effort: fruits & vegetables / tree

fruitful (adjective)

fruitful approach

I decided that wasn't a ~ for me

fruitful avenue

this might be a ~ for further research

fruitful discourse

there hasn't been much ~ lately (politics)

fruitful place

this is a ~ to do business (a city)

fruitful relationship

they had a long and ~ (two companies)

artistically fruitful

their relationship was ~

less fruitful

subsequent efforts were ~

more fruitful

I think it would be ~ if we...

long, fruitful (m)

in the course of a ~ career, he... (a poet)

prove fruitful

negotiations could ~ if...

♦ The Smucker's Company has a very cute full-page ad on the back of the January 21, 2019 *Christian Science Monitor Weekly*. It shows 12 bottles of their iconic jams and jellies in three rows with the dates of their introduction below them, and the title reads, "Fruitful Since 1897." The

pun incorporates the figurative and the literal. A classic and classy ad from an American icon!

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fruition (noun)

came to fruition

the plan never ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fruitless (adjective)

largely fruitless exercise

comparing these rates is a ~

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fry (small fry)

small fry

he is working his way up the food chain, starting with ~ (prosecutor)

small fry team

he grew up with Adams and played on the same ~ (football)

growth & development / size: animal / fish

importance & significance / power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)

jumps from the frying pan into the fire

like one who ~

fate, fortune & chance / situation: cooking / fire

fuel (verb)

fuel (Internet) abuse

depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders can ~

fuels conflict

Captagon ~, for fighters it banishes fear

fueled (much of the) corruption

his bribes ~ in the state

fuel the (ongoing) debate

the results are likely to ~ over how... (cancer)

fueled the debate

those differences in point of view ~ (Confederate flag)

fueling U.S Israel-Gaza debate

how social media is ~

fuels the diaspora

poverty ~ of Malians

fuel the flames

don't ~ (a controversy)

fueled (public) interest
journalism ~ (an Arctic rescue)

fueled an (overblown political) narrative
poor photo selection ~ (#defundNPR)

fueled the notion
the photo ~ that NPR is trying to tilt the narrative

fuel this pandemic
infections among the unvaccinated continue to ~

fueled a (growing) panic
Tuesday's developments ~ in Japan (nuclear catastrophe)

fueling his (inner) rage
a cause that is ~ (environment)

fueled in him a sense of self-importance
the militia ~

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.)

adds fuel to every fire
he ~ (politics)

adds (fresh) fuel to a (longstanding) controversy
his role in the new ad ~

pour fuel on the fire
this will ~ of toxic political warfare

pour fuel on the flames
the documents are likely to ~ of a strained relationship

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

fuel (noun)

fuel
the taunts were the ~...

hurricane fuel
water above 79 degrees is ~ (Gulf of Mexico)

any more fuel
she would not give the issue ~ ("no comment")

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

fueled

fueled by the Chinese
the jade boom has been ~

fueled by local issues
the conflict is ~ (IS in Mozambique)

fueled by a movie
the fury is ~ (anti-US protests by Muslims)

fueled by the occupation
anti-American sentiment ~ of Iraq

fueled by (Internet) pornography
soldiers who come home with sexual addictions ~

alcohol-fueled

an epic, ~ party...
he died at an ~ party (fraternity)

rum-fueled
the ~ party culminates Fat Tuesday (Trinidad)

whiskey-fueled
a ~ high

ignited and fueled
opposition was ~ by the church (innovation)

stoked, fueled, and manipulated
hatred can be ~ (Bosnia)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

fulcrum (noun)

fulcrum moment
the Capture of Istanbul was a ~ in the Middle Ages
♦ Turning point, year zero, etc.

development: direction / mechanism

importance & significance: mechanism

full (adjective)

full of choppers
a sky ~ and a jungle full of danger (Vietnam War)

full of danger
a sky full of choppers and a jungle ~ (Vietnam War)

full life
she led a ~

amount: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

full-bore (and full bore)

coming in full bore
it was an all call, SWAT, FBI, everyone ~ (mass shooting)

extent & scope: weapon

full-court press

full-court press in Washington
there was a ~ (foreign lobbying campaign)

full-court press from our department
there is a ~ (search for missing child)

full-court press to capture him
there was a ~, once they knew his identity (a bomber)

full-court press (by the administration) to contain
it has been a ~ the company (tariff dispute with China)

equivalent of the full-court press
a decoy deadline is the productivity ~ (deadlines)

difficulty, easiness & effort: basketball / sports & games
commitment & determination: basketball / sports & games

full-fledged (adjective)

full-fledged atrocity
a ~ would be difficult to ignore

full-fledged (academic) discipline
it is not yet a ~ with departments of its own (services science)

full-fledged gangsters
ties to ~

full-fledged member
China will become a ~ (WTO)
the first steps in becoming a ~ of the Hells Angels

full-fledged stroke
people who have had ~s

full-fledged bantamweight
moving up to ~

full-fledged drug dealer
a ~

full-fledged comeback
a ~

growth & development: animal / bird

full on (adjective)

full-on character
he is a ~ (the boxer Sunny Edwards)

full-on engagement
it was just ~ (a blind rock climber)

full-on (international espionage) operation
he mounted a ~ against the reporter

full-on migraine
what we've got coming this weekend is a ~ (winter storm)

full on, scary, hard
that was ~ (the Bottleneck on K2)

straight-up, full-on
~ sex talk (Argentinian TV)

extent & scope / functioning: mechanism
commitment & determination: mechanism
amount & effect: mechanism

full on (personality)

so full-on
he was ~, performative and calculating (personality)

character & personality: mechanism

full out (adjective)

full out
it's gonna be ~, it's called "No Limit" (a Vegas show)

extent & scope / functioning: mechanism
commitment & determination: mechanism
amount & effect: mechanism

full stop

full stop
this is right-wing terrorism, ~

these companies know everything we do ~ (tech)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters

full-throated (adjective)

full-throated defense
his speech was a ~ of his actions (military withdrawal)

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

fulminate (speech)

press fulminated
the Western ~ (against use of force in China)

♦ This relates to striking and lightning.

speech: force / lightning / verb

fumble (verb)

fumbled this moment
Boeing has ~ (failed to ground its plane after crashes)

fumbled the disaster response
the government ~

failure, accident & impairment: ball / hand / football / sports & games / verb

fumble (noun)

diplomatic fumble
it was his latest ~

failure, accident & impairment: ball / football / hand / sports & games

fumbled

fumbled attempt
a ~ to reform small business taxes

failure, accident & impairment: ball / football / hand / sports & games

fume (verb)

fuming about the (split-decision) verdict
he is still ~ that went against Pacquiao (boxing)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

funeral (one's funeral)

funeral
go ahead and do it, it's your ~

destruction: burial / death & life

fate, fortune & chance: burial / death & life

funereal (adjective)

funereal
the mood was ~

funereal black
they are clad in stark ~ (a music video)

funereal gloom

an atmosphere of ~

funereal silence

events will take place in ~ (pandemic / no fans watching)

mournful, funereal, keening

the music is ~ (for a film)

feeling, emotion & effect: burial / death & life

comparison & contrast: affix

funnel (funnel through, etc.)

funneled through the Monastir Gap
the road ~ (Via Egnatia)

obstacles & impedance: shape / verb

funnel (direct)

funneled arms to the mujahedeen
the CIA and Saudi Arabia both ~

funnel (tax) dollars to the poor
he wants to ~ (a president)

funneled money to charities
he ~ with terrorist ties

funnels the wildlife to the overpass
three miles of fencing ~ (Utah animal crossing)

directing: verb / water

funnel (shape)

funnel cloud
heavy rains, hail, reports of ~
the tornado's distinguishing feature is a ~

tornado funnel
~s in Oklahoma

shape: water

funneled (directed)

funneled (primarily) to corporations and the wealthy
the 2017 tax cuts, ~... (politics)

funneled into the (digital) currencies
how much money is being ~ (cryptocurrencies)

funneled into four other organizations
the money was ~ (a charity scam)

funneled into a fenced pen
the cattle were then ~ (an auction)

funneled through the (little-known) nonprofit
private money ~ (political donations)

directing: water

funny (as noun)

legacy of funny
they've had a ~ (the comedy show SNL)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

funny language

it is February

~ (it's cold and snowy)

I am what I am

~, God help me, a 77-year-old white man, but...
~, love me or hate me, I'm gonna be Stephen A. Smith

I am who I am

~, I am not changing

I was being me

~ (strange behavior)

that's that

Usyk did his job, and ~ (he won the match)

I believe in belief

see, I believe in hope, ~ (the "Ted Lasso" effect)

Hellas of Hellas

the ~ as Athens had lately been anointed (Plato's time)

epicenter of the epicenter

the hospital was the ~ (Queens, NYC / COVID)

"It is What it Is"

his latest album ~, was released... (Thundercat)

it is what it is

I take precautions, but hey, ~ (delivery worker / pandemic)

~, this has happened, and... (cancer diagnosis)

~, but I'm not concerned about it (athlete / lack of rest)

it kind of stinks seeing baseball change, but ~

I grew up on the internet, which is kind of trash, but ~
my wife and I have gotten multiple death threats, ~
~, it's just boxing (no excuses for knock-out loss)

it is what it is, get over it and move on

~ (Confederate monuments)

it is what it is, so they spend the night together
you know how this happens, ~ (infidelity)

this is what it is

so I guess ~, huh (music to be murdered by)

it was something that was

~, I had no control over (violent confrontation)

it is how it is

but ~ (a soccer issue)

that is how it is

~, the reality that many of you are facing, this is the world

we feel how we feel

but ~ (feelings of fatigue at home / pandemic)

they are what they are

both these women will get out worse, ~ (from prison)

a terabyte isn't what it used to be

~ (greater storage nowadays)

democracy is democracy

look, ~ (a young Palestinian craving change)

oppression is oppression
~ across the world (Black Lives Matter and Hamas)

sports are sports
~, politics is politics, they shouldn't be mixed (Olympics)

rape is rape
this was not transactional, ~

the situation is the situation
~, everyone is frustrated but we are bound by the rule

trash is trash
she'll be back in the system, ~ (prison)

the rule is the rule
~ (NFL's overtime rule / sudden death)

trans women are trans women
what is it about ~ that is offensive

bad guys are bad guys
~, the Army is the Army, orders are orders...

a win's a win
we played poorly but ~ (soccer)

good is good
~, with a brush or a needle (artist Sophie Taeuber-Arp)

disgusting is disgusting
I'm not excusing his comments, ~, you can't tolerate that

today's world is today's world
~ and everything is out there in public (twitterstorm)

a stupid radio promotion is just a stupid radio promotion
sometimes a ~ (Chicago's Disco Demolition Night)

a cigar is just a cigar
sometimes a ~ (no need for Freudian analysis)

June isn't really June
~ anymore (James Qillaq, Inuit hunter, Arctic warming)

2022 isn't 2021
~ (vaccinations and the pandemic)

wildlife in Yellowstone are, indeed, wild
~ (woman convicted of bothering bear with cubs)

I'd call the police, but they are the police
“~,” he chuckled, but it was forced...

we are where we are
until we do that, ~ (stopping ransomware attacks)
~ (Mary Louise Kelly of NPR about Afghan situation)

where I am where I am
so much peace knowing where I am supposed to be, ~

the gas is where it is
~ (natural gas, Russia, Europe, and the US)

liberals are going to be liberals
what a shocker, ~ (discussion board snark)

we shall see what we shall see
~ (the great Spike Lee)

what you saw, you saw
~ (a bystander video)

what will be will be
you have to learn to let go, it's gone, and ~

the best way to regulate behavior
~ is to regulate behavior

Chisora can break your heart
~ before he breaks your heart (“Del Boy” / the boxer)

he is who he is
on the other hand, ~

that's just Joe being Joe
~ (character and personality)

Julie, being Julie
~, was defending a teammate (got it trouble for it)

you be you
everyone is saying “~” and “you do you” (a woman)

the Knicks, being the Knicks
~, won the game, then lost the series (sorry, Spike)

and then he does what he does
~ on Sunday (commits a bad act)

stupid actor says something stupid
headline: “~” (a sarcastic comment)

McArthur was, well, McArthur
but ~, a problematic personality... (WWII)
they can't change it, ~ (physical evidence / trial)

it means what it means
~ (the word “coachable”)

it means we country, but we ain't *country*
~ (the Dirty South)

there is jargon, and then there is jargon
~ (academic writing)

he did what he did
it was my dad's decision, ~ (his father was arrested)
and then ~ (boxer pushes another at press conference)

yelled what he yelled
he went back to his seat and ~ (a celebrity)

we can only do what we can do
~ (limitations, constraints)

China can do this now because it can
~ (flexing military might)

he had to do what he had to do
Usyk did his job, ~ (beat Anthony Joshua)
~ (Andre Leon Talley / racism)

you gotta do what you gotta do
~ (no choice)

Joshua has got to do what he has got to do
~ (boxing)

I'm going to do what I'm going to do
I thought about it, ~ (Mills Lane stops Tyson-Holyfield II)

crazy will do what crazy does
~ (a woman)

I don't know what I don't know
~ but what I *do* know is that... (female speaker)

we don't know what we don't know
I realize ~

you don't know what you don't know
~ (facts about a crime)

I do and I don't
~, maybe I know a little, maybe not anything...

we get what we get
~ (NASA buys off-the-shelf cameras for *Perseverance*)

you get what you get
~ (an idiot provokes Mike Tyson)

I've said what I've said
~ about Number 10 and the events of 12 months ago

I can never say never
~ (a writer, about writing another novel, vs. TV or film)

the investigation will take us where it takes us
~ (cops)

come away from it with what they will
people will ~ (war films)

nothing is over until it's over
~ (voting and an election)

it's gonna be what it's gonna be
we should all just go home, ~ (*Foxfire*)

whatever is in store for us is in store
~, if we're going to be cool again that's what it'll be
the results are gonna be the results
~ (if we don't love harder / gun violence in Baltimore)

we don't know what we don't know
~, that's what the investigation is all about (cops)

if she never works again, she never works again
~ (the pop star Britney Spears)

if it's your day, it's your day
~ (death while climbing)

if I get knocked out I get knocked out
~ (the great boxer Dillian Whyte, all in)

nothing will change if nothing changes
~ (speaking up / not being afraid)

I am the age I am
~ (an older writer)

those who were alive were still alive
the battle had only just begun, ~ (Stalingrad)

the men still alive were still alive

they had withstood the assault, ~ (Stalingrad)

history is told by the winners—except when it's not
~ (review of the film *The Last Duel*)

the story is the headline...or often isn't
welcome to ABC where ~ (criticism)

it was an unremarkable day, until it...wasn't
~ (Dateline NBC)

it's meaningless, until it's not
~ (Dateline NBC)

it was a good time until it wasn't
~ (her childhood / Dateline NBC)

he was just a good guy with a gun...until he wasn't
~ (comment by gun-control advocate about mass shooter)

he was alive until he wasn't
~ (2021 trial)

it is fine, until it isn't
~ (climate change)

character is invisible until it's not
~ (joined the marines after 9/11)

it was an arrangement that worked until it didn't
~ (an open relationship)

you loved being a college professor, until you didn't
~ (an NPR interviewer)

her bosses had her back until they didn't
she says ~ (a Levi's executive)

Rick *never* left the mountains, except when he did
~ (flew from Idaho to New York City)

you can choose to go there, or not
~ (randonauting)

find food where it isn't
I'll show you where to ~ (scrounging during war)

feel safe until they don't
I think all children ~, you know? (Timothy Ware-Hill)

look the same, until they don't
~ (corrosive change in the U.S.)

I am sick and tired of being sick and tired
~ (DC police chief about a spate of gun violence)

burned out on burnout
even Freudberger said he was ~ (he coined the term)

she should have been here too except she wasn't
~ (murdered Lauren McCluskey / University of Utah)

enough is enough
~, today you will hear the truth from me...

there's a difference between knowing, and knowing
~, you know, umm, so... (L.L. McKinney)

just because you're on your own on the internet

~ doesn't mean you're on your own (spying pixels)
 the way to shore up American democracy
 ~ is to shore up American democracy, that is, to...
 when big dog does what big dogs do
 ~ (poop)
 loved the things she loved
 she just ~ (an enthusiast)
 really, really real
 these forest fires are ~
 ♦ Democrats, and Michele Obama, used the phrase, "It is what it is," to taunt, mock, and criticize President Trump at their national convention in 2019. Trump had used the phrase when talking about coronavirus.
 ♦ "We definitely had a hurricane hit us last night." (The mayor of Lake Charles, being interviewed on ABC about a hurricane that had hit his town the previous night.)
 ♦ "It does certainly look like a big windstorm came through here." (An NPR report on Hurricane Ida.)
 ♦ "What can Joe Biden do, given that American politics are what American politics are." (Steve Inskeep, NPR.)
 ♦ "Like our school, like the ceilings, like they're gone." (Like a high-school girl, like being interviewed, like right after a tornado.)
 ♦ "The coronavirus is something that is there."
 ♦ "The Omicron virus is REEE•ly, REEE•ly contagious." (Selena Simmons-Duffin of NPR. Type in "really, really" in the search box at NPR and you get 6,574 hits and counting.)
 ♦ "The game ended in a sidelines-clearing brawl, because of course it did." (College football game in US.)
 ♦ "How much quieter it would be online if it weren't so loud."
 ♦ "I'm good, thanks." (= No.)
 ♦ "I don't think there's any way to go right to the Supreme Court with something like this, and what the this is has not been made clear." (A political pundit on NPR.)
 ♦ "Usyk did his job, he had to do what he had to do, and that's that, and Joshua has got to do what he has got to do." ("Tyson Fury 'absolutely wounded' by Anthony Joshua's loss to Oleksandr Usyk," BBC, Sept. 30 2021.)
 ♦ "I would liken us a little bit to a bit of a wounded lion, if you like." (Sally Munday, the chief executive of the funding agency UK Sport.)
 ♦ "Barney the Bear is a secure test item." (An ESL supervisor.)
 ♦ "She is one of the most strongest, most delicate people I've ever met." (An Academy Awards speech, broadcast to millions.)
 ♦ "The world knows Khan's chin is not there." (Boxing.)
 ♦ "Unicorns are ubiquitous in Scotland." (The symbol.)
 ♦ "President Lyndon B. Johnson was a huge Alamo-head." (History buff.)
 ♦ "Sorry, you've reached a page that doesn't exist." (Internet.)
 ♦ "I never say never."
 ♦ "Bobo got throatoed." (Surfing.)
 ♦ "Soldiers who die are taken to a holding area, where they are made to do manual labor to underscore the point that dying is never fun." (Military-training language.)
 ♦ And *Allie* died in France, it was the only place in the world where it died. (Michael Caine speaking about the 1966 film.)
 ♦ Estheticians knead, wax, pluck, rub, and paint people.
 ♦ "He had devoured *Dracula* by the age of five."
 ♦ see also *teacher* (*teacher's teacher*, etc.)
 ♦ see also *new* (*orange is the new black*, etc.)
 ♦ see also *no* (*no Jack Kennedy*, etc.)
 ♦ see also *boilerplate* (noun), *buzzword* (noun), *ese* (*legalese*, etc.), *language* (of sports, cars, etc.), *lip service* (*pay lip service*, etc.), *speak*

(NASA-speak, etc.), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), talk (mediator talk, etc.)

language: speech

furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)

Furnace Creek

a temperature of 54.4C was recorded in ~ Death Valley

proper name: fire / temperature

furnace (noun)

furnace of an atmosphere

who can survive in this ~ (important soccer game)

China's four "furnaces"

Chongqing is one of ~ (hot and humid in summer)

forged in the furnace

he is ~ of Parris Island and San Diego (a marine)

thrown into a furnace

I was ~

environment: fire / temperature

furnish (give)

furnished them with all the information

the report ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

furniture (contents)

furniture of the novel

you've got none of the usual ~ (films vs. novels)

mental furniture

art was so much a part of his ~ that...

his ~ is ordinary, much of it from U.S. pop culture...

content: house

further (further along, etc.)

further along than us

they are ~ (Italian soccer team)

competition: distance

fury (creature)

keep his furies at bay

he works hard to ~ (troubled ex-boxer)

♦ The furies are part of Greek mythology.

affliction: allusion / creature / religion

fuse (noun)

fuse of (voter) anger

his COVID restrictions lit a ~ (recall election)

short fuse

our society has a ~, just waiting for a spark
that ~ got him in trouble (troubled Iraq veteran)

fuse was (now successfully) lit

the ~, and the British media...

lit the fuse

that was the match that ~ (precipitating cause)
that really ~, and the collapse began (tainted election)

initiation: explosion / weapon

fusillade (noun)

fusillade against an “Obama judge”
Trump’s latest ~

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon

future (the future)

the future of the Internet
is Web3 ~ or just a buzzword

the future (combat vehicle) family ~
each member of ~

embrace the future

a split over whether to preserve the past or ~ (Swazis)
we must ~ (trade and business issue)

saw the future

he ~ and he set out to build it (Jeff Bezos, Amazon)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

future (of the future)

currency of the future

he has bolstered Bitcoin’s image as the “~” (Nayib Bukele)

wave of the future

online banking is the ~

♦ see also *new (orange is the new black, etc.)*, next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

future (the future can bring something)

bring

nobody knows what the future will ~
we don’t know what the future may ~

brings

you don’t know what tomorrow ~

future: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

time: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

future (in the future)

in the future

I might go there ~ (visit a place)

in your future

if climbing Mount Everest is ~, please contact our office

future / time: container

future (in the distant future)

in the distant future

the movie is set ~

in the not-too-distant future

the series is coming to Netflix ~

in the not too distant future

we hope to improve this feature ~

set in a not-too-distant future

it’s a show ~ (space tourism)

future / time: distance

future (where the future lies, etc.)

future lay

he saw where the ~ and learned how to fly (Amundsen)

♦ “We’re moving toward a time when COVID won’t disrupt our daily lives, where COVID won’t be a constant crisis.” (White House Covid Advisor Jeff Zients.)

future / time: place

fuzzy (adjective)

fuzzy

the boundary lines on the continuum can often be ~

fuzzy semantics

~ looks at fuzzy concepts and fuzzy language

fuzzy term

it’s a bit of a ~ (“hybrid warfare”)

anodyne and fuzzy

the language of these bills is ~ (culture wars)

division & connection: boundary / sensation

certainty & uncertainty: boundary / sensation

speech: boundary / sensation

G

gadfly (person)

diplomatic gadfly

he is a kind of ~ (a Lebanese businessman and advisor)

political gadfly

he is a ~ and host of his own internet radio show
she was a ~ who took on the powerful politicians (Ivins)

hippie and gadfly

he was the resident ~

♦ Gadflies might be any one of several large flies, including horseflies.

person: animal / insect

affliction: animal / horse / insect / person

character & personality: animal / horse / insect / person

gag (gag order, etc.)

gag order

the judge has issued a ~

the judge put him under a ~

constraint & lack of constraint: speech

gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)

gaggle of protesters

a ~ have gathered outside the court (Vancouver)

did a gaggle

the president ~ from the North Lawn

♦ This refers to a press conference by the president or press secretary that is impromptu, informal, unscripted and unfettered. An actual gaggle refers to a flock, especially of geese, and especially on the ground.

activity / behavior: animal / bird

resemblance / group, set & collection: animal / bird

Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.)

Galapagos of Europe

Lake Ohrid, the ‘~’ (endemic species / living fossils)

Galapagos of the North

the Pribilofs are known as the ~

Galapagos of the Far North

Wrangel Island just might be the ~

“Galapagos of the Indian Ocean”

its biodiversity has earned it the nickname ~ (Socotra)

Galapagos of the Orient

the islands’ nickname of “the ~” (Bonin Islands)

Galápagos of Russia

Unesco’s citation refers to Lake Baikal as the “~”

Galapagos of North America

the Channel Islands are sometimes referred to as the ~ (California)

Galapagos of the Poles

South Georgia Island is often referred to as “The ~”

American Galápagos

the ~ (Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park)

Canadian Galápagos

islands referred to as the “~” (Haida Gwaii)

biodiversity: epithet / island / place

galaxy (noun)

galaxy of actors

his films drew performances from a ~ (director)

galaxy of (Western) media figures

he introduced her to a ~ (Charlie Rose, etc.)

group, set & collection: astronomy / star

Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.)

“Galen of Islam”

Muslim physicians bestowed the title ~ on Avicenna

history: epithet

gall (verb)

galls his critics

what ~ is...

truly galls

what ~ them is...

♦ Both trees and humans can develop galls. A gall in a human is a raised boil.

affliction: health & medicine / sensation / verb

gallery (play to the gallery)

plays to the gallery

the representation of emotion ~ (humiliation, anguish, etc.)

obviously playing to the gallery

he was ~ (a presidential press conference)

performance: theater

gallery (cheering gallery)

cheering gallery

Obama still has his ~

achievement, recognition & praise: theater

Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.)

Gallipoli of an interview

I knew this would be a ~

♦ “I knew that this would be a Gallipoli of an interview, and that Mattis would be playing the role of the Ottoman gunners. But I had to try.” (“The Man Who Couldn’t Take It Anymore” by Jeffrey Goldberg, *The Atlantic Monthly*, October 2019.)

♦ “It is one of the many ironies of Gallipoli that, after the chaos and confusion that had blighted the whole operation from the beginning, the final evacuations were models of superb organisation and planning... [Gallipoli] was a brilliant concept which should—and could—have succeeded... With Constantinople occupied, it is doubtful whether the Russians would ever have signed a separate peace—and the Russian Revolution might never have had occurred... Had the campaign succeeded—as it so very nearly did—the Great War would probably have ended three years earlier, and a million lives would have been saved.” (*The Middle Sea: A History Of The Mediterranean* by the wonderful historian John Julius Norwich.)

♦ No battle is free of mistakes.

allusion: military

difficulty, easiness & effort / success & failure: military

gallop (verb)

gallop together

fiddle and banjo ~ at a break-neck pace

speed: animal / horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / horse / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

gallop (haste)

gallop through a thousand years

Rady, in his ~ of Habsburg rule (a historian)

statistical gallop

the census shows the ~ of Christianity across Nepal

haste: animal / horse / movement / walking, running & jumping

gallop (sound)

murmurs, rubs, and gallops
note the presence of ~ (lung sounds)

sound: animal / horse

galloping (speed)

galloping pneumonia
~ is an aggressive infection, abrupt and overwhelming
walking pneumonia versus ~

galloping or surging (m)
so-called ~ glaciers can travel 250 feet per day
♦ "Humphrey, the whole national health service is an advanced case of galloping bureaucracy." / "Certainly not. Not galloping. A gentle canter at most." (The TV series *Yes Minister*, "The Compassionate Society.")

speed: animal / horse / walking, running & jumping

galvanize (verb)

galvanized people to take up
the movies ~ the cause (wrongful convictions)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / verb

initiation: electricity / verb

gambit (noun)

gambit
asylum has become a ~, they all have a script

unwise and diversionary gambit
this is an ~ (diplomatic move)

series of gambits
an escalating ~ by rival powers in the Gulf

strategy: chess / sports & games

gamble (verb)

gambled everything on getting
he ~ his dictionary published
fate, fortune & chance / strategy: gambling / sports & games / verb

gamble (noun)

gamble
we were in Tonga on a ~.... (windsurfers)

gamble on agriculture
Saudi Arabia's ~ has sucked precious aquifers dry

Saudi Arabia's gamble
~ on agriculture has sucked precious aquifers dry

political gamble
he represents a ~ (choice of vice president)

daring gamble
he called the initiative "a ~" to make... (space flight)

technological gamble
the plan relies on 4 highly speculative ~ (restore Everglades)

gamble paid off
the ~

took the gamble
he ~ (migrant / Senegal to Canary Islands)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games
strategy: gambling / sports & games

game (game the system, etc.)

game the (asylum) process
they ~ (skip out on court dates)

gaming the system
parents are ~ to advantage their children (admissions)

subterfuge: sports & games

game (in / into the game)

in the game
we will continue to be ~ (US surveillance)

back in the game
we are ~

get (back) into the (dating) game
ways to ~ (self-help)

involvement: sports & games

game (late in the game)

late in the game
it's pretty ~ to be...
its kind of ~ to be talking about this

timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games

game (get one's head into the game)

get your head into the game
hey, ~... (coach to player)

get my head (back) into the game
he reminded me to ~ (Afghan combat)

consciousness & awareness: sports & games

game (at the top of one's game)

at the top of his game
he is ~
he was ~ when he was shot and killed (a comic)

functioning: sports & games

game (throw somebody off their game)

throw guests off their game
he and his co-hosts like to ~ (The Breakfast Club)

disruption: sports & games

game (game-changer)

game-changer
a free Iraq is going to be a ~, an agent of change
tissue can grow in 3 dimensions, which is a ~ (in space)

game changer
it could be a ~ (a drug treatment)

game changer for our profession
this is a ~

geopolitical game-changer
nuclear weapons are a ~

**development / disruption / importance & significance:
sports & games**

game (game face)

game face
she had on her ~ (a law-enforcement officer)

appearance: face / sports & games

commitment & determination: face / sports & games

game (chess game)

chess game
it really is a ~ (trying to catch terrorist)
let's look ahead, the way you have to in a ~ (Brexit)
it's a ~, and we have to look several moves ahead (Brexit)

political chess game
the politicians play ~s (at expense of laborers)
they use human beings as pawns in a ~ (hostages)

psychological chess games
winning ~s (interrogations of terrorist suspects)

strategy: chess / sports & games

game (guessing game)

guessing game
how the weather will affect operations comes down to a ~

comes down to a guessing game
how the weather will affect operations ~

certainty & uncertainty: sports & games
fate, fortune & chance: sports & games

game (numbers game)

numbers game
CIA case officers admit to a ~
dating is entirely a ~
the business plan was just a ~
job hunting is a ~ (developing contacts, etc.)
the ~ continued (changing numbers, recalculating)

play the numbers game
smugglers ~, the law of averages

strategy: number / sports & games

game (blame game)

blame game
what he did is what matters, not the ~ (trial)

accusation & criticism / judgment: sports & games

game (rhetorical game, etc.)

rhetorical games

I'm not going to evade the question and play ~
~ are compulsory in official parlance (foreign policy)

speech: sports & games

game (game of hide and seek)

game of hide-and-seek
a very serious ~ (Palestinian student-terrorist)

pursuit, capture & escape: sports & games

game (game of chicken)

geopolitical game of chicken
it's a ~

♦ "You can think of the US-Russia confrontation as a geopolitical game of chicken." (Steve Inskeep, NPR, about Ukraine.)

♦ "So, you are wanting to play chicken? I have never yielded.
Never!...(Nervously) Ah, so, you are not a coward. Very brave." (Silly dialogue from the 1985 movie *King Solomon's Mines*, involving a game of chicken and two antique planes.)

♦ "The hard part of playing chicken is knowing when to flinch."

**conflict / courage & lack of courage / dominance &
submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / bird
/ sports & games**

game (game of cat and mouse)

game of cat and mouse

informers engage in a constant ~ with the authorities
college officials find themselves in a new ~ (cheating)
this protracted ~ has frustrated Israel's military (M. Deif)

cat-and-mouse game

the ~ with the virus writers will continue forever
the ~ Iraq played with U.N. inspectors
the ~ with the virus writers (computing)
it's a ~ (campaigning for an election)
it's a classic ~ (terrorists trying to evade capture)

enjoying their game of cat and mouse
they were ~ (Iraqi terrorists in a BMW)

♦ "When the tiny mouse outsmarts the wicked cat, the chairman smirks with pleasure." (*Arafat: In the Eyes of the Beholder* by Janet Wallach and John Wallach.)

**competition / pursuit, capture & escape: animal / cat /
hunting / sports & games**

game (various other games)

game of (high-altitude) climbing
the high-stakes ~

game of measure and countermeasure
EFPs are the latest twist in a lethal ~

waiting game
see *waiting game*

Great Game

Azerbaijan was a pawn in the ~ for territory and power

lethal game
EFPs are the latest twist in a ~

five-star-review game
we're crushing it in the ~ (a hair product)

rules in this game
there are no set ~ (starting an Internet business)

rules of the game
our understanding of the ~ (diplomacy)
this time we will change the ~ (Israel bombs Hezbollah)

play the game
mistakes are the price you pay to ~ (NYC publishing)

stay on top of my game
I have to ~...

keep the game interesting
to ~, the plays will be performed in repertory

♦ "Craig Kelly was a hero to all of us, but his death seems to be just a part of the game." (Reaction of a snowboarder to Craig Kelly's death in an avalanche.)

work & duty: sports & games

game (project, scheme, plan)

game of 'gotcha'
they were playing a ~ rather than trying to help

games of dominance and submission
~ (relationships)

game of wink and nod
he is playing a risky ~

childish game
he was playing a ~

head games
victimized by others' or your own ~

cutthroat game
he wasn't there to play the ~ (Survivor)

dangerous game
speaking truth to power is a ~
she is playing a very ~ when she suggests... (politics)

long game
their ~ is to be the last candidate standing

silly game
stop playing your ~s

just a game
they know I won't shoot them, now it's ~ (Israeli sniper)

playing a game
she's ~ that could blow up in her face

play games
we don't ~, we don't bullshit (windsurfer Poles)

subterfuge: sports & games

performance / strategy: sports & games

game (social interaction / life)

game of life
the ~

game of wink and nod
he is playing a risky ~

dating game
the ~ isn't as fun as it used to be (famous actor)

mating games
social skills that underlie more serious ~ in years to come

competitive game
for young women in Beirut, dressing fashionably is a ~

part of the game
it's all just ~ (job interviewing)

stages of the (dating) game
in the early ~

rules of the (dating) game
trying to figure out the ~

♦ "School...is a game, it's just not a terribly well-designed game. Right, there are levels, there are C, there are B, there's A, there are statuses, I mean, what is valedictorian, but a status? If we called valedictorian a you know 'White Knight Paladin level 20,' I think people would probably work a lot harder. Uh, so so school is a game..." ("The game layer on top of the world," Seth Priebsch, TEDxBoston 2010.)

♦ "They were dealt some cards they can't play to this day. Fortunately, I was dealt cards and somehow managed to play the right hand." (Olympic champion speaking of his heroin-addict mother and step-father.)

♦ "I had no clue what the rules were, what the game even was—or that there was even a game." (The computer scientist Richard Wallace, who suffers from bipolar disease.)

♦ "What good is sitting alone in your room / Come hear the music play / Life is a cabaret, old chum / life is a cabaret." (The musical *Cabaret*.)

♦ "It is not a Nintendo Game, it is a tough battlefield where people are risking their lives..." (General Norman Schwarzkopf Jr briefing the press in 1991.)

behavior / social interaction: sports & games

death & life: sports & games

game (situation)

game changed
then, suddenly, the whole ~ (riot that turns deadly)

situation: sports & games

game of thrones

very game of thrones
it's all very ~ (the history of Val d'Aran)

strategy: film

game plan

game plan
she reminded them of the ~

Clinton's game plan
~ is taking shape

his game plan

~ went out the window (a boxer)
military's (longer) game plan
the ~ is hard to fathom (coup in Myanmar)
had a (pretty good) game plan
we ~ but the problem was... (police)

script / strategy: sports & games

Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.)

Gandhi of the Balkans
he was known as the ~ (Ibrahim Rugova)

military: allusion / epithet

Gandhian (adjective)

Gandhian engineering
India is promoting ~ (low cost)
~ challenges convention (cars)

Gandhian tactics
he advocates the use of ~ against Israel

conflict: allusion

comparison & contrast: affix

gap (noun)

budget gap
we need to close the ~

falls into a gap
he ~ between disciplines

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.)

The Gap
~ and the wreck of the *Dunbar* (Sydney)

Cumberland Gap
the ~, the first great gateway to the west (US)

Darien Gap
migrants risk their lives to cross the ~

Mohawk Gap
the ~, with the Adirondacks north and Catskills south...

Monastir Gap
the ~, a north-south opening in the mountains

♦ "At Cumberland Gap, the first great gateway to the west, follow the buffalo, the Native American, the longhunter, the pioneer... all traveled this route through the mountains into the wilderness of Kentucky." (The National Park Service about the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. See the Wikipedia entry for "Longhunter." Merriam-Webster recognizes the phrase as *long hunter*.)

♦ "It might fairly be claimed that New York City owes its very existence as a world-class city to the presence and human exploitation of the Hudson-Mohawk Gap." (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

♦ Atoah Gap; Axe Gap; Bearpen Gap; Bee Gap; Beech Gap; Bellcollar Gap; Big Fat Gap; Black Gum Gap; Cable Gap; Calfpen Gap; Cherry Log Gap; Chestnut Log Gap; Deep Gap; Flint Gap; Green Gap; Hard Slate Gap; Haw Gap; I U Gap; Locust Licklog Gap; Lucy Gap; Obadiah Gap; Plankroad Gap; Saddle Tree Gap; Santeetlah Gap; Snowbird Gap; Stecoah Gap; Stratton Gap; Tatham Gap; Walnut Hollow Gap; Wildcat

Gap; Yellow Creek Gap; Yellowhammer Gap...(Beloved places in Graham County, western North Carolina.)

proper name: mountains & hills / shape

geography: proper name

garbage (data)

garbage in, garbage out
~ (GIGO)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: waste

garbage (garbage fire / dumpster fire)

dumpster fire
the ~ my brain was slowly becoming (schizophrenia)

dumpster fire for so many people
the comments section is a ~ (Facebook)

garbage fire
the daily ~ of our social-media accounts (Twitter, etc.)

tire fire
what a ~ from Zucker downward (a scandal at CNN)

worth & lack of worth: waste

garbage (waste)

garbage compromise
this is a ~ (politics)

anti-Semitic garbage
they need to get the ~ out of their textbooks

bunch of garbage
everybody thinks we're enemies, that's a ~

piece of garbage
why feed, clothe and house this ~ (give him death penalty)

stuffed with garbage
your heads are ~ from books (versus experience / war)

♦ "Yes [we are writing more than ever] because the internet makes it so easy, and that's why you get so much garbage." ("Harold Evans Makes Himself Clear," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, May 13, 2017.)

insult / worth & lack of worth: waste

garden (resemblance)

coral garden
fragile ~s were discovered at depths of about 1,000 feet

rock garden
technical paddling through ~s (kayaking)

sculpture garden
plans for a ~ to honor American heroes

group, set & collection / resemblance: plant

garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)

Cactus Garden
cavers called the new find the ~ (stalagmites)

proper name: plant

Garden of Eden

Garden of Eden

when I first visited Borneo in the 60s, it was a ~

♦ The Mormon Bible locates the Garden of Eden near Independence, Missouri.

environment / superlative: Bible / religion

flaws & lack of flaws: Bible / religion

gargantuan (size)

gargantuan (distribution) centers

server farms, ~, tens of thousands of trucks... (Amazon)

gargantuan characters

they were both ~ (in the Scottish climbing community)

gargantuan (financial technology) company

Ant Group, the ~ founded by Jack Ma

gargantuan crane

a ~ plucks a rust-colored container from a cargo ship

gargantuan (sextuple-platinum breakout) single

Jack Harlow's ~ ("WHATS POPPIN")

♦ Gargantua, a kindly giant in French folklore, was the giant prince with a huge appetite and loud voice in Rabelais's 16-century satiric novel.

♦ "That morning, Paul's fellow lumberjacks were astonished to see him eat only a smallish breakfast of a dainty dozen eggs, a simple side of ham, a poor pound of bacon, a finicky foot of bear sausage, a small skillet of hash browns, a tiny trough of grits, but ten or so breakfast Burraidos, barely a half barrel of gravy poured over his biscuits, a pafty fifty or so cartwheel-size apple granola pancakes, and a tiny tub of bread pudding topped with a piddling pond of warm cream and hardly a half-acre of wild huckleberries. / 'Why, for God's sake! What has happened to your appetite, Paul?' his fellow-lumberjacks cried out in consternation and concern. 'Is the grub no good? Shall we run off the cooks, and kidnap a new bunch? Are you feeling poorly?' / 'By God! My appetite seems to have deserted me,' Paul said grimly. 'No doubt during the night. But it can't have got far, and I'll track it down and get it back or my name's not Paul Bunyan!' " ("When Paul Bunyan Lost His Appetite But Recovered It" by Samuel Langhorne Clemmons.)

size: allusion

allusion: books & reading

gas (step on the gas / step off the gas)

stepped off the gas

perhaps fatigued, he ~ and allowed Pulev to... (boxing)

take our foot off the gas

now is not the time to ~ (social distancing / pandemic)

took his foot off the gas

today he ~ (president decides to delay plan)

took its foot off the gas

with a 30-point lead, the team ~

put her foot down

she drove to the edge and then ~ (Ducournau / *Titane*)

had your foot on the gas

you've ~ for two years now (public lectures)

kept his foot on the gas

the Compton emcee and singer-songwriter has ~

stepped on the gas

they have ~ (election manipulation)

UConn ~, ending Syracuse's glimmer of hope (sports)

♦ see also *pedal (pedal to the metal)*

♦ "It's all gas and no brake." (Because of the pandemic, there was only a short period of time between the just-finished football season and the new football season.)

♦ "Ducournau has driven to the boundaries of conventional cinema—and then put her foot down." ("*Titane: The most shocking film of 2021*" by Nicolas Barber, BBC, 15th July 2021.)

♦ "Our brain knows we shouldn't stomp on the gas, but our foot does it anyway."

♦ "He's a Ferrari without brakes." (Said about a troubled Indiana University basketball player, who was arrested for speeding through the center of Bloomington.)

commitment & determination: engine / mechanism

gas (run out of gas)

ran out of gas

he ~ (a losing boxer)

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb
failure, accident & impairment: engine / verb

gas (substance)

gas machine

he's known as a ~ (a politician)

substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

gas (pour gas on something, etc.)

pouring gasoline on the flames

he didn't start the fire, but he is guilty of ~ (anti-vaxxer)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

gasket (blow a gasket, etc.)

blew a gasket

I asked a guy at the post office to wear a mask and he ~

feeling, emotion & effect: engine / mechanism

gaslight (verb)

gaslighted its own employees

the company has ~ (union organizers lose vote)

gaslighted her

her husband ~ for years

gaslight society

Weinstein is trying to ~ again (sex predation)

gaslight you

when confronted, his standard reflex is to try and ~

gaslight us into thinking

she did ~ she was a woman of color (Jessica Krug)

medically gaslight

you can no longer body shame or ~ us (Olympic swimmer)

♦ *Gas Light* was a 1938 English play by Patrick Hamilton. It is about an abusive and criminal husband who tries to convince his wife that she is crazy. The word has come to mean a certain sort of psychological

manipulation. It can appear in a series like, “gaslighting, lying, and manipulation.”

♦ “Every step I’ve taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture, I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself.” (A female academic who claimed “identities of color,” including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua...*)

♦ “He was sharing a hotel room [in Fort Worth] with his father-in-law Yellow Bear. Before retiring, Yellow Bear ‘blew out’ the gaslight before going to bed, a mistake that Indians often made. Before the night was over, he was dead of asphyxiation, and Quanah, who remained unconscious for two days, barely survived.” (Circa 1900. From *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches* by S.C. Gwynne.)

speech: allusion / film / verb

subterfuge: allusion / film / verb

gaslighting (noun)

gaslighting, lying, and manipulation

she described his ~ in the workplace as cruel

abuse and gaslighting

I didn’t understand his psychological ~

speech: allusion / film

subterfuge: allusion / film

gaslit (and gaslighted)

gaslit by the medical community

we are being ~ every day (Long Covid)

gaslit by her husband and fertility doctor

she suspects that she is being ~ (*False Positive* film)

speech: allusion / film

subterfuge: allusion / film

gasp (very “gasp,” etc.)

very ‘Gasp!

the coverage has been ~ Censorship’

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / exclamation

gasp (last gasp)

last gasp

that fuss he made at the Capitol was a ~

last gasp of an era

the ~ when tech didn’t rule our lives (a film)

decline / destruction: death & life

resistance, opposition & defeat / starting, going, continuing & ending: bodily reaction / breathing

gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)

known as the Gates of Hell

the Darvaza gas crater, ~ (Turkmenistan / Karakum)

access & lack of access / portal: epithet

gate (Iron Gate, etc.)

Bab al-Mandab

the ~, the “Gate of Tears” (Red Sea)

Gates of Samburu

the ~ is a pass in the Rift Valley of Kenya

Hells Gate

the Fraser River narrows at ~ (in British Columbia)

Hell’s Gate

~, the second big rapid (Lower Meadow River)
the Nahanni bends through a constriction called the ~

Hell’s Gates

the sandbar at the mouth of ~ was silting up

Cilician Gates

from Tarsus the route fed through the narrow ~

Dzungarian Gate

the ~ is a pass between Xinjiang and Kazakhstan
the route dipped through the ~ (Altai and Tien Shan)

Moravian Gate

the ~ linked southern Europe and the Baltic Sea (a pass)

Golden Gate

the ~ Bridge crosses the harbor

Iron Gate

the ~ is a gorge on the Danube River

♦ The Golden Gate is the *strait* that connects San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean. Hence the name of the famous and iconic bridge.

proper name / geography: gate

gate (obstacle)

gates

the ~ are closed, there is no way out of here (Gulf War)

gate to this little police-state

Sydney Harbor was the ~ and it had to be kept locked

♦ If you open a gate, always remember to close that gate. (Rural wisdom.)

obstacles & impedance: gate

gate (society)

gate into Europe

Melilla became a ~, just like the Balkans

outside the gates

Turkey is still ~ (admittance to European Union)

society / access & lack of access: gate

obstacles & impedance / division & connection: gate

gate (portal)

gates of death

the ~ are without number (versus the gate of birth)

♦ “There is but one way to enter life, but the gates of death are without number.”

portal: gate

gate (out of the gate)

out-of-the-gate smash

the song was an ~

first out of the gate
 CNN was ~ with its story about...

right out of the gate
 he encountered problems ~

slow out of the gate
 he was ~, taking a month to get a campaign ad on TV

straight out of the gate
 he attacked Mr Trudeau ~ (election debate)

charged out of the gate
 they ~ with their hit song... (musicians perform)

stumbled out of the gate
 her campaign ~ (a politician)

♦ "Senator Klobuchar is out of the gate at 1pm." (Senate hearings.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: gate / horse / sports & games

gatecrasher (person)

gatecrasher
 the ~ was arrested (party)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gate person: gate

gatekeeper (person)

gatekeeper
 editors say they are ~s, not detectives (academic fraud)

gatekeepers of the Tony Awards
 just 30 theater professionals are the ~ (nominators)

gatekeepers of (TV) comedy
 the ~ make up a small clique (bookers like Eddie Brill)

gatekeeper of (public) conversation
 Twitter has become this ~ (India, Turkey, etc.)

gatekeepers of (literary) culture
 book publishers have long seen themselves as the ~

gatekeepers of the (global) Internet
 the ~ should treat all users equally (congestion)

gatekeeper to (the nation's) colleges
 the SAT as a major ~ and universities... (scoring errors)

gatekeeper for information
 we do not want to act as a ~ (Swisscom official)

gatekeeper role
 they can play a ~ (building landlords vs. cable providers)

grammatical gatekeepers
 copy editors are the ~ of the media world (Wikipedia)

objective gatekeepers
 clinical researchers should function as ~, but...

political gatekeeper
 Facebook refuses to be a ~ (untrue stories)

cultural and political gatekeepers

the digerati effort to dethrone ~ (Web)

monopoly gatekeeper
 Google is the ~ to the Internet

assistant and gatekeeper
 she serves as his ~ (his wife)

hit makers, gatekeepers and fact checkers
 career prospects for ~ may be in doubt (Internet)

bypass the gatekeepers
 the internet allowed people to ~ who controlled music

dethrone (cultural) gatekeepers
 the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

dethrone (political) gatekeepers
 the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

challenges gatekeepers
 anything that ~ is a good thing (e-publishing)

seen themselves as the gatekeepers
 book publishers have long ~ of literary culture

serves as a gatekeeper
 he ~ for those who want to meet her (a diplomat)

access & lack of access / control & lack of control / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: doors & thresholds / gate / person / society

person: doors & thresholds / gate / society

gateway (gateway to India, etc.)

gateway to Europe
 the Iberian Peninsula was an ideal ~ (drugs / Portugal)

gateway to India
 the main ~ has always been the northwest mountain passes

gateway to Japan
 Kyushu was the ~ (closest island to Asian continent)

gateway to the Sahara
 in Tamanrasset, ~ (Algeria / Tuaregs)

gateway to the (legendary) Spice Islands
 the Sunda Strait, the ~ (the Moluccas)

gateway to the July 1st glacier and to the Gobi Desert
 Jiuquan is a ~ (Gansu Province, China)

gateway to the heartland
 the Mohawk Trail was the ~ of North America

gateway to the (Everest) region
 the town of Lukla, the ~

gateway between Pakistan and Afghanistan
 the Khyber Pass, the ancient ~

gateway of the Danube delta
 Tulcea, the ~ (Romania)

gateway for drugs
 in 1977, Florida was the ~ into the United States

gateway for drug smugglers
Baluchistan has been a major ~ from...

gateway for drug traffickers
southeastern Iran is a major ~ from...

mountain gateway
finally the ~ opened, and the plain lay spread out below

ancient gateway
the Khyber Pass, the ~

major gateway
SE Iran is a ~ for drug traffickers from...

southern gateway
Maun serves as the ~ to the delta (Okavango / Botswana)

access & lack of access / route: gate

gateway (portal)

gateways to prehistory
trash heaps might be ~ (archaeology)

gateway into dream life
a direct ~

gateway drug
some believe marijuana is a ~

"gateway theory"
the ~ that pot can lead to harder drugs

guard the gateway
teacher certification programs ~ to public-school teaching

portal: gate

gauge (noun)

gauge of malnutrition
the percent of kids under 5 who are underweight is a ~

critical gauge
it is a ~ of malnutrition (underweight kids under 5)

good gauge
a ~ of a business's health is the backlog of orders

measurement: tools & technology

gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.)

gauntlet of (very misogynistic) questioning
they had to undergo this ~ (Britney, Lindsay, etc.)

laid down the gauntlet to Republicans
Obama has ~ by asking Congress to...

run a gauntlet of home supporters
Brighton players had to ~ (at Crystal Palace)

thrown the gauntlet down to City
Jurgen Klopp's side have ~ (soccer)

♦ A gauntlet was a glove worn with Medieval armor to protect the hand.

conflict: Middle Ages / verb

gaze (male gaze, etc. / groups)

supervisory gaze
the ~ interrupts... (Anna Shechtman, "Black-And-White")

white gaze
representation does not take into account constantly the ~
based off of the male gaze
our understanding of our own sexuality is completely ~
see themselves through this male gaze
women are starting to ~ (TV and Hollywood rape)

look at violence against women through a female gaze
we should ~ (TV and Hollywood)

♦ "Marilyn was objectified, scrutinized and judged—mostly by male writers, biographers and historians..." ('Reframed' revisits Marilyn Monroe's life and legacy, from an all-women point of view" by David Bianculli, Jan 14, 2022.)

♦ "It is really important to remember that we have very limited representation and presence isn't the same thing as representation representation centered around the Black American person the Black American community and it does not take into account constantly the white gaze." (Bethany C. Morrow, author of *So Many Beginnings: A Little Women Remix*, speaking with Lulu Garcia-Navarro on NPR.)

judgment / perception, perspective & point of view: eye

gear (high gear, low gear, etc.)

other gears
if he needs it, he's got ~ to move up to (a tennis player)

in full gear
the community will move to get the relief effort ~

get the (relief) effort in full gear
the community will move to ~

shifted into high gear
conservative talk-show hosts ~

stuck in low gear
Farias outworked her as Ryan seemed ~ (boxing)

♦ "China has only one gear, and it's forward." (Change, development, progress, etc.)

functioning: engine / mechanism

gear (kick into gear, etc.)

kick into gear
that's when you see him ~ (boxer gets ready for bout)
the investigation was about to ~ (of a serial rapist)

kicked into gear
the worm only ~ when... (cyberwarfare)

moved into (high) gear
American-led efforts to save the talks ~ (Mideast)

shifted into high gear
conservative talk-show hosts ~

activity / initiation: engine / mechanism
starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / mechanism

gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.)

throw sand in the gears

this bill will ~ of commerce
they can ~ (Iraqi spies)

throwing sand in the gears

Trump appointees are ~ (hobble, dismantle, cripple)

disruption: engine / mechanism / verb

gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.)

shifting gears

he isn't pulling up stakes, just ~ (Conan O'Brien)

shifted gears to a different investigative strategy

we have ~ (Delphi Indiana murders)

switch gears

how hard it is to ~ for many adjuncts
I'm going to ~ here... (change the subject)

reversal: engine / mechanism / verb

gear up (verb)

gears up for 2012

as the White House ~ (election)

gearing up for a battle

Republicans are ~ (politics)

gearing up for the future

we're ~ (companies exploiting the Arctic)

increase & decrease: engine / mechanism / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: engine / mechanism / verb

gem (noun)

gem of a book

he has written a ~

gem in the Middle East

Oman is a ~

gems inside British boxing

we've got some ~ (Costello & Bunce)

whitewater gem

this spectacular ~ (Tallulah Gorge / kayaking)

hidden gem

the road reveals many ~s (N7 in France)

superlative: materials & substances / mining

worth & lack of worth: materials & substances / mining

gene (in one's genes)

in his genes

laziness is not ~

it was ~, in his blood (Calvin Klein sketches as a kid)

identity & nature: biology

gene (other)

"acting gene"

his father told the BBC that his son had inherited the ~

identity & nature: biology

generation (products, etc.)

fourth generation

the Max was to be the ~ of the 737 family (Boeing)

taxonomy & classification: family

Geneva Convention

cyber Geneva Convention

we need to develop a kind of ~ if you will... (hacking)

digital Geneva Convention

some are calling for a ~ (cyberwarfare)

♦ "We need to develop a kind of cyber Geneva Convention if you will that establishes norms and standards worldwide and if a country or a group violates those norms, then you have worldwide sanctions, worldwide response." (Senator Angus King of Maine.)

allusion: military

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / history / military / justice

genie (initiation)

genie

the ~ is out of the bottle (cloning)

can the ~ every be put back in the bottle (flat-earth belief)
once that ~ is out of the bottle, it's hard to put it back

genie (of racial hatred) has been unleashed

the ~ (Ivory Coast)

micro-entertainment genie

you can never put the ~ back in the bottle (TikTok)

put the genie back in the bottle

you can't ~

I don't see how they can ~ (kid's programming and ads)

put the anti-vaccine genie back in the bottle

there is not easy way to ~ (COVID / 2021)

stuff the genie back into the bottle

it's too late to ~

affliction / concealment & lack of concealment / initiation / pursuit, capture & escape: container / creature

genie (knowledge)

lighting-design genie

again he has shown himself to be a ~

person: creature / magic

ability & lack of ability / knowledge & intelligence: creature / magic / person

general (General Winter, etc.)

"General Winter"

he found himself up against ~ (Napoleon)

military: epithet

general (Bobby Knight, "The General," etc.)

"The General"

Coach Bobby Knight, or ~ as he is fondly remembered...

control & lack of control: epithet

epithet: military

genocide (noun)

genocide

what they suffered was ~ (Yazidis)

genocide of our people

residential schools were the ~ (First Nations People)

"cultural genocide"

monks were immolating themselves, a ~

question of genocide

a final ruling on the ~ could take years (ICJ / UN)

amounts to genocide

violence against indigenous women and girls ~

calls Armenian mass killings genocide

President Biden ~

constitutes a genocide

the mass internment, forced labor, sterilization ~

♦ "She Fled Rwanda To Survive—But Does Not Like The words 'Refugee' Or 'Genocide,'" NPR, Goats and Soda, April 19, 2019.)

♦ Many older people are uncomfortable hearing this word in any other context than the Jewish Holocaust of World War II.

destruction / oppression: history / violence

germinate (verb)

gestated and (finally) germinated

it was something that ~ into this thread I explored in my novel

creation & transformation: birth / plant / verb

growth & development: birth / plant / verb

Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)

Gestapo of Patterson

the police were the ~ (BBC's *The Hurricane Tapes*)

oppression: allusion / epithet / history / violence

gestate (verb)

gestated and (finally) germinated

it was something that ~ into this thread I explored in my novel

creation & transformation: birth / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: birth / verb

growth & development: birth / verb

gestation (film, etc.)

seven-year gestation

the film had a ~

creation & transformation / growth & development / timeliness & lack of timeliness: birth

gesture (groups)

'Gesture' politics

she labeled our anti-racism message as ~ (taking a knee)

♦ "The politics are mostly gestural; leftism as fashionable posturing; sanctimony literature; self-promotion and the airing of performatively righteous opinion..." (Criticism of a writer.)

♦ "I don't believe in gestures, I believe in substance, I believe in doing things that make a practical difference." (Prime Minister Boris Johnson, asked if he would "take the knee.")

♦ see also performative (speech / groups)

inclusion & exclusion: society

get (a big get, etc.)

big get

a ~ for an aspiring songwriter (a record contract)

biggest interview "get"

this might be the ~ of the year for TV news

excellent get

he could be an ~ if Houston makes him available via trade

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: part of speech

get (understand)

gets how

he really ~ Twitter works (Elon Musk)

get it

I ~

I don't ~

I didn't ~

gets it

this guy ~ (understands)

here's a guy who ~ (cleric who fights sex abuse)

get the skepticism

I totally ~

totally get

they felt betrayed, which I ~

comprehension & incomprehension: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

get (get somewhere)

get there

how did Apple ~ (a trillion dollars)

we're never going to ~ if... (politics)

get here

how did we ~ (explain how we arrived at such a situation)

what has been going on, how did we ~

how did we ~ (Qatar: Saudi embargo 'to be lifted')

analysis, interpretation & explanation / attainment / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / development: journeys & trips / verb

get (not get anywhere, get nowhere)

get anywhere

without defeating corruption, we won't ~ (government) through force, we won't ~

getting anywhere

we're not ~, three years is too long (Delphi IN murders)

gotten nowhere

they have tried asking for records but have ~ (politics)

gotten nowhere or grown worse

some countries have ~ (hunger levels)

development / progress & lack of progress: movement

get across (verb)

get across

key elements that the politician wants to ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

fictive transportation: verb

get along (verb)

get along

to ~, you've got to go along (it's the way of the world) you want to ~ to go along in D.C. (lobbyists / regulators)

social interaction: direction / movement / verb

getaway (noun)

weekend getaway

dream vacations and ~s

a romantic ~ as a Valentine's Day present

romantic getaway

last summer, for a ~, we...;

romantic (weekend) getaway

a ~ as a Valentine's Day present

vacation getaway

this ~ won't cost you an arm and leg

pursuit, capture & escape: place

get away (get away with something)

get away with stuff

he could ~ (Bill Cosby)

would have gotten away with it

if he had done it elsewhere, he ~ (a murder)

♦ "How long do you honestly believe that people in power like you will get away with it? How long do you think you can continue to ignore the climate crisis...without being held accountable? You get away with it now, but sooner or later people are going to realize what you have been doing all this time. That's inevitable." (Greta Thunberg.)

guilt / responsibility: justice

pursuit, capture & escape: justice

get away (escape)

got away

that 2008 season is the one that ~ (team lost) the books that ~ (under the radar, underappreciated, etc.) total failure, the mountain that ~ (expedition failed)

♦ "Fishing lore is full of tales about 'the one that got away,' and fishermen have been known to exaggerate the size of their catch." (Tove Danovich.)

failure, accident & impairment: fish / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

get by (verb)

get by

people are just trying to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get in / get into (involvement)

got into movies

little by little, I ~ (an actor)

get into the specifics

I'm not going to ~ on the investigation

get into that

a lot of no comments, a lot of we're not going to ~ the police chief said he did not want to ~ (an argument)

got into trouble

he ~ at university

involvement: container / direction / verb

get on with (get on with something)

get on with it

okay, let's ~ (sports during pandemic)

got on with it

the Queen has always just ~ (death of husband)

reconciliation, resolution, & conclusion / resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get out (and get out of)

get out

I wanted to ~ but I didn't know how (gang)

get out of your comfort zone

~, we have to challenge ourselves (Simon Reeve)

get you out

you do bad things, and I got to ~ (*Of Mice and Men*)

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: container

get out (get out from under)

get out from under her (crushing debt) burden
she couldn't ~

get out from under the cloud

he couldn't ~ of suspicion

got out from under the father's (controlling) eye
when she ~...

get out from under its debt
the city is trying to ~ (Detroit)

get out from under (US) sanctions
Iran wants to ~

oppression: burden / verb / weight

amelioration & renewal: burden / verb / weight

get over (overcome)

get over the sense of failure
I know I will ~

mentally get over
once you can ~ I'm going to be cold... (skiing)

resiliency / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion /
survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get through (endure, etc.)

get through (almost) anything
with the right outlook, you can ~ (life)

get through the episode
I somehow managed to ~

got through the interview
I somehow ~ (for a job)

get through it
I think she'll ~, she's a very strong personality (athlete)

get through that (transition) period
help the economy ~ (Russia)

get through the (degree) program
working while they try to ~

get through this
the Lord will give us the strength to ~

get through this somehow
we'll ~

get you through rough times
develop better coping skills to ~

time to get through (all) this
it takes ~, just be patient...

strength to get through this
the Lord will give us the ~

way to get through it
if you want to find a ~ all, maybe...

♦ "How do I get through one night without you..." (LeAnn Rimes.)

♦ see also *been through (endure), go through (endure, etc.)*

obstacles & impedance / reconciliation, resolution &
conclusion / resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance:
journeys & trips / verb

ghost (verb)

ghosting you

he's ~ (her boyfriend disappears without contact)

ghosts boyfriends

she ~ because she doesn't want to offend

ghosted me

she ~ and I was left in the dark (as to why)

ghosted him

American had ~ (victim of #MeToo movement)

♦ In terms of dating, this refers to a boyfriend or girlfriend cutting off a relationship with no explanation, not face to face or even on social media. Further contact might only be related to "orbiting" on social media.

appearance & disappearance: creature / verb

ghost (memory)

ghost

the ~s were brought to life (bones of slave laborers)
they want to keep his ~ alive (Osama bin Laden)

"ghosts" of Ms Clinton's campaign

the article questioned whether the ~ would haunt Ms Warren

ghosts of Vietnam

an attempt to bury the ~ (embedded reporters / Iraq)

ghosts of history

a debate about how to confront the ~ (Germany / 70s)

confront the ghosts

a debate about how to ~ of history (Germany, 70s)

exorcised that ghost

European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

♦ "She walked out that side door at about 0100 hours, got into one of the Humvees, and drove off to confront the ghosts of the past." / "And the ghosts won." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille.)

affliction: creature

ghost (bury the ghost)

bury the ghosts

an attempt to ~ of Vietnam

exorcised that ghost

European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

summon her ghost and exorcise her

the desire to ~ forever (a writer)

amelioration & renewal / reconciliation, resolution &
conclusion: burial / creature / verb

ghost (unregistered, etc.)

ghost children

North Korean ~ in China can't go to school (illegal)

ghost detainees

the CIA held ~ at various sites (unregistered)

"ghost gun"

an unregistered, untraceable ~ (assembled from parts)

ghost guns

~ can be built with pieces bought online
one-third of all firearms seized are ~ (California)
so-called “~” with no registration number
so-called “~” can be made at home

“ghost” ship

~s have been previously hijacked (piracy)
~s are a real threat to the security (world's waterways)
the two pirate vessels returned to a large ~ (Somalia)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: creature

society: creature

ghost (abandoned, etc.)

ghost gear

marine life is killed by “~” (lost and abandoned nets)

ghost homes

akiya, or ~, dot the landscape (vacant homes in Japan)

ghost nets

when these nets get lost at sea, they become ~ (trawlers)

ghost planes

airliners are flying empty ~ to keep their flight slots

“ghost” cargo ship

a ~ has washed up off the coast of Ireland (abandoned)

ghost villages

~ proliferated up in the hills (North Greece, abandoned)
families have moved away, leaving “~” (Setomaa area)

appearance & disappearance: creature

ghost (ghost signs, etc.)

ghost face

the child noticed a ~ on the floor (Bélmmez Faces)

“ghost signs”

the city does not preserve ~ (on old brick walls)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: creature

ghost (fantasy and delusion)

ghost airplanes

stray missiles, ~ (Egyptian scenarios for Flight 990)

“ghost soldiers”

corrupt officials invented ~ to pocket their wages
generals and officials pocketed the wages of ~

fantasy & reality: creature

ghosted

ghosted by the actor for a potential role
she claims she was ~ in the film (a lawsuit)

appearance & disappearance: creature

ghost town

ghost town

two years later, the city is a ~ (after earthquake)
one year on, L'Aquila is still a ~ (after earthquake)

virtual ghost town

the bombardments have left Aleppo a ~

turn into ghost towns

communities will ~

activity / presence & absence: creature

ghostwriter (noun)

ghostwriter

he has worked as an unofficial ~

concealment & lack of concealment: creature

subterfuge: creature

giant (Giants Causeway, etc.)

Giants Causeway

the ~ is a cape in Northern Ireland

Giant's Chair

the ~ (Gygreystolen), is a mountain in Svalbard

♦ **The Giants Causeway is a Unesco World Heritage site.**

proper name: creature / size

giant (sleeping giant)

sleeping giant

the Latino vote has always been seen as a ~ (politics)

this is a ~ (projected water shortage in US)

they have awakened a ~ (sports team)

sleeping giant of the (Texas) Hispanic vote

the so-called ~ is about to wake up

consciousness & awareness: creature / size / sleep

power: creature / size / sleep

giant (gentle giant)

gentle giant

he was a ~, much loved (rugby player dies)

Lewis was a “~” with a “million dollar” smile (a cop)

character & personality: creature / size

giant (size)

giant

some venerable ~s grew as high as 120 feet (trees)

“giant of Africa”

instability in the ~ is cause for concern (Nigeria)

Giants of Asia

these two ~ (China and India)

giant in the field

the late Amos Tversky, a ~ of coincidence theory

beverage giant

the Atlanta-based ~ (Coca-Cola)

game giant

the established ~s Sony and Nintendo

Wall Street giant
~ Lehman Brothers

telecom giant
the ~ WorldCom

comic-book giant
a ~ (character from a comic)

San Francisco Giants
the ~ beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-2 (MLB)

Duiwelskloof Giant
the ~ has a pub inside it (a South African baobab tree)

Sagole giant
the ~ sprawls over a half-an-acre (a baobab)

fast-food giant
aggressive trademark protection by the ~ (McDonald's)

long-distance giant
~ AT&T

mobile-phone giant
~ Vodafone

natural gas giant
Gazprom, the ~ (Russia)

software giant
the ~ Microsoft

online auction giant
the ~, eBay

banking giant
the ~ Wachovia

retailing giant
such ~s as Old Navy, Staples, Barnes & Noble

complacent giant
aggressive upstarts catch ~ unawares (Japan)

4 giants
~ fell in the first round (World Cup soccer)

20,000-foot giant
Pumori and McKinley, among other ~s

catch (complacent) giant unawares
aggressive upstarts ~ (Japan vs. Detroit)

grow into a giant
a hailstone can ~ (size of a grapefruit)

size: creature

giant (achievement)

giant of his field
he was considered the ~ (literary critic)

giant of foreign policy
he was a true ~

giant in the law

she was a ~, a champion of justice and equality (RBG)

giant figure
he was a ~ in American theater (August Wilson)

romantic giants
in an age of ~ he was a titan (Johann von Goethe)

shoulder of giants
I've always felt I'm standing on the ~ here (windsurfer)

achievement, recognition & praise: creature / size

importance & significance: creature / size

gift (gift for languages, etc.)

gift
they either have that ~ or they don't (acting)

gift for knowing
he has a ~ what people want (games developer)

gift for friendship
Wharton had a great ~

gift for languages
having an unusual ~ (explorer Sven Hedin)

gift for metaphor
a poet's ~

gift for theater
his ~ and his populist policies (a politician)

poet's gift
a ~ for metaphor

athletic gifts
the ~, but behind them was an angry teenager

rare gift
he had a really ~ (the actor Michael K. Williams)

honing her (observational) gifts
she has been ~ for 50 years (the artist Catherine Murphy)

ability & lack of ability: gift

gift (benefit)

gift
thank you GOD for blessing us with this ~
are you raising your children bilingual, what a ~ that is
it's my ~, and my curse (an athlete about his personality)

gift to the (Iraqi) people
the suicide bombing was a ~

gift to Trump and the far right
“cancel culture” is a ~ (a leftist / politics)

Gift of Life
the ~ brings children to the US for surgery

gift of life
organ donors make the ~ possible

gift of literacy
give the ~ and change a life forever (literacy)

gift of science
we embrace the ~, which is a gift from God (Jews)

gift from God
she is a ~ (woman who helps the poor)
the gift of science, which is a ~ (Jews / reproduction)

gift from the 20th century to the 21st
a ~ (eradication of polio)

gift and a curse
having a good platoon, it's both a ~ (combat medic)

God's gift
camels, known by some as *Ata Allah*, or ~

Australia's gift
~ to the world (fresh, fun and enthusiastic girls)

precious gift
she was a ~ (mother talking about murdered daughter)

what a gift
are you raising your children bilingual, ~ that is

accept our lot as a gift
but should we ~ (vs. genetic and self-engineering)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: gift

gift (as verb)

gifted Cameroon a goal
her sloppy pass back almost ~ (World Cup soccer)

gifted me with their support
I'd like to thank everybody who has ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gift / part of speech / verb

gifted

gifted children
the parents of ~
a program that serves ~

gifted (young) violinist
a ~

gifted, high-functioning
~ individuals

most gifted
only the ~ math wizards understand it (Poincare)

naturally gifted
naturally gifted athletes

technically gifted
he is a ~ boxer

wonderfully gifted
he is a ~ footballer (Ronaldo)

ability & lack of ability: gift

gilded (Gilded Age)

Gilded Age of rock journalism
the sixties were the ~ (excess)

new Gilded Age

Wu has criticized the concentration of power as a ~

♦ Salisbury: Therefore, to be possess'd with double pomp, / To guard a title that was rich before, / To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, / To throw a perfume on the violet, / To smooth the ice, or add another hue / Unto the rainbow, or with taper-light / To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish, / Is wasteful and ridiculous excess. (Shakespeare's *The Life and Death of King John*, Act, Scene 2.)

♦ The title of Twain and Warner's book, *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today*, which gave the US historical period its name, refers to the age's excess, but also focuses on the problems most people faced in a time after the Civil War that was *supposed* to be a Golden Age.

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

growth & development / money: history

time: history

gilded (other)

gilded with heroic gesture
tragedy had to be ~ (L.E. G. Oates in Antarctica)

Gilded Age
the ~ was characterized by great income inequality

gilded cage

the 4 Russian princesses lived in a ~ (isolated in a palace)

♦ "They were spackling a turd with gold paint." (An upset Greg Gutfeld on Fox News, speaking about the Democrat impeachment engrossment ceremony.)

♦ The verb *gild* can mean to make something appear bright and attractive, and it can also mean to make something seem more valuable or attractive than it really is.

appearance & reality / substance & lack of substance:
materials & substances

subterfuge: materials & substances

girdled

girdled with reefs
harborless, cliff-bound and ~ (Norfolk Island)

configuration: clothing & accessories / shape

girl (golden girl)

golden girl of Silicon Valley
she was the ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

golden girl of the music industry
Whitney Houston was the ~

Country Music's new 'Golden' Girl
Kacey Musgraves, ~ (breakout success)

person: society

achievement, recognition & praise: person
attraction & repulsion / character & personality: person

girl (big girl, etc.)

big-girl major
I need to have a ~, I'll become a scientist...

put your big-girl pants on
you need to ~ and deal with it

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

growth & development: death & life

character & personality: person

give (give a wink, etc.)

gave me a wave
he ~

gave the middle finger salute to the Celtic fans
Kyrie hit the shot and ~ (NBA)

transmission: gesture / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gesture / verb

give (give a start, etc.)

gives people hope
she ~ (Lizzo)

gave me a start
it ~

gave me the creeps
she ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

transmission: verb

feeling, emotion & effect: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

give (give an impression, etc.)

gave a good account
he ~ (contest)

gave a good impression
he ~

transmission: verb

give-and-take

give and take
such ~ is uncommon
there has been a lot of ~ (coach / player)

give and take of ideas
the ~ in class discussion (vs. Internet)

give-and-take relationship
our ~s

marital give-and-take
in this parable of ~, the last word is hers to give

position, policy & negotiation: direction / giving, receiving, bringing & returning

social interaction: direction / giving, receiving, bringing & returning

give in (verb)

give in
I will never ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

give up (stop trying)

gave up
she ~ (started drinking, etc.)

give up without a fight
Amazon is unlikely to ~ (v. Reliance in India)

give up or waver
are we going to ~ when things get tough (a protest)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

glacial (adjective)

glacial pace
benefits and appeals are decided at a ~ (Veterans Affairs)

pace (of medical research) is glacial
the ~

♦ In the 2015 July / August issue of *Sierra*, in his article "Hope is Not a Strategy," the executive director of the Sierra Club Michael Brune wrote: "You could say that progress on an international climate change agreement has been glacial, except that glaciers have been melting faster." In a warming future, the movement of glaciers may no longer be glacial. Some glaciers have been referred to as galloping or surging and can travel 250 feet per day.

♦ The Swiss have taken to covering sections of the Rhone Glacier with tarps in the summer to slow melting.

speed: glacier

comparison & contrast: affix

gladiator (noun)

gladiators
football players are ~, baseball players are gentlemen

gladiator personalities
sports superstars generally have ~

person: military

character & personality: history / military / person

glare (attention)

glare of publicity
he now wishes to be away from the ~ (scandal)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark

glass jaw

glass jaw
they are trying to protect his ~ (a politician)

strength & weakness: boxing

glean (verb)

glean clues from mammoth hair
scientists ~

glean information from him
authorities hoped to ~ (spy)

♦ The Wikipedia entry for gleaning is very interesting, and it shows a very affecting photo, "Impoverished Germans gleaning in 1956."

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture / verb

gleaned

gleaned from the records

there's a lot to be ~ (church sex abuse)

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture

glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.)

glimmer of hope

there might be a small ~ for the family (missing son)

glimmers of hope

five ~ to beat the coronavirus blues (BBC)

glimmer of progress

it looked like there was a ~ but that did not last long

evidence: atmosphere / light & dark

amount: atmosphere / light & dark

glittering (adjective)

glittering career

he celebrated another landmark in his ~
he has won everything in a ~ (Nadal)

superlative: light & dark

gloom (noun)

tension and gloom

people resumed their lives in an atmosphere of ~

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

oppression: light & dark

gloomy (adjective)

gloomy assessment

in this ~ of American nursing... (a book)

gloomy picture

he presented quite a ~ of the region

gloomy crossroads

he'd reached a ~ in his life

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

oppression: light & dark

gloss (appearance)

gloss of contemporary self-consciousness

it's a Victorian novel with a ~

gentlemanly gloss

many male Nashville stars have taken a more ~

◆ This kind of gloss may be deceptively attractive or superficial.

appearance / appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: light & dark / materials & substances

gloss (add gloss, etc.)

added the gloss

Kiltie, Kabamba and Johnson ~ (each scored a goal)

added gloss to a (hard-fought) success

an extra-time goal ~ (soccer)

added gloss to the win

their goals ~ (rugby)

added the gloss with a fine, chipped finish

Long ~ (soccer)

superlative: light & dark

gloss over (verb)

gloss over how difficult

he doesn't want to ~ it was (leaving a hate group)

gloss over any (difficult) issues

Mom wants to ~

gloss over the killings

school history books ~ (Indonesia in 1965)

gloss over addiction and overdose

she refused to ~ in her daughter's obituary

concealment & lack of concealment / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / subterfuge: light & dark / verb

glove (the gloves are off)

gloves are off

the ~ (jungle justice / no Nigerian election meddling)

gloves are (well and truly) off

the ~ (tough G-20 negotiations)

the gloves are (coming) off

~ and the new US policy...

restraint & lack of restraint: boxing

behavior / conflict: boxing

glowing (adjective)

glowing recommendation

he earned an internship because of a ~

glowing reputation

Vada has earned a ~ in the sport (anti-doping)

glowing things

he did not say ~ about her (an out-of-favor ambassador)

superlative: light & dark

glue (noun)

glue

she is the ~ binding the family together (daughter)

their affection is the ~ that holds them together

he is the ~ that holds the company together (an executive)

oil could be the ~ that keeps the two sides civil (Sudan)

fear is the ~ that holds together their regime (repression)

almond butter is the ~ that holds the ingredients together

he is the ~ that holds it together (a soccer player)

glue of civilization

queues are the ~ (society, egalitarianism, fairness, etc.)

glue of politics

fear was now the ~ (repressive regimes)

binding glue

nationalism was the ~ that replaced religion and dynasty

ideological glue

the Brotherhood has a common ~ other parties lack

social glue

her coach called her the ~ that held the players together
religion provides ~ to bond groups

attachment: materials & substances

glued

glued to his ear

he had a cellphone ~ (art-auction bidder)

glued to the floor

she sat silently, her eyes ~

glued to their phones

parents, some sobbing, others ~... (school shooting)

glued to their radios

soap operas keep millions of Ethiopians ~

glued to the road

all-wheel drive keeps you ~ (cars)

glue to their screens

young people are ~ all day (computers)

glued to the television

during the World Cup she was ~

glued to the TV

on Sundays, my husband is ~ (sports)

attachment: materials & substances

glut (noun)

supply glut

a ~ of lobsters

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

glutton (person)

glutton for punishment

I should have quit my job years ago, but I guess I'm a ~

glutton for food, sex and praise

he is a ~

video glutton

I am a ~ (stop me before I rent again)

person: food & drink

consumption / enthusiasm: food & drink / person

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / person

gluttonous (adjective)

gluttonous appetite

he responded with a ~ for work (given responsibility)

consumption: food & drink / person

enthusiasm: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / person

gnaw (verb)

gnawed at him

it ~ (what to do about a problem)

a secret worry ~ (a researcher and his results)

the letter ~ (a journalist gets a tip)

his desperation to be vindicated ~ (Churchill)

gnawing away at him

it was guilt ~

affliction: animal / sensation / teeth / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / sensation / teeth / verb

gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.)

gnawing anxiety

the ~ that he could win again (a politician)

gnawing doubt

I had a ~ about my choice of a profession

gnawing hunger

they had a ~ for a better life (Ellis Island immigrants)

gnawing fear and uncertainty

a ~ (living in era of terrorism)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / sensation / teeth

affliction: animal / sensation / teeth

go (go wrong, etc.)

go bad

when things ~, they go really bad

going badly

the project is ~

go wrong

where did I ~

so much must go right, so much can ~ (making movies)

went wrong

what ~

they blame Democrats for everything that ~

went (so) wrong

a routine call that ~ so quickly (two cops murdered)

gone from bad to worse

things have ~ (surprising news)

♦ Managers are only responsible when things go well, not when things go wrong.

failure, accident & impairment: movement

development: movement

go (go right, etc.)

go a little better

things began to ~ after that

go right
so much must ~, so much can go wrong (making movies)

going great
things are ~ (a relationship)

going well
when things are ~ at home

gone smoothly
but the hangings have not always ~... (Iraq)

went smoothly
elections ~ and without violence (Ghana)

went well
his adventure with Honnold that week ~ (climbers)

failure, accident & impairment: movement
development: movement

go (not go anywhere, go nowhere)

go anywhere
that's not going to ~ (a political strategy)

going nowhere
the project is ~ (a pipeline)

development / progress & lack of progress: movement

go (not go anywhere, etc.)

not going anywhere
I'm a believer in print, print is ~ (*The New York Times*)

♦ "Covid is, without a doubt, here to stay. (It will go from a pandemic to being endemic.)"

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

go (we're not going anywhere, etc.)

not going anywhere
artists are saying, "we're ~"

♦ "We're not going anywhere; we're here to stay; we're in your face; we're present and not absent; you will not erase us... (Different groups.)"

♦ "We're here. We're queer. Get used to it."

inclusion & exclusion: society

go (develop)

go either way
at this point it could ~ (a criminal trial)

going to go
we know how the vote is ~

how this pandemic goes
the next months are pivotal in terms of ~

how it goes
they want the same thing, but ~ is not the same (plot)

where the puck is going
if you can see ~, as we use in the hockey metaphor

development: direction / movement / verb

go (where are we going, etc.)

where things are going
it's hard to know ~ (in the future)

where things go from here
~ is quite honestly up in the air

where are we going
what's next for the Brexit process, ~

where do we go now
~ (Guns N' Roses)

where do we go from here
~ (troubled relationship)

where does the program go from here
~ (sports)

where does he go from here
but ~ (boxer after unexpected loss)

where we are and where we're going
the general will address ~ (Afghan evacuation / bombing)

♦ Where are we now, where are things going?

development / future / time: journeys & trips / movement

go (go places, etc.)

go places
they are going to ~ (the Azzurri soccer team)

going places

"Women who are ~ start at Hollins" (Virginia university)
under twenty and ~ (brother and sister classical musicians)
I need to keep track of this guy, he's ~ (soldier KIA)

♦ "Going Places" is our new weekly travel segment..."

♦ see also far (progress)

progress & lack of progress: movement

go (have a go at something)

had a go at it
practically everyone ~ (writing mystery novels)

attempt: movement

go (a road can go, etc.)

goes from Canada to Mexico
the mountain range ~

♦ "It began at the Forum in Rome; it coursed through a virtual tunnel, formed by villa walls on either side; it left the great outer wall through the Porta Appia; it headed southeast along the line of the peninsula; it passed the Alban Hills; it spanned the gorge of Aricia; it pushed across the Pontine Marshes; it reached the Sea at Tarracina (Terracina); it followed a stunning cliffside cut facing the sea; it headed inland again; it reached the shore once more at Formiae (Formia); it followed the coast to Sinuessa; it cut inland and headed further east; it passed through Capua and Benevento (Benevento); it climbed onto the rocky Apennine Plateau; it reached the Ionian Sea at Tarentum (Taranto), on the instep of the boot; it cut through the heel to Brundisium (Brindisi), the main port to the East, on the Adriatic; and carried on to Otranto, a secondary port... But the Via Appia was only one-half of Rome's Great East Road... (Adapted from *To the Ends of the Earth: The Great Travel and Trade Routes of Human History* by Irene M. Franck and David M. Brownstone.)

fictive motion: verb / walking, running & jumping

go (a distance to go, etc.)

how far he can go
see *far (progress)*

far to go
the field has come a long way but still has ~ (AI)

further to go
we have come a long way, but we have much ~

go far
see *far (progress)*

gone (quite) a distance
see *far (progress)*

a little way to go
we still have a ~ (restoring electricity after hurricane)

a long way to go
we've got ~, but we've had some success
Afghanistan has ~ in its pursuit of peace
this is a step in the right direction, but there is still ~
we still have ~ (putting out a wildfire in California)

progress & lack of progress: distance / journeys & trips / movement

go (let something go)

let it go
he rolled his eyes and told me to ~ (book idea)

let go of that
I want to ~ (a boxer speaking of a defeat)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hand / verb
possession / resiliency: hand / verb
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb

go (behavior)

going berserk
this crowd is ~ (an exciting boxing match)

went too far
she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

went overboard
she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

go over the line
anything goes as long as you don't ~ (Las Vegas)

went off the deep end
she ~

anything goes
~ as long as you don't go over the line (Las Vegas)

willing to go
how far are you ~ to get these people (cops)

behavior: direction / distance / movement / verb

go (direction)

go
Obama is taking this country where it should never ~

going forward
turning back was not an option, ~ was a minefield

went round and round
we ~ (in an argument)

gone either way
it could have ~ (the decision in a close boxing match)

go this route
I'm surprised more people don't ~ (reject fame)

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

go (argument)

goes to a difficult issue
your question ~

goes to the heart
this argument ~ of the issue

♦ see also follow (argument)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / comprehension & incomprehension: journeys & trips / movement / verb

go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.)

went from zero to one hundred
when my friend approached her, she ~, cussing...

went from zero to 100 really fast
we ~ (the popularity of the Netflix hit *Cheer*)

went from zero to 60
we went from ~ in the first two months (a relationship)

♦ "Our life was running at 150,000 miles an hour." (The husband about his marriage to a pop celebrity, which ended badly. The inflated number is a typical example of linguistic supersizing.)

feeling, emotion & effect / speed: engine

go (the time has gone, etc.)

been and gone
irrelevant club whose time has ~ (Manchester United)

come and gone
2001 has ~

time has gone
we worry about where the ~, how much of it we have left

time: direction / movement / verb

past & present: direction / movement / verb

go (a month to go, etc.)

months to go
there's still a couple of ~ (in the season)

future / time: distance / movement

go (come and go)

come and go

trendy eateries ~

fashion trends ~ (normcore)

come and gone

technological fads have ~ in schools

came and went

other American intelligence warnings ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement / verb

go (go long)

gone long

critics have ~ trying to explain the show's success

fate, fortune & chance: football / sports & games

go (raring to go, etc.)

rarin' to go

I take a shot of Old Crow at night and wake up ~

raring to get out there

he is ~ and campaign (a politician)

raring to start

Trump's attorneys are ~ their counter-arguments (trial)

hopeful, energized and rarin' to go

they're ~ (activists)

eagerness & reluctance: horse

goad (verb)

goad him into launching

Trump appeared to ~ a presidential bid

goaded one another

both fighters viciously ~ in the runup to the fight (boxers)

coercion & motivation / directing / oppression: animal / speech / verb / violence

go after (attack)

going after the senator with reference

the President is ~ to Native Americans

went after his critics

he ~ (Turkish President)

going after the school

he was ~ (a 15-year-old school shooter)

accusation & criticism: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

speech: hunting / verb

go-ahead

go-ahead from Turkey

uncertainty over a ~ (military operation)

go-ahead for the flight

the ~ came through

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: movement / part of speech

goal (own goal)

embarrassing own goal

this is an ~ for the president's allies

major own goal

claiming he was on "urgent transfer business" was a ~

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games

goal line (across the goal line)

get this across the goal line

she needs her party's support to ~ (Brexit)

success & failure: football / sports & games

go along (verb)

go along

to get along, you've got to ~ (it's the way of the world)

you want to get along to ~ in D.C. (lobbyists / regulators)

I didn't make the custom, I just ~ (segregation)

go along with Israel

he will probably ~ (foreign policy)

go along with it

but he was willing to ~ (a politician)

went along with their leader

they ~ (politics)

go along with what's fair and what's just

we're asking you to ~

♦ In a discussion about politics, the following words and phrases were used: stand up to; challenge; take him on; bring him down; go along; and wait it out.

♦ "What do you boys want!" he asked us. And we said, 'We simply want to be served.' 'Well, I can't serve you here, I can't!' We said, 'Can't or won't? What is the problem?' 'Well, we just don't serve black people at this counter.' 'Well, why not! Do you condone this custom, of discrimination?' 'Well, I didn't make the custom. You know, I just abide by it. I just go along.' 'Well, we're asking you to go along with what's fair and what's just...' " (BBC, Sounds, Witness History, "The Greensboro lunch counter sit-in.)

social interaction: direction / movement / verb

goalpost (target)

goalpost

that ~ seemed to fade out of sight (a deadline)

constantly changing goalposts

the ~ will be a challenge (government requirements)

move the goalposts

they shouldn't ~ and change things in the middle of game

moved the goalposts

every time Obama met their demands, they ~ (politics)

moving the goalposts

the government keeps ~ (reporting requirements)

♦ "A) "Did I do that right?" (B) "Correct. Yes." (C) "Yes." (A) "All right. Through the uprights. Thank you very much. Okay, so then the question is why..." (A radio science show with three people.)

♦ "They [the goalposts] have not so much moved as been ripped out and carried off to another playing field. It is just not acceptable behavior. We were told..." (Backbencher Sir Charles Walker, unhappy that the government was tightening, not loosening, Coronavirus restrictions for summer 2021, in spite of worldwide vaccination programs. He was worried about the effect on the travel industry.)

success & failure: football / sports & games / target

target: football / sports & games

go around (verb)

go around congress

the president will try to ~ to get what he wants

avoidance & separation: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

go away (verb)

go away

there were some problems that didn't ~ (physics)

the racist abuse did not ~

this is not going to ~ (a boxing controversy)

going away

the reasons for migration are not ~

I'm right here, in the middle of everything, and I'm not ~

went away

the coal and manufacturing jobs ~ (a region)

go away (anytime) soon

the controversy over VAR is not going to ~ (sports)

go away as quickly as possible

Republicans want this to ~ (impeachment trial)

go away and be forgotten

if we didn't do this it would just ~ (ice harvesting)

appearance & disappearance: movement / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

go back (verb / time)

go back in time

walking backwards encouraged their mind to ~

we will ~to learn about... (prosecuting a cold case)

I would like to ~

go (too far) back in time

I don't want to ~, but... (exposition)

going back in time

you feel like you're ~ (a visit to Wrangel Island)

go (all the way) back to the 1960s

his alleged attacks ~ (sexual assaults)

go back to a romanticized past

they want to ~ that never existed

go back (more than 100 years) to an epic tale

we ~ of survival (Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic expedition)

♦ "Five Ways you could become a memory champion" by Claudia Hammond, BBC, 29 March 2019, mentions an interesting experiment at the University of Roehampton that links the past (and memory) to actual physical backward movement.

♦ "Do you remember...when Gas was 29 cents a gallon? WE ARE OFFERING YOU A CHANCE TO GO BACK IN TIME AND PURCHASE TWO GRAVE SPACES FOR ONLY \$600. / Forest lawn memorial Park.

past & present / time: direction / movement / place / verb

go back (and get back)

go back

let's ~ to where it all began (a podcast)

get back to basics

AJ needs to ~ (Anthony Joshua, the boxer)

get back to (fiscal) health

we need to ~

get back to journalism

CNN needs to ~

get back to a place

we need to ~ where individuals can feel free

♦ see also *return (and return to)*

situation: direction / movement / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

gobble up (verb)

gobble up (as much) raw data

the NSA wanted to ~ as it could (Edward Snowden)

gobbled up land

developers ~ (housing and golf courses)

gobbled up the market

rivals have ~

consumption: food & drink / verb

go big (verb)

go big

keep the case local, or ~ (murder of child)

they decided to ~ (police / murder of child)

the intent is to ~ and do it now (a Biden bill)

go big on a national response

we need to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

go big, or go home

~ (a championship soccer game)

go big or go home

~ (defend yourself against criticism)

♦ "We pressed the big button with rescue helicopters, rescue dogs, the Red Cross, the civil defense, fire, health and police." (A Norwegian, speaking in Norwegian, about eight homes that were swept into the sea by a mudslide. His speech was translated by the BBC, which showed the video of the astonishing event. Amazingly, nobody was injured in the disaster.)

♦ Anne Hathaway: "I'm a sort of all-or-nothing girl." / David Letterman: "Go big or go home."

extent & scope: size / verb

commitment & determination: size / verb

go for it (and go for broke, etc.)

go for broke

expect the athletes to ~ (Olympics)

go-for-broke

doing ~ art
a skier with a ~ style
a ~ cancer treatment

go for it

let's ~ (win versus tie / sports)

Pulev will ~, he will have a go (box aggressively)

go-for-it

you need a ~ attitude (ski competition)
he had a ~ mentality (skateboarder)

go for the victory

he decided to ~ (versus tie / coach)

go hard and go early

the New Zealand response to the pandemic was “~”

♦ "He had a go-for-it mentality—"Make it, or take me to the hospital." (A skateboarder.)

♦ "I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could, and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we both just went for it... I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher..." (Elisabeth Moss on performing in *Her Smell*.)

attempt: direction / movement / verb

commitment & determination: direction / movement / verb

go by (an hour can go by, etc.)

goes by

time ~, no time to cry (Joe Cocker)

gone by

which events will still matter after months or years ~

went by

an hour ~
the years ~

time: movement / verb

god (play god, etc.)

god complex

the sniper had a ~ (DC sniper)
there's a little bit of the ~ (CIA does what it wants)

god game

a ~ called Black and White (computers)
~, like the SimCity series and Dungeon Keeper

god-game (m)

he invented the ~ genre in 1987 with Populous

God gamers

~ escape the real world (computer games)

“hacking god”

he described himself as a ~ (imprisoned swatter)

play god

she tried to ~, and now she is in trouble

♦ "Look on the Tarot card. It says, 'Call me God.' Do not release to the press." (A phone call to police by the D.C. sniper.)

control & lack of control: religion

god (mountain gods, etc.)

baseball gods

the ~ are making us pay a little bit (hard-won victory)

football gods

the ~ weren't going to let Auburn lose last night
I chalked it up to the ~ testing me a little bit personally

golf gods

the ~ have turned against him (a famous golfer)

mountain gods

sometimes the ~ say, "Not today" (climbing)
Concordia is the throne room of the ~ (Pakistan / Rowell)

poker gods

he felt cursed by the ~

river gods

the ~ are hungry (a rafter)
the ~ were with me (a relieved kayaker)

sea-gods

and since the ~ had ordained that he should soon become my shipmate... (*Moby-Dick*)

soccer gods

the ~ at times are fair (two judging errors cancel out)

weather gods

the ~ had shown an uncanny sense of occasion
the swell was an unexpected gift from the ~ (Jaws)
the ~ had finally delivered (Eddie Aikau competition)

political gods

someone has to be sacrificed to the ~ for the greater good

golfing gods

the ~ hear that (a golfer's boast that could jinx him)

racing Gods

Wow! the ~ have shined down upon Red Bull (Verstappen)

gift (we have) from the (football) gods

what a ~ today (two excellent NFL playoff games)

cursed by the (poker) gods

he felt ~

♦ "On the top, on the right-hand side of the trail, stood a small joss-house, built of logs. Within was a crude carving illustrating Chinese gods, and in front of it two wooden boxes with the stamps of paper candles. On the other side were a few leaves of tobacco and a couple of pieces of sugar, sacrifices to the God of Forests." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

god (importance)

God

Oates was a soldier, his ~ was duty

“Guitar God”
he is remembered as a ~ (Eddie Van Halen)

guitar god
by then his reputation as a ~ was firmly enshrined
the astonishing techniques that made Eddie Van Halen a ~

gun god
human sacrifices on this altar of the ~ (2nd amendment)

importance & significance: religion

goddess

goddess
she is a ~

pop goddess
a ~, Carly had been in love so many times...

superlative: religion

godfather (verb)

father and god-father
he had been imported to ~ the bill (C.P. Ilbert)

help & assistance: family / verb

godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.)

Godfather of Clouds
some call him, with good reason, the ~ (Luke Howard)

godfather of Marvel Comics
Lee is considered the ~ (Stan Lee, died age 95)

Godfather of ecstasy
he became known as the ~ (Alexander Shulgin)

Godfather of Freeskiing
the ~, Mike Douglas (New Canadian Air Force)

“godfather of grime”
the rapper Wiley, known as the ~ (“Boasty,” etc.)

“Godfather of Metal”
he has earned the informal title ~ (Ozzy Osbourne)

godfather of (modern) mindfulness
the man now considered the ~ (Jon Kabat-Zinn)

Godfather of the New Right
they call him the ~ (Richard Viguerie)

godfather of black postmodernism
Ishmael Reed is the ~ (Henry Louis Gates, Jr.)

Godfather of snowboarding
Jake Burton Carpenter, known as the ~, has died...

Godfather of Soul
the governor proclaimed him the ~ (the great James Brown)

Godfather of (modern) surfing
Hawaii and Duke Kahanamoku, the ~

godfather of kayak surfing
Randy Phillips, the ~

godfather of global warming
he is sometimes called “~” (James Hansen of NASA)

Godfather of electronic voice phenomenon
the ~ Konstantin Raudive

epithet / person / relationship: family
help & assistance: epithet / family

godforsaken

godforsaken battlefields
months or even years on ~ (Korea)

godforsaken hellhole
a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.)

‘Godmother of Funk’
~ Betty Davis dies aged 77

godmother of German punk
these days Nina Hagen is considered the ~

Godmother of Title IX
Bernice Sandler, ‘~’

godmother of Freak / Outsider Folk
Josephine Foster, the ~ (Ann Powers / NPR)

♦ “Astronomical foremothers. At the Harvard College Observatory, women studied and curated over 130 years of the night sky, all preserved on glass plate photographs.” (Harvard.edu.)

epithet / person / relationship: family
help & assistance: family / person

godmother (fairy godmother)

activist fairy godmother
an ~, wise, a benevolent matriarch (Color Me Country)

help & assistance: creature / family / person

go down (happen)

went down
what more can you tell us about what ~

occurrence: direction / verb

go down (digestion)

gone down well
his comments haven’t ~ with many in India

go down (pretty) smoothly
he’s able to make these questionable ideas ~ (the comic David Chappelle)

consumption: food & drink / verb
acceptance & rejection: food & drink / verb

go down (decrease)

gone down by two-thirds
my income has ~

increase & decrease: number

decline / increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

godsend (noun)

godsend

OnlyFans was a ~, now it's kind of a nightmare (porn)

help & assistance: religion

God's-eye

God's-eye (crane) shots
swooping, ~ (a film)

perception, perspective & point of view: religion / eye

Godzilla (force)

Godzilla of news subscriptions

The New York Times has become the modern ~ (paywalls)

♦ The 1993 Nike advertisement "Godzilla vs Charles Barkley" is wonderful. In it, Barkley dunks on Godzilla, sending Godzilla reeling. Afterwards, we see the backs of Barkley and Godzilla as they walk down a street. Barkley's left arm is consolingly draped over Godzilla's shoulder and Barkley says, "Have you ever thought about wearing shoes?"

force: creature / film

size: creature

gold (black gold, etc.)

white gold

~, they sometimes called it (guano in the 19th century)
whalers boil the ~ in giant containers (whale blubber)
cotton, also known as "~~" (India)
these hair extensions are often referred to as "~~" (Ukraine)
camel milk, Kenya's new '~'
lithium is now being called "~~" (high demand / batteries)
Spain's '~' super-drink (Horchata)

black gold

~, or petroleum (oil)
Arabia's other ~, Khawiani coffee beans (dried black)
the "~~" epithet has been given to both coal and coffee

blue gold

bulk water shipments could be ~ (to arid countries)
investors have called the metal "~~" (cobalt)

gray gold

lead was called ~ (1820s / northwestern Illinois)

♦ "This is that ice cold, the Michelle Pfeiffer, that white gold, them good girls..." (Mark Ronson, Bruno Mars, and "Uptown Funk.")

epithet: color / materials & substances

worth & lack of worth: epithet / materials & substances / mining

gold (worth)

gold

speech is silver, silence is ~

worth its weight in gold

it's ~

gone from gold to tarnished brass

its reputation has ~ (the CDC)

turned into (movie, TV and theater) gold

his books have been ~ (Roald Dahl)

♦ "They arrive with gold and depart with pepper." (An amazed Tamil trader. From *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

♦ Gold makes the belagaana crazy. (A Navajo in a Tony Hillerman novel.)

♦ "It is a well-known fact that gold blinds all and corrupts even the best of people." (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "With money you are a dragon; with no money, a worm."

♦ "With gold I can buy things; with thinking I can understand things." (A Turkish proverb.)

♦ "The shroud has no pockets." (Turkish.)

♦ "A miser does not own money; money owns the miser." (Said in Saudi Arabia.)

♦ "Better poor with honor than rich with shame." (A point of pride in Kosovo.)

♦ "Friends are better than money." (If you need money, you can borrow it from your friends.)

worth & lack of worth: mining

gold (strike gold)

struck gold

he finally ~ (won an award)

struck (comic) gold

they knew they had ~ (idea for film)

success & failure: mining

searching & discovery: mining

gold digger (person)

gold digger

a ~ is someone who marries for money, not for love
she was a small-town girl, a Playboy pinup, and ~

character & personality: mining / person

person: mining / money

gold-digging

gold-digging

prenuptial agreements protect wealthy from ~ spouses

behavior: mining

golden (golden opportunity, etc.)

golden opportunity

that was a ~ for him (overthrown pass by QB / football)

did we miss a ~

his media posts destroyed a ~ (admission to Harvard)

superlative: materials & substances / mining

golden age / era

"golden age" of peace

they look on his reign as a ~ (Afghanistan)

golden age of quiz shows

the ~ of the 1950s

golden age of the detective story

the period has been called the ~ (between world wars)

golden era

the ~ of whaling, from about 1820 to 1860
the ~ of boxing was the 80s and 90s

sport's Golden Era

the 1970s, the ~ (US boxing)

growth & development / superlative: history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

golden rule

golden rule

the ~ in meatpacking plants is "the line never stops"

message: religion

golden hour

golden hour

a clock starts ticking on what is called the ~
the "~", when life can hang in the balance

"Golden Hour" of injury

if treatment is available within the first ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour

Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.)

Goldilocks approach

many people believe in a ~ to stress (not too much)

Goldilocks candidate

Klobuchar is "the ~" (Democrat contestant)

Goldilocks civilization

it's a good example of what I call a ~ (Harappans / climate)

Goldilocks economy

we are in the middle of a ~ (just right)

Goldilocks place

trying to find the sweet spot, the ~ is important (medicine)

Goldilocks principle

finding the middle way forward is called the "~~"

Goldilocks zone

planets in the "~~" (not too hot or cold for liquid water)

* In the fairy tale "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," Goldilocks was a horrid willful privileged naughty little girl who could not control herself, and the bears were Mama, Papa, and Baby Bear. Goldilocks broke into the bears' house. She ate the porridge that was just right, sat on the chair that was just right, and slept on the bed that was just right. When the bears returned, she fled.

* In Krakatoa, Simon Winchester points out that volcanic eruptions are often associated with death and disaster and yet in fact they are one of a number of reasons why the Earth is "just right" for life. The earth is just the right distance from the sun, allowing for water in liquid form. Its size is just right, too, with just the right gravitational pull to maintain an atmosphere. It has just the right number of volcanoes of the right size to create and recycle elements essential "to the making and maintenance of organic life." Finally, the volcanic eruptions are often the result of the movement of great plates, which can't exist on planets that are too hot or too cold.

flaws & lack of flaws: allusion

allusion: books & reading

gold mine

gold mine of data

a ~ about enemy plans

gold mine of (genealogical) data

a ~ for family researchers (census)

gold mine of documentation

the prison is a possible ~ (Iraq / US POW)

gold mine of information

he is a ~

the Web is a ~

gold mine of research

it was a ~ (Lyme disease hotspot)

gold mine (of data) for researchers

the census is a ~ (genealogy)

goldmine for (Chinese wood) traders

the vast forests of Eastern Siberia are a ~

fossil goldmine

the limestone caves contain a "~~" of species

potential gold mine

college graduates are ~s for retailers

♦ "What happens when the mine closes?" (Question relating to the degradation of the environment by gold mining, and the way gold companies walk away from the cleanup.)

source / worth & lack of worth: mining

gold rush

dot-com gold rush

Wall Street's ~

natural-gas gold rush

the country is at the heart of Colorado's ~

Internet gold rush

start-ups and the ~

marijuana gold rush

Oklahoma is the latest frontier in the ~

latter-day gold rush

a ~ is on (Arctic oil and gas)

"green gold rush"

Oklahoma is in the midst of a ~ (legal marijuana)
the dark side of America's ~ (marijuana)

new gold rush

we are experiencing a ~ (renewable energy / California)

gold rush, or a curse

it's a ~ for Oklahoma, I don't know which (legal marijuana)

gold rush has attracted

the ~ a cartoonish array (cryptocurrencies)

♦ "In 1849 the harbor of San Francisco was speckled with idle ships from which the crews had deserted in a body to go to the gold fields... The price for washing clothes was so high that the more well-to-do among the miners, gamblers and merchants sent bundles of laundry work to the Hawaiian Islands, which meant that they had to wait three months before

they got back their shirts and socks... With great flourishes the newspapers announced the arrival of each fresh batch of prostitutes, describing their charms..." (From *A New American History* by W. E. Woodward.)

activity / amount & effect / cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: history / mining / money

gold standard (noun)

"gold standard" of safety
approved by the FDA, which he called the ~ (vaccines)

gold standard in doing voter research
the cellphone number is the ~

gold standard for pot
it was soon the worldwide ~ (Colombian in the 1980s)

seen as the gold standard
PCR tests are ~ (COVID)

superlative: mining / money

Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.)

Golgotha of Norilisk
the hill is referred to as the ~

Albanian Golgotha
the Great Retreat (Serbian) is also known as the ~ (WWI)

♦ Or Calvary, where Jesus was crucified.

death & life: epithet / religion

Goliath (Bible)

Goliath
~ is Hillerich & Bradsby (holds 70% of pro bat market)

a billion-dollar goliath
he has conquered ~ (the tech industry)

people versus Goliath
the ~, that's what this is (day traders vs Wall Street)

strength & weakness: allusion / Bible / religion
size: allusion / Bible / religion

gone (absent)

gone
you have a house, and then it is ~

gone forever
his reputation is ~

possession: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle
presence & absence: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

gone (those days are gone, etc.)

gone
those days are ~
the Ceausescus and Idi Amins and Saddams are ~

long gone
the days when global decisions were dictated by a small group are ~ (Chinese criticism of Group of Seven)

♦ "Well now, Gruden is gone." (Fired.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle
past & present / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

gone (dead)

gone

if she gets sick she's gonna be ~ (an old woman)
he was ~, we did CPR, we got him back (soccer player)

death & life: euphemism / movement / presence & absence

good (as noun)

feed good
feed hope, feed love, ~ (rescuing food for NYC / donate)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: part of speech

goodbye (say goodbye, etc.)

say goodbye to Oakland Arena
Golden State Warriors ~ (basketball)

says goodbye to lectures
Vermont medical school ~

say Sayonara to your skinny jeans
is it time to finally ~ (fashion)

bidding goodbye to polio
Nigeria is on the verge of ~ (2015)

Kissed Dating Goodbye
I ~ (evangelical purity movement book)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exclamation / speech / verb

Good Earth (Pearl Buck)

Good Earth country
the Red Basin is ~ (China)

allusion: books & reading

good-hearted

good-hearted
a nice kid, polite and ~

character & personality: heart

goods (damaged goods)

damaged goods
I was ~, I wore that badge very early on in my life

character & personality / flaws & lack of flaws / worth & lack of worth: person

go off (verb)

goes off
when the president ~ on one of these tweet storms...

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

initiation: explosion / verb

go on (what's going on, etc.)

going on with Boeing

what's ~ (explain situation / news radio)

occurrence: movement / verb

go on (verb)

go on

when you feel you can't ~, I'll come and hold you
life and the economy must ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

goes on

and so it's over, and yet it ~ (congressional hearing)

heart does go on

near, far, wherever you are, I believe that the ~ (*Titanic*)

life goes on

Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da, ~ (the Beatles)

**resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival,
persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / movement /
verb**

goose (golden goose)

Warren's golden goose

Fury is ~ (the boxer and promoter)

killing the golden goose

they are risking ~ that laid the golden egg (ESL soccer)

♦ "Perhaps, if he will husband his resources, and not kill, with overwork, the mental goose that has given us these golden eggs, he may one day rank among the brightest of our wits." (A favorable review of Mark Twain's first book, *The Jumping Frog and Other Stories*.)

cost & benefit: allusion / animal / bird

worth & lack of worth: allusion / animal / bird

goosebumps

gives you goosebumps

it's the kind of video that ~ (housefire)

♦ In Western North Carolina many refer to these as chill bumps.

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

Gordian knot

Gordian knot of international affairs

trying to unravel that ~

Gordian knot of race

the ~ continues to choke large portions of our country

diplomacy's Gordian knot

how to untie ~ (Israeli-Palestinian issue)

untie this Gordian knot

let the British people choose how to ~ in a referendum
(Brexit)

♦ An oracle prophesized that whoever untied the intricate knot on the chariot of King Gordius would rule Asia. Alexander the Great simply slashed it apart with his sword. Cutting the Gordian knot means settling a complex problem with bold, decisive action.

complexity: allusion / rope

action, inaction & delay: allusion / rope

gored

getting gored

the unicorns are ~ as investors rebel

destruction: animal

gorge (gorge on)

gorge on graft

many members of the ruling party ~ (corruption)

gorge themselves on the tabloids

the British ~ (scandals, etc.)

gorging on the latest crime thriller

sexual violence can be gripping stuff when you are ~

**consumption / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food &
drink / verb**

gorilla (800-pound gorilla)

800-pound gorilla

China is the ~ yet it is not in the negotiations
race has always been the ~ in this case

9,000 pound gorilla

we as a society refuse to address the ~ in the room (guns)

♦ A lawyer said, "We refuse as a society to address the 9,000-pound gorilla in the room." I supposed the next gorilla will be nine million tons. This is a good example of linguistic supersizing.

♦ In the *New Yorker Magazine* of 2 / 14, 2011, there is a cartoon by Mick Stevens. It shows the back of an 800-pound gorilla, who is being interviewed by a petite human personnel officer. She is saying to him, "We already have an eight-hundred-pound gorilla."

presence & absence: animal

gospel (preach the gospel, etc.)

preached the gospel of (environmental) activism

he ~

preaching a gospel (of rebirth) to everyone

he is ~ (Detroit mayor)

preached the gospel that free trade

they ~ was a rising tide that would lift all boats

message: Bible / religion

go through (endure, etc.)

go through

separation is a developmental stage that nearly all kids ~
I don't want them to ~ what I went through (breast cancer)

went through a (tough) breakup

he ~ with his girlfriend

going through a divorce

she was ~

went through much (diplomatic) haggling

the resolution ~ (U.N.)

going through some trials
please keep praying for me, as I am ~

go through this whole thing
you ~ called life (a person feeling his mortality)

go through this again
I'm sorry you have to ~

going through withdrawal
sports fans are ~ (sports stop during pandemic)
♦ see also *get through (endure, etc.), been through (endure, etc.)*

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb
experience: journeys & trips / movement / verb

go up (increase)

go up
the number would ~ (coronavirus cases)

gone up by two-thirds
my income has ~

increase & decrease: direction / number / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

grab (verb)

grabbed headlines
the *Titanic* ~ as the most glamorous luxury liner

grab you
boxing will ~ and hold you tight (Deontay Wilder)

grabbed it with both hands
we gave him the opportunity and he ~ (Jamie Vardy)

possession / taking & removing: hand / verb
fictive possession: hand / verb

grab (land grab, etc.)

land grab
countries are involved in an Arctic ~

power grab
many lawmakers called it a ~ (president's action)

possession: hand / part of speech

grab (up for grabs)

up for grabs
five belts were ~ (an important boxing match)
my word this is ~ suddenly (exciting boxing match)

certainty & uncertainty: prep, adv, adj, particle
certainty & uncertainty / possession: hand

grabbing (attention-grabbing)

attention-grabbing advertisement
~s aimed at the superstitious (muti)

attention-grabbing antics
his ~ are grist for the tabloid mill

attention-grabbing flourish
he finished with an ~

attention-grabbing royal
she is an ~

attention-grabbing blaze orange
marking high-voltage parts with ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: hand
fictive possession: hand

grace (grace period)

grace period
they were given a ~ to... (new ordinance)

elimination of the grace period
the ~ (student loans)

time: religion
timeliness & lack of timeliness: religion

grace (fall from grace)

fall from grace
it was a stunning ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

fell from grace
the democracy icon who ~ (Aung San Suu Kyi)

decline: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

graced

graced with the talents
the NFL had been ~ of many undrafted players

cost & benefit: religion

grade (failing grade)

failing grade
the media deserves a big fat ~ (President Trump)

deserves a failing grade
strategy in Afghanistan ~

gave the nation's infrastructure a failing grade
a civil-engineering group ~

judgment: school & education
success & failure: school & education

graduate (verb)

graduated to crack cocaine
she ~ and forged checks to support her habit

graduated from alcohol to drugs
he ~

growth & development: school & education / verb

grail (holy grail)

Holy Grail
for collectors, this map is the ~ (1734 Murillo Velarde)
a vaccine is often seen as the ~ that will end the pandemic

Holy Grail of investors
the ~ (stock-picking system that beats market)

holy grails of (tropical) medicine
a malaria vaccine is one of the ~

“holy grail” of shipwrecks
the famed galleon is often called the ~ (*San Jose*)

holy grail of can you find the very first galaxy
there is kind of this ~ of the very first stars (space telescope)

Holy Grail for advertisers
word-of-mouth marketing is the ~ (social media)

holy grail for collectors
the edition is considered the ~ (a book)

holy grail for any professor
tenure is the ~

holy grail for (flu) researchers
a universal flu vaccine is the ~

industry's “holy grail”
oral insulin is the pharmaceutical ~

retailer's holy grail
new parents are a ~ (new shopping habits)

I found the holy grail
~ (Garrett McNamara and wave off Nazare, Portugal)

♦ This refers to a cup or plate used by Christ at the Last Supper.

♦ “We have grown up in a society that has always pursued the Holy Grail, the fountain of youth.” (Madeline Di Nonno, president of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, about ageism, particularly towards older female actors.)

searching & discovery / wants, needs, hopes & goals:
allusion / Bible / epithet / Middle Ages / religion

grain (grain of truth)

grain of truth to reports
there is a ~ of what happened

grain of truth in a lie
there is often a ~

♦ A grain of wheat? A grain of sand? Whatever, certainly a small amount.

amount: size

grain (against the grain)

against the grain
she has always won by going ~ (country music)

against-the-grain affinity
her ~ for formal wear (fashion)

“Against The Grain” column
his “~” is sarcastic and comic

against the grain of its time
it’s an album that goes sharply ~

against the grain of what
music that went ~ rock was becoming (music)

cut against the grain
it ~ of the typical 80s high-school fare (a film)
I stand for a lot of issues that ~ (Dr. Cornel West)

went against the grain
her book has two case studies that ~
so I really consciously ~ with this record (k.d. lang)

unanimity & consensus: tree
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tree
granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)

grain bowl
Punjab is India’s “~”

granary of the Mediterranean
Greater Greece was a main ~ (*Magna Graecia*)

Granary of Mexico
the Bajío, the traditional ~ (corn, beans, wheat)

♦ This is the same as *breadbasket*.

wheat: epithet / sign, signal, symbol
farming & agriculture: epithet / sign, signal, symbol

Grand Canyon (Grand Canyon of the South, etc.)

tout the Breaks as the “Grand Canyon of the South”
local signs ~ (Breaks Interstate Park, U.S.)

geography: epithet

granddaddy

granddaddy of (American) caves
this is the ~ (Mammoth Cave)

‘granddaddy’ of the cumulus family
cumulonimbus is the ~ (massive cloud formation)

granddaddy of (adventure) races
Raid Gauloises, the ~

granddaddy of all rehabs
Hazelden, the ~ (Center City, Minnesota)

granddaddy of all motorcycle clubs
the Hells Angels: the ~

superlative: family

grande dame (old)

grande dame in podcast years
it is a ~ (debuted in 2016)

grande dame of (America’s) public hospitals
Bellevue Hospital, the ~ (David Oshinsky)

growth & development: death & life / person

grand slam

grand slam
I think it’s been a ~ (successful heart treatment)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

grandstanding (noun)

grandstanding

his request is just ~ (for an exhumation)
this is nothing to do with protecting rights but ~

performance: theater

granular (adjective)

granular (real time) data

Amazon used very ~ about listings and sales

granular detail

the book lays out in ~ how voter suppression...
~ down to a GPS coordinate (public health)

granular (policy) issues

his willingness to dive deep into ~ (Pete Buttigieg)

granular level

she learned about cops at a ~ (became a reserve cop)

granular picture

the documents paint a ~ of the strain on hospitals
(COVID-19)

granular enough

the FCC data isn't ~

accurate or granular

automated systems are not always as ~ (YouTube)

better and more granular

~ data about vaccine distribution by age, race, etc.

get more granular

respondents have the option to ~ (census form)

perception, perspective & point of view: size

grapevine (through / over the grapevine)

through the grapevine

I heard ~ that...

over the (international surfer's) grapevine

word traveled quickly ~ (big waves!)

through the (college) grapevine

word got back to him ~

heard through the grapevine

I ~ that...

♦ *Viva voce* is Medieval Latin for "with a living mouth." If you hear something *viva voce* it means somebody told you. It has come to mean "word of mouth."

♦ Hawaii has the "coconut wireless" or the Coconut Wire. The Philippines have the Bamboo Telegraph. Ghanaians can hear things via "the talking drum." From time immemorial, as Ibrahim al-Koni tells us, the desert winds have brought rumors and reports to the Sahrawis: "I heard it on the wind." Americans can "hear it through the grapevine," or hear a report or account through the rumor mill. Italians say "*per sentito dire*" which basically means, "heard it said," and they hear gossip "*voci di corridoio*" which means "hall voice" or "voices in the hall." These systems operate by word-of-mouth, and, nowadays, the Internet.

♦ "From time immemorial, it has been said that desert winds carry with them all kinds of rumor and report—especially stories of scandal and outrage." (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "They've got a gallows-bad reputation, but, you know what a place the beach is for talking." / "The beach, if you don't know is the name of the gossip mill of white derelicts and rough customers that hang around your South Sea island ports. You'll find captains and traders too fond of their grog and properly down on their luck. I'll admit, I was fond of the gin myself back then..." (*The Beach of Falesa* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

♦ "You may take it for a fact that anything of this kind is not only noticed and discussed by a man's own race but by some hundred and fifty natives as well... [T]he news flew, in the usual mysterious fashion, from mouth to mouth, till Bisesa's duenna heard of it and told Bisesa." (The affecting and horrible "Beyond the Pale" by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "You're sure you've took no 'arm'?" cried Mrs. Cloke, who had heard the news by farm-telegraphy, which is older but swifter than Marconi's. / "No. I'm perfectly well," Sophie protested." ("An Habitation Enforced" by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "Word around the campfire for me was...that there was at least speculation, maybe informed speculation, that..." (A sports analyst.)

♦ "'Gossip is a fearful thing'—this phrase was found in the note left by the film star Ruan Langyu after she took her own life." ("On 'Gossip Is a Fearful Thing' by Lu Xun, from *Jottings under Lamplight*, edited by Eileen J. Cheng and Kirk A. Denton.)

♦ He who gossips to you will gossip about you!

gossip: plant

grapple (verb)

grappling with their aftermath

the US is still ~ (9/11 attacks)

grapples with (deepening) recession

the city ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb / wrestling

grasp (comprehend)

grasped (that)

Dallaire quickly ~... (Rwanda genocide)

grasp the concept

it is so easy to ~, but... (a puzzle)

grasped the fact

within a few months he had ~ that... (a toddler)

grasp the idea

they can't yet ~ that... (toddlers)

grasp the importance

most toddlers don't yet ~ of...

grasp the news

his brother said the family was still trying to ~

grasped the significance

minutes later, he ~ of that moment...

grasp the potential and risks

they have been among the first to ~...

grasped early

he and other technophiles ~ how important...

difficult (for people) to grasp

it's ~ (a physics concept)

difficult to grasp
it is very ~ our situation...

quickly grasped
I ~ what he was trying to do and...

comprehension & incomprehension: hand / verb

grasp (in one's grasp)

in our grasp
what was once ~ is now beyond our reach

in their grasp
Wolves looked to have victory ~ but...

within their grasp
with the title ~, Boston seized it (NBA 1984)

attainment / possession: hand

grasp (out of one's grasp)

out of his grasp
but success was ~

attainment / possession: hand

grasp (attainment)

grasp of (spoken) English
he had a limited ~ (foreign teaching assistant)

attainment: hand

grasp (possession)

grasp of reality
my husband's tenuous ~ slipped away (brain injury)

firm grasp
infantry leaders must have a ~ of how to motivate...

escape its grasp
he was born into poverty and determined to ~

snatched from their grasp
victory was ~ (athletes)

possession: hand

grassroots (grassroots level, etc.)

grassroots army
his war chest and ~ make him an unstoppable juggernaut

grass-roots democracy
the kind of ~ the Founding Fathers envisioned

grassroots efforts
~ by citizens' groups

grass roots level
go back home to the ~

grassroots organizations
astroturfers present themselves as ~

bases: ground, terrain & land

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height / position

grate (verb)

grates on people
it's something that just ~ (government helps banks)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb

grave (symbol)

cradle-to-grave work force
the ~ work force

from the cradle to the grave
she gave advice on problems people face ~

death & life: sign, signal, symbol

grave (end point)

passed into the grave
what was born from Wounded Knee, and what ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / death & life

grave (place)

grave
wreckage proved the Indian Ocean was its ~ (MH370)

watery grave
when the sub is raised from its ~

place: burial / death & life

grave (dig one's grave)

dug their own grave
they ~ (a basketball team that failed)

destruction: burial / death & life / verb
fate, fortune & chance: burial / death & life / verb

graveyard (people)

graveyard of the Pacific
the region is known as the ~ for its winter storms

graveyard of the German paratroopers
Crete was "the ~" (a Pyrrhic victory / W.W. II)

graveyard for the Americans
Falluja will be a ~ (Iraq)

graveyard spiral
pilots call this the ~ (flying)

mariners' graveyard
Cape Horn is a ~

known as the graveyard of the Turks
Yemen is ~ (*maqbarat al-Atrak*)

death & life: epithet

graveyard (things)

graveyard of (rocket and satellite) debris
the region is a ~ (the South Pacific)

graveyard of empires
Afghanistan is known as the ~

graveyard of ships
the reef is a veritable ~

graveyard for (Antarctica's greatest) icebergs
South Georgia is something of a ~

bell cemeteries
collection points, known as *Glockenfriedhof*, or ~

car graveyard
the ~ is below Lookout Park (St. Joseph, Michigan)

ship graveyard
this ~ is the final destination for luxury liners (Turkey)

veritable graveyard
the reef is a ~ of ships

watery graveyard
Truk Lagoon is a ~ for hundreds of ships

♦ Between 1939 and 1945, 175,000 bells across Europe were taken by Nazi Germany. They were transported to collection points, known as *Glockenfriedhof*, or bell cemeteries, the biggest of them in Hamburg. ("The seizing of Europe's bells" by Stephen J. Thorne, in *Legion: Canada's Military History Magazine*, November 21, 2018.)

♦ Cars, crushed flat and stacked on one another, were used to shore up sections of the riverbank. They can be seen to this day. (On the Tuckaseegee River upstream of Bryson City, North Carolina.)

place: burial / death & life / epithet

graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.)

graveyard of bilingual education
if sense prevails, Massachusetts will be seen as the ~

graveyard of (international) diplomacy
Iran has been the ~

graveyard of (US-led) peace initiatives
it is the ~ (Israelis / Palestinians)

♦ "It's a graveyard where all good things go to die." (Said of the U.S. Senate.)

destruction: burial / death & life

gravitate (verb)

gravitated to John Roberts
Kavanaugh ~ (two Supreme Court justices)

gravitated to him
the press ~ (a politician)

gravitate (more) towards digital
younger audiences ~ than listening on the car radio

attraction & repulsion: astronomy / verb

gravity (noun)

gravity of the situation
realizing the ~, he jumped on the grenade

enormous gravity
a crisis of ~ has arisen

understood the gravity
if clients truly ~ of the risks (climbing Everest)

substance & lack of substance: atmosphere / weight
importance & significance: weight

gravy (noun)

mop up the last bit of the gravy
they tried to ~ (profiteers)

cost & benefit: food & drink

gravy train

gravy train
more people want to get on the ~ than stop it (doctors)

cost & benefit: food & drink / train

gray (gray area)

gray area around Canelo Alvarez
so it's a very ~ (doping with clenbuterol)

legal and ethical gray area
a ~ (using drugs for interrogations)

in a gray area
the Web site operates ~ of Russian law (spam)

certainty & uncertainty: color

great (the Great Resignation, etc.)

'Great Resignation'
economists have dubbed it the ~ (workplace / pandemic)

"Great Mining Migration"
the ~ may lead to serious repercussions (bitcoin)

importance & significance: epithet
epithet: size

Great Gatsby

Korea's Great Gatsby
he is known as ~ for his lavish lifestyle (Big Bang's Seungri)

money: allusion / epithet
allusion: books & reading

Great Wall of China

"Great Wall of Lagos"
the ~ reinforces and protects the coast (Nigeria)

protection & lack of protection: allusion / history

green (green list, etc.)

green-list
people can travel freely to ~ (COVID pandemic)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

green (green with envy)

green with envy

I was ~

♦ *Green With Envy: Why Keeping Up With the Joneses is Keeping Us in Debt.* (The title of a book.)

feeling, emotion & effect: color

green (experience)

green hand

Melville shipped as a ~ on the *Acushnet* (age 21)

greenest medical student

the ~ is able to...

pretty green

I was 25 when I went into that job, ~ (forensic psychologist)

♦ "Green as we were, we said okay..."

experience: color

green (environment)

greenspace

it is a vital ~ for all New Yorkers (Central Park)

green steel

a market for expensive "~~"

investments in ~

there is a demand for ~ (HYBRIT process)

green tsunami

voters turned out for her in a "~~" (Marina Silva / Brazil)

♦ "Going green is all the rage now." (Environmental activism by celebrities, corporations, etc.)

♦ See also *greenwashing* (noun)

biodiversity: color

greenhorn (person)

greenhorn

the conditions turn veterans into ~s (flying in Alaska)

♦ William Safire examined this word, and dictionary entries for words, in "On Language; Greenhorn" in *The New York Times*, June 23, 1991.

experience: animal / color / horn / person

person: animal / color

green light (noun)

green light

a judge has given the ~ to...

green light to proceed

I was given a ~

cultural green light

we give a ~ to drinking (alcohol / US)

gave me the green light

she ~ to do the project

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

green light (verb)

green-lighted the deal

he heads one of the agencies that ~ (government)

green-light a film

the one person who can ~

green-lit the story

the *New Yorker* stood up to the threats and ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol / verb

green-lighted (and green-lit)

green-lit and budgeted

the security revamp was ~, but... (Maersk IT failure)

got green-lighted

his show ~ as a two-hour pilot (TV)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

green shoots

green shoots

there are, however, ~ (political science)

♦ Signs of progress. The phrase has been used in the context of the economy, political science, sports, and the pandemic. It has a short Wikipedia entry. Not entered in Merriam-Webster. Entered in the Cambridge Dictionary. The term is hardly original: see *shoot (plant)*.

♦ "Had there been any so-called green shoots or positives from the game..." (Test cricket.)

growth & development: farming & agriculture

greenwash (noun)

"greenwash" (ad) campaigns

~ make their clothes appear sustainable (fashion)

subterfuge: color / hygiene

greenwashing (noun)

greenwashing

it's "~~," minor cosmetic measures (aviation industry)

greenwashing, spin, and (outright) lying

~ (the aviation industry and the environment)

accused of greenwashing

companies ~ (misleading environmental claims)

subterfuge: color / hygiene

greet (verb)

greeted the death with relief and elation

Iraqis ~

greeted the announcement

applause ~

greets customers

the dazzlingly lit shop ~ with gunmetal gray shelves

greet me
first to ~ was the smell of hamburgers frying...

greeted them
the squalid labor camps that ~ (Black Okies in California)

fictive meeting & seeing / welcome: speech / verb
perception, perspective & point of view: speech / verb

greeted

greeted by an alarming sight
as I prepared to rappel over the lip, I was ~

perception, perspective & point of view: speech
fictive meeting & seeing: speech

gremlin (noun)

gremlin
~s love to destroy machinery
a ~ lives inside and makes the camera go all kooky
a ~ is an elusive and mischievous flaw (computing)

gremlin in the (track) computers
a ~ crippled on-track betting

gremlin in the software
there appears to be a ~

gremlin in the system
there appears to be a ~

common gremlin
radio-wave interference is a ~ (cellphone buzz)

affliction: creature

grenade (person)

hand grenade
he is a ~ with a loose pin
he's a ~ who is going to blow everyone up (a lawyer)

character & personality / person: explosion

grenade (disruption)

hand grenade of a story
a woman with a ~ came forward (murder investigation)

socialism grenade
when the pin is pulled and the ~ is lobbed (culture wars)

financial grenade
men in suits concoct ~s with acronyms like C.D.O.

political grenade
nominating Biden will be a ~ that explodes

thrown a grenade into the heavyweight landscape
Andy Ruiz Jr has just ~ (beat Anthony Joshua)

disruption: explosion

gridlock (noun)

create gridlock
people in the ER for days ~ for new patients

♦ This term relates to vehicles caught in a traffic jam.
♦ "More than 10,000 vehicles are stuck in a 120 km (75-mile) traffic jam on China's Beijing to Tibet motorway. The gridlocked section of road is in the north-eastern region of Inner Mongolia. The majority of the vehicles stuck in the jam are coal trucks heading for the capital. A 100 km traffic jam that had lasted nine days on the same motorway was cleared just over a week ago. The authorities say roadworks are to blame for the latest gridlock. The motorway is among China's busiest, as Beijing's population of more than 20 million requires massive quantities of goods." ("Thousands of vehicles stuck in 120 km China traffic jam," BBC, 2 September 2010.)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

gridlocked

gridlocked
climate policy is ~, with no chance of a breakthrough

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

grill (verb)

grill him on arrangements
she began to ~ for the party

grilled (oil industry) executives
members of a House subcommittee ~ (oil spill)

grills passengers
Israel uses in-flight guards and ~ (terrorism)

accusation & criticism / coercion & motivation / speech:
cooking / fire / verb

grilled

grilled by both sides
witnesses were ~ (sports doping)

coercion & motivation / speech: cooking / fire
accusation & criticism: cooking / fire

grind (daily grind, etc.)

grind of the workplace
a week's break from the ~

daily grind
I'm sick of the ~
stealing time away from the ~ (to go climbing)

work & duty: mechanism

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism

grind away (verb)

grind away
just put your head down and ~
♦ "Get up, get up, you lazy lout / Get into your working clothes! / Toil and slave the livelong day / With a grindstone to your nose."

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

grind down (verb)

grinds down opponents with ground strokes
he ~ (tennis)

grinding him down

the amount of homework was ~ (high school)

destruction: direction / mechanism / verb

grinder (meat grinder)

meat grinder on the Western Front

the post trained infantry troops to be sent into the ~

turned into a meat-grinder

the land war had ~ (Russo-Japanese War)

♦ "This is a ship of war, and I will grind whatever grist the mill requires in order to fulfill my duty." (Capt. Jack Aubrey, played by Russell Crowe, in the film *Master and Commander*.)

military: consumption / meat / mechanism

grinding (grinding poverty, etc.)

grinding deflation

Spain faces years of ~

grinding poverty

the region suffers from ~

grinding (Big East) season

it's hard to stay fresh during a ~ (sports)

grinding (82-game) season

it's a ~ (NBA)

grinding ugliness

he experienced the ~ of racism at his high school

long, grinding (m)

we need to end this ~ war

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism

grind on (verb)

grinds on

as the revolt ~ (Syria)

on the ground, the fighting ~ (warfare)

grinding on for 8 years

the war has been ~ (Eastern Ukraine)

investigations grind on

~ (politics)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

grind out (verb)

grind out the classics

some musicians are content to ~ (versus new work)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / tools & technology / verb

grip (verb)

grip him

the work began to ~ (Dante's *Divine Comedy*)

control & lack of control: hand / verb

fictive possession / possession: hand / verb

grip (in the grip)

in the storm's grip

all Eastern Province cities were ~ (rain, wind, dust)

in the grip of a (slow-burning) rebellion

the nation is ~ against the regime

control & lack of control: hand

fictive possession / possession: hand

grip (come to grips)

come to grips with the new reality

unions are trying to ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb

grip (control)

grip of terror

Saddam Hussein's ~ is being loosened (war in Iraq)

grip on Iraq

Hussein's three-decade-long ~

grip on Nasiriyah

US forces tightened their ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

grip on this country

the king's ~ may be eroding

grip on power

his ~ is still firm

his ~ is slipping

until recently, his ~ had been near absolute (a governor)

government's grip

a sign that the ~ was loosening

king's grip

the ~ on this country may be eroding

rebels' grip

the ~ is being loosened (Iraq)

viselike grip

she has a ~ on power

three-decade-long grip

Hussein's ~ on Iraq

iron grip

the coup leaders are keeping an ~ on the country

grip (on this country) may be eroding

the king's ~

grip (on the company) had been pried loose

her ~ finger by finger

grip (on the area) waxed and waned

their ~

loosened their grip

tradition, ideology, and religion have ~ in the West

retain its grip

the professional military caste will ~ (conscription)

tightened their grip
US forces ~ on Nasiriyah (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

control & lack of control: hand
oppression / possession: hand

gripped

gripped by uncertainty
she was ~

totally gripped
I was not merely interested, but ~ (*Lord of the Flies*)

♦ “As I read on, I found that, reluctantly, I was becoming not merely interested, but totally gripped... (Charles Monteith at Faber and Faber, reading a manuscript from the “slush pile.” An anonymous reader known only as “Polly Perkins” had rejected it as rubbish, dull and pointless. It would be published as *Lord of the Flies*.)

feeling, emotion & effect / possession: hand
fictive possession: hand

gripping (adjective)

gripping account
his book is a ~ of high-stakes investigative reporting

feeling, emotion & effect / possession: hand
fictive possession: hand

grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

grist for their mill
he has given Democrats a whole lot of ~ (hearings)

grist for their (propaganda) mill
the leaks will be more ~

grist for historians' mills
this trip would provide the ~ for centuries to come (Galileo)

grist for the tabloid mill
his attention-grabbing antics are ~

grist to the mill
this is ~ of those who dislike the pope (sex abuse)

sensational grist
the news was ~ for conspiracy theorists and the far right

provided the grist
the report ~ for a lot of conspiracy theories

♦ Grist is grain that is ground to make flour.

♦ “This is a ship of war, and I will grind whatever grist the mill requires in order to fulfill my duty.” (Capt. Jack Aubrey, played by Russell Crowe, in the film *Master and Commander*.)

content: farming & agriculture / plant / wheat

gossip: farming & agriculture / plant / wheat

grit (political grit, etc.)

political grit
candidates will need ~ to defeat the incumbent president

♦ “Identifying and Building Grit in Language Learners” by Kelly Keegan, *English Teaching Forum* 2017, Volume 55, Number 3.

♦ “Grit of Women” by Jack London is one of the greatest love stories ever written.

commitment & determination / survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances

groan (amount)

groaned with more food
the table ~ than we could possibly eat

groaning with stuff
all these shelves that are ~ (runaway consumerism)

groaned with scrolls, archives, records and registers
the shelves ~ (East India House in London)

groaning under a mountain
Europe is ~ of debt

fictive communication: speech / verb
amount: weight

groom (prepare)

groomed victims for his own sexual gratification
he ~ (a famous singer)

readiness & preparedness: animal / horse / verb

ground (area)

fertile ground for spammers and hackers
Russia is a ~

area: ground, terrain & land

ground (feeding ground)

feeding ground for the music industry
YouTube is a ~ (sign up popular talent)

feeding ground for TV and dire poverty
its marshes were a ~ (the Maremma / Tuscany)

consumption: animal / predation

ground (fertile ground)

fertile ground for spammers
Russia is a ~ and hackers

growth & development: farming & agriculture / ground, terrain & land / plant

ground (moral high ground, etc.)

moral high ground
if the US is to keep the ~, we need to...
there is no longer any ~ left to stand on (diplomacy)
the ~ can be lonely terrain

♦ “We look for songs that mean something. Higher ground. You know, everybody know where the higher ground is. It sure ain’t here on earth. It’s above us. So we all want to go to the higher ground.” (Clarence Fountain of the Blind Boys of Alabama.)

character & personality / behavior: direction

ground (break ground)

break new ground
we are trying to ~ in this area (public diplomacy)

importance & significance / starting, going, continuing & ending: farming & agriculture / ground, terrain & land / infrastructure

ground (get off the ground)

got off the ground
the project died before it ~
the task force never ~

growth & development: flying & falling / ground, terrain & land / plane / verb

ground (give ground)

give-no-ground
the ~ defensiveness... (academia)

gave no ground
he showed no fear and ~ (Pfc. Jesse Buryj / Iraq)

gave (significant) ground
Trump ~ (a treaty)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / ground, terrain & land / verb

ground (gain ground)

gained ground
a number of states ~ in math (educational testing)

gaining ground
the sport is ~ (public in-door ax-throwing)
the campaign to free them was ~ (Cardiff Three)

gained ground against government forces
the rebels ~

gaining ground across France
the coronavirus is ~

gaining ground over death and fear
life is cautiously ~ (Algeria)

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / movement / verb

ground (lose ground, etc.)

losing ground
climate science is ~ with the public
the left is ~ in America (the culture wars)

lost ground
a hope that a secular Algeria is gaining ~

reclaimed ground
he ~ for the theater most thought had been abandoned

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / movement / verb

ground (hold / stand one's ground)

hold his ground
he elected to ~ to protect his fallen comrade

holding her ground
she is ~ and not giving in

stand our ground
we must ~ on education and health care (budget cuts)

standing their ground
other schools are ~ (mask requirements / pandemic)

stood her ground
she ~ and didn't let the defense undercut her (trial)

stood their ground
the mayor and the police chief both ~ (criticism)
the enemy fighters ~

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / ground, terrain & land / verb

ground (cover ground)

covered a lot of ground
his speech ~

covers a lot of (historical) ground
the movie ~, from...

covers (some of) the same ground
Betts ~ as Nasaw, but his focus is... (2 authors)

extent & scope / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / verb

ground (prepare the ground)

prepare the ground for a (crucial) referendum
the elections will ~ (Sudan)

preparing the ground for it
he's ~ (emergency declaration)

bases: ground, terrain & land / verb

readiness & preparedness: ground, terrain & land / verb

ground (hit the ground running)

hit the ground running
we ~ and within 36 hours we... (police)

readiness & preparedness: verb / walking, running & jumping

ground (both feet on the ground)

have both feet on the ground
she does appear to ~ (a mature girl)

character & personality: ground, terrain & land

ground (shaky ground, etc.)

shaky ground
their relationship is on ~
the franchise is on ~ (troubled NBA team)

unplowed ground
when we got onto ~ (interview)

ground is shifting

the ~

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land
equilibrium & stability: ground, terrain & land

ground (firm ground, etc.)

comfortable ground

steer the conversation to more ~

friendly ground

don't assume Ireland will be ~ for the pope (sex abuse)

safer ground

then they'd be on ~ (by following procedure)

firm ground

the show is still struggling to find ~

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

equilibrium & stability: ground, terrain & land

ground (on the ground)

ground conditions

~ matter (resources for hospitals, etc. / pandemic)

on the ground

he is ~ covering the protests (a foreign correspondent)
the Red Cross and other organizations are ~ (disaster)

from the ground

journalists report the truth ~

presence & absence: ground, terrain & land

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height

ground (go to ground)

gone to ground

Bolton has ~, refusing interviews (politics)

went to ground for a few months

he ~ but then resurfaced (wanted by Hague)

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / protection & lack of protection / pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hole / hunting / verb

ground (common ground)

common ground (people share) is shrinking
the ~ (journalism and the media)

find common ground

they want to bridge the divide and ~ (gun control / suicide)

seek common ground

I call upon all of us to ~

reach common ground with Iran

the US has been unable to ~

concede common ground to his adversaries

he will not ~

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

ground (middle ground)

middle ground

there's no ~ with him

people either support or condemn, there's no ~
finding ~ is still elusive (compromise)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

groundbreaking

groundbreaking leader

Wilma Mankiller was a ~ (Cherokee)

groundbreaking research

she has done ~

groundbreaking story

the results of this ~

groundbreaking (gene-therapy) studies

the magazine has published many ~

importance & significance: farming & agriculture / ground, terrain & land

grounded

grounded in science and truth

information ~, analysis rooted in integrity (the *Guardian*)

grounded personality

his ~ is appreciated by all (boxing champ Josh Taylor)

bases / character & personality: ground, terrain & land

Groundhog Day (film)

Groundhog Day

we've been here before with Jose, it's all very ~ (Spurs)

groundhog day cycle

they hope to end the ~ (EMTS take care of mentally ill)

judicial Groundhog Day

it was a ~ (a third retrial)

turned into Groundhog Day

Brexit Day has ~ (yet another delay)

allusion: film

fantasy & reality: allusion / day / film

repetition: allusion / day / film

ground rule

ground rules

the new post-Cold War ~

new ~ might help

♦ A ground rule modifies a rule to a particular place, pitch or field.

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games

groundswell (noun)

groundswell of cases

a ~ like hers rippled through Hollywood (MeToo)

groundswell of hostility

there has been a ~ toward outsiders (migrants)
groundswell of support
 there is not yet a ~ for sweeping change

groundswell moment
 we're at that ~ (rising demand for antibiotic-free meat)

♦ A groundswell refers to a swell at sea.

amount & effect: sea / wave

groundwork (noun)

groundwork
 laying the ~ for a ceasefire in the Middle East

groundwork for a ceasefire
 laying the ~ in the Middle East

groundwork for his own undoing
 he had laid the ~

decades of groundwork
 ~ typically precede any real advances (psychiatry)

laid the groundwork
 he had ~ for his own undoing

bases: ground, terrain & land

ground zero

ground zero for one of history's greatest tank battles
 Hushniya was ~ (the Golan / 1973)

ground zero in the New Economy
 Austin is ~

ground zero of the (anti-vaccine) movement
 California is ~

ground zero for climate change
 Miami is ~

ground zero for (race-based) street gangs
 California is ~

ground zero for sea-level rise
 Miami is ~

snowboarding's ground zero
 Lake Tahoe is ~

♦ Related phrases are "patient zero" and also "year zero," as in the following: "Fourteen eighty-five is taken by historians to be one of the great 'year zeros' of history." (Along with such dates as 1066 and 1789.)

location / place: nuclear energy

effect: explosion / nuclear energy

importance & significance: nuclear energy

grow (increase)

grew (more than) 700 percent
 the number of women in prisons and jails ~

increase & decrease: number / plant / verb

grow (develop)

grow in their careers

medical professionals like him, who are looking to ~
grew very fast
 the company ~ (fashion)

growth & development: death & life / farming & agriculture / plant

grow (grow the economy, etc.)

grown its (podcasting) arm
 NPR has ~ in recent years to reach a younger audience

grow its arsenal
 how did Hamas ~ to strike Israel

grow our audience
 we must ~ and cultivate their financial support (WBUR)

grow the family business
 he saw the opportunity to ~

grow our economy
 we need to ~

growing progress
 see how farmers are ~ in Tanzania (ad for Corteva Agri)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / part of speech / plant / verb

growing (increasing)

growing criticism
 his policy is the subject of ~

increase & decrease: plant

growing pains

growing pains
 a TV show can have ~, too

normal growing pains
 these are ~ for a new-film operation

overcame (most of) its growing pains
 it ~ pretty quickly (a TV series)

growth & development: death & life

growl (verb)

growling at each other
 ten minutes later, you're both ~

conflict / speech: animal / sound / verb

speech: animal / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

grownup (person)

grownup in the room
 he positioned himself as the ~, the worldly chaperon

experience: baby / death & life / person

growth & development: death & life

person: baby

growth (cancerous, etc.)

cancerous growth

he refers to the other country as a ~

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

grow up (grow up together, etc.)

grew up together

census-taking and a science of statistics ~

growth & development: death & life / verb

relationship: death & life / verb

grow up (grow up! etc.)

grow up

as a nation, we need to ~, to accept this unpleasant reality
(pandemic)

growth & development: death & life / verb

experience: death & life / verb

grub (person)

cowardly grubs

he referred to the online trolls as ~

person: animal / insect

character & personality / insult: animal / insect / person

grumble (noun)

grumblings and cross-talk

the statement elicited ~ in the chamber (England)

Draw Grumbles

Spain's Civil Servants ~, And Envy...

elicited grumblings

the statement ~ and cross-talk in the chamber (England)

♦ "I think you might start *seeing* some grumblings on Capitol Hill that this is not the way it's supposed to be done." (An ABC reporter.)

♦ "I'm starting to *notice* some real grumbling." (Lockdowns.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

speech: sound

guard (off guard)

caught the US off guard

Iran's response ~

caught off guard

he is ~ (a diplomat / surprising information)
residents said they were ~ (by a tornado)

caught off guard by the ferocity

scientists were ~ of the eruption

caught off-guard (last year) by a (flu vaccine) shortage

many in the US were ~

caught me off guard

he ~

caught (even) meteorologists off guard

the storm ~

totally caught off guard

Jeanette was ~

readiness & preparedness: military

protection & lack of protection: military

guard (on guard)

on guard for any signs

we are ~ of infection (doctor)

readiness & preparedness: military

protection & lack of protection: military

guard (changing of the guard)

changing of the guard

I'm glad to see a ~ (liberal attitudes in sports)

changing of the guard on Court Philippe-Chatrier

it felt like a ~ (French open 2021)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: military

dismissal, removal & resignation: military

guard (lower one's guard, etc.)

let our guard down

Dr. Fauci warned it's too early to ~ (pandemic)

lowered their guard

they thought they were in private and ~ (naked photos)

protection & lack of protection: military / verb

readiness & preparedness: military / verb

guard (keep one's guard up)

keeps her guard up

she ~

protection & lack of protection: boxing / military / verb

readiness & preparedness: boxing / military / verb

guardian (protection)

guardian of a (150 year) legacy

the Mariinsky Theater is a ~ (ballet and opera)

guardian of his reputation

she became the ~ after his death (writer)

protection & lack of protection: military / person

guardrail (behavior)

guard rails

what are the ~ to make sure that technology does no harm

Facebook can have harms without adequate ~ in place

moderating individuals provide some equilibrium, some ~

this has been done, so the ~ are there (25th amendment)

guardrails

~ to prevent all forms of trafficking (Facebook)

guard rails of our democracy

they have been ignoring the ~ (ethics in government)

guardrail against the (US-Russia nuclear) rivalry
 the treaty is a ~ (INF nuclear treaty)

guardrails within that media ecosystem
 there are no more ~ (conspiracy theories, misinformation)

guardrails (at home) to prevent that
 there were ~ (bad behavior by a child)

no guardrails
 there are ~, anyone can try to create a new reality (media)

few or no guardrails
 there are ~ to stop it (disinformation on social media)

emergency guardrails
 these ~, these break-the-glass measures... (Facebook)

guardrail has come down
 the ~ (end of INF nuclear treaty between Russia and US)

guardrails are gone
 he is in hot water because the ~, he was relying on...

have some guardrails up
 presidents would ~ to avoid the appearance of impropriety

have some guardrails in place
 we, as a board, didn't ~ (Time's Up)

put in a bunch of guardrails
 we ~ to make it less likely (another financial collapse)

♦ "A backstop; a guardrail; trying to keep the President from going outside the bounds; minimize the damage..." ("John Bolton's Place in Ukraine Policy" by Mara Liasson, NPR, Morning Edition, October 25, 2019.)

♦ "Make sure competition doesn't veer into unintended military conflict; establish commonsense guardrails; establish some rules of the road..." (Commentary about summit between President Biden and Xi Jinping.)

♦ "These emergency guardrails, these break-the-glass measures, are blunt instruments." (Facebook and its attempts to control fake news, hate speech, election interference, etc. can also hurt free speech.)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: boundary / infrastructure

guinea pig

guinea pig
 I can understand why I was used as a ~ (hospital)
 I convinced my sister to be the ~ (Brazilian bikini wax)
 be my ~, and I'll give you a free tattoo
 we are being used as ~s (new rules in soccer)
 he used his own sons as “~s” (sports doping)

pharmaceutical guinea pigs
 they feel like ~, put on one antidepressant after another

treated as guinea pigs
 Africans should not be ~ (vaccinations)

♦ "Be my guinea pig, and I'll give you a free tattoo." Is that a good idea?
 ♦ "I'm not going to be someone's guinea pig, we don't know what'll happen to me if I take that stuff." (The film *Words On Bathroom Walls*)

experimentation: animal

guide (verb)

guided him into the gang
 he ~

guides him
 Islam ~

directing / direction: journeys & trips / verb

guide (person)

guide
 our ~ knows China very well indeed (Reith lecture)

spiritual guide
 the cult became her ~

♦ "And I, sick with alarm at his new pallor, / cried out, "How can I go this way when you / who are my strength in doubt turn pale with terror?" / And he: "The pain of these below us here, / drains the color from my face for pity, / and leaves this pallor you mistake for fear. / Now let us go, for a long road awaits us." (*The Inferno*, translated by John Ciardi.)

♦ Jon Krakauer's book, *Into Thin Air*, confronts us with an important question: "What do you do when your guide dies?"

direction: journeys & trips / person

person: direction / journeys & trips

relationship: direction / journeys & trips

guide (nonperson)

used the stars as guides
 they ~

direction: journeys & trips

gulf (division)

gulf
 psychologically the ~ is even wider (Mitrovica, Kosovo)

gulf of difference
 human groups often regard each other across the ~

gulf of mistrust
 there was a ~ (newspaper and government)

gulf of misunderstanding
 the ~ is only growing (Saudi-US post-9/11)

gulf between the haves and the have-nots
 the ~

gulf between leaders and people
 antiwar marches reveal ~

gulf between rich and poor
 the widening ~

gulf between the two
 there's a huge ~ (kinds of companies)

gulf between the two departments
 the ~ (police helicopters, firefighters)

gulf in class
 the game exposed the ~ between these two clubs (soccer)

gulf in their worldviews

the ~ appears unbridgeable (two academics)
widening gulf
the ~ between rich and poor
cultural and linguistic gulf
a ~ has widened between Yoji and his parents (raised in US)
gulf has widened
a cultural and linguistic ~ between Yoji and his parents
bridge the (cultural, linguistic and political) gulfs
telemedicine can ~
symbolizes a (wider, more basic) gulf
the Moei River ~ between Burma and Thailand

division & connection: sea

gum up (verb)

gum up the system
his purpose was to ~ (politics)

functioning: mechanism / verb

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb
disruption: mechanism / verb

gumbo (mixture)

gumbo of (certain) characters
thrown in is a kind of ~ (*The French Dispatch* / real people)
gumbo of traditions
the music of New Orleans is a ~
artistic and musical gumbo
few have concocted such a wild ~ (Van Dyke Parks)
♦ "You know, you put 'em all together, and it's like a gumbo, you put everything in the pot, and, in the moment, you just fly, ya know, after you make your 100th vat of gumbo, you get a feel fur [for] where to place these things, and it's not really contrived, it just is a spirit in a moment that you follow..." ("Fresh Air" Favorites: Bandleader Jon Batiste," January 1, 2020. He grew up in Louisiana, near Kenner, internalizing the Bambara rhythm.)

identity & nature / mixture: food & drink

gun (verb)

gunning for me
why are you ~ (dispute)

gunning for a mistrial
the defense is ~

target: verb / weapon

gun (big gun)

see *big gun* (*and heavy gun*)

gun (jump the gun)

jump the gun
don't ~
so he sits on his ideas, he doesn't want to ~ (Darwin)

eagerness & reluctance: sports & games / verb
action, inaction & delay: sports & games / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games / verb

gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.)

with a gun to their head
the Iranians would never negotiate ~
with a gun to her head
famously stubborn, she is unlikely to co-operate ~ (Aung San Suu Kyi / 2021)
holding a gun to the head
the US is ~ of Canada (tariff negotiations)

hold a gun to her head
I didn't ~, it was consensual (sex abuse)

put a gun to your head
they ~ (drug treatment for doctors)

coercion & motivation: weapon / verb

gun (under the gun)

under the gun
the deadline puts us ~
oppression / fate, fortune & chance: weapon

gun (criticism)

turn their guns on Bill Barr
I think it laughable to see Democrats ~ (politics)

accusation & criticism: weapon

gun (with guns blazing)

with (all) guns blazing
the White House will go into that process ~ (impeachment)

coming with guns blazing
I'm not ~, looking for a fight (a tennis reformer)

accusation & criticism: weapon

gun (stick to one's guns)

sticking to his guns
he is ~, continuing to deny the allegations against him

stuck to their guns
he and his directors ~ (resisted a takeover)

stuck to her guns artistically
Joni is someone who's ~ (the singer Joni Mitchell)

commitment & determination: weapon

gun (hired gun)

hired gun
we are ~s (Scott Sanders / voices for political attack ads)

hired-gun
before 1968, ~consultants were rare (politics)

financial hired gun
he has worked as a ~ (hedge funds, etc.)

works as a hired gun

he ~ to defeat school bond referendums

♦ "I used to be a warrant officer in the British SAS and now I'm a soldier of fortune. I'm a hired gun, a mercenary if you like, and I'm the man who was trying keep the other four guys in the car alive on the drive from Jordan to Baghdad..." (*Highway To Hell: Dispatches From A Mercenary In Iraq* by John Geddes.)

conflict / help & assistance: person / weapon

person: money

gun-shy (adjective)

gun shy

some have described him as “~” (a boxer after K.O.)
he didn't fight like a champion and looked ~ (a boxer)

gun-shy about getting married again

he may have felt a little ~

gun-shy fighter

he was too negative, he seemed like a ~ (boxing)

eagerness & reluctance: weapon

guru (person)

adventure guru

the magnum opus of ~ Ray Jardine

computer guru

the N.S.A.'s alienation from the ~s

mind guru

he's labelled as a ~ (boxing trainer Joby Clayton)

motivational guru

he is not a traditional lacquer-haired ~

style guru

Cosmo's ~ Elaine Farley

software guru

a popular ~ named Tim O'Reilly

relationship and self-esteem guru

~ Phil McGraw

message: person / religion

knowledge & intelligence: person / religion

person: religion

gush (verb)

gushed about her (Sophia Loren) looks

People magazine ~

gush about how

we're going to ~ much we appreciate you (podcast)

gushed about parenthood

he ~

gushed about him

she ~ (praise)

amount & effect / speech: verb / water

gush (noun)

trickle, flow, gush

we had a theory called, "~~" (rescuing hostages)

amount & effect / movement: water

gut (destroy)

gutted a (historic) building

the huge fire that ~

gutted the kitchen

a fire has ~ of a wooden clubhouse at a holiday park

gut the presidency

the generals tried to ~ (Egypt)

gut the program

the Republicans are trying to ~

gut that protection

the proposed rule would ~

gutted the (California) regulation

the Supreme Court ~ (declared it unconstitutional)

destruction: blade / hunting / knife / stomach / verb

gut (feeling)

gut feel

he has a ~ for what the voter thinks (politics)

gut feeling

I went with my ~

he was seized by a ~ of lurking danger

range estimation by "~~" is subject to error

you may have some ~s that could be terribly wrong

gut instinct

I would never again go against my ~s (climber)

her ~ told her that he was lying

trust your ~s

I followed a ~ and chose to run the rapid (kayaker)

gut feelings and emotions

neural systems tap into ~

gut feelings and intuitions

people are often influenced by ~

"cop's gut"

when a ~ tells him to stop someone

gut told me

my ~ that she was lying

does everything from his gut

Biden ~ (not disciplined / doesn't follow script)

knew in her gut

she ~ that her son was dead too

feeling, emotion & effect / judgment: stomach

analysis, interpretation & explanation: stomach

knowledge & intelligence: stomach

Gutenberg

Gutenberg of the blind

Braille was the ~ (Louis Braille)

creation & transformation: epithet

gut out (verb)

gutted it out

he ~ (Tyson Fury beats Wallin in ring)

courage & lack of courage: stomach / verb

commitment & determination: stomach / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: stomach / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: stomach / verb

guts (insides)

guts

someone had tended to its ~, if not its skin (an old rifle)
the ~ no one wants to see, think about (Web hosts)

orientation / bases: stomach

guts (courage)

guts

such bravery, such ~ (the Scottish boxer Luke Campbell)

have the guts

do you ~ to rescind the law (politics)

showed (lots of) guts

he ~ and plenty of skill too (a boxer)

took (a lot of) guts

it ~ to do what he did

♦ No guts, no glory!

courage & lack of courage: stomach

commitment & determination: stomach

gutted (destroyed)

gutted by fire

body discovered in house ~

gutted by the fire

the landmark building was ~ within a matter of hours

gutted (by legislators) and abandoned

the proposal was ~

destruction: blade / knife / hunting / stomach

gutted (feeling)

gutted

I'm ~, it's a tough one to swallow (Conor McGregor loss)

gutted for you

I am so ~ and your family (terminal diagnosis)

gutted for the players

I'm ~ (coach on tough soccer loss)

gutted with the way

we're ~ things have gone (tough soccer loss)

gutted when

she said she was ~ she heard the news

gutted and heartbroken

I'm ~ (missed penalty)

drained, run down, (mentally) low, gutted

I felt ~ (promoter after an upset boxing loss)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / hunting / knife / stomach

gutter (in the gutter / decline)

in the gutter

morale is ~

employment gutter

they are left in an “~” due to linguistic impoverishment

decline: direction / infrastructure

gutter (in the gutter / behavior)

get (down) in the gutter

I refuse to ~ with him

behavior: direction / height / infrastructure

gutter (out of the gutter)

get your mind out of the gutter

you need to ~ (preoccupation with sex)

behavior: direction / infrastructure

gutter (end up in the gutter)

end up in the gutter

if you don't do well in school, you'll ~

decline: direction / infrastructure

gutter (gutter politics, etc.)

employment gutter

they are left in an “~” due to linguistic impoverishment

gutter politics

this is ~ of the lowest sort

this is the dirtiest ~ that I've ever seen (a politician)

behavior / decline: direction / infrastructure

gut-wrenching (adjective)

gut wrenching

one scene after another is ~ (a film)

gut-wrenching memoirs

incredible personal testimony, ~ (the Blitz)

gut-wrenching testimony

he heard ~ of bullying and heartbreaking stories

gut-wrenching visit

Kerry made a ~ to Hiroshima

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / stomach

guy (nonhuman)

guy

we're seeing these ~s all over the place (carpet vipers)

call this ~ Typhoon Seven (*Hunt for Red October*)

- bad guys
for years they've been the ~ in movies like *Jaws* (sharks)
- big guy
he's a ~, for sure... (a large Colorado bear)_
- fun guys
~ known as chanterelles (a coveted wild mushroom)
- little guys
all these ~ grow here so well (cherries in Michigan)
- person: object**
- guy (character)**
- guy's guy
his dad was a ~ (snakeskin boots, Harley, muscle truck)
- bad guy
~s are bad guys, the Army is the Army, orders are orders
it doesn't mean the ~s have changed their tune (Baghdad)
you never know who's a good guy or a ~
our job is about killing ~s (US in Afghanistan)
- dream guy
new dating services guarantee a ~
- good guy
the ~s are gonna win
you never know who's a ~ or a bad guy
he was just a ~ with a gun...until he wasn't
- great guy
I was on a blind date with this ~
- hard guy
he's a tough guy, he's a ~ (boxer Chris van Heerden)
- little guy
he isn't afraid to stand up for the ~
- New Guy
the Hanoi Hilton included Heartbreak Hotel and ~ Village
- Nice Guy
Parker is the 'Mr ~' of boxing (lacks nasty streak)
- right guy
Urban Meyer might not be the ~ for the team (a coach)
- tough guy
he's a ~, he's a hard guy (boxer Chris van Heerden)
- tough-guy
he hides behind a ~ posture
- white guy
letting ~s or non-Indians in ruins the ceremony
- type-A-my-way-or-the-highway guy
he was a ~
- breed of guys
old, tough guys, they were just a different ~ (Italians)
- kind of guy
he's known as a hard-charging, take-no-prisoners ~
Max is a no-quarter ~ and Lewis... (F1 racing)
- he's a go-out-on-his-shield ~ (the boxer Deontay Wilder)
- ♦ "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."
- ♦ The bad guys; bad actors; bad elements; bad hombres... (Descriptions used by the US president, military, State Department, and members of Congress.)
- ♦ "We have some bad hombres here and we're gonna get them out."
- ♦ "He's a very dangerous hombre with big, big power." (The boxer Tyson Fury about Deontay Wilder.)
- ♦ He's just an average Joe.
- ♦ "I know America loves its bad guys. But I'm a great guy. I just won a Super Bowl. I'm an American hero." (The NFL player Antonio Brown, on being cut from his team.)
- ♦ "He's a nice fella... A guy don't need no sense to be a nice fella." (Of Mice and Men.)
- ♦ see also boy, man (big man, little man, etc.), Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)
- character & personality: film / person**
- gymnastic (adjective)**
- gymnastic voice
her rich, ~ is center stage (Sabina Sciubba)
- ability & lack of ability: movement / sports & games**
- difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / sports & games**
- gymnastics (effort)**
- "gymnastics" of the tongue and throat
the vocal ~ (speech)
- genetic gymnastics
these ~ are a big part of why... (the polio virus)
- linguistic gymnastics
he performed ~ on the issue in testimony (Bill Clinton)
- logistical gymnastics
getting surgery patients to the ship required some ~
- mathematical gymnastics
her plan is ~ (politics / paying for healthcare)
- mental gymnastics
Democrats do this ~ nearly every election cycle
you don't have to do any ~ to imagine that if...
- verbal gymnastics
local media use ~ to avoid placing responsibility (police)
- vocal gymnastics
I would try to imitate her ~ (Celia Cruz)
her guitar playing and ~ are an unstoppable force
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games**
- ability & lack of ability: movement / sports & games**

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habit (enthusiasm)

kayaking habit
he works mainly to support his ~

support his (kayaking) habit
he works mainly to ~

enthusiasm: addiction

hack (hack something / endurance)

hack the pace
Isaac wasn't sure he could ~ (child actor)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

hack (break into)

hack the NSA
he managed to ~

protection & lack of protection: blade / verb
computer: blade / verb

hack (fix)

hack
tech can optimize, or “~”, any aspect of our lives

amelioration & renewal: blade / verb
computer: blade / verb

hack (a fix)

hacks for coping
~ with extreme heat (heat waves, warming climate)

hacks and tips
interesting beauty ~ found on TikTok

life hacks
your web site for ~

tiny hack
one ~ for better hips

tips and hacks
turkey ~ on TikTok (Butterball / Thanksgiving)
~ to make life better (NPR)

♦ Lifehacker offers “tips and tricks for getting more done in less time.” (A website.)

amelioration & renewal: blade
help & assistance: blade
computer: blade

hacking (fixing)

body hacking
his ~ did him in (pills, powders, liquids)

amelioration & renewal: blade
help & assistance: blade

hackles (raise hackles)

raise some hackles
this will ~

raised hackles in Switzerland
the proposals have ~ (EU restrictions on firearms)

♦ Piloerection is a sign of emotional arousal. In chimpanzees, it will cause the hair on their shoulders to stick straight up. At the same time, chimpanzees might hoot and throw pebbles.

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / dog / hair / verb
conflict: animal / dog / hair / verb

haggle (verb)

haggle over forming
political factions continue to ~ the new government

position, policy & negotiation: money / verb

haggling

diplomatic haggling
the resolution went through much ~ (U.N.)

position, policy & negotiation: money

hagiographic (superlative)

hagiographic movie
Hollywood made a ~ about Young (Mormon leader)

behavior / reverence / superlative: religion

hail (in a hail)

in a hail of (police) bullets
they died ~

in the (initial) hail of fire
~, 2 soldiers were wounded

amount & effect: snow & ice / storm

hail (noun)

hail of criticism
the ruling drew a ~ from the legal community

hail of gunfire
the Humvee desperately tried to escape the ~

hails of (machine-gun) fire
the Allied troops who braved ~ on Normandy's beaches

♦ “Wholesale devastation of many cereal and fruit crops; apples split in two with ‘one half left hanging on the tree’; long pieces of bark stripped off fruit trees; trees ‘absolutely barked’; hedges ‘completely peeled’; trees left leafless and stripped of bark; fields of cereal crops completely threshed; 50,000 panes of glass broken in Chipping Norton; leaden window framework battered in; slate roofs and chimney pots destroyed; the piles of hail contacting warmer ground created a mist or steam; continuous thunder and vivid lightning; roads knee-deep in hailstones; flooding ...” (The Great Hailstorm of 9 August, 1843, in Great Britain. Information from “Severe Hailstorms in the United Kingdom and Ireland: A Climatological Survey with Recent and Historical Case Studies” by Jonathan D.C. Webb and Derek M. Elsom.)

amount & effect: snow & ice / storm

hailed

hailed as a liberal hero
Humphrey was ~ (politics)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

Hail Mary

Hail Mary pass
legal cliffhangers include a ~ in 2009 (Death Row)

Hail Mary (legal) strategy

the legal team went for a sort of ~

fate, fortune & chance: football / religion / sports & games

hair (resemblance)

leaf hair

~s can help identify different kinds of oaks

root hairs

~ (oak tree)

resemblance: hair

hair (hair on fire)

have their hair on fire

centrist Democrats ~ over Sanders (too radical)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / hair / sensation

hairpin (shape)

hairpin turns

fans lined the ~ (Tour de France)

shape: direction / hair

hair-raising

hair-raising glimpse

a ~

hair-raising trip

a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: hair

hair trigger

hair-trigger situation

he feared a ~ (miscalculation, pre-emptive strike, etc.)

hair-trigger temper

he had a ~

he developed a ~ (steroid abuser)

he was an imperious boss with a ~

initiation: weapon

hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.)

within a hair's-breadth

she was ~ of losing her place in the tournament (sports)

came within a hair's breadth of dying

she ~ at his hands (grievous bodily harm)

proximity: breadth / hair

half-baked (adjective)

half-baked idea

this ~ will pose a threat to Democrats (politics)

flaws & lack of flaws: cooking

half-hearted

halfhearted

I made a ~ effort to learn French

commitment & determination: heart

hall (halls of academe, etc.)

halls of academe

plagiarism can result in banishment from the ~

power: infrastructure / sign, signal, symbol

hallmark

hallmarks of al-Qaida

officials said the attacks bore the ~

hallmark of the administration

arrogance has been the ~ (Bush)

hallmarks of a bygone era

quaint ~

hallmark of great leaders

Amundsen had the personal magnetism that is the ~

hallmarks of a contract killing

his murder had none of the ~

hallmarks of eating disorders

one of the ~ is denial (lying about eating habits)

bore the hallmarks

officials said the attacks ~ of al-Qaida

bore (all) the (al Qaeda) hallmarks

the operation ~ of careful planning

carried all the hallmarks

it ~ of the other rapes, the same warning... (a new rape)

♦ Hallmarks were marks on precious metals like silver and gold used to indicate purity.

evidence: mark

hallowed (adjective)

hallowed ground

this memorial wall is ~ for the CIA (137 stars)

hallowed Boston Latin School

few seats come open in a given year at the ~

hallowed (boxing) venue

Madison Square Garden is a ~

importance & significance / reverence: religion

halo (noun)

Obama halo

8 years of working with Obama gave him the ~ (Biden)

bestow a halo

the US news media was eager to ~ (Amanda Knox)

taken off his halo

a little of the shine had now been ~ (a politician)
behavior / reverence / superlative: religion / sign, signal, symbol

halt (grind to a halt, etc.)

came to a screeching halt
his wild success ~
the sports world ~ (coronavirus epidemic)

grind to a halt
England's workplaces were set to ~ (football fever)
innovation could gradually ~ (low returns on capital)
without the parts, factories would soon ~

grinds to a halt
a surface transportation system that ~

ground to a halt
traffic on the expressway ~
France ~ (May 1968)
his career ~ soon after (architect)

screeched to a halt
his career ~

shuddering to a halt
wide swaths of the economy are ~ (virus pandemic)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / movement / verb
failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / movement / verb

hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.)

Hamburger Hill
Hill 937 got its nickname, ~ (Vietnam War)
♦ "This is a ship of war, and I will grind whatever grist the mill requires in order to fulfill my duty." (Capt. Jack Aubrey, played by Russell Crowe, in the film *Master and Commander*.)

military: consumption / epithet / meat

ham-handed

vague and ham-handed
the legislation is ~

oppression: hand

Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.)

Hamlet on the Hudson
sometimes labeled ~, Mario Cuomo...
♦ Mario Cuomo, governor of New York, was labeled the Hamlet on the Hudson. He got much attention as he debated the pros and cons of running for president.

allusion: books & reading

character & personality: allusion / books & reading

hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)

Thor's Hammer
~ is an unusual rock formation in Bryce Canyon

proper name: hammer / religion

geography: proper name / religion

hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.)

hammer the Deep South
three killed as severe weather, tornadoes ~

hammered the Karakoram
severe blizzards ~ (Gasherbrum IV)

hammers the Philippines
super typhoon Mangkhut ~

force: storm

hammer (criticize)

hammered the White House team
she ~ (in her memoir / politics)

accusation & criticism: force / hammer / speech / verb

hammer (hammer of the law, etc.)

hammer of the law
the ~ has to come down on misconduct (social media)
the ~ falls down harder on leftist demonstrators

combined arms hammer
the ~ that is about to strike him (Saddam)

emotional hammer
pandemic's ~ hits hard (depression, etc.)

legal hammer
the group is bringing a ~ on the right (SPLC)

hammer (of the law) falls (down) harder
this perception that the ~ on leftist demonstrators

brings the hammer down
corporate America ~ (against conservatives)

bringing a (legal) hammer down
the group is ~ on the right (Southern Poverty Law Center)

force: hammer / tools & technology

hammered out

hammered out in negotiations
important deals are ~ (W.T.O.)

hammered out between opponents and supporters
in a compromise ~

creation & transformation: hammer / manufacturing

hammer out (verb)

hammered out a compromise
opponents and supporters ~ (state song)

hammered out the trick
after some trial and error they ~ (kayakers)

creation & transformation: hammer / manufacturing / verb

hamstrung

hamstrung

the administration is ~

♦ “Every horror that could make war hideous attended this retreat; distress, conflagration, death in all modes... And the spirit of cruelty smote even the brute creation, for the French general, to lessen incumbrances, ordered beasts of burden to be destroyed, and the inhuman fellow charged with the execution hamstrung 500 asses, and left them to starve. They were found so by the British; and the mute, sad, deep expression of grief and pain visible in the poor creatures’ looks excited a strange fury in the soldiers—no quarter would have been given at that time...” (Napier on combat against the French in 1811 on the Iberian Peninsula. Quoted in *British Battles on Land and Sea*.)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal / health & medicine / leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

hand (at hand)

at hand

success is ~

perhaps a cure is ~

close at hand

they believe the end of the world is ~

proximity: hand

hand (in hand)

well in hand

she has her diabetes ~

they had things ~ (law enforcement / a school shooting)

control & lack of control: hand

hand (on hand)

on hand

thousands of police and security forces are ~ (festival)

on hand for the ceremony

bishops, archbishops and the papal nuncio were ~

on hand to help

she was ~ with translations for the doctor

presence & absence: hand

hand (at the hands)

at his hands

many people suffered ~ (a deposed ruler)

at the hands of a mob

it was the eighth killing ~ this year (Peru)

at the hands of an intimate

victims of violence ~

at the hands of an (Illinois) mob

he died ~ (Joseph Smith)

at the hands of police officers

he sought death ~ (suicide by cop)

at the hands of police officers

his plan was to die in a fire or ~

at the hands of slave owners
the abuse his ancestors suffered ~

at the hands of a spouse, lover or relative
a woman's risk of death ~

death at the hands of the Americans
a martyr's ~

harm at the hands of other students
protect students from ~ (gays)

violence at the hands of his father
protect a four-year-old boy from ~

violence at the hands of an intimate
victims of ~

violence at the hands of a partner
patients who are victims of ~

death at the hands of a spouse, lover or relative
a woman's risk of ~

death at the hands of police officers
he sought ~

die at the hands of police officers
his plan was to ~ (suicide by cop)

die at the hands of the IRA
innocent people will ~

died at the hands of an (Illinois) mob
he ~ (Joseph Smith)

suffer at the hands of other students
many ~ (transgenders)

suffer at the hands of (unscrupulous) employers
these immigrants ~

involvement / responsibility: hand

hand (dealt a hand)

dealt a difficult hand
they have been ~

♦ “We play with the cards we’re dealt.”

fate, fortune & chance: cards

hand (control)

in the hands of the Justice Department
the case is already ~

in the hands of (a few large) companies
the industry is now consolidated

in the hands of the people
the power was not ~

in the hands of one person
the power was ~

in small-town hands
a small-town paper ~

in (very) capable hands
 the department is ~ (police)
 in good hands
 the health of publishing is ~ (readers)
 in great hands
 I knew she was ~ (assisted climber on Mt. Everest)
 in private hands
 the restaurants are ~
 in the right hands
 ~, that stage has enormous possibilities (a theater)
 steady hand
 he is supposed to be a ~, he's a veteran (attorney general)
 rests in the hands
 power and wealth ~ of a small elite
 leave it in the judges' hands
 he didn't ~ (boxer knocks out opponent)
control & lack of control: hand
hand (raise one's hand)
 raised its hand right away
 Kosovo ~ (to accept Afghan refugees)
allegiance, support & betrayal: gesture / hand / verb
hand (possession)
 in the hands of the enemy
 she didn't want to be left ~ (POW)
 how to escape if you are ~
 in the hands of US forces and their allies
 in 2 months Afghanistan was ~
 in enemy hands
 the ridgetop was still ~ (Afghanistan)
 in Palestinian hands
 that would leave the hilltop ~
 in Kurdish hands
 Kirkuk, home of ethnic Turks known as Turkomen, is ~
 in loving hands
 she left the restaurant ~ (died)
 changed hands
 the town has ~ in the past month (rebels vs. government)
 leave the hilltop in Palestinian hands
 that would ~
 left in the hands
 she didn't want to be ~ of the enemy (POW)
 fall into the hands
 weapons that may ~ of terrorists (NBC, etc.)
 fallen into the hands
 regions that have ~ of the insurgents
 fall into enemy hands
 he feared the machine gun could ~
 we don't want the information to ~
 fell into rebel hands
 the stronghold of Korhogo ~
 fall into the (wrong) hands
 it could ~
 fell into the wrong hands
 if the information ~
 if Pakistan's nuclear weapons ~
 get the (lost) items into the right hands
 Y staffers try to ~
 get their hands on booze
 minors using online ordering to ~
 get their hands on (classified) information
 lawyers can't ~
 leave Saudi hands
 nor did the whole \$55 billion ~
 get weapons out of the hands
 trying to ~ of local warlords (Afghanistan)
 make their way into the hands
 treated, the beaver skins ~ of fashion designers
 push (Pakistani) society into the hands
 ~ of the militants
possession: hand
hand (bite the hand that feeds one)
 bit the hand that feeds him
 he ~ (boxer withdraws without a good reason)
 bit the hand that fed him
 he ~ (a troubled NFL athlete running out of chances)
◆ "Not only did they throw you a life preserver, they drove the boat and picked you up!" (Shannon Sharpe, speaking to Skip Bayless about Antonio Brown, on the sports show "Skip and Shannon: Undisputed." "They" refer to Tom Brady, Bruce Arians, and the Miami Dolphins football team, who hired Antonio Brown after he had been cut from 3 teams. Brown ended up walking off the field in the middle of a game.)
◆ I place a date in your lips, and you spit the pit in my face! (Arabic.)
◆ "Invite a beggar into your house and he will put his feet up on your table!"
help & assistance: hand
hand (tie one's hands, etc.)
 tie our hands
 this will ~ (a trade union)
 ties judges' hands
 the bill ~ (vis-à-vis non-dangerous mentally ill)
 Biden's hands were tied
 ~ when he came into office
 their hands were tied
 there was no loss of expertise but their ~ (security)

the company's hands would be tied
the ~ if... (a court ruling)

free hand

gave him a ~ to go after terrorists

constraint & lack of constraint: hand / rope / verb
hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)

hand

our ~s are clean (allegations of abuse)
my ~s are clean (I'm not guilty)

dirty hands

only ~ can get the job done (counterterrorism)

guilt / involvement / responsibility: hand / hygiene

hand (bloody hands, etc.)

blood on (his) hands

he has ~ (terrorist financier)
he has ~ (a politician)

blood on (their) hands

we say they have ~ (companies that used slaves)

bloody hands

once again the ~ of terror have struck

has bloody hands

he ~ (a politician)

guilt / involvement / responsibility: blood / hand

hand (upper hand)

upper hand

crews are finally getting the ~ on the wildfire
protestors are starting to gain the ~ (France)
Republicans have the ~ inside the legislative arena
it was Peru who had the ~ after the break (soccer)

dominance & submission: direction / hand

control & lack of control: direction / hand

hand (iron hand, etc.)

iron hand

the country needs an ~ to lead it

with an iron hand

I will deal with terrorism ~ (a leader)

with an authoritarian hand

President Lansana Conté has ruled Guinea ~

with a firm hand

the police will act ~ to avoid any violence (protests)

with a heavy hand

he would run the settlement ~ but by the book

with a strong hand

he ruled Chile ~ (a dictator)

ruled (Guinea) with an authoritarian hand

President Lansana Conté has ~ since 1984

oppression: hand / materials & substances

hand (dead hand)

dead hand

culture isn't a ~ blocking all progress (values can shift)

"dead hand of the 18th century"

you can't freeze the Constitution with the ~

dead hand of the past

military law subjects leaders to the ~ (adultery)

dead hand (of Summers) has been lifted

now that the ~ (U.S. economic policy)

control & lack of control: death & life / hand

hand (strengthen one's hand)

strengthen our hand

this will ~ (politics)

power: cards / verb

hand (rub one's hands)

rubbing their hands together over the opportunity

they are ~ presented by the vaccine (criminal gangs)

eagerness & reluctance: gesture / hand

hand (fate)

in the hands of God

whatever happens, we are ~ (Muslim)

in the hands of their deity

the Samburu believe their fate lies ~, Nkai

in the hands of the jury

the case is ~

his fate is ~

in God's hands

I've put the whole thing ~ (woman with brain tumor)

it is all ~ now (fate of a very sick person)

out of our hands

it's all ~ now (fate)

put the whole thing in God's hands

I've ~ (woman with brain tumor)

fate, fortune & chance: hand

hand (have one's hands full)

have their hands full

they are going to ~ (sports team facing game)

difficulty, easiness & effort: hand

hand (help)

hand

his ~ is extended to all factions (a politician)

hand of welcome

extending the ~ to... (a biker convention)

helping hand
she often lends a ~

Helping Hand
~ Program (to pay electric bills)

pair of hands
Mom asked if they could use an extra ~ (volunteer)

extended a hand
the Web-hosting company ~ and brought Parler back online

lend a hand
can I ~ (help)

join hands
people are willing to work together and ~ to solve the problem

use a hand
I could ~ (I need help)

help & assistance: hand

hand (get out of hand)

get out of hand
in the event that hostilities ~

got out of hand
it ~ (a fight)

gotten out of hand
British worry that drinking has ~ (lager louts)

getting out of hand
this is ~ (proliferation of blogs, etc.)

let her problems get out of hand
she ~ (at school)

argument got out of hand
an ~, and soon Vicente lay dead...

celebrations got out of hand
fan ~ after several college football games...

hostilities get out of hand
in the event that ~...

matters got out of hand
then ~, a knife appeared, and Igor wound up...

drinking has gotten out of hand
British worry that ~ (lager louts)

restraint & lack of restraint: hand / verb

control & lack of control: hand / verb

hand (take matters into one's hands)

taken matters into their own hand
citizens have ~ (New Orleans recovery)

taking matters into their own hands
people are ~ (oil spill)

took matters into our own hands
and so we ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb
hand (on the one / other hand)

on one hand
~, he wanted to help Kevin...

on the other hand
~, anthropological writings have suggested...
~, the reverse is true for...
~, there are just as many people who...
the bathrooms, ~, have made no progress (Russian trains)

comparison & contrast: hand

alternatives & choices: hand

hand (hot hand)

with the hot hand
finding the teammate ~ (basketball)

success & failure: cards / temperature

hand (sit on one's hands)

sat on their hands
they ~ on the sidelines (politicians)

sit on their hands
they're going to ~ and not show up and vote

action, inaction & delay: hand / movement / verb
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / movement / verb

hand (try one's hand)

tried his hand at bricklaying
he ~

attempt: hand / verb

hand (throw up one's hands)

throw up their hands
faced with a crisis, leaders simply ~ (fail to act)

threw up his hands at the subpoenas
he ~ (an overreaching request for information)

throw up our hands and walk away
we can't just ~

action, inaction & delay: gesture / hand / verb

hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)

right hand
the ~ didn't know what the left hand was doing
♦ "The right hand didn't know what the left hand was doing." (Janet Reno, on FBI counterterrorism prior to 9/11.)

consciousness & awareness: hand

hand (work)

experienced hands
the tension has alarmed ~ on both sides (diplomats)

green hand

Melville shipped as a ~ on the *Acushnet* (age 21)

head, heart, hands and health
youngsters pledge their ~—hence, 4-H

♦ see also *old hand (experience)*

experience / work & duty: hand

hand (worker)

short of hands
we're ~ (not enough guards)

work & duty: hand / person / sign, signal, symbol
person: sign, signal, symbol

hand (all hands on deck)

all hands on deck
it was ~ (response to measles epidemic)
it was ~ (law enforcement responds to serial bomber)
these efforts will be ~ (Missing & Murdered Unit)

all hands (are needed) on deck
~ to protect the public from coronavirus

all-hands-on-deck effort
this is absolutely an ~ (US evacuates from Afghanistan)

“all hands on deck” moment
there has to be an ~ from the international community

all-hands-on-deck search
an ~ for him has spread to multiple states (criminal)

work & duty: boat / hand / person
difficulty, easiness & effort: boat / hand / person
commitment & determination: boat / hand / person
survival, persistence & endurance: boat / hand / person

hand (force someone's hand)

force his hand
they will try to ~ by holding that over his head

coercion & motivation: hand / verb
strategy: hand / verb

hand (overplay one's hand)

overplayed his hand
then Kerr ~ (Clark Kerr vs. Maria Savio)

overplayed that hand
he knew he had ~

overplayed their hand
they ~ (Google versus the EU)

failure, accident & impairment / position, policy &
negotiation / restraint & lack of restraint: cards / verb

hand (play into one's hands)

played (right) into Oleksandr's hands
he ~ (Anthony Joshua / boxing)

social interaction: hand / verb

hand (one hand washes the other)

one hand washes the other
a favor, a quid pro quo, ~

social interaction: hand / verb

hand (wash one's hands of something)

washing my hands of this
I'm ~, I did all I could...

wash his hands of the whole affair
he was by now disgusted, and wanted to ~ (expedition)

wash his hand of controversial calls
he won't be able to ~ (Zuckerberg / Facebook / Trump)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / starting, going,
continuing & ending: hand / hygiene / verb

hand (hands off)

Hands Off Mueller
a crowd gathered for a “~” protest (politics)

protection & lack of protection: hand

handcuff (verb)

handcuffed themselves with turnovers
the Irish ~ (football)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / hand / verb

handcuffed

handcuffed by government
business should not be ~

handcuffed by his history
he seems ~ of not...

handcuffed by (Isner's) big serve
he was ~ (tennis)

handcuffed to my desk
I'm ~ most of the day (work)

feel handcuffed
they ~ by the rules (military)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / hand

hand down / out (punishment, etc.)

handed down a (5-year) prison term to a man
a judge ~ convicted of...

♦ In American trials, the judge is almost always front and center on a raised dais.

judgment / punishment & recrimination: direction / hand /
justice / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: direction / hand /
justice / verb

handed (given)

handed to you

respect is not something ~ (leadership role)

handed a (one-year) suspension

he was ~ for his third violation (NFL)

handed a victory

the extremists will have been ~ (failure of peace talks)

handed (its first major) setback

the terrorist group was ~ when...

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand

handed down / out (punishment, etc.)

handed down for murder

beheading is routinely ~ (Saudi Arabia)

handed out in Asia

the harsh penalties ~ for trafficking don't deter

punishment & recrimination: hand / justice

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / justice

judgment: hand / justice

handed down (by ancestors, etc.)

handed down by your ancestors

an heirloom ~ for generations

handed down by generations

a story ~ of Blackfeet

♦ see also *down (down through the centuries, etc.)*

transmission: direction / hand

past & present / time: direction / height / history / mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle

handed over (possession)

handed over to the authorities

she was captured and ~

handed over to the Native Americans

the bones should be ~

immediately handed over

Russia demanded that the fighters be ~

possession: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

handful (amount)

handful of areas

only a ~ remain outside of the U.N. control

handful of cities

a ~ have outlawed the sport (cockfighting)

handful of items

they could only salvage a ~ (eruption)

handful of olives

trees hold little more than a ~ (drought and freeze)

handful of (American) soldiers

a ~ jumped off the planes (Ivory Coast)

handful of studies

bolstered by a ~

handful of (no-frills) airlines

one of a ~

amount: hand

handicapped

handicapped by glare, mirages, and haze

the defenders are ~ (desert warfare)

ability & lack of ability / condition & status / constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: health & medicine / movement

hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.)

go hand in hand with fortitude

hardship and suffering ~ and courage

goes hand in hand with (military) might

information warfare ~

go hand in hand

in Africa, where oil and corruption often ~
energy conservation and saving money ~
ethics and booze rarely ~ (selling alcohol)
reform and repression ~
rioting and looting often ~

gone hand in hand

for centuries, the words "Vatican" and "intrigue" have ~

went hand in hand

paperwork and legwork ~ (a job)
fear and filth ~ (E.B. Sledge in combat on Okinawa)

worked hand in hand

corrupt doctors and rogue pharmacists ~ (to push opioids)

division & connection / relationship: hand

handle (get a handle on something)

get a handle on the problem

they tried to ~, but...

get a handle on this problem

how can we ~ (crime)

control & lack of control: hand / verb

handle (deal with)

handle it on a case-by-case basis

airlines ~, without a blanket policy

handle whatever

she can ~ the future brings

handle (such) cases

it had specialists to ~ (a hospital)

handle the deluge

companies couldn't ~ of holiday orders

handle disaster

flaws in the nation's plans to ~ (New Orleans hurricane)

handle it

let the cops ~...

handle the load

the system can barely ~ (airline travel)

handled (most of) the negotiations

he ~ with the Americans (an Iraqi)

handle pain

a person may ~ well one time and poorly the next time

handle stage fright

performers have various ways to ~

control & lack of control: hand / verb

action, inaction & delay: hand / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb

handle (shape)

Big Dipper's handle

the ~

curved handle

the Big Dipper's ~

shape: hand

handled

handled with (great) care

it is a delicate matter that must be ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand

control & lack of control: hand

action, inaction & delay: hand

handling

handling of complaints

they are critical of police ~

handling of the epidemic

questions about the ~

handling of the investigation

the Navy's ~

Navy's handling

the ~ of the investigation

police handling

critical of ~ of complaints

questions about the handling

~ of the epidemic

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand

control & lack of control: hand

handmaiden (help)

handmaiden of the sailor

it is no wonder that astronomy became the ~ (navigation)

handmaiden of Saudi victory

Israel was the unlikely ~ (Yemen in 1967)

handmaiden to the Russian revolution

Imperial Germany served as a ~ (gave passage to Lenin)

person: hand / royalty

help & assistance / relationship: hand / person / royalty

hand-me-down

hand-me-downs

they got ~ from the previous year

hand-me-down Chevy Blazer

a ~

possession / transmission: hand

handout (noun)

handout

it's a hand up, not a ~ (charitable group)

handouts from friends and family

he survives on ~

government handout

~s promote discontent and a sense of helplessness

small handout

surviving on ~

looking for handouts

old friends came ~ (pro athlete)

help & assistance: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

hand over (verb)

hand over the task (of patrolling) to the Marines

the Army will ~

handed over control (of the plane) to Zurich

Munich controllers ~

handed over control to the mayor

the State Legislature has ~ (school system)

handed the documents over to the Justice Department

we voluntarily ~

handed over the documents

we ~ (government official)

possession: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

handover (noun)

handover of power

standing in the way of a peaceful ~

hand-over ceremony

Macao's ~

minefield handover

~ is an extremely important task

peaceful handover

standing in the way of a ~ of power

possession: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

hands down (certainty)

hands down
it is one of the best restaurants in the world ~

hands-down favorite
the ~
♦ This relates to horse racing, jockeys and reins. It means, "without question."

certainty & uncertainty: horse

hands down (easily)

hands down
Green Destiny wins ~ (a computer)

hands-down
the Europeans would have won ~

won hands-down
he ~
♦ This relates to horse racing, jockeys and reins. It means, "without much effort."

difficulty, easiness & effort: horse

handshake (noun)

electronic "handshake"
MH 370's final ~ along an arc (southern Indian Ocean)

division & connection: hand

hands-off

hands off
though loving, their parenting was ~

hands-off approach
continued to take a ~
those with a more ~
government should maintain a ~ to the economy
a ~ towards the tribal areas (Pervez Musharraf)

hands-off policy
at times a ~ can be justified (diplomacy)

avoidance & separation / control & lack of control: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

hands-on

hands-on approach
a ~

hands-on individual
he is a ~ (controlling micromanager)

hands-on organizer
she is a ~

avoidance & separation / control & lack of control: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle

hand-to-mouth (live hand to mouth, etc.)

hand-to-mouth basis
he had been living on a ~

survival, persistence & endurance: food & drink

handwringer (person)

handwringer
the ~s who said, "It's not going to work!" (war)

hand wringers, worriers and whiners
~ (foreign policy)

character & personality: gesture / hand / person

handwringing (noun)

handwringing from Democrats
there has been a lot of ~ (but no action)

hand-wringing and finger-pointing
the battle led to a lot of ~ in Washington (war)

hand-wringing and the talking
the ~ has done nothing (school shootings in the U.S.)

criticism and handwringing
the ~ is far from over (foreign-policy issue)

feeling, emotion & effect: hand
action, inaction & delay: hand
eagerness & reluctance: hand

handwriting (on the wall)

handwriting
the ~ is on the wall

handwriting on this Congressional Wall
social studies advocates can hardly miss the ~

future / time: religion / writing & spelling
fate, fortune & chance: Bible / religion / writing & spelling

hang (hang somebody out to dry)

hanging him out to dry
Boeing is ~ to deflect blame from others in the company
♦ The meaning is abandonment, and the salient point is that laundry on a clotheslines is outside and exposed. Of course, nobody actually abandons their laundry.

allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / clothing & accessories / verb

hanging (hanging offense)

hanging offense
his mistakes did not constitute a ~

judgment: justice / violence

punishment & recrimination: justice / violence

hang in there

hang in there
some will be less charmed, but ~ (a book review)

♦ "We need to hang in there just a bit longer, we're going to get through this, we're going to get this behind us." (Dr. Anthony Fauci, encouraging people to continue wearing masks and socially distancing.)

resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb

hang on (verb)

hang on in office
Churchill continued to ~

♦ It looks like we're in for a wild ride, so hang on. (A Wall Street bear market.)

resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: hand / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

hang on to (verb)

hang on to their senate seat
democrats are trying to ~

possession: hand / verb

hangover (relic)

hangover from evolution
shoulder, hip and knee pain might be a ~

hangover from its (mining) past
Johannesburg's mine dumps are a ~

political hangovers
there are still ~ from the past (Northern Ireland)

survival, persistence & endurance: height

past & present / time: height

hangover (alcohol)

hangover from the last defeat
I still have a bit of a ~ (an upset soccer manager)

\$1 billion hangover
Vancouver faces a ~ from its Olympic party

debt hangover
Britons face ~ from festive spending (credit cards)

long economic hangover
along with the ~... (2008 financial crisis)

feeling the hangover
the bubble has burst, and now we're ~ (economy)

have a (big) hangover
we will ~ (disappointment over Euro 2020 loss)

left us with a hangover
the real estate binge has ~

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.)

"American Hannibal"

the sheer audacity won Arnold the title of the ~ (Quebec)

♦ According to historian John Julius Norwich, Hannibal led 37 elephants over the Alps, and Norwich notes that the Carthaginians must have had some secret way with elephants, as African elephants are generally considered to be untamable, unlike the Indian elephant.

♦ David's painting, "Napoleon Crossing the Alps," shows a rock with Hannibal's name inscribed on it.

♦ Hannibal is also associated with his great military victory over the Romans at the Battle of Cannae, a double envelopment that is still taught at military schools. However, he failed to follow up on his victory, which has become at least one definition of a "Hannibalic victory."

♦ Hannibal learned of the defeat of his brother's relief force when the Romans delivered his brother's head to his camp. Carthage, of course, would end up being razed to the ground.

♦ The military man praised as the "American Hannibal" for his heroism in Canada and particularly at the Battle of Saratoga was none other than Benedict Arnold, who, as the supervisor of West Point, schemed to deliver that strongpoint on the Hudson to the British. Unlike other notorious traitors, he lived out his days in relative peace and prosperity and died in London.

military: epithet

happy (as noun)

"feed your happy"

~ (Hardee's Monster Angus Thickburger advertisement)

find your happy

~, become a member of the Beer Now Family

♦ "[You are] idiotic beyond all lexicographic parameters. (Chuckling.) Your impertinent assumption that I've 'found my happy' by becoming a member of the 'Beer Now Family...' " (The BBC. Ed Reardon's Week. Series 14. You're cancelled.)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

harbinger (noun)

harbingers of these equity debates
the feminist campaigns were ~

♦ As Wilfred Funk writes about this word in his fascinating *Word Origins And Their Romantic Stories*, this is "formerly a war word."

driving force: military

harbor (verb)

harbors (Colombian) rebels
Venezuela ~

protection & lack of protection: boat / sea / verb

harbor (safe harbor)

safe harbor for those

her workshops and retreats offer a ~ who are...

♦ "Hate can be given no safe harbor in America." (President Biden.)

protection & lack of protection: boat / sea

hard (character)

hard man

see *hard man (character)*

hard (love hard, etc.)

flipped so hard

Pakistan's election ~ towards the Bengalis that... (1970)

loved anything as hard

I have never ~ and as fast as those dogs (a musher)

love our neighbors harder

we have work to do to ~ (gun violence / Baltimore)

♦ “I have never loved anything as hard and as fast as I loved those dogs, as I loved dogsledding itself.” (The remarkable Blair Braverman about her passion, from “Don’t get dragged! Iditarod musher shares tales from the trail,” NPR, Fresh Air, Nov. 16, 2021.)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

hard (feelings, etc.)

hard feelings

there shouldn’t be any ~

feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness / materials & substances

hard (hard “no,” etc.)

hard “maybe”

that sounds like a ~ (irony)

“hard no”

the player said it was a ~ (refuses to visit White House)

hard ‘no’

for 6 months it was a ~ (no visitors to hospital / COVID)

hard no’s

and then what are my ~ (sex and consent)

“hard no” and a “soft no”

there is a difference between a ~

♦ “I will say that we would be in a bad spot if we just said hard no, we can’t change at all. I mean, so where can we find some common ground?” (Nancy Barnes, NPR’s senior vice president for news, on the issue of journalists who wish to demonstrate for a cause. From “New NPR Ethics Policy: It’s OK For Journalists To Demonstrate (Sometimes) by Kelly McBride, NPR, July 29, 2021.)

♦ “I’m good, thanks” = no.

♦ In the old days, “no” meant no. No longer!

commitment & determination: hardness & softness / materials & substances / speech

hardball (noun)

corporate hardball

they are playing ~

playing hardball

the MLB is ~ with Georgia (sports and politics)

they have met their match, the WTA is ~ with them

position, policy & negotiation: baseball / sports & games

hard-charging (adjective)

hard-charging maverick

he was a ~ who shook up football (a coach)

character & personality / force: horse

harden (increase)

harden opinion against North Korea
the maritime clash has ~ (Japan)

harden its policy against the Roma
the government has ~ (France)

harden his grip

he has ~ on power (leader)

harden its position

Iran has ~

harden its rhetoric

the government has ~ about the danger

increase & decrease: hardness & softness / verb

harden (feelings)

harden them

some parents bully their kids to ~

attitudes have hardened

~ on both sides after the death of...

feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness / verb

harden (protect)

harden schools

ways to ~ (school shootings)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / hardness & softness / verb

hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)

hardened criminal

an official report described him as a ~

jail-hardened

he was a ~ felon (teen rapist)

well trained and battle-hardened

the fighters are ~

experience / strength & weakness: hardness & softness / materials & substances

hardened (other)

hardened to the plight

he has become ~ of the poor

feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness

hardheaded (and hard-headed)

hardheaded administrator

she was a ~

character & personality: hardness & softness / head

hardhearted (and hard-hearted)

hard-hearted

hard-edged, hard-headed, ~ education methodologists

character & personality: heart

heart: hardness & softness

hard man (character)

hard man

he is a ~

the legendary “~” (Scotland)

he lives up to the ~ image

hard men
all the ~ want to try it (a tough new climbing route)

hard men of the IRA
the ~ (Irish Republican Army)

fearless hard men
their brands as ~ (two sponsored rock climbers)

one of the hard men
Pevenage was ~ (Rudy Pevenage, the Belgian cyclist)

hardest of (IRA) hardmen
he was the ~ (Bobby Storey)

character & personality: hardness & softness / materials & substances

hard-nosed (adjective)

hard-nosed attorney
he was a very ~

hard-nosed defender
he's a ~ (soccer)

character & personality: hardness & softness / nose

hard-pressed (adjective)

hard-pressed
to say the least we were ~ (no money)

difficulty, easiness & effort / oppression: pressure

harness (verb)

harness social media to stoke
they ~ their base (young female politicians)

harness technology to enhance
~ productivity

harness his ability
the club should be able to ~ (a young soccer player)

harness that word-of-mouth
we ~ (social-media advertising)

control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb

harness (in harness)

in harness at army headquarters
he remained hard at work, ~ (General U.S. Grant)

work & duty: animal / horse

harmony (in harmony)

in harmony
all the factions are ~

in harmony with nature
we need to live ~

in harmony with the ocean
for centuries the islanders lived ~

live in harmony

Muslims, Christians and Jews ~

worked in harmony
we ~ for four months

unanimity & consensus: music

harrowing (adjective)

harrowing to watch
it was ~ (stock-market free fall)

harrowing danger
his heroic actions in the face of ~ (military)

harrowing plunge
a day after a ~ in the stock market

harrowing scenes
some of the ~ are hard to watch (film about earthquake)

harrowing tales
survivors told ~ (plane crash)

♦ A harrow is an agricultural device used to chop up clods of dirt. In the 1949 film *Border Incident* starring Ricardo Montalban and George Murphy, the character played by George Murphy, Jack Bearnes, meets his fate under a harrow. His end is, literally and figuratively, harrowing.

♦ Dante, in the *Inferno*, refers to the harrowing of hell by Christ. This usage of the word is based on the Old English word for "to harry or despoil."

feeling, emotion & effect: farming & agriculture

Harvard (epithet)

Harvard of American evangelism

Graham graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois, the ~

Harvard of the Midwest

Truman State University is sometimes called the ~
Tony Romo called Eastern Illinois University the ~
he referred to Washington University as the "~~"

♦ Now whether you like the nickname or not, the 'Harvard of the Midwest' label has stuck with Wash. U. since it first grew beyond a regional university. But like any nickname, the 'Harvard of the Midwest' label has probably been used before by other schools. So the only question to ask now is how many other schools refer to themselves as the 'Harvard of the Midwest.' The answer? Dozens." ("So which school is the real 'Harvard of the Midwest?'?" by Nathan Everly, *Student Life* (the independent newspaper of Washington University in St. Louis since eighteen seventy-eight), December 6, 2006.)

♦ "The 'Harvard of the Midwest' editorial in The Daily Eastern News on Sept. 7 was the best editorial the paper has had in quite some time. / The editorial strongly rebuked Eastern's administration for proclaiming on its Web site that the university has been called 'The Harvard of the Midwest.' / As the editorial indicated, the statement is absurd and ridiculous. The editorial was headlined: 'The Harvard of untrue boasts.' ("The truth behind 'The Harvard of the Midwest'" by Allan H. Keith, *The Daily Eastern News*, September 12, 2005. The newspaper's motto is, 'Tell The Truth And Don't Be Afraid.'")

♦ Google "Harvard of the Midwest" and in the "People also search for" box you will find links to harvard of the plains; harvard of the south; harvard of the west; and harvard of canada.

♦ "A whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard." (*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.)

achievement, recognition & praise / knowledge & intelligence: epithet

harvest (data, etc.)

harvested the data

the company ~ of 90 million unsuspecting Facebook users

harvest text and speech

computer scientists ~ from the Web (machine translation)

computer: farming & agriculture / verb

harvest (verb)

harvesting useful data

land networks were ~ (weather)

harvest grapes

you don't ~ from planting thorns

harvested deer, moose

my family has always ~ (Lake Superior Chippewa)

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

product: farming & agriculture / verb

harvest (noun)

war's (chief) harvest

misery is ~

product: farming & agriculture

harvested

harvested in a decent and humane manner

it's important that whales are ~

harvested tendon

the ~ looks like a piece of dental floss (from hamstring)

ice was harvested

~ from lakes and rivers and stored (in the old days)

organs were harvested

his ~ for donation (high-school athlete)

product: farming & agriculture

Harvey Weinstein (epithet)

Harvey Weinstein of the fashion industry

the man some call the ~ (Gerald Marie)

character & personality: epithet

hash out (verb)

hash out (emerging) clues

they met to ~ (scientists / pandemic)

hash out a compromise

diplomats are trying to ~

♦ "If you like laws and sausages, you should never watch either one being made."

♦ "We'll figure out what the sausage looks like when it comes out of the machine." (White House press secretary Jen Psaki about a hugely expensive bill.)

♦ "While the judicial sausage-making may be more discreet on today's Court..." (Dealmaking, alliances, rivalries, leaks, etc. on the Supreme Court.)

creation & transformation: food & drink / verb

hat (role)

grammar hat

with my strict ~ on, I have to say that's called the irrealis

NPR hat

I'll speak personally now as opposed to wearing my ~

institutional hats

he has acquired so many ~ he is now irreplaceable

three hats

you really have ~ right now (jobs and positions)

in-charge hat versus the submissive-woman hat
the ~

donning his detective hat

after ~, he began to sense the harpsichord was a fake

wears three very important hats

he ~ (cabinet secretary, etc.)

wear several hats

I, like other writers, ~ (travel writer, foreign analyst, etc.)

wear so many hats

I ~, from adviser to counsellor to mother (a cheer coach)

put her amateur detective hat on

she ~ and called Jamie (NBC Dateline)

take off your editor hat

can I ask you to ~ for a moment and talk as a student

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

♦ "It's time to take your engineer's hat off and put a managerial hat on."
(A boss with "go fever" just prior to the Space Shuttle *Challenger* Disaster.)

representation: clothing & accessories / hat

role: clothing & accessories / hat / sign, signal, symbol

hat (old hat)

old hat

sundials are ~

battles over party nominees are ~

GMOs are ~, synthetically modified food the new frontier

old masters are ~ (art reproductions no longer popular)

old hat for you

is winning the Kentucky Derby ~

'old hat' Glastonbury festival

he is not keen to play the ~ (Charlie Watts)

experience: clothing & accessories / hat

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: clothing & accessories / hat

hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.)

hats off

congrats to both and what a fight, ~ (Khan vs. Brook)

hats off to the governments

~ that acted responsibly (Maha Akeel)

hats off to Usyk

~, what a performance (victory against Anthony Joshua)

hat tip

big ~ again to the group, so proud of it (a tweet)

hats off and congratulations

~ to Hamilton for writing history today (F1 victory)

take my hat off to you guys

I ~ (admiration and respect)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hat / verb

hat (hold on to your hat)

hold on to your hat

~, for the first time ever...

♦ This means a big surprise and may relate to a rollercoaster.

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / hat / verb / wind

hatch (verb)

hatched the murders

she ~ with two men she'd been sleeping with

hatched a (clever) scheme

he ~

initiation: bird / verb

hatch (escape hatch)

tried-and-tested escape hatch

he has his ~ (just asking a question, not accusing)

pursuit, capture & escape: mechanism

hatched

plan was hatched

a ~...

initiation: bird

hatchet (bury the hatchet)

bury the hatchet

let's ~

they were unable to ~ and move forward (two teammates)

♦ "Hatchets that have been buried can be dug up." (The Balkans in the 1990s.)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blade / military / verb / weapon

hatchet job (noun)

hatchet job on him

the *New York Times* did a complete ~

political hatchet job

the "investigation" was a ~ by a rival

♦ A hatchet job, a hit job / piece, a drive-by...

accusation & criticism / conflict / punishment & recrimination: blade / crime / violence / weapon

hatchet man (person)

hatchet man

he dispatched him as his ~

your ~ has done a real number on me

coercion & motivation: blade / history / person / violence / weapon

hate on (something)

hating on philosophy

why are physicists ~

feeling, emotion & effect: prep, adv, adj, particle

haul (long haul)

long haul

it's a ~, son, it's a 15-round... (timeline for pandemic)

for the long haul

I think we're in it ~ (an intractable bear problem)

time: burden / distance / movement / weight

haul (verb)

hauled him (off) to jail

a sheriff's deputy ~

hauled him to the station

the police ~ (Mexico)

haul tourists

bus-sized Tundra buggies ~ (Churchill / polar bears)

transportation: animal / verb

hauled in (verb)

hauled in for questioning

he was ~ by the Mabaheth (Saudi Arabia)

transportation: animal

hauled off (verb)

hauled off (again) to prison

he was ~

hauled off from her reception to jail

the "Bridezilla" was ~

hauled off in handcuffs

she was ~ (a "Bridezilla," from her wedding reception)

transportation: animal

haunt (verb)

haunt me to this day

those images ~... (soldier back from Iraq)

haunted this city for (four) decades

closing the door on a crime that has ~

haunt a community for generations

some murder cases ~

haunted me for a decade
 the things I saw have ~ (Rwanda genocide)

haunt us forever
 the horror of the final days will ~ (family of hostage)

haunt me the rest of my life
 it will ~ (comment by murderer)

haunt the Ethiopians
 such tactics may come back to ~ (torture / rebels)

haunt New York
 the mystery of what really happened continues to ~

haunts the country
 El Salvador's bitter civil war still ~

haunted detectives
 Ms. Beal's murder had long ~ on the case (finally solved)

haunt him
 the day will ~ (Tour de France crash)

haunted him
 during these years, Annapurna always ~ (3 attempts)

haunts every (kayak) instructor
 this is the type of accident that ~

haunted his life
 he recounted the racism that ~

haunted me
 these simple words ~

haunting scientists
 these problems had been ~ for years (vaccine)

still haunts
 the unsolved case ~ him (a detective)

case (still) haunts him
 the unsolved ~ (a detective)

images haunt me
 those ~ to this day (soldier back from Iraq)

came back to haunt
 his past ~ him (Mike Richards / Jeopardy show)

come back to haunt
 gossip can ~ you
 what you do on the computer can ~ (queries)

continues to haunt
 the mystery of what really happened ~ New York

♦ “Be careful about sharing intimate gossip in a party situation—you may find it comes back to haunt you...”

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: creature / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: creature / verb

haunted

haunted by that day
 she has spent her life ~

haunted by a death

he is ~ he was unable to prevent

haunted by demons
 he was a deeply troubled man, ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

haunted by (perceived) failures
 he was ~ (a suicide)

haunted by nightmares
 she is ~ (veteran of war in Iraq)

haunted by evil spirits
 the Udehé say places like that are ~ (forest)

became haunted
 Father Desbois ~ by the history of the Nazis in Ukraine

remain haunted
 city residents ~ by the murders

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: creature

haunting (adjective)

haunting images
 the ~ of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks
 ~ of starvation (Africa)

haunting memory
 the Irish have ~s of the famine
 the ~s returned (of a murder)

haunting premonition
 she awoke with a ~ (mother of soldier who died)

haunting story
 the most ~ in the annals of exploration

most haunting
 it is one of the ~ stories in the annals of exploration

familiar and haunting
 those ~ notes (24 notes of Taps at funeral)

painful and haunting
 the most ~ story involves SuAnne Big Crow

feeling, emotion & effect: creature

haven (safety)

haven for young people and their families
 the school is a ~ (a violent Yorkshire community)

germ haven
 airplane toilets have a reputation for being a ~

surveillance safe haven
 Email providers ‘seen as ~’ (Germany)

safe haven
 at the nadir of the financial crisis, gold was a ~
 my bedroom is my ~

safe haven for hate
 he charged Facebook for providing a ~

safe haven for priests
 the archdiocese provided ~ accused of sex abuse

see gold as safe haven

investors ~

♦ A haven was a harbor.

protection & lack of protection: boat / place / sea

haves (and have-nots, etc.)

haves and have-nots

the deep divide between the ~

society: money / person

money / superiority & inferiority: part of speech

hawk (person)

Israeli hawks

many ~ were against the attack (1981)

person: animal / bird

military: sign, signal, symbol

character & personality / violence: animal / bird / person / predation

hawkish (adjective)

hawkish stance

his ~ on Iran (an Israeli)

character & personality / violence: animal / bird / predation

hay (make hay, etc.)

political hay

politicians make ~ out of it (pandemic)

make hay from the shooter's political affiliation
idiots try to ~ (a mass shooting)

made (political) hay out of it

everybody ~, used it for their own purposes (terror event)

content: farming & agriculture / plant

haywire (go haywire, etc.)

go haywire

when things start to ~

decline: farming & agriculture / verb

failure, accident & impairment: farming & agriculture / verb

haze (perception)

alcoholic haze

he spent much of the next four decades in an ~

perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark

consciousness & awareness: light & dark

head (head into the future, etc.)

head into November

as we ~, crunch time (college football)

head into summer

as we ~, don't forget... (pandemic)

head into this labor-day weekend

as we ~

headed

there is so much fear about where we are ~ (Covid)

heading into the winter

now we are ~ (pandemic)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

head (orientation)

head of the bed

the ~ (versus the foot of the bed)

headwater

the Yangtze has three ~ streams

orientation: direction / head

head (development)

heading

no one knows where the region is ~

where is the crisis ~ (racist abuse in soccer)

headed

we don't know where this fight is ~ (politics)

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

development: direction / movement / verb

head (reason)

head

people reason mostly from their hearts, not their ~

calmer heads

~ have typically prevailed in our history (politics)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: head

head (intelligence)

head for planning

they all said that Mrs. Enderby had the best ~

wiser heads

~ among the Taliban may well argue for...

knowledge & intelligence: head / sign, signal, symbol

head (head of the school, etc.)

head of the school

he's the ~

♦ The fish rots from the head. (Organizations.)

hierarchy: head

head (go over one's head / hierarchy)

go over their heads

he tried to ~ (to their supervisor)

hierarchy: direction / head / position / verb

head (butt heads)

butted heads

the mayor and the union have ~ ever since he took office
we ~... (conflict)

conflict: animal / head / horn / verb

head (scratch one's head)

scratching its head

Congress is ~ (over confusing remarks by President)

scratching our heads

a lot of us are ~, with so many of these questions (a crime)

scratching their heads

scientists are ~ as to how...
scientists are ~ to understand why...

♦ Who actually does this?

comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head / verb

head (shake one's head)

shake our heads at the folly

we like to ~ of those who...

shaking my head and rolling my eyes

I'm just ~ (Boeing debacle of 2019-2020)
the shooter is now the victim, I am ~

leave you shaking your head

the details of this scandal just ~ (college admissions)

comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head / verb

head (clear head)

clear head

~s are needed (vs. sleep deprivation)

consciousness & awareness: head

head (keep / lose one's head)

keep your head

~ and don't go crazy

lose his head

in the closing laps he seemed to ~ (F1 racecar driver)

control & lack of control: head / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: head / verb

head (head and shoulders above)

head and shoulders

~, he is above everybody else (a skier)

head and shoulders above anyone else

he is ~ in his ability to lead (a politician)

head and shoulders above most of his colleagues

he is ~ (a politician)

head and shoulders above most of his peers

for that, he is ~ (a musician)

stand head and shoulders

the two ~ above the rest (baseball players)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height

superiority & inferiority: height

head (heads will roll, etc.)

head

his ~ is under the guillotine every season (a coach)

heads rolled

~, careers were ruined (the Tailhook scandal)

heads will roll

~ if...

calls for his head

there have been ~ (a government official)

destruction / dismissal, removal & resignation / fate, fortune & chance / punishment & recrimination: ax / blade / head / neck / violence

head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)

handing them their head

I'm boxing these guys, and I'm ~ (young Bobby Czyz)

got my head handed to me

I ~ at that meeting (politician and angry constituents)

punishment & recrimination: ax / blade / head / neck / violence

head (put a head on a wall)

put my client's head on his wall

he made it his personal goal to ~ (Kyle Rittenhouse case)

punishment & recrimination / pursuit, capture & escape: head / hunting

head (keep one's head down)

keep their heads down

it might be better for them to ~

kept their heads down

they see themselves as stoics who've ~ (politics)

kept her head down

for her first two terms, she ~, forgoing media appearances

♦ "A protruding nail will be hammered down." (Japan.)

protection & lack of protection: gesture / head / military / verb

head (come down on one's head, etc.)

come down on his head

a lot of opprobrium has ~ (whistle-blower)

brought down on his head an avalanche

the book has ~ of publicity

brought her family's condemnation down on her head

her marriage ~

brought the establishment down on her head
her early success ~ (a poet)

brought disaster down on her head
her meddling appears to have ~

amount & effect / failure, accident & impairment: head

head (go over one's head / comprehension)

went over my head
what he said just ~ (not understood)

comprehension & incomprehension: head / verb

head (get in over one's head, etc.)

got in over their heads
they ~ (crime)

involvement / situation: depth / head / verb / water

head (turn heads)

turned heads
her good looks and confidence ~

turned heads in the ballroom and the bar
personalities at the hotel who ~ (Raffles in Singapore)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: gesture / head

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / head

head (hold something over one's head)

hold over his head
we needed to have something to ~ (child murder case)

holding that over his head
they will try to force his hand by ~

coercion & motivation: head / verb
fate, fortune & chance: head / verb

head (rear its head, etc.)

reared its head
the Ebola virus has ~ again

♦ Ordinarily only something negative raises its head: anti-Semitism, the Ebola virus, tyranny, etc.

appearance & disappearance: head / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: head / verb

head (turn something on its head, etc.)

flip the investigation on its head
a tragic turn of events would ~ (DC sniper)

turn the paradigm on its head
the plan will ~ (homelessness)

turned the race on its head
the late downpour ~ (F1 / changed everything)

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability / head / verb

head (get one's head around something, etc.)

get our arms around it
it's important to try and ~ and figure out... (a report)

get their heads around
that's very difficult for people to ~ (murder trial)

get my head around it
I still can't ~

get your head around
there are a lot of twists and turns to ~ (Jesse Smollett case)

get my head around what
I can't seem to ~ she just said

try to get their hands around this
they try to ~ by taking a fresh look at the data (NPR)

wrap our minds around what
it was hard to ~ had happened

♦ "I ask for some privacy at this time to grieve and to wrap my head around this turn of events."

♦ NPR has given us "get one's *hands* around something," seemingly on the analogy of a part of the body, or perhaps to "freshen up" a cliché! What's next?

comprehension & incomprehension: head / verb

head (come to a head)

came to a head
it all ~ in December of 1989 (ACT UP / Catholic Church)
the animosity that surfaced had now ~

♦ This might relate to a pimple or boil and basically means *crisis*.

development: health & medicine

head (keep one's head up)

keep your head up
things are tough, but you've got to ~

keep your heads up
I spoke to some players and said ~ (after huge loss)

resiliency: direction / gesture / head / height / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

head (hold one's head high)

hold his head high
he can ~ (a losing boxer who did well)

holding our heads high
we are ~, marching forward... (union loses vote)

head held high
I leave with my ~ (cricket player retires)

resiliency: direction / gesture / head / height / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

head (hang one's head)

hang his head in shame

the video umpire should ~ (a hockey game)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

head (pat on the head)

pat on the head

I looked at that as a ~

achievement, recognition & praise: dog / gesture / head

head (Deadhead, etc.)

Alamo-head

President Lyndon B. Johnson was a huge ~

Chile Head

Cherries for ~s (spicy cherries in a hot cold-fruit salad)

Deadhead

Bill Walton, ~... (the great basketball player)

puzzlehead

~s love the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament
a puzzle-within-a-puzzle, for the diehard ~s (D C-T!)

sneakerhead

it's a masterly satire of ~ fanaticism (HBO's *South Side*)

sneaker enthusiasts, otherwise known as ~s

for ~s, there is a style for every taste and identity

♦ "Chicago sneakerhead store closes after being robbed a 5th time in 2 years," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 9, 2022.

♦ The Deadheads had managed to turn the North Carolinian stadium parking lot into a very good replica of a Central Asian or North African medina / Souq / casbah / caravanserai. Every half hour or so, in the full-on grip of some mystical possession, a Deadhead with flying dreads would race up the glacis surrounding the castle like a forlorn hope, scale the palisade at the top like a Barbary ape, and be arrested by an oppression of waiting uniformed centurions, while the crowd in the parking lot cheered and celebrated with much music, dancing, pipe smoking, and mushroom and cookie nibbling. I can't say I didn't imbibe... (Phil Lesh and Friends.)

♦ A GOOD JOKE. Question: What did the Deadhead say when the drugs wore off? Answer: This music sucks!

enthusiasm: affix / person

headache (noun)

headache

the decision is one in a series of ~s for... (a company)

headache for the administration

this will be a ~ (oil spill)

headaches (continued to mount) for the (German) Pope
the ~ (Pope Benedict)

foreign-policy headache

Israeli-Palestinian conflict gives Biden a ~

transportation headache

the daily ~s faced by many

biggest headache

one of our ~s is simply counting the fish (scientist)

diplomatic headache

she poses a ~ for Britain (a UAE princess)

new headaches

the new system created ~ (Iowa caucus)

caused headaches

his mercurial personality ~ (an employee)

cause headaches for the organisers

the weather has continued to ~ (Tokyo Olympics)

affliction: health & medicine

headed

headed

futurists are asking questions about where we're ~ (tech)

headed for a train wreck

we are ~ (a politician about budget proposal)

headed in the wrong direction

Washington is ~ (politics)

direction: journeys & trips

future: direction / movement

headhunter

headhunter

he was recruited by a management ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

headlong

headlong retreat

the Americans are in ~

haste: horse

head-on

confront these things head-on

we must ~

♦ "Should we avoid the controversy or should we dive right into it? I say of course we dive right into it, we confront this thing head on." (Adrian Lamo and "Informants: villains or heroes?")

conflict: animal / crashes & collisions / head / horn
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: animal / crashes & collisions / head / horn

head-scratching

head-scratching comments

he has made some ~

comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head

head-spinning

head-spinning

the explanations have been ~

head spinning week

it's been a ~ in Australian politics

♦ "Once again, a tweet sends the head spinning."

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / head head start

head start on the assignment

I want to get a ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: head / horse / journeys & trips / movement

heads-up (warning)

heads-up

you should have given us a ~ (warning)

warning: direction / head

head-to-head

head-to-head confrontation

~ versus guerrilla war (US in Iraq)

head-to-head match

China beats Russia in ~ (chess)

Nadal leads their ~s by 14-7 (tennis)

went head to head with the conservatives

the liberals ~ over the issue

went head to head over the issue

they ~ of...

take on Romney head-to-head

Santorum will ~ (nomination process)

conflict: animal / crashes & collisions / head / horn

headway (noun)

making any headway

we're not ~ at all (poor economy)

progress & lack of progress: boat / journeys & trips / movement

headwind (noun)

headwind on the economy

this is the biggest ~ (poor housing market / Obama)

headwind to rebuilding

communication missteps have created a massive ~ trust

political headwinds

Democrats know the ~ are not in their favor (elections)

social and economic headwinds

shielding the town from the larger ~ buffeting small towns

overcome these headwinds

he should be able to ~ (Tim Cook of Apple)

force: atmosphere / boat / plane / wind

obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
atmosphere / boat / plane / wind

heal (verb)

heal itself

remove dams and let nature ~

heal all those problems

Prince Salman is the doctor to ~ in Saudi Arabia

healed the rift

the years have not ~ between Shipa and her family

heal (old racial) wounds

help ~

heal (old) wounds

the project will ~ (slavery)

heal the wounds

a ceremony of reconciliation meant to ~ left by the War

heal the housing market

we need to write down mortgages to ~

heal and renew

the water has power to ~ (Medicine Lake)

never healed

the rift between his mother and father ~ (divorced)

time to heal

it's going to take ~ (emotionally)

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (A Turkish proverb.)

amelioration & renewal / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: health & medicine / verb

health (in good health / in bad health)

in good health

everybody is hoping the lander is ~ (India space mission)
engineers report Perseverance to be ~ (on Mars)

condition & status: health & medicine

health (condition)

health of the (global) economy

what his trade policies could do to the ~ (G7)

health of the planet

what his stance on climate change could mean to the ~

health of publishing

the ~ is in good hands (readers)

health of a (free) society

good journalism is essential to the ~

health and wellness

those pumps were so critical to the ~ of the experiment

industry's health

absorption, an indicator of the ~ (apartment market)

economic and cultural health
problems that threaten the ~ (reindeer people)

intellectual health
the ~ of publishing is in good hands (readers)

threaten the environmental health
problems that ~ (reindeer people)

get back to (fiscal) health
we need to ~

condition & status: health & medicine

healthy (condition)

healthy

10 percent thought conditions were ~ (economy)
corporate profits are ~
the spacecraft is ~ and we're excited (New Horizons)

healthy economy
his government's failure to build a ~

healthy (space) exploration
I think it's all ~ (privatization)

remains healthy
NASA will extend the mission if the hardware ~ (Mars)

condition & status: health & medicine

healthy (strength)

healthy fear
a ~ is the best defense (of scorpions / desert warfare)

healthy skepticism
in science, a ~ is a professional necessity

strength & weakness: health & medicine

heap (verb)

heap abuse (even) on the home team
Philly fans ~

heaped contempt on her (hated) rival
she ~ (a politician)

heaped invective upon whites
the hate group ~ they saw (at the National Mall)

heaped praise on him and his work
officials have ~ (police commander)

amount & effect: pile / verb

throwing, putting & planting: pile / verb

heaped

heaped on him
honors and diplomatic missions were ~ (Wellington)

heaped on the protagonist
the preposterous excess of humiliation and suffering ~

amount & effect: pile

throwing, putting & planting: pile

heart (allegiance)

way to (anyone's) heart
the quickest ~ is with an MCL gift card (ad)

after my own heart
he's a man ~

captured the hearts
he has ~ and minds of Americans (Olympic athlete)

captured my heart
the first time I saw him, he ~ (an orphan)

give my heart
I'm going to be very cautious who I ~ to

invest my heart in someone
I can't ~ who might not stick around

win the hearts
we can ~ and minds of people (AID official)

won our hearts
he has ~ (Oleksandr Usyk becomes champion)

pledge their head, heart, hands and health
youngsters ~—hence, 4-H—to such goals as... (4-H)

allegiance, support & betrayal: heart

heart (hearts and minds)

see *hearts and minds*

heart (heart and soul)

see *heart and soul*

heart (basis)

heart of cycling
France, the ~ (Tour de France, etc.)

heart of courtesy
the ~ is respect for persons

heart of the (US) economy
small businesses have become the beating ~

heart of the fair
the ~ is the 4-H livestock show (US)

heart of jazz
improvisation is the ~

heart and soul
(see *heart and soul*)

envy at its heart
much anti-Americanism has ~

at the heart of the argument
~ is the claim that...

at the heart of the debate
~ lies the question...

at the heart of the matter

Kandahar is again ~ (war)
 lies at the heart
 a failure of political will ~ of the problem (polio)
 get to the heart
 we need to ~ of the matter
 goes to the heart
 this argument ~ of the issue
bases: heart
heart (young at heart, etc.)
 at heart
 ~ he's an optimist
 Bedouin at heart
 Sheikh Zayed remained a ~ (Abu Dhabi / UAE)
 young at heart
 she remains ~
 wild at heart
 the play is a hymn to the ~
character & personality: heart
identity & nature: heart
heart (identity)
 in your heart
 if you're born here it's ~ (a festival in Ivrea, Italy)
♦ Home is where the heart is!
identity & nature: heart
heart (commitment)
 heart
 she said her ~ was now set on revenge (a Palestinian)
 heart of a champion
 she has the ~ (coach speaking of child gymnast)
 heart of a (true) champion
 he showed the ~ (boxer / title bout)
 heart of a (true) warrior
 battered and bloodied, but showing the ~ (boxing)
 heart and intuition
 have the courage to follow your ~ (Steve Jobs)
 heart and soul
 see *heart and soul*
 heart and stomach
 his ~ for boxing are no longer there
 fighting heart
 the American soldier still has the ~ and will to win
 fighter's heart
 he showed a true ~ (boxing)
 lion's heart
 I have a ~ (winning boxer after hard match)

a lot of heart
 anybody else would have quit, he's got ~ (a boxer)
 no heart
 he had ~ (fighter who quit)
 so much heart
 the cut was serious but he warriored on, ~ (Tyson Fury)
 close to people's hearts
 issues that are ~
 heart is set on revenge
 her ~
 heart had gone out of the game
 I think me ~ (a Yorkshire boxer)
 follow your heart
 ~ and dare to take risks
 lost heart
 many people have ~ (problems, obstacles)
 showed (real) heart
 he ~ (a boxer)
 fought his heart out
 he ~ every fight (the great Arturo Gatti)
 sang her heart out
 she ~
 fight with their hearts
 they ~ more than their heads... (two boxers)
 fights with his heart on his sleeve
 he always ~ (boxer Johnnie Tapia)
 leave your heart on the floor
 ~ (a basketball player, exhorting his teammates)
 left his heart in the ring
 he ~ every time he fought (the great "Thunder" Gatti)
 put her heart into it
 she really ~ (an art project)
 poured our hearts into the movement
 for over 20 years we've ~ (social justice)
 played with (unquestioned) heart
 he ~ and leadership (dead quarterback)
 fights with (a lot of) heart
 he ~ and determination
 took the (hate) message to heart
 they ~ (Hispanic gang vs. blacks)
commitment & determination: heart
heart (beating heart)
 beating heart of this book
 the three protagonists are the ~ (Boer War)
 beating heart of her work
 nature as a springboard to the sacred is the ~ (a poet)

bases: heart

heart (eagerness and reluctance)

for the faint of heart

 it's not ~ (a horror film)
 combat is not ~

♦ see also heart (commitment)

eagerness & reluctance: heart

heart (half-hearted, etc.)

with all her heart

 she loved him ~

halfhearted

 I made a ~ effort to learn French

half-hearted performances

 boxers content to turn in uninspiring, ~

amount: heart

heart (container)

in Russian hearts

 it occupies a special place ~ (the film *Irony of Fate*)

in our hearts

 he's ~, and we're in his (friend of missing boy)

in your heart

 if you're born here it's ~ (Battle of Oranges, Ivrea, Italy)

in the heart of another

 who really knows what lies ~

goodness in their hearts

 the justness of their cause, the ~ (military)

hatred in the hearts

 this statement fuels the ~ of all the Arabs

hole in my heart

 it left a huge ~ (loss of a baby)

joy in their hearts

 they watched with ~ (Manger Square / Bethlehem)

heart had closed up

 after his beloved married another man, Bulu's ~

hearts are filled with joy

 our ~ that she is safe (missing woman found)

hearts are opening up

 ~ through volunteering, donating, and sharing

fills my heart with joy and laughter

 she ~

find room in my heart

 I tried to ~ for him, but I couldn't

hold her in our hearts

 we're going to ~ (Lori Piestewa)

instill fear into people's hearts

the main purpose is to ~ (government vs. a province)

lies in the heart

 who really know what ~ of another

poured his heart (and soul) into the game

 he ~ (Larry Bird / basketball)

put fear in your heart

 my granddaddy said don't ever let no one ~ (authority)

put (some) hate in your heart

 ~ (Dahran Scud kills 28 / Highway of Death)

♦ "The Hopi believe that when they die, they bring snow and moisture back to the people. So the snow is fitting." (Vanessa Charles, commenting on the death of Lori Piestewa, killed in action in Iraq, and a rare April snowfall.)

heart: container

heart (empathy)

heart of flint

 she was an elderly female with a ~

hearts of stone

 those State Department bureaucrats have ~

heart goes out to him

 your ~ (drowned child)

hearts go out to the families

 our ~ (mass shooting)

hearts go out to him

 our ~ and all the other healthcare workers (pandemic)

marshmallow heart

 she has a tough exterior, but she's got a ~

kind heart

 she has a ~

open heart

 she has the most ~ (open to all)

bless your heart

 well, ~

have a heart

 please, ~

show some heart

 why can't you ~

touch (American) hearts

 suffering Afghan children ~

♦ "They wouldn't give a crippled crab a crutch if they owned a lumber yard." (John Artis on the Patterson, New Jersey police and the justice system in the 1960s and 70s.)

empathy & lack of empathy: heart

heart (a broken heart, etc.)

broken heart

 you can overcome a ~

broke my heart

 it ~ to see...

breaks my heart
it ~ to see these kids (politician / injured soldiers)

unbreak my heart
~, say you love me again (Toni Braxton)

heart: functioning / mechanism
feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart / mechanism

heart (center)

in the heart of North-West Frontier Province
Buner (boo-NAIR) lies ~ (Pakistan)

in the heart of peanut country
Albany lies ~ (Georgia)

in the heart of the (fall foliage) season
we are ~

heart of the city
just north of the ~
the Pul-i-Imam Bukhri bridge leading into the ~

heart of (California's wine) country
the ~ (earthquake)

heart of the desert
invaders were never able to penetrate the ~ (Saudi)

heart of the forest
the Cuiabá-Santarém road, which slices through the ~

heart of Tanzania
the Wagogo Plains, the wild ~

commercial heart
Casablanca, a port city and the ~ of Morocco

industrial heart
Manchester, the ~ of the British Empire

lies in the heart
Buner (boo-NAIR) ~ of North-West Frontier Province

sits in the heart
Albany ~ of peanut country (Georgia)

penetrate the heart
invaders were never able to ~ of the desert (Saudi)

heart, the mecca
the Strip was the ~, where you went (Summer of Love)

center & periphery: heart

heart (goal)

heart was (now) set on revenge
she said her ~ (Middle East)

set his heart on St. Joseph's Academy
he ~ (desired to attend it)

follow his heart
he decided to ~ (accept a job in different city)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: heart

heart (heart of stone, etc.)

heart of flint
she was an elderly female with a ~

heart of gold
he had a ~ (tribute for soldier killed in combat)

Hearts of Oak
the British have ~

hearts of stone
those State Department bureaucrats have ~

marshmallow heart
she has a tough exterior, but she's got a ~

heart: materials & substances

heart (heart sank)

heart sink
my ~... (news of murder of boy)

heart (just) sank
when I heard those words, my ~ (loss of brother)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / heart
heart: direction

heart (heavy heart)

heavy heart
we definitely have some ~s here (athlete injured)

with a heavy heart
~, he headed down the mountain
it is ~ that I...

with heavy hearts
we left ~ and broken spirits

with the heaviest of hearts
it is ~ that I have to tell you of the passing of our friend...

with a particularly heavy heart
he has concluded, ~, that... (commissioner of enquiry)

left with heavy hearts
we ~ and broken spirits

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / weight
heart: weight

heart (change of heart)

change of heart
industry must undergo a ~ (exploitation vs. conservation)
he went public with his ~ in an opinion piece (politics)
a ~ is a good legal strategy (terrorist cooperates)
change of government, ~ (diplomacy)

belated change of heart
well, why the ~

undergo a change of heart
industry must ~ (exploitation vs. conservation)

reversal: heart

allegiance, support & betrayal: heart

heart (shape)

heart, round or oval

whether you have a ~ face

shape of a heart

it was cut into the ~ (a yearbook)

drawing of a heart

a red-ink ~ in the palm of her left hand

♦ He was wearing a T-shirt that read, "I heart Kosova."

♦ The heart symbol only vaguely resembles the actual shape of a heart.

shape: heart

heart (sincerity)

with all her heart

she believed in his innocence ~ (wife of serial killer)

with all my heart

I honestly believe ~ that...

believe in you with all my heart

I ~

from the bottom of my heart

I'd like to tell you ~ how sorry I am...

thank you ~

his heart was in the right place

he made mistakes, but ~

his heart is (always) in the right place

~ (Sean Penn)

come from my heart

these words ~

speaking from my heart

I am ~ when I say... (sincerity)

wears his heart on his sleeve

he ~ when it comes to his dad (Ray Mancini / boxer)

wearing their hearts on their sleeves

he'd sing about people showing their emotions, ~

♦ "Do you want me to speak my heart?" (A Tigrayan woman speaking in English and being interviewed by the BBC.)

♦ "He'd pour his whole heart and his emotion into those songs... He'd sing about people crying, showing their emotions, you know, wearing their hearts on their sleeves." (Tim Marlow talking about the great singer Marvin Gaye on BBC's Great Lives.)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart

heart (by heart)

play by heart

it is a fixed rule that instrumentalists shall ~ (concerts)

know symphonies by heart

conductors ~

know them by heart

we've heard those slogans for so many years that we ~

learned it by heart

he ~ (a long poem)

recite the Qur'an by heart

he can ~

heart: memorization

heart (knife in the heart, etc.)

knife in the heart

the date Feb. 6, 1958, is still a ~ (Man. U fan)

knife to the heart

it's a shocking ~ (loss of Tangier Island to erosion)

rip your heart out

the new study will just ~ (coronavirus deaths)

destruction: blade / death & life / knife / heart

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / heart / knife

heart (stake through the heart, etc.)

put a stake through the heart of Row

there is a majority on the court willing to ~ (SCOTUS)

put a stake through the heart of these theories

you might think that would ~, but no (conspiracy theory)

put a stake through their hearts

we definitely ~ (Operation Anaconda, Shah-i-Kot)

driving a wooden stake into the heart

he thought he was ~ of the civil-rights movement (Bull Connor in Birmingham, Alabama)

destruction: allusion / creature / death & life / heart

heart (miscellaneous)

heart

if it's wrong, then my ~ won't let me be right (love)

makes my heart sing

this kind of football ~ (Sawa Homare and team)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart

heartache (noun)

heartaches and misery

all the ~ it causes (alcoholism)

deaths and resentments and heartaches

all the ~

sorrows and heartaches

all the ~ of this life

~ versus joy and fulfillment (religion)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

heart and soul

hearts and souls

their ~ are in it (NASA scientists)

heart and soul of the dancing grannies

she was considered the ~ (killed in Waukesha parade)

heart and soul of a newspaper

the journalists are the ~ (*Asheville Citizen-Times*)

heart and soul of our team

he was the ~ (mountaineering)

lost its heart and soul

racing has ~ (death of popular driver)

poured his heart and soul into the game

he ~ (Larry Bird / basketball)

bases / identity & nature: heart / religion

commitment & determination: heart / religion

heartbeat (in a heartbeat)

in a heartbeat

if he could undo his actions he would ~

change in a heartbeat

the weather can ~ (Kauai)

leave in a heartbeat

the US is unreliable, it could up and ~ (diplomacy)

speed: heart

heartbeat (noun)

heartbeat of the cave

the ~ (dripping water)

heart: functioning / sound

heartbreak (Heartbreak Hotel, etc.)

Heartbreak Hill

~, the steep half-mile at mile 20 (Boston Marathon)

Heartbreak Hotel

the Hanoi Hilton included ~ and New Guy Village

Heartbreak Ridge

the Battle of ~ (Korean War, 1951)

Misery, Agony, and Heartbreak

the three hills at Fort Knox, ~ (recruit training)

military: epithet

heartbreak (noun)

heartbreak of (constant medical) crises

the ~ and setbacks

died of heartbreak

I think he ~...

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

heartbreaking (adjective)

heartbreaking cry for help

his suicide attempt was a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

heartbroken (adjective)

heartbroken

he was ~

heartbroken city

Liverpool is a ~ (Hillsborough tragedy)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

heartfelt (adjective)

heartfelt commitment

a ~ to democratic values

heartfelt prayers

with ~, the families of the trapped miners waited...

heartfelt sorrow

we want to express our ~ (murder of young woman)

heartfelt views

her ~ got her in trouble with the authorities

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart / sensation

heartland (noun)

in the heartland

two American kids growing up ~ ("Jack and Diane")

heartland of China

Xi'an, in the antique ~, watered by the Yellow River

Amhara-speaking heartland

Gondar, in the ~ (Ethiopia)

Christian heartland

the ~ north of Beirut (Lebanon)

Yoruba heartland

Nigeria with its ~, Ibo strongholds and Hausa north

industrial heartland

in China's ~

spiritual heartland

the province is the Taliban's ~ (Helmand)

center & periphery: heart

identity & nature / place: heart

heartless

heartless so-and-so

he's a cool, ~ who...

empathy & lack of empathy: heart

hearts and minds

people's hearts and minds

politics is about persuasion, about winning ~ (Ted Cruz)

battle for hearts and minds

he is losing the ~ at Stamford Bridge (a soccer coach)

captured the hearts and minds
he has ~ of Americans (Olympic athlete)

win the hearts and minds
we can ~ of people (AID official)

wins hearts and minds
sometimes the edit ~ at the expense of the truth

♦ "Politics is story-telling, and politics hopefully is about persuasion, about winning people's hearts and minds." (Senator Ted Cruz.)

♦ "Techniques to encourage loyalty down the years haven't always been entirely compliant with the outlook of a modern human-resources department. The former labour cabinet minister Jack Straw recalled in his memoirs being grabbed by the 'the goolies' by his whip, a method that led to teary-eyed agreement within moments. More enlightened recent times mean such tales of robust or physical twisting of arms, or indeed anything else, are less frequent..." (Political correspondent Chris Mason, BBC Sounds, Six O'Clock News, "Senior Conservative alleges MPs 'intimidated' by Government whips," 20/01/2022.)

♦ "Get them by their balls and their hearts and minds will follow." (A saying popular among combat soldiers during the Vietnam War who were cynical about US government campaigns to "win the hearts and minds" of the Vietnamese people.)

♦ "General McChrystal and every expert that talks about counterinsurgency...we pretty clearly understand now that the key to winning any fight like this is to control the population, not control them, but... I don't want to use 'win hearts and minds' but that's basically it, you know, to get the people on your side and let them understand that you're here for them." (A Marine captain in Marjah in 2010.)

♦ "Gratitude is not a relevant concept in international relations and never has been."

allegiance, support & betrayal: heart

heartsick

heartsick about it
we're ~ (brother of soldier facing tough tour in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / heart
heart: health & medicine

heart-stopping

heart-stopping beauty
her ~ (a ballerina)

heart-stopping moment
it was a ~ (near-accident)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart

starting, going, continuing & ending: heart

heartthrob

heartthrob
the ~ Leonardo DiCaprio

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

heart-to-heart

heart-to-heart with her
it's been a while since I have had a ~ (dad / daughter)

heart-to-heart conversation
we had an open, ~ about sex

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart

heartwarming (adjective)

heartwarming
what's ~ about them is...

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / temperature
heart: temperature

heartwood

heartwood
the outer, lighter sap wood vs. central, darker ~
bark, sap wood and ~ (trees)

center & periphery: heart

heart-wrenching

heart-wrenching
it's ~ (comment on murder of family)

heart-wrenching picture
the ~s (Haiti earthquake)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

heat (in the heat of passion, etc.)

in the heat of the moment
he said some things he wished he hadn't ~
I made my decision ~ (regret)

in the heat of passion
threats are often thrown out ~
manslaughter is the killing of another ~
~, man loses his better judgment

acted in the heat of passion
her lawyer contended that she ~

kills in the heat of passion
the defendant is held less responsible if he ~

committed in the heat of passion
prosecutors believe the crime was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

heat (pressure)

catching (so much) heat
we were ~ (cops on a stalled serial-rape case)

feeling the heat
they are ~ (competition)

keep the heat on Venezuela
the administration is trying to ~

pressure: temperature

heat (turn up the heat, etc.)

turned up the heat
then he really ~ by starting a Web site accusing...

turning up the heat on BP
the president is ~

turning the heat up on its (long-time NATO) ally
the U.S. is ~

turned up the heat to scalding
President Trump ~ this week... (on immigration debate)

coercion & motivation: temperature

heat (criticism)

a lot of heat

Biden has gotten ~ recently about his record on race

take heat

he'll ~ for this

accusation & criticism: temperature

punishment & recrimination: temperature

heated (emotion)

heated argument

the ~s in their bar

I got into a ~ with him

heated (phone) conversation

engaged in a ~

heated debate

the ~ revealed deep political divisions (politics)

heated disagreements

there have been ~ over troop levels (war)

heated discussion

propelled scientists into a ~
a ~ about the study results

heated dispute

~s over strategy and tactics are inevitable (officer corps)

heated exchange

they got into a ~ (a protester and a local)

heated response

their story drew a ~

heated rhetoric

~ is unlikely to disappear from politics

heated (business) rivalry

in a ~, you must still consider ethics

heated falling out

a ~ between the mayor, police chief

heated and emotional

after years of ~ debate, the university banned...

get heated

when it comes to gun laws, things can sometimes ~

got heated

he went to confront her, and things ~

grow heated

arguments ~ (local government)

grew (more) heated

the detective ~ as he spoke

remains heated

the debate ~ (educational issue)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

heatedly

debated heatedly

Rwanda policy was ~ by US officials

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

heat up (verb)

heating up

competition is ~

activity: temperature / verb

increase & decrease: temperature / verb

heaven (move heaven and earth)

move heaven and earth to make certain that...

I instructed my team to ~ (coronavirus response)

moved heaven and earth to provide

we have ~ security (Olympics)

difficulty, easiness & effort: religion

commitment & determination: religion

heaven (environment)

heaven

two weeks of sun, sand, and surf, it was ~

in the early 1970s, it was ~ (Iran)

in heaven

Spielberg was ~ (filming West Side Story in New York)

I was ~, standing right in front of the stage...

with Pro-Tools, Garage Band, I was ~ (a songwriter)

♦ "After the turmoil [of W.W.II], it looked like heaven." (Military doctor who saw Andrews, North Carolina and on the spur of the moment decided to settle there. He spent the rest of his life living among and doctoring to the mountain people.)

♦ In cat heaven it rains cream and all the dogs are in zoos.

environment / superlative: religion

flaws & lack of flaws: religion

heavy (amount)

heavy blow

the offensive has dealt a ~ to Hamas (in Gaza)

heavy favorite

she is the ~ (Tokyo Olympics)

heavy fire

he has been taking ~ from his rivals (politics)

heavy rains

~, hail, reports of funnel clouds

heavy security

~ didn't dampen the enthusiasm of fans (Olympics)

heavy toll

rebel resistance was taking a ~
the US raid, while brief, inflicted a ~

heavy (Internet) user
she had been a ~ (murdered)

run-heavy
Alabama took a ~ approach (a football game)

top-heavy
a ~ senior officer corps (military)

amount: weight

heavy (emotion)

heavy
things are getting a little ~, let's lighten things up

feeling, emotion & effect: weight

heavy (heavy heart, etc.)

heavy hearts
we left with ~ and broken spirits

feeling, emotion & effect: weight
heart: weight

heavy (substance)

heavy ideas
to get a young audience to engage with such ~...

importance & significance: weight
substance & lack of substance: weight

heavy (oppression)

heavy
the burdens of leadership are ~

heavy burden
he carries a ~ of responsibility (ruler)
the ~ of this mammoth job (Man U manager)

heavy charges
these are ~

heavy price
fame came with a ~

heavy responsibility
I feel a ~ for these police failures (official)

oppression: burden / weight

affliction: burden / weight

heavy-handed

heavy-handed
I think the punishment was ~

heavy-handed response
the ~ of the government has invited criticism (to protests)

heavy-handed and unnecessary
the decision was ~ (a sports kerfuffle)

oppression: hand / weight

heavy-hearted (adjective)

heavy-hearted
she seemed ~

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / weight
heart: weight

heavyweight (noun)

heavyweights of the industry
the meeting was attended by global ~ (mining)

EU heavyweights
Switzerland is next to ~ France and Germany

substance & lack of substance: boxing / weight
power: boxing / weight

hector (verb)

hectors her children not to divulge
she ~ personal information online

♦ From the Trojan hero, transformed to mean *braggart* or *bully*. As Wilfred Funk, Litt.D., says in his fine book, *Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories*, "It is unexplainable why this distinguished name should have contributed such an unpleasant word to our language."

affliction / coercion & motivation: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey / verb

hedgehog (protection)

hedgehog concept
the ~ had succeed at the Battle of Na San

hedgehog defense
they cannot be reinforced, so they must mount a ~

Czech hedgehogs
~ symbolized "defense at all costs" in the Soviet Union
the beaches of Normandy were spiked with ~

♦ "The fox knows many tricks, the hedgehog, one good one."
(Archilochus.)

♦ A hedgehog defense involves an isolated stronghold or strongpoint which can be surrounded yet still survive, in modern times, by aerial resupply. The strongpoints are capable of all-around (perimeter) defense. The Battle of Khe Sanh (1968) was such a defense. Hedgehogs or strongpoints can be bypassed but will slow an attacker down and expose the enemy's rear to attack. Problems include the fact that strongpoints can simply be bypassed (as happened to the French at the start of World War II) or that the enemy can prevent aerial resupply, as happened to the 6th Army under Paulus at Stalingrad in 1943 and the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954. In Vietnam, the hedgehog concept had worked at the Battle of Na San but proved to be a decisive catastrophe for the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954. Many wondered if the Battle of Khe Sanh in 1968 would be a Dien Bien Phu for the US, but the marines managed to hang on.

protection & lack of protection: animal / military

heel (under the heel)

under the heel of (Saddam's brutal) regime
after decades ~ (Basra)

oppression: foot / heel

heel (on the heels)

on the heels of (another) security breach

the report came ~
on the heels of the (debt-ceiling) debate
his came ~
on the heels of discovery
mapmaking follows ~
came on the heels
the report ~ of another security breach
come on the heels
the protests ~ of the events elsewhere in the region

sequence: heel

heel (on one's heels)

on its heels
the government is ~ (losing against rebels)
put the defense on its heels
they ~ (football)

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / heel

heel (dig in one's heels)

digging in their heels
but four members of the board are ~ (culture wars)
dug in their heels
they have ~ and refuse to bend (negotiations)

resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / heel / verb
eagerness & reluctance: foot / heel / verb

heel (nip at somebody's heels)

nipping at his heels
24 rivals are ~ from every direction (politics)
he is leading the pack but ~ is Pete Buttigieg (election)

competition: animal / dog / predation / verb / wolf

heffalump (creature)

EU heffalump
the ~ has been taken behind the barn by the vet (Brexit)

♦ The Heffalump was a creature in A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh* and *The House at Pooh Corner*. It occurs only in the imagination of Piglet and Pooh.

fantasy & reality: allusion / creature

heft (noun)

emotional heft
he depicted the struggles of black emotions with ~
record industry heft
she has used her ~ to secure royalties... (Taylor Swift)

substance & lack of substance: weight

hegira (and hejira)

hejira across the Himalayas to Tibet
he made that amazing ~ (the wonderful Heinrich Harrer)

pursuit, capture & escape: journeys & trips / religion

migration: journeys & trips / religion

height (at the height)

at the height of his glory
the waters of the Nieman River reflected Napoleon ~

at the height of its popularity
he stopped drawing the strip ~ (a cartoonist)

at the height of his powers
On the Waterfront, 1954, he was 30, ~ (Marlon Brando)

achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / ground, terrain & land / height

heighten (verb)

heightened fears
the report ~ of a second recession

heightens worries
the killing ~ over the fate of Afghan journalists

increase & decrease: direction / height / verb
attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / height / verb

heights (to new heights, etc.)

heights of government
he never scaled the ~ (MP Sir David Amess)

heights of performance
it isn't likely to motivate employees to new ~

heights of stardom
she has ascended to the ~ (film actor)

new heights
it isn't likely to motivate employees to ~ of performance

ascended to the heights
she has ~ of stardom (film actor)

scaled the heights
he never ~ of government (MP Sir David Amess)

take their rivalry to new heights
they ~ (promotion for wrestling match)

taking flying to new heights
the new Boeing Dreamliner is ~

motivate employees to new heights
it isn't likely to ~ of performance

reclaim the heights
they have managed to ~ (tennis sisters)

achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / ground, terrain & land / height

heir (noun)

heirs to a great (and ancient) civilization
the Egyptian people are ~

political heirs
they are the ~ of the segregationist South

product and an heir
Napoleon was both a ~ to the French Revolution

transmission: family / history / money
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money

heir apparent

heir apparent
Kamala Harris is the obvious ~ (to President Biden)

heir-apparent
he and his ~ are dead (Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi)

heir apparent to al Qaeda
he was the ~ (Hamza bin Laden)

heir apparent of the (white nationalist) movement
he was once the ~ (Derek Black)

Logan's heir apparent
the role of Kendall Roy, ~ (*Succession*)

no clear heir apparent
Nancy Pelosi has ~ (Democratic leader of the House)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

heirloom (noun)

heirloom grains
flour milled from ~ grown in Illinois (bagels)

transmission: family / history / money
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money

heist (noun)

heist
snatching a draw would have been a ~ (soccer)

taking & removing: crime

helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.)

helicopter mom
~, people called her (connection to adult daughter)

helicopter parent
she was accused of being a ~ (with 21-year-old daughter)

♦ "There are helicopter parents, and then there are tennis parents..."

character & personality / behavior / surveillance: plane

helicopter (verb)

tendency to helicopter
she had a ~ (with her adult daughter)

behavior / surveillance: plane / verb

hell (macro)

hell of war
in the ~, how does a chaplain hold on to faith

Hell's jaws
the killings began, as ~ opened... (ethnic cleansing)

Green Hell
travelers christened it the "~" (Mato Grosso)

scene from hell
he saw a number of bodies in a "~" (friendly fire)

escaped from a living hell
he ~ (POW)

♦ I know I'm going to heaven 'cause I've spent my time in hell. (A veteran.)

♦ War is hell. (General William Sherman.)

environment / situation: religion

hell (micro)

hell
I've been through ~

hell of the pandemic
after the ~, football heaven... (Euro 2020 final)

hell of a forced marriage
his bid to rescue his love from the ~ (Pakistani)

hell on earth
he transformed the job into a ~ (a bad supervisor)

hell on heels
she was ~ (a troubled young socialite)

hell for pedophiles
prison can be a living ~

"hell highway"
killed returning to the reservation on the ~ (Arizona)

Hell week
~, trying to survive, the pressure to quit (SEAL training)

living hell
working there was a ~

sheer hell
this autumn is going to be ~ for him

divorce from hell
Alec Baldwin is living through the ~

slicks and (rhododendron) hells
laurel ~ (Appalachia)

make their wife's life a living hell
men who ~ (dowry scam)

put you through hell
win, lose or draw, Holyfield will ~ (the great boxer)

scare the hell out of you
it will ~

environment / situation: religion
survival, persistence & endurance: religion

hell (hell to pay, etc.)

hell to pay

later, they have ~ (people who cheat on their spouses)

hell is going to break loose

all ~ tomorrow (civil strife)

judgment / punishment & recrimination: money / religion

hell (hell hath no fury)

hell hath no fury

- ~ like a weak man ignored (slut-shaming by ex-husbands)
- ~ like an IT guy scorned (disgruntled employee)
- ~ like a screenwriter's scorn (*Tales From the Script*)
- ~ like a woman fed up with a man's idiocy
- ~ like a Minnesotan scorned (Red Lake County)
- ~ like a recording artist scorned (self-releases for free)

feeling, emotion & effect / judgment / punishment & recrimination: religion

hell (Hell's Gate, etc.)

Hell's Gate

~, the second big rapid (kayaking)

the Nahanni bends through a constriction called the ~
the explorers named the crack ~ (Kenya national park)

Hell's Gates

the sandbar at the mouth of ~ was silting up

Hell's Backbone

she drove down a road called ~ (southern Utah)

Hell's Kitchen

~, known for the Irish, actors, firefighters... (Manhattan)
CTR's ~ lithium and power project (Salton Sea, CA)

Hell Night

~ at the Citadel (Military School)

proper name: religion

hell (raise hell)

raising hell

she was ~ there, too (TV star fights with cast mates)

behavior: religion / verb

hell (go to hell)

go to hell

the politicians should all ~

insult: religion

hell (judgment)

going to hell for this one

somebody's ~ (responsibility for building collapse)

judgment religion

hellbent

hellbent on rushing

he is ~ the trial through (impeachment)

hell-bent on taking down

some saw him as a sanctimonious partisan ~ the Clintons

commitment & determination: religion

hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.)

Hellfire missile

a ~ fired from a Reaper drone killed...

Hellfire (air-to-ground) missile

a ~ launched from the Predator

proper name: fire / religion

hellhole

hell-hole

the state prison is a ~

world's hellholes

humanitarian personnel in the ~

godforsaken hellhole

a ~

environment: hole / religion

hellish (adjective)

hellish days

those ~ of stock car racing's infancy

hellish dust devils

they had to contend with heat and ~

hellish situation

they found themselves caught in a ~ (mass shooting)

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

hell-raiser (person)

hell-raiser

he admits he was a ~ as a young man

Hellraiser Ball

violence erupted at the motorcycle and tattoo expo, the ~

Hellraisers Ball

the melee at the ~ resulted in one death

from hell-raiser to born-again Christian

his conversion ~

behavior: person / religion

person: religion

hell-raising

hell-raising drinkers

~ and womanizers

behavior: religion

helm (at the helm)

at the helm

they have won with him ~ (a coach)
we need a tough person ~ (Turkey)
the church needed someone else ~ to stop the rot (a Pope)
the sport grew with Carpenter ~ (snowboarding)

at the helm of the (world's most valuable) company
Tim Cook's first decade ~ was a success (Apple)

at the helm of an organization
she is leaving after a 2-year tenure ~ beset by controversy

control & lack of control: boat / direction

helm (verb)

helm an MCU film
she is the youngest ever to ~ (director)

control & lack of control: boat / direction / verb

helm (noun)

took the helm
he ~ of the war this week

took the helm from Steve Jobs
when Tim Cook ~ (Apple)

control & lack of control: boat / direction

helmet (pith helmet)

pith helmet
there is a bit of the ~ in Wrong herself (a historian)

history: sign, signal, symbol
character & personality: history

helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.)

Great Helmsman
Mao was known as the ~

great helmsman
he was our ~ (David Ben-Gurion)

control & lack of control: epithet

help (keep from, avoid)

couldn't help myself
I ate the whole thing, I ~

restraint & lack of restraint: verb

helping (amount)

helping of praise
there are two reasons to give the show another ~ (TV)

amount: food & drink

hemorrhage (verb)

hemorrhaging hosts
NPR is ~ from marginalized backgrounds

hemorrhaged (star) journalists
in the last two years, *The New York Times* has ~

hemorrhaging money

they were losing money, they were ~

leaking: blood / health & medicine / verb
condition & status: blood / health & medicine / verb

hemorrhage (noun)

hemorrhage of personnel
the Pentagon is trying to stop the ~ (soldiers)

♦ "President Obama is sending an additional 17,000 American troops to Afghanistan, as part of his effort to try to put a tourniquet on the hemorrhaging war effort there."

♦ "Another spectacularly bad idea, and another cut to the already bleeding-out cinema experience." (A Brad Bird tweet about Netflix's new variable playback feature.)

leaking: blood / health & medicine

condition & status: blood / health & medicine

herald (verb)

heralded the end
the uprising ~ of the regime

herald a new era
Republicans hope to ~ of limited government

attention, scrutiny & promotion: royalty / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: royalty / verb

herald (noun)

heralds of winter
snowflakes are ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: royalty
attention, scrutiny & promotion: royalty / verb

herculean (adjective)

herculean effort
we are involved in a ~
the ~ behind the 1969 moon landing
just getting condo owners to vote can be a ~

"Herculean effort"
the UK had made a ~ to deliver PPE (pandemic)

herculean task
squeezing the evidence into a 90-page document was a ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion
comparison & contrast: affix

herd (verb)

herded five victims into one cooler
they ~ and killed them (Brown's Chicken & Pasta)

herded them into (army) buses
soldiers ~ (Palestinian suspects)

directing: animal / cows & cattle / verb

control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / verb

herd (ride herd)

ride herd on them
we need to ~

directing: animal / verb

control & lack of control: animal / verb

coercion & motivation: animal / verb

herd (herd immunity, etc.)

herd immunity

high vaccination rates can ensure ~

group, set & collection: animal

herd (herd mentality, etc.)

herd animals

people are ~ (they take cues from others)

a core idea behind our research is that people are ~

herd madness

it's a story of greed, deceit and ~ (OneCoin)

herd mentality

~ leads to panic buying (COVID-19 panic)

it is a clear example of ~ (panic buying of toilet paper)

human herd

one must follow one's conscience and not the ~

one of the herd

but the difference was that I'm not ~ (John Geddes)

follow the herd

traders who just ~ and join the party late will lose money

♦ "It's like in the wildlife documentaries, where a herd of water buffalo will bunch up at the edge of a river they are collectively considering crossing. They'll wait for a few brave ones to jump in and make it across before doing so themselves." (Will Felps, a management professor at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. From "Turnover contagion: The domino effect of one resignation" by Christine Ro, BBC, 16 September 2021.)

behavior / society / uniformity & consensus: animal

herded

herded into a bus

he was handcuffed to other prisoners and ~

coercion & motivation / directing: animal

here (out here)

out here

you got so many kids ~ acting crazy (gangs)

~, people will smile to your face and stab you in the back

♦ "I may not win, but I can't be thrown / Out here on my own." (Irene Cara, "Out Here On My Own," from the film *Fame*.)

environment: ground, terrain & land

here (situation)

here

if they hadn't let it escalate, we wouldn't be ~
and ~ we are (said in a bitter tone / situation)

development / situation: place

here (we have been here before)

been here before

when we look at the past, we see we've ~ (pandemic)
every oil-addicted town has ~ (bust after boom)

past & present / time: place

time: journeys & trips / place

here (go from here, etc.)

from here on out

what should we do now ~

go from here

where things ~ is quite honestly up in the air
but where does he ~ (boxer after unexpected loss)
where do we ~ (troubled relationship)
where does the program ~ (sports)

development: movement / place

past & present / time: movement / place

here (the present)

here

the future is ~ now (wildfires caused by global warming)
the moment you have been waiting for is ~
how did we get ~ (=how did that happen)

already here

tomorrow is ~

here and now

does it apply to the ~, or is it aspirational (diplomacy)

♦ "It seemed like science fiction just 20 years ago. Well, we are there. We're looking at it right now." (Mike Pondsmith.)

♦ "The fire impressed upon me that the future had crashed right through into our present. Climate change and its consequences were truly here now in the most shocking and vivid and graphic and painful way." (Jack Egan, Australian, about the bushfires of 2019-2020, called Australia's "black summer.")

♦ The fuzzy boundary between time and place (or space) is encapsulated in the irreversible binomial, "the here and now."

past & present / time: place

here (we're here, we're not going away, etc.)

here

we are ~, we have always been here (black gay women)

♦ We're not going anywhere; we're here to stay; we're in your face; we're present and not absent; you will not erase us... (Different groups.)

♦ "We're here. We're queer. Get used to it."

♦ "We are resetting, we are not retreating, and we are here, we have a vision, we are capable of fulfilling it." (Ashley Judd of Time's Up, responding to criticism of the organization.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

here (here to stay, etc.)

here to stay

Covid is, without a doubt, ~ (will become endemic)
his brand of populist conservatism is ~

survival, persistence & endurance: movement / place

presence & absence: movement / place

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning; movement / place

hereafter (from now onwards)

hereafter and forever
for ~...

time: place / position / prep, adv, adj, particle
future: place / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

heresy (noun)

risk of heresy
at the ~, I'd suggest that...

bordered on heresy
even asking the question ~ a year ago (COVID)

committing heresy
a law professor who lectures is ~ (vs. Socratic method)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

heretic (person)

attacks of the heretics
he defended Establishment wisdom against the ~

treats him as a heretic
the party now ~ (politics)

person: religion

acceptance & rejection: person / religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion

heretical (adjective)

heretical
at the time, the idea was ~ we were afraid to consider it

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

hermit (person)

hermit
is chronic bad breath turning you into a ~

modern-day hermits
in Japan half a million people live as ~ (*hikikomori*)
♦ Greta Garbo was once described as a "hermit about town."

isolation & remoteness / society: person

social interaction: person

avoidance & separation: person

person: acceptance & rejection / society

hermit (the Hermit Kingdom, etc.)

hermit kingdom
Bhutan, once known as the ~ of the Himalayas

isolation & remoteness: epithet

hero (character)

hero to Kyrie Irving's villain
Jayson Tatum is ~ (NBA playoffs)

♦ This idea of men representing Hollywood scripts may be unique to the United States, where history, war, and everything else is monetized as grist for the entertainment mill.

character & personality: film / person / theater

hero (person, rat, etc.)

hero

she's tired of people calling health care workers ~s (a doctor)

hero rat

Magawa the ~ retires from job detecting landmines (BBC)

hero twin sister

she doesn't like the "~~" label (saved sister from crocodile)

American hero

they called her an ~ (Facebook whistleblower)

my (guitar) hero

he was ~ (he inspired me to play guitar)

pandemic hero

he went from a ~ to a political pariah (Andrew Cuomo)

Poll Hero

~ Project aims to recruit younger poll workers

queer heroes

~ who paved the way...

unsung hero

the ~s (five maintenance workers at pre-K-12 school)

greatest heroes

you are truly some of the ~ this nation has seen (nurses)

national hero

Jose Bove became a ~ (tore down a McDonald's)

superhero

~s are people, too...

fierce and heartwarming hero

she is a ~ (Afghan gets top score on test)

cast as a hero

a guard ~ was recast as a villain (Richard Jewell)

considered heroes

at one time we were ~ (worked jobs during pandemic)

hailed as a hero

she is being ~ (recorded police trying to make arrest)

hailed as heroes

once ~, health care workers now face a rash of violence

went from heroes to zeros

we ~ (pandemic starts to recede)

♦ An academic expert on a show about heroes said, "We actually call that *heroization*, right..."

♦ "Essays by contemporary queer figures pay homage to queer heroes who paved the way." (A blurb for *The Queer Bible*.)

♦ "Heroes wear glasses." (The character of Mirabel in Disney's film *Encanto*.)

♦ "What I bring as a Black female to my craft and in being a director... [is] recognizing how important it is that everybody deserves to be seen as a hero." (Gina Prince-Bythewood, director of *The Old Guard*, speaking to Terry Gross on *Fresh Air*.)

♦ "Take Tracy in Massachusetts. She's a nurse who's been treating veterans with COVID-19. Every day she's had to put on a hazmat suit and go to work for 12 hours, days on end. If it wasn't for folks like Tracy, our own families wouldn't have a chance to be reunited. If you want to find a hero in America, they're all around us, and Tracy's one of them." (Joe Biden, July 2020.)

♦ *Superheroes Are Everywhere* by Vice-President Kamala Harris is a children's book that celebrates ordinary people.

♦ "Look inside you and be strong / and you'll finally feel the truth / that a hero lies in you." (Mariah Carey.)

♦ "The crowd was right. That crowd was full of heroes." (Prosecutor Thomas Binger, during the Kyle Rittenhouse trial. The jury disagreed with Binger, and found Kyle not guilty of all charges.)

♦ "The heroes saving Ireland's seals." (A BBC article about an "inspiring" seal sanctuary.)

♦ "I know America loves its bad guys. But I'm a great guy. I just won a Super Bowl. I'm an American hero." (The NFL player Antonio Brown, on being cut from his team.)

♦ "I felt it was so important for someone like that to be given a voice and then to be shown that she is actually a superheroine..." (Actor Michelle Yeoh about her character in *Everything Everywhere All At Once*. From "Actor Michelle Yeoh wants to change the way we think of superheroes," NPR, Fresh Air, April 25, 2022.)

♦ "I stopped watching, reading and listening to the media hype when I heard the players being called 'heroes' after the Germany game. Get a grip BBC." (Grommy on the BBC HYS on the eve of England vs. Ukraine, Euro 2020.)

♦ "Rank and organization: (X). Place and date: (X). Entered service at: (X) Citation: (X)...Suddenly, an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the (branch of the armed forces) and rolled alongside Private First Class (X's) head. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, he reached out, grasped the grenade, pulled it to his chest and curled around it as it went off..." (From a Medal of Honor citation.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

heroic (adjective)

heroic efforts

his ~ saved the night (Black understudy goes onstage)

heroic (TSA) officer

~ saves baby from choking (Cecilia Morales)

heroic rat

a ~ has been working in Cambodia (de-mining)

heroic tasks

Moms perform ~ every day

extraordinarily heroic

most of them do ~ (Arthur Labinjo-Hughes failure)

♦ "We are proud of the heroic and swift actions of our staff to ensure that our residents were protected and kept safe." (A senior living facility. A resident shot and killed two employees he had had a conflict with, then lay down on the floor and waited for the police to arrest him.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

heroism (noun)

ordinary heroism

her view of painful injustice and ~ (*Women Is Losers*)

stories of heroism

there are great ~ (Adam Schiff promoting his book)

dress up incompetence as heroism

it is less disturbing to ~ (Scott and the South Pole)

inclusion & exclusion: society

hew (hew to the line, etc.)

hew to her beliefs

a young person trying to ~ and save the world

hew to your intention

you try to make language ~

hews to his (conservative) roots

he ~ (a judge)

hew to the rules

she helped schools ~ (Title IX)

hews (close) to tradition

the band ~ (bluegrass)

hew closely

he promises to ~ to the course set by Raul Castro

hews too closely

the author ~ to events

unanimity & consensus: line / tree / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: line / tree / verb

heyday (noun)

heyday of Brazilian rock

the 1970's was probably the ~

heyday of hotels

life after the Catskills' ~

Kameny's heyday

in ~, and my youth... (gay history)

Shanghai's heyday

the colonial architecture that dates back to ~

'70's heyday

his ~ (a singer)

since the heyday of LaFace Records

the strongest R&B vibes to emerge ~ (Atlanta)

achievement, recognition & praise: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

hibernation (in hibernation)

in hibernation

the industry has been ~ for 20 years (the nuclear industry)

in the winter hibernation

his leadership appeared ~ at Cape Evans (in Antarctica)

activity: animal / death & life / sleep

hibernation (other)

hibernation environments

hospitable ~ for apples (controlled atmosphere storage)

awoken from hibernation

the comet lander, Philae, has ~

emerged from his hibernation

Bettis ~ to hit a home run (baseball)

put in hibernation
the spacecraft was ~ for 31 months (Rosetta)

reopen the US economy from its hibernation
how and when to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

activity: animal / death & life / sleep

hiccup (noun)

hiccup
the datacenter is having some ~s (down Websites)
we've had some ~s along the way

hiccups in this matter
there's been a lot of ~ which has taken a lot of time (trial)

hiccups with supply
limited time to sort out ~ (COVID vaccine)

sort out hiccups
limited time to ~ with supply (COVID vaccine)

♦ "There are always land mines and hiccups that come along." (Doctor Anthony Fauci on vaccine production during the 2019-2020 pandemic.)

flaws & lack of flaws: bodily reaction

failure, accident & impairment: bodily reaction

hidden

hidden costs
the ~ of gambling (divorce, etc.)

hidden enemy
landmines, the ~

hidden epidemic
sex trafficking is a ~ (US)

hidden gems
the road reveals many ~ (N7 in France)

hidden logic
the ~ behind military training

kept the story hidden
she ~ for 20 years, never sharing it with anyone

concealment & lack of concealment: eye

hide (hide behind something)

hide behind anonymity
it's easy to be forthright when you ~

hides behind a facade
he ~ of jokes

hides behind the nom de plume
the woman who ~ of...

hides behind a (tough-guy) posture
he ~

hides behind a locked door
the bureaucrat or politician who ~

hides behind a friendly face
fraud often ~

hides behind a fictitious name
he ~

hides behind innocuous phrase
she ~ (an administrator)

concealment & lack of concealment: direction / verb

hide-and-seek

game of hide and seek
a very serious ~ (with Palestinian terrorist)

pursuit, capture & escape: sports & games

hidebound (adjective)

hidebound bureaucracy
a ~

constraint & lack of constraint: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

high (noble)

high art
I walked past ~ and low art (New York City)

highbrow
see *highbrow* (and *lowbrow, middlebrow*)

high character
he is a solid American, a man of ~

high-character
it's a team that prides itself on hiring ~ people (NBA)

high-class
I'm a redneck woman, I'm not a ~ broad (hell yeah)

high expectations
it was a cocoon of ~ and harsh discipline (a black school)
~ coupled with love is a gift (child-rearing)

high ground
see *ground (moral high ground, etc.)*

high purpose
a great speech is made for a ~ (inspire, ennable, rally...)

high regard
he is held in ~

highest traditions
Sfc. Ashley's bravery was in the ~ of... (died in battle)

♦ "I walked past high art and low art, past the theaters where famous people played to packed houses, past theaters where anonymous people played with themselves." ("In the Temple," a chapter from *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg.)

admiration & contempt: direction / height

high (from on high)

directive from on high
there's a clear ~ to investigate thoroughly (government)

edict from on high
an ~ banned any mention of sex (Woman's Weekly)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: direction

high (on a high)

on a high

he's ~ right now and will use it for motivation (victor)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

high (emotion)

high

emotions are ~

highs and lows

so you suffer fewer energy ~ (diet)

her eyes gleamed as she recalled the ~ (of her life)

it's a game of ~ (baseball)

emotional high

it was an incredible ~

incredible (emotional) high

it was an ~

get our hopes (too) high

we should not ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

high (enthusiasm)

real high

it's a ~, you just get hooked (genealogy)

enthusiasm: addiction

high and low

searching high and low

they are ~ for him (a cop killer)

extent & scope: ground, terrain & land / height

highbrow (and lowbrow, middlebrow)

highbrow conversations

the *Daily Mirror* was filled with ~ about art and politics

highbrow critics

it confounds the expectations of ~

middlebrow readers

Howells was acceptable to ~ and attuned to the avant-garde

highbrow thinkers

contestants identify ~ by their fictional lowbrow digs

among the highbrows

the argument didn't stay in the academies ~ (a dispute)

attitude toward the highbrow

contributors take an irreverent ~ (a podcast)

archaic and 'highbrow'

in the US Shakespeare has the reputation of being ~

♦ "JUNK SHAKESPEARE. A family-friendly version of the hit show "DRUNK "Shakespeare"! This Off-Broadway comedy combines a classic Shakespeare play with extreme food challenges—trying to discover the original intent of William Shakespeare. We don't know what he was eating...maybe it was Doritos?"

♦ "He's not a dignified old greybeard, like you know he's not Sir Laurence Olivier or Liam Neeson, he'd be like you know this 21-year-old surfer dude from California with like sick abs." (The 48-year-old George O'Connor thinking about the Greek God Zeus. From "Graphic novelist O'Connor turns ancient gods and goddesses into modern superheroes," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, April 16, 2022.)

♦ "It's a little bit like, say, *Spitting Image* has done in the past doing fur the present moment... On the eve of Good Friday, a man on the run from life finds himself in a deep dark wood, and he spends Easter weekend on a rollercoaster...Let's have a quick listen to Canto 26 here." ("Dante's Divine Comedy mined for 21st-century meaning," BBC, 11 Jan 2021, with BBC Europe Editor Katya Adler.)

♦ "The short-list for this year's Turner prize doesn't feature any individual artists for the first time. Instead, the contenders are all collectives, which created artwork ranging from a 24-hour fundraising rave to the use of food to help understand the workings of the world... There's a strong political thread. The raves... are part of what is described as queer, trans and intersex black and people of color radical activism." (BBC Six O'clock News, 07/05/2021. J.M.W. Turner was born 1775 and died 1851. Many people know him for his painting, "The Fighting Temeraire.")

♦ "[F]or me this is just two lads kissing, fully clothed, what could be more normal than that? If you don't like the picture, you're not going to like the book." (Douglas Stuart about the cover of his second novel *Young Mungo*. From "Douglas Stuart: Booker Prize-winning author 'feels like an impostor,'" by Rebecca Jones, April 14, 2022.)

♦ "Alex Humphreys asks if video games should be appreciated as a form of art." (BBC.)

♦ "Is the nude selfie a new art form?" (BBC Culture.)

♦ "There is an almost kind of fetishization of street art these days." (Banksy, etc.)

♦ "This is the 70th birthday of one of the most important works of art in American history. (Sound of opening music to the TV show *I love Lucy*.) Yeah, think of it as a work of art..." (Steve Inskeep, NPR, Morning Edition, Feb 5 2021.)

♦ "Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* signaled a shift towards broader popcorn sensibilities." (Versus 2001: *A Space Odyssey*, etc.)

♦ "In the modern United States, food sculpture is the art of the people." ("A Toast To Butter Sculpture, The Art That Melts The Hearts Of The Masses" by Tove Danovich, NPR, The Salt, June 25, 2015.)

♦ He threw a three-hit masterpiece. (Baseball.)

♦ The great Shaquille O'Neal, one of the greatest NBA players of all time, has been referred to as the Big Baryshnikov. And Lynn Swann was canonized as the Baryshnikov of football for his acrobatic receptions at Super Bowl X.

♦ "Maybe I'll lean into the pain narrative, write that and get a good advance, ya'll pay me for that, right." (Fantasy author L.L. McKinney.)

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: direction

higher-up (person)

pressure from higher-ups

the recruiters are under ~ (military)

hierarchy: direction / height / person

highlight (verb)

highlights a tension

the dilemma ~ within the ruling elite

highlighted (major) weaknesses

the report ~ in the economy

underline, highlight

the Soviets did not ~ the tragedy of the Jews (WWII)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / verb

high-minded (adjective)

high-minded politician
it's hard to find a ~

high-minded project
he tried to raise money for his ~ (library)

character & personality: direction
mind: direction

high-powered (adjective)

high-powered law firm
he has retained a ~ and says he is innocent

power: tools & technology

high priest

high priest of imperialism
Winston Churchill, the ~ (opinion)

theory's high priest
General Petraeus, counterinsurgency ~...

message / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

high-spirited

high-spirited
if your child is ~, give her unstructured time

high-spirited man
a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

high tide

high tide of American greatness
the ~ has passed

extent & scope: sea / tide
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sea / tide

high-water (high-water mark)

high-water mark of student activism
this was the ~ (school shootings)

high water mark of the (Sanders) campaign
Nevada was the ~ (politics)

high-water mark of his career
it was the ~ (sports)

high-water mark of partisanship
the vote was a ~ (Republicans versus Democrats)

high-water mark for religious participation
1962 as the ~ in the US (Life Magazine)

extent & scope: flood
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: flood

highway (iceberg highway, etc.)

highway
the Rhine is a ~ as much as a moat (Roman history)

oceans are ~s rather than protective moats (geopolitics)
the oceans were the ~s of the late 19th century (ships)
the Med and Black Seas have been ~s since antiquity

“iceberg highways”
one of the four major ~ that lead beyond Antarctica

ocean highway
it's a very busy ~ (Santa Barbara Channel / shipping)

water highway
this mighty ~ of China (Yangtze River)

well-travelled highways
the rivers and streams of South Vietnam are ~

became (enormous and busy) highways
the rivers ~ (Mississippi basin circa 1812)

route: infrastructure

highway (my way or the highway)

my way or the highway
him and his edicts and his “~” (recall election)

type-A-my-way-or-the-highway (m)
he was a ~ guy

allegiance, support & betrayal / character & personality / control & lack of control / unanimity & consensus: walking, running & jumping

hijack (verb)

hijacked the agenda
anti-Western countries have ~ (UN)

hijacked the debate
she ~ to announce her candidacy (politics)

hijacked the (electoral) process
organized labor has ~ in Canadian provinces

hijacked the revolution
his opponents fear that he has ~ (politics)

hijacking our culture and our minds
how outrage is ~ (Shankar Vedantam)

control & lack of control: crime / verb
taking & removing: crime / verb
possession: crime / verb

hijacked

hijacked around the world
meetings have been ~ (video-conferencing app)

hijacked by the (economic) elite
government has been ~

hijacked by her emotions
she let herself be ~

hijacked by this group
the Republican Party has been ~ (the Tea Party)

hijacked by the virus

T-cells spot which cells have been ~ and destroy them

control & lack of control: crime

possession / taking & removing: crime

hill (over the hill)

over-the-hill

♦ "He's still talented, but he's on the other side of the hill now." (Said about an older boxer.)

decline: mountains & hills

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: mountains & hills

hill (difficulty)

psychological hill

he has a ~ to climb

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills

hilt (to the hilt)

defend itself 'to the hilt'

the US will ~ in trade

extent & scope: blade / sword / weapon

Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.)

Fontana Hilton

the ~, a famous shelter on the Appalachian Trail

Hanoi Hilton

the ~ included Heartbreak Hotel and New Guy Village

♦ Names like these are often ironic. The Fontana Hilton is a trail hut, but it is near the parking lot at Fontana Dam, where there are hot showers. Those showers are much appreciated by trail walkers.

proper name: infrastructure

Himalayan (miscalculation, etc.)

Himalayan proportions

it was a mistake of ~

size: mountains & hills

himself (every man for himself)

every man for himself

it's ~, it's keeping alive (the film *On the Waterfront*)
there's no real sense of civil society, it's sort of ~ (Greece)
they'll work together and suddenly it's ~ (Tour de France)
greed is good and it's ~

every-man-for-himself play

~ versus selfless team play (NBA)

♦ "They were surrounded by troops led by Rommel... And being from these ancient Scottish regiments with a very noble tradition, they wouldn't surrender... And in the end it was every man for himself and they all tried to scatter and break through the lines..." (Battle of St. Valery, "The Other Dunkirk," wonderfully talked about by the actor Hugh Grant on NPR, Fresh Air, July 23, 2021.)

competition: jungle

hindsight (noun)

with hindsight

he said ~ he wouldn't have done it (forced to resign)

lens of hindsight

use of force should not be viewed from the 20-20 ~

perception, perspective & point of view: direction / eye
past & present / time: direction / eye / prep, adv, adj, particle

hinge (noun)

hinge moment

this conflict is a ~, if could change world politics if...

history's hinges

Casey saw the Iraq War as a pivot point, one of ~

development / reversal: direction / mechanism

hint (verb)

hints that

the study ~ the father's age really might matter (birth)

evidence: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

hint (noun)

hint of foul play

there was no ~

hint of an irregular trip

there is the ~ (naval officer)

evidence / fictive communication: speech

hint at (verb)

hints at an accident

the radioactive cloud ~ further east (radiation leak)

hints at a growing American military role

the remote airstrip in Syria ~

hints at ways

the research ~ to stop Parkinson's and Alzheimer's

hint at where

Australian fossils ~ to search for life on Mars

evidence: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

hip (joined at the hip)

joined at the hip

he and the company he founded were ~ (MTK Global)
they usually disagreed, but on this they were ~ (a decision)

linked at the (etymological) hip

"medicine" and "meditation" are ~ (mindfulness)

politically joined at the hip

the gay-and-lesbian and trans movements became ~

division & connection: health & medicine

relationship: family / health & medicine

Hiroshima (epithet)

Ceausima

Romanians referred to the razed areas as ~ (1980s)

call “Hiroshima”

a rubble-strewn terrain the locals ~ (Bucharest)

destruction: epithet / history / nuclear energy / place

hit (arrive)

hit the big time

he ~

hit some (real) low points

I've ~ in my life

hit pay dirt

he finally ~ (a researcher)

on the fourth day, Fitch seemed to ~ (experiment)

hit the eddy

he managed to roll up and ~ (kayaker)

hit a plateau

if you slip up or ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

hit the weight room

he ~ (basketball)

hit middle age

now that we've ~

adolescence hits

childrearing can be difficult, especially when ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb

hit (hit the market, etc.)

hitting the bookstores

new books on women and sex are ~

hit the market

COVID-19 blood tests ~

hit (long-track) speedskating

clap skates ~ in 1997-98

inauguration: verb

hit (hit \$30, etc.)

hit the mid-20s

during a hard freeze, temperatures ~ for 6-8 hours

hit the speed of sound

at 22,200 feet, the airplane ~ (jetliner in dive)

hit (an estimated) 140 mph

winds ~ in Tennessee (tornadoes)

hit \$30

the stock ~ before settling down to \$23 (share price)

attainment: number / verb

hit (take a hit, etc.)

taken a hit

tourism along the Gulf has ~ (oil spill)

took a (major) hit

her grades ~ (online learning / pandemic)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / verb

hit (affect)

hit (real) hard

it ~ (a murder)

pandemic hit

once the ~, we started doing virtual visits

once the ~, nobody came, so... (ad for Microsoft Teams)

effect: fist / force / sensation / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation / verb

hit (affected)

hit by Covid-19 and the shutdowns

when these industries were ~... (pandemic)

hit hard

Bosnia's fragile economy was ~ by the financial crisis

the cruise industry was ~ by the pandemic

effect: fist / force / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

hit (computer)

hits on the (erotic) Web site

5 million viewer ~

hits a day

his Web site was getting nearly 2 million ~

viewer hits

5 million ~ on the erotic Web site

8,000 hits

the child-pornography site recorded ~ in 24 hours

5 million (viewer) hits

~ on the erotic Web site

computer: force

hit (comprehension)

hit me

and then it ~, Joe was sick

comprehension & incomprehension: force / fist / verb

hit (success)

hit

a ~ is better than a flop (Broadway)

hit on (Top 40) radio

she has a fast-rising ~

hit play

his ~, "The Sunshine Boys"

hit song

recorded a ~, toured England

hits and flops

seeing ~ at the local movie theater;
he has had ~ (film actor)

monster hit

the studio hasn't had a ~ since... (films)

TV hit

it was a smash ~ from 1959 to 1963

Broadway hit

he chalked up about a dozen ~s

fast-rising hit

she has a ~ on Top 40 radio

success & failure: target / weapon

hit (mob hit, etc.)

hit job

the Bloomberg article was a ~ (against a company)

hit operation

it's a progressive ~ now (Southern Poverty Law Center)

political hit

the hearings were a ~ (politics)

partisan hit job

this is a ~ (political kerfuffle)

political hit job

how a ~ backfired

ridiculous hitjob

he called the *New York Times* article a ~ (Carlos Watson)

♦ A hatchet job, a hit job / piece, a drive-by...

conflict: crime / death & life / violence

accusation & criticism: crime / death & life / violence

punishment & recrimination: crime / death & life / violence

hit back (verb)

hit back

prosecutors ~ in court documents (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: fist

hitchhike (verb)

hitchhikes with people throughout the world

the Mediterranean recluse spider ~

hitchhike with passengers

the virus continued to ~ from other hot spots (COVID)

'hitchhiking' on ships

invasive species are ~ (Antarctica)

transmission: journeys & trips / movement / verb

hitchhiker (noun)

barnacles, sponges and other hitchhikers
he found ~ (on the bottom of a boat)

transmission: journeys & trips / movement

hit it off (verb)

hit it off well

we ~, I didn't really know him or his work (film actor)

attraction & repulsion: crashes & collisions / verb

hitter (heavy hitter)

heavy-hitters from the worlds

~ of sports, entertainment, and pop culture (NPR)

BBC's big hitters

two more of the ~ are departing

two heavy-hitters

you have ~ meeting (Rapinoe on France vs. US soccer)

force: boxing / fist / sports & games

hive (noun)

hive

if the outside was dark and lonesome, the inside was a ~

hive of activity

the marketplace is a ~

activity: insect

hives (noun)

gives people (like Kennan) hives

his opinions ~

affliction: health & medicine

hobble (verb)

hobbled past (Labour) governments

the matter of military intervention has ~

hobble the organization

the FBI were finally able to ~ (KKK)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal / health & medicine / leg / movement / verb / walking, running, & jumping

hobbled

hobbled by a (deadly) pandemic

the US economy has been ~

hobbled by (international) sanctions
Iran has been ~

hobbled by a (debilitating) stammer
he was ~ (George VI)

hobbled for a generation

the real-estate market is going to be ~

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal / health & medicine / leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

Hobson's choice

presented him with a Hobson's choice
the crisis ~ (response to caving fatality)

♦ Thomas Hobson was an English liveryman who required every customer to take the horse nearest the door. It means an apparently free choice when there is really no alternative.

♦ "Health officials have said the best vaccine is the one you're offered." (Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, Moderna, etc.)

alternatives & choices: allusion

hog (verb)

hog photo spots
they ~ so no-one else can enjoy them (Instagram tourists)

behavior: animal / verb

hogtie (verb)

hogties U.S. counter-proliferation strategy
diplomatic dialogue only ~ (with North Korea)

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / verb

hold (the future can hold something)

holds
nobody knows what the future ~
I am optimistic about what the future ~
getting people to prepare for what a warmer climate ~

hold
so what does the future ~ for the Supreme Court

future / time: container / verb

hold (long-held)

long-held assumptions
challenge ~ about...

long-held practice
it dropped its ~ of... (way a company orders goods)

long-held resentments
she was a creature of her ~

long-held tradition
abandoning such a ~ is heresy

possession: hand

hold (verb / possession)

held him in its grip
the current ~

hold its monopoly
Portugal ~, but then began to lose its hold

possession: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

hold (noun / possession)

hold on power

he is trying to maintain his ~

lose its hold

Portugal held its monopoly, but then began to ~

losing their hold

residents are ~ on the middle class (recession)

possession: hand

fictive possession: hand

hold (close held, etc.)

close held

it's ~, few people have read this (a report)

concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games / hand

hold (take hold)

take hold

the trend could ~ in other states (declaring bankruptcy)

taking hold

competitive instincts are ~ (classroom)

take hold in Spain

when liberal ideas began to ~

take hold in the community

we don't want extremist elements to ~

began to take hold

the idea ~

beginning to take hold

democracy is ~

failed to take hold

democracy has ~

contagion took hold

~ (Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, Massachusetts)

drugs took hold

AIDS cases fell as new, more effective ~

growth & development: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

hold (on hold)

on hold

negotiations are ~

his life in the sky has been ~ (crash with fatalities)

many Afghan lives now seem to be ~ (Taliban takeover)

recovery efforts are on hold

~ because of dangerous conditions (avalanches)

put our relationship on hold

we had to ~

action, inaction & delay / situation: hand

hold back (restraint)

hold back

Spike Lee did not ~ during the press conference

hold back at the United Nations

she didn't ~ (Greta Thunberg's "How Dare You" speech)

restraint & lack of restraint: arm / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: arm / verb

hold back (obstacle)

hold them back

another policy that women believe ~

holding you back

do you think I'm ~

hold her back

the fact that she is shy needn't ~ (toddler)

obstacles & impedance: arm / verb

constraint & lack of constraint: arm / verb

hold in (emotions)

hold it in

don't ~ (emotions)

feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb

hold off (verb)

hold off the future

they ~ by building a fragile present from pieces of the past

obstacles & impedance: arm / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / verb

hold on (survival)

hold on

controller said to ~ (soldiers waiting to be exfiltrated)

the Maasai won't be able to ~ much longer

~ (911 operator to 9/11 caller)

just ~, there will be tomorrow (Maria Carey)

hold on to win

AC Milan ~ the title... (soccer)

strength to hold on

I ask God to give me ~ (mother of missing kid)

♦ "The worst part is behind us, we are seeing a new dawn, hold on, have faith, because good days are coming."

♦ "Keep your eye on the prize, hold on." (A moving song from the Civil Rights era of the 1960s.)

♦ "Keep your hand on that plow, and hold on." (A moving Negro spiritual.)

survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb

resiliency: hand / verb

hold on to (verb)

hold on to faith

in the hell of war, how does a chaplain ~

holds on to grievances

he ~

holding on to hope

they're ~ that they will find survivors (building collapse)

held on to its role

the department has ~ as... (State Department)

held on to his people's ancient religion

Nicholas Black Elk, who ~ when it was actively suppressed (Oglala)

hold on to her sanity

her work enables her to ~ (an activist)

hold on to my senses

I am trying to ~, to fend off the black dog (depression)

hold on to that

if I ~, I'll never be able to move on (a boxer and a defeat)

attachment / possession: hand / verb

hold out (persist)

hold out for real change

the parents hope protesters will ~ (Sandy Hook murders)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

hold out (offer)

hold out the promise

California ~ of a better life for migrants

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / verb

hold up (rob)

hold up corporations

activists can ~

taking & removing: crime / verb

♦ "[M]inority activists can 'hold up' (in both senses of the idiom) corporations, raising objections that can be overcome with compensation." ("The Inequality of 'Equity,'" by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

hold up (obstruct)

holding me up

you are ~

obstacles & impedance: hand / verb

holdup (noun)

holdup

come on, what's the ~

obstacles & impedance: hand

action, inaction & delay: hand

hole (feeling)

hole in my heart

it left a huge ~ (loss of a baby)

hole in my life

it left a ~ that won't ever be filled (loss of her mother)

feeling, emotion & effect: hole

hole (flaw)

holes in her game

there are no ~ (tennis player Emma Raducanu)

security hole

the break-ins exploited ~ on these systems (computers)
the ~s have now been plugged (computers)

gaping hole

the case has ~s in it

full of holes

your theory is ~ (discussion comment)

shoot holes in the study

skeptics have been quick to ~ (science)

blew a (sizable) hole in the stock

his report ~ of the high-flying, high-tech company

flaws & lack of flaws: hole

hole (tree hole)

at a tree hole

people can post secrets for strangers to read ~

♦ People can reveal secrets for strangers to read at several "tree hole" sites on Weibo.

♦ An actual tree hole used for secret communication features in the beloved book *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

concealment & lack of concealment: tree

computer: tree

hole (situation)

hole of addiction

it's easy to fall into a ~ (skateboarding)

job hole

we're still in a deep, deep ~ (unemployment)

deeper hole

I want him to dig a ~ for himself with his mouth

demographic hole

it's going to be so hard to get out of this ~

financial hole

he had to declare bankruptcy to get out of his ~

climb out of their hole

will they be able to ~ (losing team)

dig a (deeper) hole

I want him to ~ for himself with his mouth

dug herself out of the hole

she finally ~ (financial)

digging ourselves into a hole

we could be ~, for a very long time...

dug ourselves into a hole

we have ~ (budget deficit)

fill in that hole

it will take a lot more jobs to ~ (unemployment)

get out of this (demographic) hole

it's going to be so hard to ~ (aging people, low birth rate)

♦ First law of holes: if you are in one, stop digging.

♦ "If you dig a hole for your brother, you will fall down in it." (Said in Saudi Arabia.)

involvement / situation: container / hole

holed up

holed up in his (Ramallah) compound

Arafat remained ~ for 2 years

holed up in a (hotel) room

he is ~ after being attacked (a reporter abroad)

protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hole

hole up (verb)

holed up

and that's where we ~ (musicians record in bedroom)

protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hole / verb

holic (shopaholic, etc.)

shopaholic

I was a ~

she was a ~ (designer clothes)

workaholic

I was a ~

behavior: addiction / affix / alcohol

hollow (hollow promises, etc.)

hollow promise

the joint agreement was a ~ (diplomacy)

hollow victory

it's a ~ (boxing / an impaired contestant)

hollow and self-serving

their platform is ~ (politics)

hollow, cynical and inauthentic

he is often dismissed as ~ (a politician)

proved hollow

the pledge ~ (U.N.)

rings hollow

his argument ~ to many

that is an argument that ~ (a bad argument)

sounded hollow

his speech ~ (president)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere / materials & substances

hollowed out

hollowed out

key programs were ~ under the administration
with the State Department ~, the military is driving policy

enforcement has been hollowed out

ATF ~ (politics)

weakened and hollowed out

America's local newspapers have been ~

becomes hollowed out

without the rush and brush and crush of the world, one ~

getting hollowed out

the middle class is ~ in America

♦ "Without the rush and brush and crush of the world, one becomes hollowed out. The cavity fills with envy." (Cynthia Ozick, on the isolation of being a writer without success.)

attenuation / strength & weakness: tree

hollow out (verb)

hollowed out enforcement

years of budget cuts have ~ of the nation's tax laws

hollow it out

the Supreme Court will reverse or ~ (Row v. Wade)

hollow out abortion rights

legal restrictions designed to ~

hollowed out the island's rural towns

the recession has ~ (Puerto Rico)

attenuation / strength & weakness: tree / verb

Hollywood (Hollywood of Africa, etc.)

Hollywood of Africa

Ouarzazate, sometimes called the ~ (*Gladiator*, etc.)

Bollywood

she was known as the Nightingale of ~ (Lata Mangeshkar)

Nollywood

Hollywood, Bollywood, make way for ~ (Nigerian films)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

Hollywood (Hollywood ending, etc.)

Hollywood ending

this is a ~ (strike by IATSE averted = happy ending)

Hollywood fantasy

that's not ~ any more (robotic bees)

♦ "I bet more Marines have joined the Corps because of *Full Metal Jacket* than because of any fucking recruiting commercial." / "And that's an antiwar film." / "Nothing's an antiwar film," I say. "There's no such thing." (From the brilliant short story "War Stories" in *Redeployment* by Phil Klay.)

♦ According to Justin Chang, "The great French director Francois Truffaut once said there was no such thing as an anti-war film, because it's in the nature of war films to valorize the spectacle of armed combat." ("1917" Is A Mind-Boggling Technological Achievement—But Not A Great Film," NPR, Fresh Air, January 15, 2020.)

fantasy & reality: film

holocaust

nuclear holocaust

the spread of an ice sheet is more deadly to life than a ~

racial holocaust

Fidel Castro accused Paris of carrying out a "~"

♦ "The use of 'holocaust' by Mr. Castro demonstrates his ignorance of history and disdain towards its victims. Such words are unacceptable." (French foreign ministry spokesman Bernard Valero, responding to comments by Fidel Castro that France's deportation of Roma in 2010 amounted to a 'racial holocaust.'")

destruction: allusion / history

home (home of golf, etc.)

home of golf

St. Andrews is the ~

home of the great steamships

Wuhan, ~ of the Yangtze

home of whisky

Scotland is the ~ and has the greatest expertise

spiritual home

the Maracanã is the ~ of world football (hallowed turf)

location / origin: house / place

home (home to)

home to one of the island's largest cathedrals

the city was ~ (Arecibo, Puerto Rico)

home to an exhibition

Derry's Tower Museum is ~ of the discovery (a galleon)

home to a (vast) collection

the museum is ~ of archives

home to all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks

Central Asia is ~

home to a (major Soviet) listening station

during the Cold War, it was ~ (Cuba / SIGINT)

location: house / place

home (home in Islam, etc.)

home in Islam

people who found a ~

lucrative, satisfying home

I had a ~ (an actor in a successful TV series)

protection & lack of protection: house

home (home for the archive, etc.)

home for the archive

a proper final ~

final home

a proper ~ for the archive

future home

~ of First National Bank and Trust

permanent home

temporary premises vs. a ~ (museum)
whales making a ~ in the Gulf of Mexico

proper (final) home

a ~ for the archive

location / place: house

home (hit home)

hit home

I have a brother who's an addict so it ~

feeling, emotion & effect: house / verb

effect / proximity: house / verb

home (close to home)

hit (very) close to home

this has ~ (a school shooting)

feeling, emotion & effect / proximity: house

home (feel at home)

feel at home

Americans never ~, even in their houses

felt at home

for the first time in his life, he ~ (athlete on team)
she had to leave her orphanage, where she had ~

feels at home in Japan

he ~ (a Latin baseball player)

feel at home with my relatives

I don't ~

feel most at home

I ~ in the gym (a boxer)

♦ Home is where the heart is!

feeling, emotion & effect / welcome: house

Homeric (adjective)

Homeric aspirations

he left Oxford with ~ (a politician)

Homeric battle

the two teams engaged in a ~ (football)

Homeric curse

he remembers the ~ of the truck drivers (Little Athens)

Homeric epic

her work is described as a ~ about...

Homeric life

he wanted to live a more ~ (Classics grad joins the army)

Homeric proportions

an armada of ~ invaded Sicily (World War II)

Homeric retreat

the climbing party's ~ down K2 is legendary

Homeric struggle

he lost a ~ (sculling)

stern, erect, Homeric

he stood over his foe, ~ (a fight)

superlative: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

comparison & contrast: affix

home run (success)

home run for Ford

the new car has become a ~

home-run line

it was a ~ (a memorable line in a speech)

conservation home run

it was a ~ (fishery rebounds)

hit a home run

you ~ (successful proposal)

this is an opportunity for us to ~ (an initiative)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

home run (swing for a home run, etc.)

swinging for the fences

he is ~ (a restaurateur)

swinging for a home run

Trump is ~ (final status peace in Middle East)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb

commitment & determination: baseball / sports & games / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: baseball / sports & game / verb

homestretch (noun)

homestretch of the (US mid-term) elections

race-baiting allegations have mired the ~

in the homestretch

this is crunch time, we're ~ (election campaign)

in the final stretch

we are ~ (election campaign)

development / starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / sports & games

homework (noun)

homework

show that you have done your ~ by... (job interview)

did their homework

they ~ before creating the Mach-E SUV (an ad)

do your homework

~ before you buy...

~ and don't make assumptions

do (all) your homework

you try to ~ (preparing for NYC marathon)

readiness & preparedness: school & education

honcho (leader)

honcho of *The New York Times*
the new head ~ is Joseph Kahn

hedge fund honcho

~ Daniel Loeb: stop spreading fear at Sony

♦ According to Merriam-Webster, this is Japanese for "leader of the squad, section, group," and was brought back from Japan by U.S. soldiers after World War II. In its original meaning, it seems to be the Japanese equivalent of the French *doyen*.

♦ Soka Gakkai, a modern version of Buddhism, was brought to the US by Japanese war brides.

power: person

hone (verb)

honing her (observational) gifts
she has been ~ for 50 years (the artist Catherine Murphy)

honed a sense

he has ~ of "radical informality" (a leader)

hone their skills

they ~ in Iraq and then go elsewhere (terrorists)

hone (job) skills

as more Americans return to school to ~

hone their technique

the hole is perfect for those wishing to ~ (kayaking)

develop and hone

they practice a lot to ~ their routines (cheerleaders)

amelioration & renewal: blade / knife / verb

honed

finely honed (m)

he demonstrates ~ political instincts (a diplomat)

functioning: blade / knife

condition & status: blade / knife

honey (honey, baby, etc.)

honey

hey, ~...

honey, baby, sweetie

he addresses me as ~ and other inappropriate names

vocative: taste

honeycomb (shape)

honeycomb cardboard

packaging materials such as ~

honeycomb mold

the glass flowed into a ~ (telescope mirror)

honeycomb structure

~s are widely used in the aerospace industry

honeycomb weathering

rocks and bones can display ~

♦ The cells in a honeycomb structure are usually columnar and hexagonal (6-sided).

shape: animal / insect

honeycomb (verb)

honeycombed the island with bunkers
Taiwan's military ~

configuration: animal / insect / verb

honeycombed

honeycombed with caves
the cliffs are ~

honeycombed with mines
the mountain is ~, many over a century old (Chile)

honeycombed with tombs
this area is ~ (Judean foothills south of Jerusalem)

honeycombed with tunnels and bunkers
North Korea is ~

configuration: animal / insect

honeymoon (noun)

honeymoon
the ~ didn't last (teacher on job)

honeymoon between the media and police
the end to the ~ (leak)

honeymoon period
his ~ is clearly over (an elected official)

voter honeymoon
he still basks in a ~ (a politician)

end to the honeymoon
the ~ between the news media and police (leak)

honeymoon didn't last
at first things were great, but the ~ (a new teacher)

♦ "She wasn't prepared for the honeymoon shocker... a snoring spouse."

♦ "She disappeared on their honeymoon in Jordan."

conflict: love, courtship & marriage

feeling, emotion & effect: love, courtship & marriage

starting, going, continuing & ending: love, courtship & marriage

honey-tongued

honey-tongued
the ~ French major

speech: taste / tongue

hood (look under the hood, etc.)

looked under the hood
he ~ of the Chrome web browser (privacy investigator)

digging under the hood
they are ~ (investigators / how company operates)

look under the hood to understand
Google doesn't ~ who these companies are (trackers)

kicking the tires, and looking under the hood
Microsoft is ~ of Tik-Tok (possible merger)

searching & discovery: engine
analysis, interpretation & explanation: engine

hook (off the hook)

off the hook for now
he might be ~, but... (criminal investigation)

got him off the hook
his lawyers ~ (acquittal)

let him off the hook
don't ~ (prosecutor to jury)

let Real off the hook
City ~... (City won, but blew first-leg big lead)

let them off the hook
she likes them, but she doesn't ~

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / justice
punishment & recrimination: fish / justice

hook (Hook of Holland, etc.)

Hook of Holland
he walked from the ~ through the Low Countries to...

proper name: shape

hook (hook, line and sinker)

swallowed his story hook, line and sinker
I ~

consumption / extent & scope: fish / food & drink
acceptance & rejection: fish / food & drink

hooked (enthusiasm)

hooked
I started with a free trial and then I was ~ (brand)

hooked on raptors
I got ~ because birds of prey are majestic, awe-inspiring

hooked on (American) TV
he got ~ (diplomat's son)

hooked on social media or even an unboxing video
kids who are ~

completely hooked
I got ~ on viruses (a scientist)

get hooked
when you're a young musician you ~ on a phrase
it's a real high, you just ~ (genealogy)

got hooked
he ~ on the game (Cow Clicker)
he tried backcountry once last year and ~ (skiing)

♦ "I love maps, and when you get hooked, you get hooked." (W. Graham Arader III, a preeminent map dealer of old American maps.)

♦ "Oxygen set a new standard by doing Grade 4 and Grade 5 jumps. They remain the greatest tower jumps in Czech history."

♦ "And ever since that day migration has had its hooks in me..." (A 12-year-old Scott Weidensaul sitting on Hawk Mountain with a strong northwest wind blowing on "one of the best migration days of the fall.")

enthusiasm: addiction / fish

hook up (connect)

hooked up with Lashkar-e-Taiba
through friends in Durham, he ~ (group)

division & connection: tools & technology / verb

hook up (relationship)

hook up with her
I might ~ sometime later down the road

hooked up with her ex-boyfriend
rumors that she might have ~

hooked up with a friend
he ~ who... (camping)

hook up online
as more people ~ (long-distance relationships)

social interaction: tools & technology

hookup (sex)

hookup
~s are happening while on the job (sex)
with a ~, it's about instant gratification (young woman)

hookup in Japan
a ~ is called a take-out (sex)

homosexual hook-ups
the Minneapolis airport is known as a site for ~

site for (homosexual) hookups
the Minneapolis airport is known as a ~

sex: tools & technology

hoop (jump through hoops, etc.)

cumbersome bureaucratic hoops
you have to jump through ~ and wait days (healthcare)

jump through hoops
they make you ~ to get a good rate (banks)

jump through (superhuman) hoops
you must ~ to become "one of the good ones" (immigrants)

difficulty, easiness & effort / obstacles & impedance: circus / sports & games / verb

hoover (hoover up, etc.)

hoovering up (all of these) influences
Biden was ~ (Kennedy, Kinnock)

hoovering up talent
big clubs have been ~

taking & removing: mechanism / verb

hop (verb)

hopping

the stockyards were ~ during the war (Chicago)
the city of Memphis is ~ this month (civic festivals)

activity: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / verb / walking, running & jumping

hop (hop across, etc.)

hopped the ocean

it has now ~ and arrived in Latin America (banana fungus)

transmission: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

horde (people)

internet horde

he and the ~ discovered this and... (conspiracy theorists)

♦ This originally referred to groups of Asian nomads, for example, the Golden Horde.

amount / group, set & collection: history

horizon (on the horizon)

on the horizon

there's no miracle cure ~
a solution is not yet ~ (nuclear waste)
with the threat of a war ~ (with Iran)
a wedding is ~, she says... (celebrity)
American sanctions are ~ (diplomacy)
what's next ~ for you (question to a celebrity)

on the immediate horizon

children are not ~ (an actor)

see the collapse on the horizon

we can ~

see anything on the horizon

I don't ~ (a change in the law in the future)

future / time: distance / eye / horizon / sky

horizon (expand one's horizons)

expand his horizons

he wanted to ~ (oilman working in Nigeria)

experience: earth & world / horizon / sky

horizon (extent and scope)

widening (strategic) horizons

the naval deploy is a clear sign of Iran's ~ (the Med)

extent & scope: horizon / sky

horn (shape)

Horn of Africa

over 90 million people inhabit the ~

Cape Horn

the ~ is at the southern end of South America

♦ Towers (the Trango Towers); teeth (The Tooth near Seattle); cathedrals (the Baltoro Cathedrals); spires (the Lobsang Spires); spurs (the Abruzzi Spur), peaks (Broad Peak); horns (the Matterhorn), pyramids (Carstensz Pyramid / Puncak Jaya); pinnacles; pillars; crags; domes (Half Dome); knobs (Huckleberry Knob); balds (Hooper Bald); monoliths (El Capitan, Shiprock, Stone Mountain)...

shape: animal / horn

horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)

the Horn

Eritrea and Ethiopia are the pole around which ~ moves

Horn of Africa

over 90 million people inhabit the ~

Cape Horn

the ~ is at the southern end of South America

bedrock of the Horn

Eritrea and Ethiopia are the ~

proper name: animal / horn / shape

geography: animal / horn / proper name / shape

horn (lock horns)

lock horns

former champions ~, they are to go head to head (Scrabble)

lock horns with (the inexperienced) Zelensky

Poroshenko would love to ~ (a debate)

locked horns in the debate

the three leaders ~

lock horns in (television) debate

assembly candidates ~

lock horns over spy charges

China and US ~

lock horns over whether

Betty and Mark ~ Bono should... (TV)

locked horns on the economy

Labour and Conservative politicians ~ (BBC debate)

lock horns with him over whether

they will ~ LSD allows access to a deeper reality
(discussion)

Oxford and Cambridge lock horns

live coverage as ~ (Boat Race)

conflict: animal / crashes & collisions / head / horn / verb

hornet's nest

hornet's nest of (antiaircraft) fire

the Apache helicopters ran into a ~ (Iraq)

hornet's nest of (surface-to-surface) missile

Baghdad's air defenses were a ~

hornet's nest of (local) politics

he stepped into a ~ and got stung (President)

poke a stick in the hornet's nest
what we did was to ~ (investigation)

stumbled into a hornet's nest
she ~ (criticised transgender athletes)

activity / environment: animal / insect
conflict / danger: animal / insect

horrific (adjective)

horrific

the footage is ~, a terrorist attack (2021 US Capitol riot)
this season could be ‘~’ (tick season and Lyme disease)

horrific agenda

their ~ (an anti-abortion group)

horrific (travel) conditions

Chinese New Year brings celebration, ~

horrific (budget) crunch

most states are in the middle of a ~

‘horrific’ editorial

she has sued the paper for its ~ (politics)

horrific experience

it was a ~ (slow Black female golfers kicked off course)

horrific infection

Guinea worm is a ~

horrific looking

it was quite ~ (a beautiful frilled shark)

fundamentally horrific

something ~ has happened (cleaning crew erases artwork)

called the graffiti “horrific”

Mayor Robert Garcia ~ (on a statue)

calls the situation “just horrific”

Ruth ~ (Ruth Madoff, wife of Bernard Madoff)

♦ “And I think that that’s the frame that we should that I at least take into so many of the problems that we see in our society. It’s like, well, ya know, we are working to end mass incarceration. We are working to end poverty or we are working to end all these horrific things...” (Clint Smith, author of *How The Word Is Passed*. From “Why Juneteenth Isn’t Taught In Schools—And What That Means For Our Understanding Of Slavery” with Tonya Mosley, wbur, June 15, 2021.)

♦ “Geoff Nunberg deconstructs this word in “Horrific” And ‘Surreal’: The Words We Use To Bear Witness,” NPR, Fresh Air, April 26, 2013.)

♦ “Oh for goodness sake. Anyone would think you were dying. You’ve only got suspected leprosy.” (A British nurse to a terrified English patient just returned from Afghanistan who is howling in pain, delirious with fever, and covered in enormous black lumps.)

♦ “I heard yesterday that there is a military hospital hidden in the forest for the soldiers who have had their faces shot away. They apparently look so horrific that ordinary people can’t even look at them. Things like that make me despair.” (Elfriede Kühr, a young German schoolgirl. From *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund.)

hyperbole: bodily reaction

horribly

horribly offensive

I think that was a ~ thing to say

hyperbole: bodily reaction

horrified

easily horrified

you are ~ (“join the discussion” snark)

hyperbole: bodily reaction

horrifying (adjective)

truly horrifying

this is ~

♦ “This is truly horrifying.” (Polina Edmunds, speaking on NPR to Scott Simon about the Russian figure skater Kamila Valieva at the Beijing Winter Olympics, after Valieva finished fourth in a skating event.)

♦ “I stopped watching, reading and listening to the media hype when I heard the players being called ‘heroes’ after the Germany game. Get a grip BBC.” (Grommy on the BBC HYS on the eve of England vs. Ukraine, Euro 2020.)

hyperbole: bodily reaction

hors de combat

hors de combat

Dmetri, too, was ~ (Terra Nova expedition in Antarctica)

♦ Out of combat; unable to perform duty.

condition & status / functioning / presence & absence:
military

horse (hold your horses)

hold your horses

~, we got it right here... (a good boxing show)

eagerness & reluctance: animal / horse / verb
control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb

horse (get back on the horse)

get back (up) on the horse

it’s important to ~ (Simon Biles / Tokyo Olympics)

resiliency: animal / horse / verb

horse (switch horses)

switched horses

progressive school reformers have ~ (tactics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / horse / verb

horse (high horse)

high (though not very reliable) horse of privilege
the foreigner tends to ride upon the ~ (in Asia)

judgmental high horse

people are quick to jump on the ~

come down from your high horse

you can ~ now (an overdose death)

superiority & inferiority: animal / height / horse

horse (horse in the race)

have no horse in this race

I'm not a Democrat and ~ (comment message)

see also *dog (dog in the fight)*

involvement: animal / horse / sports & games

horse (back the wrong horse)

backed the wrong horse

he ~, Clinton trounced Bush (John Major)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / gambling / horse / verb

horse (the willing horse, etc.)

willing horse

the ~ is overworked (in human organizations)

work & duty: animal / horse

horseshoe (shape)

horseshoe of the Carpathians

every superstition is gathered into the ~

shape: horse

horse-trading

horse-trading

this ~ is disgraceful (politics)

position, policy & negotiation: horse / money

host (host of questions, etc.)

host of questions

Democrats have a whole ~

host of symptoms

they have suffered a ~, including... (Gulf War Syndrome)

amount: military

hostage (held hostage)

held hostage to the unions

the city is ~ (transportation unions)

held hostage to (political) posturing

reform has been ~

held hostage by the (culinary) canon

he is not ~ (a chef)

held hostage by (union) demands

public education is ~

held hostage by elites

democracy is ~ (Africa)

held hostage by politicians

we're being ~ who don't know how we survive

held hostage by (politically powerful) interest groups

their budgets are ~ (universities)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

hostage (other)

hostage to (larger) forces

architecture is always ~ (high-rise success or failure)

holding us hostage

the weather is ~ (emergency response)

take yourself hostage

don't ~ to your own fears (reaction to terrorism)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

hostile (adjective)

hostile (work) environment

she abused her power as our boss, she created a ~

hostile way

she crossed a line by airing her views in a ~

bitter, angry and hostile

he was ~ (sick man with undiagnosed illness)

crazy and hostile

Boston Celtic fans are ~ (NBA)

became more hostile

we found that the language ~ (a study)

♦ "Albert Sabin... turned to me and said, 'Now Dr. Salk, you should know better than to ask a question like that.' It was like being kicked in the teeth. I could *feel* the resistance and the hostility and the disapproval. I never attended a single one of those meetings afterward without that same feeling." (Dr. Jonas Salk on being put in his place by Albert Sabin at a meeting.)

♦ "Our children are trained to operate in a combat zone, in a hostile environment." (School-shooting drills.)

♦ "AFFAIRS IN MINNESOTA / Movements of the Hostile Sioux Indians / ...They rushed on to the camp with that unearthly scream and yell peculiar to their race... This shouting is done on purpose to terrify their opponents, and give them an exaggerated idea of their strength. Whatever the strength of the assaulting party was, it is sufficient to say they were repulsed, but not before they had killed one enlisted man of the Seventh Minnesota Volunteers, and one boy. Two women were wounded and three or four men...[The] Indians carried away with them several horses. Col. Miller, upon being informed of this unfortunate event, immediately sent a force of well-mounted cavalry in pursuit, and if the redskins are captured they will be summarily dealt with. This outrage has again stricken the inhabitants of the border settlements with terror, and many are fleeing from an expected crusade of the savages..." (Correspondence of the *New-York Times*, May 1, 1863.)

♦ ATTACK ON BRITISH TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN. / Bombay, April 18. / Intelligence has been received that a considerable force of hostile Pathans have attacked and massacred a small party of British troops in the vicinity of Quettah. The party included the British officer commanding. The enemy have since followed up the attack by blocking the high road between Quettah and Candahar. Strong detachments have been despatched against them from both places." (*The Brisbane Courier*, Tuesday, April 20, 1880.)

♦ "A machine gunner scans for hostiles while his helicopter is on patrol over the Mekong Delta." (Music of Vietnam, YouTube)

behavior / conflict / feeling, emotion & effect: military / society

hot (controversial)

hot

the issue has gotten so ~ that...

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

hot (emotion)

hot temper

he had a ~ (an executive / verbal abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

hot (activity)

hottest (real estate) markets

during the housing boom, Florida was the ~ in the world

hot mess

see *hot mess*

hot mike

she was caught on a ~

hot mic

a ~ caught the candidates trading accusations

~s are just a hot mess (Nato meeting embarrassment)

a ~ picked up his remarks about... (TV commentator)

activity: temperature

hot (popularity, attention, etc.)

hot favorite

Holloway was the ~ (Tokyo Olympics)

hot prospect

she is already a ~ for nomination to the Supreme Court

hottest trends

cryotherapy has become one of the ~ in health, wellness

♦ “Right now the California desert is the hottest place and I’m not talking about the weather.” (The 2022 Coachella Music Festival kicks off.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: temperature

hotbed (noun)

hotbed of racism

stereotypes of Mississippi as a ~ (civil-rights activists)

hotbed of revolt

the region has been a ~

hotbed of extremism

a reputation as a ~ (a university)

hotbed for al Qaeda activity

Yemen is a ~

hotbed of volcanic activity

Iceland is a ~

cyclo-cross hotbed

New England is a ~ (bicycling)

reputation as a hotbed

it has a ~ of extremism (a Saudi university)

♦ A hotbed is a garden enclosed by glass and fertilized with manure. In such an environment plants grow rapidly.

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

hot-blooded (adjective)

hot-blooded crime

it was a ~, not a cold-blooded one, if you will

hot-blooded fits of anger

his ~, spewed in Spanish (beloved *I Love Lucy* TV show)

hot-blooded Romeos

~, looking for the perfect mate

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

hot dog (person)

hot dog

he's a ~

character & personality: dog / person / temperature

hothead (person)

hothead

he's a ~

message for the hotheads

here's a ~ in the community (stand-your-ground killing)

person: head / temperature

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: head / person / temperature

hotheaded (and hot-headed)

hotheaded (political) aspirant

he's a ~

hotheaded ways

he was known for his ~

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: head / temperature

hothouse (noun)

musical hothouse

the Dominican Republic is a ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant

hotly

hotly anticipated

boxing fans look forward to the ~ rematch

hotly debated

this question has been ~ for decades

hotly contested

BASE jumping is a ~ issue (Yosemite Valley)

hotly disputed

nuclear reactor safety is a ~ issue

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

hot mess (person)

hot mess

I admit it, I've been a ~ lately
being in your 20s is a ~, a mad time
drugs, alcohol and low self-esteem turned her into a ~

person: hygiene / temperature

character & personality: hygiene / person / temperature

hot mess (situation, etc.)

hot mess

I didn't understand what that article said, it was a ~
it's a ~, c'mon guys, get it together (school policy)

flaws & lack of flaws / situation: hygiene

hot seat (noun)

in a hot seat

the CEO of Boeing is back ~ on Capitol Hill (crashes)

in the hotseat with regulators

Facebook is also ~ because...

accusation & criticism / judgment: crime / electricity /
justice / temperature

hotshot (noun)

hotshot

he's a ~

hot-shot (account) executive

a ~

♦ "The engineers were formed into three divisions, and some experiments were made with red-hot shot... / Artillery salvos more tremendous, if possible, than ever were now directed from Gibraltar; incessant showers of red-hot balls of every calibre, of flaming carcasses, and shells of every species, flew from all quarters... / From the depressed guns the red-hot globes of iron seemed to streak the air with red lines as they went on their errand of destruction... / Upward of 8,000 rounds (more than half of which were red-hot shot) and 716 barrels of powder, were expended by our artillery." (Gibraltar. From *British Battles On Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

person: weapon

behavior: hunting / person / weapon

character & personality: hunting / person / weapon

hotspot (place)

hotspot for celebrities

L.A.'s newest ~

hotspot for migrants

Melilla became a ~, just like the Balkans

L.A.'s (newest) hotspot

~ for celebrities

Hollywood hotspot

she stays clear of ~s

disease hotspot

the Lyme ~ was a goldmine of research

selfie hotspot

she fell from a ~ where people climb over the fencing

surfing hotspot

they have turned Yakutat, Alaska into a ~

skateboarding hot spot

the Tampa Bay area is a ~

global hotspot

the Congo basin is a ~ for thunderstorms (meteorology)

newest hotspot

L.A.'s ~ for celebrities

piracy hotspot

the Gulf of Guinea is the world's most dangerous ~

turned Yakutat into a (surfing) hotspot

they have ~ (Alaska)

activity / location / place: temperature

hot water (in hot water)

in hot water with my dad

I'm ~

in hot water with that woman

I'm already ~ (an authority figure)

in hot water for the crime

he now finds himself ~

in (judicial) hot water

she finds herself ~

finds himself in hot water

he now ~

get me into hot water

my pride and stubbornness ~ once in a while

gotten in hot water

he has ~ lately for his tweets (auto executive)

keep me in hot water

you ~ all the time (George to Lennie / *Of Mice and Men*)

landed him in hot water

his unapologetic remarks on issues have frequently ~

situation: heating water / temperature / water

Houdini

veritable Houdini

Swallow was a ~ (William Swallow, Australian convict)

♦ "My dad wasn't Harry Houdini, but he managed to disappear out of my life before I knew him." (The football player Keith McCants, referring to the famous escape artist.)

pursuit, capture & escape: allusion / epithet

hound (autograph hound, etc.)

autograph hound

an ~

gossip hounds

~ wondered if she was doomed in love and marriage

powder hounds

joy for ~ falling in love with backcountry skiing

publicity hound

a pack of bizarre ~s (public meetings)
yes he's an opportunist, yes he's a ~ (a lawyer)

pack of (bizarre publicity) hounds

a ~ (public meetings)

enthusiasm: dog / hunting / person

hound (verb)

hounded Congress to pass their measures

they ~ (U.S. presidents FDR and JFK)

hounded Zhao

U.S. federal agents ~ (a Chinese national)

harassed and hounded

bill collectors ~ me, it was horrible

affliction: animal / dog / hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting / verb

hounded (dogged)

hounded with questions

candidates have been ~ about whether... (politics)

hounded from their lands

Native Americans were ~

hounded until his death

he was dragged to a court and ~

hounded by allegations

he has been ~ of unethical business dealings

hounded by "the footnote police"

he said he was being ~ (a politician / plagiarism)

hounded by scammers

lottery winners are ~ and sometimes robbed or killed

hounded by investigators and the media

he has been ~

hounded and hunted

the gang is on the run, ~ by the law

paparazzi-hounded

what it's like to be a ~ celebrity

affliction: animal / dog / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting

hour (finest hour, etc.)

finest hour

this was his ~ (soccer player scores important goal)

Liberal Hour

it was the ~, when liberalism was at its ascendancy (1960s)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superlative /

time: hour

hour (timeliness)

hour

the ~ is getting late

early hours

I know it's ~ but...

eleventh hour

why did she wait until the ~ to reveal this
it's disingenuous to wait until the ~ (politics)
they didn't bring this to us until the ~ (labor talks)

11th-hour

Samra made no ~ appeals to the court (executed)

golden hour

a clock starts ticking on what is called the ~
the "~", when life can hang in the balance

"Golden Hour"

if treatment is available within the first ~ of injury

hour is getting late

so let us stop talking falsely now, the ~

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour

hour (of one's hour / of the hour)

heroes of the hour

Johansen was one of the ~ (along with Nansen)

man of the hour

he is the ~ (FBI director gives Congressional testimony)

question of the hour

women suffrage was the burning ~ (late 1860s)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

hourglass (shape)

hourglass figure

the ~ shape

hourglass-shaped

the Bottleneck, an ~ gully beneath a serac (on K2)

shape: clock / tools & technology

hourglass (time)

hourglass

the sand is running through the ~ (approaching deadline)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock / mechanism

time: mechanism

house (a house in order)

fiscal house

we must get our ~ in order

put your house in order

~ before you condemn others

get its house in order

the church must ~ (pedophile priests)

get our own house in order

we need to ~when it comes to data governance (hacking)

amelioration & renewal: house

house (hype house)

this hype house

this ~ is leaning into the campaign in a big way (2020)

group, set & collection: house

attention, scrutiny & promotion: house

house (clean house)

cleaning house

she is ~ and stopping harassment and discrimination

mandate to clean house

the new police chief has a clear public ~

on a mission to clean house

somebody who's ~

need to clean house

we ~

♦ Michele Rhee was an educational crusader. As chancellor of the Washington, D.C. school system, she was given a mandate to "clean house." She appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine* with a broom. But community members felt like they had been compared to dirt, and she ended up having to resign her position.

amelioration & renewal: house / hygiene / verb

disruption: house / hygiene / verb

house (origin)

royal house

his descent from a ~, the Ranas (India)

origin: house / royalty

house of cards

house of cards

her ~ was about to collapse (Holmes of Theranos)

Enron's house of cards

~ began to disintegrate (bankrupt company)

house of cards collapses

the whole ~ and the entire statute falls (Supreme Court)

substance & lack of substance: cards / house

hover (numbers)

hovers at (around) 70%

unemployment ~ in winter (reservation)

temperatures hovered

in July 1995, when ~ around 100 degrees (Chicago)

configuration: flying & falling / verb

increase & decrease: number

hover (other)

hover

the batterer may ~ and refuse to leave the patient (ED)

hovers

the fear that he might recognize me still ~

hovered behind her

her manager ~ protectively

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: flying & falling / movement / verb

howl (noun)

howl of pain

that ~ has a vent through the ballot box (democracies)

heard the (same) howls

we ~ in the 1980s (amateurism and sports)

sound: animal

conflict: sound

resistance, opposition & defeat / speech: animal / sound

howl (verb)

howl

why didn't liberals ~ when... (culture wars)

howling about the (new pricing) policy

people are ~ (airline fees)

howling in protest

people are ~

sound: animal / verb

conflict: sound / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat / speech: animal / sound / verb

hub (center)

hub airport

he is the security chief at a major ~

hub of the militia movement

northwestern Michigan was a ~

hub of (contemporary Middle East) painting

Damascus has evolved into a ~

narcotics hub

Guinea-Bissau has become a global ~ (cocaine)

transit hub

the UAE is a business and tourist center as well as a ~

publishing hub

lower Manhattan is re-emerging as a ~

shopping hub

the Fulton Street Mall is an eclectic ~

commercial hub

protestors occupied the ~ of Bangkok (2010)

financial hub

Warsaw has become a ~

center & periphery: mechanism

location / place / shape: mechanism

hub (branching system)

hub-and-spoke

the ~ model is out of favor (airlines)

smuggling hub

Atlanta is a major ~ (US)

branching system: mechanism

hug (configuration)

hugs the cliff

the trail ~, 70 feet above the sea, and is very dangerous

hug the (Mediterranean) coast

beaches that ~ (Egypt)

hugs a mountaininside

the Poomau Ditch Trail ~ (Kauai, Hawaii / hiking)

configuration: arm / verb

huge (significant)

huge

I knew this was ~, this was so big (photojournalist)

huge deal

this is a ~, she is alleging... (a sensational trial)

importance & significance: size

hugely

hugely loved

she was ~, and she will be sorely missed by so very many

extent & scope: size

hum (hum along)

humming along

the team just keeps ~

the economy has been ~

functioning: engine / mechanism / sound / verb

activity: engine / mechanism / sound / verb

condition & status: engine / mechanism / sound / verb

hum (noun)

hum

the ~ is incessant (emergency room / NYC)

hum of activity

from the vast Allied camp rose a mounting ~

activity: animal / insect / mechanism / sound

hump (noun)

get over that hump

we need to ~ (a sports team)

get people over the hump

he was an elite player who could ~ (Michael Jordan)

obstacles and impedance: direction / infrastructure / shape

hung (hung out to dry)

hung out to dry

he feels like he's been ~

gets hung out to dry

he does it and he ~ (CIA operator)

allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / clothing & accessories

hunger (noun)

hunger to escape

an aching ~ the loneliness and boredom (teen)

hunger to succeed

he has a ~ (an foreign athlete in US)

hunger for (snake) meat

the ~ is a country-wide phenomenon (China)

hunger for opportunity

they have a ~ (Samoans in NFL)

hunger for the profits

the ~ from arctic oil (Canada)

hunger for revenge

ways people can peaceably satiate their ~

hunger for a better life

a gnawing ~ (Ellis Island)

nation's hunger

our sports-starved ~ for baseball (during pandemic)

aching hunger

an ~ to escape the loneliness and boredom (teen)

gnawing hunger

a ~ for a better life (Ellis Island)

hunger and desire

the ~ which has driven them (Manchester City win treble)

♦ "Our hosts] gave us some fat pork, corn bread, and a kind of coffee, made, I think, out of burned peas. But it was warm... Hunger made that breakfast the most delicious we had in six months." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby, about his service during the Civil War.)

♦ "Hunger was now torturing us. The Cossacks sat gloomily round the fire and hardly spoke. Hoping to forget their hunger a little, the men tried to sleep. I lay down too, but could not sleep. Anxiety and doubt tormented me. If we did not manage to kill something tomorrow, or reach the Iman, things would be desperate indeed. In the summer a man can carry on without food for several days, but in the winter hunger kills quickly." ("Dersu," by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "The mental adjustment took longer. It was a continual surprise to encounter no queues at food shops—'like a man who braces himself to pick up a heavy suitcase,' wrote Ginzburg, 'and finds it empty.' The words 'I'm hungry,' recently so charged with desperation and despair, only slowly reverted to their old function of expressing an ordinary desire for lunch." (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

♦ "Man, you eat all the goddamn oranges and all the goddamn bananas you want." (An American merchant-marine sailor in 1947, to Tom Lantos (1928-2008), who was traveling from Europe to the US on a converted troop ship. Lantos, a Holocaust survivor, had discovered a big basket of oranges and a big basket of bananas in the mess and had asked the

sailor, 'Should I take an orange or a banana?' On hearing the sailor, Lantos thought, "Then I knew I was in paradise." He went on to become the lone Holocaust survivor to serve in the US Congress. He was admitted to the US because he had been awarded an academic scholarship to study in the US on the basis of an essay he had written about the US president Franklin D. Roosevelt.)

♦ "There is always trouble if meat is not divided by lot. Someone immediately says that he has been given more than his share, and tries to hand a piece to someone else. Then there is much arguing and swearing 'by God!' with everyone insisting that he has been given too much, and finally a deadlock ensues which can only be settled by casting lots for the meat—as should have been done in the first place. I have never heard a man grumble that he has received less than his share. Such behaviour would be inconceivable to the Bedu, for they are careful never to appear greedy, and quick to notice anyone who is. I remember the story of a destitute Bedu boy, who told his mother that he liked dining when there was no moon, for then his companions could not see how much food he took. His mother said, 'Sit with them in the dark and cut at a piece of rope with your knife turned the wrong way round.' The boy did so that very night. There was no moon and it was very dark, but as he picked up the knife a dozen voices called out, 'You have got it the wrong way round!' (Wilfred Thesiger, "Arabian Sands.")

♦ Bedouins will appoint a man to divide the food into portions. Each man will take a portion, but never one he thinks is larger than the other portions. And so, the last portion goes to the man who divided the food, and if his portion is larger, he will eat shame. And so he is very careful to divide the portions equally.

♦ One third food. One third water. One third empty. (What the stomach is for, according to a Bedouin.)

It is said a Tuareg can survive in the desert for nine days on just three dates, if it is necessary. On the first day, he will eat the skin of one date. On the second day, he will consume the meat of that one date. And on the third day he will suck the stone of that one date. And so on for nine days. On the tenth day, however, he will die.

♦ "He who eats his fill while his neighbor goes without food is not a believer."

consumption / wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

Hunger Games (film)

Hunger Games feel

it does have a bit of ~ to it (too few vaccines for teachers)

evolutionary hunger games

in the ~, the drunk apes beat the sober ones (alcohol)

from America the Beautiful to the Hunger Games
the cancel culture is leading us ~

allusion: film

competition / oppression: allusion / film

hungry (adjective)

hungry

I was ~, ready... (Bruno in ring waiting for Tyson)

hungry for adventure

weary of England, ~, he found himself in Bratislava...

hungry for sex

they are ~ (ad for porn site on Web)

women were assumed to be just as ~ as men (1700s)

hungry for new talent

Hollywood is constantly ~

hungry for attention or sympathy

parents ~ abuse their kids

hungry spiritually

I'm ~ (defies pandemic to go to church)

hungry-eyed (m)

he would stay there, ~

celebrity-hungry (m)

a ~ electorate

content-hungry (m)

programming for ~ cable networks

Internet-hungry (m)

~ investors

power-hungry (m)

another ~ self-seeker (a politician)

publicity-hungry

the ~ D.C. lobbyist (a person)

publicity hungry

prosecutors in his own office described him as ~

stay hungry

~, stay foolish (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

♦ "We will make do. Everyone will have a little bit." (Abdul Aziz, 63, of Dhaka, Bangladesh, disappointed that his money could not buy more beans and cauliflower for his family.)

♦ "It is a fact that if you are hungry and you see somebody eating something you would like to have your teeth in too, spit will flood to your mouth and you will swallow to make a noise. That noise Shani made as I watched her. Then I saw her eyes, and they were on my can. / 'Why no home for dinner to-day?' I asked her... / Next morning I went to school with my can packed tight... Not a word from my mother, only a little smile. / So Shani and me sat together to have dinner every day in my mother's smile..." (How Green Was My Valley by Richard Llewellyn.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

consumption: food & drink

eagerness & reluctance: food & drink

hunt (in the hunt)

in the hunt for the championship

they could be ~ (sports team)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

hunt (verb)

hunted for his sock

he ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

hunt (noun)

hunt for a Northwest Passage

Sir John Franklin's doomed 1845 ~

hunt for the hackers

investigators continue the ~ behind the virus

hunt for the sniper

a setback in their frustrating ~ (D.C. area)

talent hunt

the ~ (to fuel the new economy)

title hunt

eliminated early from the ~ (NASCAR)

treasure hunt

most ~s are scams

Easter Egg Hunt

~ on Sunday (sign)

frustrating hunt

a setback in their ~ for the sniper (D.C. area)

setback in their (frustrating) hunt

a ~ for the sniper (D.C. area)

continue the hunt

investigators ~ for the hackers behind the virus

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

hunt down (verb)

hunted down his critics

he ~ (Turkish President)

hunt down jargon

~ mercilessly and kill it (science writer David Dobbs)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

hunter (plants)

hunters for ginseng

the first Chinese who appeared in the region were ~

ginseng hunter

a ~

mushroom hunter

thousands of species are collected by amateur ~s
~s all have their secret places (France);
~s are wise to stay away from the Amanita species

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / person

person: hunting

hunter (other)

bargain hunter

the souk is a ~'s delight (Sharjah City)

job hunter

~s are searching globally

house hunter

some of these ~s were asked...

relic hunter

~s have dug and taken artifacts (Civil War battlefield)

souvenir hunter

~s elbowing each other aside

treasure hunter

ship's loot unearthed by ~s
historical researchers and ~s

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / person

person: hunting

hurdle (noun)

hurdle

it was a difficult ~ to overcome

she still has another ~ to overcome

procedural hurdles

put ~ in the way of...

technological hurdle

there are a lot of ~s (medicine)

hurdles remain

~ in restarting power at the plant

running into some hurdles

marine-energy developers are ~

clear the (first major) hurdle

they are sounding hopeful that they will ~

cleared the first hurdle

she has ~ of her bid to serve again as speaker (vote)

cleared all of the hurdles

they had ~ (opposition candidates)

obstacles & impedance: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

hurl (verb)

hurling accusations (of racism) at anyone

he has been ~ who dares criticize him (politician)

hurling (rare) charges

Egyptian media were ~ of negligence (against military)

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

hurled

hurled at him

insults and racial slurs were ~

throwing, putting & planting: arm

hurrah (and hoorah, etc.)

great hurrah

I wanted to wish you a ~ (John Major to Geo. HW Bush)

hoorahs for his discovery

before the ~ had entirely died away... (Fritz Schaudinn)

huzzah for poetry

~ and memorization

achievement, recognition & praise: sound

hurricane (noun)

hurricane of notes

she'll peel off a ~ (guitarist Sarah Louise Henson)

♦ "You could say that 'Hurricane Impeachment' remains a category four or five storm that is still well offshore and moving in an erratic direction very very slowly." (Ron Elving, NPR, Week in Politics, Weekend Edition, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, right after Hurricane Dorian.)

♦ "There are a lot of ways a hurricane can kill you." (The storm surge, falling trees, electrocution from down power lines, carbon-monoxide poisoning, vehicle crashes, etc.)

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind
activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

hurt (feeling and emotion / verb)

hurt my feelings
she ~

hurt my daughter
the *New York Times* used my words to ~

hurt you
what's her name, the woman who ~...

♦ See "Adjusting Appropriately" To Words That Hurt," NPR, Opinion, Language, August 8, 2018. See also the Wikipedia entry, "Scalping."
♦ "Sticks and stones will hurt my bones / But words will never hurt me." (Said by schoolchildren.)
♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (Turkish.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation / verb

hurt (passive)

incredibly hurt
he spoke of being ~ by the comments (Azeem Rafiq)

stunned and hurt
her teammates were ~ (racist chants at sport event)

get hurt
people are going to ~ (in California / high risk, reward)
people are going to ~ (migration to California)

♦ "We don't need these emotional terms like people being hurt." (The beloved comic John Cleese, in a BBC interview with presenter Karishma Vaswani. From "John Cleese walks out of BBC World News interview," BBC, 16 December 2021.)

♦ "You must not think of him as a man who had been broken... He had been hurt, he was wounded, but he was still the same man in great spirits. He thought the best spirit of resistance is joyfulness." (An acquaintance of Boris Pasternak in his last years.)

♦ "We could not leave him where he was, to the Turks, because we had seen them burn alive our hapless wounded. For this reason we were all agreed, before action, to finish off one another, if badly hurt: but I had never realized that it might fall to me to kill Farraj." (Seven Pillars of Wisdom by T.E. Lawrence, Book VIII, Chapter XCIII.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation

hurt (damage, injure)

hurt the (team) chemistry
he ~ (an athlete)

hurt (domestic) demand
a new clampdown by the authorities could ~

hurt Bernie Sanders
"Black swan" events that ~ in his bid

hurt free speech
Facebook can also ~ (to control hate speech, etc.)

hurts the students
this is an addictive thing that ~ (laptops in class)

help or hurt
trust can ~ you

♦ Major General Roy Urquhart: "Hancock, I've got lunatics laughing at me from the woods. My original plan has been scuppered now that the jeeps haven't arrived. My communications are completely broken down. Do you really believe that any of that can be helped by a cup of tea?" / Hancock: "Couldn't hurt, sir." (From the great film *A Bridge Too Far*. Urquhart was played by Sean Connery. The wise corporal was played by Colin Farrell.)

♦ "If you hurt a monkey, you will be cursed." (Japan.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation / verb

hurt (other)

a whole lot of hurt
we're in for ~ (coronavirus)

condition & status: health & medicine

hurting

hurting
small businesses are clearly ~ (economy)

condition & status: health & medicine

husband (verb)

husbanded that character
he ~ for five years (but finally killed off in TV show)

directing: animal / verb

hurtle (verb)

hurtled from project to project
he has ~ at a rapid clip (a filmmaker)

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

husk (noun)

husk of its former self
the company is a ~ (General Electric)

substance & lack of substance: plant

hyena (person)

syrup-coated hyena
Giacometti Feltrinelli described him as a "~"

♦ Giacomo Feltrinelli described Alexei Surkov, chairman of the Soviet writers association, as a "syrup-coated hyena." Surkov personally visited Feltrinelli in Milan in a failed effort to try to prevent the publication of Boris Pasternak's *Doctor Zhivago*.

♦ "Hyenas have been known to nibble feet protruding from hut doors." (Malawi.)

behavior / character & personality / insult / person: animal

hymn (noun)

hymn to the beauty
the film is a ~ of endless prairies (Lakota Indian country)

hymn to the wild at heart
the play is a ~

hymns to drinking
in one of his many ~... (Charles Bukowski)

achievement, recognition & praise / reverence: music / religion

hymnal (noun)

2016 hymnal
his platform is chapter and verse from the ~ (politics)

script: religion

hyperdrive (into hyperdrive)

kicked into hyperdrive
at that point the investigation really ~ (cold case)

went into hyperdrive
the aggressive South Korean media ~

functioning: engine / mechanism

hyperventilation (noun)

hyperventilation about threats
despite his ~ to academia... (Critical Race Theory)

feeling, emotion & effect: breathing / health & medicine

hypnotize (verb)

hypnotized the world
Israel has ~ (according to Ilhan Omar)

control & lack of control: magic

hysteria (noun)

hysteria and knee-jerk reactions
~ (election politics)

McCarthyite hysteria
Democrats are sometimes prone to ~ (against Russia)

accused the West of hysteria
the Kremlin spokesman ~ (Ukraine)

stoked hysteria
the media have ~ (public health)

♦ "Until psychoanalysis came along, the accepted antidote to hysteria was rest."

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mental health

ice (on thin ice)

on thin ice
you're ~, buddy... (warning)
she had been ~ for more than a year (fired)
he was on ~ because... (Secretary of Labor resigns)

skating on thin ice
I was ~ with my cholesterol (heart attack)

fate, fortune & chance: snow & ice

ice (put on ice / constrained)

put on ice
he was ~ (a news executive)

constraint & lack of constraint: snow & ice / temperature

ice (put on ice / delayed)

put on ice during the war
it had been ~ (Churchill's *History*)

action, inaction & delay: snow & ice / temperature

ice (break the ice)

break the ice
he uses humor to ~
once you ~, you got a new friend

break the ice with audiences
she used humor to ~

break the ice with someone
dancing is a way to ~

break the ice by getting
the game is meant to ~ party guests out of their shoes
(Twister)

helps break the ice
her friendly, confident demeanor ~ (female soldier)

♦ "You need a way to actually break the grass and start a conversation."
(The wonderful Hafida Hdoubane, first female Moroccan mountain guide, who leads groups of foreign women that meet Moroccan women, who are historically famous for their shyness. It is possible there is more grass than ice in Morocco, even in the Atlas Mountains.)

amelioration & renewal / division & connection / feeling,
emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature / verb

iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)

the tip of the iceberg
reported incidents may be only ~ (child abuse)
all we know so far is ~ (investigation);
the disclosures so far are merely ~ (pedophiles)
what we're seeing here may be just ~ (vaping deaths)
what we're seeing is ~ (COVID-19 cases)

the tip of the iceberg of potential
we're just at ~ (wasps trained to detect things)

the tip of the iceberg of (secret) warfare
the affair is just ~ the US is waging in Pakistan

the tip of the (pollination) iceberg
bees are just ~

the tip of the (fiscal) iceberg
Wisconsin is just ~ (states facing deficits)

just the tip of the iceberg
this is ~

merely the tip of the iceberg
the disclosures so far are ~ (pedophiles in education)

only the tip of the iceberg
reported incidents may be ~ (child abuse)

only the (small) tip of the iceberg
what you see here is ~ (repository of poached animals)

amount / appearance & reality: snow & ice
substance & lack of substance: snow & ice

ice-cold

ice-cold revenge
he dished out ~ on his enemies

grew ice-cold
their relationship ~

feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature

icon (graphic)

icons on your camera
strange ~

sign, signal, symbol: picture

icon (symbol)

icon
the cup of tea is a great ~ (for England)

icons of America
3 ~ are alive and well (buffalo / eagle / Native Americans)

icons of the Isle of Wight
the Needles and lighthouse have become ~

icon of (American) popular culture
the Barbie doll has become an ~

icons of democracy
~ are targets for terrorists (Washington, D.C.)

icon of fall
the plump, round, orange ~ (the pumpkin)

icon of imperialism
a massive ~ over 14 feet long (the Zam-Zammah Gun)

icon of (American) mobility
Greyhound has long been an ~ (bus company)

icon of the (body positivity) movement
she is an ~ (Lizzo)

icon of broadcast news
Ted Koppel was an ~

icon of the sport
Mike Tyson is an ~ of boxing, a legend (Eddie Hearn)

icon of a failed state
anarchy has made Somalia an ~

icon to black journalists
he was an ~ (Ed Bradley / 60 Minutes)

icon in the pantheon
Kirk Douglas will always be an ~ of Hollywood

icon status
Ali had achieved ~ by then (the boxer)

Australian icon
a virtually sacred ~, the Surf Life Saver

Australia's (national) icon
~ (the Koala)

cartoon icons
~ like Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, the Roadrunner

chess icon
Georgian ~ Nona Gaprindashvili

film icon
large portraits of silent-movie ~s

film "icon"
he was an unforgettable actor and a ~ (Kirk Douglas)

pop icon
America's biggest ~ (Michael Jackson)

hip-hop icon
Lee Iacocca did commercials with ~ Snoop Dogg

two icons
Kobe and Dwyane, ~ of American sport (NBA)

American icon
quotes from this ~ (Mark Twain)
the teenage rebel, the quintessential ~ (adolescence)

cultural icon
taco trucks, ~s and social magnets in Mexico (and US)

gay icon
Madonna is widely considered to be a ~

heroic icon
Nimitz was a ~ of W.W. II

international icon
McDonald's is an ~

mainstream icons
Net culture prides itself on scoffing at ~

national icon
Australia's ~ (the Koala)

sacred (Australian) icon
a virtually ~, the Surf Life Saver

career as an advertising icon
a reborn ~ (Hakman)

quotes from this (American) icon
~ (Mark Twain)

become an icon
the Barbie doll has ~ of American popular culture

representation: picture / religion / sign, signal, symbol

iconic (adjective)

iconic doll

Raggedy Ann, the 86-year-old ~
iconic figure
he was an ~, an old-school reporter

iconic image
~s of the Holocaust
it has become an ~ of his lack of connection (Bush)

iconic look
it just happened to become an ~ (Addicted to Love video)

iconic (Trestles) surf break
the road project could ruin the ~

comparison & contrast: affix
representation: picture / religion / sign, signal, symbol

iconocasm (noun)

nurtured her iconocasm
her parents encouraged her ambitions and ~ (musician)

idea: religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

iconoclast (person)

iconoclast
he was an ~, willing to buck the tide (Bernard Rimland)

iconoclast of (American architecture)
he was an ~

iconoclast of the group
he was the ~

iconoclast or maverick
I was more like an ~ when I was young (Felix Bast)

advertising iconoclast
the ~ Ted Chin spoke at the conference

political iconoclast
he has a history of being a ~ (eccentric governor)

♦ An earnest *bien pensant*; their pieties; iconoclast; brought back into the bucket by the other crabs; cultural Marxism; academic herdthink; orthodoxy... (Language related to a cultural issue.)

person / idea: religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion

iconoclastic (adjective)

irreverent, anti-authoritarian and iconoclastic
~ (*Mad* magazine)

idea: religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

identity crisis

Azerbaijan's (current) identity crisis
the issue reflects ~

Belgian identity crisis
the ~ hit new heights (rumor Flanders succeeded)

identity & nature: mental illness

idol (person)

matinee idol
he lit up screens as a dashing ~ (Dirk Bogarde)

cites Taylor Swift as an idol
she ~ (Marie "girl in red" Ulven)

importance & significance / reverence: religion

idolized

idolized by the media
the same military that was ~ was now being pilloried

idolized and demonized
he has been alternately ~ by the press (a boxer)

importance & significance / reverence: religion

ification (memeification, etc.)

adultification
the ~ of Black girls

memeification
the ~ of the force (the U.S. Space Force)

♦ Listen to "Young Black Girls Face 'Adultification,'" at NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, July 9, 2017. The spell checker for Microsoft Word underlines *Adultification* in red and suggests *Dulcification* (noun form of *dulcify*); Merriam-Webster does not recognize it as a word. Wikipedia has an entry titled "Adultification bias" with the proviso, "The examples and perspective in this article may not represent a worldwide view of the subject."

inclusion & exclusion: affix

ified (Principified, etc.)

datified
descriptors express a ~ digital community (wlw, etc.)

greenified
Antarctica is getting ~ (science educator from India)

objectified
othered, ~, exoticized, coerced (Asian women)

Principified
they make it utterly ~ (cover of a Prince song)

♦ see also ized (invisibilized, etc.)

inclusion & exclusion: affix

ify (mainstreamify, etc.)

broadcastify
the website, ~.com

gamify
Robinhood is trying to ~ share trading

mainstreamify
everybody in America has to ~ their blend (racial roots)

Shopify
~ Inc.

Spotify
~ is built on the back of the music streaming business

“Kazakhifying
~ Kazakhstan” (*The Economist* / demographics)
youthify
we’re not trying to ~ the show (*And Just Like That*)
♦ Cynthia Nixon, about *And Just Like That*, the reboot of *Sex and the City*, said, “I like that we’re not trying to *youthify* the show.”

inclusion & exclusion: affix

ignite (verb)

ignite a (larger) conflagration
Somalia could ~ across the Horn of Africa
ignited a (robust) debate
the conflict in Lebanon has ~ on jihadist Web sites
ignited fear
the attack ~ among its Muslim worshippers
ignite a revolution
he tried to ~ in New York City's schools (education)

ignite another war
the clash showed how a small spark could ~
ignites competition and conflict
the need for recognition and power ~ (schools)

ignited and fueled
opposition was ~ by the church (innovation)

initiation: fire / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.)

Japanese Iliad
the classic Heike monogatari, sometimes called the ~

military: epithet

ill (ills of society, etc.)

ills of (American) society
the candidates offered solutions for the ~ (debate)

affliction / corruption: health & medicine

illegitimate (adjective)

denounce federal authority as illegitimate
they ~ (militias)

worth & lack of worth: family

illiteracy (noun)

historical illiteracy
this ~ would be hilarious if... (ethnic-studies curriculum)

ability & lack of ability: books & reading

illiterate (adjective)

illiterate in math and science
many students are ~

financially illiterate

leaders and their economic advisors are ~
historically illiterate
his strategy is shallow, proud, and ~ (diplomacy)
militarily illiterate
people who were ~ but accustomed to power (civilians)
rhetorically illiterate
she is ~
scientifically illiterate
many students leave school ~
financially and economically illiterate
many Americans are ~ and pay the price
♦ “Beware, Monsieur, of the memory of the illiterate man!” (“The Bull That Thought” by Rudyard Kipling.)

ability & lack of ability: books & reading

illuminate (verb)

illuminates
research info that sometimes mystifies as much as it ~

illuminated the lives
for 14 centuries the Holy Qur'an has ~ of Muslims

illuminate their motives
a biographical detail that may ~ but...

♦ “I had no idea there were bears in Japan.” (TexasVulcan on the ABC comments section about a bad-tempered bear that caused havoc in Sapporo, on the island of Hokkaido.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness & awareness / knowledge & intelligence: light & dark / verb

illuminating (adjective)

illuminating insight
the new study provides an ~ into what's going on

illuminating window
the case is an ~ into the pitfalls of capital punishment

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark

comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

consciousness & awareness: light & dark

knowledge & intelligence: light & dark

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

illustrate (verb)

illustrates a conundrum
the story ~

evidence: picture / verb

characterization: picture / verb

fictive communication: picture / verb

illustration (noun)

illustration of (tobacco's) consequences
a vivid ~

illustration of the gap
this is yet another ~ between the king and...

classic illustration

Sarajevo was a ~ of how an agreement can be reached

vivid illustration

~s of tobacco's consequences

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

characterization / evidence: picture

imbalanced

imbalanced

if a relationship is ~, the door is open for toxic behaviors

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / scale

disruption: equilibrium & stability / scale

imbibe (verb)

imbibed

all the things he ~ (various philosophies / Coleridge)

imbibed from my seniors

views of frontier policy I had ~ (military)

imbibe culture

there are new places to ~ (Harlem)

imbibe new ideas

they ~ from the locals

imbibed his love

I read about Thaddeus Kosciusko and ~ of liberty

imbibe the author's views

they will read this story and gradually ~

absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

immerse (verb)

immersed himself in books

he ~ about the financial collapse

immerse yourself in Indian culture

~ at the Fairmont, Jaipur, a five-star hotel

immersed herself in each project

she ~

immersed himself in his work

for more than a decade, he ~

immersed myself in the (Eisenhower) papers

I ~ (a researcher)

immerse yourself in the culture

you try to ~ (anthropology)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

involvement: verb / water

immersed

immersed in Chinese

the kids spend every other day ~ (charter school)

absorption & immersion: water

involvement: water

immersion

immersion in English

only ~ has proved successful (vs. bilingual ed)

immersion in the (stenographic) record

his ~ of... (a historian)

immersion techniques

actors famous for their ~ (Day-Lewis, Hoffman, etc.)

English immersion

the most effective instruction is ~

Virginia, has chosen ~ (vs. bilingual ed)

~ is more effective than bilingual education

absorption & immersion / involvement: water

immortal (person)

medical immortal

Fritz Schaudinn, a ~

person: religion

superlative: person / religion

importance & significance: person / religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion

immovable (adjective)

immovable

the negotiators won't budge, they are ~

immovable bureaucracy

Egypt's large and ~

immovable forces

the ~ in American politics (polarization, low trust, etc.)

immovable support

she offered ~ (Thatcher to Reagan)

nearly immovable

his voters are ~ (Trump)

ideological, doctrinaire and immovable

his views on race and religion are ~ (a judge)

remained immovable

Hanoi ~ (the Vietnam / American War)

♦ "What happens when an unstoppable force comes up against an immovable object?" (Politics.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement

position, policy & negotiation: movement

commitment & determination: movement

survival, persistence & endurance: movement

immune (adjective)

immune to cold

the natives seemed ~

immune to it

I've had to deal with so much, I'm ~

immune from terrorism

no country is ~ in today's world

inoculated, if not immune

I was more or less ~, to criticism

remained (largely) immune

until this week the capital ~ to the violence (Syria)

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

immunity (noun)

immunity

Iran has no ~ anywhere (Israel strikes Iran sites in Syria)

immunity from prosecution

she requested ~

diplomatic immunity

Mr. Qaddafi was not arrested because he has ~

psychological immunity

experience of painful feelings can help kids develop ~

granted immunity

he was ~ from prosecution in exchange for...

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

impact (affect)

impacted New Mexico

how COVID-19 has ~

effect: force / sensation / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation / verb

impact (effect)

economic impact

the ~ of these latest tariffs

high-impact

it's considered a ~ journal

what weather forecasters are calling a ~ event (storms)

effect: force / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation

impacted (affected)

financially impacted

half of all households have been ~ by coronavirus

effect: force / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation

impasse (noun)

moral impasse

psychiatry is stuck in a kind of ~

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips / movement

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement

implode (verb)

implode in a major tournament

it's not like the French to ~ (Euro 2020 vs. Swiss)

imploded (in recent weeks) with major losses

two businesses ~ (causing problems for Credit Suisse)

implode violently

the repressive regime might now ~ or lash out

life imploded

and then my ~ (diplomat falsely accused of pedophilia)

destruction: explosion / physics / verb

implosion (noun)

implosion

this ~ will have devastating consequences (Tigray war)

career implosion

the ~ of a Tory transport minister

economic implosion

Venezuela's ~ exacerbates inequality
inside Syria's ~

verbal implosion

Don Imus' ~ (a racist, sexist insult)

destruction: explosion / physics

impossible (as noun)

start your impossible

Toyota: ~ (an advertisement)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: part of speech

impostor (noun)

impostor

it's not really cinnamon but an ~ (bark from cassia tree)

appearance & reality / subterfuge: materials & substances / person

impotence (weakness)

political impotence

corporate greed, entertainment addiction and ~ (the US)

functioning: health & medicine

strength & weakness: health & medicine

attenuation / force: health & medicine

impotent (adjective)

impotent to stop

our leaders were ~ the series of crises

functioning: health & medicine

strength & weakness: health & medicine

attenuation / force: health & medicine

imprimatur

given its imprimatur

the UN has ~ to the policy

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

imprint (noun)

imprint on the Japanese
deflation has left a deep ~

imprint of his (chief) speechwriter
the words bore the strong ~ (presidential speech)

impression: mark

in (and in thing, etc.)

in this year
long skirts are ~

latest 'in thing'
not long ago Osaka was the ~ to blow in (vs. Gauff)

new IN thing
the ~ is "burnout" (a *Times-Picayune* columnist)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (the cowboy in me, etc.)

in him
he had always had the cop ~ (a DEA agent)

in me
the cowboy ~ just ain't gonna die (ex-rodeo rider)
the street ~ would surface and I'd say, "Fuck you!"

in you
if you've got the quit ~, there will always be doubt (boxing)

in my people
for singing is ~ as sight is in the eye (*How Green Was My Valley* / the Welsh)

in Wrong
there is a bit of the pith helmet ~ (a historian of Africa)

brought out the tiger in him
attacks on his family or friends always ~ (Winston Churchill)

♦ "Occasionally, the street in me would surface and I'd say: 'Fuck you!'"
(The boxing trainer and manager Tunde Ajayi.)

identity & nature: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (inclusion)

in
they voted him ~

acceptance & rejection: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (in pain, in anger, etc.)

in anguish
they were ~, but they listened to what the baker had to say

in pain
if Aaron was ~, he took care not to show it (dad died)

feeling, emotion & effect: container

in (all in)

all in
everybody's ~, everyone wants everyone to be great (coach)

all in with the players
he has gone ~ (a football coach)

all in with President Trump
republican candidates are not ~

all-in on the outrage
I was ~ (viral video, regrets later)

all in for this day
I was ~ (Charlotte Purdue on a personal best)

all in for fight night
Las Vegas is ~ (Fury vs. Wilder)

all-in kind of defense
he wanted a loud, clear ~ (Edward Snowden)

all-in moment
her ~ comes in 1989 (magazine editor)

all-in proposition
football is an ~, you must be committed (NFL)

action, inaction & delay / allegiance, support & betrayal / commitment & determination: cards / gambling / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (situation)

in
I empathize with the situation that he found himself ~

situation: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (involvement)

in it
everybody in town knew who was ~ (civil-rights murder)

in (deep) with a gang
she is ~

in or (you're) out
you're either ~, you can't be both (Queen of England)

want in
do you ~ (to join a cybercrime investigation)

involvement: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (in it for me, etc.)

in it for me
what's ~

worth & lack of worth: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

incandescent (character)

incandescent (18-year-old Barnard College) freshman
she was an ~ (Tessa Majors / murdered in park)

character & personality / superlative: electricity / fire / light & dark / temperature

incarnation (character)

another incarnation

yet, in ~, he was wearing a leather jacket (a professor)

different incarnation

in a ~ he assists lovers (Pandarus)
before she was a lesbian, she had a ~ (Christian, etc.)

latest incarnation

would the ~ of feminism accuse me of body shaming
the ~ of the character will be bisexual (Superman's son)

woke incarnation

Teen Vogue, in its current ~...

♦ "In our next iteration we will absolutely fold in the voices of our critics."
(Time's Up reorganizes in response to criticism.)

representation: religion

incendiary (speech)

incendiary claim

it's a circumstantial case but it's an ~ (journalism)

incendiary comment

that's an ~

incendiary invective

politics is filled with ~

incendiary post

what triggered the uproar was an ~ at a Website

incendiary (political) rhetoric

the shootings caused a backlash against ~

incendiary call to arms

she made an ~ for people to resist Washington

speech: fire / temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / temperature

initiation: fire / temperature

incendiary (other)

incendiary

the situation in the south is ~ (rebellion)

incendiary issue

race can be an ~ in American politics

politically incendiary

the organization has made some ~ missteps

initiation: fire / temperature

incestuous (adjective)

incestuous

academia is ~ (peer review, smallness, etc.)

incestuous alliance

the union is an ~ between public officials and labor

incestuous relationship

the scandal revealed an ~ of lobbyists and politicians
the web of ~s is troubling (stock analysts, the media)

super-incestuous

the Beltway is a ~ zone (Washington politics)

ingrown, incestuous

she represented a very ~ culture in that institution

♦ "Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalists who work at *The Washington Post*, NPR, [and *The New York Times*]... are to each other."
("How Journalists Congregating Into 'Microbubbles' Affects Quality Of News Reporting," NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2020.)

♦ "Officially, the groups are all independent. In practice, everyone seems to be everyone else's co-author, drinking buddy, former mentor, or romantic partner." (Groups like Justice Democrats, Sunrise, and Data for Progress. From "The Left Turn" by Andrew Marantz, *The New Yorker*, May 31, 2021.)

relationship: family / sex

incestuousness (noun)

social incestuousness

how much of this ~ exists in DC (media and government)

relationship: family / sex

inclusion (groups)

inclusion, belonging, and respect

build ~ for diversity (Georgetown Law)

greater inclusion

positive momentum towards ~

Beyond Inclusion

~ seeks more empowerment, more representation

diversity, equity, and inclusion

embed ~ (DEI) intentionally in TESOL activities

equity and inclusion

the culture of ~ at Georgetown Law

inclusion & exclusion: society

incoming (criticism)

incoming from both Republicans and Democrats

Facebook should expect ~ (Congressional hearing)

♦ "I remember I went down into this hole for another scoop of dirt, and then that's when the bomb hit. I looked at the man I was digging this hole with; half his body was gone. And I looked up at the trees and I could see body parts on the limbs on the trees, and I shook myself out of it and I stood up, and it was so quiet." (Private Manuel Orona, Hill 875, Dak To, Vietnam War. The 500-pound bomb from a Marine plane caused the worst friendly-fire incident of the Vietnam War.)

accusation & criticism: explosion / military / weapon

incubator (noun)

incubators of crime

prisons could not reform but were ~

incubators of despair

the refugee camps have become ~

incubator of espionage

the campus is an ~ (free flow of ideas)

incubator of innovation
the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is an ~

incubator for (left-wing) talent
his show was an ~ on the air (TV)

incubator for France's top talent
the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) is an ~

incubator for terrorists
the religious school is an ~ (Indonesia)

business incubator
a ~ helps new and startup companies

meme incubator
it's a ~ (TikTok)

talent incubator
the art gallery has emerged as a top ~ (Damascus)

technology incubator
the zone is one of three ~s in the state (New Jersey)

environment / growth & development: bird

creation & transformation: bird

incurable (adjective)

incurable optimist
I used to be an ~, but... (an Iraqi)

character & personality: health & medicine

identity & nature: health & medicine

indebted

indebted to them
my work is tremendously ~ (an author about other writers)

obligation: money

indelible (adjective)

indelible mark
he left an ~ on the world around him (Luke Howard)
she's made an ~ on Morgan County (tragedy)
terrorism has left an ~ on his presidency (9/11)
his trip to Sri Lanka left an ~ on him (Chekhov)

indelible stain
doping left an ~ on his record (sports)

survival, persistence & endurance: mark

industrialize (industrialize death, etc.)

industrialized death
modern warfare ~ (World War I)

military: manufacturing

industry (noun)

trauma industry
as the ~ was building steam and attracting clients...

in the (concussion) industry
~, there are lots of opportunists out for the quick money

made the rape and murder of women an industry
TV culture has ~ unto itself

creation & transformation: manufacturing

inebriate (verb)

inebriated both parties
his political fantasy has ~ (that victory is total)

restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol / verb

behavior: alcohol / verb

inertia (noun)

years of inertia
environmentalists blame the government for ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

progress & lack of progress: movement

action, inaction & delay: movement

infancy (in infancy)

in its infancy
the field is ~
ecosystem forecasting is ~
in late 1862 photography was ~ (Mathew Brady)
scientists point out the research is ~ (medicine)
motoring was still ~ (1908 motor sledge for snow, ice)
the investigation is still very much ~ (Esther Dingley)
if we think back to 1987, DNA was ~ (cold case solved)
at an early stage, when a start-up is ~ (Silicon Valley)
in 1996, the internet was ~ (Communications Decency Act)

in Google's infancy
~, its co-founders reviled Microsoft as a technological bully

growth & development: baby / death & life

infancy (other)

infancy of our DNA testing
back in 2000, that was the ~ (wrongfully convicted)

stock car racing's infancy
those hellish days of ~

growth & development: baby / death & life

infant (noun)

infant colony
merchantmen were drawn to the ~ (Australia)

infant market
nurture the ~ (e-publishing)

growth & development: baby / death & life

infatuated (enthusiasm)

infatuated with social networking
young adults are ~

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

infect (computers)

infected (industrial) computers

the Stuxnet worm ~ in Iran

computer: health & medicine / verb

infect (corrupt)

infected every corner

criminality has ~ of the government

infected our culture

narcissism and exhibitionism have ~

infect the knowledge

a misconception can ~ associated with it

infected the (educational) system

the disease of grade inflation has ~

infecting the (entire) system

he is a symptom of a much wider pathology ~ (politics)

infect many of these works

assumptions of automatic agreement ~ ("woke" art)

♦ "[Gas gangrene] may cause discolouration and death of the skin alone, or else the whole limb may swell enormously and be rapidly converted into a gangrenous mass of putrefying material emitting the odour of a newly manured field..." (From the 1915 Bradshaw Lecture on Wounds in War by Surgeon-General Sir Anthony Bowlby, K.C.M.G., A.M.S., Surgeon in Ordinary to H.M. the King; Consulting Surgeon to the British Expeditionary Force in France; Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.)

corruption: health & medicine / verb

infected

infected with (a succeed-at-all-costs) recklessness

cycling is ~ (doping)

infected by a (false) doctrine

I became ~ (religion)

infected computers

the data came from 729 ~ (botnets)

corruption: health & medicine

infection (enthusiasm)

infection of his thinking

the ~ has mutated, gone pandemic (quantum computing)

enthusiasm: health & medicine

infection (corruption)

one single infection

amid that epidemic, ~ was fateful (NotPetya worm)

infection spreads

amputate before ~ (bad players, coach at Man U)

affliction / corruption: health & medicine

infectious (adjective)

infectious

his zest for life was ~ (Ernest Hemingway)

courage is ~, it really is (a Churchill biographer)

Ty's personality and smile were ~ (football player)

infectious smile

we will miss his ~ and love for football (murdered player)

transmission: health & medicine

infest (verb)

infested the country

bands of guerillas ~ (US Civil War)

infest a careless mind

cliches ~ (thinking, speaking writing)

infest both sides

bandits ~ of the border

♦ "Clichés, like cockroaches in the cupboard, quickly infest a careless mind." ("Orwell on Writing: 'Clarity is the Remedy'" by Lawrence Wright, NPR, All Things Considered, Sept. 22, 2006.)

affliction: insect / verb

infested

infested by German U-boats

a North Atlantic ~ in February 1942 (film *Greyhound*)

bomb-infested

the marines are trying to control a ~ stretch of road (Iraq)

crime-infested

the ~ streets of Baltimore

drug-infested

people who live in ~ neighborhoods

gang-infested

the ~ neighborhood is riddled with lookouts

mafia-infested

a ~ industry...

mine-infested

steaming through ~ waters

pirate-infested

Indonesia's waters remained the world's most ~

pirate-infested

the ~ waters off Sumatra (Malacca Strait, etc.)

drug- and guerrilla-infested

in the ~ jungle

♦ "Feed a Pigeon, Breed a Rat." (Slogan in a NYC public-education campaign to reduce food for rats.)

♦ "The rats, at times numbering in the hundreds, according to witnesses, have drawn early evening crowds of curious spectators to the island that divides the north and south roadways between 58th and 59th Streets." (A *New York Times* article about an infestation of Park Avenue rats, perhaps attracted to tulip bulbs, quoted in Robert Sullivan's wonderful book, *Rats*.)

♦ James Clavell's novel *King Rat* focuses on survival, competition and dominance in a World War II prisoner-of-war camp.

affliction: insect

infidelity (noun)

financial infidelity

~ is on the rise

~ is when people hide their accounts or debts from their spouses

allegiance, support & betrayal / behavior / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: love, courtship & marriage

infiltrate (verb)

infiltrate culture

her song helped ~ to move acceptance along (group)

infiltrated this nursing home

we still don't know how the virus ~ (COVID-19)

infiltrated the White House

COVID has ~ (pandemic)

concealment & lack of concealment / transmission: military / verb

inflame (verb)

inflamed the (national immigration) debate
his arrest ~ (a murderer)

inflame (voters') fears

the surest way to win elections is to ~

inflame people's passions

this will ~ (politics)

inflame the situation

the photos could ~ (of dead civilians)

inflame them

good therapists usually work to resolve conflicts, not ~

increase & decrease: fire / verb

initiation: fire / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

inflammatory (adjective)

inflammatory comment

this is a baseless, ~ (diplomacy)

inflammatory quotes

the army report didn't say who was responsible for the ~

inflammatory language

let's have a conversation without ~ (anti-Semitism)

shocking and inflammatory

desecration of the Koran is a ~ act

increase & decrease: fire

initiation / speech: fire

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

inflate (verb)

inflate our grades

we are pushed to ~ (teachers)

inflated the pay

these schemes were designed to ~ of the C.E.O.

inflates the (Latino dropout) rate

which ~... (education)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon / verb

inflated (numbers)

inflated prices

items trickle in at ~ (Kisangani)

sharply inflated

~ wages

vastly inflated

the figures are ~

figures are (vastly) inflated

that the ~ is an open secret (refugees)

increase & decrease: number

inflated (expectations, etc.)

inflated ego

he is known for his ~ (a banker)

inflated expectations

many high-school graduates have ~

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon

inflation (noun)

concept inflation

~ of terms and memes ("Karen," etc.)

emotional inflation

your kids don't really care about your ~ (war reporter)

grade inflation

the disease of ~ has infected the educational system

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon

inflection point

inflection point

Hello, Dolly! was an ~ (producer goes nuts)

inflection point in history

we're living at an ~, both at home and abroad (politics)

inflection point in a story

his appearance was an ~ that will continue...

inflection point and wakeup call

this strike should be an ~ (collateral damage)

♦ "But, look, the next shoe to drop is Tara Reid's TV appearance, maybe on Fox, maybe this weekend. What kind of case will she present? So, Friday's Biden appearance was not an end point, but an inflection point in a story that's probably going to be around for a while." (Vague but important sounding lines on a graph. NPR's Ron Elving talking to Scott Simon, Week in Politics, Weekend Edition, Saturday, May 2, 2020.)

♦ "The word appears to be having its inflection point right now." (The word "bae" in 2014, in popularity. See the excellent Wikipedia entry, "Bae (word).")

♦ "Inflection point" has become a cliche and seems to have replaced the old "turning point." It provides a nice statistical sheen to pundits. The Battle of Stalingrad was a turning point in World War II, certainly on the Eastern Front. Nowadays it would be in inflection point!

development: direction

inflexible (character)

stubborn or inflexible

she has a lot of resolve, but sometimes can be ~

ability & lack of ability: materials & substances / movement
character & personality: materials & substances / movement

in for (a ride, etc.)

in for (a whole lot of) hurt
we're ~ (coronavirus)

in for a (bumpy) ride
consumers are ~ this year (customer service)

in for a (rough) ride
we're ~ (new troops in Iraq)

in for a (wild) ride
it looks like we're ~, so hang on (Wall Street bear market)

in for a treat
you are ~

experience: prep, adv, adj, particle

inform (verb)

inform your actions
hope and love should ~, not hate

informs what the Battle Group does
intelligence ~

fictive communication: speech / verb

infrastructure (noun)

intellectual infrastructure
education initiatives aim at building the ~
the country's ~ is still eroding (research, funding, etc.)

bases: infrastructure

infusion (noun)

infusion of (new) jobs
the recovery will suffocate without a rapid ~

infusion of (young) recruits
there was an ~, many of them women (CIA post 9/11)

cash infusion
he has stepped in with a ~ for the company

directing / throwing, putting & planting: water

ingenue (person)

relative ingenue
he is a ~ (politics)

character & personality: person

experience: film / love, courtship & marriage / person

ingest (verb)

ingested a heavy dose

in Copenhagen he ~ of Aristotle (Tycho Brahe)

absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

ingrained

ingrained in the public consciousness
that photo became ~ (Charles Manson / *Life Magazine*)

attachment / impression: cloth / color

ingredient (noun)

ingredients for victory
Democrats are not sure what the right ~ are (politics)

mixture: food & drink

inhabit (verb)

inhabit each other
how these cultures ~ (Vietnam / Paris)

inhabit the part
he knew how to ~ (Marlon Brando)

inhabited the role
he just kind of ~ (Biden, of Neil Kinnock)

talk about and inhabit
he can ~ loss in life (President Joe Biden)

fictive possession: house / verb

inhale (verb)

inhaled this stuff
I ~ and couldn't get enough of it (comedy)

absorption & immersion: breathing / verb
consumption: breathing / verb

inherit (verb)

inherited his mantle
she ~ (politics)

inherited Ray's mission
Linnaeus ~ (classification)

inherited his father's fiery temperament
the son ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning / transmission: family / history / money / verb

inheritance (noun)

railroading inheritance
our national ~

economic inheritance
the government faces a terrible ~ (Britain's new coalition)

national (railroading) inheritance
our ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning / transmission: family / history / money

inhospitable (adjective)

inhospitable to women

the Defense Department has long been viewed as ~

acceptance & rejection: society

inhospitable (adjective)

inhospitable conditions

life flourishes in some of the most~ (Antarctica)

inhospitable place

the Weddell Sea is a notoriously ~

come across as inhospitable

a “no shirt, not vaccine, no service” policy may ~

feel inhospitable

gyms can ~ if your body doesn’t fit the norm

welcome: house

inject (fresh blood, etc.)

inject fresh blood

the king might reshuffle his cabinet to ~

injected new life into the industry

suspended coasters ~ (roller coasters)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

inject (put)

inject his personality into the offense

he wants his quarterback to ~ (coach)

injected the phrase "right to die" into the lexicon

she ~ (Quinlan)

injected race into the drama

her allegation ~ (a murder case)

directing: health & medicine / verb

throwing, putting & planting: health & medicine / verb

injection (noun)

injection of aid

only a massive ~ can help

throwing, putting & planting: health & medicine

directing: health & medicine

injure (verb)

injure the BBC

this report will not just ~ but scar it (Lady Di)

failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine / verb

injury (moral injury)

moral injury

it’s a documentary about ~ and the American military

it’s ~ at the corporate level (equity firm closes hospital)

moral injury Olympics

the ~ (disparagement of term)

♦ According to the Wikipedia entry, the term “moral distress” originated in the 1980s in reference to health-care workers. Through “concept inflation” or “co-option,” the construct has since been applied to soldiers, police, firefighters, EMTs, legal defenders and lawyers, people in child and adult protective services, and even to veterinarians, leading inevitably to the construct’s disparagement: “moral injury Olympics.”

♦ [A quiet card game in the rear was disturbed by the shots of a sniper in a tree. A soldier from the West, a crack shot, dealt with the problem.]

“That gray squirrel is pretty frisky, and I must stop his fun to stop him spoiling ours.’ He drew a bead on the man in the tree and fired. As the Confederate sharpshooter came crashing through the branches to the ground, the Westerner sat down and asked: ‘What’s trumps?’ He seemed as unconcerned as if he had killed a mosquito that had been annoying him. / ...[B]ehind all this was constantly present to our eyes and mind the scene of a great stream, a procession, so to speak of human souls on their way to eternity.” (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

injury (other)

added insult to injury

he ~ by...

trauma and injury

when people don’t validate you that’s another ~

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

inkblot (Rorschach)

inkblot

we call this case an ~ (the murder of two girls)

♦ “We call this case an inkblot. I see what I see, Barb sees what she sees, and you see what you see.” (The podcast “Down The Hill: The Delphi Murders,” Chapter 7: Madness.)

♦ A group of Kentucky teenagers, a Native American, and black Hebrew Israelites all met by accident on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Read “Viral standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler is more complicated than it first seemed” by Michael E. Miller, *The Washington Post*, Jan 22, 2019. Or “January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation” (Wikipedia).

perception, perspective & point of view: picture

inner circle (noun)

inner circle

you’re in the ~, or you’re in exile (politics)

White House inner circle

she has left the ~ (resigned)

part of his (inner) circle

she was not ~ (politics)

make their own inroads into Trump’s inner circle

the Emiratis helped the Russians ~

group, set & collection / power / society: center & periphery

inning (in the first inning)

in the first inning of the game

we are still ~

time: sports & games

development: baseball / sports & games

timeliness & lack of timeliness: baseball / sports & games

inning (ninth inning)

bottom of the ninth inning
we are reaching the ~ (an election)

development: baseball / sports & games

time: sports & games

timeliness & lack of timeliness: baseball / sports & games

inning (extra innings)

went into extra innings
the election ~ (decided by courts)

starting, going, continuing & ending: baseball / sports & games

innocence (noun)

lost its innocence
overnight the community ~ (serial killer on loose)

♦ "In the Shark's Domain," Omnibus, BBC Sounds, 16 Jan 2003
juxtaposes a serial killer's spree, the killing of a swimmer by a great white shark, and a loss of innocence in Perth, Australia. It is a fascinating juxtaposition.

experience: love, courtship & marriage

growth & development: death & life

inoculate (verb)

inoculate themselves from the national mood
politicians are trying to ~ (elections)

inoculate us from these vanities
Vietnam did not ~ (US 'exceptionalism')

inoculate it against (possible legal) consequences
they came up with a framework to ~ (a company)

inoculated the US against foreign wars
the Vietnam War temporarily ~

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine / verb

inoculated

inoculated against (empty) promises
the public was long ago ~ (from the government)

inoculated, if not immune
I was more or less ~, to criticism

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

inoculation (noun)

inoculation
but the ~ lasted less than a decade (Vietnam to Grenada)

stress inoculation
making a soldier stronger and better through ~

effects of the inoculation
the ~ are wearing off (memory of Holocaust / anti-Semitism)
♦ "Before the next campaign, we had to take the usual inoculations plus some additional ones. Our arms were sore, and many men became feverish. The troops hated getting injections, and the large number (someone said it was seven) before Okinawa made us crotchety. The

plague shot burned like fire and was the worst." (E.B. Sledge on Pavuvu, after Peleliu, before Okinawa. From *With the Old Breed*.)

♦ "In those days, you could say, 'Shut up and take it, we're fighting the Japanese.' The Japanese didn't have it, and they were devastated by malaria. You could make a case that atabrine won the war." (Col. Alan J. Magill, speaking about World War II. The atabrine turned the skin yellow.)

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

inquisition (noun)

Spanish Inquisition

I didn't expect the ~ (questioning)

oppression: allusion / history / violence

judgment: allusion / history / violence

inroads (make inroads)

make their own inroads into Trump's inner circle
the Emiratis helped the Russians ~

♦ Road comes from a word for a *raid*.

progress & lack of progress: horse / military

insatiable (adjective)

insatiable

the appetite for pornography seems to be ~
the appetite of the European rich for porcelain was ~

insatiable appetite

India's seemingly ~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, temples)
the American public has an ~ for crime stories

consumption: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

inscribed

inscribed in our DNA

some places are ~ (Lake Ohrid, the Balkans)

impression: mark / tools & technology

inside (emotions)

inside

how are you feeling ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

insider (insider attack, etc.)

insider attacks

so-called ~ have risen dramatically (Afghanistan)

allegiance, support & betrayal: fortification

insider (person)

entrenched insiders

he is a Washington outsider facing down ~

power / society: center & periphery / person

person: society

instrument

instrument of terror

a burning cross is a particularly powerful ~ (KKK)

instrument of foreign policy

he believed war was an ~

powerful instrument

a burning cross is a particularly ~ of terror (KKK)

help & assistance: tools & technology

insular (adjective)

insular (warrior) caste

Marine pilots are an ~

insular sport

it's a very ~ (horseracing and corruption)

insular, intermarrying Brahmin

they have coalesced into an ~ elite (David Brooks' Bobos)

silenced and insular

political journalists are even more ~ today (than in 2016)

♦ "Throughout the winter in Tokyo I went to the Kabuki theater a great deal and gradually I came to know the actors themselves and their families. It is an extraordinary society, rigid, insular, with a great tradition and an equal consciousness of it." (*East of Home* by Santha Rama Rau.)

♦ "Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalists who work at *The Washington Post*, NPR, [and *The New York Times*]... are to each other." ("How Journalists Congregating Into 'Microbubbles' Affects Quality Of News Reporting," NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2020.)

♦ *Insula* is "island" in Latin.

isolation & remoteness: island / sea

division & connection: island / sea

insulate (verb)

insulate our kids from (the kind of) news

we try to ~ that frightens them

insulate their lives from modern life

the Amish try to ~

protection & lack of protection: electricity / verb

isolation & remoteness: electricity / verb

insulated

insulated from violence

they lived in a world where they were ~ (Amish)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection & lack of protection: electricity

insulation (noun)

community, acceptance and insulation

they feel a sense of ~ (lesbians)

protection & lack of protection: electricity

isolation & remoteness: electricity

insurance

insurance against (unpleasant) surprises

there is no ~

protection & lack of protection: money

insurrection

insurrection among his staff

the problems led to an ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

intention (noun)

takes intention

willing a plot of land into a garden ~

puts a lot of intention into her work

she ~ ("Hey Hey" Pride collection / NPR Shop)

inclusion & exclusion: society

intentional (adjective)

intentional

we leave nothing to chance, art is ~ (fashion)

responsibility to create content that is ~ (Storm Reid)

is the timing just a coincidence, is there anything ~ about it

intentional to not try

he was ~ to make it about him (he came out as gay)

intentional with your approach

be ~ (helping kids post-lockdown)

intentional about making sure

he's been pretty ~ that...

intentional actions

~ taken to get people out of prison (states)

intentional conversations

~ between partisans could be a catalyst for national healing

intentional moments

the Newport Folk Festival showcases ~ of change (music)

intentional partnerships and decisions

we always lead with ~ (NPR sells PPW Pride merch)

very intentional

I think it's ~, the way they've made this announcement

conscious and intentional

personal branding is the ~ effort to create... (advertising)

need to be intentional

we ~ in building resilience into those decisions

♦ "He's been pretty intentional about making sure that everything we do has a racial equity component to it." (Cedric Richmond, a senior advisor to the president and Director of the Office of Public Engagement at the White House, responding to Black criticism of President Biden.)

♦ "They had been really intentional about their lifestyle." (Until the wedding, when they hired chariots. An article about Blacks and their finances.)

♦ "I didn't see that ending with one intentional single shot." (Steve Bunce, about Tyson "The Gypsy King" Fury's uppercut that dropped Dillian White in front of 94,000 fight fans at Wembley Stadium.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

intentionality (noun)

with intentionality
handling finances ~

inclusion & exclusion: society

intentionally

very intentionally
he ~ addressed some of those concerns

embed (DEI more) intentionally
~ in TESOL activities (diversity, equity, and inclusion)

inclusion & exclusion: society

intermission (noun)

intermission in the continuing saga
his appearance this week could be just an ~ (trial)

development / starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

interrogate (verb)

interrogate
this idea of migration as a crisis is what I'm trying to ~

interrogate that
okay, let's ~, NPR's Brian Naylor is with us...

interrogate who is privileged and who is marginalized
~ by the notion of "standard" English

interrogate what we know
we have to ~, how we know... (NPR *mea culpa*)

interrogate the data
his tabulating machine made it easier to ~ (punched cards)

interrogate (Black) history
Johnson is able to ~ (the author of novel *Loving Day*)

interrogates the intersections
her work ~ of... (a Black academic)

interrogates masculinity
there are ways to make a show that ~ (crime entertainment)

interrogates the notion
next, the author ~ of academic language (Black English)

interrogates tragedy and trauma
Paula Hawkins in new thriller (a book)

♦ "It's both a pleasure and an education to look over Barnes's shoulder as he interrogates, wonders at, and relishes works of art." (A blurb in an advertisement for a book.)

♦ BEING abused (physically, psychologically or casually); assaulted; battered; batoned; beaten; beat(en) up; conditioned; deprived of water / food / sleep; forced to run around and dance / forced to kneel over a toilet in the floor / forced to submit for trophy photographs and videos / forced into stress positions; head butted; hit; hooded; humiliated; ill-treated; karate chopped; kicked; manhandled; mistreated; played like musical instruments ("the choir"); pulled up from the floor by the eye sockets; punched; roughed up; shouted at; slapped; struck (with a metal bar / rifle butt); subjected to suffocating holds / subjected to loud noise / subjected to white noise / subjected to the "harsh approach (interrogation)"; threatened; treated roughly... HAVING the eyes gouged / fingers inserted into the mouth / fingers pushed into the eye socket / liquid poured over a detainee in a staged immolation by gasoline...

(Abuse of detained citizens of Basra by the Queen's Lancashire Regiment in 2003, from the Baha Mousa Public Inquiry, 2011.)

fictive communication: military / speech / verb
analysis, interpretation & explanation: military / speech / verb

interrogated

interrogated
a word, when ~, will tell us about the people who used it
♦ Why not just waterboard that word?

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military
fictive communication: speech

interrogating (questioning)

interrogating race and racism
Critical Race Theory is the practice of ~ in society

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military
fictive communication: speech

interrogation (questioning)

interrogation
political ads require discussion, conversation, ~

deserves some interrogation
the rise of the weird achiever ~ (Ann Powers)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military
fictive communication: speech

intersect (verb)

intersects with (one's daily) existence
how one's faith ~

division & connection: boundary / geometry / verb

intersection (noun)

intersection of religion and politics
she writes about the ~ (a journalist)

intersection of faith and politics, law, science & culture
I switched to the religion beat and reported on the ~

intersections of gender, race, immigration, pop culture
she writes most often about the ~ (Hannah Giorgis)

intersection of crime, politics and law and order
the show was a look at the ~ (*The Wire*)

intersection of law, policy, and advocacy
she is pursuing a career at the ~ (Amie Rodriguez)

intersection of national security and technology
she focuses on the ~ (NPR cybersecurity correspondent)

intersection between creativity and commerce
he explores the ~

intersection between entertainment, culture and politics
we do the hard work of ~ (yet another podcast)

interrogates the intersections
her work ~ of... (a Black academic)

division & connection: boundary / geometry

intersectional (groups, etc.)

intersectional approach

SCA privileges scholarly work that takes an ~ (university)

intersectional band

they never seen an ~ (white drummer, female trumpet)

intersectional oppression

those who face ~

gets even more intersectional

as you move into the genres it ~ (women / electronic music)

♦ "I, as a Black trans woman, I'm facing oppression due to being a woman, I face oppression due to being black, I face oppression due to being trans, I face oppression due to being queer..." (The comedian Mx Dahlia Belle, a Black trans woman.)

♦ "As the medalists posed for photos, Sanders raised her arms and crossed them into an X shape. She said it represented 'the intersection of where all people who are oppressed meet.'" / The 25-year-old, who is black, gay, and has spoken frankly about her struggles with depression, said she wanted 'to be me, to not apologise'. / After competing, she said she aimed to give light to 'people all around the world who are fighting and don't have the platform to speak up for themselves'." ("Raven Saunders: What the Olympian's X protest means to her," BBC, 1 August, 2021.)

♦ Good Morning America, recapping "Olympic Games Day 10," wrote that "U.S. shot putter Raven Saunders raised her hands above her head in an "X" after receiving her silver medal to support intersectional oppression." Surely it was to protest intersectional oppression!

inclusion & exclusion: society

intertwined

intertwined

the economies of the US and Mexico have become ~

division & connection: cloth

intervening (adjective)

intervening years

in the ~, the university had announced a partnership...

♦ From the Latin "to come between."

future / time: direction / movement / position

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement

interwoven

interwoven into the (social) fabric

aggression is ~ of schools (bullying, status, etc.)

interwoven stories

it's a collection of ~ (a film)

division & connection: cloth

into (be into something)

into hang gliding

he's really ~

deep into books

a lot of prisoners were ~ (reading)

enthusiasm: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

into (involvement)

into it

once you get that far ~... (extremism)

involvement: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

intoxicate (verb)

intoxicated us

the ability to wield force has ~

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol / verb

intoxicated

intoxicated with power

he was ~ (a politician)

intoxicated by a desire

he was ~ to run in a marathon

intoxicated by having

liberals are ~ a majority (politics)

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

intoxicating (adjective)

entrepreneurship is intoxicating

she said ~

game is intoxicating

the ~

music was intoxicating

the ~

night was intoxicating

the warm spring ~

opera is intoxicating

Italian ~

passion is intoxicating

their ~ (performers)

scene was intoxicating

the ~ (nature)

scent was intoxicating

the ~ (flowers)

sound (of drums) was intoxicating

the ~ (at an African soccer game)

found freedom intoxicating

he ~ (immigrant)

♦ "Watching red-tailed hawks and sharp-shinned hawks and golden eagles passing by was intoxicating." (A 12-year-old Scott Weidensaul sitting on Hawk Mountain with a strong northwest wind blowing on "one of the best migration days of the fall.")

enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

introduce (verb)

introduced the word in the usual, literal way

I ~ (an English teacher)

introduced the word to the English language
Captain James Cook may have ~ (taboo)

introduce new perspectives into curriculums
trying to ~ (schools)

introduce new technology into the mail stream
~ (post office)

introduce recreational divers to the rewards
trying to ~ of fish watching

introduced me to the best pizza
my brother ~ I have ever eaten

introduced us to the music, the culture
“Sweet Jamaica” ~ (England)

fictive communication: speech / verb

inundate (verb)

inundated the help line with calls
the public ~

amount & effect: flood / verb / water

inundated

inundated by a flood
the public is being ~ of conflicting information

inundated with email
you probably feel like you're ~, don't you

inundated with phone calls
the hospital was ~

amount & effect: flood / water

invade (verb)

invades the area
as cold air ~... (weather)

invading her dreams
she said her brother's ghost was ~ (Chinese)

invaded (1.5 million acres of) the ecosystem
exotic plant species have ~

invade US
snow and ice move South as temperatures below zero ~

amount & effect: military / verb

invasion (noun)

invasion of (Asian) carp
the ~ into the waters of the South and the Midwest...

invasion of immigrants
what European countries perceive as an ~

invasion of privacy
they were furious at the ~

invasion (of the Antarctic) by men of science
this was the first ~ (De Gerlache and the *Belgica*)

tourist invasion
the economic benefits that will accompany the ~

British invasion
the ~ of the 1960s (music)

aquatic invasion
the Great Lakes is a hot spot for ~s (non-native species)

furry invasion
blame this ~ on climate change (polar bears in Churchill)

invisible invasion
people see immigration as an ~ (Europe)

see immigration as an (invisible) invasion
people ~ (Europe)

amount & effect: military

invest (verb)

invest my heart in someone
I can't ~ who might not stick around

invested years in toiling
she ~ over a nonfiction account (an author)

commitment & determination: money / verb

investment (noun)

emotional investment
there's a great deal of ~ on the part of all the players

commitment & determination: money

invigorate (verb)

invigorated the party
he ran a campaign that ~ nationwide

amelioration & renewal: death & life / health & medicine / verb

invisibility (groups)

invisibility
the ~ AAPI people feel (as people, crime data, etc.)

challenges invisibility
she ~ (Lola Flash, a queer gender-fluid Black woman)

inclusion & exclusion: society

invisible (groups)

invisible in this society
you're not present, so you're like ~ (Roma)

invisible people
at times, we're an ~, lumped in to other ethnic groups

felt invisible
my AAPI friends used words like they ~ (Mazie Hirono)
they ~, not seen (President Biden about AAPIs)

made to ‘feel invisible’
Asian women are ~ in America

rendered invisible

they have been ~ and not received their due (Sherpas)

♦ "Those 'invisibilized' by the justice system." "They are invisibilized to middle-class society." (The incarcerated.)

♦ Native Americans speak of "Native invisibility." Colleen Medicine, program director at the Association on American Indian Affairs, explains how "Our people go missing three times over:" (1) Abducted, taken, murdered. (2) Missing in the data. (3) Not at home or in their communities.

♦ An ultra-orthodox Satmar woman speaks about having to be inconspicuous, the problematic nature of her female presence, having to cover it up and negate it.

♦ Says Cindy Tran, a poet, "Ever since I was little, I was made invisible in physical and emotional ways." Says Diane He, a student, "They see us as quiet, not very outspoken, almost as if we fade into the background."

♦ An actor said, "We are literally demanding to be seen," talking about the Oscars, nominations, awards, and people of color.

♦ "They have often been rendered invisible by the global lens and have seldom received their due." ("How Climbers Reached the Summit of K2 in Winter for the First Time" by Adam Skolnick and Bhadra Sharma, *The New York Times*, Jan. 19, 2021. Most would dispute the writers' claim as ludicrous and stupid, but it sounds good.)

♦ "You're not present in the curriculum or textbooks, so you're like invisible in this society." (Lana Jurko, Network of Education Policy Centres, about Roma education in the Balkans.)

♦ "At times, we're an invisible people, lumped in to other ethnic groups." (Native Hawaiians.)

♦ "I had to be nonexistent, invisible." (The 11-year-old Amos Oz, the only child at a tableful of adults discussing literature, politics, etc.)

♦ "I am Puerto Rican, from the Bronx, and I was raised in the 50s, loved television, never saw anybody who looked like me, I began to feel on some level that I was invisible. I didn't know what I would contribute to a society that was determined not to see me..." (Sonia Manzano, actor, screenwriter, author, speaker, TV series creator, producer, etc., who played Maria on Sesame Street for 44 years. According to her Wikipedia entry, which is extensive, she attended the High School of Performing Arts, then Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh on scholarship. She currently lives on the Upper West Side in New York City.)

♦ "I know what it's like to be a woman who is essentially invisible to most people because of not being seen as traditionally beautiful or whatever." (Rebel Wilson, on BBC. She has been in films, is a producer and director, and is on the BBC's 100 Women of 2021.)

♦ "I guess I was invisible for so long that it felt good to be noticed." (The film *John Tucker Must Die*.)

♦ *The Invisible Man* (1952) by Ralph Ellison is at least partly about social invisibility.

♦ "I can disappear when I get that scared." (Thandie Newton's character from the great film *The Journey of August King*, based on the book by John Ehle and with Sam Waterston.)

♦ see also *presence, representation, space, voice, etc.*

inclusion & exclusion: society

invitation (noun)

invitation to frostbite or edema

it seemed an ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

invitation for ridicule

being a rookie is an engraved ~

open invitation

an e-mail address in a chat room is an ~ to spammers

attraction & repulsion / welcome: speech

fictive communication: speech

invite (verb)

invite kids to rebel

such limits may ~ (parents are too strict)

invites abuse

open editing ~ (Wikipedia)

invites aggression

appeasement ~ (diplomacy)

invites (both direct and indirect) fires

detection of a unit's location ~

invites neglect

quarantining inmates with H.I.V. and AIDS ~ (US)

invite (nuclear) retaliation

use of chemical or biological agents will ~

invited (a lot more) scrutiny

he's ~ because there's more media (politics)

invite trouble

certain songs in certain parts of town ~ (gangs)

invite hand and finger movement

silly putty, play dough, and clay all ~

invite retaliation and counter expulsions

this action will ~ (spying)

attraction & repulsion / welcome: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

inviting

inviting

the people and the water are ~ (Jamaica)

inviting coffeehouse

a lively arts scene, an ~ on every corner (Seattle)

warm, welcoming and inviting

schools should be ~ (gay harassment)

attraction & repulsion / welcome: speech

inward (turn inward, etc.)

turning inward

we are ~ (US foreign policy)

avoidance & separation: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

IQ (ability)

opponent's (boxing) IQ

can he match his ~ (AJ vs. Usyk / boxing)

boxing IQ

he had terrific ~ (Marvin "Marvelous" Hagler)

ring IQ

his ~ isn't good enough (a boxer)

he used his ~ to keep Joshua off-balance (Usyk)

high (basketball) IQ

he earned a reputation as a defender with a ~

ability & lack of ability: school & education
knowledge & intelligence: school & education

iron (Iron Lady, etc.)

Iron Brigade

the ~ (the U.S. Civil War)

“iron brother”

Chinese diplomats refer to Pakistan as their ~

Iron Chancellor

German unification and the ~, Otto von Bismarck

Iron Dome

many rockets were intercepted by its ~ air-defense system

Iron Duke

Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington, the ~

“Iron Erna”

she earned the nickname ~ (Erna Solberg of Norway)

Iron Lady

Margaret Thatcher, the ~ (unions, Falklands, Ireland, etc.)

♦ “The tough ‘Iron Lady’ may have been to the Falkland Islands, what she didn’t realize was that she would be met with stronger steel.” (Margaret Thatcher visited Beijing...and slipped and fell to her knees on the steps of the Great Hall of the People.)

♦ “The Iron Brigade embodied the resolve of Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana during the Civil War.”

epithet: materials & substances

character & personality / commitment & determination / strength & weakness: epithet

iron (strength)

iron will

those close to Fury speak of his ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

ironclad (adjective)

ironclad

you can’t report on those settlements, they are ~ (NDAs)

ironclad accounts

there are ~ of him ordering a destruction of documents

ironclad, waterproof, bulletproof, (legally) binding

we need ~ guarantees (Sergey Ryabkov / diplomacy)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

strength & weakness: materials & substances

iron curtain

Bamboo Curtain

the ~ in Southeast Asia

Iron Curtain of the late Middle Ages

this was the ~ (Turks block routes to the east)

economic iron curtain

an ~ falling on Russia (McDonald’s closes its restaurants)

information iron curtain

China is no longer shrouded by an ~ (Internet)

new Iron Curtain

we are seeing the ~ (a Swede, after Ukraine invasion)

♦ “From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent.” (Winston Churchill at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, March 5, 1946.)

division & connection: allusion / epithet / history

ironfisted

iron-fisted

he’s ~ (a dictator)

iron-fisted dictator

~s have ruled the country since its birth

iron-fisted empire

the US State Department is the gloved hand of an ~

oppression: fist / materials & substances

iron out (verb)

iron out

there are still a few wrinkles to ~

iron out any kinks

they are having a test run to ~ (restaurant opening)

iron out the problems

I can ~

iron out wrinkles

they still need to ~ in their new contract

♦ “A faint smell of charcoal in the room. A smell of ironing. Tonia is ironing, every now and then she gets a coal out of the stove and puts it in the iron, and the lid of the iron snaps over it like a set of teeth. It reminds me of something, but I can’t think of what... As soon as I feel better I must go to the town library and read up on the ethnography and history of the region.” (Doctor Zhivago by Boris Pasternak. The sight and smells of Tonia ironing at Varykino have subconsciously reminded him of Lara ironing linen in Meliuzeevo, and when he goes to the library he sees her and they start their affair.)

amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb

irreverent (adjective)

irreverent attitude

contributors take an ~ toward the highbrow (a podcast)

irreverent and unshocked

he was ~ by taboos (Dirk Bogarde)

irreverent, anti-authoritarian and iconoclastic

~ (Mad magazine)

reverence: religion

irritant (noun)

lingering irritant

his decision was a ~ to Republicans

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

irritated

surprised, dismayed, irritated and outraged

the French have been ~ by...

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

irritating

irritating

she is really ~

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

irritation (emotion)

irritation and anxiety

students express ~ (rising tuition, fewer classes)

anger or irritation

he never displays ~ in public (a Shia cleric)

disagreement or irritation

"Gimme a break" expresses ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

island (society)

island

no man is an ~

schools are not ~s, they are connected to communities

island on my own

politically, I've felt a little bit of an ~ (Maxine Peake)

island among his men

he was sullen and morose, an ~... (a troubled leader)

♦ "I don't know why we have you know made it this separate thing, as if it's an island nation in which you need a visa and passport." (Ken Burns talking about his series on country music.)

♦ "And I thought, if I was doomed to be sent to this island of punishment, of grief, at least I will try to make it with my own words..." (The Israeli writer David Grossman about his novel *Falling Out of Time*.)

♦ No man is an island entire of itself; every man / is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe / is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as / well as any manner of thy friends or of thine / own were; any man's death diminishes me, / because I am involved in mankind. / And therefore never send to know for whom / the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. (John Donne.)

♦ The *Atlas of Remote Islands* by Judith Schalansky is a wonderfully short, impressionistic, and graphically distinguished book about actual islands that should be on the bookshelf of every household with children.

♦ Islands can be remote, and they are often the source of endemic species. On the other hand, if the island has a port, than it might be a place where people from all parts of the world mingle and mix.

division & connection: island / sea

society: island / sea

island (island of affluence, etc.)

islands of affluence

there were isolated ~ (the Great Depression)

island of stability

Somaliland is an ~ in a sea of armed chaos

islands of convenience and prosperity

there are ~ within seas of squalor (Lagos, Bombay, etc.)

cultural island

Tunisia is a ~ bordered by sea and desert

♦ "Paraguay is an island surrounded on all sides by land."

division & connection: island / sea

environment: island / sea

island (beech island, etc.)

beech island

no one knows why these ~ exist (stands of beech)

coffee island

he tends the dozen dispensers at the ~ (at a mini-mart)

heat island

Tokyo is becoming a vast ~ (thermal pollution)
an urban ~ (UHI) is warmer than its surroundings
urban ~s and lack of access to cool spaces (heatwave)

pump island

see a car pull up to a ~ (gas station)

Self Serve Island

~ (a sign at a gas station)

traffic island

public bathroom on a ~ in the city center

glacial islands

nunataks are also called ~

resemblance: sea / island

ism (groups)

ableism

factors like ~ and racial and socioeconomic bias (justice)

ageism

I find ~ so old-fashioned (Vera Wang, looking *good*)

otherism

see *otherism* (*noun*)

racism

see *racism* (*groups*)

transgender-ism

polls show the public is increasingly rejecting ~ (anti)

wokeism

they clashed over alleged “~” in the military

inclusion & exclusion: affix

itch (verb)

itching to incite

the moderators were ~ conflict (a political debate)

eagerness & reluctance: sensation / verb

itch (enthusiasm)

itch to ride

once you get the ~ motorcycles, you can't help but scratch it

scratched this itch

Bitcoin ~ (for idealistic nonconformist Vitalik Buterin)

enthusiasm: insect / sensation

itchy (adjective)

itchy to leave

he was ~

itchy to get back

he is ~ in the ring (a boxer)

eagerness & reluctance: insect / sensation

it girl (and it drug, etc.)

It Boy

~ is a French romantic comedy film (2013)

'It' drug

it has emerged as the ~ on the Australian party scene

“it” girl

her attitude has turned her into the new political ~
meet Broadway’s newest ~
fashion’s new ~... and boy

‘it’ girl

she became known as the fashionable ~ (Korea)

it girls

don’t let the bouncy, cheery ~ make you feel bad about
yourself

It Plant

the Powdery Liveforever has become the ~ for thieves
(California)

♦ The 1927 film *It* starred Clara Bow.

attention, scrutiny & promotion / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / film / object

ization (marginalization, etc.)

fetishization

this ~ of (Black) trauma is an industry (entertainment)

marginalization

their ~ is due to naked discrimination

Southerization

The ~ of America (by Cynthia Tucker, Frye Galliard)

victimization

see *victimization (noun)*

inclusion & exclusion: affix

ize (racialize, etc.)

criminalize

we ~ poverty and mental illness

dehumanize

it ~s the entire collective (Muslim women)

minoritize

forms of power that ~ subjects (post-queer politics)

otherize

CRT causes members of the military to ~ one another
we tend to really ~ the person (shame her for ethical slip)

racialize

when you ~ an issue... (education)

soldierize

every drill sergeant trying to ~, to build a soldier

spatialize

the MASS Design Group seeks to ~

traumatize

see *traumatize (verb)*

♦ A self-identified Black educator, writing about *middle and high-school education* in a *short article*, used the following: Africanize; contextualize; dehumanize; historicize; internalize; legitimize; marginalize; narrativize; organize (social protest); racialize; realize; signify; socialize; theorize; testify; and vernacularize.

♦ see also *ify (mainstreamify, etc.)*

♦ From -ize it is a very short leap indeed to -ization / -ification.

inclusion & exclusion: affix

ized (invisibilized, etc.)

bubble-sized

Beijing will be ~ (Christine Brennan, sports columnist)
there will be ~ flights to get to the Olympics

minoritized

see *minoritized (groups)*

traumatized

Amy Schumer says she’s triggered and ~ by...

corporatized

F9 seems less ~ than other blockbusters (the film)

exoticized

othered, objectified, ~, coerced (Asian women)

intelligentized

China is focused on ~ technology (vs. old IT)

invisibilized

convicts have been ~

marginalized

see *marginalized (groups)*

Racialized

My Grandmother’s Hands: ~ Trauma (Resmaa Menakem)

♦ see also *ified (Principified, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: affix

J

jab (noun)

took a jab at Biden

Trump ~ (politics)

traded jabs with his opponents

he ~ (politics)

accusation & criticism / conflict / speech: boxing

jackal (noun)

“jackal diplomacy”
he practiced ~

♦ “He practiced “jackal diplomacy” to the extent that he requested for his nation a share of the spoils won by the British lion in combat; had Britain or China opposed his request, he was powerless to do more.”
(Commodore Lawrence Kearny in China, from *Far China Station: The U.S. Navy in Asian Waters 1800-1898* by Robert Erwin Johnson.)

♦ The jackal is a lion in his own country. (An insult.)

character & personality / insult: animal

jackass (noun)

jackass
he's a foolish ~

character & personality / insult: animal

jackpot (hit the jackpot)

political jackpot
that would be a ~ for the president

hit the jackpot
you ~

hit the (intelligence) jackpot
they were hoping to ~ (Russian spies in US)

success & failure: gambling / money / verb

Jacobin

Jacobin publication
he has written for *The Nation*, a ~ (culture wars)

school reform's new Jacobins
~ have opted for a hard left turn into identity politics

disruption: allusion / history / violence

jack up (verb)

jack up the cost
green technology will ~ of power (opinion)

jack up earnings
Wall Street will always find ways to ~

jacked up (used book) prices
the company has ~

jacked up (interest) rates
credit-card companies have ~ again

jack up (defense) spending
the government seeks to ~

jacking up tuitions
colleges are ~ like never before

increase & decrease: direction / number / tools & technology / verb

jam (situation)

in a jam
the company is ~

she found herself ~

get in a jam
and if you ~ and need to raise cash...

got in a jam
and that's how the company ~

put us in a jam
what he did ~

get him out of this jam
perhaps a lawyer could ~
maybe the lawyers could ~

♦ On the 6th of May the Yukon began to rise rapidly, lifting the ice, which, however, remained fast in front of the town... The sight was one to inspire respect. When a big floe, forty feet across, struck the front of the barrier, it half rose out of the water, then dived under, or turned on edge, crunched into the front with a dull roar, and remained there... At four o'clock on the morning of the 8th the cry was raised, ‘The ice is going out!’ and everybody rushed out in time to see the bridge of ice crack, groan, then slowly push together and stop; then slowly, slowly the whole mass began to move, and in a few minutes there was nothing but a swift river, with cakes of ice as big as cabins strewn along the banks...” (*The Klondike Stampede* by Tappan Adney, Special Correspondent of *Harper's Weekly* in the Klondike, 1900.)

situation: container / tools & technology

obstacles & impedance: river

jaw (Dragon's Jaw, etc.)

“The Jaw”
~, a peak overlooking Hanging Canyon (Wyoming)

Dragon's Jaw
the North Vietnamese called it the ~ (US bombing target)

Hogjaw
the ~ Up In Flames Tour, Europe, May / June 2019

Moose Jaw
~, Canada, a deeply disturbing city (Saskatchewan)

proper name: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)

jaws of defeat
if anyone knows how to grab a victory from the ~, it is
Serena Williams

jaws of disaster
the Israeli tankers charged into the ~ (1973)

Hell's jaws
the killings began, as ~ opened... (ethnic cleansing)

fate, fortune & chance: animal / hunting / predation
pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

jaw (jaws of life, etc.)

‘jaws of life’
he was extracted from the wreck with the ~

resemblance / shape: mouth

jawbone (Jawbone Canyon, etc.)

Jawbone Canyon

Europeans named it ~ for its shape (Mohave Desert)

Jawbone Falls

the big pool below ~ (Panthertown, North Carolina)

proper name: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

jaw-dropper

real jaw-dropper

that was a ~ for me

jaw dropped

the verdict was a stunner, and my ~

♦ "I was just sent this letter that has my jaw on the floor..."

feeling, emotion & effect: mouth / gesture

jaw-dropping

jaw-dropping moment

this is the ~ when a sea lion attacked a girl (video)

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

feeling, emotion & effect: mouth / gesture

Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde)

Jekyll-and-Hyde character

for some, he was a ~, a decorated chief who... (SEAL)

Jekyll and Hyde existence

he was rumored to have lived a ~ (government official)

Jekyll-and-Hyde existence

he was rumored to have lived a ~ (high official / low places)

"Jekyll and Hyde" figure

he was a ~ who could be charming but had a dark side

Doctor Jekyll – Mister Hyde moment

it was a very strange ~ (holding job and eating disorder)

Dr. Jekyll and Hyde

there's a little ~ in Mike (the great boxer Mike Tyson)

Jekyll and Hyde portrait

a ~ emerges of SEAL accused of murder

Jekyll and Hyde role

there is a bit of a ~ for the agency (helps but also arrests)

Jekyll and Hyde transformation

every now and then, desert locusts undergo a ~ (swarms)

absolutely Jekyll and Hyde

the team has been ~ (up and down, good and bad)

♦ *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde* was written by Robert Louis Stevenson and published in 1886.

allusion: books & reading

character & personality: allusion / mental health / person

jeremiad (bitter lament)

jeremiads of a Southern apologist
the nation didn't pay heed to the ~

♦ A jeremiad often has two elements: a bitter criticism of society and a prophecy of doom.

message: allusion / Bible / religion

accusation & criticism: allusion / Bible / religion

Jerusalem (Jerusalem of the North, etc.)

Jerusalem of the North
the Jews called it the ~ (Vilna / Vilnius)

Balkan Jerusalem
Lake Ohrid, known as the ~

comparison & contrast: epithet

jettison (verb)

jettisoned the case law
the court has ~ (lawyers will appeal)

jettison (the under-performing) ministers
many people wonder why he doesn't ~

jettisoned the (Obama) playbook
the Trump Administration ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb

jettisoned

jettisoned
he was ~ (an athlete who was traded)

jettison its pariah status
Zimbabwe seeks to ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: boat

Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.)

Jews of the Caribbean
Indo-Caribbean immigrants have been called the ~

Jews of the Arab world
the Palestinians are sometimes said to be the ~

Jews of the Far East
the Chinese have been called the ~ (business, diaspora)

Jews of the 21st century
a sign said, "Latinos are the ~" (immigration protest)

migration: epithet / person

person: journeys & trips

jewel (noun)

jewel
Sikkim is a ~ nestled between Bhutan and Nepal

jewel of these mountains
she was a ~ (bookmobile lady in Western North Carolina)

jewels in the crown
they are the ~ of public education (elite NYC high schools)

real jewel
it's a ~ (a kayaker speaking of a river near Vancouver)

hidden jewel
it's a ~ (a park)

national jewel
the Okavango Delta is the ~ (tourism / Botswana)

superlative: materials & substances / mining
flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances
worth & lack of worth: materials & substances / mining

jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.)

jewel of Syria
this city once known as “the~” (Aleppo)

superlative: epithet
epithet: materials & substances

jibe (verb)

jibe with his record
his statement doesn't ~

direction: boat / verb

jigsaw puzzle (noun)

jigsaw puzzle of (smaller) languages
Europe was once a ~ like Ladin (Italian Dolomites)

configuration / complexity: sports & games

job (hit job, etc.)

hatchet job
the *New York Times* did a complete ~ on him

hit job
the Bloomberg article was a ~ (against a company)
this is a partisan ~ (a political kerfuffle)
how a political ~ backfired...
he appeared to be the victim of a ~, orchestrated to...

♦ A hatchet job, a hit job / piece, a drive-by...

accusation & criticism / conflict / punishment & recrimination: crime / death & life / violence

jockey (verb)

jockey for advantage
partisans ~ (politics)

jockeying for position
he has been ~ in the department for years

jockey for power
Ukrainians, Tatars, and ethnic Russians ~ (Crimea)

jockey for leaks and scoops
reporters ~

jockeyed for face time
guests ~ with the newly minted star (party)

fiercely jockey
reporters ~ for leaks and scoops

competition: animal / horse / sports & games

Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed
we must drop the idea the US is ~ spreading democracy

Johnny Appleseed of Agriculture 2.0
she is the ~ (brings together entrepreneurs, investors)

Johnny Appleseed of near Earth object deflection
his work as the ~ has begun to bear fruit (astronomy)

Johnny Appleseed of protest music
a self-styled “~” (the blacklisted Pete Seeger)

served as a Johnny Appleseed
he ~ for electric cars (made long trip in one, blogging)

♦ “Go forth and be the Johnny Appleseed of books and reading!” (A North Carolina teacher-trainer. Good advice, never forgotten.)

♦ Bookmobile Schedule: Tuesday: Hanging Dog community, Boiling Springs, Grape Creek, Highway 294 and Upper Bear Paw Road, Oak Park Guest Home, Andrews Elementary School... (Cherokee County, North Carolina, U.S.A.)

♦ Camels serve as bookmobiles in Kenya.

transmission: allusion / apple / epithet

joke (you must be joking, etc.)

joking
you must be ~

comprehension & incomprehension: speech

joke (it's a joke, etc.)

joke
this university is a ~

insult / worth & lack of worth: speech

jolt (noun)

jolt of anxiety
the murder sent a ~ around the city

jolt to some
it was quite a ~ (Trump wins election)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force / sensation

journey (in one's journey)

in his journey from boy to man
it was an important moment ~

in our journey towards the promise
this is a significant milestone ~ of stem-cell-based medicines

course: journeys & trips

journey (on a journey)

on the journey of life
how a person behaves ~ is directly related...

behaves on the journey
how a person ~ of life is directly related to...

course: journeys & trips

journey (noun)

journey

this whole ~ has been really amazing (actress does film)

journey towards modernity

Bhutan's carefully ordered ~ (elections of 2007)

journey from boy to man

in his ~

journey from complacency to (political) power

her ~ (Wilma Mankiller)

Bhutan's (carefully ordered) journey

~ towards modernity (elections of 2007)

Farmer's Journey

Pastoral Song: A ~ by James Rebanks, Custom House

A Martinez's (public radio) journey

~ (NPR)

life's journey

my ~

never-ending journey

growth and development are a ~

mental health journey

she has always been so open about her ~

medical journey

work was difficult, starting a long ~ (Havana syndrome)

spiritual journey

it is the story of a ~

total journey

my ~ is two hundred ten point one (pounds lost / diet)

story of a (spiritual) journey

it is the ~

journey is ongoing

this ~ (the composition of music)

completed his journey

he ~ from personal despair to sporting glory

♦ Life's a journey, not a destination. (Bumper sticker.)

♦ "My total *journey* is two hundred ten point one." (A YouTube diet advertisement, referring to pounds lost.)

♦ *A Season For Justice: The Life and Times of Civil Rights Lawyer Morris Dees* (1991) was updated and reissued in 2003 as *A Lawyer's Journey: The Morris Dees Story*.

♦ Glennon Doyle said, "If you've come this far with me in my—I hate the word—journey..." ("Glennon Doyle's Honesty Gospel" by Ariel Levy, *The New Yorker*, February 8, 2021.)

♦ "To keep class discussion buoyant, lecturers are told to 'encourage students to practise the verbalisation aspect of knowledge'. Multiple 'learning outcomes', sacred buzzwords before the pandemic, have been supplemented with 'learner journeys', promising against the odds a positive experience as well as a realistic hope of achieving something." ("Diary: On Quitting Academia" by Malcolm Gaskill, *London Review of Books*, 24 September 2020. "In May, I gave up my academic career after 27 years...")

♦ "Everybody who I speak to who's been studying coronavirus tells me that Omicron is a step on the journey towards humanity being able to coexist with this virus. And that in the end, the COVID should become not more serious than the common cold. And so there's a journey to get there, and we're on that journey." (David Nabarro of the WHO.)

♦ "It's sometimes necessary during a journey to repack and remount a horse." (Chinese proverb relating to a change in the middle of a plan.)

♦ No trip is long with good company!

♦ "Sometimes life takes you to places you never imagined."

♦ "I left Tangier, my birthplace, on Thursday, 2nd Rajab 725 [June 14, 1325], being at that time twenty-two years of age [22 lunar years; 21 and 4 months by solar reckoning], with the intention of making the Pilgrimage to the Holy House [at Makkah] and the Tomb of the Prophet [at Madinah]. (The great traveler Ibn Battuta.)

course / development / experience: journeys & trips / movement

joust (verb)

joust among themselves for ownership
corporations ~ of...

jousting over (sensationalist) ads
the two campaigns are ~ (politics)

jousts with (more left-leaning) partisans
she is a close Clinton ally who frequently ~ online

competition / conflict: history / Middle Ages / verb

jousting (conflict)

courtroom jousting with (federal) lawyers
the ~ was otherworldly (secrecy)

geopolitical jousting in the South China Sea
he covered stories such as ~ (a correspondent)

social jousting
a lot of ~ goes on (teenagers)

♦ In *Don Quixote*, Cervantes refers to Suero de Quinones and the Jousts of the Honourable Pass at the Bridge of Orbigo in 1434.

competition / conflict: history / Middle Ages

Judas (betrayal)

call me Judas
they will attack me in the press, ~, accuse me of...

allegiance, support & betrayal: Bible / religion

judge (role)

judge
you be the ~ (preference contest)
history will be the ~ (proper response to pandemic)

post judge
are you the ~ (response to critic)

judgment: justice / person

person: justice

judged

judged by wins and loses
as a coach, he will be ~

judgment: justice

juggernaut (noun)

juggernaut of coastal destruction

you have this ~ (land for industry, shrimp farms)

juggernaut of optimism

a ~ vaulted him to the White House (Obama)

juggernauts of global trade

container ships are the ~

Fury juggernaut

Paris is key in keeping the ~ moving (the boxer's wife)

Russian juggernaut

the ~ in the east had moved steadily westwards (1813)

self-help juggernaut

the ~ was published in 1936 (*How to Win Friends...*)

new-school juggernaut

Tagovailoa turned old-school Alabama into a ~ (football)

ratings juggernaut

it was a ~ (The Cosby Show)

bureaucratic juggernaut

I'm up against a ~ that won't stop (immigration status)

cultural juggernaut

K-pop has become a ~

literary juggernaut

he has been a ~ (great American writer Stephen King)

publicity juggernaut

she is a shill for the family's ~ (a legal case)

unstoppable juggernaut

his war chest and grassroots army make him an ~ (election)

up against a juggernaut

he is ~ (a politician contending for nomination)

juggernaut rolls on

and the Anfield ~ (winning Liverpool soccer club)

transformed Apple into a juggernaut

he ~ (Steve Jobs)

♦ A juggernaut is associated with the Hindu deity Jagannath. It was a huge wooden chariot carrying idols in a multistory construction. The idea that devotees threw themselves under it is a misconception.

♦ "They will also know that once the juggernaut starts to gather momentum it takes some stopping—and if allowed to roll unchecked can take a football generation to halt." ('Liverpool celebrations after beating Man Utd symbolic & moment of release' by Phil McNulty, BBC, January 19, 2020.)

amount & effect / force: religion

juggle (verb)

juggle careers and children

women who ~

juggle work and school

it can be hard to ~

juggle a full load of classes and a job

it may be hard to ~

juggles those objectives

he ~ with an unusual style

juggles (several) roles

he ~ (community activist)

juggle (multiple) tasks

employees who can handle the stress and ~

ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / sports & games / verb

juggling

juggling the (conflicting) demands

~ of politics and governing

juggling act

trying to build a team is a hard ~ (basketball)

ability / difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / sports & games

jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)

jugular of the island

he determined Syracuse was the ~ (Sicily / WWII)

going for the jugular

they are ~ (team in tournament)

go for the jugular

they didn't ~ (debate for political candidates)

she has to ~ tonight (Democratic debate)

**conflict: animal / blood / predation / throat / verb
behavior: animal / blood / predation / throat / verb**

juicy (adjective)

juicy bonuses

successful guides get ~ (Mt. Everest)

juicy elements

all the ~ (scandal at CNN sees president resign)

juicy gossip

you hear some ~ that...

the book contains nearly 400 pages of ~ (on politicians)

juicy information

in the hope of obtaining ~ (journalists)

juicy reveals

candid confessions, ~ (on reality TV hot mics)

juicy revelation

there was no ~ (press conference)

consumption: food & drink / taste

attraction & repulsion: food & drink / taste

eagerness & reluctance / feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

jumbo (large)

jumbo jet
lightning strikes ~

jumbo squid
~, also known as Humboldt squid

♦ This word comes from the name of an Ethiopian elephant who was brought to the US in 1882 by P. T. Barnum and displayed in Barnum's circus. The poet and etymologist John Ciardi tells Jumbo's story on NPR, "Jumbo's Big Adventure Popularizes a New Word," April 20, 2006.

size: allusion / animal

jump (jump at the chance, etc.)

jump to conclusions
let's not ~
we don't know all the facts and no one should ~
it is important not to ~ based on the case of one patient

jumps to conclusions
he ~, makes up his mind, and is stubborn

jumped at the chance
I ~
he ~, here was the opportunity to...

jumped at the opportunity
he ~ (a filmmaker)

jump (all) over this
we knew the students would just ~ (robot fast-food deliveries in dorms)

eagerness & reluctance / haste: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (leave)

jump to another company
employers worry you'll ~ (overqualified)

allegiance, support & betrayal / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (the place was jumping, etc.)

jumping
on Saturday night the venue was ~ (boxing / Ally Pally)

activity: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (movement)

needle jumped
the VU meter ~ (recording sounds)

movement: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (speech)

jumps from subject to subject
she ~

speech: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (progress)

jumped from ninth place to fourth
the carrier ~ in on-time arrivals (air)

jumped six spots
Lance Armstrong ~ to second overall (Tour de France)

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (increase / verb)

jumps by 10,000
during the summer, the county's population ~ (tourists)

demand (for electric power) will jump
the ~

increase & decrease: number
increase & decrease: direction / walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.)

breaking their banks
we have seen flooding with rivers ~ (New South Wales)

burst its banks
melting snowpack might cause it to ~

jumped its banks
the Medina River ~ today near Bandera (flooding)

constraint & lack of constraint: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (jump a curb, etc.)

jumped a curb
the van ~ and plowed into three people

jumped the sidewalk
the car ~ and drove through a number of tents

jumped the tracks
the train ~ near Crescent City, Florida

♦ [Mr. Webb]: Well, she's late. Reckon she might've jumped the tracks.
/[Loretta Lynn]: Oh, Daddy, them things [trains] don't do that. Do they?
/[Mr. Webb, grimly]: They've been known to. (From the great film, Coal Miner's Daughter.)

failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (lines)

jumped the line
she ~ to get water for her infant (Kenyan drought)

jumped a fire line
the flames ~ crews were building (Show Low)

constraint & lack of constraint / obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (transmission)

jumped from birds to humans

a strain of the virus may have ~ (flu)

constraint & lack of constraint / transmission: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (jump ahead)

jump ahead to the last chapter

let's ~

sequence: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (jump in)

jump in

please feel free to ~ (a discussion)

involvement: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (get the jump)

gotten the jump on all of them

he had ~ (a competition)

get a jump on the coming season

and so you ~ (high-school athletes graduate early)

competition / starting, going, continuing & ending / timeliness & lack of timeliness: walking, running & jumping

jump (in jumps)

advanced in jumps

his career ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping

jump (noun)

jump in (suspicious) chatter

there has been a ~

jump in the number

contributing to growth is a ~ of online shoppers

jump in traffic

news sites saw a ~ (Internet / Operation Iraqi Freedom)

increase & decrease: number

increase & decrease: direction / movement / walking, running & jumping

jump ball (noun)

jump ball

the race is tight, it's a ~ (mayoral election)

certainty & uncertainty: basketball / sports & games

jumping-off place / point

jumping-off place

this is just a ~, you still have to register (vaccine website)

jumping-off point

he used Heidegger as a ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / place / walking, running & jumping

jump out (verb)

jumps out at me

it you look at the data, something that really ~ is...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: verb / walking, running & jumping

jump-start (verb)

jump-start the economy

the government is trying to ~

jump-start (supported) housing

his mandate is to ~ (politician)

jump-start the process

local governments have to ~

initiation: engine / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb

jump-start (noun)

jumpstart on the (holiday shopping) season

get a ~ (TV ad)

initiation: engine

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine

jungle (competition)

jungle

it's a ~ out there (survival of the fittest)

the fashion world can be a ~ (greed, etc.)

competition / danger: ground, terrain & land / jungle

jungle (environment)

hobo jungle

he lives in a ~ near the train tracks

environment: ground, terrain & land / jungle

junk (worth)

junk

his experiments were ~ (expert witness at trial)

television is no longer ~ (an opinion)

junk science

handwriting, fire, fiber, blood splatter analysis are all ~

junk status

their stock has been reduced to ~

worth & lack of worth: waste

junkie (game junkie, etc.)

adrenaline junkie

~s who risk life and limb (sports)

it's bound to appeal to ~s (skeleton racing)

~s get a thrill out of riding wood roller coasters

fitness junkie

I'm a ~ who works out every day

gadget junkie
holiday gifts for ~s (computer peripherals, etc.)

game junkie
a 16-year-old ~ with a PlayStation 2

information junkie
if you're an ~ (technology)

news junkies
day traders, ~, and the Web
~ can get a daily fix (Web site)

pain junkie
a bizarre band of ~s (ultrarunners)

space junkies
~ hoping to book a flight (to the space station)

vinyl junkie
I was such a ~, the labels, the grooves, the blackness, the artwork on the covers...

waterfall junkie
hardcore ~s (those who love to find, visit falls)

college basketball junkies
~ and the NCAA tournament

junk-food junkie
a notorious slacker and ~

Internet junkie
living with an ~ ("Come to bed!")

bona fide junkie
the average weather watcher and the ~ (storm chasers)

political junkies
~ will obsess endlessly about...

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine / person
person: addiction

jury (the jury is out)

jury is (still) out
the ~, we don't know about next year (pandemic)

jury is still out on whether
the ~ this approach will be successful (medicine)
the ~ active-shooter drills do more harm than good

certainty & uncertainty / judgment: justice
fate, fortune & chance: justice
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: justice

justice (groups)

climate justice
Tazo, a tea company is deeply invested in ~

inclusion & exclusion: society

K

Kafkaesque (adjective)

Kafkaesque grounds
lawyers forced him to reopen the case on the ~ that...

Kafka-esque journey
a truly ~ through the bureaucracy (France)

Kafkaesque nightmare
my ~ is to be...
he described the conservatorship as a ~ (#FreeBritney)
my client is begging the court to end this ~ (#FreeBritney)

Kafkaesque outcome
that ~ demonstrates the way the system is run (education)

♦ "Then he stopped talking. There came a long, awesome silence from my father, a sort of Gregor Samsa silence, as though I had turned into a cockroach before his eyes. From my side too there was a guilty silence, as though I really had been some kind of wretched insect all along, and now my secret was out and everything was lost. / At the end of the silence Father began talking...He initiated me into the deepest secrets of the librarian's lore..." (*A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

kangaroo court

kangaroo court
the term "~~" came to mind (Title IX investigation)
the hearing took place in a ~ (English Football)
is this a ~, get a rope and do it right (the film *Stalag 17*)
I urge my colleagues to reconsider this ~ (impeachment)

campus kangaroo courts
~ deny the accused rights (US universities)

run this kangaroo court
who appointed these people to ~ (a sports problem)

found guilty by a kangaroo court
we have been ~ (Manchester City soccer club)
♦ An older phrase for this is a drumhead court, or drumhead court-martial, which often led to a firing squad.

judgment / oppression: animal / justice

Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.)

Kansas of China
the basin is the ~, fertile and rich (Red Basin / China)

comparison & contrast / farming & agriculture: epithet

karat (24-karat)

24-karat gold
he has a heart of ~

24-karat gold (m)
he is a ~ personality (a restaurant owner)

24-karat moment
Brooklyn's championship was a ~ (baseball)

24-karat nugget
his Short Symphony is a ~ (Copeland)

24 karat product
the products I've sold are ~ in every way (fund-raiser)

24 karat or fool's gold
it's hard to say if he is ~ (an athlete bought by a team)

worth & lack of worth: materials & substances / mining

karma (fate)

artistic good karma
the musical has had ~ to... (topicality)

♦ [T]his is what is known as Karma! (A Manchester United hater, after Man U lost to Liverpool 0-4.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

keel (even keel)

keep things on an even keel
let's ~

keep an even keel
I need to ~ for my kids (while Dad is on trial)
♦ "Certainly my life was [a 'bloomin' kick-up]; but, to some extent, my Indian training served to ballast me." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

equilibrium & stability: boat

keep up (awareness)

keep up with the issues
I try to ~

consciousness & awareness: walking, running & jumping / verb

keep up (progress)

keep up
we want to ~ and not fall behind (government official)
technology is outpacing the ability of governments to ~

keeping up
working-class families aren't ~ (educating kids)

keeping up with the rest of the world
in education, the US is not ~

competition / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

kernel (noun)

kernel of a (future) threat
the far-sighted saw a ~

creation & transformation: plant
growth & development: plant

kernel (amount)

kernel of truth
the story has, at most, a ~ at its core (David and Goliath)

amount: plant / size

key (important)

key
the ~ is to notice when and where he does it (toddler)
this could be the ~ that unlocks the mystery

key to (successful) marriage
the ~ is...

key to his (business) strategy
the ~

key to (mission) success
coordination and flexibility are ~ (military)

key to (the school's) success
teamwork is the ~

key to survival
hard work was the ~ (the Great Depression)

key to investing
the ~ is...

key accomplishments
write down your ~ and use specific examples (job)

key advantage
Vodafone has ~s over the competition

key aides
kill the terrorist bin Laden and his ~

key alloy
nickel is a ~ in stainless steel

key (regime) assets
targeting ~ (military)

key bridges
~, road intersections, and mountain passes (war)

key courses
avoid crowding in ~

key decision
when it comes to ~s

key detail
it overlooked one ~

key difference
he points out a ~ between the men

key emotion
empathy, the ~, emerges early

key evidence
his dying declaration was the ~ (murder case)

key fact
the ~ was that...

key factor
communications is the ~
three ~s contribute to burnout...

key (terrain) features
~ and landmarks (military)

key figure
he is the ~ in the group

key infrastructure
every other ~ depends on it (electricity) (terrorism)

key meetings
~ held privately by the rich counties

key message
I think one of the ~s is...

key moment
he failed to maintain his situation awareness at ~s (war)

key objective
the airfield would be a ~

key organizer
Beck was a ~ of the Seattle protests

key partner
Ethiopia is a ~ in US counterterrorism efforts (in region)

key (leadership) positions
troops in ~

key post
he went to work filling the ~s (government)

key principle
the ~ in the court case

key requirement
the ~ during a retrograde is to maintain positive control

key rules
teach your swimmers these four ~ (drownings)

key species
the caribou is a ~ in the refuge

key technique
mastered the ~ to create a nuclear bomb

key term
define the ~s listed in this chapter (nursing)

key terrain
the target may be ~, a farm, a ridgeline
seize or hold ~ and counterattack the enemy
the high ground in desert terrain is usually ~
~ or landmarks are used to ... (minefield)

key test
the ~ will involve...(gene therapy)

key time
their parents are home at ~s of the day

key (rebel-held) town
a ~

key witness
police didn't interview ~s

the ~ for the prosecution

key transit point
Kandahar is a ~ for raw opium

key staging area
Peshawar served as the ~

key finding
a ~ was lax security (prison escape)

importance & significance: key

key (throw away the key)

throw away the key
they should put him in jail and ~
~ this time (arrested again)

punishment & recrimination: key / verb

key (access)

have the key
you'll ~, you can open the door (NYC vaccine pass)

turn the key
we are unlocking, but we must ~ slowly (pandemic travel)

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / key

keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)

Keyhole
the ~ in Larimer County, Colorado (an arch)

Keyhole Falls
~ on the Lillooet River...

Keyhole nebula
the Carina Nebula, the ~, brighter than the Orion Nebula

epithet / proper name: shape

geography: epithet

keynote (noun)

keynote speaker
the ~ was...

importance & significance: sound

keystone

keystone members
vultures are ~ of the scavenging community

keystone species

a ~ helps determine the types of other species
as the ~ disappears, so do others (oaks)
the walrus is considered a ~ in Arctic marine ecosystems

♦ A keystone is the stone at the apex of an arch (or vault) that helps to lock the structure in place and prevents it from collapsing, in many cases.

bases: infrastructure

kick (kick one's butt, etc.)

kicked my butt

asthma ~ (the great boxer Shannon Briggs)

feeling, emotion & effect: leg / sensation / verb

kick (kick oneself)

kicked myself

I ~ for not doing a better job of...

punishment & recrimination: foot / verb

kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)

kick in the teeth

it's been a real ~

feeling, emotion & effect: leg / foot / sensation / verb

kickback (corruption)

bribery and kickback (m)

taken him to court on ~ charges (politician)

bribery, kickbacks, theft and conspiracy

a web of ~ (military contracts / Iraq)

social interaction: foot

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: foot

kicked off

kicked off the (soccer) team

he was almost ~ for missing practices...

kicked off her team

she may now be ~... (kid)

dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg

kicked out

kicked out of Harvard

he was ~ for... (William Randolph Hearst)

kicked out of her dorm

her daughter was getting ~ for not paying rent

kicked out of their families

elderly women ~ (witchcraft / Mozambique)

kicked out of a (UW master's) program

he was ~ because... (student)

kicked out of the stadium

if a fan chants racist abuse now, he is ~ (soccer)

get kicked out

if they tell their parents, they ~... (gay students);
I'd rather leave than ~ (a bad school)

got kicked out

I wanted to be a priest, but I ~ of seminary

dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg

kick in (start)

kick in

the link between recession and crime may ~

kicked in

the Italian mix of quality and durability ~ (soccer)

instinct kicked in

a stubborn playground ~ (not backing down in combat)

training kicks in

and then your ~ (combat)

wealth and connections kicked in

when he returned to Mexico, his ~ (extradited politician)

time to kick in

give your new diet ~ (weight loss)

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / foot / leg / mechanism / verb

kicking and screaming

kicking and screaming

the president, ~, was bought into that (to agree a bill)

drag some along kicking and screaming

he may have to ~ (a reform police chief)

eagerness & reluctance: foot / leg / sound

resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / leg / sound

kick off (verb)

kicking off

Memoria Day sales are ~

kicked off here

an international Islamic conference ~ yesterday (Riyadh)

kicks off in Tampa

as the convention ~ (politics)

kick off this afternoon

the trial will ~ (impeachment)

kicked off the celebrations

bands and parades ~ at noon... (New Year)

kicked off a (nationwide) crackdown

authorities ~ against unlicensed Internet Cafes (China)

kick off the fiesta

revelers packed the streets to ~ (Pamplona)

kick off the (shortboard) revolution

his board designs helped ~ (surfing)

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: foot / football / leg / sports & games / verb

kickoff (noun)

kickoff breakfast

she attended the Democratic Convention ~

tomorrow's kickoff

both sides have filed arguments ahead of ~ (trial)

Wednesday's kickoff

~ is the culmination of a process (a trade treaty)

campaign kickoff

her ~ will draw inspiration from her late mother (Clinton)

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: foot / football / leg / sports & games

kick out (verb)

kicked her out of the house

I ~ (live-in girlfriend)

kick me out of school

they threatened to ~

kick her out

I was afraid they would ~ (toddler who bites / daycare)

she kicked him out

~ (grandmother found out he was gay)

threatened to kick me out

they ~ of school

dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

kick-start (verb)

kick-started this whole investigation

Comey's firing ~ (politics)

kick-start weight loss

Atkins saw ketosis as the obvious way to ~

kick-started the process

he ~ to have the relics returned to Libya

♦ The pundit who wrote about the need for a candidate to "kickstart a moribund campaign" made me laugh out loud. I would try to *revive, reinvigorate, resuscitate, or breathe life into* that poor campaign, not stomp on its chest with what I am wearing on my feet! I would only try to *kickstart or jump-start* it if it had *stalled*. Warning: you can point out people's mixed metaphors, or you can have friends.

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / leg / verb

kick up (verb)

gale kicked up

a ~, causing a choking dust storm (Kansas)

waves kicked up

had the ~... (open canoe in Glacier Bay)

wind kicked up

the ~ and the ridgeline turned frigid (Afghan combat)

wind was kicking up

but the ~, there was no moon and they need to hurry

initiation: foot / leg / verb

kid (big kid on the block)

big kid on the (geopolitical) block

we're no longer the only ~ (the US in Asia)

strength & weakness: size

kill (verb)

killed the idea

a backlash from parents and school counselors ~

kills innovation

regulation ~ (tech industry)

kill the legislation

liberals helped to ~

killing (more and more) people

methamphetamines are ~ in the US (Blacks, Indians)

killed (1,800) people

Hurricane Katrina ~ in 2005

kill (large) ships

the Antey-class subs were designed to ~ (aircraft carriers)

killed the story

Esquire ~ (by Nelson Algren about Rubin Carter)

kills them

your immune system identifies those rogue cells and ~

hard to kill

though hope is frail, it's ~ (Whitney, Mariah)

♦ "I worry very little about change killing us." (Social media advertising, monetizing, commodification, etc.)

♦ "They've been trying to murder memory." (Politics.)

curtailment / destruction: death & life / verb

kill (verb / accomplishment)

kill it

oh, she would ~, she would be so great on this show

killed it

he ~ (an excellent performance)

killing it

they are ~ (a company doing well)

digs, kills, assists, blocks, aces

~ (volleyball)

♦ "They are killing it, they are crushing KFC." (Chick-fil-A versus Kentucky Fried Chicken, according to a professor of marketing at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, also known as Wharton Business School. The University of Pennsylvania is a private Ivy League university in Philadelphia, established in 1881.)

♦ "7-year-old girl who slayed the makeup game is back." (An online ad from Brightly Creative.)

success & failure: death & life / verb

killed (by disease, etc.)

killed in Italy

Beradelli is among 50 priests ~ (died from coronavirus)

killed as of April 10

with 1,185 ~ (Bronx coronavirus deaths)

killed by coronavirus

at least 50 priests have reportedly been ~ in Italy

♦ "Kostis was executed at close range with a spear gun." (A Mediterranean monk seal, according to the Hellenic Society for the Study and Protection of the Monk Seal, or MOn, charity.)

death & life: verb

killer (silent killer, etc.)

Silent Killer

carbon monoxide, the ~

"carrier killer"

the ~ has speeds higher than Mach 5 (ASBM / DF-21D)

♦ "Shame. You know, shame is a silencer. Shame is a killer. Shame is a murderer... I had nothing but shame in my entire life." (The actor Billy Porter.)

death & life: epithet

killer (killer story, etc.)

killer story

if it's truly a ~, eyeballs will find it (young journalist)

success & failure / superlative: death & life

kill off (verb)

kill off old habits

it's difficult to ~

curtailment / destruction: death & life / verb

killjoy (person)

killjoy

she was trying to be realistic and not a ~ (an educator)

♦ "There are no votes or money to be gained from being a killjoy." (Politics in the age of the COVID pandemic.)

feeling, emotion & effect: death & life / person

character & personality: person

kin (noun)

kin to (mountain) country

when the sea is ~... (resemblance)

kin to the dulcimer

the bowed Psaltery, a stringed instrument ~

closer kin

laughter that's ~ to rage than joy

relationship: family

kindhearted (and kind-hearted)

kindhearted (m)

a ~ woman gave him some food

empathy & lack of empathy / character & personality: heart

kindle (verb)

kindles fears

release of bombing figure ~

kindled an (environmental) movement

her protest ~ (save the trees)

kindle violent behavior

its ability to ~ (alcohol and cocaine)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

kindred (kindred spirits, etc.)

kindred spirits

she was able to find other ~

feeling, emotion & effect / relationship: family

division & connection: family

king (king cobra, etc.)

king of beasts

this ~ (a lion)

king of fishes

on the white sand at the bottom lay the sturgeon, ~

king cobra

just a glimpse of a ~ can spread panic on a tea plantation

the ~ reaches up to 8 feet in length (India)

the ~ can growl (India)

king salmon

~ is the largest of Alaska's five salmon species

~ can weigh 30 pounds or more (Yukon River)

~, also called Chinook salmon...

epithet / proper name / superlative: royalty

size: epithet

king (products)

king

in this seafood-crazed country, tuna is ~ (Japan / sushi)

the automobile is ~ (issue of walkability of cities)

colleges where football is ~

in the old days the broadcast networks were ~

they came from the Deep South, where cotton was ~

King of Beers

Budweiser, the ~

king of fruit

Xiyuangulu lychees were dubbed "the ~" (China)

King of Steaks

Pat's ~ (Harry and Pat Olivieri / Philly cheese steak)

king of wool

shahtoosh wool, the "~" in Persian (Tibetan antelope)

superlative: epithet / royalty

epithet: royalty

king (person)

king

the customer is ~ (said by a Sony Corporation exec)

king of the carnival

King Momo, ~ (Rio)

king of Russian chanson

Mikhail Krug, often called the ~, was murdered

King of the city
he was the unofficial ~ (Pablo Escobar / Medellin)

“king” of *coupé-decale*
he had been referred to as the ~ (DJ Arafat)

“King of the Wild Frontier”
David Crockett, the ~

king of the hill
kids like to play ~

King of Instagram
he is often referred to as the ~ (Dan Bilzerian)

king of the mountains
points in the ~ competition (Tour de France)

King of Pop
Michael Jackson, the ~, was also the king of shyness

King of Soul
200,000 fans viewed the body of the ~ (Sam Cooke)

carnival king
a representation of the ~ is set ablaze (Martinique)

cocaine kings
all of the ~ had mansions, limos, helicopter (Colombia)

“Gypsy King”
Tyson the ~ Fury... (Nuff said)

Sausage King
Vladimir Marugov, the ~ (owned meat-processing plants)

Taxi King
Gene Freidman, known as “the ~” (NYC)

kings and queens
homecoming, the American tradition featuring ~ (school)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty
superlative: epithet / person / royalty
epithet / person: royalty

King Canute

King Canute
eliminating abuse is like ~ trying to hold back the tide
♦ *Canute was a very good Christian, and the whole story has been misinterpreted.*

control & lack of control: allusion / sea / tide

kingdom (animal kingdom)

animal kingdom
Darwin linked humans to the rest of the ~ (evolution)

taxonomy & classification: royalty

kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.)

Magic Kingdom
smiling faces at the ~ (Disney)

proper name: royalty

kingdom (control)

their own little kingdom
to an extent it's like ~ (prison / correctional officers)

operated as a kingdom
it essentially ~ rather than a corporation (advocacy group)

area / control & lack of control: royalty

kingpin (person)

drug kingpin
the ~ was executed...(Federal execution)
~s continue to run their cartels from prison (Mexico)

powerful kingpin
police have captured many of the most ~s (drug cartels)

bandits and kingpins
ballads about ~s (grupero music)

♦ *A kingpin was the main pivot in cars for steering*

bases / importance & significance / person: mechanism
power: person

kink (noun)

kinks
the ~ have been worked out (interagency coordination)
there are still some ~ to be worked out

kinks in the process
there are still some ~

kinks in the service
there are some ~

kinks in the system
perhaps the Mayor can work out the ~

annoying kink
the system still has ~s (gesture technology)

iron out any kinks
they are having a test run to ~ (restaurant opening)

work out the kinks
US officials are trying to ~ (border security)

flaws & lack of flaws: rope

kinship (noun)

kinship with the painter
he felt an immediate ~

felt an (immediate) kinship
he ~ with the painter

feeling, emotion & effect / relationship: family
division & connection: family

Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.)

Canadian Kipling
he earned the nickname, the ~ (Robert W. Service)

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: epithet

kiss of death

kiss of death

asking for a term paper in four weeks is the ~ (cheating) if he does endorse someone, it turns out to be a ~ once you lose credibility, that's the ~ (crisis management) trying to ban handguns would be the ~ (US) to be known as gay then was a ~ (job / 1960s)

kiss of death to a teen girl's reputation

teenage pregnancy used to be the ~

kiss of death politically

to be seen as a US supporter is a ~

♦ This refers to the kiss that Judas gave Jesus after the last supper, which identified Jesus to the soldiers.

destruction / fate, fortune & chance: allusion / Bible / death & life / religion

kitchen (creation)

"kitchen" for weather

the Arctic is the ~ in the northern hemisphere

♦ Education and Sociology are the "kitchens" for much of the "contempo-speak" we all hear nowadays.

creation & transformation: cooking

knee (bring to one's knees)

brought the entire world economy to its knees
it suddenly ~ (COVID pandemic)

brought the pirates to their knees
the war ~ (Barbary States)

bring the rebels to their knees
their efforts to ~

brought this (once-mighty) bank to its knees
he ~

condition & status / dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / knee / standing, sitting & lying / verb

knee (on knees)

on its knees
the economy was ~, now it's on its feet (politics)

condition & status / decline: direction / knee / standing, sitting & lying

knee (oppression)

knee of injustice
we have all seen the ~ on the neck of black Americans

knee on the neck
he has his ~ of the public-health community (politics)

Get Your Knee Off Our Necks
the event included a ~ protest

took world football's knee off Africa's neck

so 2010 ~ (South African World Cup)

oppression: knee

knee (take a knee)

take a knee

George Floyd's family and lawyers ~, call for justice
public hostility towards athletes who ~

take a knee against racism

Olympians ~, under new policy (Tokyo)

"take a knee" protests

school district threatens to remove athletes for ~

Raise a Fist, Take a Knee

~: *Race and the Illusion of Progress in Modern Sports*

♦ "That issue [prejudice] is now full and centre and top of the mind in the world and I think this movement of Black Lives Matter and taking the knee campaign made the world sit back and look at the issue. So 2010 took world football's knee off Africa's neck, I don't think it will be allowed to put that knee on Africa's neck again." (Danny Jordaan, organising chief for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, won by Spain. From "2010 took world football's knee off Africa's neck," BBC, July 11, 2020.)

♦ "I don't believe in gestures, I believe in substance, I believe in doing things that make a practical difference." (Prime Minister Boris Johnson, asked if he would "take the knee.")

inclusion & exclusion: society

knee (risen from its knees, etc.)

risen from its knees

the country has ~, from humiliation...

dominance & submission / superiority & inferiority / resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / knee / standing, sitting & lying

kneecap (verb)

kneecap an (American) ambassador
nobody should be able to ~ (politics)

kneecap the Postal Service

he is trying to ~ to discourage voting

politically kneecap

he tried to ~ Bill Clinton (George HW Bush)

♦ "He's basically hitting at the kneecaps of the process we all depend on." (A political kerfuffle.)

coercion & motivation: crime / knee / verb / violence

kneecapped

kneecapped through a smear campaign
she was ~ (a US ambassador)

coercion & motivation: crime / knee / verb / violence

knee-jerk (adjective)

knee-jerk reaction

the gun law was a ~ to the Parkland school shooting
hysteria and ~s (election politics)
this law is a ~ to a tragic event

knee-jerk solutions

many companies have come up with ~ (training)
♦ "[T]he simple, elegant, inexpensive almost plebeian swing of the reflex hammer has a cost/benefit ratio that I think no advanced technology will likely ever match." (Dr. Stephen Krieger, an expert on multiple sclerosis.)

control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone **kneel (and kneel down, etc.)**

kneel down before North American imperialism
we will never ~ (Venezuela)
dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:
direction / knee / religion / standing, sitting & lying / verb

knell (death knell / obsolescence)

sounded the death knell for VHS
DVD ~
sounded the death knell for these landmarks
the mobile phone may have ~ (London's red phone boxes)
♦ The tolling of a bell to mark someone's death.

curtailment / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence:
bell / burial / death & life / sound
sound: bell

knell (death knell / destruction)

death knell for his career
the documentary will sound the ~ (a filmmaker)
sound death knell for youth
drugs ~ (Kachin State in northern Burma)
♦ The tolling of a bell to mark someone's death.

destruction: bell / burial / death & life / sound
sound: bell

knife (knife in the heart)

knife in the heart
the date Feb. 6, 1958, is still a ~ (Man. U fan)
destruction: blade / creature / death & life / knife / heart
feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / heart / knife

knife (sharpen one's knife)

sharpened their knives
Madrid's media ~ (over a soccer controversy)
♦ "Chris dropped a knife that was used by Zucker's enemies." (CNN president forced to resign.)

punishment & recrimination / destruction: blade / knife

knife-edged

knife-edged ridge
the headwalls of back-to-back cirques form ~

shape: blade / knife

knight (Black Knights, etc.)

Black Knights
the Robbinsville ~ (high-school football team)

Golden Knights
the ~ Army Parachute Team
Scarlet Knights
the ~ are off to a slow start (Rutgers football)

proper name: Middle Ages

knight (knight in shining armor)

knight in shining armor
I'm the ~ (Lenox Lewis, out to save boxing)

help & assistance: Middle Ages / person

knit (knit together)

knits together many threads
the story ~ of Muslim grievances (suicide bomber)

knit the plays together
he ~ through overlapping themes (August Wilson)

knits this country together
the flood ruined every thread that ~

knit this enormous planet together
migratory birds ~

knit together as a unit
it has taken the team a while to ~

division & connection: cloth / verb

knit (tightly knit)

tightly knit community
it's a very ~ (Neptune City, Jersey Shore)

division & connection: cloth

knock-on (effect, etc.)

knock-on consequences
it will have ~

relationship: crashes & collisions

knock out (verb)

knocked out power
winds ~ (hurricane)
the storm ~ to thousands
the storm ~ to about 1.2 million people (California)

knocked out (several major power) utilities
the failure ~ (huge blackout)

knocked out 280 feet
the flood ~ of the 36-inch steel pipe (water line)

flood knocked out 280 feet
the ~ of the 36-inch steel pipe (water line)

storm knocked out power
the ~ to thousands

curtailment: boxing / fist / verb

force: storm

knockout (knockout blow, etc.)

knockout blow

the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)
the ~ was delivered when... (investigation / indictments)

knock-out blow

he was unable to land a ~ on Amy Klobuchar (politics)

knock-out phases

time will tell if Italy can advance to the ~ (soccer)

force: boxing / fist

knockout (knockout voice, etc.)

knockout figure

she had a ~ and dressed provocatively

knockout voice

she has a ~ and terrific timing (a singer)

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist

knot (the Pamir Knot, etc.)

Pamir Knot

the ~ (Pamirs, Hindu Kush and Karakoram meet)

proper name: rope

knot (noun)

tie the city in knots

one million tourists will ~ (Olympics)

obstacles & impedance: rope

know (in the know)

in the know about what

was he ~ was unfolding in Ukraine

consciousness & awareness: part of speech

know-how (noun)

technological know-how

we have the ~ to solve the problem

knowledge & intelligence: part of speech

knuckle under (verb)

knuckle under to these demands

Facebook could ~ or get knocked offline (Vietnam)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:
fist / position / verb / violence

Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)

drinking the coolaid

you haven't seen the video or you're just ~ (comment)

drank the Kool-Aid

wow, you really ~, no, I don't feel that at all (culture wars)

drunk the Kool-Aid

kids who have ~ (only one path to good life / school)

♦ "Already you have a little bit of hater-ade against you, people are drinking it about you." (From a woman on CBS This Morning to Jeanine Cummins on the publication of her book *American Dirt*.)

♦ This refers to the mass suicide of over 900 members of the People Temple in Jonestown, Guyana, in 1978. Many of them drank a powdered drink laced with cyanide. See the Wikipedia entry for "Drinking the Kool-Aid."

acceptance & rejection: food & drink

allegiance, support & betrayal: food & drink

commitment & determination / consumption: food & drink

kowtow (verb)

kowtow to the NCAA

the sovereign state of Montana will not ~ (sports)

kowtow to anyone

he did not feel like he had to ~

kowtow to the (religious) establishment

there is no need to ~ (broadcasting)

kowtow to the (very) rich

he will not ~ (Barak)

**dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:
direction / knee / religion / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.)

Krakatoa of the Middle Ages

it was the ~ (Kuwe eruption in 1453)

♦ Roger Crowley in 1453 writes about a possible link between the Kuwe eruption and weather and atmospheric effects during the siege of Constantinople.

♦ "For many, such as the young Luke Howard and his schoolmates at the Hillside Academy in Burford, the great cinema of light proved a magnificent compensation for all that was strange in the air. They gazed enraptured from the windows of the schoolhouse, while Howard, the sky watcher, wrote descriptions in his journal." (The strange weather of 1783 included in England appearances of the aurora borealis. From *The Inventions of Clouds* by Richard Hamblyn.)

♦ Another eruption often cited for its effects on sunsets and climate was the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora that caused the "Year Without a Summer" in 1816 and may have inspired J.M.W. Turner's vivid red sunsets.

♦ Simon Winchester writes about the atmospheric effects of the 1883 eruption of Krakatoa in his wonderful book *Krakatoa*.

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

Krakatoan (adjective)

Krakatoan proportions

it was a car crash of an interview of ~

♦ The awful explosion of August 4, 2020 in Beirut was of Krakatoan proportions.

♦ The "2022 Hunga Tonga eruption and tsunami" (Wikipedia) was an event of Krakatoan proportions.

amount & effect: explosion / sound / volcano

size: allusion / volcano

comparison & contrast: affix

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / sound /
volcano**

kryptonite (noun)

kryptonite for syphilis

penicillin has remained the ~

his kryptonite

I truly am ~ (Yang versus Trump / politics)

their kryptonite

the 49ers have been ~ in recent years (for the LA Rams)

Black Man's Kryptonite

"The ~" (article by Michael Eric Dyson in *Savoy*)

political kryptonite

immigration is basically ~ (politics)

Republicans consider the ACT to be ~ (Obamacare)

ratings kryptonite

religion can be ~

bring kryptonite

I am bulletproof, next time you best ~ (boast)

danger / destruction: allusion / weapon

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label (noun)

"one-percenter label

the ~ became a badge of honor (bikers)

"Progressive" label

more and more democrats embrace the ~

taxonomy & classification: object

labeled

labeled a troublemaker

he was ~ in school

taxonomy & classification: object

laboratory

laboratory for warfighting doctrines

Kandahar will be the ~ forged from...

experimentation: place

labor pains

labor pains

how to let peace be born despite the difficult ~

creation & transformation: birth

labyrinth (noun)

labyrinth of coral

the Great Barrier Reef, the marvelous ~ (Australia)

labyrinth of (feuding) clans and subclans

a ~ (Somalia)

labyrinth of passageways

inside the ~ (aircraft carrier HMS *Queen Elizabeth*)

bureaucratic labyrinth

working his way through the ~

waiting for years in the ~s of the immigration system

giant labyrinth

the ~ of this building (the United Nations)

♦ Gardens are associated with mazes, knot gardens and labyrinths.
People also enjoy corn and mirror mazes. *Labyrinth* is of Minoan origin
and is associated with the Minotaur.

complexity: allusion / infrastructure

lace (verb)

laced cannabis with heroin

he ~ to get women addicted to drugs

mixture: cloth / verb

laced (adjective)

laced with drugs

sausage rolls found ~ in Prestatyn

laced with broken glass

peanut butter ~ found in Aberdeen

profanity-laced

he delivered a ~ speech to the seamen

configuration: cloth

lacerate (verb)

lacerated Trump's calls

he ~ for the FBI to investigate political enemies

accusation & criticism / destruction / speech: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

lacerating (adjective)

lacerating in his humor

Obama was often ~ at such dinners, ribbing his rivals...

lacerating (social) drama

a ~ (*Sorry We Missed You*)

lacerating insults

~ and dialogue that sizzles with withering wit

self-lacerating

the song's ~ lyrics address her guilt (Adele)

there is also a soul-searching quality and a ~ humor

emotionally lacerating

in perhaps the movie's most ~ scene, he...

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / knife / sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

ladder (hierarchy)

ladder

they failed right on up the ~ (politics)

ladder of prestige

it was the pioneers who occupied the highest rung on the ~

ladder's (lowest) rung
the socioeconomic ~

career ladder
he is moving up the ~ (military)

corporate ladder
women who climb the ~

immigrant ladder
Chaudri climbed a well-worn ~ (washed dishes, cab)

income ladder
for her and others up and down the ~

leadership ladder
she ascended the ~ in Congress (Pelosi)

political ladder
by the mid-seventies he had climbed the ~ even higher

promotion ladder
the Army should break down its rigid ~ (reform)

tenure ladder
once you've fought and clawed your way up the ~

beauty-pageant ladder
she began to move up the ~

corporate ladder
their rung on the ~
arrogance and ego at the top of the ~

economic ladder
anyone who works hard enough can climb the ~ (US)

educational ladder
as women started climbing the ~ (effects on marriage)

socioeconomic ladder
the ~'s lowest rung

supervisory ladder
I never tried to go up the ~

rung on the ladder
it was the pioneers who occupied the highest ~ of prestige

rung on the (corporate) ladder
their ~

at the top of the (income) ladder
the majority of stocks are held by those ~

climbed the (corporate) ladder
he ~

move up the (economic) ladder
the play chronicles the struggles of a family to ~

moving up the (career) ladder
he is ~ (military)

promoted up the (developmental) ladder
he was ~ (a baseball player)

hierarchy: direction / ladder

ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)

ladders of opportunity
we have created ~ (education)

ladders of economic and social opportunity
they are pulling up the ~ to defend their place at the top

ladder to the middle class
the school is a ~

ladder to prosperity
they want to make education a ~

accession ladder
Western Balkans states have tried to climb the ~ (EU)

pull up the ladders
we were naïve to think the privileged wouldn't ~ of opportunity behind them

pulling up the ladders
they are ~ of opportunity to defend their place at the top
♦ "Boxing has long been a social staircase for those on the margins."

help & assistance: direction / ladder

ladder (increase)

escalation ladder
the posturing and the ~ that we're seeing with Iran

increase & decrease: direction / ladder

Lady Macbeth (epithet)

Lady Macbeth of Arkansas
the yuppie wife from hell, the ~ (wife of politician)

Lady Macbeth of the Balkans
she was known as the "~~"

Lady McBeth figure
you have described him as a ~ (Sunny Balwani)
Asaji, the ~... (in Kurosawa's *Throne of Blood*)

Wallis Simpson, Lady Macbeth, evil character
this ~ who led this man astray (a royal socialite)

♦ The play *Macbeth* is usually thought of in terms of manipulation, ambition, hate and revenge. On the other hand, the 2015 film *Macbeth*, directed by Justin Kurzel, portrays a love story. (See "Macbeth Without Evil" by Andrew O'Hagan, *The New York Review*, December 17, 2015.) And more recently, Naveen Andrews, who plays Sunny Balwani in the Hulu series *The Dropout*, compared his character to *Lady Macbeth*, and suggested that the story was about how far his character would go for *love!* (See "The Dropout's Naveen Andrews Saw Sunny Balwani as *Lady Macbeth*" by Roxana Hadadi, *Vulture*. In other words, what the epithet suggests can change as the work is interpreted through the generations.)

allusion: books & reading
behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control: allusion / epithet

lag (progress)

lagging
their kids' grades and test scores are ~

lag behind
women ~ men in the most visible arena of science

competition / growth & development / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

lagoon (noun)

lagoon

~s where hog manure is stored

hog-waste lagoon

North Carolina's 4,000 ~s

pumped into lagoons

sewage is ~ and left to evaporate or leach into the ground

resemblance: sea

lake (noun)

lake of fire

eternal damnation in the ~

resemblance: water

lamb (noun)

lambs

death devours sheep as well as ~

♦ Death devours lambs as well as sheep.

growth & development: animal / sheep

lamb (sacrificial lamb)

sacrificial lamb

the computers served them up as a ~ (BCS football)

♦ They refused to be taken like lambs to the slaughter (hijacked passengers).

sacrifice: animal / religion / sheep

lambast (verb)

lambast the president

the press conference saw him repeatedly ~

♦ Lambast (or lambaste) means to beat or whip severely.

accusation & criticism: whip / verb

speech: whip / verb

lame (lame excuse, etc.)

lame excuse

she refused to listen to my ~s

~s for dumping partners

what kind of ~ is that

attenuation: walking, running & jumping

flaws & lack of flaws: walking, running & jumping

worth & lack of worth: walking, running & jumping

lament (verb)

laments the killing

Trump ~

lamented the nation's systemic racism

Biden ~

feeling, emotion & effect: burial / music / sound / verb

lance (verb)

lance this (perpetual) boil

we need to ~ (diplomacy)

two boils

~ were lanced today (fired from *The New York Times*)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

lanced

lanced (today) from *The New York Times*

two boils were ~ (two men resign)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

land (place)

fantasyland

what kind of land have we strolled into, we're in ~ (boxing)

foreign land

school helps autistic kids navigate ~

strange land

in the ~ of gamer lingo (grokking, greebling, etc.)

area: ground, terrain & land

land (land a job, etc.)

landed a (bottom-rung) job

she ~ there (at a TV station)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish

land (landed him in jail, etc.)

landed him in hot water

his unapologetic remarks on issues have frequently ~

relationship: journeys & trips

land (arrive, affect, decide)

land

you don't always know how your words are going to ~
(texting / no facial cues)

landed

there was controversy after the article ~

landed at this day

we would have ~ sooner or later ("it's here now" / SolarWinds Hack)

land on that

it's a good question, where did you ~ (=decide)

land there

so, I don't think it's a good idea, and I'm gonna ~
I think it's difficult, I will ~ (conclude my remarks)

landing anywhere else

lots of teams could use him, do you see him ~ (cut)

landed already

those checks could have ~ (arrived in bank accounts)
land any minute
 they're waiting for information that could ~ (politicians)
place to land
 that is not a very reasonable ~ (a political decision)
 the data tells me this is the right ~ (a COVID decision)
how did it land
 when you read his remarks, ~ with you
how this plane lands
 it's unclear ~ (budget talks)
how those claims are landing
 can we tell ~ (of voter fraud / how many believe, effect)
where did your school land
 so, ~ (which option did it choose in response to pandemic)
wherever we land
 ~ on that question scientifically (COVID / = decide)
♦ This is often used with wh-question words: how did it land; where will it land; when will it land... It seems to be connected with the idea of something being "up in the air." It is a natural metaphor for people who are accustomed to flying and airports. In Bhutan, I suspect the equivalent expression is, "So, where does this yak stop?"
♦ One meaning of *land* means arrive. Another means "to affect you." Yet another meaning seems to be "decide."
♦ "It's become, how do I say customary to say, to thank service members like yourself, for your service. I think that's an acknowledgement that a lot of people who came back from Vietnam in particular that the country did them dirty, you know, did not respect what they had personally sacrificed even if people did not like or agree with the overall mission, right, or the overall conflict, okay, so, I think people want to do better, and, it has been, you know, one thanks people who served like yourself for your service, how does that land with you." (NPR's Michel Martin interviewing Laura Jedeid, author of "Afghanistan Meant Nothing." Jedeid was gentle in her answer.)
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: plane / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: plane / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane / verb
landing (stick the landing)
stick the landing
 though ambitious, the film doesn't always ~ (*Late Night*)
 the book moves quickly, and she manages to ~
sticks the landing
 it rarely ~ on any of them (interesting songs, but...)
stick the landing on the quid pro quo
 you have to ~, I don't see proof (impeachment trial)
stick the landing on a small pad in Florida
 it used rockets to stabilize itself and ~ (SpaceX / 2015)
♦ This refers to gymnastics.
starting, going, continuing & ending / success & failure: sports & games / verb
landmark (noun)
landmark act
 a ~ passed by the Senate (victims of human trafficking)
landmark case
 the US Supreme Court, in a ~ in 2000, rejected...
landmark climb
 he made a number of ~s in the Alps
landmark discovery
 the ~ could pave the way for new medicines
landmark moment
 it was a ~ in the evolution of artificial intelligence
landmark project
 one of his ~s was a shrine... (King Tut)
landmark step
 the ruling was a ~ (rape within marriage / Mexico)
landmark study
 his ~ compared students... (single-sex schools)
landmark work
 "Desert of the Heart" is considered a ~ of lesbian fiction
stand as a landmark
 his plays ~ in the history of black culture
direction / importance & significance: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips
landmine (and land mine)
landmines
 she worries about what she sees as ~ planted by Aliito
landmine for prosecution
 this is a ~ (new evidence)
potential landmine
 social media is a ~ (news coverage and privacy, etc.)
step on that landmine
 no nominee would ~ (contentious issue)
♦ "There are always land mines and hiccups that come along." (Doctor Anthony Fauci on vaccine production during the 2019-2020 pandemic.)
♦ "I can't run any more. I can't play with the other children and I can't go to school at the moment because of the infection." (Eleven-year-old Mawa, in Egypt. She kicked what she thought was a tin can and it blew off her foot. The UXO was a leftover from World War II.)
danger: explosion / military / walking, running & jumping / weapon
landscape (noun)
landscape
 her patience for this ~ varies (NYC magazine publishing)
landscape of journalism
 the Internet transformed the ~
landscape of our lives
 some journeys are etched into the ~ (Lake Ohrid)
landscape of Stevenson's great life
 and going through the ~ will be Claire Harman (BBC)
heavyweight landscape
 Andy Ruiz Jr has just thrown a grenade into the ~

media landscape
 the ~ was very different in the 1980s
 concern about the dominance of tech firms in the ~

sport landscape
 the ~

technology landscape
 a clearer picture of our future ~ (airline)

nanoscale landscape
 viruses, microchips operate in a ~

culinary landscape
 she is a sharp observer of the ~ (Charlotte Druckman)

dire landscape
 in 1969, what was on TV for kids was a very ~

diverse landscape
 pushing to create a ~ with mixed results (films / minorities)

economic landscape
 changes in the ~

educational landscape
 positive changes across the American ~

ethnic landscape
 the brutal violence has reshaped the ~

political landscape
 and here to talk about the ~ is... (radio show)
 the ~ was dramatically altered by the attack
 the democrats dominated the ~ for more than a generation
 Merkel has left a very fragmented ~ in Germany (election)

promotional landscape
 Christchurch's ~ is changing (city's wizard is let go)

religious landscape
 part of the ~

social landscape
 the ~

technological landscape
 adapted to the new ~

American political landscape
 he left the ~ much the same way it was (Mueller hearings)
 fragmented political landscape
 Merkel has left a very ~ in Germany (election)

new financial landscape
 electronic trading has created a ~

post-Title IX landscape
 in the ~, sexual panic rules (universities)

changes in the (economic) landscape
 there have been vast ~ since the fall of Communism

part of the (public-school) landscape
 charter schools are a significant ~

landscape can change
 the heavyweight ~ in a second

landscape may (well) change
 the heavyweight ~ once more (coming fights)

landscape shifted
 then, in the late '90s, the football ~ (US)

adapt to this (ever changing media) landscape
 trying to ~

altered the landscape
 pandemics ~ of public health forever

changes the landscape
 the new rule ~ (college admissions)

changed the landscape
 it ~ (grants for Duchenne research)
 Obama has ~ for all America (race)

dominate the landscape
 health-maintenance organizations came to ~

fit in this landscape
 help me understand, where does he ~ (politics)

left a (very fragmented political) landscape
 Merkel has ~ in Germany (new government)

navigate the (cyber) landscape
 so how are kids supposed to ~ (misinformation)

redefined (boxing's heavyweight) landscape
 his defeat by Usyk has ~

reshaped the (political) landscape
 in 2016 he ~ but lost (Bernie Sanders)

♦ (Costello) Thanks for joining us on 5 Live Boxing with Costello and Bunce. And now, with less than a month to go until the rematch between Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder in Las Vegas, it's a chance to assess the heavyweight landscape as it stands and shapes up at the moment, Steve. / (Bunce) And what a glorious landscape it is, Mike!

♦ An opening article of *The New Yorker*'s "The Talk of the Town" begins, "The legal landscape of the past weeks and months has prompted questions of..." The cliché is pervasive and sanctioned, even when duly used.

♦ The landscape can change *if you move through it*, in a car or a bus or on a train, for example. Otherwise, only great periods of time or catastrophic events like volcanic eruptions can alter the landscape. For example, the site of the great battle of Thermopylae between the Spartans and Persians is gone.

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

landslide (in a landslide)

lost in a landslide
 Carter ~ to Republican Ronald Reagan

win in a landslide
 if people voted today, he would ~

amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

landslide (by a landslide)

won by a landslide
 he ~ on the scorecards (boxer)

amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

landslide (other)

landslide of evidence

there was a ~ that fell around this defendant

landslide in favor of Democrats

there was no ~ (2020 US election)

landslide vote

Proposition 187 was approved in a ~ (California)

landslide victory

the opposition won a ~ in Kenyan elections

he was appointed principal chief in a ~ (Cherokee)

♦ In 1841, an earthquake caused a rockslide that blocked the Indus River. A huge lake formed behind the natural dam. Later in the year it failed, causing perhaps the largest flood in recorded history. Far downriver and across a plain, 500 Sikh soldiers drowned at Attock.

♦ In 1999, mudslides in Venezuela killed 10- to 30,000 people in Vargas State. They are referred to as "El Desastre de Vargas."

amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

lane (experience)

lane

this isn't just my ~, it's my highway (doctor / gun control)
he has had his ~ pretty much all to himself (politics)

lane is

so what our ~, is we wanna work with creators...

fast lane

she was in the ~ of the fast group (alcohol, sex, music...)

progressive lane

they are fighting for the same ~ in the party (candidates)

healing and love lane

ya'll know me, I have one lane, the ~ (activist at demo)

out of their lanes

cops are ~, playing judge, jury, and executioner (shooting)

carve out her own lane

she has managed to ~ (singing, fashion, etc.)

played his lane

if he would've ~ and kept his mouth shut (gang member)

stay in their lane

anti-gun doctors should ~ (fix wounded, not protest guns)

stepped out of its lane

OSHA ~, it went beyond its authority (a law case)

veered into the pop lane

a lot of people have ~ (from country music)

keeps the judiciary in its appropriate lane

the idea of standing ~ (Supreme Court)

♦ This word is often preceded by a possessive adjective: my lane, their lane, your lane, etc.

♦ "That's not their lane to teach my children about sexuality, that's my job." (An upset parent protesting school-library books like *The Bluest Eye*, *All Boys Aren't Blue*, and *Fun Home*.)

constraint & lack of constraint / experience / responsibility: infrastructure

language (of sports, cars, etc.)

language of boxing

he understood the universal ~ (ref's gestures, etc.)

language of pop feminism

the book was marketed with the ~

language of hope

the ~—whether, when and how to invoke it (hospitals)

language of science

the abstract, technical ~ (environmental issues)

language of "sport"

the international ~ (soccer)

language of the string

they have the ~ (international yo-yo contest)

language of white supremacy

Southern elected leaders spoke the ~ (after reconstruction)

language of war

its language is the ~ (US football)

language of understanding, peace and harmony

a smile is the universal ~

language of acronyms and weapons systems

she fluently speaks the military ~ (a young soldier)

language of football

Bora Milutinovic speaks the ~ (soccer)

hoaxers' language

Lenny Pozner figured he could talk the ~ (Sandy Hook)

body language

people send messages through their ~

mismatches between words and ~ (liars)

the worst sort of ~ to show a gorilla

computer language

Java, a ~ created by Sun Microsystems

FORTRAN was the first widely used ~

programming language

write applications in the Java ~

aspirational language

the ~ of democracy (women's rights, etc.)

different language

it's a ~ (military acronyms)

physicists are often speaking a ~ than biologists (math)

international "language"

the ~ of sport (soccer)

universal language

a smile is the ~ of understanding, peace and harmony

he understood the ~ of boxing (ref's gestures, etc.)

universal cinematic language

- exploding cars are a ~ (the *Fast and Furious* franchise)
- fluent in the language
Jake Paul was ~ of YouTube
- speaks the language
Bora Milutinovic ~ of football (soccer)
- understood the (universal) language
he ~ of boxing (ref's gestures, etc.)
- ♦ Cars have their own language—clunks, clanks, squeals, squeaks, and rattles—which can say a lot about a vehicle's health.”
 - ♦ “If you grew up in a black household, Ebonies [copies of *Ebony Magazine*] were everywhere... It's one of our languages.” (Rosa Duffy, bookstore owner and *Ebony Magazine* collector, about the transformational magazine that was intended to be *Life Magazine* for Blacks. Once a pillar of the Black community, this great magazine has fallen on hard times, and is now only available online. You would think some US philanthropist would endow a monthly hard-copy version of it in perpetuity. Sadly, not yet.)
 - ♦ “[Jake] Paul was fluent in the language of YouTube, where he came across as a familiar type: the high-school jock, popular and gregarious... / His body of work is filled with dubious stunts...and with mind-numbing repetition of the word, 'bro.' / [His videos] have drawn more than seven billion views; that figure, which approaches the population of this planet, does not account for the innumerable videos that summarize or criticize the ones that Paul has posted...” (“Punching Down” by Kelefa Sanneh, *The New Yorker*, November 8, 2021.)
 - ♦ “And from being trained, I think it's easier for me to speak a language to producers, and I can speak engineer to the engineers.” (The remarkable Lizzo, who is classically trained in music theory and performance, among other things...)
 - ♦ “Crossword puzzles are a way of documenting the language that we share.” (Anna Shechtman, crossword constructor.)
 - ♦ “There's no 'I' in 'team.'” (An NFL coach.)
 - ♦ “There's an 'I' in 'win.'” (An NFL player.)
 - ♦ “EOD handled the bombs. SSTP treated the wounds. PRP processed the bodies. The 08s fired DPICM. The MAW provided CAS. The 03s patrolled the MSRs. Me and PFC handled the money... / I will remember that our HMMWV had 5 PX. That the SITREP was 2 KIA, 3 WIA. That KIA means they gave everything. That WIA means I didn't.” (From the short story “OIF” in *Redeployment* by the brilliant Marine writer Phil Klay. OIF stands for Operation Iraqi Freedom.)
 - ♦ “There is jargon, and then there is jargon.” (Academic writing.)
 - ♦ “Such language risks destabilizing an already complicated situation.” (A Russian diplomat.)
 - ♦ Independent scrutineers (UK); violence interrupters (Baltimore); (seasoned) gallerists (NYC); disinformation researchers; narrative consultants; social theorists; bitcoin miners; thought leaders; creatives; influencers; chief experience officers (CXOs); lifestyle impresarios; drama therapists; online journalists; social justice reporters; data wranglers; documentarians; directors of equity and inclusion; diversity consultants; professional online gamers; crossword constructors; voter navigators; political spin doctors; youth climate ambassadors... (Newer types of workers, as opposed to more traditional workers like sawbones; railway bulls; rail-splitters; spitjacks; sutlers; pure-finders; mud larks; draymen; spinners; doffers; sweepers; carders; fullers; dressers; *Sekgees*; ostlers (hostlers); wind-millers; water-clerks; Pony Express riders; beaters; catchers; drivers; mahouts; trackers; printer's devils; typewriters; computers; miners; muckers; swamplers; nippers; drymen (to take care of the Dry); gandy dancers; muleteers (military); powder monkeys, etc.
 - ♦ “If we could claim marriage, we would be claiming an engine of transformation, a vocabulary of shared values—love, commitment, family, inclusion, dignity, respect—that would help non-gay people better understand who gay people really are, and allow us to share equally, not only in marriage, but in everything.” (“Radically Normal: How Gay Rights Activists Changed The Minds Of Their Opponents,” NPR, Hidden Brain (with Shankar Vedantam), April 8, 2019. Many gays at the time denigrated the tradition of marriage.)
 - ♦ “Gay pop stars can be—and have been—subversive about slipping in references that change our language and thoughts about gay sex. The more that happens, the less likely people feel uncomfortable hearing about it.” (Culture journalist Brennan Carley on BBC Culture.)
 - ♦ “The book was marketed with the language of pop feminism.” (Jill Lepore.)
 - ♦ Bill's Weekly Column. “How to Speak Progressive.” (Bill O'Reilly.)
 - ♦ “He lacks the TED-talk affect of some of his peers.” (Extracurricular Kids In High Places,” *The New Yorker*, Jan. 4 & 11, 2021.)
 - ♦ “Wokeness is not just a social philosophy, but an elite status marker, a strategy for personal advancement. You have to possess copious amounts of cultural capital to feel comfortable using words like *intersectionality*, *heteronormativity*, *cisgender*, *problematize*, *triggering*, and *Latinx...*” (“How The Bobos Broke America” by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)
 - ♦ “PEN15, write out the title, you'll get it, has begun its second season on Hulu...” (A well-briefed Scott Simon of NPR. This is an example of leetspeak.)
 - ♦ “The elk whisperer speaks English, Spanish and elk.” (Mark Casillas.)
 - ♦ “Those instructions [from the judge], I'm a lawyer and I couldn't understand them... They've gotten to be too much. They're legalese. And jurors tend to go by the smell test. Does it seem right? Does it seem wrong. And that's what we wanted the jury to do.” (Mark Richards, Kyle Rittenhouse's attorney, speaking to Ailsa Chang. From “Kyle Rittenhouse's defense attorney discusses the trial and acquittal,” NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 19, 2021.)
 - ♦ “The language a writer uses to create a world is that world, and Franzen's strenuously contemporary and therefore juvenile language is a world in which nothing important can happen. Madame Bovary's marriage *sucked*, Heathcliff was *into* Catherine: these words fail the context not just because they are of our own time. There is no import in things that 'suck,' no drama in someone's being 'into' someone else. A writer like Franzen, who describes two lovers as 'fucking,' trivializes their relationship. The result is boredom.” (“Smaller Than Life,” by B. R. Myers, *The Atlantic Magazine*, October, 2010.)
 - ♦ David Mendelsohn, in his review of Pat Barker's novel, *The Silence of the Girls*, wrote, “The prose yo-yoed between Academia.edu and a strained casualness that could inadvertently veer into the Borscht Belt... Too often, Briseis sounds like the voice-over from a History Channel special: ‘As a woman living in this camp, I was navigating a complex and dangerous world.’” (“The Many Wars of Pat Barker,” *The New Yorker*, October 18, 2021.)
 - ♦ “Yeah, they have these belts on with like all these extra bullets and they're like dressed for war.” (Leah like talking to her Brit producer, Georgia, for their podcast about the militia movement.)
 - ♦ “In the language of the show, this is a very 'Who-y' thing for a Them to have done.” (“Guiding Stars: How “Who Weekly” explains the new celebrity” by Rachel Syme, *The New Yorker*, June 7, 2021.)
 - ♦ “I call disabled viewing platforms the “cripple pen.” (A comment about “After the N-word, the P-word” by Rajni Bhatia, BBC, 11 June 2007.)
 - ♦ “A pidgin English field guide would list buk-buks, pakes, buddhaheads, katonks, mokes, titas, popolos, yobos, blalahs, haoles and portagees.” (Ethnic and racial labels used in Hawaii.)
 - ♦ “There was a lot of language I was unfamiliar with.” (A parent about messages he began receiving from his children's elite private school concerning antiracism. He ended removing his children from the school.)
 - ♦ “It occurred to me that, because the world media establishment had ignored the Balkans for so long..., these people never had to learn, as the Israelis and Arabs did, how to talk in code, so as not to offend Western sensibilities with their racial hatred. In the Balkans, people spoke more honestly than in the Middle East, and therefore more brutally.” (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by the superb writer and correspondent Robert D. Kaplan.)
 - ♦ “Collaborating with these gentry was a mixed crowd of wide-minded, wide-mouthed Liberals, who darkened council with pious but disintegrating catch-words, and took care to live very well indeed.” (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)
 - ♦ see also *boilerplate* (noun), *buzzword* (noun), *ese* (legalese, etc.), *funny language*, *lip service* (*pay lip service*, etc.), *speak* (NASA-speak, etc.), *supersizing* (*linguistic supersizing*), *talk* (*mediator talk*, etc.)
- fictive communication: speech**
language: sound / speech / sports & games

lap (lap of luxury)

lived in the lap of luxury
for a time we ~

situation: container / lap

lap (responsibility)

in the lap of the administration
it puts the issue ~ (politics)

falls in the lap
the issue now ~ of the head of food safety

landed in the lap
the case ~ of a federal judge

puts the issue in the lap
it ~ of the administration (politics)

responsibility: container / lap

lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)

company's lap
consumer data falls into the ~

falls into your lap
occasionally an opening line ~ (via an interview / writing)

possession: container / lap / verb

fate, fortune & chance: container / lap / verb
worth & lack of worth: container / lap / verb

lap (victory lap)

on the victory lap
Liverpool are now ~ (with win over Man U)

took a victory lap
President Trump ~ at the Michigan rally (politics)

taking a victory lap
this morning the president is ~ (peace deal)
no one is ~ here (US kills ISIS leader)

achievement, recognition & praise: sports & games
success & failure: sports & games

lapdog (noun)

lapdogs of Bush and Cheney
The New York Times reporters were ~ (Iraq War)

lapdog for the president
he is a ~ (the Senate leader)

lap-dog court system
a ~ that is beholden to the military (Myanmar)

American lapdogs
you are ~ (Lukashenko, about British sanctions)

self-serving political lap dog
he's a ~ (criticism of a US general)

dominance & submission: animal / dog / lap

lapidary (adjective)

lapidary
The Essays in Idleness are ~ (Kenko)

lapidary chapters
Rady's fascinating ~ (*London Review of Books*)

lapidary poems
his most ~ (Philip Larkin)

lapidary polish
the high ~ of his witty prose (Waugh)

lapidary precision
he is a realist painter of ~ (Caleb Considine)

♦ This word often appears in the *New Yorker Magazine*, in reviews of artists. It refers to the work involved in cutting, polishing and engraving precious stones. The opposite would be *unpolished*.

superlative: materials & substances / mining
flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / mining

lap up (verb)

rapped up such complaints
he ~ (an editorial cartoonist)

lap it up
audiences ~ (rape and murder of females / entertainment)

consumption: animal / food & drink / tongue / verb
absorption & immersion: animal / food & drink / tongue / verb

lash (a storm lashed the Philippines)

lash the Philippines
about 20 major storms ~ each year

ashed the islands with wind and rain
the hurricane ~

force: storm

lash out (verb)

ashed out at (Obama's) campaign
the GOP nominee ~

ashed out at the (US) military
he ~

ashed out at Army officials
Barton ~ (the Angel of the Battlefield)

ashed out over (questionable) reporting
he ~ (a bereaved father)

implode (violently) or lash out
the repressive regime might now ~

speech: verb / violence / whip
accusation & criticism: verb / violence / whip

last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time)

last Sunday night
I was talking to him ~

sequence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
past & present / time: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
last (time / verb)

last forever
summer would not ~

time: verb

last-ditch (adjective)

last-ditch appeal
his lawyers filed a ~ (capital case)

last-ditch effort
a hiring freeze is often a ~ to reduce staff
this was a ~ to help him (a troubled athlete)

last-ditch measure
operators used seawater as a ~ to cool the reactors

conflict / commitment & determination / difficulty, easiness & effort / fate, fortune & chance / resistance, opposition & defeat / survival, persistence & endurance: ground, terrain & land / military

last hurrah

last hurrah
WW II veterans gathered for a ~ (memorial)

last hurrah for the (landmark) restaurant
it was a ~ (New Year's Eve celebration / bankrupt)

girls' last hurrah
this is these ~ (bachelorette party)

beginning or a last hurrah
it may be a new ~ (US health-care legislation)

♦ The 1913 Gettysburg Reunion marked the 50th anniversary of the battle and was considered a great success. President Woodrow Wilson addressed the reunion and gave a conciliatory speech on July 4th.

starting, going, continuing & ending: military / sound
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: military / sound

last rites (noun)

last rites
don't administer ~ to Irish Catholicism yet (scandals)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine / religion

late (timeliness)

late
the hour was ~ (need for a policy)

not too late
it's ~ to turn things around (politics)

getting late
the hour is ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

late (late Stone Age, etc.)

late Stone Age
by this time, in the ~...

time: prep, adv, adj, particle
sequence: prep, adv, adj, particle

latest (the latest / most recent)

latest on that case
what is the ~

the latest (teen) craze
~ in clothes, music, illegal drugs

the latest effort
in ~ to restore stability after a military coup...

the latest flare-up
~ of their long-running feud (2 NASCAR drivers)

the latest 'in thing'
not long ago Osaka was ~ to blow in (vs. Gauff)

the latest twist
EFPs are ~ in a lethal game of measure, countermeasure

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

Latin (Latin of Korea, etc.)

Latin of Korea
ideographic Chinese—the ~—was isolated from everyday speech

comprehension & incomprehension: history

latitude (wide latitude, etc.)

latitude for interpretation
a rule leaves very little if any ~

latitude to intervene
that would give him more ~ (a national emergency)

creative latitude
he had wide ~ (a filmmaker)

maximum latitude
he takes speculation to its ~

allow you some latitude
I'll ~ (judge at jury trial)

have (enormous) latitude
when it comes to foreign policy, presidents ~ (US)

♦ In Latin, *latus* means wide and *longus* means long.
♦ "Discretion" is a synonym...sometimes! Or "extent." Or "room," which nowadays would be expressed as "space."

constraint & lack of constraint / extent & scope: map

laugh (last laugh)

have the last laugh
he may ~ here (congressional hearing)
Freud may posthumously ~ (analysis of mass hysteria)

have a kind of last laugh
though the A380 killed off the 747, Boeing will ~

revenge: bodily reaction / sound

fate, fortune & chance: bodily reaction / sound

laughed out (of court, etc.)

laughed out of the (educational) community
if somebody suggested that model, they would be ~

laughed out of court
the case will be ~

laughed out of my profession
if I'd talked like this early in my career, I'd've been ~

laughed out of the studio
he was ~ (Dick Clark pitching *American Bandstand*)

literally laughed out of office
he was ~ (Republican arrested in a men's room)

virtually laughed out of the room
when he suggested the idea, he was ~, but...

got laughed out of a couple of professor's offices
I actually ~ (a student with a novel good idea)

admiration & contempt: bodily reaction / sound

launch (verb)

launched the age
he ~ of chemical warfare (Fritz Haber / 1915)

launched an (international appeal)
the Red Cross has ~ for aid (Haiti earthquake)

launched a (court) challenge
he has ~ against the King (Swaziland)

launched a campaign
they ~ of civil disobedience (Birmingham)

launched a crackdown
the government has ~ on corruption

launched a (hugely popular) franchise
the blockbuster film ~ (X-Men)

launched a movement
they ~ that has been both applauded and denounced

launched a (quiet charm) offensive
sensing he might welcome allies, she ~

launched a project
the department ~ to install lights at crossings (safety)

launched a review
the UKA ~ (sports doping)

launched a revolution
he ~ (astronomer looking at X-ray emitters)

launched a (massive) search
officials ~ for the missing sailor

launched an (all-out) war
in 2003 Thailand ~ on meth (Yaba)

launch a (trade) war
he wants to ~

launched his business
he ~ this spring

inauguration / initiation: verb

launch (noun)

soft launch
NBC introduced the website with a ~ (NBCBLK)

inauguration / initiation: flying & falling

launching pad

launch pads for emotions
murder trials can be ~, which can be sky-high

launching pad for the invasion
Kuwait will be the main ~

launching pad for gay marriage
Hawaii seemed the likely ~

launching pad for the embassy bombings
Somalia was a ~ (1998)

used that win as the launchpad
Liverpool ~ to a golden future (Champions League)

initiation: mechanism / rocket

launder (verb)

launder their image
they are using sports to ~ (sportswashing)

laundered (the warden's) money
Andy Dufresne ~

concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: clothing & accessories / hygiene / verb

laundry (laundry list)

laundry list of (unacceptable) behaviors
a ~

laundry list of challenges
the city is choosing a mayor to solve a ~

laundry list of illnesses
he's a 67-year-old man with a ~

amount: clothing & accessories / hygiene

laurels (praise)

won more laurels
he ~ leading world-renowned ensembles (Andre Previn)
♦ "Better deserve honor and not have it, than have it and not deserve it."

achievement, recognition & praise: allusion / history / sign, signal, symbol / tree

law (law of the jungle, etc.)

law of the jungle

for such is the ~, death to the weaker, food to the stronger

law of claw, horn and fang

the leopard lives by the ~

competition: animal / jungle / predation

Lawrence (T. E.)

“Lawrence of Afghanistan”

Army Maj Jim Gant, known as ~

Lawrence of Iraq

Travis Patriquin has been dubbed the T. E. ~

America’s “Lawrence of Arabia”

Captain Travis Patriquin, ~ in Ramadi

♦ “The Fall of the Green Berets’ *Lawrence of Afghanistan*” by Mark Thompson, *Time*, June 25, 2014.)

♦ “We could not leave him where he was, to the Turks, because we had seen them burn alive our hapless wounded. For this reason we were all agreed, before action, to finish off one another, if badly hurt: but I had never realized that it might fall to me to kill Farraj.” (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by T.E. Lawrence, Book VIII, Chapter XCIII.)

♦ According to his Wikipedia entry, the great Vietnamese general Vo Nguyen Giap “had no direct military training and was a history teacher at a French-speaking academy, citing T.E. Lawrence and Napoleon as his two greatest influences.”

military: epithet

allusion: books & reading

Lawrence of Arabia-esque

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James was kind of ~, and he probably cultivated that image (Alistair Harris about James Le Mesurier)

comparison & contrast: affix

lay (put)

lay the blame elsewhere

many fans ~ (struggling soccer club)

laying the blame on China

the US is ~ (politics)

throwing, putting & planting: pile / verb

lay (lay bare)

lays bare the fault lines

the report ~ that divide this group (Amish)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / verb

lay (lay into)

laid into President Trump’s policies
he ~

accusation & criticism: force / verb

speech: force / verb / violence

layer (analysis)

layer of the onion

you notice that for every ~ there’s another underneath it

layer deeper

we need to dig a ~

peels back yet another layer

a revealing new interview ~ (a politician)

♦ “So many layers, Diane, to this story, a lot of moving parts, and it will of course be very interesting to see how it all plays out...” (Marcus Moore of ABC reporting on a sensational murder case.)

♦ “It’s surprising, and shocking, what you learn when you begin to peel back the onion.” (Dateline NBC, “Horror at the Lake.”)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables / mining

lay of the land

lay of the land

he knew the ~ (Congress)

can you give us the ~ (explain something)

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

analysis, interpretation & explanation: ground, terrain & land

layup (noun)

layup

it won’t be a ~, but it’s a shot we need to take (prosecution)

layup for the prosecution

the case looked like a ~, but...

certainty & uncertainty: basketball / sports & games

difficulty, easiness & effort: basketball / sports & games

Lazarus (Emma Lazarus)

Emma Lazarus

somewhere, ~ is weeping (US immigration politics)

migration: allusion / history / person

Lazarus (Bible)

Lazarus

he’s not the comeback kid, he’s ~ (a politician)

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: allusion / Bible / death & life / religion

leach (verb)

leached *badass* of its badassery

overuse has ~

leached into every aspect of our lives
race has ~

leached out of the Democratic ranks
the intensity seems to have ~ (politics)

life-leached

the ~ margins of the Great Salt Lake

dismissal, removal & resignation / taking & removing: verb / water

lead (restraint)

give him a long lead

you had to ~ (the inimitable Dennis Keith Rodman)

control & lack of control: animal / horse

lead (one thing leads to another)

leads his colleagues to "blow up"
the pressure ~ from time to time

led scientists to document
his discovery ~ earlier outbreaks (epidemic)

lead you to your best achievements
the truth is, fear of failure can ~

led me to a different conclusion
my analysis ~

led women to desperate acts
a decade of war has ~ (Chechnya)

led him down a dangerous path
his unswerving belief in himself ~

lead to (intraabdominal) abscess
intestinal leaks may ~

leads to abuses
secrecy ~ of power (terrorism investigations)

lead to blindness
trachoma can ~ as eyelashes turn in on the eyeball

led to the breakup
the issue ~ of their marriage (attending sex clubs)

lead to the collapse
the situation could ~ of the Iraqi government

led to a confrontation
a feud between next-door neighbors ~

lead to death
even drops of spittle or beads of sweat can ~ (Marburg)

led to death
pregnancy often ~ in childbirth (19th century US)

led to the death
what ~ of George Floyd

lead to dissension
bonus disparities can ~ in the ranks (military)

leads to doom
in social-hygiene films, transgressions ~

lead to menstrual dysfunction
an eating disorder can ~, osteoporosis (athletes)

lead to an ileus
pneumonia can ~, abdominal distention and fever

led to (rapid) innovation
his modern version of a wing suit has ~ (de Gayardon)

led to this moment
what ~

lead to reductions
price controls ~ in supply and investment

led (up) to this ruling
what ~ (by a Florida court)

led (up) to the shooting
we know little about what ~

lead to success
factors that will ~

led to trouble
how my nighttime walk ~

situation could lead
the ~ to the collapse of the Iraqi government

development / direction / relationship: journeys & trips / movement / verb

leading light (person)

leading lights of the conservative cause
the ~ climbed the stage to rally their faithful (politics)

liberal leading light
the ~ caused a political earthquake (Ocasio-Cortez)

knew its leading lights
Pasternak ~ (members of symbolist movement)

achievement, recognition & praise / importance & significance / superlative: light & dark / person

leak (verb)

word leaked
but on Thursday, ~ that the visa would not be granted

leaking: water / verb

leak (noun)

Leaks of information
he condemned ~ (FBI investigation)

leak of (classified) information
the possible ~

Leaks to the press
there had been ~ about... (jetliner crash)

Leaks and scoops
reporters fiercely jockeying for ~

Leaks, supposition, speculation, and spin
there's been ~ (investigation)

leaking: water

leaked

leaked voice mail

on his ~, he called his daughter a rude little pig

leaking: water

leak out (verb)

leak out

what you tell them would ~ (school counselors)

leaked out in bits and pieces

the truth ~ (politician)

leaks out in debt repayments

aid to Africa ~ ("leaking bucket syndrome")

prevent details from leaking out

they want to ~ (explosion in North Korea)

news leaked out

the ~ about...

word leaked out

~ and... (Iraq)

leaking: water / verb

lean (size)

lean and agile

the company is ~

lean and mean

it's a ~ team (Blue Origin)

lean and nimble

the company must become more ~

ability & lack of ability / flaws & lack of flaws / size / strength & weakness / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess:

fatness & thinness / health & medicine

lean (lean times, etc.)

lean times

voters are sick and tired of ~

the newspaper has had to shut its doors in these ~

lean years

she had some ~ (a professional golfer)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness / food & drink

lean in (verb)

leaning in

he has not been trying to hide, he has been ~, begging to tell his story

leaning in on (thorny) issues

even Obama praised him for ~ (a popular young politician)

leaning in as hard as (humanly) possible

he is ~ to his position as a Trump backer (politics)

lean in to your career

~ and embrace ambition

leaned in to her heritage

in recent years Beyoncé has ~, celebrating race...

♦ "And lean in always understood that. Lean in was always about being able to go for leadership positions, always about men leaning in at home... Well, that's right, and that's why again lean in was always for this, lean in was always about men doing their share... So this report is not telling women to lean in, it's telling companies to lean in..." ("Sheryl Sandberg: Companies Need To 'Lean In' As Pandemic Threatens Women's Progress," NPR, All Things Considered, Oct. 1, 2020. Sandberg is head of the Lean In Foundation. Her 2013 book *Lean In* called on women to be more assertive in the workplace, but has been criticized as an unrealistic panacea for most women. Michele Obama famously said, "It's not always enough to lean in because that s*** doesn't work." That criticism itself has been criticized.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: gesture / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean into (verb)

lean into being

he taught me to ~ weird instead of hiding it

leaning into his branding

he was ~ as an educator (Dr. William H. Cosby)

leaning into the campaign

this hype house is ~ in a big way (politics 2020)

leaned into this characterization

prosecutors ~ during her trial (manipulative)

lean into it

the women pulled no punches, they would just ~ (scriptwriters for SVU)

leaning (completely) into it

for years I shied away from it, now I'm ~

leans into his reputation

he ~ for pushing boundaries (the comic Dave Chappelle)

leaned into her status

she has ~ as one of the only female candidates

leaned into (fear) tactics

he ~ as he accused the left of... (politics)

♦ "Maybe I'll lean into the pain narrative, write that and get a good advance, ya'll pay me for that, right." (Fantasy author L.L. McKinney.)

♦ Step in / lean in and embrace it...

commitment & determination: gesture / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean on (coercion)

lean on his lawyer, Jeff Sessions and other aides

the report details his efforts to ~ (obstruction of justice)

lean on and even pressure

many companies ~ workers to volunteer

coercion & motivation: verb / weight

lean on (support)

lean on

after your loss, who did you ~, family, friends... (a boxer)

lean on the crutch
people ~ of metaphor (technology)

leaned (hard) on his experience
he ~ as vice president (election debate)

lean on scotch
he began to ~ to relax (an alcoholic)

leaned on Wilson
he ~ as his spiritual prop (Robert Falcon Scott)

leaned heavily on
I have also ~ the knowledge of a number of scholars...

help & assistance: standing, sitting & lying / verb
dependency: standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean towards (verb)

leaning towards Biden
he is ~ (a voter)

leaning towards voting
she is ~ for disapproval (declaration of emergency)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / verb

leap (leap into action, etc.)

leapt at the opportunity
my father ~ (to help humanity / a doctor)

leaped to defend him
Churchill ~ (Stalin / World War II)

leapt into action
the police ~

leapt into the fray
eminent academics and writers ~ (literary controversy)

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping
commitment & determination / eagerness & reluctance:
movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

leap (leap of faith, etc.)

leap of faith
you've just got to make a ~, and I'm here to catch you
take a ~ and trust again or get out (unfaithful spouse)

leap of the imagination
America is a ~ (history)

leap in faith
marriage is a ~
♦ "When you want to test the depths of a stream, don't use both feet." (Chinese.)

commitment & determination / fate, fortune & chance:
walking, running & jumping

leap (transmission)

leap from animals to humans
some viruses can ~

transmission: walking, running & jumping / verb

leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.)

leap, splash and spray
the ~ of waterfalls

resemblance: walking, running & jumping

leap (noun)

leaps in (bike) design
significant ~

leaps in (math) proficiency
students have made great ~

leap in (weapons) technology
this ~

leap to stardom
she reflects on her ~ (film actor)

leap to television
they made the ~ (from the early days of film)

leap from booby to boo-boo
it is a short linguistic ~

leap from mediocrity to greatness
11 companies that made the ~

leaps and bounds
see *leaps and bounds*

technology leap
every new ~—the longbow, the tank, the atom bomb...

great leap
students have made ~s in math proficiency

mental leap
if one can make the ~ to imagine Go in heaven...

short (linguistic) leap
it is a ~ from booby to boo-boo

significant leap
~ in bike design

made the leap
they ~ to television (from the early days of film)

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping

leapfrog (verb)

leapfrogged (traditional) technology
China has ~ (cellphone usage)

leapfrogs from histories to key games
the series jumps around, it ~ (sports documentary)

leapfrogged into the internet era
China ~ (smartphones and apps)

progress & lack of progress: animal / verb / walking,
running & jumping

movement: animal / verb / walking, running & jumping

leaps and bounds

by leaps and bounds

the organization was growing ~
the intelligence community has grown by ~

in leaps and bounds

technology has advanced ~

increase & decrease: walking, running & jumping
speed: movement / walking, running & jumping

learn (verb)

learned from his losses

he has ~

knowledge & intelligence: school & education / verb

lease (lease on life)

new lease on life

the medication gave him a ~
the new term feels like a ~ (a teacher)
technology has given publishing a ~

getting a (new) lease on life

they were ~ (1972 moratorium on death penalty)

gave him a (new) lease on life

the medication ~

amelioration & renewal: document

leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.)

on a constitutional leash

she believes in a government ~

on a (very) short (constitutional) leash

she believes in a government ~

keeps him on a short leash

the company ~ (an actor who is also a pitchman)

let his team off the leash

he ~ to go and create (soccer)

tightened the leash

the court ~ on unions and their ability to organize

control & lack of control: animal / dog

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / dog

leave (leave something alone)

leave it alone

people told me to ~ (don't speak out or get involved)

involvement: direction / verb

leave (leave a mark, etc.)

leaves a (computer) fingerprint

every visit ~

leaves a mark

Afghanistan ~ on soldiers

left pockmarks

a grenade exploded and ~ on the side of his house

giving, receiving, bringing & returning / relationship: verb

leave (death)

left us

I gather he ~ last year (died)

death & life: euphemism / movement / presence & absence

leave it somewhere (commitment)

left it all out there on the floor

I ~ along with my guys (NBA win)

commitment & determination: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

lecture (verb)

lecture about race

the film doesn't ~, but you can feel the enmity...

message: school & education / speech / verb

leech (person)

leeches

~ come with the sudden wealth (pro athletes)
those ~ take it all (Christian aid groups vs. refugees)

leech, the busy bee, the whiner

the ~ (types of bad friends)

parasite, a leech

she's a ~ (charges soldiers for water from a river)

despised the poor as leeches

he ~ who weakened society (*Atlas Shrugged*)

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (An academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua...*)

♦ "Correct; well said. Glaziers = leeches" (A disgruntled Man U fan on a BBC HYS after the latest loss to Liverpool. 282 upvotes, 30 downvotes.)

♦ "During our excursions we found masses of wild strawberries but where we found the best we also found the most leeches. I knew from my reading that these creatures are the plague of many Himalayan valleys, and now learned from personal experience how helpless one is against them. They drop from trees on men and animals and creep through all the openings in one's clothes, even the eyelets in one's shoes. If one tears them off one loses more blood than if one lets them drink their fill, when they fall off by themselves. Some of the valleys are infested to such a degree by leeches that one simply cannot protect oneself against them. The best way of keeping them out is by wearing socks and trousers steeped in salt." (*Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer, from the chapter, "The Village of Happiness.")

♦ "Our first day's march lay through patches of forest, clearings, and Malay villages, and was pleasant enough... The next day, the country got wilder... We passed through extensive forests, along paths often up to our knees in mud, and were much annoyed by the leeches for which this district is famous. These little creatures infest the leaves and herbage by the side of the paths, and when a passenger comes along they stretch themselves out at full length, and if they touch any part of his dress or body, quit their leaf and adhere to it. They then creep on to his feet, legs, or other part of his body and suck their fill, the first puncture being rarely felt during the excitement of walking. On bathing in the evening we generally found half a dozen or a dozen on each of us, most frequently

on our legs, but sometimes on our bodies, and I had one who sucked his fill from the side of my neck, but who luckily missed the jugular vein. There are many species of these forest leeches. All are small, but some are beautifully marked with stripes of bright yellow. They probably attach themselves to deer or other animals which frequent the forest paths, and have thus acquired the singular habit of stretching themselves out at the sound of a脚步声 or of rustling foliage..." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace, Chapter 3, Malacca and Mount Ophir.)

affliction: animal / person

character & personality: animal / person

insult / person: animal

leeway (noun)

leeway

she doesn't allow me any ~

constraint & lack of constraint / extent & scope: boat

left (left behind)

left behind

the poor are ~ (services go to wealthy)

progress & lack of progress: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

left field (out of left field, etc.)

left-field surprises

the thriller is full of ~ (No Sudden Move)

completely out of left field

you make absurd comments that are ~ and make no sense

come from left field

we were stunned, this had ~ (diplomacy)

come out of left field

the announcement ~ (unexpected)

♦ "This thing was not only from left field, it was from the planet Mars, because it didn't happen..." (A politician dismissing an old accusation of sexual abuse.)

♦ This refers to a throw from the left fielder (or center or right fielder) to any of the bases, particularly home plate, surprising the runner. Ordinarily, a throw from the outfield is cut off by the second-baseman. It takes an outfielder with a strong arm to make such a long throw, and it is always a dramatic moment.)

appearance & disappearance: baseball / sports & games

left out (excluded)

left out of the Paris Olympics

baseball and softball will be ~

acceptance & rejection: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

leg (first leg, etc.)

leg of the journey

conditions on the return ~ were worse

leg of the trip

the plane left for the second ~ to Dover Air Force Base

leg of training

the final ~ for soldiers trying to become Green Berets

return leg

conditions on the ~ of the journey were worse

first leg

the ~ of his journey

second leg

the plane left for the ~ of the trip to Dover AFB

final leg

the ~ of training (soldiers trying to become Green Berets)

sequence: leg

leg (grow legs)

grew legs

my website ~ (became successful)

growth & development / success & failure: leg / verb

leg (leg to stand on)

have a (firm) leg to stand on

he didn't ~ (Secretary of Labor resigns)

bases: leg / standing, sitting & lying

legacy (obsolescence)

legacy costs

the "~~" of retiree health care and pensions (industry)

legacy equipment

adding high-tech sensors to ~ is expensive and challenging

legacy issues

there are many companies that need to confront ~

legacy newsroom

change is difficult and slow in a ~ (Capital B media)

legacy system

drivers are available for ~s such as Windows 98

"legacy" technology

—an industry euphemism for obsolete hardware

legacy thinking

generals are locked in a cold-war mindset—

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: family / history / money

transmission: family

legacy (history)

legacy

she talked about her ~, the things she has achieved

legacy of the past

the ~ (history)

legacy of its (Soviet) past

Estonia's effort to sever the ~ (monuments, etc.)

legacy of (vanishing) plants

the seed vault seeks to save the genetic ~ (on Svalbard)

legacy of war

landmines are an insidious ~

legacy of discrimination and lived experiences
 they seek to erase the ~ (critical race theory)

legacy of slavery and colonialism
 how to deal with the ~

legacy of pain and prejudice
 the romance of the West versus its ~ (US)

legacy of the cold war
 this terrible ~ (Russian stockpiles of chemical weapons)

war's legacy
 the ~ continues to divide Americans (Civil War)

family legacy
 ~s and obligations

colonial legacy
 France's ~ has deepened that alienation (immigrants)
 boxing in India is a ~ (sports)

complicated legacy
 the ~ of this American classic (*Shaft* / Blaxploitation)

genetic legacy
 the seed vault seeks to save the ~ of vanishing plants

insidious legacy
 landmines are an ~ of war

multigenerational legacy
 families with ~s of college education (vs. poor)

radioactive legacy
 using the world's ~ (to determine age of whale sharks)

guardian of a (150 year) legacy
 the Mariinsky Theater is a ~ (ballet and opera)

carrying on the legacy
 they are ~ of George Plimpton (*Paris Review*)

deal with the legacy
 how to ~ of slavery and colonialism

pass the legacy along to their children's children
 ~ (Shoshone)

sever the legacy
 Estonia's effort to ~ of its Soviet past (monuments, etc.)

transmission: family / history / money
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money

legacy (reputation)

legacy
 his ~ is tarnished by allegations he... (a boxer)

legacy of failure
 given the long ~ at schools like Thomas Jefferson

legacy of love
 they left a ~ wherever they went (eulogy)

Manchester's (industrial) legacy
 ~ (England)

Michigan's (proud shipbuilding) legacy
 ~ (Lake Michigan)

shipbuilding legacy
 Michigan's proud ~ (Lake Michigan)

troubled (racial) legacy
 a stark reminder of this city's ~ (St. Louis)

Jewish legacy
 there is a rich ~ associated with boxing

industrial legacy
 Manchester's ~ (England)

proud (shipbuilding) legacy
 Michigan's ~ (Lake Michigan)

racial legacy
 a stark reminder of this city's troubled ~ (St. Louis)

rich (Jewish) legacy
 there is a ~ associated with boxing

carry on his (great) legacy
 a replacement will ~ (Supreme Court justice)

embraced (for itself) the legacy
 Gazprom has ~ of Peter the Great (new skyscraper)

leaves his legacy in ruins
 the loss ~ (Joshua defeated by Usyk / boxing)

reputation: family / history / money
transmission: family

legend (noun)

legend
 Mike Tyson is an icon of the sport of boxing, a ~

both legends
 it was a great performance from ~ (Jones v. Tyson boxing)

survival, persistence & endurance / time: allusion

legion (noun)

legion of fans
 Mr. Musk told his ~ that...

legions of others
 she is joining ~, many of them women, who are frustrated

legions of poor
 Karachi is a magnet for its ~

legions of other women
 and so are ~ ("me too" movement)

amount: military

lemming (consciousness)

lemming
 what are you, a ~ (taking government advice / COVID)

lemmings for every tweet
 people aren't ~ they happen to see (conspiracy theories)

consciousness & awareness / behavior / unanimity & consensus / society: animal

lemon (noun)

lemon

my car is a ~

failure, accident & impairment: fruits & vegetables

flaws & lack of flaws: fruits & vegetables

lend (lend a hand, etc.)

lent an ear

Michael unselfishly ~ to friends in need

lend a hand

can I ~ (help)

help & assistance: money / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: money / verb

length (go to any lengths, etc.)

go to any lengths

the corporation will ~ to preserve the system (oil)

political rivals will ~ to achieve their aims

gone to unusual lengths

police had ~ in their investigation

behavior / extent & scope: distance

restraint & lack of restraint: distance

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance

lens (through a lens)

through many lenses

immigration, ~

through that lens

I see the world ~ (being biracial)

through the new lens of the memes

looked at ~, human beings...

through the lens of a reasonable office

use of force is viewed ~ (the Supreme Court standard)

through the lens of science

experiences now better seen ~ (hearing "voices")

through the lens of a (negative) stereotype

the threat of being viewed ~

through an ethnic lens

he refused to view things ~ (Afghan military man)

through an objective lens

we have to look at it ~ reasonable officer standard)

through a strictly racial lens

the project look at American history ~ (1619 Project)

through a "theological" lens

he does not view the conflict ~ (Middle East)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / tools & technology

lens (other)

lens onto the (shadowy) world

his arrest provides a ~ of computer hackers

narrow lens

presenting poetry through a ~ of immigration

novel and interesting lens

he has found a ~ through which to view the conflict

viewed from the 20-20 lens

use of force should not be ~ of hindsight (policing standard)

widen the lens

okay, so let's ~ a little bit here, Scott (Steve Inskeep)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / tools & technology

Leonardo da Vinci

England's Leonardo

Robert Hooke, ~ (according to Allan Chapman)

"England's Leonardo"

he was described as ~ (Robert Hooke)

comparison & contrast / knowledge & intelligence: epithet

leper (person)

modern-day lepers

we treat them like ~ (fat people)

♦ In 2009, Egypt sought to close its last leper colony, the Abou Zaabal Leprosarium. The inhabitants of the colony protested, however. Many of them preferred to live in the colony rather than return home to their villages.

society: health & medicine / person

person: society

acceptance & rejection: health & medicine / person / society

lesson (noun)

got a (total boxing) lesson

AJ ~ from Usyk tonight

learned my lesson

I ~

learned his lesson

he has probably ~ (a politician who made a serious gaffe)

teach the kid a lesson

maybe I want to ~

behavior / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

let down (fail)

let me down

don't ~

let the team down

in the most critical situation, I ~ (sports)

let us down

don't ~
 Leslie did not ~ (a basketball player)

let you down
 a book would never ~ (Amos Oz)

let a child down
 every case, an adult has ~ (under-age drinking)

let myself down
 if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my family down
 if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my team down
 if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my country down
 if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

adult has let a child down
 in every case, an ~ (under-age drinking)

dogs let him down
 each time, the ~ (fighting pit bulls)

step up or let down
 you can ~ your colleagues

supported their customers or let them down
 have the energy companies ~ (Storm Arwen)

success & failure: direction / verb
failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

lethargic (adjective)

lethargic
 the government's response has been ~ (earthquake relief)

lethargic display
 that was a ~ (a soccer game)

activity / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine
speed / timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement

letter (love letter)

love letter to South Los Angeles
 the show is a ~ (HBO's *Insecure*)

love letter to Black boys
 this is kind of a ~ (*Punch Me Up to the Gods*)

love letter to your childhood
 what a ~ (the film *Belfast* by Kenneth Branagh)

love letter to New York City
Deacon King Kong is a ~ (by the great James McBride)

love letter to Kabul
 a ~ by Lyse Doucet (BBC)

love letter to (classic) Hollywood
Mank is a ~ (the film)

love letter to his (soaring) spirit
Tik, Tik...Boom! is a ~ (Jonathan Larson)

Summer of Love love letter
 "Chelsea Morning" is a ~ (Joni Mitchell / *Girls Like Us*)

cinematic love letter
 for Kirsten Dunst, the film is a ~ to her children

rapped a love letter
 she ~ to her immigrant mother (Ruby Ibarra of Balikbayans)

sends a love letter
 Los Lobos ~ to Los Angeles (*Native Sons* album)

♦ "D C-T! is an ILU to NYC." (The book by Joana Avillez and Molly Young.)

♦ The BBC published "A love letter to Kabul" by Lyse Doucet, with Mahfouz Zubaide and Esmatullah Kohsar, photography by Paula Bronstein, in Nov 2021, not long after the US fled that country. It is a wonderful and uplifting presentation, showing life as it goes on. It shows nine wonderful places: (1) Zarghuna Girls' High School (2) Streets of Spandi (3) Sarai Shahzada money exchange market (4) Kah Faroshi bird market (5) Musicians' lane (6) Café culture (7) Babur Gardens (8) Nadir Khan Hill (9) Bibi Mahru Hill. I'd love to visit sometime!

achievement, recognition & praise: writing & spelling

level (take something to a higher level)

took it to a whole new level
 yesterday he ~ (criticism of enemies)

increase & decrease: direction

level (ground level, etc.)

from the ten-thousand-foot level
 unnecessary, seen ~, but here on the ground... (conflict)

at a 30,000-foot level
 that's the whole point of vaccine etiquette ~

on a 30,000-foot level
 so, ~, what has emerged is that... (analysis)

at a granular level
 she learned about cops at a ~ (became a reserve cop)

at a microscopic level
 ~, children's use of language is... (words, images)

at a molecular level
 suggestion is built into cinema ~ (sex)

at the molecular level
 but the closer you look at it, if you see it ~...

from the ground level
 we want to show the conflict as it looks ~

grass roots level
 go back home to the ~

♦ Heard on NPR: "Carrie, let me get your 3,000-foot perspective on something. Do you think that..." / "Let me ask you to pull back 3,000 feet and get the larger view here." / "Let's back up and just get big picture for a second..."

♦ "It's really up to us to adopt and accept behaviors that take care of those we care about. So, that's the whole point of vaccine etiquette and what we're talking about today, I think, at a 30,000-foot level." (Steven Petrow, aka "Mr. Manners." From "As More Americans Get Coronavirus Vaccines, A New Etiquette Emerges," NPR, Weekend edition Sunday, March 14, 2021.)

- ♦ "We are looking at it from the 30,000 foot level." (California Democrat Congressman Adam Schiff on NPR.)
- ♦ "If you look at it from 30,000 feet, you know that some of those people are going to go on to commit violent crime or are going to be victims of crime." (District Attorney Chesa Boudin in San Francisco.)
- ♦ "[Their goals] are not that different, from a forty-thousand-foot level." (Barak Obama, speaking about two politicians.)
- ♦ "Yuh know, on the one hand, this is kind of nutty (huh-huh), on the other hand, hey, ya know what, uh, [Reagan's] got a point, maybe you have to look at things from uh 20 billion miles up to get this kind of perspective." (Fred Kaplan (journalist). From "The 'Secret History' Of Nuclear War," NPR, Fresh Air, September 28, 2020.)
- ♦ Winston Churchill, in 1927, compared his position of Minister of Munitions of War in 1917 to riding "comfortably on an elephant... from whose back a wide scene lay open."

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height

level (fairness)

on the level

this is not ~ (criminal case thrown out of court)

level of accountability

there needs to be a ~ throughout the system (justice)

level playing field

all we ask for is a ~ (tariffs)

flaws & lack of flaws : sports & games

levelheaded (adj)

levelheaded girl

Olga Zvirkovskaya, a ~ who will do well and go far...

character & personality: equilibrium & stability

level off (verb)

leveling off

the epidemic may be ~ (opioid abuse)

increase & decrease : direction / number / verb

progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb

level up (as verb)

"level up" Britain's poor regions

ideas to ~ are sparse

skill up, level up

~ (advertisement for the University of Montreal)

♦ "Level up your grooming game, your balls will thank you." (A Manscaped ad.)

increase & decrease: direction / part of speech / verb

lever (levers of power, etc.)

levers of power

he holds the ~

diplomatic lever

we need to find the right ~ (encouraging democracy)

Russia's (diplomatic) levers

Kim's visit to Moscow is a reminder to Washington of ~

pulls the levers
she ~ of power in Congress and moves legislation

control & lack of control: mechanism

leverage (noun)

leverage over North Korea

China has the most ~

diplomatic leverage

Sadat gained ~ using oil as a political weapon (1973)

♦ "Give me a place to stand, and I shall move the earth." (Attributed to Archimedes. This attests to the power of a lever and a fulcrum.)

power / force: tools & technology

leverage (verb)

leverage its support

Israel should ~ in decisive talks with the Palestinians

power / force: tools & technology / verb

leviathan (noun)

leviathans

Britain's two new aircraft carriers are ~

leviathan government

he wants to shrink our ~ (a politician)

leviathan state

they protested against the encroachments of a ~ (health)

intelligence leviathan

9/11 helped to create a sprawling ~

new leviathan

the intelligence services are the ~

become a leviathan

what started as a little startup has ~ (Facebook)

♦ The Behemoth was a huge land monster mentioned in the Book of Job. Its aquatic counterpart was the Leviathan. Both creatures were controlled by God, symbolizing God's power.

size: allusion / Bible / creature / religion

Lexington (of China, etc.)

Lexington, if you will, of the Republic of China

Hankou is the ~ (the "double ten," 1911)

♦ The Wuchang Uprising of 10 October 1911 (the "double ten") was the beginning of the end of the Qing Dynasty in China.

♦ "Double Ten" is recognized by Merriam-Webster.

♦ "By the rude bridge that arched the flood, / Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, / Here once the embattled farmers stood / And fired the shot heard round the world." ("The Concord Hymn" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.)

history / military: epithet

library (amount)

libraries of sentiment

the line says little but conveys whole ~ (in a poem)

amount: books & reading

license (noun)

license to publish

this is not a ~ anti-government stories

license to kill

fear or hatred are not a ~ (vigilante action)

interpret this as a license

editors should not ~ to publish anti-government stories

takes (dramatic) license

the series ~ with a lot of events (HBO)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: document / government

lid (keep the lid on something)

keep a lid on such information

it's next to impossible to ~ (mass shooters' names)

access & lack of access: bottle / container / verb

lie (position)

lay devastated

the city ~ by typhus (Belgrade)

lay open

this was the American landscape that ~ to the virus

lay spread out

finally the mountain gateway opened, and the plain ~ below

fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

lie (lie ahead)

lies ahead

the work that ~ will be difficult

we are ready for the struggle that ~ (war)

lie ahead

as we prepare for the elections that ~...

her biggest challenges ~

future / time: direction / journeys & trips / verb

lie down (and lay down)

lay down

I ~ so she wouldn't go (pled guilty to drugs)

to ~ for your biggest rivals is unforgivable (Man U fan)

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lie low (and lay low)

lay low

just ~ and cool it (Anthony Fauci / Super Bowl parties)

laying low

he and his family have been ~ since the fatal incident

lying low

the gangs are ~

activity / attention, scrutiny & promotion: animal / standing, sitting & lying / verb

life (give life)

given new life to grievances

the uranium boom has ~ over land and power (Niger)

given new life to an old myth

the controversy has ~

amelioration & renewal: death & life / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

life (lose one's life)

lost his life

he ~ in a kayaking accident

death & life: euphemism / verb

life (take one's life)

take his life

his last-minute decision would ~ (climbing)

death & life: euphemism / verb

life (give one's life, etc.)

gave his life for peace

he gave ~ (Yitzhak Rabin)

laid down their lives

the 457 service personnel who ~ (Brits in Afghanistan)

death & life: euphemism / verb

life (begin life)

began life as a monastery

St Mark's Church ~

growth & development: death & life / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb

life (bring to life)

brings to life

the exhibit ~ the personalities behind the inventions

brings Copernicus to life

his new biography ~

bring (educational) exhibits to life

sound can ~ (natural-sound recordings)

brings the geography to life

"America from the Air" ~ (picture book)

brings history (really back) to life

it ~ (illuminating Hadrian's Wall with 500 beacons)

brings him (back) to life

she ~ sexually (character in film)

substance & lack of substance: death & life / verb

amelioration & renewal: death & life / verb

life (breathe life)

breathed life into Germany's campaign
Reus ~ (important world-cup goal)

breathe life into a career
he continues to ~ that looked finished (a boxer)

breathes life into the image
you upload a picture and AI ~ (blinks, smiles, moves head)

breathe life into the (Arab peace) initiative
the king's effort to ~

breathe life into the sport
he is trying to find novel ways to ~ (Indy car racing)

♦ "What it does is it really brings your ancestors to life in a kind of really wow moment." (Rafi Mendelsohn, about "Deep Nostalgia" at the MyHeritage website. The photo will blink, smile, and move its head. From "Genealogy Website Uses AI Software To Bring Old Photos To Life," NPR, Morning Edition, March 2, 2021.)

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: breathing / death & life / health & medicine / verb

life (life of its own)

taken on a life of its own
his death has ~ (conspiracy theory)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

life (spring to life)

sprang to life
Mount Marapi ~ early this week (volcano)
the town ~ from nothing (oil)

sprang (vividly) to life
the issues ~ (heated discussion)

activity / initiation: death & life / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb

life (from walks of life)

from all walks of life
we are ~, but we all love the same thing (hobbyists)
people ~ gathered (Tunisian protests)
his funeral was attended by people ~ (Pasternak, 1960)
people ~ were encouraged to do volunteer work (China)

friends from all walks of life
I have ~

people from all walks of life
he thinks ~ can relate to his cause

students from all walks of life
universities should reach out to ~

come from all walks of life
they ~ (to a funeral)

society: walking, running & jumping

life (in all walks of life)

in all walks of life
Azerbaijanis ~ tend to... (opinions)

active in all walks of life
Muslims are ~ (US)

society: walking, running & jumping

life (walks of life)

different walks of life
you've got five people from completely ~ (D. C. Metro)

spreading into all walks of life
an epidemic of violence is ~

society: walking, running & jumping

life (container)

life
life is full of surprises
my ~ is empty

full life
she led a ~

death & life: container

life (life is a building)

life
my ~ is in ruins

life crumbled
my ~

built a good life
we ~ together

put my life back together
I'm trying to ~

death & life: infrastructure

life (things)

life of the product
this product is fully warranted for the ~

life of the (ReadNet) school
the brief ~ offers a stark lesson... (charter)

life of four hours
the active battery pack has an estimated ~

life stories
the ~ of thousands of words (*Word Origins* by W. Funk)

hailstone's life
in a ~ a long time is 10 to 20 minutes

battery life
laptop users list ~ as their No. 1 complaint

design life
many bridges are at the end of their ~ (collapses)

shelf life
 see *shelf life*

toy life
 read the directions for safer play and longer ~

half-life
 the elimination ~ is 27 minutes (GHB)
 the drug has a short onset of effect and a short ~

working life
 equipment has outlived its predicted ~ (electric utility)

estimated life
 the active battery pack has an ~ of four hours

extended-life (m)
 ~ batteries

Hidden Life
 Gone Tomorrow: the ~ of Garbage (a book)

hidden life
 the ~ of garbage and where old PCs go to die

predicted (working) life
 equipment has outlived its ~ (electric utility)

brief life
 the ~ of the ReadNet school offers a stark lesson

useful lives
 downtown freeways have reached the end of their ~

at the end of their (design) life
 many bridges are ~ (collapses)

end of their (useful) lives
 downtown freeways have reached the ~

began life
 the magnetic strip ~ in the 1960s as an IBM project

draw new life from old wells
 as the industry improves its ability to ~ (oil)

take on a life of its own
 an injustice can ~ (the law is an ass)

♦ "Every rock face breathes life with its lungs and emanates an energy that is proper only to itself." (The great Slovenian climber Tomaz Humar in *No Impossible Ways*.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

life (survival)

political life
 he is fighting for his ~ (a politician)

coming back to life
 the economy is ~

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

lifeblood (noun)

lifeblood of the Gulf
 the estuaries are the ~ (oil spill)

lifeblood of the country
 the Congo River is the ~

lifeblood of the community
 the river is the ~

lifeblood of our communities
 small businesses are the ~ (commerce)

lifeblood of the (modern) economy
 energy is the ~ (California)

lifeblood of racing
 short tracks are the ~ (steppingstones to NASCAR)

lifeblood of the region
 the economic ~ is the river

lifeblood of Saudi Arabia
 this company is the ~ (Aramco)

lifeblood of the town
 the sea was the ~ (fishing, etc.)

lifeblood of (so many) colleges and schools
 federal financial aid is the ~

Iraq's (economic) lifeblood
 pipelines funnel ~ (oil)

Zambia's (commercial) lifeblood
 mining and sales businesses are ~

Sahel's lifeblood
 the ~ has always been a seasonal monsoon

Mallory's lifeblood
 mystery and danger were ~ (the climber)

commercial lifeblood
 mining and sales businesses are Zambia's ~

economic lifeblood
 the ~ of the region is the river
 pipelines funnel Iraq's ~ (oil)

bases: blood / death & life

lifeline (noun)

lifeline
 songwriting has been a ~ (Todd Snider / bipolar, etc.)
 in Somalia, piracy isn't just a business, it's a ~

lifeline for Egypt
 the waters of the River Nile are a ~

lifeline for the (entire) Southwest
 the Colorado River drainage basin, a ~

lifeline for (countless) villages
 the Congo River is the ~ (Congo)

financial lifeline
 Jet Airways is seeking a ~ to avoid collapse (debt)

provided a lifeline
 but Congress ~ when it mandated that... (radio telescope)

♦ "Not only did they throw you a life preserver, they drove the boat and picked you up!" (Shannon Sharpe, speaking to Skip Bayless about Antonio Brown, on the sports show "Skip and Shannon: Undisputed." "They" refer to Tom Brady, Bruce Arians, and the Miami Dolphins football team, who hired Antonio Brown after he had been cut from 3 teams. Brown ended up walking off the field in the middle of a game.)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / death & life / water

life raft (and life boat, lifeboat)

life raft for his floundering campaign
South Carolina is a ~ (primary elections)

life raft for the caregivers
Patti Davis provides a ~ of Alzheimer's patients

jumped while there was still a lifeboat in the water
I ~ (voluntary redundancy vs compulsory / academia)

took refuge in their (Dragon and Soyuz) lifeboats
they ~ (the International Space Station)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / death & life / water

life span (noun)

life span of 198 days
the annual Great Whirl has an average ~ (Arabian Sea)

growth & development: death & life

life support (on life support)

on life support
Detroit is ~
the team is ~ (losing)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine
decline: death & life / health & medicine

lift (feeling)

temporary lift
caffeine may give you a ~, but it won't sustain you

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

lift (verb)

lift the (country's) mood
it's a great way to ~ (Euro 2020 in England)

lifted our spirits
Sara ~

depression had lifted
her ~, and she felt buoyant and hopeful

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb

lift (amelioration)

lift the sanctions
they want to ~

amelioration & renewal: verb / weight
dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / weight

lift (heavy lift)

heavy lift
it's a ~ (gaining support for a bill / politics)

heavy lift for them
all that testing will be a ~ (COVID / a company)

heavy lift (for Biden) to prevent violence
it's going to be a ~ (protests)

difficulty, easiness & effort: weight

lifting (heavy lifting)

heavy lifting
let us do the ~ (ad)

heavy research lifting
Oxford University had done a lot of the ~ (vaccine)

did the heavy lifting
we ~, and they got the credit (disgusted)

work & duty: burden / weight

light (in light of)

in light of the difficulties
~ facing the Dukha and other traditional peoples

in light of the (uncovered) documents
an appeal ~ (trial)

in light of (yesterday's) incident
~, nobody will be allowed to...

in light of the revelation
how they would pursue the case ~

in light of (last week's) tragedy
the game has been cancelled ~

♦ This is a 3-word preposition, and it seems to mean the same as 'in view of' or "because of" or "considering."

relationship: light & dark / prep, adv, adj, particle

light (shining light)

shining light
co-workers described Nina as a ~ (died)

superlative: light & dark

character & personality: light & dark

light (guiding light)

guiding lights of the continent
the ~ are dull indeed (leaders)

direction: journeys & trips / light & dark

light (in a same / different light, etc.)

in a different light
he saw the world ~
they began to view him ~

in different lights

different men often see the same subject in ~
in a negative light
tenants see him ~ (landlord)
in the same light
only in China are teachers seen ~ as doctors (status)
he wants to put himself ~ as Donald Trump (politics)
in the same (sort of) light
we are looking at vaccine ~ (as body armor / military)
perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark

light (come to light)

came to light
the scope of medical errors ~ when...
come to light
new evidence has ~
come to light earlier
these misdeeds should have ~ (sex abuse)
came to light two years ago
the problem ~
evidence has come to light
new ~
problem came to light
the ~ two years ago

appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb
searching & discovery: light & dark / verb
consciousness & awareness: light & dark / verb

light (bring something to light)

brought to light
new findings have been ~ from the old data
appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb
searching & discovery: light & dark / verb
consciousness & awareness: light & dark / verb

light (see the light)

see the light
it ought to ~ (an unpublished manuscript)
appearance & disappearance: light & dark

light (shed light)

shed (no immediate) light on the (June 5) abduction
his arrest ~
analysis, interpretation & explanation / concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / verb

light (shine a light)

shine a light on the abuse
what he did was ~ (prison guard)
shine a light on the women
we must ~ who have brought knowledge into the world

shining a light (of hope) to all those...
tonight is all about ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / verb

light (make light of something)

made light of the (whole) situation
he ~ (pressure)

substance & lack of substance: weight / verb

lighten (lighten things up, etc.)

lightened the mood
the good news ~

lighten things up
things are getting a little heavy, let's ~

amelioration & renewal: verb / weight
feeling, emotion & effect: verb / weight

light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)

light bulb
a ~ went off in his head and he... (good idea)

light bulb in kids' heads
we hope to turn on a ~ about science

light-bulb moment
you've heard of a ~, this was a spotlight moment
these ~s feel as if they happen in a flash but...
will UK provide a ~ for US Democrats (Labor defeat)

lightbulb moment
Steve Bartlett's ~ was when he realized... (Social Chain)

brightest bulb
he is not the ~, his IQ is in the seventies...

light bulb went off
a ~ in his head and he... (good idea)

turn on a light bulb
we hope to ~ in kids' heads about science

idea / knowledge & intelligence: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark
consciousness & awareness: light & dark

light-hearted (adjective)

seemed light-hearted
she ~ during the re-enactment (of a crime)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / weight
heart: weight

lighthouse (protection)

lighthouses in the storm
at times like that, people are looking for ~ (downturn)

direction: boat / infrastructure / light & dark / sea

danger: boat / sea

protection & lack of protection: boat / sign, signal, symbol

lighthouse (illumination)

lighthouse of civilization, conviviality, and philosophy
Cordova was the ~ in West Europe (Muslim Spain)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

lightly (take something lightly, etc.)

take this issue lightly
nobody should ~

taken lightly
the decision was difficult and not ~

use these words lightly
and I do not ~ (terror to describe a mass murder)

substance & lack of substance: weight

lightning (adjective)

lightning fast
Khan still looks to have ~ fists (vs. Brook / boxing)

lightning-quick
he had created the mobile, ~ army (General Grant)

lightning advance
the ~ northward continues (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

lightning drive
the ~ to reach Baghdad (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

lightning (offensive) operation
one key to a ~ was making sure...(military)

lightning speed
the catastrophe developed at ~ (submarine)
color graphics downloaded at ~
the US broke again with ~ (soccer team)
the risks of a war that began with ~
the ~ of modern technology
Omicron is spreading at ~

lightning war
this ~ on public education (billionaires support charters)

speed: lightning / storm

lightning (fate)

lightning
~ can strike twice

lightning struck
everything was going good, and then ~

♦ "The boy directly in front of me... In other words, his feet were about that far from my head, as he was halfway through the fence, lightning struck the barbed wire, electrocuted him on the spot. I didn't know he was dead, I had never seen a dead person, so I crawled beside him and I pulled him into the meadow and I stayed with him for an hour trying to warm him up. And that was the moment when I understood that anything can happen to anybody at any time. And it's an experience that has haunted me all my life, I've thought about it probably every day. It was the single-most important thing that ever happened to me." (US novelist Paul Auster. From "Paul Auster on his 'single most important' moment," BBC, Thursday, 14 March 2017. Paul was 14 years old when the tragedy occurred.)

fate, fortune & chance: electricity / lightning / sky / storm

lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.)

hip-swinging bolt of lightning
he was a ~ (Johnny Hallyday)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / lightning / storm

lightning bolt (comprehension)

lightning-bolt moment

it was a ~ when I knew what I wanted to do (be a singer)
I had a ~ on a trip to Fire Island (about his gayness)

comprehension & incomprehension: electricity / lightning / storm

lightning rod

lightning rod
the university is a ~ for people with political statements
Al Jazeera has always been a ~ (politics)

lightning rod for (public) anger
he became the ~ over the disaster (replaced)

lightning rod for controversy
ever the ~, Soulja Boy made headlines when...

lightning rod for criticism
he became a ~ (a baseball manager)

lightning rod for a (bitter political) debate
the issue became a ~ over whether...

became a lightning rod
the case ~ for outrage in the community (bullying)

♦ Many clerics opposed the use of lightning rods on church steeples, in spite of the fact that the steeples attracted lighting that caused fires. In 1767, the church of San Nazaro in Brescia (Brescia) was hit by lightning 17 years after Benjamin Franklin invented the lightning rod. Inside were several thousand pounds of gunpowder. The blast destroyed not only the church but one-sixth of the city and killed over 3,000 people.

attraction & repulsion: electricity / lightning

light show

celestial light show
the Leonid meteor shower, that November ~...

resemblance: theater

light up (a room, etc.)

lights up the stage
she ~

superlative: light & dark / verb

character & personality: light & dark / verb

light up (activity)

lights up social media
Warren's fiery performance ~ (Democratic debate)

lit up with (anti-aircraft) fire
the sky ~

activity: light & dark / verb

lightweight (noun)

intellectual lightweight
she's an ~

substance & lack of substance: boxing / weight

light year (a long time)

seems like light years
it ~ since...

time: amount / astronomy

light year (light years ahead)

light years ahead of her peers
she was ~

light years ahead of the techniques
today's tech is ~ available in the 1940s (forensics)

competition: distance / proximity

light year (light years away, etc.)

light years away
he is ~ from the keeper he used to be (decline)
Man U is still ~ from the glory days of old, but...

proximity: astronomy / distance / star

like (Svengali-like, etc.)

Svengali-like Lermontov
Vicky Page seemed to be the victim of the ~

comparison & contrast: affix

like (people like us / groups)

like me
and for readers ~ (a non-binary gestational parent)

like us
you want to be ~, you gotta do like we do
people ~ don't do things like that (go into acting)

♦ "[My father said to me] 'Listen son, people like us don't do things like that (go into acting)...son, I just don't want you to talk about it anymore...' ("British Actor Terence Stamp Reflects on London in the Swinging '60s," NPR, Fresh Air, Nov 5, 2021. Originally broadcast in 2002. About what his father had said, Stamp said, "In fact, it didn't deter me at all.")

♦ "Well," [Mr. Motshill] said when he saw me, "what is it?" / "I have come to join school," I said. / "Speak English," he said. "What is it you want?" / "To join school," I said, in English. / "Much better," said Mr. Motshill... (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

Lilliputian (adjective)

Lilliputian dystopia
I'm imagining this ~ (miniature candy bars, tiny drinks)

Lilliputian scale
photographing life on a ~ (insects)

land of Lilliputians
Tiger Woods has been a giant in a ~ (golf star)

♦ The allusion is to the satire *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift, which also contributed *Brobdingnagian* to the language.

size: allusion

allusion: books & reading

lily (gild the lily)

gilding the lily

the chips are ~, but why not (lobster thermidor with chips)

♦ Salisbury: Therefore, to be possess'd with double pomp, / To guard a title that was rich before, / To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, / To throw a perfume on the violet, / To smooth the ice, or add another hue / Unto the rainbow, or with taper-light / To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish, / Is wasteful and ridiculous excess. (Shakespeare's *The Life and Death of King John*, Act, Scene 2.)

allusion: books & reading

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: allusion

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

limb (go out on a limb)

go out on a limb

French climbers are notorious for being willing to ~

go out on a limb to hide

they are willing to ~ him (a terrorist)

willing to go out on a limb

they are ~ to hide him (a terrorist)

fate, fortune & chance: tree / verb

limb (phantom limb)

"phantom limbs" of the German body politic
what MacGregor calls the ~ (Prague, Strasbourg, etc.)

division & connection / presence & absence: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

limbo (in limbo)

in limbo

plans are ~

the children are ~ (schools destroyed by earthquake)

his fate is ~ (general in trouble with president)

the British Government is ~ (hung Parliament)

he has been ~ waiting for his case to be resolved

we are always ~ and we just don't know...

in health-care limbo

certain of the sick find themselves ~

in legal limbo

they are in ~ (spouses of terrorists in Syria)

in an uncomfortable cultural limbo

Yoji found himself ~ (Japanese American back in Japan)

lost in limbo

the bills die, hang fire, or are ~ (in the US Senate)

stuck in limbo

the results of the first vote were ~ (votes stolen)

remain in limbo

the results ~ (election)

remains in limbo
Boeing ~ as it figures out its next steps

left people in limbo
failure to agree on regulations has ~

left the (British) people in limbo
the endless negotiations have ~ (Brexit)

found himself in (an uncomfortable cultural) limbo
Yoji ~ (Japanese American back in Japan)

situation: container / religion

action, inaction & delay / certainty & uncertainty /
environment / progress & lack of progress: religion

limelight (in the limelight)

in the limelight
it takes a special ability to be ~ and then be invisible

moment in the limelight
he had a ~, 30 years later
he had his most significant ~ a dozen years ago

back in the limelight
he is ~ (fashion)

basked in the limelight
they ~ (officials)

stay in the limelight
he would do anything to ~

spend three weeks in the limelight
after vanishing for 30 years, he has ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark

limit (push the limits, etc.)

pushed the limits
she has ~ too far (nudity)

behavior: boundary / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb

limits (push something to its limits)

pushed to its limits
the agency has been ~

survival, persistence & endurance: boundary / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: boundary / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb

constraint & lack of constraint: boundary / verb

limp (verb)

limping along
the US economy is ~

condition & status / progress & lack of progress: movement
/ walking, running & jumping / verb

limp (noun)

limp
if there is a trend afoot, it has a distinct ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running
& jumping

linchpin (noun)

linchpin of medicine
nursing's roles as a ~ goes largely unreported

linchpins of the (US) strategy
a strong national army and police force are the ~ (war)
♦ A linchpin is a fastener used on hitches and axels. In the case of axels, it prevents the wheels from falling off.
♦ "Nurses are the linchpins of hospitals, and when we lose them the wheels of medicine fall off."

attachment / bases / importance & significance:
mechanism

line (at the front / back of the line)

at the front of the line
minority businesses are not ~ but the end of the line (aid)

put teachers towards the front of the line
states are working to ~

priority: direction / line / position

line (end of the line, etc.)

end of the line
it's not the ~, it's the beginning of the line (rehab)
legally, it was the ~ (man escapes conviction)

end of the line for him
this is the ~ (arrested for murder)

starting, going, continuing & ending: line / train

line (a hard line, etc.)

tough line
taking a ~ on enforcement

conservative line
the ~ that gay civil unions threaten...

hard-line
China's ~ policy
Trump's ~ rhetoric

position, policy & negotiation: line

line (division)

lines of class, race and education
domestic violence crosses all ~

caste lines
the public taps are divided along ~ (India)

color line
the ~ is a fundamental U.S. problem

company lines
collaboration is occurring across ~

gender lines
when issues divide along ~

poverty line
 the minimum wage is below the ~
 living below the ~

sex line
 the class divided along ~s (like or dislike of author)

ethnic lines
 groups divided along ~

ideological lines
 the court's ruling broke along ~ (Supreme Court)

racial lines
 threatened to divide our nation along ~ (hate crime)
 there's a distinct blurring of the ~ here (South Africa)

thin blue line
 the ~ (policemen)

blurring of the (racial) lines
 there's a distinct ~ here (South Africa)

variations across (geographic or demographic) lines
 ~ (a survey)

economic and educational lines
 typically breaks down among ~

ethnic and class lines
 the drug is crossing ~ (Ecstasy)

gender and cultural lines
 when applied across ~

geographic or demographic lines
 variations across ~ (a survey)

lines are drawn
 the ~ (nomination fight / politics)

crossing (ethnic and class) lines
 the drug is ~ (Ecstasy)

crosses all lines
 domestic violence ~ of class, race and education

crossed (party) lines
 Democrats ~

cuts across (ideological) lines
 the movement now ~ (animal welfare)

broke along (ideological) lines
 the court's ruling ~ (Supreme Court)

divided along (racial) lines
 a Southern society that was still sharply ~

divided along (ethnic) lines
 groups ~

♦ Actual lines include such things as picket lines and security lines.

division & connection: boundary / line

line (categories)

line between life and death
 the ~ proved a thin one (victims of terror attack)

line between abled and disabled
 he has erased the ~ (Oscar Pistorius)

line between news and entertainment
 he straddles the ~ (TV personality)

line between video games and movies
 realism blurs the ~...

line between observer and participant
 the ~ (bombings / Iraq)

line between saint and sinner
 there is sometimes a fine or blurry ~

line between martyrdom and suicide
 she explores the ~ (author)

line between the real and the unreal
 the ~ in popular culture seems ever more blurred

line between teaching and criticizing
 the delicate ~ (coaching)

line between making a point and belaboring it
 there is a fine ~

line between reality and play-acting
 the ~ is not clear in both movies and wrestling

line between normal and abnormal
 the ~ (psychiatry)

delicate line
 the ~ between teaching and criticizing (coaching)

fine line
 there is a ~ between making a point and belaboring it

fine or blurry line
 there is sometimes a ~ between saint and sinner

line has (gradually) blurred
 but the ~ as...

lines are blurring
 the ~ (between hotels and Airbnb)

blur the line
 some writers ~ (between genre and literature)

blurs the line
 realism ~ between video games and movies...

erased the line
 he has ~ between abled and disabled (Oscar Pistorius)

straddles the line
 he ~ between news and entertainment (TV personality)

division & connection: boundary / line

line (out of line)

a little out of line
 I think you are ~ here...

behavior: boundary / line

line (finish line)

finish line

getting vaccinated felt like the ~, but... (pandemic)

finish line of retirement

deep into the rat race, far from the ~

at the finish line

I will be there ~ (lengthy lawsuit against corporation)

yards from the finish line

they are at risk of stumbling just ~ (COP26)

get across the finish line

she is looking for women we can help ~ (politics)

get this plan across the finish line

we are going to keep working to ~ (legislature)

push the bill across the finish line

they are hoping to ~ (politics)

♦ "I will be there at the finish line. I don't want to run halfway and decide, 'Nah, I'm too tired now.'" (One of a number of woman suing a major corporation for unequal pay.)

attainment: line / sports & games

starting, going, continuing & ending: line / sports & games

line (over the line / finishing)

over the line

we should have kept quiet until it was signed and ~

attainment: line / sports & games

starting, going, continuing & ending: line / sports & games

line (over the line / behavior)

go over the line

"Anything goes... As long as you don't ~ (Las Vegas)

stepped over the line

some people believe the group has ~ (ELF)

behavior: boundary / line / prep, adv, adj, particle

line (cross the line)

crossed the line

her comments ~ (racer complains about pit crew)

crossed a (constitutional) line

the suit argues the law ~

♦ "There will be consequences for those who cross the line." (Pam Shriver, about her sexual relationship with her much older coach Don Candy.)

behavior: boundary / line / verb

line (behavior)

blurred lines

what is consent, such ~, that terrible song... (sex)

behavior: boundary / line

line (battle lines, etc.)

line of defense

it is a third ~ against the coronavirus (a third vaccine)

battle lines

the ~ are hardening as the rulers dig in (protests)

last line

habeas corpus is the ~ of defense, a Hail Mary (law)

battle lines are formed

these ~, solid, and unmoving (impeachment)

battle lines are forming

the ~ in the dispute

battle lines are hardening

the ~ over the issue (abortion)

battle lines are being drawn

the ~ (politics)

battle lines have been drawn

the ~ (liberals versus conservative)

conflict: military

line (tread a line, etc.)

treading a (delicate) line

the government is ~ between...

walk a (really) fine line

the government has to ~ (indictment)

walks a (very) fine line

the indictment ~ here (case against Assange)

fate, fortune & chance: boundary / line / verb / walking, running & jumping

line (on the line)

on the line

the season is ~ on Sunday (a sports team)

fate, fortune & chance: line

line (in line)

in line with (embassies') advisories

Westerners keep a low profile ~

falling in line

they are rallying around their nominee, ~ (Trump)

fell in line

when Trump won the nomination, Burkman ~

unanimity & consensus: line

line (toe a line, etc.)

treading a (delicate) line

the government is ~ between...

follow the (I.M.F.'s) line

countries that ~ but still fail to grow...

parroted the (official) line

he ~ about enemy losses

toes the line
not everyone ~

toe the line
the judges refused to ~ (dispute with president)
Republicans have been asked to ~ (politics)

toe the (ideological) line
you are protected only if you ~ (academia)

toed the (Republican) line
he has ~ (a politician)

♦ "This is sometimes misspelled as "tow" the line. See the interesting article, "Death nails and foul swoops." *The Economist*, July 17th 2021. That article references a George Orwell article, "Politics and the English Language," *Horizon*, April 1946, which is freely available online everywhere, thanks to the Orwell Foundation. Orwell's article is as true today as it was then.)

unanimity & consensus: line / verb

line (government line, etc.)

company line
researchers toe the ~

government line
the ~ about Waco is being challenged

party line
he is not touting a ~

official line
he parroted the ~ about enemy losses

sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: line

line (red line)

red line
this is a ~ that should not be crossed (national defense)
a ~ for us is if we see chemical weapons (diplomacy)
the use of chemical weapons would be a "~~" that...

crossed a red line
Hamas ~ by firing rockets towards Jerusalem

behavior: boundary / line

line (line in the sand)

line in the sand
that ~ is long gone (stars don't do streaming films)
those are the people who decided that this was the ~

constraint & lack of constraint / behavior: boundary / line

line of fire

viral line of fire
they are sending their workers into the ~ (Amazon, etc.)
walk (directly) into the line of fire
it may seem crazy to ~ (Jessi Combs / speed record)

danger: military / weapon

line up (verb)

lined up to call

Republicans have ~ on him to quit (politics)

lining up behind him
they are ~ (supporting a politician)

unanimity & consensus: line / verb

linger (verb)

lingers in our minds
each of us has a single meal that ~

linger for 20 hours
the Predator can ~ over a battlefield (military)

lingered for days
the cold weather ~

anxiety lingered
~ long after the threat had passed

effects will linger
the psychological ~...

hope lingers
~ for youngster's return (missing)

questions linger
he was released from prison, but ~...

storm lingers
the longer the ~, the longer we will see impacts

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

lingering

lingering doubts
put to rest any ~ about...
jurors who may hold ~ about their guilty verdict...

lingering fears
~ over safety (terrorism)

lingering irritant
his decision was a ~ to Republicans

lingering smell
the ~ of smoke (restaurant fire)

lingering stereotype
the ~ of depression being a female condition

lingering tensions
~ burst into violence

lingering threat
software can prevent much of the ~ of known viruses

lingering fears or concerns
try to address any ~ he may have (toddler)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement

link (weak link)

weakest link
we're as good as the ~ (fighting worldwide pandemic)

weakest link in the (global) chain
you're only as secure as the ~ of information (Internet)

weak link on the team
he's a ~

strength & weakness: chain

lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)

"Lion of the Desert"
the Italians hanged the ~ in 1931 (Omar Mukhtar / Libya)

Lion of Panjshir
the great Ahmad Shah Massoud, the ~
defending the valley, Massoud became known as the ~

Lion of the Punjab
Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the ~ (Sher-e-Punjab)

Lion of Verdun
he became known as the ~ (Philippe Pétain)

♦ The last lions in the Sahara survived on the Ennedi Plateau until the 1940s (Chad).

♦ "He was the lion killed by a flea." (Richard the Lionheart.)

epithet: animal / lion

courage & lack of courage / military: epithet

lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.)

Lion and the Unicorn
the ~ appear on the UK royal coat of arms

Bronze Lion
Queen Beatrix awarded to the ~ to...

Golden Lion
Orson Wells received the ~ (1970 Cannes)

♦ "On Wednesday 31 May 2006, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands posthumously awarded the late Major General Stanisław Sosabowski, commander of the 1st (Polish) Independent Parachute Brigade, the Bronze Lion for his services in Operation Market Garden in 1944. / On Wednesday 7 October 2009, two Dutch soldiers were awarded the medal: commando Bjorn Peterse (posthumously awarded) and Kaptain Gijs, for their actions in Afghanistan."

proper name: animal / lion

achievement, recognition & praise: proper name / sign, signal, symbol

lion (liberal lion, etc.)

lioness of the left
she is a ~

liberal lions
they were ~ of a past generation (Supreme Court)
~ like Birch Bayh and George McGovern

old lion
the kid is getting his shot against the ~ (boxing)

hierarchy: animal / lion / person

achievement, recognition & praise: animal / lion / person

lion (courage)

lions

we won't be sheep, we're going to be ~ (self-defense)

lion's heart

I have a ~ (winning boxer after hard match)

courage of a lion

she had the ~ (Sicilian journalist slain in Afghanistan)

♦ "I would liken us a little bit to a bit of a wounded lion, if you like. We'll go away, we'll lick our wounds, we'll work out what needs to be different, and we'll come back fighting and roaring." (Sally Munday, the chief executive of the funding agency UK Sport, who oversaw 27 million pounds of investment on Olympic teams and individuals in the hope of winning 3 to 7 medals at the Beijing Olympics. They only won two, both in curling.)

♦ "[I] showed heart and balls like a lion again." (Tyson Fury after his third fight with Deontay Wilder.)

♦ The jackal is a lion in his own country.

♦ It is better to die like a lion than live like a dog.

♦ It is better to be a live dog than a dead lion.

♦ "I fought the lions, I fed the fleas, What got me at last? Mediocrities." (Bertolt Brecht.)

courage & lack of courage: animal / lion / person

person: animal / lion

lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.)

throw innocent people to the lions
the French think we ~ (over allegations of sexual abuse)

thrown to the lions

we're kinda being ~ here (Afghan government)

allegiance, support & betrayal: violence / verb

lioness (Lioness.co, etc.)

Lioness

the letter was published on the whistleblowing website, ~

proper name: animal / lion

courage & lack of courage: proper name

lionized

lionized

her aggressiveness would be ~ if she were a man (politics)

lionized by the literary establishment

marquee names traditionally ~

lionized by journalists

~, the sniper became a heroic symbol (WWII USSR)

lionized for his disastrous service

there is no accountability when Summers is ~ (economics)

lionized for refusing

athletes are ~ to stand for our national anthem (protests)

lionized as a giant

he has been ~ of the environmental movement

lionized as a hero and a whistleblower

he was ~ (Li Wenliang)

achievement, recognition & praise: animal / lion

lion's share

lion's share of the attention
a few books get the ~

lion's share of the burden
the US is willing to do the ~, but we can't do it alone

lion's share of the credit
he deserves the ~ (coach)

lion's share of the rewards
they reap the ~

lion's share of revenue and profits
tech giants collect the ~ in the media space

deserves the lion's share
he ~ of the credit (coach)

earn the lion's share
affiliates ~ of ransoms (ransomware)

get the lion's share
a few books ~ of the attention

amount: animal / food & drink / lion

lip (speech)

lip
their ~s are sealed down at City Hall (trying to get info)
his ~s are not sealed

loose lips
~ sink ships (wartime)

speech: mouth

lip (stiff upper lip)

have a stiff upper lip
how helpful is it to ~ and just get on with it (crisis)

♦ "Oh for goodness sake. Anyone would think you were dying. You've only got suspected leprosy." (A British nurse to a terrified English patient just returned from Afghanistan who is howling in pain, delirious with fever, and covered in enormous black lumps.)

♦ Keep calm and carry on. (Great Britain, World War II.)

♦ Keep calm and wear a mask. (The COVID-19 pandemic.)

♦ Keep Calm and Call Drew! (An advertisement for Drew Cochran, criminal defense, Maryland State Bar. The exclamation mark seems to contradict the message.)

feeling, emotion & effect / resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: mouth

lips (lick one's lips)

licking their lips
I feel his future opponents will be ~ (boxing)

eagerness & reluctance: animal / bodily reaction / mouth

lip service (pay lip service, etc.)

give lip service to the victims
officials ~ (school shooting in Michigan)

give lip service to cooperating

they ~ (war against terrorism)

paying lip service
can you really address the issues rather than ~ (a judge)

pays lip service to its commitment
Europe only ~ to the nuclear deal (Iran)

pay lip service to mental health concerns
the tabloids ~and the right to a private life

paid lip service to it
every supervisor at least ~ (change)

pay lip service to (fiscal) responsibility
politicians ~

pay lip service to the rules
most at least ~ (politics)

symbolic, lip service, or pandering
is it ~ to get the black vote (reparations)

♦ "I want her and other actresses to walk the walk." (The MeToo movement and lip service.)
♦ "I'll try....," "I'll get back to you....," "We'll see....," "I guess....," "Your guess is as good as mine....," "I'll bear it in mind," "I hear what you say...." (Paying lip service.)

♦ "They felt betrayed, which I totally get..."
♦ "I am sorry you were treated so badly and I understand. Thank you for your service."

♦ "We want to reassure customers that our restaurants are clean and safe." (A statement by Yum Brands Inc. after TV cameras showed a swarm of rats scurrying about a KFC / Taco Bell in New York City.)

♦ "I think it's absolutely fine, I do." "I think it's great." "I have no problem with it whatsoever." (Comments about a gay marriage by a politician many consider to be paying lip service.)

♦ "We should have that conversation; We need to have that conversation; What an interesting idea, I think we should have that conversation..." (Excellent ways not to say yes or no, to make no commitment, while at the same time sounding sympathetic.)

♦ "Oh, I'm sorry about that. These things happen."

♦ "Good luck with that!"

♦ "This makes for interesting reading." (The non-committal written response to a report by the State Department's medical team about the health effects of microwaves.)

♦ "She said, 'I just want to check in with you and let you know your mother's doing fine, that she doesn't have a temperature.' I said, 'That's *.' My mom died at 3:30 this morning.' And she was like, 'Oh my God. That wasn't in the chart.'" (Pat Herrick, daughter of a Life Care Resident in Kirkland, Washington. Her mom died of COVID-19.)

♦ "We agree we must do better and we are working inside to do so." (Twitter.)

♦ "Lauren's death was a tragedy that affected all of us in very, very difficult ways and we know that mistakes were made, we own the fact that mistakes were made..." (The Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of Utah, speaking on Dateline NBC for the episode "Lauren's Promise.")

♦ "That would be like obviously very extremely interesting for like a future direction. (An academic presentation.)

♦ "Well, so far to answer her question...we've created a [inaudible] post on our Website... (An ABC "voting help" segment.)

♦ "That's a great question. We don't yet know..."

♦ "A spokesman for the company said the safety of its residents was paramount and it was helping them find temporary alternative accommodation." (The company, according to the government, had consistently failed to take action against the risk of fire.)

- ♦ "I apologize to the world, to my family, and to the Nevada State Athletic Commission... and to Judge Patricia Clifford, who knows that I am proud to be living up to the terms of my probation..." (The boxer Mike Tyson.)
- ♦ "The club have said they will work to educate fans on the issue." (BBC, "Manchester United condemn fans' 'completely unacceptable' chants about Hillsborough tragedy," 20 April, 2022.)
- ♦ "We have secured the armaments package, which will be properly disposed of. Safety is our utmost priority." (A military official, after a plane full of rounds and live missiles crashed into a warehouse near an airport and burned. Thankfully, the live munitions did not go off.)
- ♦ "The worst part is behind us, we are seeing a new dawn, hold on, have faith, because good days are coming, glorious days are coming, keep on praying, and we are with you, we are praying along with you, good days are coming." (Samson Shekhar Chauhan of the Lutheran Maritime Ministry, to sailors stranded on ships by COVID.)
- ♦ "'Have a blessed day,' that means get lost!" (The great writer James McBride.)
- ♦ "The Grand Slam organisers wrote to [Naomi Osaka] to offer support, as well as to 'remind her of her obligations'."
- ♦ "The safety of our cast and crew is the top priority of Rust Productions and everyone associated with the company." (A statement after cinematographer and rising star Halyna Hutchins was shot and killed on set.)
- ♦ "You're not gonna die, you're gonna be fine." (*Reservoir Dogs*.)
- ♦ "Editor's Note: This podcast extra contains explicit details of domestic abuse. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, use a safe computer and contact help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at xxx.xxx.SAFE (xxx), or visit <https://wwwxxxxxxxx.org>."
- ♦ "So, we should warn that our conversation will include descriptions of execution."
- ♦ A FUNNY STORY. Nasreddin decided to become a judge and make some money. Ali came to him one day to complain about Saleh. Nasreddin listened and said, "You're right, you're right, you're right." Ali gave money to Nasreddin and left happy. Then Saleh came in to complain about Ali. Nasreddin listened and said, "You're right, you're right, you're right." Saleh gave money to Nasreddin and left happy. Nasreddin's wife, who had been listening behind the curtain, was not happy. "How can you say Ali is right, and then say Saleh is right," she exclaimed indignantly. "You're right, you're right, you're right," replied Nasreddin.

speech: mouth

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: mouth / speech
language: speech

lipstick (appearance)

lipstick

no matter how much ~ you put on a pig, it's still a pig

putting bright red lipstick on capitalism

it's hustle culture, it's ~ (girl boss culture)

♦ "You cannot beautify an ugly face, even if you use a lot of makeup." (A Palestinian political activist about an Israeli measure.)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: materials & substances

liquidate (kill)

"liquidate" defectors

his death is part of a deliberate policy to ~

death & life: euphemism / verb
oppression: euphemism / verb

liquidated (killed)

liquidated

dozens of attackers were ~ (Kazakhstan)

death & life / oppression: euphemism

list (amount)

Christmas list

see *Christmas* (*Christmas list*)

laundry list

see *laundry* (*laundry list*)

listen (listen to something)

listen to my body

it's important that I ~ and don't push too hard (tennis)

listened to my instincts

I ~ and didn't...

listen to the science

~ and act now, before it's too late (Greta Thunberg)

I want people to ~, not to me (Greta Thunberg)

my message has always been, ~ (Greta Thunberg)

fictive communication: speech

listen (as noun)

give a listen

he doesn't say Biden won, but listen to this, ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear / part of speech

litany (noun)

litany of charges

he is facing a ~

litany of errors

let's go through the ~ (poor crisis management)

litany of ills

he presents a ~ plaguing the body politic

litany of (medical) issues

his death was due to natural causes associated with a ~

litany of (personal) problems

he has battled a ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

amount: religion

lite (substance)

backcountry-lite

Bluebird's founders call this ~ (a ski resort in Colorado)

democracy-lite

~ won't do for Egypt

Facebook Lite

~ appears to be a cut-down version of Facebook

impeachment lite

he has dubbed this "~~" (President Trump)

independence-lite

Scotland can choose devolution-max or ~

Jewish-lite

prosperous ~ families of the time on both coasts (1950s)

lockdown-lite
most in the Netherlands support a new ~

narco-state lite
Holland is becoming a ~

NPR Lite
I disagree that BPP is “~” (Bryant Park Project)

philosophy lite
this is ~ (self-help book based on philosophy)

Tory lite
there will be no return to a “~” agenda

♦ “This is Plan B-Lite, what we should have is Plan B-Plus.” (Fear of virus.)

substance & lack of substance: weight

literacy (noun)

“cyberspace literacy”
how to negotiate this space and develop a ~ (internet)

emotional literacy
how to develop ~ (Daniel Goleman)

ability & lack of ability: books & reading

literate (adjective)

“politically literate”
~ young Bolsheviks fanned out from Moscow (1929)
♦ “Beware, Monsieur, of the memory of the illiterate man!” (“The Bull That Thought” by Rudyard Kipling.)

ability & lack of ability: books & reading

litmus test

litmus test for (Russia's) democracy
the West sees the trial as a ~

litmus test for (EU) membership
they insist on cooperation as a ~

diplomatic litmus tests
officials caution against turning issues into ~

evidence / experimentation: chemistry

littered

littered with companies
the history of the sector is ~ that went bankrupt

littered with failed distribution companies
the road is ~ (films)

littered with (environmental) time bombs
Central and Eastern Europe are ~

configuration: waste

live (location)

living
so where did you find this comet, where is it ~

live forever

Twitter users took screengrabs that will now ~

live here
your stories ~ (ad to create an account for newspaper)

live (out) here
luck don't ~ (the film *Wind River*)

lives here
the Sugar Bowl ~ (ad for TV network)
the pride, passion and pageantry ~ (Paul Finebaum Show)
the language still ~, in our valley (Aranese / Val d'Aran)

lives in his archive
he wrote a memo to file that ~ in which he...

lives in the indictments
that information ~

live (down) in labs
most instruments ~ on E-deck (*Polarstern*)

lives in different language
the subjunctive still ~ in quite strong ways (not in English)

live at the top
banners that ~ of YouTube's homepage (expensive ads)

lived on a hard drive in his home in Florida
until recently, his 55,000 field recordings all ~ (Martyn Stewart)

lived on Facebook
this stuff ~ for 3 months (disinformation / taken down)

living on YouTube
some of the clips were ~ months ago

lives on the internet
an NFT is a collector's item that ~ (non-fungible token)

live beneath Western Front
World War I munitions still ~ (NPR)

live under the same roof
she brings together dishes that don't ordinarily ~ (a chef)

avalanche lives
we climb where the ~

heat lives
that's where the ~ (the seeds in chilies)

♦ “One got to know that ambulance (it lived somewhere at the back of St. Clement Danes) as well as the Police of the E. Division...” (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ see also *reside* (verb)

location: house / verb
place: house / death & life / verb
presence & absence: death & life / verb

live (alive / non-human)

live by the end of the year
Windows 11 should be ~ (ABC Tech Bytes)

live (single) round
a ~ was accidentally fired on set (the film *Rust*)

live wire
he touched a ~ and his left arm had to be amputated

live and ongoing
it's still ~ in the field (Extreme Ice Survey)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life
condition & status: death & life

live (live with something)

live with
I dropped an easy pass, it's one I'll have to ~ (sports)

live with it
so I learned to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

live (live and die / commitment)

live and die for each other
we're family, these guys will ~ (rugby team)

commitment & determination: death & life

live (live and die / fate)

live and die by where
our campaign doesn't ~ his approval rating is (politics)

live and die by your decisions
as a manager, you ~ (sports)

live and die by intelligence
we ~ (Salt Lake City police gang unit)

live and die by their holiday sales
they ~ (bakeries that make hot cross buns)

live or die, survive or go dark
they can decide which Web sites ~ (Web hosts)
♦ This is like, "stand or fall."

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

live (live and breathe, live to)

lives to track
he ~ the scent of malfeasance (a journalist)

lived and breathed for the Olympics
Daley has always ~

lives and breathes boxing
he ~ (promoter Frank Warren)

lives and breathes sport
Australia is a country that ~

absorption & immersion / consumption / enthusiasm /
identity & nature: breathing / death & life / verb

lived experience (groups, etc.)

lived experience
people with ~ are valued (recovery coaches / addiction)
I always knew my race was relevant to my ~ (Asian)

we've learned from those with ~ (NYC DA / prostitutes)
their actual experience, their ~, right...

lived experiences of Americans
foreign policy has become detached from the ~

lived experience of being Black in America
the ~ weathers the body (public health)

lived experiences of real people
how the law impacts the ~

lived experience of those
it is wrong to dispute the ~ suffering from Long COVID

lived experiences of women of color
the ~

lived experience of Black women
her poetry spoke to the ~ (Maya Angelou)

lived experience of social workers
it's important we try to understand the ~ (Arthur Labinjo-Hughes case)

lived experience voice
he had that ~ (Miriam Krinsky about Chesa Boudin)

my lived experience
this violence is not new in my life, ~ (VP Kamala Harris)

discrimination and lived experiences
they seek to erase the legacy of ~ (a critical race theorist)

comes from lived experience
knowledge and expertise that comes from ~

dispute the lived experience
it is wrong to ~ of those suffering from Long COVID

emphasize lived experience
the pilot program will ~ over formal education (Oakland)

known from lived experience
what Black organizers have long ~

puts her lived experience to good use
she ~ (a child of immigrants / YAL *Skin of the Sea*)

speak to their lived experiences
things that are not verifiably true but ~

spoke to the lived experience
her poetry ~ of Black women (Maya Angelou)

question or debate (Black colleagues') lived experience
don't ~ (Disney World employee training)

♦ "Don't question or debate Black colleagues' lived experience." (Disney World employee training.)

♦ "To question the role of trauma, we are warned, is to oppress: it is 'often nothing but a resistance to movements for social justice,' Melissa Febos writes in her forthcoming book, 'Body Work: The Radical Power of Personal Narrative.' Those who look askance at trauma memoirs, she says, are replicating the 'classic role of perpetrator: to deny, discredit and dismiss victims in order to avoid being implicated or losing power.'" ("The Key To Me" by Parul Sehgal, *The New Yorker*, January 3 & 10, 2022.)

♦ "For all of you that want to slap narratives on my words and my experience—one in which I lived for 17 years—you can't do that because you have no clue." (Carli Lloyd, soccer player.)

♦ "Listen to your kids. They know what's best for them because they're living their experience every single day." (JR Ford. From "Children's book 'Calvin' shows how a community can embrace a trans child's identity," NPR, All Things Considered, Nov 9, 2021.)

♦ "He is versed in a certain kind of performativity, a conspiratorial brandishing of one's Blackness as automatic expertise." ("All Talk: The news, according to Charlamagne tha God and Jon Stewart" by Doreen St. Felix, *The New Yorker*, October 25, 2021.)

♦ "Her poetry spoke to the lived experience of Black women." (Maya Angelou. According to Wikipedia, some of her work may be considered autobiographical fiction. She certainly made the most of her extraordinary life.)

♦ Mr. Head: What was that? / Nelson: A man. / Mr. Head: What kind of a man? / Nelson: A fat man. / Mr. Head: You don't know what kind? / Nelson: An old man. / Mr. Head: That was a black man. / Nelson: You said they were black. You never said they were tan. How do you expect me to know anything when you don't tell me right? (From a short story by Flannery O'Connor, published in 1955. Nelson, a rural boy, had never seen a Black person before.)

♦ [Scientist] "It is quite clear to me that the legend of the mapinguary (pronounced ma-ping-wahr-EE) is based on human contact with the last of the ground sloths. We know that extinct species can survive as legends for hundreds of years. But whether such animal still exists or not is another question, one we can't answer yet." (Dr. David Oren, a former director of research at the Goeldi Institute in Belem, at the mouth of the Amazon River.) [Indigenous person] "The only way you can kill a mapinguary is by shooting at its head. But that is hard to do because it has the power to make you dizzy and turn day into night. So the best way to do if you see one is climb a tree and hide." (Domingos Parintintin, a tribal leader in Amazonas State, on the mapinguary, a legendary Amazonian beast. From "A Huge Amazon Monster Is Only a Myth. Or Is It?" by Larry Rohter, *The New York Times* International Sunday, July 8, 2007.)

♦ "We kinda really tried to focus on that lived experience that people have." (Colorado Democratic Governor Jared Polis, explaining his laissez-faire Covid strategy. It is interesting usage by a relatively older, white politician.)

♦ "Whether it's journalism, fiction or poetry, writing about war is routinely prized for 'combat gnosticism,' which is the notion that the ability to comprehend war requires a special knowledge possessed only by a battle-hardened elite." ("The War of Words" by John Palattella, *The Nation*, January 2, 2004 issue.)

♦ "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids rich and poor alike to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal their bread. This equality is one of the benefits of the Revolution." (Anatole France, *The Red Lily*.)

♦ "It is disingenuous, absurd and historically false to argue that a hellish system such as National Socialism sanctifies its victims." (Primo Levi. Quoted in "How Did He Die?: An Exchange" by Tim Parks, *The New York Review*, December 17, 2015.)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. Question: How many Vietnam veterans does it take to screw in a lightbulb? Answer: How would you know, man? You weren't there!

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A college-student "reporter" in the 1970s interviewed the owner of a porn shop when such things were new and unusual. While interviewing the owner, the youth was startled by a contraption that looked like an octopus, and heard himself blurting out, "What's *that* for?" The porn-shop owner narrowed his eyes and growled, "The clientele knows."

♦ "There's no fool like an old fool."

♦ see also *lived reality (groups, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: society

lived reality (groups, etc.)

lived reality of racism
the ~ persists in the black community

lived reality of their students
many white educators have a hard time addressing the ~

lived reality for many LGBTQ people

housing discrimination is the ~ in our country

people's lived reality

legislative decisions take place at a great distance from ~

face discrimination as a lived reality

black and racialized Canadians ~ every single day (Trudeau)

♦ see also *lived experience (groups, etc.)*

inclusion & exclusion: society

live up to (something)

live up to the commitments

we expect the Japanese to ~ they have made

live up to expectations

many athletes do not ~ (behavior problems)

live up to those expectations

the training they go through to in order to ~

lived up to (family) expectations

he never ~ (a drifter)

live up to (fans') expectations

he may never ~ but... (player with big salary)

lived up to the hopes

the claims for brain imaging have not ~ (psychiatry)

live up to the hype

the fight did not ~ that it received (boxing)

live up to its (professed) ideals

an American failure to ~ (New Orleans hurricane)

live up to the image

it's harder for him to ~ the public has of him (a poet)

live up to the (gangsta) image

there are those who work to ~

live up to their obligations

both countries should ~ under the agreement

lived up to its promise

if Pakistan ~ on infiltration, New Delhi would...

live up to you (campaign) promise

do you think it's so difficult to ~

lived up to (longstanding) promises

he has not ~ to tribal groups (Brazil)

lived up to their reputation

Bayer Leverkusen, who ~ (soccer team)

lived up to his responsibilities

he has not always ~

live up to the rhetoric

will reality ~

live up to my own standards

I have failed to ~ (an abusive coach)

live up to his own standards

he failed to ~

live up to its (own stated) values
the US has failed to ~ (secret prisons, etc.)

live up to their vows
a majority who took the pledge did not ~ (virginity)

live up to its words
we are simply asking BP/Amoco to ~ (environment)

lived up to its expectations or talent
the team never ~

live up to the conditions of the agreement
local officials would not ~ (Red Cross program)

failed to live up to
the US has ~ its own stated values (secret prisons, etc.)

commitment & determination: direction / verb

responsibility: direction / verb

live on (verb)

live on
there is no doubt that his books will ~ (VS Naipaul)

lives on
the filibuster ~, in its 3rd century, more powerful than ever

lived on
the bomber was dead, but the threat ~ (unexploded bombs)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

live wire (person)

live wire
she was a ~ (outspoken, passionate, talented, dedicated)

live-wire ex-soldier
the stereotype of the ~ (the Gulf War)

one-time live-wire
Martin, a ~ who is now a boring teacher... (a film)

character & personality: electricity / person
person: electricity

livid (adjective)

livid that
she is ~ her husband is dating...

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / color

living (adjective)

living document
the Constitution is a ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life

load (work)

load of a (college) professor
he's teaching double the normal ~ (adjunct)

course load
I adjusted to the new ~

workload
teachers complained about the increased ~

teaching and research load
faculty members can reduce the ~ by half

parenting load
she has been carrying the full ~

extra load
the types of ~ that we are placing on teachers

full load
it may be hard to juggle a ~ of classes and a job

full (parenting) load
she has been carrying the ~

normal load
he's teaching double the ~ of a college professor (adjunct)

bear (some of) the load
build a new airport to ~ (Chicago)

carrying the (full parenting) load
she has been ~

handle the load
the system can barely ~ (airline travel)

♦ "A woman without a donkey is a donkey herself." (Debre Zeit, Ethiopia.)

work & duty: burden / weight

loaded

loaded term
experts say temptation is a ~ (a crime against women)

loaded, loaded word
the word "victim" is a ~ (Judge Bruce Schroeder)

racially loaded
he tweeted the ~ term on Tuesday ("lynching")

♦ "Last week, there was widespread outrage when Judge Schroeder set ground rules forbidding prosecutors from referring to the men Rittenhouse shot as victims." ("A look at Bruce Schroeder, the judge in the Kyle Rittenhouse trial," NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 4, 2021.)

♦ "The word 'victim' is a loaded, loaded word that can prejudice the jury." (Judge Bruce Schroeder of Wisconsin.)

history: burden / journeys & trips / weight

oppression: burden / journeys & trips / weight

speech: burden / journeys & trips / weight

loan shark

loan shark
he borrowed the money from a ~

money: person / predation

person: money

lock (lock something away)

locked it away
it was embarrassing, so I ~ (sexually assaulted)

concealment & lack of concealment: key / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: key / verb

lock (under lock and key)

kept under lock and key

the report was meant to be ~ (Catholic Church)

concealment & lack of concealment: key

lockdown (noun)

lockdown

our ~ is a giant garden party (vs. China, Italy)

lockdown measures

a number of countries are set to relax their ~ (COVID)

lockdowns and death counts

before life turned into this slog of ~ (pandemic)

coronavirus lockdowns

sports fans are going through withdrawal because of ~

lockdown is getting looser

the ~ (pandemic)

♦ "Last night we got out of strict Level Four lockdown, which hasn't allowed us to surf for five weeks. We're in Level Three now and we can finally surf. I'm so pumped to get out there." (A video showing a female teen surfer in New Zealand on the shore in a wetsuit with her surfboard. She turns and runs to the water.)

curtailment: doors & thresholds / key

constraint & lack of constraint: doors & thresholds / key

locked (locked in a battle, etc.)

locked in a (custody) battle

they are ~

locked in a (seesaw) battle

they are ~ for the strategic city

locked in a (fierce and noisy) debate

Tunisians are ~ about the role of Islam in politics

locked in a (bitter) dispute

they are ~ over Kashmir

attachment / configuration / division & connection: doors & thresholds / key

locked and loaded (adjective)

locked and loaded

the US is ~ (diplomatic crisis)

the US is ~, ready to retaliate over the attack

locked and loaded for a retaliatory strike

the military was ~

readiness & preparedness: military / weapon

locked in (target)

driven, locked in, damn the torpedoes

he is ~ (the NFL quarterback Tom Brady on winning)

♦ "In the end, cold-blooded killer, in the end all that matters is, Lombardi number eight. He is driven, he is locked in, he is damn the torpedoes."

(Skip Bayless, speaking with Shannon Sharpe about the great quarterback Tom Brady, on "Skip and Shannon: Undisputed." "Lombardi number eight" refers to Brady's quest to win his eighth Super Bowl, in 2022.)

commitment & determination: military / target / weapon

locker (noun)

Web locker

he is a prominent ~ operator (file sharing)

computer: container

locker (sports)

in his locker

it's always something he's had ~ (ability to assist, score)

help & assistance: sports & games

lockstep (in lockstep)

in lockstep

they were all ~, working together (Boeing, FAA)

in lockstep with the White House

Senate Republicans will be ~

act in lockstep

he will ~ with the White House

march in lockstep

climate and carbon dioxide clearly ~ (Antarctic ice)

work in "lockstep"

Obama said the US would ~ with Israel to prevent...

working in lockstep

Obama is ~ with the Israelis

♦ "Go to Cam Ranh Bay / Go to Cam Ranh Bay! / Chasing Charley all the way / Chasing Charley all the way! / Wiiiide River / Wiiiide River! / Oh! One more river to cross / Oh! One more river to cross." (Marching cadence, Vietnam War training at Fort Knox. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

unanimity & consensus: line / military / walking, running & jumping

lodestar (noun)

lodestar of my life

Mother Teresa was the ~

Taliban's spiritual lodestar

his involvement was minimal, yet he remained the ~ (Mullah Omar)

legal lodestar

Thurgood Marshall was his ~ (lawyer Ben Crump)

political lodestar

cutting taxes is a ~ for many Tories (UK)

one of our lodestars

the spirit of that imperative is ~ ("believe women")

♦ A lodestar refers to the North Star, or to stars that help people to find the North Star. As such, it relates to direction and following.

♦ Somebody sent an anonymous op-ed article to *The New York Times*. The writer included the word "lodestar." People interested in "outing" the

anonymous author focused on that "rarely used word" to try to determine who sent it. ("Does 'lodestar' guide us to anti-Trump op-ed author?" BBC, 6 September 2018.)

direction: astronomy / journeys & trips

lodestone (noun)

lodestone for migrants

Angola has become a ~ (2009 / from Congo)

♦ A lodestone is a piece of naturally magnetic rock, once used in primitive compasses for roughly indicating the direction of north.

direction: astronomy / journeys & trips / tools & technology

lofty (adjective)

lofty rhetoric

he is known for his ~ (a politician)

achievement, recognition & praise: height

speech: height

logjam (noun)

logjam

coat checks and valet parking can become ~s (malls)

logjam of traffic

he looks out onto an endless ~

logjam on death row

the execution does not signal a break in the ~

logjam in Washington

there is such a ~ (politics)

log jam in the Suez canal

the ~ forced 350 ships to park (*Ever Given*)

logjam (with Congress) over the president's plan

he seeks a way to break the ~

data logjam

limited storage media has created a scientific ~

bureaucratic logjam

despite the ~s the Army faced in stepping up...

ideological logjam

progress has been stuck in an ~ (warming)

legislative logjam

squabbling could lead to a ~ (politics)

partisan logjam

the White House seeks to break the ~ (politics)

political logjam

the ~ must be dislodged

break in the logjam

the execution does not signal a ~ on death row

not everyone is happy about the ~ (politics)

polarization and logjam

they talked about the ~ in Congress

log jam broke

the ~ (writer's block)

logjam (holding up the bill) broke
the ~ on Saturday (politics)

logjam (on extradition) was broken
in 2012, a ~ when...

break the logjam

we must ~ (politics)

Islamic leaders are working to ~ (immunizations)

broke that logjam

it was that demonstration that ~ (AIDS protest)

clear the logjam

I sought a way to ~ (a diplomat)

♦ "All I carried away from the magic town of Auckland was the face and voice of a woman who sold me beer at a little hotel there. They stayed at the back of my head till ten years later when, in a local train of the Cape Town suburbs, I heard a petty officer from Simon's Town telling a companion about a woman in New Zealand who 'never scrupled to help a lame duck or put her foot on a scorpion.' Then, precisely as the removal of the key-log in a timber-jam starts the whole pile—those words gave me the key to the face and voice at Auckland, and a tale called 'Mrs. Bathurst' slid into my mind, smoothly and orderly as floating timber on a bank-high river." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "Old man Jinby rode frantically into Grand Rapids, like a second Paul Revere, screaming out that the flood had broken loose. It is impossible to describe the excitement and consternation that reigned in Grand Rapids as the rushing timbers shot down the current past the city. The heavy iron bridges one after the other crumpled up like matchwood and were borne out of sight down stream on the very top of the jam... Five hours later about half of the logs boiled into sight at Grand Haven, fifty miles away... Now [at Grand Haven] for four days and nights ensued a grim struggle for supremacy [to secure its own booms and to keep the logs from floating out into Lake Michigan] that has probably never been equaled in industrial history." ("The Great Log Jam" by Stewart Edward White is a terrific account of an actual log jam. It appeared in Frank Leslie's *Popular Monthly*, Vol. LII No. 3 in July, 1901, and it is an account of the Great Log Jam of 1883 on the Grand River in Michigan, perhaps the largest logjam in the history of logging.)

obstacles & impedance: river

logroll (verb)

logroll to get

politicians ~ their share of pork

help & assistance: history / tree / verb

social interaction: history / tree / verb

logrolling (noun)

political logrolling

they practice ~ (politicians)

♦ In the past, on the frontier, neighbors would help one another to roll logs to construct buildings.

help & assistance / social interaction: history / tree

loiter (verb)

loiter in the sky

drones can ~ for several hours and spy... (warfare)

loiter (in the sky) for several hours

drones can ~ and spy (warfare)

movement: verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

lone wolf (person)

lone-wolf attack

it's difficult to protect against ~s (terrorism)

lone wolf individual

a dozen ~s with ties to the group have been caught

racist "lone wolves"

Obama has enraged ~

society: animal / predation / wolf

behavior: animal / predation / wolf

character & personality: animal / predation / wolf

long (a long time, etc.)

long ago

in the ~, when I was a girl

long day

let's get some sleep, it's been a ~

long nights

I've had some ~ in the stir... (Shawshank Redemption)

long behind

his best writing days were ~ him

long time

this has been a ~ coming (trans representation / Olympics)

♦ see also *time (long time / short time)*

time: amount / distance

long-run (adjective)

long-run impact

the ~ on the world economy

time: distance / movement / walking, running & jumping

long shot

long shot

the horse is a ~ to win

fate, fortune & chance: weapon

longtime (adjective)

longtime alliance

their ~ has been frayed by his rejection of the bill

long-time (NATO) ally

the US is turning the heat up on its ~

long-time (Trump) ally

~ and conservative media mogul

time: distance

long-winded (speech)

a little long winded

this guy's ~ (vice-president)

thoughtful, reflective, (occasionally) long-winded

he was ~ (a politician)

speech: air / atmosphere

look (a bad look, etc.)

good look

it's not a ~

appearance & reality: part of speech

look (look the other way / look away)

look away

we can no longer ~ (justice)

look away from election interference

we are not going to ~

looked the other way

corrupt officials ~ (contract)

looking the other way

even the Supreme Court is shrugging its shoulders and ~

♦ “98% of Wikipedia’s readers don’t give, they simply look away.” (Fundraising.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb

look at (analysis)

look at Chernobyl

if you ~ you will find...

look at the data

if you ~, one thing that really jumps out is...

look (more closely) at these (reluctant) pioneers

we must now ~

look at Poland

so let's ~ (talk show)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: eye / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

look back (verb)

look back

was there a low point when you ~ (addiction)

when I had a chance to ~ and go through all the what-ifs...

I don't ~ and think, “Those were the days”

as I ~ now, I can see so clearly that...

look back on her accomplishments

we ~ (tribute to woman who died)

looks back on Houston's life

John Donaldson ~ (died)

look back on your life

sometimes you ~ and wonder..

looked back on my old life

I haven't ~ once... (travel abroad)

look back through rose-tinted glasses

it is easy to ~ and miss problematic details (history)

never looked back

I switched girlfriends and ~

after cutting his rival in the first round he ~ (boxing)

past & present / time: direction / eye / verb

look down on (something)

look down on me

I am suffering every day when people ~ (immigrant)
some people ~, but I don't give a rip ("Redneck Woman")

admiration & contempt: direction / eye / gesture / height / verb

look for (verb)

looking for how

we're really ~ we can improve...

looking for answers

we are ~

looking for excuses

I think you're ~

looking for love

Don was online ~, like millions of other men...

look for opportunities

~ to develop new skills...

look for patterns

~ in your preferences (job hunt)

looking for (better) opportunities

they are always ~ (jobs)

looking for sympathy

the amputee is not ~ (an amputee)

looking for trouble

if you ask me, he was ~

look for (new) ways

~ to apply knowledge management

looking for something

they meander about, ~ to do (kids)

looking for something new

women are always ~ in cosmetics

started looking

the four partners ~ for help

searching & discovery: eye / verb

look forward to (verb)

looking towards his future

the boy, ~ ("Ike" memorial in D.C.)

look towards smaller parties

he can now ~ to build a government (election winner)

look forward to going

I don't ~ to work tomorrow...

looking forward to going

Andrea was ~ on holiday...

look forward to hearing

I ~ if he made it to Katahdin (AT)

look forward to seeing

I ~ you in Detroit

looking forward to seeing

he was ~ his wife and children

looking forward to spending

he was ~ time with his grandchildren

looked forward to watching

she ~ the World Cup (marine in Iraq)

look forward to the class

students should ~ (teacher training)

look forward to and accept

some people ~ death (nursing)

future / time: direction / eye / verb

eagerness & reluctance: direction / eye / verb

Looking Glass

Looking-Glass world

the Poles are ~ (every direction north or south, sun, etc.)

looking-glass world

its ~ (*The Hearing Trumpet* by Leonora Carrington)

♦ Lenora Carrington (OBE) was a devoted reader of Lewis Carroll (Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) and Jonathan Swift.

allusion / fantasy & reality: books & reading

look into (verb)

looking into what

is anybody ~ happened or...

looking into whether

they are ~ foam produced... (*Columbia* disaster)

investigators are ~ the attack was...

federal agents are ~ he violated...

looking into (food) allergies

my son has become a biter and we are ~

look into the case

they agreed to ~ of Amy Wroe Bechtel (Vidocq Society)

looking into the complaint

authorities are ~ of a Saudi camel owner who...

look into a (horrible) crime

the soldiers were asked to ~ (Iraq atrocity)

look into ecoterrorism

the FBI said it would ~ as a possible motive

looking into evidence

is the White House ~ that American POWs may...

look into (Baluch) grievances

committees set up last year to ~ (Pakistan)

look into it

this is the first I've heard of it, I'll ~

we'll ~, thanks for bring it to my attention...

look into the matter
he'll ~

looking into the possibility
officials were ~ that tribal leaders had...

looking into the (various) theories
engineers ~ (plane crash)

look into ways
or you could ~ of covering it up with destroying it

look into transferring
maybe you should ~ to another school

investigators are looking into
~ who received traffic tickets in... (murder)

searching & discovery: eye / verb
analysis, interpretation & explanation: eye / verb
attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

look like (resemble)

look like
what does genius ~ (NPR)

looks like
we know what fake ~ (commitment vs. opposite)

look like people
harassment can ~ looking at you in a sort of odd way...

what a hero looks like
films condition us to think this is ~ (physicality, danger)
♦ "I know dead when I see dead."

appearance: eye

look like (analysis)

look like
what does that tension ~ (Anya Kamenetz)

mean or look like
so what does a pivot to China ~ in practical terms (NPR)
♦ "What does too far look like and what does too young look like." (An advocate for antiracism in public schools.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: eye

look like (future)

what that looks like
we're just going to have to wait to see ~ (regime change)

look like
what will the new normal ~ (post-COVID-19)

look like in the fall
what might campus life ~ (during pandemic)

look like when
what life might ~ normal returns

look like if
what would this vote ~ this were a secret ballot

looked like in your view
what would justice have ~, what should have happened

look like for Cuomo
so what does the future ~ (politics)

is going to look like
we don't know what 2021 ~

might look like
police reform and what it ~

ought to look like
what safety measures ~ in the movie industry

supposed to look like
what the right relationship with a male figure is ~

will look like
we will talk about what voting ~ during the pandemic

would look like
tell me what an ideal system ~

♦ "So like what do you think this should be, like what does it look like?"
♦ The future is less and less a time, and more and more a place that we can see!

future / time: eye / place

look like (look like me, etc.)

look like the country
the Supreme Court should ~ (Joe Biden)

looked like him
few people ~ in the lecture hall, he felt isolated

look like me
space for people who ~ (the online Black Opry)

looked like me
I never saw anyone who ~

look like them
a more welcoming place for others who ~ (music industry)

look like us
there aren't a lot of people that ~ that are on the air

♦ "I was exhausted with the culture of country music not creating space for people who look like me." (This sentence combines three tropes: physical malaise; the idea of spaces; and "look like me.")

♦ "It does open up a conversation because it's her using her voice and her platform to really call out systemic change, which she has done before. I think she can show other girls and women who look like her how to empower them to stand up for themselves in ways that I think we haven't always been able to see." (C. Valie Wright, PhD, a clinical psychologist and the American Psychological Association's Senior Director of Health Care Innovation, about Naomi Osaka and her struggles with mental health.)

♦ "I am Puerto Rican, from the Bronx, and I was raised in the 50s, loved television, never saw anybody who looked like me, I began to feel on some level that I was invisible. I didn't know what I would contribute to a society that was determined not to see me..." (Sonia Manzano, actor, screenwriter, author, speaker, TV series creator, producer, etc., who played Maria on Sesame Street for 44 years. According to her Wikipedia entry, she attended the High School of Performing Arts, then Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh on scholarship.)

♦ "If you've not seen yourself on screen before, why would you ever want to go for that role? You've suddenly got representation from not one, but two South Asian women and it's a period drama which traditionally you'd

only see white cast members in." (Laraib Waheed, an actor, about on-screen representation of people of South Asian heritage in the hit period drama *Bridgerton*. From "Bridgerton: South Asian faces on TV 'makes me happy'" by Paige Neal-Holder and Steffan Powell, BBC, March 22, 2022.)

♦ "Solving a crossword puzzle, there's a lot of joy in that moment when you see something you know reflected back to you in the newspaper grid. And so for me, it became a project of bringing that moment of recognition to more and more people who look and sound like me and consume the same sort of cultural artefacts that I do." (Anna Shectman, crossword constructor. A clue that she constructed that she likes best is: Grande Dame of music. (Answer: Ariana.) From "The 'real outlier' in the crossword puzzle-making community" by Lucy Wallis, BBC News, April 3, 2022.)

♦ Ron Clark: "You see this? [Pointing to a poster that says, "We Are Family."] This means that this year is going to be different. This year is going to be about more than school. This year, we are going to be a family." / A student: "But you don't look nothin' like me." (The film, *The Ron Clark Story*.)

♦ "The Cosby Show, the Huxtables, were meant to inspire us. Be like them, everyone seemed to be saying..." (A discussion on Bill Cosby's legacy.)

♦ "It's time to face the music, / it's time to make you see / the root of all your problems is / that you don't look like me." (Candy Pink (Julie Brown) organizing a make-over for Valerie Gail (Geena Davis) to make her brand new and more appealing to Ted Gallagher (Charles Rocket). From the film *Earth Girls Are Easy*.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

look up (verb)

looking up

Rhyl's image is ~ (English town)
New York's economy is ~ (post 9/11)
things are ~, progress is being made
so things are *not* ~ (a political problem)

looking up for the president

things are ~ (Iran)

progress & lack of progress: direction / eye / verb

look up to (somebody)

look up to

she is someone young people can ~ (an athlete)
it's good for the country to have heroes to ~

look up to me

there are kids out there who ~ (an athlete)

look up to my father as a role model

I've always been able to ~

looked up to Bruce Lee as a role model

he ~ (the martial arts star)

looked up to him in high school

I ~

looked up to them all my life

I've ~ (Native Americans)

looked up to him ever since

he flew in space, and the US has ~ (John Glenn)

admiration & contempt: direction / eye / gesture / height / verb

loom (loom large, etc.)

looms large over Wisconsin
the president still ~ (elections)

loom over the game

those larger issues ~ (football and CTE)

♦ "Boy, this really is looming. It looms large." (An ABC investigative producer visiting the Ohio State Reformatory, the setting for the great film *The Shawshank Redemption*.)

presence & absence: height / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height / verb

superiority & inferiority: height / verb

loop (in the loop)

in the loop

we make sure you are ~ at every step (financial planning)

involvement: shape

loop (other)

doom-loop

we're trapped in something of a ~ (social media)

doom loop

a ~, a cycle of negative economic feedback

involvement: shape

loophole (noun)

loophole

until the ~ is closed...

legal loophole

many believe he wriggled through a ~ (Rubin Carter case)
~s are still open to abusers (France)

exploiting that loophole

unions are exploiting ~ (politics and money)

find a loophole

we were able to ~, but that loophole has been closed (law)

used a loophole

he ~ to keep practicing (a bad doctor)

♦ Defenders fire weapons through loopholes from inside a fortification.

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

loose (get looser, etc.)

getting looser

the lockdown is ~ (pandemic)

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

loose (let loose)

let loose

he has largely held his tongue, but on Friday he ~
he ~ in attacks on his enemies (politics)

restraint & lack of restraint: hand / speech / verb

loose ends

tied up loose ends

I put my affairs in order, ~

tie up some loose ends

in this last episode, I'll try to ~ (podcast)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: rope

loose (loose woman)

loose woman

she might be labeled a ~, a prostitute (for bike riding)

sex: euphemism / rope

loosen (loosen control, etc.)

loosening

a sign that the government's grip was ~

loosened their grip

tradition, ideology, and religion have ~ in the West

loosen (Germany's) manacles

Hollande wants to ~ of austerity (economics)

increase & decrease: pressure / verb

loosen up (feelings)

need to loosen up

they are grumpy people who need to ~

laugh and loosen up

this would make them ~ (a joke)

amelioration & renewal / feeling, emotion & effect: rope / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

loot (verb)

loot the assets

they could no longer ~ of the Venezuelan people

taking & removing: crime / verb

possession: crime / verb

Lord of the Flies

Lord of the Flies

you've got ~ if you take a small group of young men...
(*Lords of Chaos*)

behavior / oppression / violence: allusion

allusion: books & reading

lord over (verb)

lorded over his (C.E.O.) son
the father still ~ (corporation)

lorded over their slaves

the plantation owners ~

oppression / power: royalty / verb

lose (extinction)

lose the big apes

in 30 years we could ~ from central Africa

losing their cultural heritage

Nigerians are ~ (indigenous languages versus English)

lose Lake Baikal

the warnings of scientists who say "we will ~"

lost about a third of North America's birds

since 1970, we've ~

appearance & disappearance: death & life / verb

lose (through death)

lost him

my dad loved this place and then I ~ (father died)

I ~ when I was four years old (died)

when we ~ (to suicide)

lost his wife

he ~ (died)

lost one of its own

the police force has ~ (killed in the line of duty)

lost last year

singers we ~ (died)

♦ He is no longer with us.

death & life: euphemism / verb

lose out (verb)

lost out to home refrigerators

block ice ~

competition: sports & games / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sports & games / verb

loser (noun)

winners and losers

there will be ~ (the economy)

success & failure: sports & games

loss (death)

awful loss

her little brother and sister can hardly process this ~ (selfie accident)

death & life: euphemism

lost (direction)

lost in illusions

the expectation leaves us ~ (that history progresses)

easy to get lost

it's ~ in the music

got lost in the murk

I ~ of the situation

get lost in the music
it's easy to ~

get lost in a (large) school
a lot of kids ~ (immigrants, etc.)

got lost in a bureaucratic maze
when her scholarship money ~...

leaves us lost
the expectation ~ in illusions (that history progresses)

direction: journeys & trips

lost (extinction)

lost with her generation
the Blues will be ~ (the great blues singer Mary Lane)

appearance & disappearance: death & life

lost (death)

lost here
so many lives were ~ (at a concentration camp)

lost to COVID-19
members of the community ~

lost to gun violence
he was ~ on April 3, 2021 (murdered)

death & life: euphemism

lot (lot in life, etc.)

accepted their lot
they made no excuses and just ~ and moved on (2 boxers)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling

lottery (win the lottery, etc.)

lottery
it was not the ~ I wanted to win (bad luck)

lottery winner
he is a genetic ~ (an athlete)

academic lottery
getting into his class is winning the ~

fate, fortune & chance / success & failure: gambling

loud (attention)

loudest and (most) engaged
Kenya has one of Africa's ~ internet communities (#KoT)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

loudmouth (person)

bombastic loudmouths
stop listening to the ~ on the radio, TV and internet

character & personality: mouth / speech

speech: mouth / person

love (fall in love)

fell in love with
they found someone that they ~ in Mac Jones (sports)

fall in love with a walrus
to meet a walrus is to ~ (a walrus researcher)

fell in love with (big-wave) surfing
she ~ (Maya Gabeira)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

love (enthusiasm / noun)

love of baseball
her ~ continues to this day (Wanda Fischer)

in love with birds
what can I say, I'm ~ (a birder)

in love with this city

I'm ~ as I guess most people are (Rome)

♦ "What can I say, I'm in love with birds." (A birder.)

♦ "To meet a walrus is to fall in love with a walrus." (A walrus researcher.)

♦ "Some people say they are awfully horney, awful bad looking, but to me... they are beautiful fish, just like a beautiful blonde." (Pat Wudtke, 73, in Wisconsin. He has speared sturgeon—living fossils—for 50 years during the state's annual season.)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

love (enthusiasm / verb)

love to see people crash
people ~ (the great Mike Metzger, freestyle motocross)

love the freedom
I ~ (a re-enactor)

love maps
I ~, and when you get hooked... (W. Graham Arader III)

loved the railways
Ian has ~ since he was a child in the fifties (train spotting)

love sundials
getting people to ~ is an uphill battle (sundial enthusiast)

♦ "When I am a medieval plunderer, I can do what I want, and I love the freedom." (Pol Malfait, a 53-year-old postal clerk from Ghent, Belgium. As a medieval re-enactor, he spends the weekends pretending to be a 14th-century Flemish soldier.)

♦ "I probably loved atlases so much because the lines, the colours and the names replaced the real places that I could not visit. When I was eight... (From the wonderful little book *Atlas of Remote Islands* by Judith Schalansky.)

♦ "People love to see people crash." (The great Mike Metzger, a pioneer of freestyle motocross. He once sustained 4 concussions in two months, has broken his back 3 times, has broken his arms and legs, and lost a testicle after crashing.)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage / verb

love (love that dare not speak its name)

dared not speak its name
a project that ~ (nation-building in Afghanistan)

♦ "[W]hen the then US head of Central Command David Petraeus was asked whether the US was engaged in nation building, he replied, 'We are indeed.' He added that 'I'm just not going to evade [the question] and play rhetorical games.' This was an implicit acknowledgment that rhetorical games had become almost compulsory in official parlance. The US was spending hundreds of billions of dollars on a project that dared not speak its name." ("The Lie of Nation Building" by Fintan O'Toole, *The New York Review of Books*, October 7, 2021.)

allusion: books & reading

concealment & lack of concealment: allusion / books & reading

lover (enthusiasm / person)

lover of Greece and Greek culture

a Philhellene is a ~

lover of knowledge

he was a voracious reader and autodidact, a ~

lover of things English

an Anglophile is a ~

lover of film

a cineaste is a ~

woodie lover

one ~ explains his passion (wooden roller coasters)

yarn lovers

an event for ~ (Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival)

♦ Anglophile (lover of things English); audiophile (lover of high-fidelity sound); bibliophile (lover of books); cineaste / cinephile (lover of films); Philhellene (lover of Greece and Greek culture); herpetophile (lover of reptiles); lexophile (lover of words); oenophile (lover of wine); pagophile (an ice-dwelling organism); philosophy (lover of wisdom)... (Names of enthusiasts that incorporate various suffixes.)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage / person

person: love, courtship & marriage

love on (something)

loving on my coworkers

just here ~ at @WHYYunion rally! (a tweet with picture)

feeling, emotion & effect: prep, adv, adj, particle

low (low on food, etc.)

low on food

I was ~ due to the curfew

amount: direction / height

low (decline)

brought low

he has been ~

decline: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

low (emotion)

low

I was unhappy, as ~ as any man could go (a boxer)

feeling (pretty) low

I was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height

low (base, bad / adjective)

low art

I walked past high art and ~ (New York City)

lowest form

the story is the ~ of journalism (a *Sun* article)

low life

he lived the ~ with tramps and gypsies in barns

♦ "He lived the low life with tramps and gypsies in barns and the high life with barons in castles." (Patrick Leigh Fermor on his rambles in 1933.)

♦ "I walked past high art and low art, past the theaters where famous people played to packed houses, past theaters where anonymous people played with themselves." ("In the Temple," a chapter from *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg.)

behavior: direction / height

admiration & contempt: direction / height

superiority & inferiority: direction / height

low (base, bad / noun)

new low

this is a ~, a blatant political ploy

behavior: direction / height

admiration & contempt: direction / height

low (lie low)

lying low

he is ~ over fears for his safety

attention, scrutiny & promotion / pursuit, capture & escape: animal / height / hunting / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lower (river, etc.)

Lower Yangtze

this is what one might call the upper reach of the ~

orientation: direction / height

lubricant (social lubricant, etc.)

social lubricant

alcohol is a crucial ~ (Great Britain)

amelioration & renewal: mechanism

Lucullan (adjective)

Lucullan feast

at the celebration of the birth we were entertained to a ~

amount / money: allusion

Lucullus (epithet)

Scottish Lucullus

Cpt John Piper, a very unthrifty ~ (d. 1851)

money: allusion / epithet

lukewarm (feeling)

lukewarm about the (coronavirus) vaccines

they were ~ (vaccine reluctance)

lukewarm to the idea

but back in America, the NBA was ~ (pros in Olympics)

lukewarm to Trump

the state was ~ but has since converted

allegiance, support & betrayal: temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

eagerness & reluctance: temperature

lukewarm (activity)

barely above lukewarm

the economy is really ~

activity: temperature

luminary (person)

luminaries

where the president and other ~ sat... (graduation)

establishment luminaries

she attracted ~ to the board (Kissinger, Shultz, Mattis, etc.)

conservative luminaries

~ are rallying their troops against Obama (politics)

person: light & dark

superlative: light & dark / person

importance & significance: light & dark / person

achievement, recognition & praise: light & dark / person

lung (atmosphere)

“Lungs of the Planet”

the Amazon Rain Forest is sometimes called the ~

lungs of Southeast Asia

it is sometimes called the ~ (Borneo and its forests)

planet's "lungs"

the Amazon is considered to be part of the ~

Mumbai's last green lung

the Aarey forest is often referred to as ~

green lungs

the Gorski Kotar region, referred to as “the ~ of Croatia”

♦ In 2019, forest fires in the Amazon caused leaders and the media to repeat the old canard that the Amazon creates 20 percent of the world's oxygen. This figure is grossly inflated, and reflects a total misunderstanding of the science involved. That's because plants not only create oxygen but use it. “The net contribution of the Amazonian ecosystem to the world's oxygen level is effectively zero.” (FactCheck.org and many other sources.)

biodiversity: atmosphere / breathing / epithet

lurch (verb)

lurched from scandal to scandal

Facebook has ~ over the past months

lurch (too far) to the left

the party should not ~ (politics)

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

control & lack of control: equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping

lure (verb)

lured him out of the bar

they ~ and robbed him

lure listeners down (dark sonic) avenues

her songs ~ (Billie Eilish)

lured him (back) to Memphis

she ~ with sexually explicit texts and he took the bait

lured the Persian fleet into a trap

the Greeks ~ (at Salamis)

lure Diana into doing

he used deceit to ~ the interview

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb

lure (noun)

lure of the Himalayas

the ~ is still with Tomaz Humar (the great climber)

lure of (modern) conveniences

the ~, steady jobs and a cash economy (to the Inuit)

lure of the north

the ~ is hard to overcome (migrants)

lure of the (majestic) peaks

the ~ pulled him back (Montana Blackfoot)

lure of sex

he used the ~ to get athletes to his club

lure of the summit

the ~ proved stronger than a fear of death (climbing)

lure of the water

the ~ was too much (drowning incident)

lure of wealth

the ~ provides powerful incentives (capitalism)

lure of easy money

the ~ sparked a land boom (Everglades)

lure of multiple majors

at many universities, the ~ has become so strong

lure of cheap homesteads and easy money

the ~ sparked a land boom

lure of investing

for many, the ~ is the thrill of uncertain reward (stocks)

♦ What do you have if you have a Damsel Dredger, a Braided Bitch, a Crystal Rubber Bugger, a Pulsating Caddis, or a Gold Beaded Poopah? (Trout flies for fly fishing.)

♦ In the southern Appalachians, hunters will hang a ham from a tree on the crest of the ridge to lure bears to the scent. They will return to the bait with dogs, which will follow the scent of the bear. Such baiting is illegal.

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting

lurk (verb)

lurking

if you've had a heart attack, another could be ~
how many quakes are ~ in unknown faults
Luan is always ~ now (Rio 2016 football final)

lurks in every direction

danger ~

lurk in every shadow

for some people, dangers ~ (anxiety)

lurking on the margins

Manchester United is ~ of the Premier League's top four

terrorism lurks

~ in small towns and rural areas (as well as cities)

movement / presence & absence: animal / hunting / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

lurking (lurking danger, etc.)

lurking danger

he was seized by a gut feeling of ~

danger / presence & absence: animal / predation

lust (noun)

lust for gold

the word lust has wider application: ~, lust for power

Lust for Life

~, the film about van Gough with Kirk Douglas

lust for power

he has been described as having a ~ and money

the word lust has wider application: lust for gold, ~

lust for travel

his restlessness, his ~ (Bruce Chatwin)

lust for war

his brutality and ~ (a Marine)

lust for power and money

he has been described as having a ~

curb their lust

politicians need to ~ for contributions

attraction & repulsion / enthusiasm / wants, needs, hopes & goals: sex

luster (noun)

luster of (unlimited) promise

he arrived in Washington with the ~ (a politician)

lost its luster

but in the 1960s, Detroit ~

superlative: light & dark

lynch (lynch mob, etc.)

see *lynch mob*

lynched

lynched

I give you hope that can't be ~ (Rochester demonstration)

judgment / oppression: history / violence

lynching (media lynching, etc.)

partisan lynching

this was just a ~ (impeachment)

victim of a (media) lynching

his lawyer claims he is the ~

judgment / oppression: history / violence

lynch mob

lynch mobs

Bill Cosby's wife says he was the victim of "~~"

partisan lynch mob

informed voices were drowned out by the thunder of the ~

♦ "[T]wo [girls]—one white, one black—who were almost exactly the same age and had both witnessed the same lynching. A real lynching, not someone's cheap metaphor... I don't know what image people have of these things to the degree that they think of them at all..." (NPR, "From Martin Luther King Jr., A Burden and Gift," Tell Me More, Michel Martin, January 13, 2012.)

♦ "The community is well convinced he was disloyal. The city does not miss him. The lesson of his death has had a wholesome effect on the Germanists of Collinsville [Illinois] and the rest of the nation." (The report in a local paper on the murder of Robert Prager, a German immigrant, who was lynched in Collinsville, Illinois, now a suburb of St. Louis, on April 4, 1918. He was stripped naked and made to walk down Main Street singing patriotic songs. The drunken mob broke beer bottles at his feet, so that he walked barefoot on glass shards to the tree from which he was hanged. The mob believed him to be a German spy. Eleven men were put on trial for his murder, and all were acquitted. From "During World War I, U.S. Government Propaganda Erased German Culture," NPR, All Things Considered, April 7, 2017.)

♦ "Hey, Mr. Cunningham. I said, 'Hey, Mr. Cunningham'... Don't you remember me, Mr. Cunningham? I'm Jean Louise Finch. You brought us some hickory nuts one early morning. Remember? We had a talk... I go to school with your boy... He's a nice boy, tell him hey for me, won't you?" (A small girl shames a lynch mob and affects an entire generation. From the beloved novel and film *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.)

judgment / oppression: history / violence

M

Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.)

Machiavelli for Women

~: *Defend Your Worth, Grow Your Ambition...*

Trump's Machiavelli

he essentially became ~, plotting and planning...

♦ "I mean, his life basically vanished like an Alka-Seltzer tablet." (Guy Raz and Stacey Vanek Smith dishing about Machiavelli on NPR to promote Stacey's book, *Machiavelli for Women: Defend your Worth, Grow Your Ambition, and Win the Workplace.*)

♦ “Italy,’ declared Metternich, ‘is a geographical expression.’ He spoke no more than the truth. Never in all its history had the Italian peninsula constituted a single nation; even in the days of imperial Rome it had been merely a part—and usually quite a small part—of the Roman state. Since the early Middle Ages, however—and perhaps even earlier—the concept of Italian nationhood had existed as a distant ideal: Dante and Petrarch had both dreamed of it, as later had Machiavelli.” (*The Middle Sea: A History of the Mediterranean* by the historian John Julius Norwich.)

allusion: books & reading

behavior / character & personality / history / subterfuge:
allusion / epithet

Machiavellian (adjective)

Machiavellian

his rags-to-riches story is amazing, but his practices are ~

Machiavellian machinations

we are deep in the weeds of ~ (politics)
the ~ of Washington politics

Machiavellian manservant

the power struggle between Tony and his ~ Hugo (a film)

Machiavellian sociopaths

challenge his notion that powerful people are all ~

Machiavellian tool

his anti-corruption campaign is a ~ to eliminate rivals

Machiavellian and ruthless

he had to be ~ (a leader)

at his most Machiavellian

Billy Bob Thornton plays a political consultant ~

♦ “‘Machiavellian’ should be a compliment and *The Prince* has in fact been an infallible guidebook followed closely by all successful leaders.” (A BBC blurb for “Niccolo Machiavelli—the Prince,” produced and directed by Clive Brill. A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.)

♦ Many historical personages—such as Hector, Charles A. Lindbergh, and Joe McCarthy—have been mischaracterized in the language.

character & personality / subterfuge: allusion

comparison & contrast: affix

machine (the Swiss Machine, etc.)

“Swiss Machine”

Ueli Steck, who was known as the ~, died in an accident nicknamed the ~ for his ruthlessly methodical approach

functioning: epithet

machine (publicity machine, etc.)

machine

he’s a ~ (Ronaldo starts for Man U vs. Newcastle)
the pandemic reminded us that people are not ~s (jobs)

machine of state

the great ~ always wound up mired (Colombia)

anthem machine

George M. Cohan was an ~ (songwriting)

entertainment machine

Hollywood is an ~ constantly hungry for new talent

social-media machine

that’s when the ~ starts, you can’t do anything about it
(racist abuse of soccer player)

goal machine

Lewandowski, their Polish ~ (Bayern Munich)

intelligence machine

we need to have a robust ~ to keep us safe

meat machines

stop treating animals like ~ (factory farms)

money machine

it’s a ~ for the owners, not the fans (Man U)

policy machine

she’s the ~ who can fix it (candidate Elizabeth Warren)

propaganda machine

the ~ has helped keep in in power (state media)

publicity machine

as the ~ rolled forward (for a film)
generally, she played her part in the ~ (Hollywood gossip)
the ~ that is Kim Kardashian

Scream Machine

we kayaked ~ (Green River Gorge North Carolina)

war machine

factory workers for the ~
the diamond trade fuels the ~ (Angola)

stolen-base machine

he was a ~ (Lou “the Base Burglar” Brock)

well-oiled machine

the team is a ~ (sports)
his administration is not a ~ (politics)

well-oiled (propaganda) machine

Isis has a ~

well-run machine

it was a ~ (the TV series *Law & Order*)

killing machine

the hydraulic below a dam is a ~ (kayaking, swimmers)
the crocodile is an efficient ~
when let outside, the typical house cat turns into a ~

marketing machine

the league’s ~ (N.B.A)
they are a ~ (the Dallas Cowboys, to include boxing)

winning machine

they were a brilliantly managed half-season ~ (Chelsea)
they are a ~ (the Azzurri / Italian national soccer team)

resentment-generating machine

the modern meritocracy is a ~ (David Brooks)

fantasy-making machine

Hollywood, the greatest ~ the world has ever known

money-making machine

he was once a ~ worth \$400 million (a boxer)
the big teams are enormous ~s (soccer / EPL 2021)

Disney is a ~ that follows formulas based on past success
great machine
imagine the US military and its diplomatic corps as a ~
political machine
a powerful black ~ based in Harlem
robust (intelligence) machine
we need to have a ~ to keep us safe
ruthless machine
Liverpool are a ~ (Liverpool 5 Manchester United 0)
cogs of a (bloodthirsty) war machine
making soldiers into the interchangeable ~
part of a (Democratic) machine
he was ~ that won year after year (a political figure)
cog in the machine
see *cog (cog in the machine, etc.)*
machine hums along
that ~ despite a record of failure (US military)
became a (recording) machine
I started just taking notes, I ~ (Hamill at RFK assassination)
creates a machine
he ~ and the players are just cogs (soccer manager)
keep the machine running
they ~ no matter who's in charge (national-security)
♦ "I'm part of a machine that always wins." (A Marine captain in Marjah, Afghanistan, 2010.)
♦ "Really the most depressing thing to me is if you imagine the US military and its diplomatic corps as kind of a great machine that is supposed to be kind of dynamic and alive and processing information and correcting course and changing course when it needs to, the thing could never change..." ("Dexter Filkins on the Fall of Afghanistan," *The New Yorker Radio Hour*).
♦ see also *cog (cog in the machine, etc.)*

**creation & transformation / functioning / operation:
mechanism**

machine (sex machine)

sex machine
I told them he was a ~ (my boyfriend)

sex: mechanism

machinery (government, etc.)

machinery of law enforcement
the ~
machinery of government
the Party, the ~, and the nation are one (China)
machinery around her
the ~ only grew (Britney Spears)
machinery of the state
the ~ is engaged in the suppression of...
machinery of state

I relish being a tiny cog in the massive ~ (Swiss voter)
cog in the machinery
he was a fossilized bureaucrat, a ~ for decades
machinery is set in motion
the infernal plot ~ when they receive a letter (*Is God Is*)
set the (state's) machinery in motion
she was able to ~ but couldn't stop or direct it (rights)
set its machinery going
we hit upon a scheme that promised well, and ~ (subterfuge)

functioning / operation: government / mechanism

mad (crazy)

mad scramble
organizers start the ~ to...(international festival)

baseball-mad
the crowd of ~ Habaneros (Cuba)

business-mad
Hanoi is brash and ~

celebrity-mad
a ~ world

football-mad
~ F.S.U.

hockey-mad
in ~ Canada

soccer mad
Turks are ~

status-mad
~ consumers

totally mad
it's mad, ~ (running with bulls at Pamplona)

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

made of (character)

what AJ is made of
we now need to find out ~ (the boxer after upset loss)

character & personality: materials & substances

madhouse (place)

madhouse
it's a ~ there (a crisis situation)

environment: mental health

madness (enthusiasm)

March Madness
college basketball fans look forward to ~

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

maelstrom (in a maelstrom)

in a maelstrom of (negative) attention
he has found himself ~ (an athlete)

amount & effect: sea

maelstrom (other)

swept up in this maelstrom
savings are ~ (electronic stock exchanges)

amount & effect: sea

maestro (person)

living legends, phenoms, maestros
they are ~ (DeNiro and Scorsese)

ability & lack of ability: music / person

person: music

mafia (group)

Stanford mafia

there's a bit of a ~ within the organization (NFL 49ers)

♦ "When I say *Mafia*, I mean what most people see in the word: people who take over control but never let anyone have an inside look at what they are doing." (The great Terje Haakonsen, after comparing the International Olympic Committee to the Mafia.)

group, set & collection: crime

magic (versus reality)

magic

decisions must be based on science, not ~

magic versus science, evidence and data
his policy is ~ (public-health crisis)

fantasy & reality: magic

magic (magic bullet, etc.)

magic bullet

nothing yet has proved a ~ (against oak-killing spore)

magic cure

there is no ~ (for kid fire-setting behavior)

magic formula

there is no ~, but try... (predicting NCAA winner)
we don't have a ~ for predicting wildfires

magic wand

I wish I could wave a ~ and make it all better
there's no ~ (to fix aging Chicago El system)
you can't just wave a ~ and reopen the economy (pandemic)

magic word

the ~s are "please," "thank you" (adult to 3-year-old)
there are no ~s to motivate every student (a teacher)
"I want to speak to a supervisor" can be ~s (disputes)

works its magic

the digital effects team ~ (on a commercial)

amelioration & renewal: magic

magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)

Magic Dragon
their classic hit, "Puff, the ~"

Magic Kingdom
smiling faces at the ~ (Disney)

Magic Slate
paper and pencils, ~s, communication boards

proper name: magic

magic (magic moment, etc.)

magic moment
that ~ when you feel the team spirit coming together

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

magic (trail magic, etc.)

trail magic
we experienced a lot of ~ (on AT Trail / trail angels)

fate, fortune & chance: magic

help & assistance: magic

magic (effect)

magic spell
80 types of weapons and a dozen ~s (computer game)

magic mushrooms
amphetamines, LSD, ~, amyl nitrate and Ecstasy

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

magical (effect)

magical
the effect was ~ (a new drug)
it's absolutely magical (data from migrating birds)

magical part
the ~ of backcountry skiing is getting away from people

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

magical (versus reality)

magical
this isn't ~, this is scientific (public-health debate)

magical shortcut
joining the military should not be a ~ to hero status

fantasy & reality: magic

Maginot Line

Maginot Line between two (warring) worlds
14th Street was the ~ (Manhattan theater world)

allusion: military

division & connection: allusion / history / military

magisterial (adjective)

magisterial

a biography, even one as ~ as this one...

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: government magnet (attraction)

magnet for Muslims
Makkah is a ~ (Hajj)

magnets for beggars
mosques are ~ (Harar / end of Hajj)

magnet for business
they want to make it once again a ~ (lower Manhattan)

magnet for (political) candidates
state fairs are a ~

magnet for controversy
a ~, he riled people up... (an artist)

magnet for (illegal) immigrants
Fairfax County is a ~

magnet for immigration
New York is a ~

magnet for (foreign) investment
tourism has been a ~ (Burma)

magnet for (music) lovers
Nashville is a ~ (live music, museums, etc.)

magnet for (illegal) migrants
the border village is a ~ (Las Chepas)

magnet for (committed) militants
Karachi is a ~

magnet for Muslims
Makkah is a ~ (Islam and Saudi Arabia)

magnet for people
it isn't much of a ~ who want to meet people (a town)

magnet for politicians
the convention is a ~ and businessmen (Davos)

magnet for (sexual) predators
Webcams are a ~

magnet for (slave) raiders
the area is a ~ (Sudan)

magnet for retirees
Western North Carolina is a ~

magnet for sharks
the seals are a ~

magnet for students
Dr. Chamberlain was a ~ (approachable, etc.)

magnet for tourists
St Mark's Square is a ~ (Venice)

magnet for transients
the city has become a ~ from around the West

magnet for westerners

it's a ~ seeking large tax-free salaries (Saudi Arabia)

magnet for artists and tourists
Santa Fe is a ~

magnets for the drunk and the unruly
they are ~ (urban liquor markets)

magnets for pickpockets, shoplifters, and muggers
shopping districts are ~

magnet for (avid) rock climbers
Looking Glass Rock is a ~ (NC)

magnet for music lovers
Nashville is a ~ (live music, museums, etc.)

magnet for sex offenders
the area has become a ~ upon their release from prison

magnet for gold prospectors
the area was a ~

magnet for sexual predators
Web cams are a ~

magnet for the eating-disordered
running is a ~

magnet for its legions of poor
Karachi is a ~ (Pakistan)

magnet school
~s induce kids to schools outside their neighborhoods

magnet and amenity
waterfronts are a ~ for downtown development

immigrant magnet
~s like California

job magnet
the bad economy took away the ~ pulling people here

media magnet
the case has become a ~

suicide magnet
the viaduct has a morbid reputation as a ~ (Toronto)
The Gap has a reputation as a ~ (Sydney)
the Fall Creek Gorge is a ~ (Cornell University)

tourist magnet
Bali has been a ~

bad luck magnet
he is a ~

social magnets
taco trucks, cultural icons and ~ in Mexico (and US)

become a magnet
South Beach has ~ for crime and disorder (Miami)

attraction & repulsion: tools & technology

magnetic (adjective)

emotionally magnetic

the idea of our decline is ~

extraordinarily magnetic
he is an ~ camera subject

attraction & repulsion: tools & technology

comparison & contrast: affix

magnetism (noun)

personal magnetism

Amundsen had the ~ that is the hallmark of great leaders

share a deep magnetism

Bogarde and Rampling ~ (*The Night Porter*)

attraction & repulsion: tools & technology

magnifying glass (under...)

under the magnifying glass

Amazon is ~ in several probes in the U.S. and Europe

under the magnifying glass right now

the social problems that are ~

put us under the magnifying glass

another death would ~ (NASCAR)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

magnifying glass (search)

holding a magnifying glass to those gaps

the economic crisis is ~ (job losses / people of color)

♦ "Well, to be fair—12-year-old Cayden Parson of McKinney, Texas said he was technically trying to use his new Christmas present to set the newspaper on fire. The lawn was just an innocent bystander." ("Texas Kid Immediately Uses Christmas Present To Set Fire To His Family's Lawn," Tara Holley, KNUE 101.5, December 28, 2021.)

searching & discovery: sign, signal, symbol / tools & technology

magpie (bird)

magpie's curiosity

his ~... (the writer Patrick Leigh Fermor)

magpie's nest

her mind was a ~ of knowledge

♦ "Murphy...was a brilliant talker... [H]er mind, a magpie's nest of knowledge, connected people to ideas and ideas to sweeping philosophies." (Esther Murphy. From "Clock's Ticking" by Rachel Syme, *The New Yorker*, July 5, 2021.)

behavior: animal / bird

person: animal / bird

maiden (adjective)

maiden venture

it was not the group's ~ into Pakistan

maiden voyage

HMS *Queen Elizabeth* set sail for the US on its ~

maiden win

his solo break paved the way for his ~ (Tour de France)

experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex

main course

main course

this is just the appetizer, the ~ will come (battle)

development: food & drink

mainstay (noun)

mainstay of (gossip) columns

sex is a ~

mainstay of the (bear's) diet

acorns and other mast is the ~

mainstay of the economy

agriculture is the ~ (Pakistan)

mainstay of (Uzbekistan's) economy

cotton is the ~

mainstay of (burn) management

antibiotics are a ~

mainstay for the national side

Raheem Sterling has been a ~ since his debut (soccer)

economic mainstay

trafficking of opium and heroin is Afghanistan's ~

♦ A mainstay is an important rope on a sailing ship that serves to support and stabilize.

bases: boat

mainstream (society)

mainstream

his ideas about diet and health have entered the ~

mainstream of (city) life

remote from the ~

mainstream artists

such ~ as the Chieftains

mainstream audiences

getting short films to ~

mainstream conventions

Ismailis ignore some of the ~ of Islam

mainstream culture

~ and drug culture

mainstream icons

Net culture prides itself on scoffing at ~

mainstream media

the ~ is often accused of liberal bias

nobody in the ~ will touch this

mainstream medicine

a religious sect that rejects ~

mainstream popularity

the brief ~ of folk music

mainstream (Saudi) view

the ~ on social issues (women in sports, etc.)

mainstream thinking
it seeped into ~

mainstream and alternative
he straddled the worlds of ~ medicine

underground and the mainstream
he is stuck between the ~ (a snowboarder)

outside the (medical) mainstream
his approach lies ~ (controversial treatment)

from the fringes into the mainstream
social media can push conspiracies ~

entered the mainstream
his ideas about diet and health have ~

join the mainstream
children of immigrants will ~

society: center & periphery / river
center & periphery: river / society

maintenance (high maintenance, etc.)

high-maintenance
Carly is ~, a very complicated person (relationships)

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism

major league (success)

major league
his journey from the streets to the ~ (a rapper)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

make (create)

make Marines
it's essential to ~ (recruitment and training)

makes me
I don't make music, music ~ (Skylar Hicks)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

make (make of something)

make of the (Trump administration's) decision
what do you ~

make of it
so what did you ~

make of this
what do you ~

make of (all) this
so what do Americans ~ (NPR analysis)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb

make-believe (noun)

air of make-believe
diplomacy can have an ~ (protocol, etc.)

fantasy & reality: magic

make-believe (adjective)

make-believe world
I lived in a ~ that afforded me great comfort (abused)

fantasy & reality: magic

make it (didn't make it)

did not make it
unfortunately, she ~ (girl died after being stabbed)

death & life: euphemism

make up (verb)

made the whole story up
police are investigating whether he ~ (hate crime allegation)

creation & transformation: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

making (creation)

making and unmaking
the book describes her ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

malaise (decline)

malaise speech
it became known as the ~ (Jimmy Carter / 1979)

capitalism's malaise
remedies for ~

American malaise
American exceptionalism in a time of ~

current malaise
United's ~ will not continue indefinitely (soccer team)

economic malaise
the country's ~

state of malaise
across the globe, democracy is in a ~

condition & status: health & medicine

malfuction (verb)

malfunctioned and look muddled
he picked a team that ~ (Champions League final)

failure, accident & impairment / functioning: mechanism / verb

malignant (adjective)

malignant (management) style
nobody can refine his ~

affliction / corruption / growth & development: health & medicine

malpractice (noun)

malpractice
the diagnosis is wrong, and the prescription is ~

foreign-policy malpractice
this qualifies as ~ (politics)

failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine

mammoth (size)

mammoth job
the heavy burden of this ~ (Man U manager)

mammoth task
the researchers gave them a ~ (students)

size: animal

man (big man, little man, etc.)

big man
he was a ~ in the mob (Boston)

great men
~ get great praise, little men nothing (military history)

hard man
see *hard man* (*character*)

little man
it's the ~ who does the courageous thing
Homer Stokes, servant of the ~ (a politician)

little men
great men get great praise, ~ nothing (military history)

“little people”
what utter contempt they have for us ~ (a school board)

strong men
~ like Trump, Duterte, Chavez, Fujimori (leaders)
~ use populism and charisma to rule with an iron fist

angry black man
I am not an ~ trying to argue with America about...
his suit alleges he was cast as the “~” (NFL)

quiet little man
the ~ has more guts and courage...

♦ “I've always found out the quiet little man that nobody pays any attention to usually has more guts and courage than the big blowhard, the big outspoken fellow... It's the little man who does the courageous thing.” (The filmmaker John Ford.)

♦ see also *boy, guy* (*character*), *Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)*

importance & significance: person / size

manacle (noun)

loosen (Germany's) manacles
Hollande wants to ~ of austerity (economics)

puts manacles on the media
this judgment, in its widest context, ~ (the *Mail*)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

mandible (noun)

upper mandible
North Head, the ~ of the harbor (Sydney)

orientation / resemblance / shape: mouth

maneater (female)

flirter or maneater

I'm not a ~ (single girl after married husbands of friends)

♦ “The call of a tigress in search of a mate cannot be described in words.” (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India 1936-1943).

person: animal / predation

sex: animal / person / predation

character & personality: animal / person / predation

maneuvering (strategy)

backstage maneuvering
there has been a lot of ~ (diplomacy)

political maneuvering
the ~ started immediately

position, policy & negotiation / strategy: movement

Manhattan Project

Manhattan Project for autism
Gardner has dreamed of a sort of ~

company's Manhattan Project
he called it the ~ (Monsanto's roundup-resistant plants)

new Manhattan Project
he's calling it a ~ for clean energy

allusion: military
difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / history / military

mania (noun)

mania for quantification
this ~ was in Bezos' heart (Amazon)

“Automania”
MOMA opens ~, a show about the legacy of the auto

self-improvement mania
the ~ is sweeping the country

Internet retail mania
the rising tide of the ~

♦ “For every mania there comes a payback time.” (*Booms and bubbles.*)

behavior: health & medicine / mental health

maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)

maniac observer
Leeuwenhoek was a ~ (the microscopist)

Beatlemaniacs
~ besieged the hotel

Broadway maniacs
for ~, this show is a must-see (TV)

Hulkamaniac
~s loved the show

♦ “Are these motherfuckers what all the people are screaming about? My dog plays drums better than that kid with the big nose.” (The great boxer

Sonny Liston at a Beatles' concert. From *King of the World* by David Remnick.)

♦ Fans of Mariah Carey are "lambs," part of the "Lambily," or "Lamb family."

person: health & medicine / mental health
enthusiasm: affix / health & medicine / mental health / person

Manichean (adjective)

Manichean struggle

a ~ between democracy and autocracy (vs. co-existence)

conflict: light & dark / religion

comparison & contrast: affix

manicured

manicured view

his show presents a ~ of a controversial man

appearance & reality: finger

manifesto (noun)

manifesto for targeting violence

his book is a ~ (*Bleeding Out*)

message: books & reading

mantle (noun)

mantle

its ~ was taken away (a champion tree)

mantle of religion

blasphemy laws are cloaked in the ~

mantle of his office

he still seems to be adjusting to the ~ (district attorney)

mantle of the presidency

he is set to ~ (leader)

mantle of a prophet

he increasingly adopted the ~

antiimmigration mantle

he has taken on the ~ (a political leader)

feminist mantle

she has laid claim to the ~

maverick mantle

she wears the ~ (a politician)

progressive mantle

he took up the ~ in the nominating process (Bernie Sanders)

mantle fell on him

the ~ (job responsibility)

assume the mantle

now that Pavarotti is dead, who will ~ (opera)

claimed his mantle

the new party has ~ (politics)

given up the mantle

women have ~ of being defined by their husbands

inherited his mantle

she ~ (politics)

invoke the (respectable) mantle

they ~ of originalism, but... (constitutional law)

cast off the mantle

Klopp can now ~ (of a loser in soccer finals)

laid claim to the feminist mantle

she has ~

picked up the mantle

the group ~ (fan club for dead celebrity)

shake off the mantle

they want to ~ of tradition (artists)

taken up their mantle

he has ~ (politician and an issue)

wrapped itself in the mantle

the group has ~ of the civil rights struggle (SPLC)

♦ A mantle was a cloak.

representation / role: clothing & accessories

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: clothing & accessories

mantra (message)

mantra

the ~ was trade not conquest (British East India Company)

mantra of American rage

the ~ (I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore)

mantra in the computer world

"innovate or die," long the ~

mantra (we all learn) in nursing school

the ~ is, "If it isn't charted, it isn't done"

Toyota mantra

in the ~, quality was always first

cherished mantras

"We must fix poverty" is one of the most ~ in education

familiar mantra

"16 shots and a cover-up" became a ~ (Chicago police)

"hope and change" mantra

the ~ that propelled Obama to the presidency

message / repetition: religion

manufacture (verb)

manufactures good news

the Public Information Office mainly ~ (military)

manufacture outrage

they ~ and scream and holler like it's the end of the world

♦ "People feel if somebody makes a mistake anymore on an elected body that you need to manufacture outrage and scream and holler and

carry on like it's the end of the world." ("Gun provocation reveals tensions in Michigan tourist haven" by John Flesher, AP, Feb 22, 2021.)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb **manufactured**

manufactured

they argue that the controversy is ~ (Critical Race Theory)

manufactured or exaggerated

their stories were ~ (sex-abuse accusers)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

man up (verb)

man up

it was time for me to ~

responsibility: direction / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / verb

map (on the map)

on the map

the village is ~ again (presidential visit)

on the streetfood map

the Philly cheese steak put the city ~

on the financial map

he put Bank of America and Charlotte ~

on the literary map

he helped put the review ~

put Los Angeles on the (art) map

he helped ~ (a sculptor)

put Chicago on the map

he ~ (Michael Jordan according to Barack Obama)

put this issue on the map

New York City has ~ (voting rights for immigrants)

consciousness & awareness: map

location / place / presence & absence: map

attention, scrutiny & promotion: map

map (drop off the map, etc.)

drop off the map

the Grenadines are an ideal place to ~

fall off the map

you see teams that ~ after losing (NBA)

consciousness & awareness: map / verb

appearance & disappearance: map / verb

location / place / presence & absence: map / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: map / verb

marathon (effort and time)

marathon meeting

gearing up for a ~ next week (city government)

marathon (public) speeches

during his ~

marathon, not a sprint

tackling the virus is a ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

emotional marathon

we have been running an ~ this past year (COVID)

difficulty, easiness & effort / time: distance / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

marble (marbles)

got all his marbles

he's still ~ (a 100-year-old man in Khabarovsk)

♦ Language from the game of marbles includes: all the marbles; lose one's marbles; knuckle down; and play for keeps.

functioning: sports & games

marbled

marbled with orchards

the community is ~

marbled polecat

the Arabic name for the ~ means "stinky"

♦ Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, striped, and even spectacled!

configuration: materials & substances

march (together, etc.)

march in lockstep

climate and carbon dioxide clearly ~ (ice cores)

relationship / unanimity & consensus: military / verb / walking, running & jumping

march (move)

marching east

and in the West, a new storm system is ~

marching through the world's banana-growing countries

TR4 is ~ (a fungus)

marched (through the season) undefeated

the team ~ (but lost the championship game)

movement: military / verb / walking, running & jumping

march (march ahead, etc.)

marching ahead

the science is ~ (genetic tests)

marching forward

the bill is ~ (politics)

♦ Mara Liasson, national political correspondent for NPR: "The bill is marching forward, or stumbling forward, depending on your favorite metaphor, and it has bipartisan..." / Lulu Garcia-Navarro (interrupting suddenly): "Dancing forward." / Mara Liasson: "Dancing forward, right, cha-cha-cha, it has bipartisan support but..." (Odd repartee on NPR.)

♦ Dallas Cow: Fantastic result for Villareal, simply incredible. Hard to believe that they just knocked out Bayern Munich. The yellow submarine goes marching on. / Chris: Sailing on? / Shaid: Submarines don't have sails. / The Spin Doctor: "Sailing" is something submarines do whether or not they are on the surface. / Rellis: being pedantic but the US navy calls the conning tower a "sail" / Liverpool/blackcaps: Propelling along? (A BBC

HYS thread that went on far too long. Villareal is nicknamed the Yellow Submarine, for their all yellow uniforms.)

force / progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

march (March of Time, etc.)

March of Time

the ~ was a series of short films (1935-1951)

time: movement / walking, running & jumping

march (on the march)

on the march

Bolshevism was ~, Lenin was in Moscow (revolution)

driving force / progress & lack of progress: military / movement / walking, running & jumping

march (noun)

march of civilization

the ~ cannot be stopped (British in Afghanistan)
he started the ~ (Kamehameha)

march of globalization

the inexorable ~

march of COVID-19

the lethal ~ has passed 100,000 deaths in the US

march towards majority rule

rugby's starring role in the ~ (South Africa)

inexorable march

the ~ of globalization

slow Biden's march

the debate was his last chance to ~ (election)

driving force / progress & lack of progress: military / movement / walking, running & jumping

marching orders

marching orders

his ~ were to bring discipline to the staff

marching orders for the black electorate

the ~ were now clear (vote for Grant)

marching orders from the White House

they are getting their ~ (NSA / CIA)

takes his marching orders

he ~ from liberal hypocrites (politics)

♦ "Even though winter doesn't slip away until next weekend, time has its marching orders." (The US adjusts its clocks. "Spring ahead, fall back.")

work & duty: military

Marco Polo (Muslim Marco Polo, etc.)

Marco Polo of the Arab world

Ibn Battuta, the ~

Muslim Marco Polo

his popular chronicle made him a kind of ~ (Ibn Battuta)

history: epithet

margin (on the margins)

on the margins

boxing has long been a social staircase for those ~

live on the margins

they ~, where things often go wrong (justice system)

society: center & periphery

marginalized (groups)

marginalized

the Pope said religion was being ~

marginalized backgrounds

NPR is hemorrhaging hosts from ~

marginalized communities

~ are in competition for the tiny allotment of space...

marginalised voices

~ are telling stories that need to be heard

she became a music journalist to platform ~

politically marginalized

the far right in Germany is small and ~

privileged and (who is) marginalized

interrogate who is ~ by the notion of "standard" English

low income and marginalized

~ students will suffer the most academically

claim they are marginalised

many Israeli Arabs ~

♦ "Are all people of color at NPR 'from marginalized backgrounds'? What if they went to elite universities?" (A comment by Earthrise, one comment of 2,371 comments, about the article "NPR is losing some of its Black and Latino hosts. Colleagues see a larger crisis" by Paul Farhi and Elahe Izadi, *Washington Post*, Jan. 5, 2022.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

marinate (verb)

marinating in this

we have been ~ for the last 6 months (a political scandal)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

mark (black mark)

black mark on the city

the case put a ~ (a murder)

black marks on their credit

~ that can last for year (credit cards)

♦ "While the chops were being cooked, Fleete opened his shirt and showed us, just over his left breast, a mark, the perfect double of the black rosettes—the five or six irregular blotches arranged in a circle—on a leopard's hide... / Here the chops came in, all red and juicy, and Fleete bolted three in a most offensive manner. He ate on his right grinders only, and threw his head over his right shoulder as he snapped the meat..." (The creepy story "The Mark of the Beast" by Rudyard Kipling.)

characterization / reputation: color / mark

mark (effect)

mark on Morgan County

she's made an indelible ~ (tragedy)

mark on the region

the waves of Germans who made their ~ (Wisconsin)

mark on soldiers

Afghanistan leaves a ~

profound marks

immigration left ~ on the region

high-water mark

it was the ~ of his career (athlete)

indelible mark

she's made an ~ on Morgan County (drunk-driving)

terrorism has left an ~ on his presidency (9/11)

his trip to Sri Lanka left an ~ on him (Chekhov)

leave your mark

you gotta ~ on the world (tree planted for murder victim)

left a mark

she ~ on all of us who crossed her path (an actor)

left (profound) marks

immigration ~ on the region

made their mark

the waves of Germans who ~ on the region (Wisconsin)

make his mark

he's training in an ER, where he wants to ~ (new nurse)

effect / impression: mark

feeling, emotion & effect: mark

mark (off the mark)

way off the mark

you are ~ (argument)

target: weapon

mark (high mark)

high marks for his courage

I give him ~ and commitment (anti-terrorism)

judgment: school & education

marketplace (noun)

marketplace of ideas

New York City is a cacophony of voices and a ~

sexual marketplace

our ~ is explicitly and brutally judgmental

competition: money

society: infrastructure

Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.)

Jewish Mark Twain

the ~ (Sholem Aleichem / Sholem Rabinovich)

♦ "Please tell him that I am the American Sholem Aleichem." (Mark Twain, about 'the Jewish Mark Twain.' From "The Jewish Mark Twain" by William Deresiewicz, *The Atlantic*, January / February 2014 issue.)

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: epithet

marmite (noun)

marmite character

Jake Paul is a ~, a love-hate character (boxing)

marmite fighters

they are ~ if you like (2 boxers with unpleasant sides)

marmite person

he was a ~, people either hate him or love him

marmite thing

it's a real ~, you find it repugnant or you love it (mullet hairstyle)

♦ "Love it or hate it." (Uniliver's slogan for Marmite, a "delicious/disgusting" yeast extract spread produced in the UK. Vegemite is a similar product. The "Marmite Test" has come to mean when people have extreme experiences in the same context.)

♦ A similar food is the durian, which has been described as smelling like garbage, moldy cheese, rotting fish, a dead cat, last season's unwashed gym socks, and a mixture of cheese, onions, sherry, rotting meat and drains.

♦ "Most lutefisk is not edible by normal people. It is reminiscent of the afterbirth of a dog or the world's largest chunk of phlegm." (The beloved American humorist Garrison Keillor.)

♦ "The staple food in this region is tsampa. This is how they prepare it. You heat sand to a high temperature in an iron pan and then pour barley corns onto it. They burst with a slight pop, whereupon you put the corns and the sand in a fine meshed sieve through which the sand runs: after this you grind the corn very small. The resulting meal is stirred up into a paste with butter tea or milk or beer and then eaten. The Tibetans make a special cult of tsampa and have many ways of preparing it. We soon got accustomed to it, but never cared much for butter tea, which is usually made with rancid butter and is generally repugnant to Europeans. It is, however, universally drunk and appreciated by the Tibetans, who often drink as many as sixty cups in a day." (*Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer, from the chapter, "The Village of Happiness.")

♦ "Kangding is a crossroads town, once a terminus for the brick tea trade, now an important rest stop for anyone bound into or out of Tibet—it is the true beginning of ethnic Tibet or, for someone coming from the far side, the true beginning of the real China. The little cafes here serve Tibetan tea—a powerful decoction brewed from tea dust and twigs, with copious amounts of salt added to impart extra flavor and with large globules of rancid, hairy yak-butter floating on top. It is an acquired taste that I was not to acquire—finding it even less attractive a comestible than *tsampa*, the principal food of the Tibetan peasantry, which consists merely of flour worked with water and yak-butter, and which is eaten raw and has a taste like rotten dough." (*The River at the Center of the World: A Journey Up the Yangtze, and Back in Chinese Time* by the wonderful writer Simon Winchester.)

♦ "Walrus flippers with sea cabbage. It's delicious food." (Ludmilla Ainana, a 66-year-old woman, reminiscing about the food she ate at coastal camps as a child.)

♦ "Squirrel soup with a lot of hot peppers is very popular." (A Hmong in the US who maintains the Hmong hunting tradition.)

♦ "We don't call him Marmite for nothing." (A colleague of the irrepressible Piers Morgan of ITV.)

attraction & repulsion / character & personality: food & drink

marooned

marooned by history in positions

they were ~ out of kilter with their era (leaders)
marooned on a (lonesome) block
the restaurant is ~
marooned on a traffic island
hundreds of protestors were ~ (by police)
marooned in camps
people are ~ (refugees from fighting)
marooned in a traffic jam
truckers have been ~ for a week (China)
marooned in a sea
I was ~ of premeds (an arts major)
marooned overnight
several subway trains were ~ after losing power (snow)
marooned hopelessness
in that isolation, in the ~ of the protagonists... (a film)
marooned travelers
at JFK, ~ slept on cots (blizzard)
feel marooned
people ~ (survivors of earthquake)
isolation & remoteness: island / sea
society: island / sea
marquee (attention)
marquee defendant
while others face more serious charges, he is the ~
marquee fight
we want a big fight, a ~ (Eddie "Who Else?" Hearn)
marquee game
he will miss Sunday's ~ against the Kansas City Chiefs
marquee hearing
this is the first big ~ for the Democratic-controlled house
marquee issue
immigration is his ~ (politics)
marquee names
~ traditionally lionized by the literary establishment
~ such as Nigella Lawson and Rachael Ray (food)
marquee players
both were ~ in the national-security establishment
marquee things
the ~ that make headlines (better pay and benefits, etc.)
marquee title
Sunisa Lee claimed the sport's ~ (Olympics / gymnastics)
marquee witness
he could be the ~ in this impeachment probe
attention, scrutiny & promotion: film / theater
importance & significance: film / theater

marriage (relationship)

marriage of convenience
they appear to have made a ~ (terrorist groups)
their alliance was a ~, not deep ideological affinity
marriage of Java and VRML
the ~ (computing)
marriage of mobile phones and the Internet
the ~
marriage of new media and old media
the ~ (AOL and Time Warner)
marriage of science and government
the ~ in the US
marriage of technology and opera
the ~
marriage of turquoise and gold
the ~ is an ideal one (the Mariinsky Theater)
marriage of the Web and the classroom
the ~ ("education")
marriage between Islam and modernity
some Arabs want a ~
♦ "Treat her like a Queen, and she'll treat you like a King." (Said in Saudi Arabia.)
♦ "I have studied this matter. Most of the couples who visit a big shopping center start quarreling with each other within an hour and a half." (Sergei Y. Klyuchnikov, a psychologist in Moscow, on Russia's long New Year's holiday.)
♦ Men who do housework may get more sex...
♦ First man: "How's your wife?" / Second man: "Still in charge..."
♦ "My wife ran off with my best friend... and I miss him!" (A bumper sticker.)
♦ "Why women seek conflict," Health & Science, *The Week*, March 23, 2012.)
♦ "Grow your own dope—plant a man." (A bumper sticker for a female landscaping company, seen at the Ingles parking lot in East Oteen, Asheville, North Carolina, USA.)
♦ A FUNNY STORY. One day Abu Nuas and the Caliph Haroon Rashid were talking about marriage. "Who has the upper hand in the relationship, the man or the woman?" Abu Nuas asked innocently. The Caliph snorted at such a stupid question, and Abu Nuas made his proposal..."
relationship: love, courtship & marriage
division & connection: love, courtship & marriage
marriage (shotgun marriage)
shotgun marriage of S4C and the BBC
the ~ is an awkward match
shotgun marriage between the two parties
the ~ will not last (politics)
♦ Cartersville, Ga., May 13.—William V. Jones, a young man of Taylorsville, was violently taken from his home on Tuesday night to the residence of Miss Ida Gaston, whom he was accused of betraying, and compelled under pressure of shotguns to marry her. He came here today and entered suit for divorce." ("Married Under Threats, of Death," *The New York Times*, May 14, 1885.)

coercion & motivation / division & connection / eagerness & reluctance / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

married

married to her job
the kind of woman people describe as ~

married with cyber activity
conventional ground operations ~ (Georgia / S. Ossetia)

attachment / division & connection / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

Marshall Plan

Marshall Plan to fight
we need a ~ climate change

Marshall Plan for racial equity
calls for a ~

“Marshall Plan” for the US healthcare industry
Democrats argued for a ~

21st-century Marshall Plan
we need to invest in a ~ for Honduras... (immigration)

♦ “If we were to launch a Marshall Plan of equivalent size today, as a percentage of our GDP we would be talking about 800 billion dollars.”
(Benn Steil, author of *Marshall Plan: Dawn of the Cold War*. More to the point, he talks about the context and purpose of the real Marshall Plan.)

allusion: military

help & assistance: allusion / history / military
difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / military / history

Martian (adjective)

Martian landscape
the road takes us through a dusty, reddish ~ (Chile)

resemblance: astronomy

comparison & contrast: affix

Martian's-eye

Martian's-eye view
he takes a ~ of the habits and customs of *Homo sapiens*

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

martyr (person)

free speech martyrs
don't turn loudmouths and thugs into ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: person / religion

person: religion

martyrdom (noun)

political martyrdom
he had no desire for ~ (going against his party)

destruction: death & life / religion

mask (drop the mask, etc.)

mask
seeing people when their ~ starts to slip

dropped the mask on his nativist sentiments
he has ~ (a politician)

let the mask slip
frequently anti-Zionists ~ (anti-Semitism)

concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb
appearance & reality: face / verb

subterfuge: face / verb

mask (hide)

mask your intentions
in war, you try to ~ (intelligence)

mask the location
Moscow's ability to ~ of Russian forces

concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb
subterfuge: face / verb

appearance & reality: face / verb

masquerade (verb)

masquerading as “history”
the film is right-wing character assassination ~

masquerade as local news organizations
over 300 accounts and pages ~ (internet misinformation)

masquerading as a US merchant ship
the *Odenwald* was captured while ~ (S. Atlantic / WW2)

masqueraded as a Christian and English teacher
he ~ (a pedophile)

concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb
subterfuge: face / verb

appearance & reality: face / verb

masterclass (noun)

masterclass
it was a ~, the best I've ever seen in my life (boxing)

masterclass from Conlan
it looked a ~ (until he was knocked out in the 12th)

masterclass in (modern) marketing
the way they generated hype was a ~ (Epic Games)

masterclass in showmanship
it was a ~ (historic Kim-Trump meeting at DMZ 2019)

masterclass lesson
Joshua was given a boxing ~ tonight (by Usyk)

managerial master-class
Ole was given a ~ by Brendon (Leicester beats Man U)

gives a masterclass
De Gea ~ (excellent performance in goal)

produced a masterclass
Tottenham ~ at Everton (English football)

put on a masterclass
the Ukrainian ~ (Usyk beats Joshua / boxing)

knowledge & intelligence: school & education
superlative: school & education

masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)

masterpiece of spins
a technical ~, spirals and footwork (Michele Kwan)

engineering masterpiece
these race cars are ~
the Taif escarpment road is an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

technical masterpiece
a ~ of spins, spirals and footwork (Michele Kwan)

three-hit masterpiece
he threw a ~ (baseball)

work of art, a masterpiece
the winning of the South Pole had been a ~ (Amundsen)

achievement, recognition & praise: picture
creation & transformation / superlative: picture

mat (welcome mat)

welcome mat
Australia is yanking the ~ (for refugees)

yanking the welcome mat
Australia is ~ (for refugees)

welcome: carpets & rugs

match (light / strike a match, etc.)

struck a match
before a crowd poised for violence at his signal, he ~

initiation: explosion / fire

match (chess match)

see *chess match (noun)*

match (death match)

in a death match
the two men are engaged ~

in a death match with enemies
American democracy was ~ within (McCarthy, etc.)

conflict: film / history / sports & games

matchmaker (person)

matchmaker between investors and landowners
he began acting as ~ (marijuana / hemp farming)

division & connection / person / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

matter (Black lives matter, etc.)

what matters
Anjelah Johnson on ~ (Black and Latina women)

Why the Greeks Matter

Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea: ~ (Thomas Cahill / 2003)

Art Matters
~ (Baltimore Museum of Art)

Black lives matter
Phoenix said “no” to a ~ mural

Blue Lives Matter
the ~ movement advocates for the police

China matters
why an aging ~ (NPR’s Emily Feng)

confidentiality matters
information where ~ (privacy-enhancing technologies)

context matters
when it comes to terms, ~ (“C.P. Time”)

Design Matters
~ (a podcast)

every death matters
~ (Fentanyl overdoses of groups of people)

faith matters
~ promises to spark thought and conversation...

February matters
Black History is more than one month, but ~

His life mattered
~. Period (shot and killed by police)

History Matters
~ (Drew Gilpin Faust)

Parents matter
~ (Parents’ Bill of Rights in Texas / education)

representation matters
for Sheku and Isata Kanneh-Mason, ~

teaching matters
~ is an audio series exploring...

White Lives Matter
poor turnout at ~ rallies (NPR)

words (of every world leader) matter
the ~ right now...

♦ *The Matter of Black Lives: Writing from The New Yorker*, Edited by Jelani Cobb and David Remnick, with a foreword by Jelani Cobb.

♦ “Black Lives Matter. History Matters. John Hope Franklin showed us how much they matter to each other.” (“John Hope Franklin: Race and the Meaning of America” by the great historian Drew Gilpin Faust, *The New York Review*, December 17, 2015.)

♦ “If we truly believe that all lives matter, and Black lives matter and brown lives matter and the lives of poor people matter, it’s time for us to make sure...” (US Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois, who is seeking to end federal capital punishment.)

♦ “If we believe that the lives of incarcerated people matter, she maintains, we have a legal and moral obligation to make these conditions less inhumane.” (“Dying Behind Bars” by Eyal Press, *The New Yorker*, August 23, 2021.)

♦ “Institutions matter...” (From the live broadcast of the Marsh Chapel Service at Boston University on May 1, 2022. One of several variations on “X matter(s),” explicitly echoing “Black Lives Matter.” When we think

about phrases, memes and tropes, we tend to think of them spreading via the internet and through entertainment, advertising, politics, and educational institutions, but they can also be sanctioned and spread from the pulpit.

inclusion & exclusion: society

mature (verb)

matured

our relationship has ~ (between India and US)

growth & development: death & life / verb

maturity

democratic maturity

a key measure of the ~ of Turkey

growth & development: death & life

maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.)

maul the Bahamas

Hurricane Dorian continues to ~ (slow moving)

force: storm

maven (person)

maven of taste

the Baron de Gunzburg and another ~, Frances Stein

apartment mavens

he took them with him as ~ (looking for an apartment)

knowledge & intelligence: person

maverick (noun)

maverick

I like being a little bit of a ~
being the ~ that I was, I decided to challenge those rules
Shackleton was too much of a ~ for a desk job

maverick mantle

she wears the ~ (a politician)

maverick mindset

she has soured on the politician's ~

hard-charging maverick

he was a ~ who shook up football (a coach)

iconoclast or maverick

I was more like an ~ when I was young (Felix Bast)

♦ This word relates to Samuel A. Maverick (1803-1870). It refers to an unbranded range animal.

person: animal

character & personality / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / cows & cattle / horse / person

Mayflower (Mayflower of the Third Aliyah, etc.)

Zionist *Mayflower*

the *Ruslan*, which was the ~ of the Third Aliyah

comparison & contrast / migration: epithet

maze (terrain)

maze of canyons

wild horses—both mustangs and runaways—roam the ~

maze of (decaying) seracs

one last trip through the ~ (Icefall / Everest)

maze of (tire) tracks

the only roads are a ~ in the sand (Dadaab)

maze of trails

a ~ that leads to a construction site and a series of roads

maze of (deer) trails

a ~

maze of ice and rocks

alone, lost in a ~ (Nuptse)

maze of mangrove, canals and swamps

the forest was a dark ~ (U Minh)

complexity: infrastructure

maze (structures)

maze of (hillside) slums

people crammed into the ~ (Kabul)

maze of (vertical) slums

squeezed into a ~ without bathrooms (Kabul)

maze of (narrow) streets

crowds of shoppers in the ~ (Nanning)

maze of tunnels

they got lost in a ~ (Canary Islands)

maze of bars, restaurants and nightclubs

a ~ (Kuta Beach, Bali)

maze of dikes and dams and ditches

the Tulare Lake Basin, with its ~

maze of shanties and shacks

fought their way through a dense ~ (Mogadishu)

maze of (refuse-strewn) back streets and alleyways

the ~ (Sadr City)

♦ "Oh, wait, it's upside-down." (A member of a group of people lost in a corn maze, referring to their map of the maze.)

complexity: infrastructure

maze (bureaucracy, etc.)

maze of (bureaucratic) rules

a civil-service culture, with a ~ (NASA)

health care maze

an immigrant's tale of navigating the tangled ~

bureaucratic maze

her scholarship money got lost in a ~

workers whose only job is to navigate the ~ (Sudan)

navigate the (bureaucratic) maze

workers whose only job is to ~ (Sudan)

got lost in a bureaucratic maze
when her scholarship money ~...

♦ Gardens are associated with mazes, knot gardens and labyrinths. People also enjoy corn and mirror mazes. *Labyrinth* is of Minoan origin and is associated with the Minotaur.

complexity / situation: infrastructure

McCarthy

McCarthy moment

this cancellation culture is the SJW ~ (of Walt Whitman)

♦ According to Larry Tye, author of *Demagogue*, "Those records document in detail every flight [Joe McCarthy] went up in as a tail gunner. He volunteered for those flights, he came under fire... McCarthy at great risk to himself when he could have stayed safely on the ground was up there as a tail gunner under enemy fire." Charles Lindberg, also a demon of the left, was another American who managed to get himself into the fight in a real way at the risk of his life.

oppression: allusion / history

McCarthyism

kind of McCarthyism

the group's campaign is a ~ that bashes us (says NPR)

oppression: allusion / history

McCarthyite

McCarthyite hysteria

Democrats are sometimes prone to ~ (against Russia)

oppression: allusion / history

meal ticket (noun)

meal ticket

she was the ~, but he was afraid he could lose her

Warren's (last) meal ticket

Fury is ~ (the boxer and promoter)

lose their meal ticket

NFL players don't want to ~ (protest and get fired)

saw him as a meal ticket

she ~ (source of support and money)

cost & benefit: food & drink / ticket

worth & lack of worth: food & drink / ticket

money: sign, signal, symbol

meander (verb)

meander in new and different directions
as the two states ~ (Ireland and UK)

meander in unexpected ways
conversations ~

meanders from action to satire to romance
the film ~

highways meander
~ in the South

♦ According to Merriam-Webster, this word comes from the name of a river in Asia Minor that was known for its turning and winding. It's a very nice way to think of the word.

fictive motion: river / verb

direction: movement / river / verb

measure (measure up, etc.)

measure myself by their standards

I don't ~ (manosphere versus feminism)

measure up to the film
does the sound track ~

measure up to the standard she sets
I certainly can't ~

measure up against other films
how does it ~ set in Boston

measure up favorably
when we feel we don't ~...

fails to measure up
their new burger ~

judgement: tools & technology

meat (substance)

meat of the story

and now it's time to get into the ~ (Crime in Sports)

meat of the subject
and then go on to the real ~

meat on the bone
there isn't any ~ (nothing to investigate)

substance & lack of substance: food & drink / meat

meat (fresh meat)

fresh meat

they knew we were ~ (prison-guard trainees)

consumption: animal / meat / predation

meat (piece of meat)

piece of meat

they get another fresh ~ to fill the slot (adjunct PhDs)

pieces of meat

football players are ~ sold to the highest bidder

consumption / product / worth & lack of worth: meat

meaty (substance)

meaty book

people *will* be talking about this ~ (by Patricia Lockwood)

substance & lack of substance: food & drink / meat

mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)

Mecca

Howard University was the ~ (NPR's Ayesha Rascoe)

mecca of basketball

a ~ (the Christian Street YMCA in Philadelphia)

mecca of bluegrass
the ~ (Bean Blossom, Indiana)

mecca of American rock climbing
Yosemite, the ~ (El Cap, Half Dome, etc.)

mecca of Manolos and Miuccia Pradas
Manhattan's ~ (Bergdorf Goodman)

mecca for (500,000) bikers
a motorcycle ~ (Sturgis, S.D.)

Mecca for climbers
Hueco Tanks State Historical Park, a ~

mecca for (Arizona) tourists
a ~ (Kartchner Caverns)

mecca for glider pilots
Marfa, Texas, is a ~

mecca for kite lovers
the Washington (D.C.) area is a ~

Mecca for train buffs
the town is a ~ (Folkston, GA / USA)

mecca to (whitewater) paddlers
the Altays are a ~ (Russia)

New Zealand's canyoning Mecca
the Mount Aspiring region is ~

arts mecca
the city wants to be an ~

drug mecca
Spain has replaced Amsterdam as the new European ~

tourist mecca
the ~ of Waikiki (Hawaii)

motorcycle mecca
a ~ for 500,000 bikers (Sturgis, S.D.)

spring break meccas
~ like Pensacola and Panama City Beach

boxing Mecca
he settled in Philadelphia, a ~ (Joe Frazier)

gambling meccas
~ like Atlantic City and Las Vegas

skateboarding mecca
he moved to the ~, California

homophile mecca
this ~ (San Francisco)

becoming a (tourist) mecca
Maun is ~ (Okavango Delta / Botswana)

♦ Over a billion Muslims around the world pray five times a day towards the Saudi city of Makkah, and over two million Muslim pilgrims a year visit that city for the annual Hajj.

♦ "It's like you're praying closer to God's ear." (A pilgrim performing Hajj, on praying in Makkah near the Grand Mosque.)

attraction & repulsion / enthusiasm / reverence: place / religion

medal (noun)

take it as a medal

I ~ (the label 'bleeding heart')

achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol / military

medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)

got a taste of her own medicine

she ~ (therapist goes to therapy)

♦ "...and the chickens came home to roost."

experience: food & drink / health & medicine / taste

reversal: food & drink / health & medicine / taste

fate, fortune & chance: food & drink / health & medicine / taste

medieval (adjective)

medieval

to the outside eye, the system appears ~ (Afghanistan)

medieval mindset

Portnikov argued that some officials have a ~ (Ukraine)

dark, sadistic and medieval

his ~ vision of the future (al-Zarqawi)

criticised the measure as "medieval"

opponents ~ (option of execution by firing squad)

past & present / time: history

growth & development / knowledge & intelligence / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

meet (connect)

meet at the Strait of Messina

the waters of the Eastern and Western Mediterranean ~

division & connection: society

meet (attain)

met with (limited) success

traditional methods have ~ (problem bears)

meet (strict academic) criteria

to get in, girls must ~ (high school)

meet their goals

students should record whether or not they ~

met the objectives

how well the group had ~ of the lesson (schools)

on track to meet

the services are ~ reserve manpower goals (military)

attainment: verb

meet (meet the moment, etc.)

meet the moment

Biden has plainly struggled to ~ (2019 campaign)
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb
meet (something can meet you)

met our eyes
an unusual sight ~ (on a wilderness trip)

meets the eye
there is more to the case than ~ (a murder)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb
perception, perspective & point of view: verb

megaphone (noun)

megaphone for rants
the Internet gives anyone a free ~

media megaphone
his voice is amplified by the ~ (a Wall Street analyst)

social justice megaphones
~ such as *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*

digital megaphone
he has been communicating through his ~, Twitter

huge megaphone
I work at *The New York Times*, I have a ~ and platform

pulpit and the megaphone
use the ~ of the office to highlight human rights

lost his megaphone
I'm happy that Jones has ~ (deplatformed by Twitter, etc.)
♦ "Farm labourers harvesting in the fields recalled [the 25-year-old Italian Vincent Lunardi] shouting through his silver speaking-trumpet." (From a hot-air balloon, 15 September, 1784. From *The Age of Wonder* by Richard Holmes.)

♦ "Sullivan stood in the dock [of the Old Bailey] directly facing the witness box. Above him was a sounding board to amplify his voice." (1851.)

message / transmission: tools & technology

melodrama (noun)

legal melodrama
a ~ erupted, dismaying and demoralizing patients

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

melodramatic (adjective)

melodramatic
don't be so ~

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

melt (verb)

melted (silently) into the trees
the platoon ~

melted under the onslaught
Saudi Arabia ~, as Germany... (soccer)

appearance & disappearance: snow & ice / verb

melt away (verb)

militias have melted away
Shiite ~

tension melted away
all my tension ~

appearance & disappearance: snow & ice / verb

meltdown (failure)

in meltdown
the country is ~ (Yemen)

market meltdown
a bill to prevent a repeat of the ~ of 2008

dot-com meltdown
the ~ and poor economy

internet meltdown
a software bug triggered the ~

NotPetya meltdown
Maersk's global network in the wake of its ~ (worm)

social-media meltdown
it was a major ~ (Facebook goes down for 14 hours)

economic meltdown
the landmark restaurant was a victim of the ~
the economy is in free-fall, ~ (Zimbabwe)

financial meltdown
the IMF tries to avert ~s
we are still paying for the ~ (2010)

meltdown dealt a deathblow to both ideas
the financial ~ (foreign policy)

avert (financial) meltdowns
the IMF tries to ~

paying for the (financial) meltdown
we are still ~ (2010)

triggered (economic) meltdown
sanctions have ~

went into meltdown
Madrid's media ~ (over a soccer controversy)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / nuclear energy

melt down (emotions)

melt down in my office
he would ~, start sobbing about his dad (death of dad)

feeling, emotion & effect: nuclear energy / verb

melting pot (noun)

melting pot
the ~ was being reimagined as a salad bowl (ethnic identity, multiculturalism, etc.)

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl
is the United States a ~

cultural melting pot
a foundational element of US society is that we are a ~

religious melting pot
Sarajevo, a ~ throughout its history...

♦ "Macedonia [was] the inspiration for the French word for 'mixed salad' (*macedoine*)."
(*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by Robert D. Kaplan.)

♦ Argentina was once described by a Polish émigré as "batter that has not yet become cake." ("Another New World" by Larry Rohter, *The New York Review*, June 10, 2021.)

♦ "This points to a unique understanding of plurality of Indian society—it is more like a *thali* (an Indian meal comprising a selection of separate dishes served on a platter), rather than a melting pot." (Neha Sahgal, a lead author of a Pew study that found Indians support religious tolerance and religious segregation.)

mixture: container / fire / mining / temperature
identity & nature: container / fire / mining / temperature

memory lane (down memory lane)

trip down memory lane
a ~ (old photos)

walk down memory lane
a ~

past & present / time : journeys & trips / infrastructure

menagerie (group)

menagerie of drones
a veritable ~ circles the skies (Raven, Wasp, Hawk, etc.)

menagerie of (fundamental) particles
the ~ that has been collected since the 1890s (physics)

menagerie of (unruly and curiously assorted) ships
an admiral called it a ~ (British Navy in the 1880s)

zoo of (subatomic) particles
the Standard Model includes a ~ (physics)

♦ "Some nights at the bar I would descend into discussions with cosmologists and other[s]... and discover that Doctor Seuss meant more to them than a menagerie of imagined animals and a vivid and troublesome cat." ("The Science of Dr Seuss," BBC, Sounds, with Robin Ince. Seven Doctor Seuss books were cancelled in 2021.)

group, set & collection: animal / zoo

mend (on the mend)

on the mend
but now his life is ~
the presidents says he and the country are ~ (pandemic)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / mechanism

mend (verb)

mend the divisions
~ in East Timorese society (elections)

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

menu (computer)

Search Menu
Back to ~ (computer)

start menu
each user has a customized desktop and ~ (computers)

tools menu
on the ~, click mail merge (computers)

View menu
click on the following items on the ~ (computers)

items on the View menu
click on the following ~ (computers)

alternatives & choices / computer: food & drink

menu (other)

menu of drugs
we have a ~ that... (treating virus)

menu of (vaccine) opportunities
we want to have a whole ~ (COVID-19)

alternatives & choices / amount: food & drink
group, set & collection: food & drink

mercenary (person)

mercenaries
they are ~ who sell to anyone willing to pay (spying)

mercenaries for hire
he was ashamed to see his former colleagues ~

mercenary approach
some of his former colleagues took a more ~

mercenary model
locals renting rooms has been supplanted by a more ~

just a mercenary
he was ~ brought in to win a championship (baseball)

character & personality: money / person
person: money

mercurial (adjective)

mercurial insight
he is a visionary with a capacity for ~ (scientist)

mercurial manager
she has chosen to be a ~ (passionate but challenging)

mercurial personality
his ~ caused headaches (an employee)

mercurial producer
the ~ threw a baked potato at his head in 2018

mercurial trickster
Brando was a ~, he could be very selfish (the actor)

mercurial and uncertain
he is ~

brash and mercurial

Somalia's pirates are ~

♦ Anxiety; irritability; insomnia; emotional instability; depression; suicidal thoughts; racing thoughts; fearful feelings; feelings of persecution; feelings of worthlessness; anhedonia (an inability to feel pleasure); loss of self-control; loss of joy in life; a vexing inner restlessness; restless sleep; moodiness; withdrawal from society; fear of further deterioration; vomiting; enlarged brain; congestion in lungs; gingivitis; tremors... (Symptoms of mercury poisoning, known as Mad Hatter's Disease. Suffered by those who did fire-gilding in the past.)

character & personality: materials & substances

merry-go-round

merry-go-round of foster care
the ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / movement: sports & games

mesmerizing (adjective)

mesmerizing

he is ~, you can't take your eyes off him (Ronaldo)

mesmerizing performance

she bewitched all with a ~

makes the film mesmerizing

strangeness and emotion ~

♦ This word comes from Franz Anton Mesmer (1734-1815). As such, it is a eponym. Like *Kung Pao chicken*, or *General Tso's chicken*. Roy Allen and Frank Wright (A & W Root Beer). Hans Asperger. Robert Wilhelm Bunsen (the *Bunsen* burner). Samuel Colt (the Colt revolver). Gabriel Fallopian. Dr. Richard J. Gatling (the *Gatling* gun). Joseph Guillotin. The Greek God *Hymen*. Mikhail Kalashnikov. Jules Leotard. Joseph Lister (*Listerine*). John Landis Mason (the *Mason* jar). Claude-Etienne Minie (the *Minie* bullet). Jean Nicot de Villemain (*nicotine*). Louis Pasteur (*pasteurization*). Julius Petri (*petri* dish). Henry Shrapnel (the shrapnel shell). Etienne de *Silhouette*. Horace Smith and Daniel B. Wesson (*Smith & Wesson*). Frederick Wilfred Stokes (the *Stokes* mortar). John Montagu, 4th Earl of *Sandwich*. James Syme (the *Syme's* / *Syme* amputation). Uziel Gel (the *Uzi*). Germany's Count Ferdinand von *Zeppelin*.

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

mess (person)

mess

he's a ~ (not in control of his life)

hot mess

see *hot mess* (person)

character & personality: hygiene

mess (noun)

hot mess

see *hot mess*

becoming a mess

our generation is ~ (social media)

clean up the mess

grownups must ~ (finances)

cleaning up this mess

we're ~ (diplomacy)

get into this mess

so how did we ~ (computers)

walking into a mess

he was ~, a complete rebuild (a sports franchise)

flaws & lack of flaws / situation: hygiene

message (send a message, etc.)

message of hate

bin Laden's ~ (terrorism)

message of hope

a ~ versus false hope (schizophrenia)

the film offers a ~

message of unity and equality

his ~ (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

messages about cheating

schools send mixed ~

play's message

some have questioned the ~ (controversial, political)

song's message

the ~

core message

his ~ is...

key message

I think one of the ~s is...

public health message

Angolans have resisted the ~ (Marburg virus)

underlying message

understand their ~ (autistic behaviors)

inspiring message

not exactly an ~

leaders issued ~s

mixed message

schools send ~s about cheating

subliminal message

logos can be powerful, and they are all about ~s

wrong message

sending the ~ to kids (that thin is good)

important psychological message

this would send an ~ to Noriega

message is getting through

our message is ~

get the message across

we need to ~ to every fan that racist abuse is wrong

send messages

people ~ through their body language

♦ "[In the hill and mountain country of northern India]... inter-village communication is carried on by shouting. Standing on a commanding point, maybe a big rock or the roof of a house, a man cooeees to attract the attention of the people in a neighboring village, and when the coooee

is answered the message is shouted across in a high-pitched voice. From village to village the message is tossed, and is broadcast throughout large areas in an incredibly short space of time." (The cooee method of communication. From *Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett.)

message: tools & technology

messenger (shoot the messenger)

shoots the messenger

if he doesn't like the intelligence he gets, he ~ (a leader)

message: allusion / person

messiah (noun)

messiah of the (global warming) movement

she has been described as the ~ (Greta Thunberg)

political messiah

Bobby Kennedy was being transformed into a ~ (1968)

◆ "He said there was gold here. He lied. He is *not* perfect!" (The character of Auda Abu Tayi, played by Anthony Quinn, to the character of Sherif Ali, played by Omar Sharif, about the character T.E. Lawrence, played by Peter O'Toole, from the great film *Lawrence of Arabia*, directed by David Lean.)

message: Bible / person / religion

messianic (adjective)

messianic terms

he saw the mission in almost ~ (WeWork)

messianic zeal

he has a ~ (Adam Neumann of WeWork)

message: Bible / religion

messy (adjective)

messy

the world is ~ (Barack Obama on being "woke")

messy situation

it's a ~

described as messy

we separated under circumstances best ~ (relationship)

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

met (met by anger, etc.)

met by violence

somewhere along the way they were ~ (murdered couple)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

metastasize (verb)

metastasize

this is a cancer that has been allowed to ~ (an issue)

metastasized

the mission has ~ (a military operation)

metastasized to (over) \$20,000

that debt ~ (credit-card debt)

metastasized into a (regional) crisis

the cancer has ~ (terrorism)

metastasized into a (global) crisis

recklessness ~ (financial collapse)

metastasized into a Great Depression

the great slump could have ~ (2010)

metastasized from a controversy to an indication

the situation has ~ of a larger problem (blackface)

grown and metastasized

extremism has ~ in the country

allow the (underlying) problem to metastasize

treating the symptoms of the problem can ~ (politics)

affliction: health & medicine / verb

growth & development: health & medicine / verb

metastasizing (adjective)

metastasizing (coronavirus) outbreak

the ~ in the US...

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

metaverse (noun)

Metaverse

the ~ is the next frontier (Mark Zuckerberg)

Metaverse app

~ allows kids into virtual strip clubs

metaverse landscape

the much-hyped ~

described the metaverse

Zuckerberg has ~ as the company's new "North Star"

computer: astronomy

area / environment: astronomy

meteoric (adjective)

meteoric

her academic progress was less than ~

meteoric rise

his ~ was the stuff of New York dreams (literary agent)

she had a ~ and a heartbreaking fall (Whitney Houston)

the podcast chronicles her ~ and fall from grace

she enjoyed a ~ through Washington's journalism ranks

his resignation cuts short a ~ through Scottish politics

a racial slur has stopped his ~ in its tracks (singer)

the ~ in popularity of the word "bae" (2014)

meteoric success

he achieved ~ (owner of Israeli winery)

speed: astronomy

comparison & contrast: affix

meteorically (adverb)

risen meteorically

the money made by social-media influencers has ~

speed: astronomy

Methuselah

comic-book Methuselah
a ~, Stan Lee died aged 95...

Methuselah Foundation
the Immortality institute, the ~ (longevity science)

“Methuselah Trusts”
~ can build massive wealth

♦ Long living things from turtles to trees have been named Methuselah. Methuselah is the name given to the bristlecone pine in California's White Mountains, thought to be the oldest living thing at 4,600 years old.

past & present / time: Bible / religion
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival,
persistence & endurance: allusion / Bible / religion

metronomic (operation)

metronomic
she is not ~, she's not a machine, she's very human (athlete)

consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion & effect /
operation: mechanism

miasma (noun)

miasma of sleaze and corruption
the administration is mired in a ~ (politics)

corruption: air / atmosphere / smell

Michael Jordan (Michael Jordan of the dog-show world, etc.)

Michael Jordan of the dog-show world
Mick is the ~ (a blue terrier)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

microaggression (groups)

microaggression
~s are nothing compared to... (life / hunger, etc.)

micro-aggression territory
her repeated questions stepped into ~

microaggression trauma
most of the world doesn't care about your ~

microaggression websites
~ where students document microaggressions...

microaggressions, discrimination or macroaggressions
the difference between ~ is that...

collection of microaggressions
Morris showcases a ~ (*All Her Little Secrets*)

treat every minor insult as a microaggression
they treat ~ (an Indian foreign student in the U.S.)

♦ In academia, eye-rolling can be considered a sign of patriarchy and a micro-aggression.

♦ “Microaggressions: Be Careful What You Say,” NPR, Tell Me More, April 3, 2014.

♦ “Dancers who accused a leading choreographer of transphobia have claimed she has jeopardised their safety by publicising her resignation. / Rosie Kay resigned this week from the dance company she founded in 2004... / Kay believes what ensued at the dinner illustrates how women who stand up for women's rights are deliberately smeared with accusations of transphobia and more. Others there that night describe it differently. They claim, as alcohol was consumed, she crossed a line by airing her views in a hostile way... / One of the company members told the BBC: ‘Initially, I was OK with her asking about why we identify as non-binary. It's OK to be a bit curious. But her repeated questions stepped into micro-aggression territory...’” (“Rosie Kay: Dancers write open letter to choreographer after gender row” by Katie Razzall, Culture editor, BBC, December 10, 2021.)

♦ “A scientific gang fight; furor; fierce outcry; fierce criticism; objections; personal attacks; leading the charge against someone (and his theory); savage mockery; allegations of hubris; condemnation of a scholarly paper as dreck (trash, rubbish); bearing a grudge; resentment; tarring someone as being a charlatan; claims of distorting what others scientists are saying; claims of willful misrepresentation...” (A scientific dispute involving academics. From “E. O. Wilson's Theory of Everything” by Howard French, *The Atlantic Magazine*, November, 2011.)

♦ “Albert Sabin... turned to me and said, ‘Now Dr. Salk, you should know better than to ask a question like that.’ It was like being kicked in the teeth. I could feel the resistance and the hostility and the disapproval. I never attended a single one of those meetings afterward without that same feeling.” (Dr. Jonas Salk on being put in his place by Albert Sabin at a meeting.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

microclimate

microclimate of white literary bourgeois Cape Town
her novel is an evocation of the ~

environment: weather & climate

microscope (under a microscope)

under the microscope

cycling is ~ (Lance Armstrong, on doping)
every aspect of their relationship is ~ (celebrities)
now her own behavior is ~ (sex scandal)
now it's Trump's turn ~ (a book by Bob Woodward)

get put under a microscope

the first time a family gets a foster kid they ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation / attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology / eye

microscope (through a microscope)

look at things through a microscope

my job is to ~, not the binoculars (reporter)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

Midas (Midas touch)

Midas touch
he had the ~ (Steve Jobs)

man with the Midas touch
Jack Dorsey was the ~

money: allusion

middle (in the middle)

caught in the middle
civilians are ~ (war)

situation: center & periphery / position

Middle Ages (history)

medical Middle Ages

the Civil War was fought at the end of the ~ (US)

marching backward to the Middle Ages

it feels like this country is ~ (religion)

growth & development: history

past & present / time: history

middle-of-the-road

middle-of-the-road approach

we are taking a ~

middle-of-the-road Democrat

he's been a ~ his entire career (a politician)

position, policy & negotiation: position

center & periphery: position

middle-of-the-roader

middle-of-the-roaders

they are ~

position, policy & negotiation: person / position

center & periphery: position

midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)

one more stroke closer to midnight

for him, the campaign clock took ~ (failing)

two minutes before midnight

it's ~ but I'm not desperate (genetic / tech safeguards)

♦ This is a reference to the Doomsday Clock.

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / clock / day

timeliness & lack of timeliness: allusion / clock / day

midwife (person)

midwife of a flourishing English literature

Caxton was the ~ (the printer)

midwives of success

blunders are the ~ (the Museum of Failure)

played midwife to (new) democracies

the US ~ in Germany and Japan after World War II

served as midwife

Stanford has ~ to many disruptive technologies

creation & transformation: birth / person

midwife (as verb)

midwife the birth

dispatched home in order to ~ of a Communist state

creation & transformation: birth / part of speech / verb

migraine (noun)

full-on migraine

what we've got coming this weekend is a ~ (winter storm)

affliction: health & medicine

migrate (verb)

swimsuits migrate

~ (suit "wedgie" disqualifies swimmer)

movement: verb

migration (the Great Migration, etc.)

"Great Mining Migration"

the ~ may lead to serious repercussions (bitcoin)

"great mining migration"

what crypto enthusiasts call the ~

♦ Before 1910, more than 90 percent of blacks lived in the South. In 1940, 77 percent of black Americans still lived in the South—40 percent in the rural South. By the end of the migration, black America was only half Southern, and less than a quarter rural; "urban" had become a euphemism for "black." The black migration was one of the largest and most rapid mass internal movements of people in history—perhaps *the greatest* not caused by the immediate threat of execution or starvation. In sheer numbers it outranks the migration of any other ethnic group—Italians or Irish or Jews or Poles—to this country." (*The Promised Land: The Great Black Migration and How It Changed America* by Nicholas Lemann.)

♦ 1947. August 15, 1947. "Months of violence sharpened the divisions, highlighted Jinnah's arguments, achieved partition. On August 15, 1947... a bleeding Pakistan was carved out of the body of a bleeding India." (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

♦ 1939-1946. "Between 1939 and 1946 an unprecedented number of people living between the Baltic and the Black Sea were uprooted from their homes. Over 20 million people were forced by fear, or by compulsion, to leave their homes, and to seek new, and mostly permanent sanctuary elsewhere." (*Atlas of Russian History* by Martin Gilbert.)

migration: allusion / history

mile (go the extra mile)

go the extra mile

we will have to ~ (negotiations)

gone the extra mile to make

we have ~ the fair safe

go the extra mile to ensure

we will ~ his safety (a famous inmate)

extent & scope: distance / journeys & trips

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance / journeys & trips

mile (the last mile)

last mile

more attention paid to the ~ (COVID vaccine into arms)

attainment: distance / journeys & trips

mile (by a mile)

won by a mile

the better fighter ~ (Usyk beats Joshua)

extent & scope: distance

mileage

political mileage

~ to be gotten from historic grievances (blacks)

given the series (all sorts of) mileage

the pandemic has ~ (lockdown entertainment)

cost & benefit: distance

milestone (noun)

milestone

the groups applauded Bush's signing of the bill as a ~
it was a ~, it held a lot of symbolic meaning (diplomacy)

milestone in (modern Holocaust) awareness

Eichmann's trial was a ~

milestone in the development

a ~ of Africa (emergency-med conference)

milestone in our journey

this is a significant ~ towards the promise of... (medicine)

milestone for a kindergartner

tying his shoes can be quite a ~

milestone payments

the companies get ~ to encourage development (space)

another milestone

this is ~ in Georgia's democratic development (election)

developmental milestones

~ occur (babies)

grim milestone

a ~ is passed (US death toll passes 50,000 / pandemic)

major milestone

the extraditions are a ~ in our effort... (law)

next milestone

the ~ in neural prosthetics (for quadriplegics)

sad milestone

this is a ~ on our descent into intolerance (shooting)

22 milestones

we laid out a series of ~ (contract)

milestone was reached

today a ~ (Stock Market hits 40,000)

passed a milestone

the country appears to have ~ (Iran / nuclear weapons)

passed a milestone

the country appears to have ~ (Iran / nuclear weapons)

♦ "The Appian Way began, as would all Roman Roads, from the Golden Milestone (*miliarium aureum*) at the Forum in Rome, the point from which all distances in the empire were measured... Milestones every 1,000 paces gave the distances between cities..." (*To the Ends of the Earth: The Great Travel and Trade Routes of Human History* by Irene M. Franck and David M. Brownstone.)

♦ Traditional sociologists listed five milestones of adulthood: finishing school; leaving home; getting a job; marrying; and having a child.

achievement, recognition & praise / attainment /
importance & significance / progress & lack of progress:
infrastructure / journeys & trips / sign, signal, symbol

milk (verb)

milked the moment

the Israelis really ~ (a diplomatic success)

milk this issue for all it's worth

he will ~ (a politician)

milked them for all they were worth

he seized the opportunities and ~ (Napoleon)

milk money out of the public

it has always sought to ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

milk (as much) money (as possible) out of the public
they try to ~ (disgruntled boxing fan)

taking & removing: cows & cattle / verb

milk run (noun)

milk run

it was a ~, like a neighborhood delivery (firebombing)

danger / difficulty, easiness & effort: military

mill (gossip / rumor mill)

gossip mill

the ~ at the office

rumor mill

we all know the ~ churns out misinformation
getting involved in the ~ at work can get sticky

rumor mill says

the ~ he may have plans that do include Fury (boxing)

rumour mill spun out of control

the ~, creating fear in the high school

rumor mills whirred

in the soldiers' camps, ~

♦ *Viva voce* is Medieval Latin for "with a living mouth." If you hear something *viva voce* it means somebody told you. It has come to mean "word of mouth."

♦ Hawaii has the "coconut wireless" or the Coconut Wire. The Philippines have the Bamboo Telegraph. Ghanaians can hear things via "the talking drum." From time immemorial, as Ibrahim al-Koni tells us, the desert winds have brought rumors and reports to the Sahrawis: "I heard it on the wind." Americans can "hear it through the grapevine," or hear a report or account through the rumor mill. Italians say "*per sentito dire*" which basically means, "heard it said," and they hear gossip "*voci di corridoio*" which means "hall voice" or "voices in the hall." These systems operate by word-of-mouth, or, nowadays, the Internet.

♦ "They've got a gallows-bad reputation, but, you know what a place the beach is for talking." / "The beach, if you don't know is the name of the gossip mill of white derelicts and rough customers that hang around your South Sea island ports. You'll find captains and traders too fond of their grog and properly down on their luck. I'll admit, I was fond of the gin myself back then..." (*The Beach of Falesa* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

♦ "You may take it for a fact that anything of this kind is not only noticed and discussed by a man's own race but by some hundred and fifty natives as well... [T]he news flew, in the usual mysterious fashion, from mouth to mouth, till Bisesa's duenna heard of it and told Bisesa." (The affecting and horrible "Beyond the Pale" by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "You're sure you've took no 'arm?'" cried Mrs. Cloke, who had heard the news by farm-telegraphy, which is older but swifter than Marconi's. / 'No, I'm perfectly well,' Sophie protested." ("An Habitation Enforced" by Rudyard Kipling.)

♦ "Word around the campfire for me was...that there was at least speculation, maybe informed speculation, that..." (A sports analyst.)

♦ "Gossip is a fearful thing"—this phrase was found in the note left by the film star Ruan Langyu after she took her own life." ("On 'Gossip Is a Fearful Thing' by Lu Xun, from *Jottings under Lamplight*, edited by Eileen J. Cheng and Kirk A. Denton.)

♦ He who gossips to you will gossip about you!

content / gossip: manufacturing

mill (grist for the mill)

grist for their (propaganda) mill
the leaks will be more ~ (war)

grist for the tabloid mill
his attention-grabbing antics are ~

provided the grist
the report ~ for a lot of conspiracy theories

♦ Grist is grain that is ground to make flour.

content / gossip: manufacturing

mill (through the mill)

through the mill
I've been ~ already (a boxer)

♦ This is similar to wringer (through the wringer)

experience: mechanism / manufacturing

affliction: mechanism

mill (other)

"mills of citizenship"
the role of French schools as ~ (and Frenchness)

diploma mill
he received his degree from a ~ (coach)
the NCAA is trying to clean up the high school ~s
~s are only one troubling part of youth basketball

essay mills
students turn to '～' to help them cheat

propaganda mill
the leaks will be more grist for their ~ (war)

pill mill
the doctor ran an illegal "～" for addicts, dealers

term-paper mill
online ~s are the curse of education

online (term-paper) mills
~ are the curse of education

♦ A mill traditionally ground wheat, then the word became synonymous with a factory.

♦ Workers in West Bengal's foundries make manhole covers for New York City. The workers make a few dollars a day, and are not supposed to work barefoot.

creation & transformation: manufacturing

million-dollar

million-dollar question
that's the ~

importance & significance: money

millstone (noun)

millstone of debt
if students suddenly had this ~ lifted from their necks

millstone around the neck
the nuclear weapons became a ~ (South Africa)

millstone around the president's neck
Republicans see the scandal as yet another ~ (election)

millstone for the Republicans
opposition to Obamacare was expected to be a ~ (politics)

debt millstone
the board has worked to reduce the ~ around the club's neck

permanent millstone
his critics will consider this a ~ that could weigh Biden down (Afghan withdrawal)

millstone will be removed
the ~ from the neck of both white and black people

become a millstone
his passion project that he saw as a public service has ~

♦ "So I walked in circles for days like a blind horse / Harnessed to an oaken pole that turns a millstone, / A sight we might have seen so many years ago-- / Barley being ground near a swift and silent millrace--" (The great poet and former US poet laureate Billy Collins. From "Collins Values Approachable Poetry, Not Pretension," NPR, Talk of the Nation, April 6, 2011.)

♦ Millstones come in pairs.

oppression: weight

mince (verb)

minced no words
Putin ~

speech: cooking / verb

mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.)

wrap our minds around what
it was hard to ~ had happened

wrap his mind around what
he is trying to ~ the future will be like (after disaster)

get their heads around
that's very difficult for people to ~ (murder trial)

get my head around it
I still can't ~

wrap you mind around it
you try to ~ but it's just incomprehensible (a disaster)

wrap my mind around this tragedy

I still can't ~

comprehension & incomprehension / mind: verb

comprehension & incomprehension: head

mind (go through one's mind, etc.)

cross your mind
did it ~ that....

going through your mind
what was ~ at the time (the sinking of a ship)

go through your head
thousands of thoughts ~ (on a sinking ship)

went through your mind
so what ~

mind: movement / space

mind (platform)

on her mind
the passage of time has been ~ lately (an aging actor)

on your mind
what's ~

on my mind
but here's why integration was ~

on people's minds
it's got to be ~ (possibilities)

weigh on people's minds
it will ~ (bad repercussions)

get it off my mind
I can't ~

mind: platform

mind (container)

in mind
what do you have ~ (idea)

change our minds
we might ~

opened (Afghan women's) minds
the media has ~

keep in mind
it is a benchmark that we must ~

keep that in mind
we've got to ~ (explanation)

put the problem out of his mind
he tried to ~

come into your mind
how did the idea ~

get it out of my mind
I can't ~

get out of my mind

it's something I can just never ~ (horrible memory)

put Amundsen out of his mind

Scott now tried to ~, he refused to discuss the subject

sticks in your mind

it ~ forever (a combat memory)

mind: container

mind (open mind)

open mind

I kept an ~, but... (antiracism)

open mind with regard to everything

I've got to keep an ~ (military discipline)

tunnel vision versus an open mind

~ (criminal investigations)

have an open mind

God tells us to ~ and an open heart (interfaith issues)
we ~, we have to think out of the box (WHO and Ebola)

keeping an open mind

we are ~ (about cause of disease)

maintain an open mind

I want to ~, I've read Mao, Marx, Lenin... (a US general)

♦ "The country is in a better place than it was in 2001 and the Taliban have become more open-minded." (General Sir Nick Carter, Britain's Chief of Defense Staff.)

♦ "A person can be so open-minded that his brains fall out." (A critic, speaking of Thabo Mbeki's willingness to accept any argument against giving antiretrovirals to South African H.I.V. sufferers.)

mind: container

mind (top of mind)

top of mind

what else do you want to know, what questions are ~

top-of-mind awareness

retain loyal customers with ~ (TOMA / marketing)

mind: space

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: direction / position

mind (back of mind)

at the back of your mind

other cases like this, are they always ~ (child abuse)
missing something is always playing ~

in the back of your mind

it's always ~ (shark attacks / Perth)

in the back of our mind

the Wichita incident was ~ (caution after mistake)

mind: space

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: direction / position

mind-bending (adjective)

mind-bending

these new theories are ~ (post-string theory / physics)

mind: materials & substances

comprehension & incomprehension: head

minded (steely-minded)

steely-minded detective

Miss Marple is a ~

mind: materials & substances

mindful (adjective)

'mindful' of how

she urges people to be ~ they're treating the planet

mindful about respecting

I will be more ~ personal space (Joe Biden)

mindful choice

making this ~ of inclusive language (Y'all)

mindful life

tips for living a ~

Mindful Masculinity

For The Love Of Men: A New Vision For ~ (Liz Plank)

♦ Mindful pregnancy; parenting; politics; diet; burger...

♦ Like many contemporary clichés, this sometimes appears in quotes. People may say it, but it is often impossible to know exactly what they mean by it.

wants, needs, hopes & goals: target

consciousness & awareness: head

mindfully

mindfully reject

~ it every day (sexism and misogyny)

consciousness & awareness: head

mindfulness (noun)

mindfulness

~ is paying attention to what's happening...

~ has become a buzzword in current mainstream culture

mindfulness movement

the growing ~

mindfulness programs

there's little research behind ~ (schools)

mindfulness training

even the military and police provide ~

research on mindfulness

clinical ~

embracing mindfulness

schools are ~

wants, needs, hopes & goals: target

consciousness & awareness: head

mine (bitcoin mine, etc.)

bitcoin mines

~ require a lot of energy

computer / product: mining

mine (search)

mine (real-time) intelligence

security personnel will now ~ (at airports)

mine the (elaborate) chemical signatures

researchers have begun to ~ of breath (medicine)

searching & discovery: mining / verb

minefield

minefield

the unwritten rules, hidden agendas, and ~s

minefield of (early) adolescence

the story follows him through the precarious ~

minefield of challenges

the tumor presents a ~ for the surgeons

minefield for those

the immigration bill is a ~ who have been waiting...

minefield of (US) politics

I'm not going to walk into the ~ (a foreign leader)

minefield of false-news stories

social media has become a ~

geopolitical minefield

South Korea's new president steps into a ~

political minefield

how to dispose of his body is a ~ (a dead dictator)

advertisers are afraid to step in any ~s (Super Bowl)

relational minefield

school can be a daily ~ for girls (social aggression)

rhetorical minefield

he has entered the Mideast's ~ (use of word *crusade*)

social minefield

every day of school can be a new ~ (girls' bullying)

entering a (dangerous) minefield

the administration is ~ with serious repercussions (politics)

navigate a minefield

ad makers had to ~ (Super Bowl 55 / pandemic, strife)

planted a (political) minefield

the British colonizers ~ in the 1920s (Sudan)

stepped into this minefield

the US ~, this tangle of alliances (northern Syria)

♦ "So the idea here is to prioritize tests, localize decision-making, and to be careful that we don't run blindly back into a virus minefield of people that can be sick but don't know it, asymptomatic but infectious... Masks are a really important layer in this effort... The mask... kinda defuses the mine, if you will, in the virus minefield." (ABC News Homeland Security analyst Tom Bossert.)

♦ Mine / UXO Messages / Game and fun are fine but not with dangerous objects and in suspicious places. / Play only in safety places. / Do NOT throw and do not touch UXO. Report Police, KPC or KFOR. / Do NOT go

into abandoned houses. / Do NOT go in suspicious places for any reason. / Do NOT touch suspicious objects. / Do NOT touch and do not take anything that is not yours. (A poster at the entrance to the main police station in Pristina, Kosovo, in 2008, showing pictures of the common types of mines and UXO found in the region.)

♦ "It looked like a little can; it was interesting." (Mara al-Miri, 10, injured by the explosion of a bomblet in the village of Ayt el Shaab in southern Lebanon.)

danger: explosion / military / walking, running & jumping / weapon

miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)

bitcoin miners

~ prefer the US (cheap electricity, few rules)
Nebraska is welcoming ~

product: mining / person

Mini-Me

mini-me

she made me look like her, a ~ (child sex abuse)
Natalie is my only child, my ~ (mysterious death)

mini me

he was just ~, he was Alan junior, he was me all over...

mini-me crop tops and padded bras

~ (for under-tens) (like adults)

mini-me (US army) version

we just created a ~ (Afghan Army collapses in 2021)

mini-mayors

Chicago's 50 aldermen are ~ of their individual fiefdoms

mini-Michele

we were so alike that my family called me ~

Donald Trump's mini-me

are we ~, always agreeing with the Americans (Brits)

♦ This is an allusion to the late, great and greatly beloved Verne Troyer, a Michigander. He affected not only so many people but also the language.

♦ Mini-Me: [writes] Are you a clone of an angel? / Foxy Cleopatra: Ohhh how sweet. No, my mini-man, I'm not. / Mini-Me: [writes] Are you sure you don't have a little clone in you? / Foxy Cleopatra: Yes, I'm sure. / Mini-Me: Would you like to? (The film *Austin Powers in Goldmember*.)

allusion: film

relationship / resemblance: allusion / film / size

mining (data, etc.)

bitcoin mining

~ takes a lot of electricity (to power servers)

data-mining

~ software sorts information

text mining

~ software to analyze customer feedback

searching & discovery: mining

minnow (noun)

minnow

the FA Cup allows a ~ to kill a giant (soccer)
the company is a ~ in the world of tech giants

footballing minnow

England was knocked out by Iceland, a ~ (Euro 2016)

European minnows

the ~ knocked out Lyon on penalties (Apoel Nicosia)

♦ "Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks." (A model.)

♦ "The whole country will be behind the minnows." (Les Herbiers plays Paris St-Germain for the final of the Coupe de France.)

competition / size: animal / fish

importance & significance / power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

minoritized (groups)

minoritized

historically research has left out ~ communities
violence against black ~ women and girls
the rule targets racially ~ athletes (Rule 50 / Olympics)
we don't know how many respondents were racially ~

inclusion & exclusion: society

Minotaur

Minotaur of the national interest

they would have sacrificed his expedition to the ~

Minotaur at the heart of the labyrinth

it's Nixon who's the ~ (the film Frost/Nixon)

Operation Minotaur

~, the US military operation to clear a village (Iraq 2007)

affliction: allusion / creature

mint (verb)

minted more (Black) millionaires

the company has ~ (McDonald's)

creation & transformation: money / verb

minted

freshly minted

~ graduates

newly minted

~ M.B.A.s

guests jockeyed for face time with the ~ star (party)

recently minted

he is a ~ University of Iowa MFA graduate

creation & transformation: money

minute (last minute)

last-minute pardon

some convicts clung to the hope of a ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

minute (for a minute, etc.)

for a minute

he played football ~ (=a short time / "Suge" Knight)

time: amount

minute (at this minute)

at this minute

the entire Horn of Africa seems really unstable ~ (NPR)

past & present / time: day

miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.)

Miracle on the Hudson

the crash landing became known as the ~ (Flight 1549)

"Miracle at Medinah"

Europe's ~ (2012 Ryder Cup comeback / golf)

Bat Cave Miracle

the ~, 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave...

♦ "Knowing that the divers on the scene were not up to this specialized task of entering the cave, and assuming—that Gant might still be alive in an air pocket—[Buddy] Lane pleaded by telephone that trained caver divers be called in..." ("The Bat Cave Miracle," 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave, New Hope, Tennessee.)

fate, fortune & chance: epithet

miracle (Miracle of Istanbul, etc.)

Miracle of Bern

the "~", as the '54 final is known (World Cup soccer)

Miracle of Istanbul

the ~, it's called (Liverpool wins Champions League)

fate, fortune & chance: epithet

miracle (other)

miracle

there can be ~s when you believe...

who knows what ~s you can achieve

photosynthesis is a ~ linking heaven and earth

miracle cure

there's no ~ on the horizon (brain tumors)

miracle drug

the beneficiary of a ~

miracle pill

see *pill (miracle pill)*

miracle worker

you're a ~ (helped solve a person's problem)

Christmas miracle

sometimes ~s just don't happen

accomplished miracles

he ~

expect miracles

you can't ~ (search dogs)

pray for a miracle

until the moment of death, families ~

pray for miracles

we still ~ in West Virginia (trapped miners)

believe in miracles

we ~ (that trapped miners are alive)

worked a miracle

you ~ last night (praise for a nurse)

pulled off a miracle

they ~... (sports comeback)

♦ "We still pray for miracles in West Virginia. There is still a chance and there's hope and we have that." (Gov. Joe Manchin, on the possibility that miners trapped in an explosion were still alive.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

cost & benefit: religion

miraculous (adjective)

miraculous

the last-minute goal bordered on ~ (sports)

miraculous escape

reports of his ~ (from capture)

♦ "I would just like to comment briefly about that casualty chart. The loss of one human life is intolerable to any of us who are in the military. But I would tell that the casualties of that order of magnitude considering the job that has been done and the number of forces that are involved is almost miraculous..." (General Schwarzkopf, at the "Mother of All News Conferences," the Gulf War, 1991.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

mirage (noun)

mirage of a media company

his reporting suggests that Ozy is a ~ (fraud)

mirage of sorts

his lead was a ~ (uncounted mail-in ballots)

quick-fix mirage

beware of the ~ (brain-fitness programs)

essentially (just) a mirage

the US's most valuable startup was ~ (WeWork)

just a mirage

is the housing recovery ~

Inside the Mirage

~: *America's Fragile Relationship with Saudi Arabia*

♦ "In crossing the desert, I perceived, at a distance, immense tracts, which had the appearance of rivers or lakes, with islands of sand rising in the midst of them; they presented themselves to the eye, in the horizon of the desert, as places where one might quench one's thirst... This illusion only rendered my situation more dreadful, when I was consumed with thirst, and saw the sea receding before me as by enchantment. It is impossible to form any correct idea of a *mirage* without have seen one." (*Travels Through Central Africa To Timbuctoo; and Across The Great Desert, to Morocco; Performed in the Years 1824-1828* by Rene Caillie.)

♦ "The mirages in the Antarctic had a clarity that was almost beyond belief, and made it difficult for an explorer to know whether he was seeing land or not. Second ranges of mountains appeared to be built up on top of the real mountains lying below, and these false ranges were immensely high and clear in outline. They hung there in the pale sky for

a few minutes and then vanished only to re-form themselves again, so that the sailing ships drifted about in an atmosphere of ghostly fantasy. It was both awe-inspiring and wonderfully beautiful." (*The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead.)

♦ "Some of the things you could see from a Great Lakes steamer were not really there... In certain lights the lakes could produce mirages. A freighter on the skyline would suddenly break up, midships section vanishing altogether, pilothouse and after cabins becoming extremely tall, reaching up like lighthouses in the deep water; then, after a minute or two, the lighthouses would disappear and there would be a steamboat again, prosaic as any other cargo carrier. On the north shore of Lake Superior the Canadian cities of Fort William and Port Arthur lie at the end of a broad bay, and on the seaward side of this bay there are islands; and if you sail from one of these cities late in the day these islands suddenly multiply so that each one is accompanied by a twin, each rock and tree perfectly duplicated, and no matter how hard you look you cannot tell which island is real and which is not... After a while the imitation islands rise into the air, get all streaky and distorted, and then go away entirely, and the lake is clear once more. I feel sorry for people who have never cruised the Great Lakes by steamboat." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

fantasy & reality / substance & lack of substance: desert

mired (stuck)

mired at 9.6 percent
unemployment is ~

mired in Afghanistan
now we are ~ (war)

mired in crisis
Somalia has been ~ since 1991

mired in (economic) distress
people are ~ (unemployment)

mired in the doldrums
we remain ~ (poor economy)

mired in grief
rabbis stress Yom Kippur should not be ~

mired in litigation
the university is still ~

mired in misery
Haiti remains ~

mired in a (4-decade) war
Colombia is ~ against guerrillas

mired in squalor and devastation
they led lives ~ (Chechnya)

became mired in controversy
the event ~ last year (investment initiative)

get mired in another Iraq
the US doesn't want to ~ in another Iraq (Syria)

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land

mirror (verb)

mirrored his erratic (off-the-field) behaviour
his unpredictable style ~ (sports)

mirror her lifestyle

those who tried to ~ (influencer Belle Gibson)

echo, mirror and differ

the two stories began to ~ from each other (a writer)

repetition: mirror / verb

mirror (noun)

mirrors of life

writers whose books are faithful ~

mirror and a bridge

we are a ~ to culture at large (TikTok)

looking in the mirror

we have been ~ and changing the way we teach

we have been ~ and rethinking our approach (education)

look at himself in the mirror

he's got to ~ (businessman / ethics)

hold a mirror up to ourselves

we must ~ and ask why (physician suicides)

holds a mirror up to how

the film ~ people in this generation grew up

holding a mirror up to himself

he was a terrific self-analyzer ~

♦ Some amusement parks have mirror mazes.

♦ A carnival or funhouse mirror is a curved mirror that can distort your image. Such a mirror can make you look like a fat midget, or make your chin look a foot long.

analysis, interpretation & explanation / consciousness & awareness: mirror

mirror (in the rear-view mirror)

in the rear-view mirror

she knows her setbacks will soon be ~ (teen)

we'll be glad to put this cold weather ~

now that *that* is ~ (behind us)

leave Steubenville in the rear-view mirror

she was glad to ~ (Traci Lords / Ohio)

put this in the rear-view mirror

he needs to ~, move past it (politician and election issue)

put Covid in the back mirror

we must vaccinate more to ~ (Dr. Zeke Emanuel)

♦ "Covid is very much in the side-view mirror, soon to be in the rear-view mirror..." (One can only hope!)

past & present / time: direction / mechanism / mirror / movement / position

mis (misbehave, etc.)

misbehaved

when one of the newer gyros was switched on, it ~ (Hubble)

failure, accident & impairment: affix

misappropriation (groups, etc.)

cultural misappropriation

they described the video as the height of ~ (U.S. Indians)

♦ “*Appropriation*, the most misappropriated word in the English language at this time. Stuff and nonsense.” (greatpix about the #BlackTikTokStrike.)

♦ “Moccasin maker Minnetonka is publicly apologizing for making money off of Native culture.” (The company was founded in 1946, as a small business creating souvenirs, including moccasins, for roadside gift stores at a time when more and more Americans were traveling by car. An early partner, Philip W Miller, had come to the US from Poland as a boy, and used money that he saved from running a corner grocery store in Minneapolis to buy into the company. Its footwear was popular with hippies in the 1960s. Like most footwear, it is currently made overseas, in the Dominican Republic and China. *Moccasin*, *Minnetonka* and indeed *Minneapolis* and *Minnesota* all come from native American languages.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

misbehave (machine)

misbehaved

when one of the newer gyros was switched on, it ~ (Hubble)

disruption / flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: mechanism / verb

miscarriage (of justice, etc.)

miscarriage of justice

the referee made mistakes and there was a ~ (soccer coach)

failure, accident & impairment: baby / birth / health & medicine

miscue (noun)

miscues

Biden can't afford these kinds of ~ (politics)
his only ~ is to... (the director of a documentary)

verbal miscues

he is no stranger to ~ (a politician)

high-profile political miscue

this was arguably his most ~ (a politician)

♦ A miscue refers to billiards or pool.

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games

misdiagnose (verb)

misdiagnosed the severity

economists ~ of the problem (financial)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine / verb

misfire (failure)

misfires

during a trial plagued with ~, he was found not guilty

failure, accident & impairment: weapon

mislead (verb)

mislead

historical analogy can ~

misled Congress

he disputed that he ~ last month when he said...

mislead anyone about his credentials

he said he had not tried to ~

direction: journeys & trips / verb

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips / verb

misleading (adjective)

misleading

laboratory results were ~ (vs. fieldwork)

misleading advertisements

~ (personal ads for porn sites on Internet)

misleading case

having made a ~ for war... (in Iraq)

misleading (label) claims

exotic supplements with ~

misleading narratives

he debunks ~ about crime, gangs and public safety

misleading (accounting) practices

~ in the marketplace

misleading statement

~s have been made

misleading or inaccurate

the information presented is ~(medical Web sites)

totally misleading

the stereotype is ~ (that young drug users are "losers")

phony, dishonest or misleading

there was nothing ~ about the photo (Iwo Jima)

direction: journeys & trips

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips

misread (verb)

misread what

they ~ the protests were all about (the government)

misreading the evidence

he is ~ (scientific dispute)

misread him

I guess I ~ from the beginning

misread each other's intentions

countries ~, in the fog of all these events (the Gulf)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb

miss (verb)

miss

a lot of times his jokes ~ (a comic)

success & failure: target / verb

missing (groups, etc.)

missing

older characters are ~. Period (ageism in entertainment)

inclusion & exclusion: society

consciousness & awareness / presence & absence: eye / space

missing in action (MIA)

MIA

Google may be ~ (at tech hearings)

missing in action from the big screen
they have been ~ for years (old stars)

missing in action in terms of leadership
our national government is ~ (Australia)

missing in action when this bill was being negotiated
the president was ~

condition & status / presence & absence: military

mission (on a mission)

on a mission

John Ryder is ~ here (a boxing match)

on a mission to clean house
somebody who's ~ (an administrator)

on a mission to travel

they were ~ further than... (England at Euro 2020)

commitment & determination / work & duty: military

mission (mission accomplished)

mission accomplished

there is no such thing as bad publicity, so, ~

success & failure: military

mission (other)

mission is to keep

part of our ~ history alive (Trail of Tears)

strayed from its (intended) mission

Wall Street has ~ (to raise money, versus betting)

commitment & determination / work & duty: military

missionary (person)

missionary to America

he was a soccer ~

missionary of jazz

Mary Lou Williams, ~ (NPR)

missionary spirit

you feel that ~ in the performance (BMOP / music)

missionary work

this is my form of ~ (Duckwrth / Hip-Hop)

enthusiasm / message: person / religion

person: religion

misstep (noun)

misstep

the lamb was topped, in a ~, with tomatoes (food)

public-relations misstep

the stores decision to change its logo was a ~

costly misstep

this bill is a ~ (politics)

honest misstep

he made an ~ (politician)

inadvertent misstep

he should be blamed for an ~ (ethics)

incendiary misstep

the organization has made some politically ~s

procedural misstep

death-penalty cases are vulnerable to ~s

strategic misstep

the company's ~

admitted missteps

he ~ in his first year (president)

made any missteps

he hasn't ~ (political campaign)

apologize for its missteps

Curtis did not acknowledge her experience or ~ (school)

engaged in additional missteps

Curtis ~ following the publication of the article (school)

marred by missteps

the operation was ~ and poor judgments (government)

**failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws:
walking, running & jumping**

mist (red mist)

red mist

the ~ is a very dangerous thing

red-mist moment

Horner accused Hamilton of a ~ (vs. Max Verstappen)

red mist came down

he acted deplorably as the ~ (prosecutor / England)

red mist descended

then the ~ (soccer player retaliates for foul)

suffer the red mist

he would be leading if he didn't ~ (an FI driver / crashes)

♦ see also *blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), red (see red)*

♦ "They were one hole over. They got plumed. They were erased from the Earth. DiLeo watched the round all the way down, and it exploded right in their hole, vaporizing them. One second, they were there, living and breathing and thinking and maybe swearing or even praying just like him. And in the next second, two half, young men, both of them sergeants in the United States Army, pride of their hometowns—Perryville, Mo., and Willimantic, Conn., respectively—had been turned into a plume of fine pink mist, tiny bits of blood, bone, tissue, flesh and brain that rose and drifted and settled over everyone and everything nearby. It—or they—drifted down on DiLeo, who reached up to wipe the bloody ooze from his eyes and saw that his arms and the rest of him were coated, too. Then there would come another pock and another

whoosh." (Mark Bowden, author of *Hue 1968*, reading from his book. From "Hue 1968' Revisits An American 'Turning Point' In The War In Vietnam," NPR, Fresh Air with Dave Davies, November 10, 2017.)

feeling, emotion & effect / violence: blood / color / mental health

Mister (and Mr., Missus, Mrs.)

Mister Right

if I found ~... (a woman)

♦ Valerie: I guess I figured that everything would just fall into place if I found Mr. Right. / Mac: Mr. Right? (Inspired dialog from the film *Earth Girls Are Easy* with Geena Davis.)

♦ See also *boy, guy (character), man (big man, little man, etc.)*

character & personality: person

mix (in / into the mix)

soldiers in the mix

more ~ will ensure the desired outcome

get (right) back in the mix

you've got to get back up and ~ (MMA fighter)

bring more people into the mix

we must ~ (process)

remained in the mix

he ~ as an informal outside consultant (election campaign)

involvement: mixture

mixed up

mixed up with a Japanese girl

I got ~ in Honolulu

involvement: mixture

moan (verb)

moaning about

they're doing fine, what are they ~ (lower middle class)

wail and moan

they'll ~ and write outraged editorials...

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

moaning

stop moaning

he told colleagues to ~ about the pandemic

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

moat (noun)

moat

the Rhine is a highway as much as a ~ (Roman history)

moat around the outbreak

officials acted to build a ~ (bird-flu outbreak)

protective moats

oceans are highways rather than ~ (geopolitics)

digging a (legal) moat

one made no official move without first ~ (Colombia)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

moated

moated from popular sentiment

some political systems suffer because they are ~

division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection

& lack of protection: fortification

mob (group)

mob of volunteers

police were joined by a ~ (search)

amount / behavior / group, set & collection: crime

mob (society)

mob of his day

he appealed to the base instincts of the ~ (orator Cleon)

mob rule

the confirmation hearing descended into ~ (protests)

the impeachment is legislative ~

liberal "mob"

he portrayed himself as a victim of a ~ (culture wars)

lynch mob

see *lynch mob*

online mobs

the threat of ~ shutting down speech (cancel culture)

twittermob

yet none of this matters to the ~ (racism controversy)

twitter mob

a ~ has managed to change a *New York Times* headline

woke mob

I realize I'm in the crosshairs of the ~ (Aaron Rodgers)

baying of the mob

he did not bow to the ~ (followed his own mind)

mob is baying

the ~ for blood (an accidental police shooting)

captured by an anti-intellectual, illiberal mob

Brearley has been ~ (the school / obsession with race)

♦ According to Wilfred Funk, Litt.D., this word is a clipping of the Latin *mobile vulgus*, or "the fickle crowd" and was used at the time of Charles II. From his book, *Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories*.

behavior / society: person

oppression: history / society / violence

mogul (noun)

media mogul

long-time Trump ally and conservative ~

music mogul

the ~ lured youngsters into his cars

American porn mogul
Leo Radvinsky, an ~

power: history / person

mold (verb)

mold their athletes into officers
coaches help ~ able to lead (West Point)

moulded the ordinary person into a consumer
capitalism ~ (envy, ads, fashion, etc.)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

mold (fit a mold, etc.)

societal mold
many autistic people try to fit into a specific ~

fit a (prescribed) mold
in an environment where you feel pressured to ~

fit the mold
male anchors who don't ~ (TV news)

fit a (prescribed) mold
workplaces where you feel pressured to ~

**behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / sanctioning,
authority & non-conformity: manufacturing**

mole (noun)

Russian mole
he turned out to be a ~

♦ "Remember, reader, if you've ever been caught in the mountains by a mist through which you only saw as moles see through their skin..."
("Bear Meat" by Primo Levy, translated from the Italian by Alessandra Bastagli, generously made available to all by *The New Yorker*.)

concealment & lack of concealment: animal

behavior / subterfuge: animal

mole hill (noun)

mole hills turn into (hallucinatory) mountains
in isolated communities, where imaginary ~ (Antarctica)

make a mole hill into a mountain
don't ~

♦ From one blackbird, fifty blackbirds!

♦ "Men trip not on mountains but on molehills."

importance & significance: animal / size

Molotov cocktail

digital Molotov cocktail
the arrests were greeted with ~s (hackers' revenge)

disruption: explosion / fire

moment (type of moment)

moment of reckoning
will "Framing Britney Spears" be a ~ for the media

moment of (national) reckoning
people who want an attorney general to meet this ~ (BLM)

moment in the limelight
he had a ~, 30 years later
he had his most significant ~ a dozen years ago

moment in the sun
he had his ~ (rock star)
I think they have had their ~ (team in World Cup)

"Cronkite Moment"
the ~ has it the anchorman changed history (a myth)

"Lincoln moment"
he described the situation as a ~ (Ghani to Biden / support)

McCarthy moment
this cancellation culture is the SJW ~ (of Walt Whitman)

Pearl Harbor moment
it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumpter attack)

nine-eleven moment
it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumpter attack)

Rashomon moment
this was a ~ meeting a Rorschach test (3-group confrontation on DC mall)

Sputnik moment
we are not prepared, it's a ~, a challenge (a cyberattack)

Doctor Jekyll – Mister Hyde moment
it was a very strange ~ (holding job and eating disorder)

Rubicon moment
this was my ~

Aha! instant
the ~ in cognitive science, the Eureka moment...

"Aha!" moment
she says that she had an ~ in 2005 (administrator)

crossroads moment
the government is at a ~ (crisis)

eureka moment
but the ~ came when...
this was a ~, he realized what he needed to do...

Eureka moment
the Aha! instant in cognitive science, the ~

fulcrum moment
the Capture of Istanbul was a ~ in the Middle Ages

groundswell moment
we're at that ~ (rising demand for antibiotic-free meat)

lift-off moment
it was a ~ for the game (Federer beats Sampras in 2001)

breakthrough moment
it was a ~ for a young man (Federer beats Sampras in 2001)

'holy-shit' moment
Mr. President, this is your ~ (Cristina Romer to Obama)

light-bulb moment

you've heard of a ~, this was a spotlight moment
these ~s feel as if they happen in a flash but...
will UK provide a ~ for US Democrats (Labor defeat)

lightning-bolt moment

it was a ~ when I knew what I wanted to do (be a singer)
I had a ~ on a trip to Fire Island (about his gayness)

split-screen moment

dueling televised town halls, a ~ (rival politicians)

24-karat moment

Brooklyn's championship was a ~ (baseball)

key moment

he failed to maintain his situation awareness at ~s (war)

landmark moment

it was a ~ in the evolution of artificial intelligence

"all hands on deck" moment

there has to be an ~ from the international community

"where were you when" moments

it was one of those ~ from history (*Challenger Disaster*)

"Oh, no!" moment

for Riley, a wildlife biologist, it was a ~

magic moment

that ~ when you feel the team spirit coming together

storybook moment

it was a ~ (glass-carriage royal wedding)

watershed moment

the arrival of the drones will be a ~ (war)
the affair was a ~ for British Muslims (Rushdie book)
this is a ~ for China to lead (pandemic)
the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is at a ~

dramatic moment

a throw from the outfield to a base is always a ~

viral moment

so he had this ~... (an imprisoned rapper)

heart-stopping moment

it was a ~ (near-accident)

jaw-dropping moment

this is the ~ when a sea lion attacked a girl (video)

all-in moment

her ~ comes in 1989 (magazine editor)

heat of the moment

he said some things he wished he hadn't in the ~
I made my decision in the ~ (regret)
it just happened in the ~ (regret)

spur of the moment

it was not uncommon for them to go stargazing on the ~

spur-of-the-moment

the ~ brawl

♦ "Life is made up of moments." ("18 Things You Will Never Understand Until You Experience Them Yourself" by Paul Hudson, *Elite Daily*, March

4, 2015. He posits that the moments he lists can only be appreciated through personal experience.)

moment (moment where)

moment where

this was the ~ I thought everything was over (fear)
I think that now is a ~... (NPR)

in a moment where

well, I think we're ~ 80% of the country thinks...
I think we are ~ many of us... (pandemic)

in a moment (right now) where

we are ~ people are taking UFOs seriously (NPR)

in this moment where

we're ~ there's so much fakery (a journalist)

past & present / time: place

moment (this moment)

this moment

my hope is that ~ allows us to... (social change)

this moment of reckoning and re-imagining
in ~, we wanted to understand... (monuments)

about this (particular) moment

it was so insightful ~ (a parody)

at this moment

~, it's estimated that... (school enrollment in pandemic)

for this moment

he is the right man ~ (Dr. Anthony Fauci and pandemic)

in this moment

I'm more optimistic ~ than I've ever been
what is the legal situation for her ~ (#FreeBritney)
what are the choices it's left with ~ (the NCAA)

in this (modern) moment

is selective-service registration really required ~

in this (unique) moment

~ we're in, we have a chance to... (lots of funding)

through this moment

what music is getting you ~ (the pandemic)

let this moment go by

I implore everyone to not ~ (don't forget this tragedy)

past & present / time: clock

moment (that moment)

in that moment

I had so many thoughts, ~ (fear)
hundreds could have used the vaccine ~ (COVID)
it felt like anything was possible ~ (Minneapolis protest)
let's listen to Baldwin talk about what happened ~

past & present / time: clock

moment (other)

moment or a (new) movement

is it a ~ (a protest)
different moment
yeah, it's a totally ~ (2008 vs now)
seize the moment
Congress must ~ to legalize... (politics)

past & present / time: clock

moment (have a moment / attention)

having a moment
the Marshal Plan is ~
the Enneagram is ~, thanks to millennials
the word “bae” seems to be ~ (2014)

having its moment
the arepa is ~ (a corn pancake)

having a Hollywood moment
Muslims are ~

having (something of) a moment
multiverses are ~

having a moment in Singapore
vending machines are ~ (face masks, cacti, frozen beef)

clearly having a moment
the jigsaw puzzle is ~, toilet paper, step aside...

♦ The online Cambridge Dictionary defines this as something currently popular or in fashion. It echoes old clichés like everything has its moment in the sun, or every dog has its day.

♦ If something is “having a moment” in this sense, then it is a “thing.”

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day
attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

moment (have a moment / emotion)

having a moment
Joe’s ~ (a man weeps in front of his friends)

♦ The online Cambridge Dictionary defines this as simply having an emotional moment, for example, tearing up, weeping, the voice cracking or wavering, or otherwise becoming overwhelmed by an emotion.

feeling, emotion & effect: verb

momentum (lose momentum)

losing its momentum
the US economic recovery is ~

lost their momentum
they ~

failure, accident & impairment: movement / verb

momentum (gain momentum, etc.)

gained momentum
the notion has ~ (that speaking out is therapeutic)
street protests have ~ (Myanmar in 2007)

gaining momentum
protests are ~

gathering momentum

a campaign to regulate the company is ~ (Facebook)

force / power / speed: movement / verb

momentum (noun)

momentum of the game
the missed penalty kick changed the ~

momentum for a lottery
the budget crisis creates ~ (state)

anti-noise momentum
the ~ appears to be growing

word-of-mouth momentum
the ~ that propels a book (publishing)

burgeoning momentum
a 3-week layoff stopped Baylor’s ~ (basketball)

lost momentum
the Democrats need to regain their ~ (politics)

changed the momentum
the missed penalty kick ~ of the game

lost their momentum
they ~

♦ Movement, weight and speed equals force.

force / increase & decrease / power / progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)

“Mona Lisa” of baseball cards
the T206 Wagner, the undisputed ~ (50 known copies)

equivalent of the “Mona Lisa”
it’s the food ~ (Jiro’s in Japan)

worth & lack of worth: allusion / epithet / money

monarch (MS Monarch, etc.)

“Monarch of the Dailies”
the San Francisco Examiner, the ~ (Hearst)

Monarch of the Glen
“The ~” shows a red deer stag (1851)

Monarch of Muscledom
John Grimek, “The ~” (the bodybuilder)

“monarch stag”
a ~ has 16 points (antlers)

MS Monarch
the ~, formerly *Monarch of the Seas* (a cruise ship)

epithet / proper name: royalty
superlative; epithet

monarch (primacy)

monarch of AI
deep learning is the reigning ~

monarch of the floating fiefdom
a captain was a ~ of his ship (1770)

reigning monarch
deep learning is the ~ of AI

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty
superlative: person / royalty
person / power: royalty

Mongolia (Outer Mongolia)

playing games in Outer Mongolia
always hated Europa with its Thursday-Sunday and ~

isolation & remoteness: ground, terrain & land

monkey (insult)

monkeys
the plane was designed by clowns supervised by ~
♦ "If you hurt a monkey, you will be cursed." (Japan.)

insult: animal

monkish (adjective)

monkish breakfast
a ~ of raw eggs, tea, and a biscuit

size / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: religion

monolith (noun)

monolith
the religious right is not a ~ (a gay man)
♦ El Capitan, Shiprock, Stone Mountain... (Famous U.S. monoliths.)
♦ "[Tommy Caldwell's] best-known first ascent is the Dawn Wall, the hardest route on El Capitan, the tremendous granite monolith in Yosemite, which he completed in 2015. President Obama tweeted congratulations from the White House." ("Finding a Way Up" by William Finnegan, *The New Yorker*, November 29, 2021.)

bases: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

monolithic (adjective)

monolithic
there are all sorts of Black people, we are not ~ (NPR's Ayesha Rascoe)

bases: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

monster (Monster.com, etc.)

Monster and MSN
the site is jointly operated by ~ (Web site)

proper name: creature

monster (create a monster, etc.)

create a Frankenstein
it gets out of hand, they ~ (extrajudicial killings)

created a monster
we have ~ (diplomacy)
they still don't accept that they ~ (Facebook)

sewn together a (Frankenstein's) monster

Ducournau has ~ from so many disparate ideas (film)

affliction: allusion / creature

allusion: books & reading

monster (affliction)

monster

only ~s could have planned this (Siberian slave labor)
it is a ~ (methamphetamine usage in small rural town)
these are the ~s we've been hunting (serial shooters)
~s committed this crime
these savage ~s will not escape their fate (terrorists)

evil monster

this ~ has faced justice (murdered a woman)

vicious monster

they have become ~s (terrorists)

portrayed as a monster

I'm being ~ and no one is defending me (in prison)

turned into a monster

in the 3 months we were engaged he ~

♦ "Unemployment is a monster which not only renders the fit powerless but prevents them from contributing to their society's development." (Abdullah Al-Asmari, in *Al-Watan*, on unemployment in Saudi Arabia.)

character & personality / affliction / insult: creature

monster (size)

monster

it's a ~, it's awesome (speaking of a huge wildfire)
he is a ~ (a 131-pound blue catfish)

monster hit

the studio hasn't had a ~ since... (films)

monster hurricane

the tingling anxiety one feels facing a ~
a ~, with its 150-mile-an-hour winds

monster kite

running a ~ is a special skill

monster ramp

most of the riders had never ridden the ~ (MegaRamp)

monster ratings

the game show's ~

monster swarm

trillions of cicadas are emerging in a ~ (Brood X)

monster tsunami

a ~ had been unleashed (Indian Ocean / 2004)

monster waves

the hurricane spawned ~ that toppled beach houses

monster (40-foot) waves

surfers couldn't resist the challenge of the ~

monster dust devil

a ~ sent sand and litter high into the air

monster iceberg

a ~ is drifting towards western Australia (2009)

monster sandstorm
a ~ grounded coalition forces south of Baghdad

concrete monster
it's a dinosaur, a ~ (an old sports stadium)

mechanical monster
as the clattering ~ descends (helicopter)

size: creature

monument (noun)

monument to insignificance
the novel is a 576-page ~

greatest monument
"Warsaw Survivor" is music's ~ to the Holocaust

importance & significance: infrastructure

monumental (adjective)

monumental achievement
it was a ~ (scholarship)

monumental implications
simple acts can have ~

monumental law
but passage of the ~ was an uphill battle

importance & significance: infrastructure

size: infrastructure

moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)

Craters of the Moon
~ National Monument and Preserve (Idaho)

Val de la Luna
the ~, the Valley of the Moon (west of San Pedro, Chile)

Half Moon Beach
visit ~ on your visit to Al Khobar (Saudi Arabia)

proper name: astronomy / moon / shape

geography: astronomy / moon / proper name / shape

moon (shape)

moon face
when will my ~ go away (facial swelling due to a drug)

shape: astronomy / moon

moonscape (noun)

moonscape
it was a ~, nothing left almost (after wildfire)

moonscape of ash
a million years ago the caldera was a vast ~ (Valles Caldera)

scorched moonscape
a ~ scoured by whirlwinds of ash (after wildfire)

barren moonscape

elephants turn woodland into a ~

turned (parts of) Gaza into a moonscape
tank and artillery fire and air sorties have ~

turn woodland into a (barren) moonscape
elephants can ~

appearance / environment / resemblance: moon

moonshot (noun)

moonshot
a ~ is the biggest of ideas to solve the very biggest problems

moonshot of its day
the Brooklyn Bridge was the ~

moonshots and miracles
aiming for ~ is not far-fetched (diplomacy)

♦ "Make Your Moonshot Less of a Long Shot." (An ad for Quantic's "Business School of the Future." The full page ad on the back of *The Economist* shows a young woman with one hand on her hip, a phone in her other hand, and dressed futuristicly in what looks like black vinyl. In the background is what appears to be a Martian landscape.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: astronomy / moon

moored

moored in an (earlier) time
the religion seems permanently ~ (criticism)

progress & lack of progress: boat / movement

morass (noun)

morass of (complicated and conflicting) research
school officials are confronted with a ~ (education)

legal morass
he found himself in a ~

complexity / environment / obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land

moribund (adjective)

moribund
the pace of economic growth is ~
the economy is ~

moribund economy
he should focus on our ~ (politics)

moribund Klan
its marketing exaggerates the threat of the ~ (SPLC)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)

Mormons of the Middle East
the Druze are the ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: epithet / religion

morning (early in the morning)

early in the morning

but it's ~, at this point... (response to computer virus)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

morsel (amount)

morsel of hope

he was noncommittal but offered me a ~

amount: food & drink

mortal (adjective)

mortal blow

the law would strike a ~ to a system that... (athletics)
the Supreme Court's decision was a ~ to the union

mortal threat

Pakistan poses a ~ to the security and safety...

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

mortally (mortally wounded, etc.)

mortally

Joe Biden is wounded, perhaps ~ so (primary election)

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

mortar (noun)

mortar of society

family ties across the generations were the very ~

attachment: materials & substances

mosaic (configuration)

mosaic of seas

the Mediterranean is a ~

mosaic of states

India fell into an anarchic ~

mosaic of tribes

Italy, meanwhile, was still inhabited by a ~

♦ Seas within the Mediterranean Sea include the Alboran Sea, the Ionian Sea, and the Ligurian Sea, as well as the Aegean Sea and the Adriatic Sea. A sea can have a sea!

configuration: picture

mosaic (analysis)

mosaic of evidence

it adds to the overall ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)

“Mosquito Fleet”

the ~ had command of the lake (Champlain, 1776)

♦ “Most of the 25,000 soldiers that Napoleon sent to Haiti to quash the slave rebellion died of malaria. Napoleon had planned to transfer his army from Haiti to New Orleans but he had to abandon that strategy, and sold the Louisiana Territory to the US instead.” (*The Invention of Nature: Alexander Von Humboldt’s New World* by Andrea Wulf.)

♦ *Anopheles claviger!* This became the slogan of Battista Grassi. You can see him, shuffling along behind lovers in the dusk, making fists of his fingers to keep himself from pouncing on the zanzarone who made

meals off their regardless necks... You can see this Grassi, sitting in a stagecoach with no springs, oblivious to bumps, deaf to the chatter of his fellow-passengers, with absent eyes counting the *Anopheles claviger* he had discovered—with delight—riding on the ceiling of the wagon in which he journeyed from one utterly terrible little malarious village to another still more cursed.” (Grassi did what Ross and Koch couldn’t: prove that malaria is passed from man to man by the bite of a mosquito that the locals called *zanzarone* and that naturalists called *Anopheles claviger*. From *Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif.)

♦ “A Japanese man burned his house down while trying to kill a mosquito.”

size / strength & weakness: epithet / insect

moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)

flame to (a good many) moths

he was certainly a candle ~ (Lord Byron and women)

attraction & repulsion: fire / insect / light & dark

mothball (verb)

mothball the aircraft carriers

some wanted to ~ (because of high cost / Britain)

mothballed (many of their) aircraft

airlines have ~ (COVID pandemic)

dismissal, removal & resignation: insect / verb

mothballed

mothballed, refitted and recommissioned

they can be ~ (Navy ships)

dismissal, removal & resignation: insect

mother (mother's milk)

mother's milk of politics

money is the ~

bases / importance & significance: food & drink

mother (mother ship, etc.)

mother cloud

a funnel cloud reaches down from the ~ (tornado)

mother ship

divers on tethers to their ~

their orbiting ~ (above asteroid)

refueling, resupplying with the help of tenders and ~s

pirates operating from a ~ off the Somali coast

this submarine and its ~ (DSSV Pressure Drop)

drug smugglers use semisubmersibles to meet a ~

division & connection: family

person / relationship: family

mother (mother of all battles, etc.)

mother of all battles

Saddam promised the ~ (Gulf War)

“mother of all biases”

overconfidence is often known as the ~ (psychology)

“mother of All News Conferences”

it has become known as the ~ (Gen. Schwarzkopf / 1991)

mother of all (oil and gas) companies
this is the absolute ~ (Saudi Aramco)

Mother of all Rivers
our own Yukon, the ~

♦ "We perceived a single Bedawi, running southward all in a flutter, his grey hair and grey beard flying in the wind, who yelled 'The biggest aeroplane in the world...' At Um el Surab the Handley stood majestic on the grass, with Bristols and 9's like fledglings beneath its spread of wings. Round it admired the Arabs, saying, 'Indeed and at last they have sent us THE aeroplane, of which these things were foals.'" (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, Book X, Chapter CXIV, by T.E. Lawrence.)

superlative: family

mother (mother of NPR, etc.)

Mother of Israel
Jews for centuries referred to Salonika as "the ~"

mother of invention
if necessity is the ~, discontent is the father of progress

mother of (all) learning
repetition is the ~

mother of machines
the clock was destined to be the ~ (scientific instruments)

mother of NPR
Cokie Roberts, a founding ~

mother of telenovelas
Delia Fiallo, known as the ~, dies at 96 (NPR)

founding mothers
the ~ of NPR (Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie)

♦ "Henrietta Lacks: 'Mother' of modern medicine honoured," BBC.
♦ see also *father (father of India, etc.)*

creation & transformation: epithet / family

bases / person: family

epithet: family

mother (mother earth, etc.)

Mother Russia
the annexation returned the Crimea to ~

mother earth
care for our ~

considered as our mother
in Bangladesh, the river is ~ (has human legal status)

relationship: epithet / family

epithet: family

mother (earth mother)

earth mother
the no-bra, hairy-underarm ~ (1970s California)

character & personality: earth & world / family

mother (Mother Nature)

Mother Nature
~ didn't cooperate (Winter Olympics weather)

~ had other ideas (concerning explorer's planned trip)
~ makes smart critters (salmon head upstream, etc.)
let ~ take her course (a sick animal)

at the mercy of Mother Nature
we're ~ right now (wildfire / town)
we are still ~ with her winds (California wildfires)

Mother Nature smiled
I think today ~ on us (NASA launch)

Mother Nature is finally starting to smile
~ on the Winter Olympics

depends on Mother Nature
so much of surfing ~

biodiversity: epithet / family
epithet: family

mother (Mother Mountain, etc.)

Mother Mountain
Sam Ahkeah says that it is the ~ near Taos

Mother and Child
the ~ are peaks in Vietnam

proper name: family

geography: proper name

mother (den mother, etc.)

den mother
she is a natural ~
the "~~" of Yorkville, singer Vicky Taylor (*Girls Like Us*)
Eye's rock scene ~, the charismatic Lillian Roxon...

den mother to Canada's folk community
she was a ~ (Estelle Klein)

stage mother
I'm not a pushy ~

leaned on to be a 'den mother'
42% of women feel they are ~ (Portland women in tech)

help & assistance / role: animal / family / person

mother hen

mother-hen
she justified her ~ efforts as being in her daughter's best interests

help & assistance: animal / bird / family / person

mother lode

mother lode
the ~, the jackpot, Valhalla (88th episode of show)

hit the mother lode
we ~ (information in archive)

source: mining

mother tongue

mother tongue

hyperbole is his ~ (a politician)
in their mother tongues
users all over the world post content ~ (translation)
speak Chinese as their mother tongue
over a billion people ~
speak English as their mother tongue
372 million people ~
translate from their mother tongue
students who need to ~ to English
taught in their native tongue
children must be ~ (indigenous languages / Nigeria)

speech: family / tongue

motor (driving force)

non-stop motor
he had a ~ and a no-quit attitude (an athlete)
driving force: engine
mount (verb)

bloodshed mounted
the ~ on both sides (gang violence)
concerns (over data security) mount
as ~ (Internet)
costs mounted
his ~ and mounted some more (bankruptcy)
losses are mounting
livestock ~ (blizzards in Colorado / especially cattle)
pressure is mounting
the ~

outrage is mounting
~ over the security guard who...

death toll mounted
the pandemic worsened and the ~

continued to mount
heat-related deaths ~

increase & decrease: number / pile / verb

mountain (at the top of the mountain)

at the top of the (boxing) mountain
he has reclaimed his place back ~ (Tyson Fury)

hierarchy: direction / mountains & hills / position
attainment: direction / mountains & hills / position
mountain (difficulty)

mountain
you can move ~s if you put your mind to it
psychological mountain
he now has a ~ to climb (young boxer quits in ring)

steep mountain
the team has a ~ to climb
move mountains
they will ~ for you (coach about his players)
moved mountains
we asked for support and he ~ to provide it
♦ "Enjoy [your unbeaten streak]—the emotion of getting to the top of the mountain—because you can't duplicate that. It's a lot tougher to stay on the mountain than it is to climb it." (Ara Parseghian's advice to Tyrone Willingham.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: mountains & hills

mountain (amount)

mountain of cocaine
he has done a ~ (a troubled celebrity)
mountain of criticism
she was subjected to a ~ (a tennis star)
mountain of data
the newspaper had to sort, search and understand a ~
mountains of data
sift through ~
mountain of debris
people trapped under a ~ (building collapse)
mountain of debt
they were buried under a huge ~
mountains of disagreement
negotiators tried to scale ~ (G-20)
mountain of evidence
police have a ~ and a statement (murderer)
mountains of garbage
neighborhoods here are ringed by ~ (Luanda)
mountain of paperwork
Brexit has created a ~ for wine importers
mountain of (new) paperwork
a ~ will be required from today (Brexit)
mountains of paperwork
the ~ take up so much time that... (Sudan aid)
mountains of refuse
~ filled the streets (Athens)
mountain of research
a ~ shows that...
mountains of waste
~, public nudity, drunkenness, drugs (biker rally)
mountain of (coal) waste
a ~, now 50 stories high (Shanxi Province)
man-made mountain
a ~
data mountain

no such ~ exists for low-resource languages (translation)

♦ "There would need to be a Mt. Everest of evidence to get them to change their minds." (Politicians.)

amount: mountains & hills

mountainous (adjective)

mountainous seas

~ threatened to dash them against the rocks (sailing)

Cape Horn, with its ~

mountainous waves

~ crashed against the headlands (Pillar Point)

~ overturned ocean-going freighters (typhoon / Japan)

resemblance / size: mountains & hills

comparison & contrast: affix

Mount Everest (and Everest)

Everest

"Ulysses" was an ~ no filmmaker dared assault

Everest of jump sites

El Capitan is the ~ (BASE jumping)

Everest of the Seas

the race is known as the “~” (Vendee Globe)

Mt. Everest of the gene therapy community

it was the ~ (Muscular Dystrophy cure)

Mt. Everest of surfing

Hawaii's Waimea Bay, the ~

Mount Everest of wreck diving

the Andrea Doria is considered the ~

Mount Everest of surfing waves

Pipeline is the ~ (North Shore of Oahu)

Mount Everest of the yachting universe

Cape Horn is regarded as the ~

my Everest

beating Klitschko was ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

regarded as the Mount Everest

Cape Horn is ~ of the yachting universe

♦ "It's really the center of the surfing universe. It's like Mount Everest for surfers everywhere. And Pipeline is really the wave one needs to come to terms with as a surfer in order to be considered a great surfer." (Shaun Tomson.)

♦ "Once they're finished, the outdoors will be a more inclusive place, according to their GoFundMe page." ("A mountaineering group is aiming to be the 1st all-Black team to climb Mount Everest" by Sharon Pruitt-Young, NPR, October 9, 2021.)

♦ "It's all bullshit on Everest these days." (Sir Edmund Hillary in an interview with the Guardian in 2003.)

♦ "Burn your TV, fill your pockets with chocolate and ham, and go for a big walk." (A Norwegian.)

attainment / superlative: mountains & hills

size / danger / difficulty, easiness & effort: epithet / mountains & hills

mounting

mounting (medical) bills

he needs to protect himself from ~

mounting concern

in response to ~ over...

mounting criticism

he had to address the ~

mounting debt

a network of lies and ~s

mounting (public and congressional) doubts

there are ~ about the war

mounting evidence

~ suggests that...

mounting pile

a ~ of invitations

mounting scandal

a ~ over accusations that... (church)

increase & decrease: pile

Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore of heavyweights

if there were a ~, it would have the likenesses of...

on our Mount Rushmore

he's ~ (Rocky Marciano / Italian athletes)

superlative: allusion / place / mountains & hills

mouse (size)

mouse lemur

~s are the planet's smallest primates (Madagascar)

size: animal

mouse (cat and mouse)

see *game (game of cat and mouse)*

mouth (entrance)

mouth of the Bosphorus

ferries chug up into the ~ (Istanbul)

mouth of the Gulf of Aden

Socotra, the main island at the ~

mouth of the Persian Gulf

the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow ~

mouth of a cave

8 Delacour's langurs scampered into the ~ (Vietnam)

mouth of the cave

piles of breakdown at the ~

mouths of both the (Missouri and Ohio) Rivers

they passed the ~ (Joliet and Marquette)

mouth of a (hanging) valley

the ~ generally discharges a waterfall

tunnel's mouth

his office at the ~ (Mont Blanc)

cave mouth

salamanders also live under rocks near ~s

goal mouth

moving quickly from post to post in the ~ (ice hockey)

river mouth

sea snakes can be found near ~s

orientation / resemblance: mouth

mouth (speech)

speaks out of both sides of his mouth

he ~

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / speech: mouth

mouthpiece (person)

mouthpiece for the British government

she believes the BBC is a ~

Party mouthpiece

control of the ~, *Pravda...* (Russia)

loyal mouthpiece

she was a ~ (president's press secretary)

repetition / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / speech:

mouth / person

mouthwatering (adjective)

mouth-waterring (all-British) clash

it could be a ~ (Fury vs. Whyte / boxing)

mouth-waterring prospect

the fight was a ~ for boxing fans

looks mouth-waterring

a bout at a catchweight ~ (boxing)

eagerness & reluctance / feeling, emotion & effect: bodily

reaction / food & drink / taste

consumption: food & drink / taste

attraction & repulsion: food & drink / taste

mouthy (adjective)

mouthy

he's ~

speech: mouth

move (move an inch, etc.)

move an inch

I wouldn't ~ (negotiations)

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb

move (take action)

move on this

gentlemen, we need to ~ (reaction to plot)

move aggressively

many universities felt they had to ~ (online education)

moves slowly

bureaucracy ~

got to move

we've ~ (act)

action, inaction & delay: movement / verb

move (direction)

moving in a different direction

we're ~ (an investigation)

move in that direction

it is in everyone's interest to ~ (diplomacy)

moving in a different direction

we're ~ (an investigation)

move in that direction

it is in everyone's interest to ~ (diplomacy)

direction: movement / verb

move (progress)

moved beyond race

America has largely ~ (opinion)

move forward

we can't ~ until you send your answers back (US census)

moving forward

things are ~ and they're moving quickly (many projects)

we are ~ with solutions on many issues (politics)

moving a little too fast

maybe we've been ~ (relationship)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb

move (chess move, etc.)

chess moves

with a couple of ~, the CIA changed Iran's history (1953)

move towards authoritarianism

critics called the vote a ~ (Hugo Chávez)

career move

one of the best ~s I ever made

genius move

playing that card was no ~ (father's influence)

career-ending move

it was considered a ~

unprecedented move

in an ~...

get-tough move

in the latest ~

bold move
 it was regarded as an unusually ~

dangerous move
 it was a politically bold and ~ (gay marriage)

extraordinary move
 removing a commander in combat is an ~

latest (get-tough) move
 in the ~

next move
 commanders have been forced to rethink their ~
 now we await the ~ from House Democrats (politics)
 what is our ~ (an investigation)

poor political move
 this is a ~ (Republicans)

risky move
 he testified in his own defense, a potentially ~ (trial)

smart move
 it's just not a ~ (celebration resulting in a penalty)

strategic move
 this was a ~ (an airline merger)

strategy: cards / chess / sports & games

move (move up)

moving up in the world
 he is ~ (affluence, power)

move up the (beauty-pageant) ladder
 she began to ~

move up the (economic) ladder
 the play chronicles the struggles of a family to ~

move up the ranks
 workers who want to ~

hierarchy: movement / direction / verb
progress & lack of progress: movement / direction / verb

movement (progress)

little movement
 there has been ~ in the negotiations

progress & lack of progress: movement

move on (resiliency)

move on
 let's just ~ (end of a relationship)
 we've got to ~ (put the church controversy behind)
 we need to close the book on this and ~
 we want to close this dark chapter of our history and ~
 it's time to put this behind us and ~ (Muller report)
 the artist in me needed to ~ (from a successful TV series)

moved on
 Nina had ~ (after end of relationship)

move on with your life

you need to ~ (encouragement)
move on with our lives
 we've got to put this behind us and ~ (disaster)

move on from it
 if I hold on to that, I'll never be able to ~ (boxer / defeat)

“moved on” from 2015
 the science has ~ (a sports issue)

forget the past and move on
 it's time to ~

♦ “We should move on, we should leave the past behind. Not forget it, but just leave it behind... Not forgetting, it doesn't mean not cooperating with you or not working with you or anything... You have never been damaged by us, that's why you never will know what is the feeling... It's not about you.” (Twenty-year-old Arian speaking with 16-year-old Selena on the bridge over the Ibar that separates their two communities in Mitrovica, Kosovo.)

♦ “Eighty years on, how should the desire to move on be balanced with the need to remember?” (“Ukraine's forgotten 'Holocaust by Bullets,' BBC, 27 Sept 2021.”)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

move on (change the subject, etc.)

move on to other areas
 I'm going to ~ that need discussion

move on to a different story
 let me ~ (ABC news interview)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

move on (development)

moved on
 civil rights have ~ (to equity ideology)

development: movement

move on (time has moved on, etc.)

time had moved on
 but the world had changed, and ~

time: movement
timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement

Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.)

‘Mozart of rock’
 tributes paid to ~ Eddie Van Halen

hard-rock’s Mozart
 ~, Eddie Van Halen

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / music

mud (drag something through the mud)

dragged the city’s reputation through the mud
 he has ~ (false allegation of hate crime)

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land / verb

reputation: ground, terrain & land / verb

mud (dragged through the mud)

dragged through the mud

the doctors in the case have been ~ (criticism)

getting dragged through the mud

my name is ~ (suspicion of sports doping)

accusation & criticism / reputation: ground, terrain & land

mud (sink in the mud)

mud of defeat

the US is sinking into the ~ (Iraqi spokesman on war)

sinking into the mud

the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
ground, terrain & land / verb

mud (in the mud)

in the mud

we're all ~ and have to get dirty (intelligence)

♦ "You cannot catch rats without going into the sewers." (A spy for Britain.)

behavior: ground, terrain & land / height

mudslinging (noun)

mudslinging

they both seem to prefer ~ (politicians)

mudslinging between rival factions

~ is being waged out in the open (catholic church)

political mud-slinging

this is not the time for ~ (Afghan withdrawal)

name-calling and mud-slinging

~ (politicians)

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land / speech

muffled

muffled

Australia's conversation has been ~ by defamation laws (sex abuse)

constraint & lack of constraint: speech

Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.)

Muhammed Ali of her generation

Megan Rapinoe is the ~

her generation's Muhammad Ali

Megan Rapinoe is ~

younger generation's Muhammad Ali

Nike supports the ~ (Colin Kaepernick)

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: epithet

mule (drug mule, etc.)

mule profile

he fit the ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

drug mule

Iranian ~s fly into Dubai every few months

transportation: animal

mule-headed

mule-headed

he is ~ (stubborn)

♦ "A certain driver, who was driving six mules with a single line, was whipping and cursing away 'like sixty,' as the saying is, when a lean, long-necked minister came along, on a horse covered with cooking utensils and stores. The minister, feeling it his duty, called out: 'Young man, do you know who made you?' / 'What?' said the driver, stopping a moment from his whipping and cursing. / 'Do you know who made you?' repeated the minister, this time in a very loud voice. / 'Oh!' said the driver, 'this is no time for conundrums!' / And lifting his great army whip, he struck the leading mule on the ear with a snap that sent the blood flying. / 'Go on there!' he cried, 'you cursed descendant of Pluto!' / He had heard some one say Pluto, and he thought it must mean some very bad beast—bad enough to be the origin of mules. Anyhow, the minister retired." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. The U.S. Civil War.)

character & personality: animal

multiplier (force multiplier)

force multiplier for delivering

embracing collaborations is a ~ top-notch journalism

acts as a force multiplier

Fox TV ~ for President Trump

increase & decrease: military / number

multipronged

multipronged approach

we need a ~ to containing COVID-19

multipronged effort

this is a ~

multipronged scheme

the suit claims the pair of companies carried out a ~

branching system: animal / horn

multiverse (noun)

multiverse

~s are having something of a moment

multiverse of roads not taken

there's a ~ in *Everything Everywhere All At Once*

Multiverse of Madness

Doctor Strange and the ~ (a film)

multiverse movie

it's refreshing to get a new ~ week (Michele Yeoh)

through this multiverse

she embodies alternate versions of her life ~ (a film)

♦ "I felt it was so important for someone like that to be given a voice and then to be shown that she is actually a superheroine..." (Actor Michelle

Yeoh about her character in *Everything Everywhere All At Once*. From "Actor Michelle Yeoh wants to change the way we think of superheroes." NPR, Fresh Air, April 25, 2022.)

♦ see also *verse* (*metaverse, etc.*)

area / environment: astronomy

murder (verb)

murdered

squatting next to a bear you just ~ is such a weird flex

murder memory

they've been trying to ~ (overwrought politics)

hyperbole: crime / death & life

murderer (person)

trophy murderers

big, brave "hunters" and ~ (a wildlife activist)

hyperbole: crime / death & life / person

murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)

murderous footsteps

he is determined his son will not follow in his ~

murderous hail

the Turks loosed a ~ of bullets (Gallipoli)

murderous microbes

the way our bodies fight off ~

death & life: crime / violence

comparison & contrast: affix

murk (in / amid the murk)

amid the murk

it's hard to find clarity ~

in the murk of the conflict

he is a beacon of moral truth ~ (Middle East)

in the murk of history

he is a shadowy figure lost ~

in the murk of the situation

I got lost ~

certainty & uncertainty / comprehension & incomprehension / concealment & lack of concealment / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / light & dark / water

murk (other)

cultural and political murk

investigators have been slowed by the ~ (Middle East)

♦ "Any clarity that Kuryakov's solution might have brought was quickly occluded amid an atmosphere of murk and mistrust." ("Cold Case: A new solution to the mystery at Dead Mountain" by Douglas Preston, *The New Yorker*, May 17, 2021.)

certainty & uncertainty / comprehension & incomprehension / concealment & lack of concealment /

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / light & dark / water

murky (adjective)

murky problem

what to do with pirates has become a ~ (Somalia)

murkier question

the ~ of whether there are other factors at play...

murky world

foreign women working in the ~ of the bar trade (Japan)

still murky

exactly what happened is ~

remain murky

though the facts ~... (criminal case)

remains murky

even now, the source of the problems ~

♦ "The stream is very murky from the very top." (Afghanistan. Meaning the generals / high officials are involved in corruption and bad dealings.)

certainty & uncertainty / comprehension & incomprehension / concealment & lack of concealment / perception, perspective & point of view: eye / light & dark / water

muscle (political muscle, etc.)

muscle of the operation

a guy I thought might be the ~ (drugs)

muscle-flexing

~ by Pakistan's armed forces

geopolitical muscle

Iran is increasingly flexing its ~s

political muscle

the Eastern Band has visibly flexed its ~ (Cherokee)

they use their ~ to scare Republicans

economic and political muscle

unions once had ~

flex its muscles

North Korea might ~

flexing its muscles

the religious right is ~ in the corridors of power

Saudi Arabia is ~ in the oil market

flexing its (geopolitical) muscles

Iran is increasingly ~

flexing their muscles

California politicians are ~ on the national stage

♦ You got so many kids out here acting crazy, wanting to flex some muscle. They don't have respect for life." (South Los Angeles resident, commenting on a spate of gang killings.)

force / power: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

strength & weakness: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)

muscled its way through the Midwest
the storm ~ (tornadoes and rain)

force / power / strength & weakness: movement / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb
movement: force / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

muscular (adjective)

muscular response
we need to have a ~ (impeachment politics)
why have such a ~ (measures against pandemic)

force / power / strength & weakness: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

muse (person)

muse
she was his ~, model and co-conspirator (Wendy Whiteley)

muse and doormat
the muddy line between ~ (Broadway)

two muses
the film brings together his ~, De Niro and DiCaprio

person: religion

relationship: allusion / person / religion

creation & transformation: allusion / person / religion

museum (noun)

museum of agriculture
the EU is a ~ (according to US ambassador)

belong in a museum
they ~ now (Pele, Maradona, versus Ronaldo)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques
past & present / time: antiques

mushroom (verb)

mushroom into a (strategic) blunder
this is a tactical mistake that will ~ (a company's decision)

mushroomed in Zambia
anti-Chinese sentiment has ~ since 2005

mushroomed along the coast
resorts and hotels ~ (Negombo)

mushroom out of the piles
jerry-built shacks ~ of rubble (Tokyo, 1947)

audience mushroomed
his audience ~ (Alex Jones, conspiracy theorist)

♦ In Asheville, North Carolina, mushrooms truly DO mushroom after a period of rainy, damp weather. They spring up in patches, can be quite colorful, and some of them can be quite large.

appearance & disappearance: plant / verb

mushroom (shape)

mushroom cloud

the blast sent a huge ~ into the sky (Beirut 2020)

shape: plant

music (face the music)

face the music from audiences
the film finally streams on Netflix to ~

judgment: music

musical chairs

musical chairs at the Justice Department
~ (acting attorney general due to be replaced)

game of music-show chairs
the game of ~ may not be over (BBC Radio 2)

game of musical chairs

it's a ~, you have to be ready when the music stops (stocks)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / music / sports & games

muster (pass muster)

passes (constitutional) muster
a judge will decide if the law ~

judgment: military / verb

muster (muster courage, etc.)

muster the courage
republicans must ~ to stand up

assembling: military / verb

must-have (noun)

must-have
trees are a ~ in city budgets (environmentalists)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: part of speech

mutate (verb)

mutated into a metaphor
as its use ~ (the word *weaponize*)

creation & transformation: biology / verb

mute (speech)

mute
he remained ~

speech: sound

mutilate (verb)

mutilated the truth with selective and deceptive sources
she consistently ~ (Naomi Wolf)

failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

mutinous (adjective)

mutinous mood

workers are in a ~

mutinous homeowners

~ are trying to secede from the town

resistance, opposition & defeat: boat

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat

mutiny (noun)

mutiny against her teachers

the 9-year-old girl contacted Johnny Depp to lead a ~

mutiny among (federal) judges

the verdict is so outrageous that is has produced a ~

mutiny among taxpayers

high taxes set off a ~

World Cup mutiny

Anelka was involved in the ~ (against the coach)

victim of a mutiny

he was the ~ by ultra-conservatives (politics)

provoked a mutiny

he ~ (a boss, of his employees)

resistance, opposition & defeat: boat

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat

muzzle (verb)

muzzle dissent

they are seeking to ~

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / verb

speech: mouth / verb

myopia (noun)

myopia

this ~ can be cured by leadership (shortsightedness)

myopia of (modern democratic) politics

the ~ is all too obvious (the near term, quick fixes, short-termism)

philanthropic myopia

the long lineage of ~ (Mrs. Jellyby, etc.)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

future / time: eye

myopic (adjective)

myopic policymaking

this kind of ~ was dubbed the “political-business cycle”

♦ “We see nothing truly till we understand it.” (John Constable, about clouds.)

consciousness & awareness / future / perception, perspective & point of view: distance / eye

myth (noun)

myth

much of what we think we know about Australia is a ~

myths about trauma and sexual offences

there are a number of ~

myths and tropes

what are some common ~ about looting

weight loss myths

stop following ~ (an advertisement)

create that myth

I didn’t ~, but I certainly inherited it (drunk journalists)

bolster the myth

this has helped to ~ that children...

perpetuate (dangerous) myths

her comments ~ (opinion)

bound up in the myths

Indians are ~ white Americans have created

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

mythology (noun)

family mythology

this Paradise Lost kind of ~ (formerly rich family)

Good War mythology

the legacy of ~ still affects foreign policy

Greek left-wing mythology

in ~, the crime was blamed on the US (Nov. 19, 1973)

♦ “By God, we’ve kicked the Vietnam syndrome once and for all.” (George H.W. Bush, about the Gulf War.)

bases: religion

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nadir (at the nadir)

at a nadir

his popularity was ~ (a politician)

at its nadir

the team is ~ (losing)

at their nadir

in 2009, stock prices were ~

at the nadir of the (financial) crisis

~, gold was a safe haven (investment)

at the nadir of a bad economy

the store opened ~

at the nadir of his tenure

he finds himself ~ (a politician)

reached their nadir

house prices have not yet ~ (falling)

decline: astronomy / direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / direction

nadir (since the nadir)

since the (recession's) nadir
~ in 2009, things have improved

decline: astronomy

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy

nadir (other)

nadir of his career
the ~ came after... (Frank Sinatra)

nadir of education
the late sixties were surely the ~ (US)

nadir in (US) history
his presidency was the ~ (politics)

economic nadir
they have taken us to this ~ (politics)

political nadir
the government has reached a ~

hit a nadir
sales have ~

hit its nadir
the population of panthers ~ in the 1980s (Florida)

decline: astronomy

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy

nag (verb)

nagging at those
there was a question ~ in charge of his manhunt

affliction / fictive communication: speech / verb

nagging (adjective)

nagging awareness
this ~ of having taken someone else's place...

nagging fear
the ~ that the cancer will return

nagging guilt
still, I felt this ~

nagging injuries
she came off the pitch early, which could indicate ~

nagging issue
there is the ~ of waste (agricultural plastic)

nagging problem
the ~ of head lice

nagging question
the ~ what if we had only...
an expert answers ~s about the virus
there's always this ~, "Why?"

nagging worry
it has become the focus of ~ (air pollution and its effects)

constant, nagging

the ~ fear of catching the disease again (COVID)

affliction / fictive communication: speech

nail (hit the nail on the head)

hit the nail on the head

you ~ when you say...
you don't offend me, you ~

hits the nail on the head

that ~ (what you said was right)
one critic called it "Brooklyn verismo," that pretty much ~

hit some nails on their heads

the prophets ~ (futurists got some things right)

success & failure: nail / target / verb

nail (nail something)

nailed it

you ~ (correct answer)
he ~, he's right of course (an opinion about Afghanistan)
the sunshield has been unfurled, we ~ (space telescope)

nailed a (48-yard) field goal
he ~ (football)

nailed (several huge) jumps
he ~ and a spock 540

nailed the message

her cheerful, soulful, poppy songs that ~ (Lizzo)

nailing it
they spotted a gap in the market and they're ~ (Social Chain)

success & failure: nail / target / verb

nail (nail somebody)

nail this guy
we need more evidence to ~ (police)

pursuit, capture & escape: nail / verb

nail (bite one's nails)

bite their nails

her parents ~ during big-wave season (Maya Gabeira)

biting their nails

Germany, Italy, Hungary are ~, nervously (Ukraine crisis)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / finger / gesture / verb

nail biter (noun)

nail-biter

it was a ~, a lot of back-and-forth play (soccer game)

nail biter of a mission

it's a ~ (India spacecraft)

in a nail-biter

the French beat Slovenia 90-89 ~ (Olympic basketball)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / finger / gesture

nail-biting (fingernails)

nail-biting experience

the space repair was a ~ for NASA

nail-biting thriller

it's a ~ (a TV show)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / finger / gesture

nail down (gain)

nail down the agreement

she helped to ~ between... (government)

success & failure: nail / verb

nail down (settle)

nail down the facts

it was very hard to ~

nailed down her proofs

Evans ~ (concerning undulant fever)

nailed down the source

scientists believe they have ~ of the coronavirus (MERS)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: nail / verb

naked (unadorned)

naked abuse

this is ~ of power (politics)

naked aggression

lies, deceit and ~ (Saddam Hussein)

naked bigotry

the ~ (4 Pakistani female nurses murdered)

naked discrimination

their marginalization is due to ~ (an ethnic group)

naked politics

this is ~ (impeachment investigation)

naked self-interest

~ among budding lawyers (university)

naked truth

what I believe to be the ~ (identity of murderer)

appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

naked (substance)

naked

our leaders are ~

◆ This reminds us of the 1837 story "The Emperor's New Clothes" by Hans Christian Andersen, about the child who exclaimed, "The King has no clothes!"

substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

naked (protection)

naked to the elements

they were ~

left us naked

the destruction of their air-defence radars ~

protection & lack of protection: clothing & accessories

nakedly

nakedly often

bars are places where people reveal themselves, most ~

appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

name (reputation)

name

his ~ is dirt

my ~ is clean (exonerated)

bad name

his comments give boxing a ~ (Deontay Wilder)

big enough name

he was still a ~ that his latest book sold well, but...

good name

the company has a ~

clear his name

he has vowed to ~ (a politician)

he wanted to prove his innocence and ~ (refuses deal)

clear my name

I'm here today to ~ and restore my reputation (fired coach)

made his name

he had ~ as the cofounder of the White Helmets

make a name for themselves

they should go into business and ~ (father about his sons)

tarnished the (Hernandez) name

they felt she had ~

◆ "A name doesn't spoil a man, but a man can spoil a name." (A Finnish proverb.)

◆ Life is for one generation; a good name is forever. (Japan.)

◆ "You have blackened our name. Kill yourself and clean our shame or we will kill you first." (Text message to a 17-year-old Turkish girl in Southeast Anatolia from one of her uncles. She had taken a boyfriend.)

◆ The Howards and the Turners; the Hatfield and the McCoys; the Lincoln County Feud; the Frenches and Eversoles; the Martins and Tollivers; the Bakers and Howards... (Famous Appalachian family feuds.)

◆ "Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against the Campbells, but I would not stay a night in the company of one." (Said by a MacDonald recently, referring to a massacre of MacDonalds by Campbells after the Campbells had accepted the MacDonalds' hospitality. The murders took place in 1692.)

reputation: proper name

namecheck (and name-check)

namechecked it in a song

Beyoncé has ~ (OnlyFans porn site)

name-checked you
the President has ~, called you a rat (NPR)
♦This merely means to mention a name.

attention, scrutiny & promotion: person / verb
nanny (person)

nanny state
people expect the ~ to do everything for them (Brexit)
a small but growing number are defying the ~ (Singapore)

dependency: baby / family / person
person: baby

nap (noun)

taking a nap
the GOP is ~ somewhere (politics)

action, inaction & delay: sleep
consciousness & awareness: sleep

Napoleon (the Black Napoleon, etc.)

Napoleon of the West
he referred to himself as the ~ (the captured Santa Ana)

Black Napoleon
Toussaint Louverture, the ~ (Haiti)

“Chinese Napoleon”
the last Mongol emperor was driven from Peking by the upstart ~ (Chu Yuan-chang)

Muslim Napoleon
his resting place resembles that of a ~ (Mehmet II)

Mahometan Buonaparte
so brave and so good they call him the ~ (Ali Pasha)

“One Eyed Eastern Napoleon”
he was also called the ~ (the Maharaja Ranjit Singh)
♦ “Napoleon is not a name that is easy to live up to, or live down.”
("Napoleon's incendiary legacy divides France 200 years on" by Lucy Williamson, BBC Paris correspondent, May 4, 2021.)

military: epithet

Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.)

“Napoleon of the Poles”
Roald Amundsen, often called the ~

Napoleon of the Polar regions
that extraordinary explorer, the ~ (Amundsen)

Napoleon of Surgery
on June 26, 1870, ‘the ~’ died (James Syme)

allusion: military
achievement, recognition & praise / character & personality: epithet

Napoleonic (adjective)

Napoleonic audacity
he had the ~ to swing from one Pole to the other

Napoleonic fervor
and elsewhere he wrote, with ~... (a Zionist)

comparison & contrast: affix

narcotic (noun)

narcotic
rising profits were a ~ that affected everyone

♦ “Salt is the primordial narcotic.”

feeling, emotion & effect: addiction / health & medicine

narrative (groups, etc.)

narrative
what ~ they want to advance (disinformation)
people were expecting this ~ that... (a controversial show)
I am so tired of this ~ (Ailsa Chang / life’s milestones)

narrative is
the conventional Anglocentric ~ that... (the Alamo)

narrative was
a lot of his ~ to create a sensational story (murders)

narrative that we aren’t doing anything
the ~ is just not true

narrative that dehumanizes policeman
I think the ~ is dangerous (the writer James McBride)

narrative about the war
this false ~ (that US accomplished nothing)

narrative of the Supreme Courts
in his ~ he identifies issues like gun rights, free speech

narrative of negativity
the “deficit narrative” frames Aboriginal identity in a ~

narratives of the occupation
it does not fit within dominant ~ (Vichy Jewish Scouts)

narrative of elevating
his comments cohere around a ~ white Americans

narrative in his head
he has a ~ that he wants Americans to believe

narrative from the report
police say they sent the ~ to the FBI

narrative of the war
he became entangled in the race to control the ~ (Syria)

“narrative enforcers”
my name was on the list of ~ (Chloe Hadjimatheou)

narrative threat
the 1776 Commission fought the ~ of the 1619 Project

narrative war
the North won, but the South won the ~

suspect’s narrative
law enforcement’s focus on the ~ has been criticized

one’s narrative

gender, self-definition in taking control of ~
self-narrative
 construction and accuracy in the ~
 ~s of adult children of alcoholics
 it became a part of his ~ (Joe Biden and personal tragedy)
 at the center of Joe Biden's ~ has always been that...

my narrative
 but I mean, it's his words, it's not ~ (disagreement)

his narrative
 although, in ~, the other side is to blame...

their own narratives
 equitable support for BIPOC filmmakers to author ~

ABC narrative
 my posts simple don't agree with the ~ (removed)

"deficit narrative"
 the ~ frames Aboriginal identity (negative news)

massacre narrative
 people pushing the ~ are still looking for the graves (Tulsa)

vaccine misinformation narratives
 a number of ~ have appeared

press narrative
 that's the ~, it's backwards from what's likely to happen

"white saviour" narrative
 critics say the film pursues a ~ (They Are Us)

Syrian State narrative
 something useful to the ~ doesn't mean it's not true

"stop the steal" narrative
 they want to keep alive the ~ (political protesters)

victim narrative
 but his is anything but a ~ (Zygmunt Bauman / Polish Jew)
 guests are expected to wallow in a ~ (media)

public narrative
 the issue has defined her ~ (Britney Spears' conservatorship)
 the ~ was that this was about... (a corporate issue)

third narrative
 but I think this ~ is also a big narrative

tale of 2 cities narrative
 the curfew reinforces the ~ (Sydney lockdown / a tweet)

changing narrative
 reflecting on the ~ around mental health in sport

misleading narratives
 he debunks ~ about crime, gangs and public safety

prevailing narrative
 his book calls into question the ~ surrounding the murders

accepted narrative
 the ~ of the murders just can't be true (Manson Family)

established narrative
 I learned not to write papers going against the ~ (campus)

misguided narrative
 attributes it to what he insists is a ~ of the shooting

overblown (political) narrative
 poor photo selection fueled an ~ (#defundNPR)

predetermined narrative
 history is molded to fit the needs of a ~ (at the NYT)

preferred narrative
 research that clashes with the ~ is denied and dismissed

unsubstantiated narrative
 the company is using an ~ to obscure other factors

online narrative
 ~s are misleading

counter-narratives
 how far right movements create ~ to accepted understandings of history

digestible narrative
 we'll tackle the ~ that sports are a pathway...

dominant narratives
 what do ~ do to our understanding of history
 ~ maintain black oppression (education)
 Jewish Scouts do not fit within ~ of the occupation (Vichy)

Eurocentric narrative
 he upends the ~ (*In the Forest of No Joy*)

fake narrative
 it's wrong, it's a ~, you don't care about the facts

false narrative
 he led an entire generation into believing a ~
 one of the ~s is there is no choice (plural marriages)
 this ~ about the war (that US accomplished nothing)

foundational narrative
 their work threatens the ~ of Polish Society (Holocaust)

national narrative
 being a part of a ~ sends a message (arrested for rioting)

negative narrative
 the ~ influences public opinion (about a black athlete)

new narrative
 his lawyer said this ~ was known to the presiding judge
 the group pushing this ~ have already sued the Cherokees

official narrative
 the migrants don't believe the ~
 some go beyond the ~ to look into the reality (Syria)
 the ~ that was presented by prosecutors was that... (murders)

outlandish narrative
 ~s began to development (about James Le Mesurier)

rosy narrative
 they agreed to stick to a ~ (diplomacy)

separate narratives
 the trend has been ~ (vs. a collective national story)

similar recurring narratives
show after show is driven by ~ (rape and murder of females)

narrow and sensational and false narrative
he presented such a ~ of the murders (a prosecutor)

conventional Anglocentric narrative
the ~ is... (Texas independence from Mexico)

strong, legitimate narrative
we have a ~ (secret British document / *HMS Defender*)

narrative around it
did he try to justify it, was there a ~ (surprise rough sex)

in his narrative
although, ~, the other side is to blame...

mastermind behind the narrative
Steve Jobs was not the ~ ("Think Different" ad campaign)

change in the narrative
now, this is a real moment, right, this could be a real ~

control of this narrative
the white media does not want to relinquish ~ (black sports)

part of the narrative
TikTok has become ~ of the election (2020)

controlling the narrative
he has done so well at ~ (civil-rights lawyer)

managing the narrative
the government appears obsessed about ~

"war for narrative"
she reminds us of Kimberle Crenshaw's "~~"

narrative was amplified
the ~ in a feedback loop by the media (Steele Dossier)

narrative (shaped around him) will become
I wonder what the ~ (gossip about NFL player)

narrative is changing
the ~ from 'Fuck Jake Paul' to 'We love Jake Paul'

narrative was disputed
the guards' ~ by prosecutors (Blackwater)

narrative (of fake cures) is fed
the ~ by hope (COVID)

narratives (about her) have dominated
two ~ coverage (pop diva is hot mess, has lost her voice)

narratives maintain
dominant ~ black oppression (education)

narrative (of deceit) unraveled
after her ~ (the influencer Belle Gibson)

amplify (pro-government) narratives
these networks ~ (the internet)

author their own narratives
equitable support for BIPOC filmmakers to ~ (from PBS)

believe in this narrative
the more people ~...

bring that (important) narrative forward
how can they ~

caused that narrative to grow
lack of understanding has ~ (about polygamy)

challenge the (Kremlin's) narrative
there is less to ~ (radio station shut down)

change the narrative
we were inspired to go public and ~ (about polygamy)
she is keen to ~ (Outdoor Afro)
once a story has been framed, it's hard to ~

choose a narrative
most often they ~ that makes them feel good (denial)

come up with a narrative
they rationalize and ~ that makes them feel good

committed to the (CRT) narrative
those ~ (critical race theory)

constructs its official narrative
as Colombia ~ of the violence, one core actor is Uribe

control the narrative
he was at the center of a battle to ~ of the Syrian War
they went to great lengths to ~ (COVID deaths)
now Silicon Valley has come up with a way to ~

controlling the narrative
he complained that the team was ~ (an NFL player)

create a (different) narrative
I want to ~ (Elizabeth Colomba, "Riding Places")

curates the narrative
he carefully ~ around his exploits to enlarge them

debunks (misleading) narratives
he ~ about crime, gangs and public safety

define it
you get to ~, it doesn't have to look like any other narrative
(Blacks participating in nature)

enforce the (false) narrative
you ~ that BIPOC artists are... (BIPOC vs. PBS)

fit the narrative
they didn't tell you because it didn't ~ (politician vs. media)

fit within (dominant) narratives
it does not ~ of the occupation (Vichy Jewish Scouts)

form a narrative
when they come together and ~ (microaggressions)

frame the narrative
it is vital to ~, to persuade the justices of your version

fueled an (overblown political) narrative
poor photo selection ~ (#defundNPR)

fueled by (false) narratives
 grievances ~ (extremists)

get across the narrative
 to ~, the basic idea of what's going on in the country

get ahead of the narrative
 it is so important to ~ (civil rights lawsuits)

goes against the narrative
 never commission a story that ~ (*The New York Times*)

keep the narrative alive
 they want to ~ (politics)

laid out a narrative
 his attorney ~ that... (court martial)

make our own narrative
 we don't care, we ~ (an older NBA player)

plays to their narrative
 they are trying to spin the data that ~ (politics)

promoted these narratives
 the Japanese government ~ (soldiers should die in battle)

push that narrative
 you need support for the war, so you ~ (of terrorism)

pushing the massacre narrative
 people ~ are still looking for the graves (Tulsa)

pushing a (false) narrative
 he is ~ that he was robbed (election)

puts a dent in that narrative
 this withdrawal ~ (of being competent in foreign policy)

reframe the narrative
 critical race theory seeks to ~ of American history

resisted the narrative
 I ~ and the pressure being applied to me (whistleblower)

runs counter to the narrative
 what I saw ~ that the border is open (immigration)

shape the narrative
 TikTok has helped ~ of the election (2020)

shape narratives
 archaeology's power to ~ (history)

shifted the narrative
 it ~ (a protest / from reform to defund the police)

stick to a (rosy) narrative
 they agreed to ~ (diplomacy)

support the narrative
 the media ignores these cases because they don't ~

supported the (police) narrative
 they played up other factors that ~ (medical examiners)

sustain the narrative
 this is just what you want to ~ (propaganda)

take back her narrative
 she tries to ~ (Monica Lewinsky)

take control of the narrative
 Palestinians on the ground have phones and can "~~"

taking control of their (own personal) narratives
 athletes are ~ (via the media, *The Players' Tribune*, etc.)

talk about that narrative
 Yah, I want to ~.... (NPR's Sarah McCammon)

tilt the narrative
 the photo fueled the notion that NPR is trying to ~

upends the (Eurocentric) narrative
 he ~ (*In the Forest of No Joy*)

using (an unsubstantiated) narrative
 is the company ~ to obscure other factors (Walgreens / San Francisco)

writes my narrative
 no one ~ but me, so know this now... (a celebrity)

written out of the narrative
 like so many Black icons, his contributions were ~

♦ "The same tired narrative gets thrown out there." (Disgusted.)

♦ "As Colombia constructs its official narrative of the violence that has torn it apart, one of the core issues is how Mr. [Alvaro] Uribe's legacy will be remembered. He's seen as both a victim of the FARC, after the guerrillas assassinated his father, and as a perpetrator, for his alleged ties to paramilitary groups and the false-positives scandal. The future, sadly, looks bleak for Colombia..." (BBC 4, *From Our Own Correspondent*, "Japan's Second World War Legacy," 15 Aug 2020.)

♦ "Politics is story-telling, and politics hopefully is about persuasion, about winning people's hearts and minds." (Senator Ted Cruz.)

♦ "Wars are fought with guns, bombs and stories." (Intrigue, Mayday, BBC Radio 4.)

♦ "Narrative consultant John Yorke advises politicians, businesses, advertisers on how to tell their stories." (The old category of "script doctor" has morphed into public relations and crisis communications.)

♦ "When it fits your narrative it's not a theory, when it doesn't, it becomes one." (Rancor on a message board about the coronavirus pandemic.)

♦ "'Research' is just another way of saying, 'I'm just going to look at stuff that agrees with me.'" (Carl Bratananadilewski.)

♦ "somebody promo a narrative and y'all follow it." (Meek Mill, a rapper, unhappy about criticism of some of his lyrics.)

♦ "For all of you that want to slap narratives on my words and my experience—one in which I lived for 17 years—you can't do that because you have no clue." (Carli Lloyd, soccer player.)

♦ "They say history is written by the victors. But is that still true? Or is it written by whoever wins the race to control the narrative, the viral video, the meme..." (Chloe Hadjimatheou, Intrigue, Mayday, BBC Radio 4.)

♦ "He has always been of the opinion the truth is something that people need to know, not the narrative that has been put out." (A lawyer, speaking for his client.)

♦ "NPR's Emily Feng explains the dueling political narratives..."

♦ "You know, the media narrative, which they have been lazy and listless about trying to inform or control the media narrative internationally [sic] has gone completely against them." (A former State Department official on NPR's Fresh Air, about an international crisis.)

♦ "Did she say 'media narrative'? Edward R. Murrow is turning over in this grave." (A comment about a scandal involving ethics and sex at CNN.)

♦ This word has its own, huge Wikipedia entry.

♦ Narrative (count noun): (a) Your personal view and set of beliefs, which conflict with mine. (b) A codeword for, “I completely disagree with you.” (Collocation) You do your very best to *control / frame* the narrative and *attack* the other person’s narrative. *My narrative is right. Your narrative is wrong.* (See belief, polemic)... (A definition written in the spirit of Ambrose Bierce’s *The Devil’s Dictionary*.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

narrow (breadth)

narrow lead

he holds a ~ over his opponent (election)

narrow scoreline

despite the ~, they outclassed Real (Manchester City)

narrow win

the US survived with a ~ over Spain (World Cup soccer)

size: breadth

narrow-minded (adjective)

narrow-minded

he is ~

mind: breadth

narrowness (noun)

ideological narrowness

~ is a threat to intellectual openness

mind: breadth

nascent (beginning)

nascent campaign

kindness and decency is the central thrust of his ~ (politics)

growth & development: baby / birth

nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.)

‘Bachelor’ Nation

racism controversy rocks ~ (the US TV show)

there are controversial cast members within ~

Buckeye Nation

hate and derision have no place in ~ (Ohio State loses)

Cenation

she’s a member of the ~ of John Cena (the wrestler)

Cub’s Nation

for ~, this was a tough goodbye (baseball trades)

Who Dat Nation

members of the ~ (fans of New Orleans Saints)

man, there’s a whole ~ out there (Bobby Hebert)

♦ “Well, you know, this is so fascinating, first of all, the fact that you use that term, ‘Batchelor Nation.’ So what I take from that is it isn’t just a show anymore, it’s like a whole, what? Ecosystem?” Who’s in Batchelor Nation, is it like everybody who watches the show, who was a part of it, what does that mean?” (Michele Martin wants to know. From “Racism Controversy Rocks ‘Bachelor’ Nation, NPR, All Things Considered, Feb 20, 2021.)

♦ “Citizens of vaccination nation, all those shots in the arm, gave a shot in the arm to the box office this weekend...” (Chris Connelly promoting filmgoing on ABC. This is a good example of recontextualization of an old cliché in the age of COVID.)

♦ “I’m so grateful to Bachelor Nation for all of the memories we’ve made together.” (Chris Harrison. Canceled.)

enthusiasm / group, set & collection: person

nature (force of nature)

force of nature

she is a wonderful woman, a ~ (innocence project)

amount & effect / force / power: storm

character & personality: storm

naut (Argonaut, etc.)

aquonaut

an ~ is to the sea what an astronaut is to space

Argonauts

Jason, the ~, and the Golden Fleece

astronaut

an ~, from the Greek “star” and “sailor”

cosmonaut

a ~, the Russian equivalent of astronaut

internaut

journalists and ~s can overstate the importance of “clicks”

taikonaut

~ (hangtianyuan / heaven-sailing)

searching & discovery: affix / boat / sea

navel gazing (omphaloskepsis)

navel-gazing

millennials are so self-entitled, and there’s lots of ~

navel-gazing tabulation

the ~ of credentials is insufferable (literary world)

academic navel gazing

thinking about free will is much more than ~ (justice, etc.)

indulging in navel gazing

the British government is ~ while... (aggrieved Scotsman)

feel (too much) like navel-gazing

internal ethics issues can ~ (newsrooms)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: religion

navigate (verb)

navigating a tough environment

higher education is ~ for enrollment

navigate through the ocean

it’s hard to ~ of digital information and misinformation

navigate through this

how am I going to ~ (being gay)

navigate my way out of the darkness

I was able to ~ (“A Letter to College Sports”)

navigating this (incredibly difficult) experience

we are ~ (pandemic)

navigating the idea
we are ~ that others were involved (cops about a murder)

navigate the (cyber) landscape
so how are kids supposed to ~ (misinformation)

navigate the (bureaucratic) maze
workers whose only job is to ~ (Sudan)

navigate the (tangled health-care) maze
it's difficult to ~ (immigrants)

navigate a minefield
ad makers had to ~ (Super Bowl 55 / pandemic, strife)

navigating a new (geopolitical) order
countries are ~ framed by the rising dominance of China

navigate the presence
ways to ~ of social media in our lives (Mayowa Aina)

navigate the (DMV) process
he coached applicants on how to ~ (crooked lawyer)

navigates a (byzantine) asylum process
he ~ to finally get a court hearing

navigate the terrain
he knows how to ~ (philosophy)

navigate a (dense) thicket
Netflix is trying to ~ of challenges

navigate the threat
they are forced to ~ of rape daily (girls in South Africa)

navigate (yet) another year
colleges ~ of Covid-19

navigates the (plot's emotional) peaks and chasms
she ~ like a seasoned Sherpa (critic Robbie Colin)

navigate drug abuse, depression, love and high school
the HBO show follows a group of teens as they ~

navigates and negotiates
she ~ her Black identity in a white space (high school)

difficult to navigate
for Democrats, the issue has been ~ (Trump vaccine)

difficult (for the outsider) to navigate
byzantine regulations are ~ (Egypt)

hard to navigate
family dynamics and political opinions can be ~

♦ "Family dynamics and political opinions can be hard to navigate during Thanksgiving."

♦ "They are navigating a difficult transition between high school and college." (A young idealistic educator about minority students.)

♦ "How people are navigating this New Year's Eve amid this variant." (Omicron. NPR.)

♦ "Where are you now in sort of navigating your grief?" (Rachel Martin, NPR.)

♦ "Nostalgia seems to be one of the psychological resources that we have to help us navigate current challenges and stressors and also..." (Clay Routledge, a professor of psychology at North Dakota State University, who has studied nostalgia.)

♦ **Navigate** is one of the most popular cliches in "contempo-speak." Literally anything can be navigated and *is*, nowadays. Like all cliches, it saves its users any difficulty in expressing a thought.

♦ "Two Swedish tourists headed for the Italian resort of Capri misspelled the name in the GPS device and ended up in the industrial town of Carpi, 400 miles away, where they were very puzzled by the absence of a beach." (*The Week*, August 7, 2009.)

♦ "Triple A suggested that drivers who use GPS still carry a good old-fashioned map."

♦ "Tired of stumbling off curbs or bumping into other pedestrians while consulting a map on your smartphone? When you wear **Lechal Insoles**, a gentle vibration in one shoe or the other will tell you when and in which direction to turn. Just enter your destination into Lechal's GPS app, and let your phone do the navigating. The batteries for the vibrating pads last about 15 days on a charge. Besides steering you from place to place, the insoles can also act as activity trackers, monitoring distances traveled, steps taken, calories burned, and more. \$150, [amazon.com](#)."

♦ The great captain James Cook learned cartographic trigonometry from Lt. Samuel Holland in the year prior to the 1759 Siege of Quebec. Cook, in turn, transmitted his knowledge to Captain William Bligh, who taught Captain Matthew Flinders. Cook, Bligh, and Flinders were famous for their voyages of exploration and discovery.

♦ William Bligh, Ernest Shackleton... (Two men associated with extraordinary feats of open-boat navigation.)

♦ "...the Englishmen were treated to an astonishing spectacle, a review in which no fewer than 330 canoes took part, some of them almost as long as the *Resolution* herself... The painting by Hodges now in Admiralty House gives one an idea of the scope of this display..." (The *Resolution*'s second visit to Tahiti. From *The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead.)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A rich stupid city man stopped his limousine next to a field in the countryside and waved a farmer over. "Where's Centerville?" the rich man demanded. "Never heard of it," said the farmer. "Well, where is Nearville?" the rich man spluttered. "Couldn't say," said the farmer. "Well, you're pretty goddamn stupid, ain't you, boy," the rich man said. "I ain't lost," said the farmer.

direction: boat / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map / verb

navigating

navigating consent

~ is all about communication (sex)

navigating the (tangled health care) maze
an immigrant's tale of ~

navigating (America's byzantine health care) systems
~ can be frustrating

navigating the terrain

they have shown themselves adept at ~

direction: boat

navigation (cyberspace)

ease of navigation

great content and ~ (a Web site)

direction / computer: boat

Neanderthal

Neanderthal thinking

the last thing we need is ~, wear a mask (COVID)

growth & development: history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

past & present / time: history

near (near future, etc.)

near getting

we're nowhere ~ on top of this virus (pandemic)

near future

nobody knows what the ~ will bring

draws near

the night ~

drawing near

the time is ~

future / proximity / time: distance / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

near (verb)

verdict nears

Weinstein judge warns defense as ~

future / time: direction / distance / movement / verb

nearsighted (adjective)

nearsighted

the committee members are ~ (Nobel Peace Prize)
corporate America is ~

nearsighted and ill-informed

most Americans are ~

♦ "We see nothing truly till we understand it." (John Constable, about clouds.)

consciousness & awareness / future / perception, perspective & point of view: eye

neck (save one's neck)

save his neck

nothing he can do will ~

save his own neck

he is doing anything he can to ~ (death row)

death & life / destruction: neck

survival, persistence & endurance: neck

fate, fortune & chance: neck

neck (stick one's neck out)

stick their necks out

people don't want to ~ (buying decisions)

stick your neck out

if you ~, you might get your head cut off (politics)

stick our necks out for you

we're not going to ~ (not in national interest)

fate, fortune & chance: neck

neck (fate)

neck

my ~ is on the chopping block (accountability)

put his neck on the line

he decided it was time to ~ (publicize sensitive info)

fate, fortune & chance: neck

neck (up to one's neck)

up to their necks in clutter

they are ~

up to his neck in corruption

everyone's ~ around here (illegal logging / Siberia)

buried up to my neck

I was ~ in debt

involvement: neck

neck (pain in the neck)

pain in the neck

rebuilding it will be a ~ (damaged overpass)
what a ~

pain in my neck

she was often a ~

affliction: health & medicine / neck / sensation

neck (oppression)

neck of black Americans

we have all seen the knee of injustice on the ~

neck of the people

as the boot is removed from the ~ (Saddam's regime)

boot on the neck

the government has its ~ of the company

knee on the neck

he has his ~ of the public-health community (politics)

putting our foot on their neck

we're out here every night ~ (a protest leader)

Get Your Knee Off Our Necks

the event included a ~ protest

took world football's knee off Africa's neck

so 2010 ~ (South African World Cup)

♦ "That issue [prejudice] is now full and centre and top of the mind in the world and I think this movement of Black Lives Matter and taking the knee campaign made the world sit back and look at the issue. So 2010 took world football's knee off Africa's neck, I don't think it will be allowed to put that knee on Africa's neck again." (Danny Jordaan, organising chief for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, won by Spain. From "2010 took world football's knee off Africa's neck." BBC, July 11, 2020.)

oppression: neck

neck (area)

neck of land

we landed on a ~

area: shape

shape: neck

neck (Throggs Neck, etc.)

Chicken's Neck

the Siliguri Corridor, or the ~ (India)

Throggs Neck

~ is a neighborhood, peninsula and bridge (the Bronx)

proper name: neck

neck and neck (adjective)

neck and neck with the Yankees

they are ~ (a baseball team)

competition: horse / neck

Necklace (Necklace Nebula, etc.)

Necklace Nebula

the ~ in Sagitta, the Arrow

Necklace Valley

the ~ Lakes include Jade, Opal and Emerald (the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in Washington State)

proper name: clothing & accessories

necklace (configuration)

necklace of islands

to the east was a long ~ known as the Lau Group

necklace of lights

a ~ was laid upon the sea (lighthouses on Mediterranean)

necklace of sensors

an electronic ~ (traffic management in urban areas)

electronic necklace

an ~ of sensors (traffic management in urban areas)

configuration: clothing & accessories

needle (verb)

needled Republicans about why

he ~ the resolution... (politics)

affliction / speech: sensation / verb

needle (move the needle, etc.)

moral-outrage needle

it takes a lot to move the ~

needle seems (kind of) stuck

the ~ to me (on progress)

move the needle

these ads can ~ if executed correctly (social consciousness)

move the needle from A to B

legislators have the power to ~ (regulation of social media)

moved the needle against social inequality

these philanthropists haven't ~

moving this needle forward

black women are ~ (protesting a policy)

action, inaction & delay / effect / feeling, emotion & effect

/ progress & lack of progress: tools & technology / verb

needle (shape)

bullets, needles, prisms, columns, stars, cups, plates
snowflakes come in shapes: ~

shape: cloth

needle (the Needles, etc.)

the Needles

~ are a group of rock pinnacles (Arizona)
~ are a famous tourist attraction (Isle of Wight)

proper name: cloth

needle (needle in a haystack)

needle in a haystack

they found a ~ (searchers for body of missing girl)

needle in a haystack of nothing

my blog was a ~

found a needle in a haystack

they ~ (searchers for body of missing girl)

looking for a needle in a haystack

these poor scientists were ~ (viruses back in the day)

♦ "Someone said it's kind of like looking for a needle in a haystack—only right now, the haystack is covered with snow." (Winter search for body of missing woman.)

♦ In August, 2008, two-year-old Emmett Trapp wondered off into the desert. Many wished to look for him, but officials refused offers of help, saying only *they* were qualified to search, based on their training. After 40 hours, the little boy was found by a citizen who disregarded the officials. The boy was just outside the official search zone, which had been combed over and over. He was only about a mile from his home.

♦ "Knowing that the divers on the scene were not up to this specialized task of entering the cave, and assuming—that Gant might still be alive in an air pocket—[Buddy] Lane pleaded by telephone that trained caver divers be called in..." ("The Bat Cave Miracle," 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave, New Hope, Tennessee.)

♦ "Finding an animal with a SARS-CoV-2 infection is like looking for a needle in the world's largest haystack. They may never find a 'smoking bat.'" (Angela Rasmussen, virologist, Columbia University.)

♦ "To find a needle in a haystack, wouldn't you just use a very large magnet?"

searching & discovery: tools & technology

needle (thread the needle, etc.)

needle to thread

they have a difficult ~ (politics)

thread the needle

I tried to ~ (a diplomat)

difficulty, easiness & effort: cloth

negotiate (terrain, etc.)

negotiate this space

how to ~ and develop a "cyberspace literacy" (internet)

negotiated the (rocky) terrain

she adeptly ~ of the New York publishing world

navigates and negotiates

she ~ her Black identity in a white space (high school)

direction: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / verb

neighbor (verb)

neighbors China

Russia ~ in the Far East

configuration / proximity: house / verb

neighbor (noun)

neighbors

raised in Brownsville, where poverty and violence were ~

friendly neighbors

Azerbaijan and Armenia are not ~

new neighbor

her apartment had a view of her ~, the Atlantic Ocean

♦ "Choose your neighbor before your house."

♦ "Good fences make good neighbors."

♦ "A big river and a rich man can be bad neighbors."

♦ "When your neighbor's house is on fire, carry water to the top of your own roof."

configuration / proximity: house / person

neighborhood (numbers)

in the neighborhood of 3,000

most scholars believe that the actual number is ~

direction / proximity: number

neighborhood (area)

dangerous neighborhood

the US needs a real partner in a ~ (Sudan)

neighborhood and internationally

the last thing we need in the ~ is a collapsing state (Burma)

area: house

neighboring (adjective)

neighboring countries

Venezuela's health crisis has spilled over to ~ (measles)

the earthquake rattled Myanmar and ~

neighboring Jordan

Syrian refugees are flooding into ~

neighboring lands

Christians are seeking shelter in ~ (from Iraq)

configuration / proximity: house

nemesis (noun)

nemesis of Koch Industries

the EPA has been a ~ for decades

Chicago's nemesis

they were ~ in the late 80s ("Bad Boy" Pistons)

sees her as its nemesis

the banking lobby ~ (politics)

♦ Nemesis was the Greek Goddess of divine retribution, revenge and justice.

affliction / judgment / punishment & recrimination / revenge: allusion / justice / religion

neophyte (noun)

political neophyte

Grant wasn't entirely a ~

♦ From the Greek for *new and plant*.

experience / growth & development / person: plant

nerd (word nerd, etc.)

word nerd

I was a ~, like yourself (two crossword constructors)

♦ Or "wordnik."

character & personality / enthusiasm: creature / person

nerve (anxiety)

war of nerves

(see *war of nerves*)

nerves are shot

her ~, she has no confidence (Wimbledon)

nerves can become frayed

~ in the blasting Antarctic winds

nerves had gotten the better of him

Holloway said ~ as he lost momentum... (Olympic track)

calm his nerves

he lit a cigarette to ~

calm people's nerves

he appeared on TV to ~ (trade war)

♦ Andy: "Barney, you've just GOT to control your nerves." (*The Andy Griffith Show*. Barney was comically excitable. No doubt every culture has a representation.)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)

raw nerve

(see *raw nerve*)

hit a nerve

the tweet ~ for doctors (from NRA)

you are very defensive, I guess I ~, good (discussion)

hit a Russian (raw) nerve

the German report ~ (about Kursk Battle)

struck a nerve

her article ~ (rant against obese people)

struck a (growing anti-bullying) nerve

his death ~ in America (suicide)

touched a (raw) nerve

the withdrawal ~ (troops give up area)

hitting a nerve with progressives

the speech was clearly ~ (Bernie Sanders)

struck a (raw) nerve in Haiti
the incident ~ (foreign adoptions)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

nerve (courage)

lose our nerve

terrorists can win if we ~ and abandon our mission (Iraq)

lost his nerve

one intended suicide bomber ~ (Casablanca)

shatter (the enemy's) nerve

the objective is to ~ (shock and violence)

get up the nerve

it has taken me 11 years to ~ to come here...

courage & lack of courage: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerve center (basis)

nerve center of the (light rail) network

the Guadalupe yard operates as the ~

nerve center for the continent's liberation movement
at one time Cairo was the ~ (Africa)

nerve center for (Red Cross) operations

Mazar-i-Sharif, known as the ~ in the north... (Afghanistan)

serves as the nerve center

Singapore ~ for the company's global operations

bases: back / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerveless (adjective)

nerveless Stosur

a ~ dominated the match (tennis)

**character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect:
sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

nerve-racking

nerve-racking

it was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

ness (Asian-ness, etc.)

African-ness

they fortified New Orleans' ~ (Saint-Domingue)

Asian-ness

push your ~ to the fore and make art out of it

Blackness

Lil X Nas doesn't need to shrink or compromise his ~
it's a sad state when your ~ is questioned

brown-ness

as if that ~ could change anything (more brown faces)

Gen Z-ness

amazed at the strategic ~ of the looting (Santa Monica)

Indian-ness

you hide aspects of your ~ to fit in (Asian in London)

Latino-ness

what defines Latinidad or ~

Muslimness

Cabinet office to investigate '~' claim (England / BBC)

other-ness

the ~ of people (racism)

trans-ness

I was well aware of my ~ early on in life

transness

Amy was able to center and de-center her ~ (*Jeopardy!*)

truthiness

~ (see the Wikipedia entry)

whiteness

we hear them talking about the sin of ~ (Fox News)

wokeness

the governor wants to take on corporate ~ (Ron DeSantis)

African-ness and my queerness

I carry my ~ on my sleeve because that's who I am

♦ "Lil Nas X doesn't need to compromise or shrink his Blackness, his Southern-ness, his ratchetness or his gayness." ("Lil Nas X is the boundary-smashing pop revolutionary of 2021" by Jason King, NPR Music, Dec. 28, 2021.)

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (An academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua*...)

inclusion & exclusion: affix / society

nest (Bird's Nest, etc.)

Bird's Nest stadium

an art performance at the ~ in Beijing

proper name: animal / bird / house

shape: bird / proper name

nest (shape)

edible nest

creamy quail eggs served in an ~ of spun rye bread

shape: animal / bird / house

nest (resemblance)

nest of (torn) foam

she had her puppies there, in a ~ (old mattress)

rat's nest

they must deal with a ~ of wires

resemblance: animal / bird / house

nest (of vipers, etc.)

nest of (ISIS) military camps
B-2 bombers destroyed a ~ in Libya

nest of smugglers
he may have surprised a ~ (border agent found dead)

nest of vipers
the palace turned out to be a ~ (Hulu series *The Great*)
he was an honest man in a ~

hornet's nest
the measure could raise a ~ of legal problems
the new tariffs stirred up a ~ of problems

Pirate Nests
~ *And the Rise Of The British Empire* (by Mark Hanna)

group, set & collection: animal / bird / house

nest (empty nest)

empty nest
some parents find freedom in an ~

"empty nest" parents
~ whose children fly back home

empty nest syndrome
how to cope with ~ (kids go away to college)

place: animal / bird / house

nest (mare's nest)

mare's nest of (legal and practical) problems
the administration has a ~

mare's nest of (squabbling) tribes
she knows what a ~ is... (an experienced diplomat)

♦ This perhaps morphed from meaning an illusionary or nonsensical discovery (horses don't construct nests) to meaning simply a tangled mess, perhaps based on analogy with a *rat's nest*, which actually may not be that messy... Sigh...

complexity: bird / horse

nest egg

nest egg
at age 69, he had a ~ (retirement savings)

money: animal / bird

nestled

nestled on the Black Sea
this regional capital ~ (Trabzon, Turkey)

nestled between Bhutan and Nepal
Sikkim is a jewel ~

nestled in the heart
George Washington University, ~ of the nation's capital

configuration: animal / bird

net (cast a net)

cast a (wide) net
they have not yet ~ (a criminal investigation)

casting a very broad net
it is a fishing expedition for information, ~

cast a (wide) net for the assassins
police ~ (bus / rail / plane, etc.)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

netherworld (noun)

netherworld
the ~ in which he indulged (Calvin Klein)

flourish in the netherworld
these falsehoods ~ of internet pranksters and trolls

disappeared into the netherworld
he ~ of Egyptian jails

concealment & lack of concealment / environment:
direction / earth & world / society
center & periphery: direction / society
society: center & periphery / direction

neuter (verb)

neuter Grant
Johnson hoped to ~ and control the army (politics)

neutered blogging
social media ~ as a mode of online expression

neuter (if not destroy) trade unions
the legislation was designed to ~

neutered the press and the courts
he has ~ (a leader)

attenuation: health & medicine
force / strength & weakness: health & medicine

neutral (in neutral)

in neutral
uncertainty is keeping the economy ~

activity / functioning: engine / mechanism
condition & status: engine / mechanism

neutralize (kill)

neutralized the threat
police engaged the shooter and ~ (shot him dead)

♦ "We will catch the rapist and murderer, and encounter him."
(*"Hyderabad rape suspect found dead: Is it murder or suicide?"* by Geeta Pandey, BBC News, Delhi, Sept 18, 2021. This refers to extrajudicial murder by police who "encounter" a suspect.)

death & life: euphemism / verb
oppression: euphemism / verb

neutralized (killed)

"neutralized" at 20:09

the perpetrator was ~ (terrorist attack in Vienna)

death & life: euphemism

oppression: euphemism

never-never land

Never-Never land

we live in a veritable ~ (Amundsen in Antarctica)

never-never land Britain

she set her novels in a ~, massively elitist (Christie)

♦ This is an allusion to Peter Pan.

♦ "We live in a veritable Never-Never land. Seals come up to the ship and penguins to the tent, and allow themselves to be shot." (The great Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, *The Bay Of Whales, Antarctica*.)

environment / fantasy & reality: allusion

fantasy & reality: books & reading

new (new normal, etc.)

new chastity

the ~ on screen is perhaps prudent, but... (Hollywood)

new normal

the new chastity is not an entirely welcome ~ (films)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

new (new teacher, etc.)

new father

he was a ~ who died while climbing a mountain

new mother

I was a ~ myself, my baby was six months old

new soldier

to a ~, they're BCGs (glasses)

new teacher

the first year for a ~ can be brutal

experience: person

new (orange is the new black, etc.)

Black Is the New Black

~ celebrates Britain's black community (BBC 2)

data is the new oil

~ (as valuable as oil)

fish gape is the new duck face

the ~ (female selfie pose)

frozen is the new fresh

~ (fish that is flash frozen and vacuum sealed)

"nice is the new nasty"

her career rise might signify that ~ (Rachel Maddow)

orange is the new black

~ reprises "Pink is the new black"

orange is the new grey

~ for Bangladesh beards (henna)

pink is the new black

"~" was perhaps the origin for "orange is the new black"

rum about to become the new gin

is ~

shark is the new dolphin

the ~ (favorable references on net/ don't kill maneaters)

Thursday is the new Friday

they say that ~ (ad for a wine club / "Every day feels like Friday")

listening is the new reading

~ (an advertisement for audiobooks)

70 is the new 50

~ (you're only as old as you act)

Next Big Thing

the suckers who want to get in on the ~ (stocks)

♦ "The pattern "X (be) the new Y" echoes the old phrase, "the next big thing." In other words, it is promotional.

♦ see also *future (of the future), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)*

♦ "If you think that English that has some errors in it is bad, maybe that's the new good." (Heather Hansen, an English Language Instructor and Global Communications Specialist.)

♦ "Yeah, and this is a Monday, you should see this place on a Thursday, because Thursday's a new Friday." (The crazy film *Year One*.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

newborn

"newborn" country

Kosova, the ~

newborn league

the ~ is fighting for its life (soccer / US)

♦ The Newborn monument in Pristina, Kosovo, is a popular spot for citizens and tourists alike. Children, especially, enjoy climbing and playing on the giant letters.

growth & development: baby / birth / death & life

amelioration & renewal: baby / birth / death & life

new school

new-school juggernaut

Tagovailoa turned old-school Alabama into a ~ (football)

new school / old school

a classic ~ rift (newer kayaking moves)

past & present / time: school & education

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: school & education

next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)

next Bali

Mandalika, a new tourist area touted as the ~ (Lombok)

next Steve Jobs

she was supposed to be the ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

next Russia

Italy was considered to be the ~ (post WWII)

Next Big Thing

the suckers who want to get in on the ~ (stocks)

next big thing

apparently, it's the ~ (the metaverse)

♦ see also *future (of the future), new (orange is the new black, etc.)*

sequence: epithet / prep, adv, adj, particle

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: epithet / prep, adv, adj, particle

next (at a later time)

next day

the ~ we were sent to the rear (soldiers)

next summer

the bitter political climate ahead of elections ~

time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

sequence: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

Niagara (Niagara of the South, etc.)

Niagara of the South

Cumberland Falls, Kentucky, the “~”

Tallulah was soon dubbed the “~” (Georgia)

local and national writers extolled Tallulah as the ~

geography: epithet

Niagara (the river and falls)

Niagara of vitriol

it was a ~ (a rock interview)

in a Niagara Falls

we are ~ of the report (criticizing the group)

amount & effect / force: river / water

nibble (nibble at, etc.)

nibbling away at land and vital infrastructure

coastal erosion is ~ (remote Air Force radar stations)

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

nibble (noun)

got a nibble

he finally ~ from a potential employee

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

night (death / actual)

go (gently) into that good night

do not ~ (Dylan Thomas)

death & life: day / sign, signal, symbol

night (night and day and day and night)

night and day to the first round

the start was ~ 12 months ago (a boxing match)

comparison & contrast: light & dark

nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)

known as the Nightingale of Bollywood

she was ~ (the singer Lata Mangeshkar)

superlative: bird / music

achievement, recognition & praise: bird / epithet / music

nightmare (worst nightmare)

worst nightmare

the ~ a parent could endure (missing kid found dead)

girl's worst nightmare

it's every ~ (getting pregnant accidentally)

industry's worst nightmare

shoppers like her are the supermarket ~

he turned into the ~ (George Atiyeh vs. logging)

mother's worst nightmare

as a teen, she was every ~ (drugs, sex, etc.)

parent's worst nightmare

every ~ (child kidnapping, murder)

my worst nightmare

this was ~ (emergency landing in plane)

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

nightmare (noun)

nightmare

you're seeing shyness as a ~ and it can be...

she talks about her ~ (rape)

traveling alone with young kids can be a ~ (airlines)

she sees her ~ unfolding before her (traffic jam)

it's been a ~ (affirmative action for fire department)

he soon discovered the job was a ~

shopping for school clothes can be a ~ (girls)

the ~ was not over (one more round / boxing)

the ~ began with an e-mail (hackers extort company)

OnlyFans was a godsend, now it's kind of a ~ (porn)

nightmare of all firefighters

structural collapse is the ~

nightmare of (loose) granite

a ~ and overhanging seracs (Dhaulagiri)

nightmare of Sept. 11

nearly a year after the ~, kids still...

nightmare of war

the dream of peace has often turned into a ~ (Africa)

nightmare scenario

the ~ for NATO

the ~ for many biologists, conservationists

that's a ~ for those... (politics)

nightmare year

it was a ~ (teaching at troubled D.C. school)

nightmare first round

they horribly underachieved in a ~ (World Cup)

actor's nightmare
 will I ever work again, that's the ~ (Sir Anthony Hopkins)

credit nightmare
 divorce can create ~s

examination nightmare
 but would it be an ~ (scheduling school tests)

traffic nightmare
 the city festival will cause a ~

parking and traffic nightmares
 residents living near the popular club face ~

public-relations nightmare
 they are fighting a ~ (restaurant chain)

horrifying nightmare
 blind dates are either a huge success or a ~

living nightmare
 he described his life as a "~~" (paralysed neck down)

scheduling nightmare
 family events can become a ~

annual nightmare
 the ~ of Christmas cards

bureaucratic nightmare
 he found himself in a ~

complete nightmare
 it's turned into a ~ (trapped at airport by blizzard)

concave nightmare
 a ~ of loose granite, overhanging seracs (Dhaulagiri)

Kafkaesque nightmare
 my ~ is to be...

legal nightmare
 it was the beginning of a ~
 a ~ arises (Jehovah's Witnesses and doctors)

logistical nightmare
 getting a force that size into Iraq by air would be a ~
 the Hajj is a ~ (Makkah / Saudi Arabia)
 resupply was a ~ (Egyptians fight in Yemen)

nuclear nightmare
 India has revived the ~ (nuclear tests)

racial nightmare
 turning the trial into a ~

ultimate nightmare
 "brilliant" bombs strike some as the ~

18-hour nightmare
 it turned into an ~ (Mogadishu firefight)

beginning of a (legal) nightmare
 it was the ~

start of the nightmare
 yeah, that was the ~ (security arrest)

dream and nightmare
 every surfer's ~ (Condition Black / huge surf)

nightmare is over
 what makes you think the ~, if he gets away with it

nightmare arises
 a legal ~ (Jehovah's Witnesses and doctors)

nightmare began
 his ~ with a phone call from...

nightmare (finally) coming to an end
 is the ~ (politics)

faced a public-relations nightmare
 the university ~ (murder of Lauren McCluskey at the University of Utah)

found himself in a nightmare
 he ~ (bureaucracy)

make commuting (by train) a nightmare
 the gropers who ~ for women (in Japan)

turned into an (18-hour) nightmare
 it ~ (Mogadishu firefight)

turned the dream into a nightmare
 the loans have ~ (home ownership)

♦ A find-yourself-standing-naked-in-Times-Square-type nightmare...

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

nightmarish (adjective)

nightmarish scene
 it was a ~ (125-vehicle pileup that killed four)

nightmarish thoughts
 ~ about...

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

comparison & contrast: affix

night owl (person)

night owls
 the frozen beef is often bought by ~ (from Singapore vending machines)

behavior: animal / sleep

person: animal / sleep

nimble (adjective)

nimble
 the security system is not ~ enough (border)

nimble negotiating
 Egypt had distinguished itself for ~ (the past)

nimble mind
 he has a ~

nimble enough
 are they ~ to close and reopen (schools in pandemic)

nimble and aggressive

the company vowed to be more ~ (layoffs)

nimble, tough-minded and effective
we need government that is ~

lean and nimble
the company must become more ~

more nimble
smaller, ~ warships and subs are the way to go (Navy)

remain nimble
we must ~ (military)

keep your mind nimble
you need to ~

♦ "Jack be nimble, / Jack be quick, / Jack jump over / the candlestick" (A nursery rhyme.)

ability & lack of ability: movement

nimbus (cloud)

nimbus of (curly graying) hair
she is a self-possessed woman with a ~

resemblance: cloud

nine eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.)

nine-eleven moment
it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumter attack)

Australia's 9/11
in many ways, it is ~ (Bali bomb blast)

"China's 9/11"
in Beijing the incident was called ~ (2014 Kunming attack)

♦ "What will archaeologists twenty-five centuries from now make of the ruins of One World Trade Center, currently nearing completion in downtown Manhattan?" (The beginning of "Deep Frieze" by Daniel Mendelsohn. His article is about the Parthenon, another "memorial to a devastating attack...one terrible day in September.")

history / military: epithet

nineteen eighty four (and 1984)

went all 1984
technology was a lot more fun before it ~

oppression: allusion / books & reading

allusion: books & reading

ninja (person)

information ninjas
libraries are full of ~ (employees who can help)

ability & lack of ability: creature / magic / person
person: creature / magic

nipple (Mollie's Nipples, etc.)

Nippletop
~ in Zion National Park, Utah (unofficially named)

Ferns Nipple
~ is an iconic landmark in Capital Reef National Park

Mollie's Nipples
there are several ~ in Utah (Wikipedia)

♦ The Wikipedia entry, "Mollie's Nipple," is quite interesting as it relates to Utah and its early history and exploration, to include Indians, pioneers, and outlaws. It also includes a unique collocation: "Notable Mollie's Nipples!" Wikipedia also has an interesting article at "Breast-shaped hill."

♦ The GNIS Feature Search returns many results for *nipple*, including "Peters Nipple," "Grannys Nipple" and "Little Nippletop." Perhaps the less said about these things, the better.

proper name: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nipple (shape)

nipple
a ~ can connect two other fittings (pipes)

hex (pipe) nipple
a ~ can be grasped with a wrench

shape: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark of (exotic) wildlife
the Berenty Reserve is a ~ (Madagascar)

Noah's Ark of small-time criminality
this ~ (First Fleet / Australia)

modern-day Noah's Ark
Norway's Global Seed Vault is a ~ for plant seeds

biodiversity: allusion / Bible / epithet / religion
group, set & collection: allusion / Bible / epithet / religion

no (no Jack Kennedy, etc.)

no de Gaulle
you will see that Andropov is ~ (Milovan Djilas)

no Jack Kennedy
Senator, you're ~ (Lloyd Bentsen to Dan Quayle)

no (African) Abraham Lincoln
Kagame was ~ (Rwanda)

no Andy Dufresne
but Lester Eubanks was ~ (ABC's *Have You Seen This Man?*)

no Suvorov
he's ~, but it's possible to work with him (combat)

no Mardi Gras
but living just above the poverty line is ~ (Scotland)

identity & nature: allusion

Nobel (Nobel Prize of the Arab World, etc.)

Nobel Prize of the Arab World
the King Faisal Award for Service to Islam, dubbed the ~

Nobel Prize for Agriculture
the World Food Prize, dubbed the ~

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

nobody (a nobody)

just a nobody
I'm ~

importance & significance / power: person

no-brainer (noun)

no-brainer
chumbuckets are a ~ (money to be made)

no-brainer for me
it was a ~, I was in from day one

make the decision (on Hamilton) a no-brainer
Mercedes had enough information to ~ (F1 strategy)

certainty & uncertainty / difficulty, easiness & effort: head

nod (permission)

get the nod
chances are good that the Chinese firm will ~ (contract)

given the nod to more (COVID) boosters
advisors for the FDA have ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gesture / head

nod (agree)

heads nod
there are days when I see ~ (a defense of Facebook)

unanimity & consensus: gesture / head / verb

nod (acknowledge)

nods to Ralph Ellison
the chapter ~ (Colin Whitehead)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / verb

nod (acknowledgement)

nods to diversity
in a sea of performative, less than relevant ~

nods to the past
we're going to do some ~ (a new version of Bebo)

nod to the victims
it's a ~ to make it easier for them (no contest plea)

acting nods
there may be ~ for some members of the cast (Emmys)

party nod
everyone knew that Grant would get the ~ (politics)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture

no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)

no-holds-barred conversation
it was a ~

no-holds-barred dramas
Riot Girls offer ~(BBC Radio 4)

no-holds-barred fight

this was a ~, and neither side backed down (Golan / 1973)

constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: sports & games / wrestling

noise (worthlessness)

noise

trying to pick out the signal from the ~ (epidemiology)
a lot of extraordinary data are nothing but ~
the ~ makes it hard to distinguish what matters (the media)
results are results and the rest is ~ (politics and elections)
your speculation is ~, it has negative value (comments)

noise of customer behavior

Amazon leads the way in finding patterns in the ~

"noise" in the data

~ makes the new results dubious (earthquakes)

noise in the system

there's going to be some ~ (way to produce statistics)

noise to folks

that is ~, what matters is... (a temporary legal distraction)

noise and confusion

we hope it will reduce some of the ~ (vaccine website)

annoying noise

they create this ~ (government internet trolls)

short-term noise

stick to fundamentals, try and look through the ~ (stocks)

terrible noise

enlightening and helpful data vs. ~ (AI and medicine)

full of noise

the information space is ~ (fakes, disinformation, theories)

chaos and noise

viewers were left with ~ (presidential debate)

nonsense and the noise

if you are tired of the ~ in our politics... (Amy Klobuchar)

signal-noise

I will wait for a bit more ~ clarity drug trials)

cut through all this noise

trying to ~ (what was true and what wasn't)

rise above the noise

artists need to ~ and stand out (TikTok)

separate the noise from what is sound and true

we have to ~ and rely on fact (election journalism)

separate the signal from the noise

~ (when considering what president says)

separate signal from noise

if the volume is turned to 11, how do you ~ (culture wars)

tease apart signal from noise

powerful computing and statistical approaches ~

integrate, unify, and make simple the (apparent) noise
he wants to ~ of the world (Karl Friston)

♦ This word is similar to *static*.

♦ "Some of that data will be enlightening, and really helpful. But some of it is going to be terrible noise and even lead to unnecessary testing and anxiety." (Dr. Eric Topol on the kind of health data people can now track with their smartphones.)

♦ "The human mind can acquire knowledge from very limited input and rapidly sort through noisy, conflicting information to reach judgments."

♦ "We have so much noise in the environment these days, there's seven point six, seven billion people on the planet making a lot of noise... Such is the noise we live in." (The remarkable sound recordist Martyn Stewart, who has dedicated his life to recording the sounds of nature. "Why this wildlife expert is making his archive public" by Mark Savage, BBC, 2 December 2021.)

activity / analysis, interpretation & explanation / obstacles & impedance / worth & lack of worth: sound

noise (attention and conflict)

noise

there has been a lot of ~ and trending on Twitter about...
we can't react to all the ~ outside, there'll be criticism
there's nothing wrong with making ~ (progressive issues)
his comments bring ~ we don't need (disgruntled athlete)
online sleuthing groups can generate a lot of ~, a lot of data

clatter

how do you get through the ~ that he creates (politics)

noise of the Internet

better to give an exhausted shrug at the ~ and move on

outside noise

the club's hierarchy won't be swayed by ~ (complaints)

political noise

it's all just ~, I don't listen to it (a political kerfuffle)

block out the noise

all you can do is live your life and try to ~ (invasion threat)

cut through the noise

~, register for a BBC account

SLATE Podcasts: ~

make enough noise

the challenge is to ~ to capture the zeitgeist (films)

made noises

Nepal authorities ~ that they would limit permits (Everest)

♦ "I've calmed down now after a week of getting used to the noise and you just have to accept it." (Costello of Costello & Bunce, about the on/off/on/off bout between Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua. Of course, Costello and Bunce were responsible for a lot of that noise!)

♦ "You showed me how, how to leave myself behind / how to turn down the noise in my mind." ("Haven't Got Time for the Pain" sung by Carly Simon.)

♦ "We're a small minority, we had to make some noise or we knew that unless we made that nobody would listen to us." (Clyde Bellecourt, co-founder of A.I.M.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / obstacles & impedance / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

noisy (debate, etc.)

noisy

we will be very ~ in the House because we are unhappy

fierce and noisy

Tunisians are locked in a ~ debate about...

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition & defeat / speech: sound

noisy (data, etc.)

noisy data

studies chase small effects hidden in ~

activity / analysis, interpretation & explanation / obstacles & impedance / worth & lack of worth: sound

nomad (person)

nomads of the agriculture world

beekeepers are the ~

academic nomad

she's become an ~ (adjunct professor)

railroad nomads

"shantytown," a word evoking ~...

Greyhound nomads

they arrived as ~ (Somali refugees in Lewiston)

techno nomad

he was a ~, moving from country to country (J. Assange)

become an academic nomad

she's ~ (adjunct professor)

♦ "In their eyes man was a born migrant, settlement the perversion of degenerates, and cutting the soil to grow crops, murder." (Chinese nomads. From "Heavenly Horses" in *What Am I Doing Here* by Bruce Chatwin.)

♦ "No one but a slave would agree to live behind walls or under a mud roof..." (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

migration: person / journeys & trips

person: journeys & trips

nomadic (adjective)

nomadic life

he lives a ~ drifting from town to town (Jack Reacher)

migration: person / journeys & trips

comparison & contrast: affix

no man's land (people)

No Man's Land

early cartographers called it ~

no man's land

the reserve is a vast, jungly ~ (rain forest)

the desert was not a ~ (archaeology)

the piers became a ~, blocked off by highways

no-man's sea

all through these years the Pacific had remained a ~

no-man's-land or twilight zone
the ~ between permitted or forbidden (Amos Oz)

isolation & remoteness: map / journeys & trips

no man's land (regulatory, etc.)

no-man's-land for police jurisdictions
St. Francis is a ~ (the Rosebud Reservation)

bureaucratic no man's land
he found himself in a ~ amid 3 agencies

regulatory no man's land
oil-exploration waste falls into a ~

control & lack of control: military

no man's land (danger)

no-man's-land
murders and kidnappings make the district a ~

no-man's land
it was hotly disputed land, ~ (between tribes)

control & lack of control: military

area / danger / environment: military

non-person

literary non-person
he has become a ~ (disgraced French author)

acceptance & rejection: person / society

person: society

noon (high noon)

high noon for Darwin's theory
it was ~ (1860 Oxford debate)

high-noon deadline
this ~ meant having to choose between sleep, food and work

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day / film / sun

fate, fortune & chance: day / film / sun

noose (fate)

noose
the ~ is tightening (manhunt)
the ~ is tightening around him (a dictator)

noose around Baghdad
we're tightening the ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

noose around my neck
for six months the media had a ~ (Van Gaal at Man U)

global financial noose
the ~ is tightening around Iran (sanctions)

legal noose
the newspaper is putting its head in a ~ (libel)

noose is tightening
the ~ (manhunt)

pull the noose round Hacken's neck

he himself had helped to ~ (Krymov / *Life and Fate*)

putting its head in a (legal) noose
the newspaper is ~ (libel)

tightening the noose
we're ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)
they are ~ but we will fight to the end (protestors)

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

destruction: death & life

normal (as noun)

the normal
more signs of ~ we once knew (COVID restrictions lift)

a little bit of normal
it's ~ (cider mill is open during pandemic)

normal returns
what life might look like when ~ (Mary Louise Kelly)

society: part of speech

normal (new normal)

new normal
shrinking coastlines will be the ~ for centuries to come

welcome new normal
the new chastity is not an entirely ~ (films)

new normal look like
what will the ~ (post-COVID-19)

society: part of speech

north (numbers)

north of 70
death toll will be ~ (ABC / Kentucky tornadoes)

north of \$50 million
he has invested ~ to build...

north of minus fifteen to twenty percent
we're looking at negative GDP growth that's ~

♦ See *direction (symbol)* for quotations about the cardinal directions as metaphors.

direction: numbers

North Korea (epithet)

North Korea of Africa
Eritrea is often described as the ~

North Korea of Europe
he is turning my country into the ~ (S. Tsikhanouskaya)

Africa's North Korea
why Eritrea is called ~ (*The Economist* magazine)

♦ *The Economist* has a wonderful article entitled "Why Eritrea is called Africa's North Korea" (August 14th 2018). It is wonderful because it starts out with how Eritrea is NOT like North Korea.

isolation & remoteness: epithet

Norway (the Norway of Arabia, etc.)

Norway of Arabia

Musandam's nickname, 'the ~,' derives from its coastline

geography: epithet

nose (shape)

Nose

a popular routes is "The ~" (rock climbing)

shape: nose

nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)

Nose

the ~ is a peak in Alberta, Canada

Devil's Nose

the ~ section of the Mokelumne (a river)

Gladstone's Nose

~ is a rock in the Western Cape, South Africa

Alligator Nose

~ is a point in Honduras

Dolphins Nose

the ~ is a point in Andhra Pradesh, India
the ~ is a headland (Myanmar)

proper name: nose

nose (orientation)

nose of the plane

pulled back on the stick to get the ~ up

deck, tail, nose, rails and wheels

a skateboard has a ~

orientation: animal / direction / nose

nose (under somebody's nose)

everybody's nose

this is going on right under ~ (child abuse)

under the noses of the security forces

they set up cells right ~

consciousness & awareness: nose / proximity

nose (ability)

nose for it

he has a great ~... (talent for basketball)

ability & lack of ability: nose

nose (bloody nose, etc.)

bloody nose

the dream of giving Germany a ~ (Greek soccer)

"bloody nose" attacks

risk of brinksmanship and talk of ~ (diplomacy)

"bloody nose" option

a limited, pre-emptive military strike, the so-called ~

"bloody nose" theory

they call it the ~ (military force with diplomacy)

got a bloody nose

he had a rough hearing, he really ~ (confirmation hearing)

suffered (something of) a bloody nose

they've ~ in the past couple of days (armed clashes)

♦ "Obviously we have a bloody nose this morning, but we are not down for the count. We will continue to stand up and fight this risky route." (Jane Kleeb, an opponent of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, after a legal defeat.)

coercion & motivation / punishment & recrimination: blood / nose / sign, signal, symbol / violence

nose (thumb one's nose)

thumbing their noses at almost everything

rare men were ~ that passed for knowledge (Renaissance)

thumbed his nose at the (US) government

he has ~ (laws)

thumbing their nose at the rules

people are ~ (leash law for dogs)

thumb its nose at the US

Russia is putting him up to ~ (Edward Snowden)

♦ "Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?" / "No, sir, I do not bite my thumb at you sir, but I bite my thumb, sir." (Abraham vs. Sampson in *Romeo and Juliet*.)

insult: gesture / nose / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: gesture / nose / verb

nose (attention)

get your nose out of your computer

~ and spend more time with...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: nose

nose (look down one's nose)

looks down its nose

satire generally ~ at its subject

admiration & contempt: direction / eye / gesture / height / nose

nose (hold one's nose)

held their noses

voters who ~ and voted for him (lesser of two evils)

eagerness & reluctance: gesture / nose / smell

nosedive (verb / decrease)

temperature will nosedive

the ~ by this weekend

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / number / plane / verb

nosedive (verb / decline)

nosedived

relations (with North Korea) have ~

nose-dived from A's to (straight) D's
her grades ~

decline: direction / flying & falling / plane / verb

nosedive (noun / decrease)

taken a nosedive
the temperatures have ~

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / number / plane

nosedive (noun / decline)

nosedive
his career took a ~ because of questionable integrity

takes a nosedive
tourism ~ in Crimea

took a nosedive
sales ~ (fashion during the pandemic)

decline: direction / flying & falling / plane

nostrum (noun)

vague nostrums
they give voters promises and ~ (politicians)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine
amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

notch (verb)

notched 10,000 new coronavirus cases
New York State ~ between...

attainment: number / verb

notch (take something up a notch)

kicks the intensity up a notch
each verse ~ (a rap song)

kick it up a notch
if you want to ~, try... (an exercise program)

ratcheted things up a notch
he has ~ (political rhetoric)

step it up a notch
and then, to sort of ~, he invited... (promotion)

increase & decrease: direction / verb

note (compare notes)

compared notes about Iraq
the soldiers ~ (in hospital ward)

knowledge & intelligence: school & education

note (on a note)

on a confident note
Republicans ended their convention ~

on a high note

at least I finished ~ (learning a job)

ended (their convention) on a confident note
Republicans ~

finished on a high note
at least I ~ (learning a job)

leave on a high note
he wanted to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

note (right note)

struck (all) the right notes
the words he spoke ~ (a conciliatory politician)

flaws & lack of flaws: music / speech

note (note of caution, etc.)

note of caution
he sounded a ~ over encouraging...

note of confidence
he is injecting a new ~ into the Nato campaign

note of fear
in his voice I detected a ~ (dangerous weather)

cautious note
he sounded a ~ at the meeting

defiant note
the Iraqi information minister sounded a ~

different note
he sounded a ~ (on a public-health issue)

hopeful note
striking the same ~, the girl's aunt... (abducted girl)

new note
he is injecting a ~ of confidence into the Nato campaign

optimistic note
he struck an ~

upbeat note
he sounded an ~ at the end of his fact-finding trip

detected a note
in his voice I ~ of fear (dangerous weather)

injecting a (new) note
he is ~ of confidence into the Nato campaign

sounded a note
he ~ of caution over encouraging...

struck (all) the right notes
the words he spoke ~ (a conciliatory politician)

feeling, emotion & effect: music / sound

note (one note)

one-note character

in the original script he was a ~ (*Do the Right Thing*)

complexity: sound / music

nothing-burger

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they claim the meeting was a ~ (political scandal)

biggest nothing-burger ever

she called it the ~ (political scandal)

big, fat nothingburger

is the memo a damning expose or a ~ (politics)

♦ For information about this word, see “Nothingburger: From 1950s Hollywood to the White House” by Ben Zimmer, *Wall Street Journal*, March 9, 2017.)

importance & significance: food & drink

substance & lack of substance: food & drink

nourished

nourished by the media

sports are ~

growth & development: baby / plant

nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)

getting nowhere

we are ~ fast

go nowhere

they said their claims seemed to ~ (sexual abuse)

go-nowhere

he took a series of ~ jobs

going nowhere

the peace process is ~ anyway

negotiations are ~ (politics)

get anywhere

if you’re worried about the outcome, you don’t ~ (sports)

went nowhere

the peace plan ~

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

progress & lack of progress / success & failure: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.)

out of nowhere

he had himself a career day ~ (football)

came out of nowhere

the team ~ (winning in the NCAA tournament)

come out of nowhere

he had ~, now he’s all over Radio One (Headie One)

♦ “A devastating day for all @ManUtd supporters and the club but it didn’t come out of nowhere. It was not a surprise.” (Bastian Schweinsteiger, about Liverpool 5 Manchester United 0.)

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

noxious (adjective)

noxious (online) behaviors

stalking and bullying are ~ (Internet)

noxious law

we need to repeal this ~

noxious tide

we need to stem the ~ of ideologically-driven rhetoric

noxious (racial) views

this book connects his ~ to his foreign policy

bigoted and noxious

the film is ~

♦ Literally, this word tends to collocate with fumes, chemicals and smoke. In other word, bad smells.

corruption: smell

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / smell

nudge (verb)

nudged

he never judged, you know he just ~ (a pastor)

nudged him to change

his coach ~ his morning routine

nudged me into (just) getting

he gently ~ it over with

nudged America’s allies

they have ~ to patch up their differences (diplomacy)

♦ “Cuomo strong-armed rather than cajoled; he used intimidation rather than seduction to get his way.” (“New York After Cuomo” by Michael Greenberg, *The New York Review*, October 7, 2021.)

coercion & motivation: arm / gesture / verb

force: arm / gesture / verb

nudge (noun)

nudge behaviours

the ICO is targeting ~ (Snapchat streaks, “likes,” etc.)

nudge technique

but does the “~” really work (Japan / blue lights / suicide)

~s are a way of influencing behaviour

we must put an end to so-called “~s” (kids / social media)

~s encourage children to make bad choices (social media)

nudge up

“the ~,” “You have to do this,” helps people get over that little barrier (COVID vaccinations)

behavioral nudge

the mask acts as a ~ to people for better hygiene (COVID)

Inclusion Nudges

she is the co-author of the ~ *Guidebook*

smart nudge

lotteries are a ‘~’ to improve vaccination rates (COVID)

get nudges

you ~ that remind you... (Gmail)

give the stragglers a nudge
the Delta variant offered a chance to ~ (COVID vaccination)

takes a (gentle) nudge
sometimes it ~ to get the ball rolling

♦ Cajole, compel, force, make, mandate, make mandatory, nudge, persuade, require... (Language used by vaccine advocates about the vaccine reluctant. Other words with similar meaning would include "intimidate," "strong-arm," and "seduce.")

♦ "Is there anything the United States can do to cajole, persuade, or threaten the Gulf States to take a different approach? (Heard on NPR, as if the Gulf States were refractory toddlers.)

♦ See the Wikipedia entry for "Applied behavior analysis."

coercion & motivation: arm / gesture

force: arm / gesture

nudge (communication)

nudge nudge

you got it, wink wink nudge nudge

♦ maryann 03: From CA: Welcome. I highly (wink wink nudge nudge) recommend online ordering and home delivery. Always tip your delivery person. They are your friend. (An ABC "Join the Discussion" comment on "New York legalizes recreational marijuana...")

♦ "PEN15, write out the title, you'll get it, has begun its second season on Hulu..." (A well-briefed Scott Simon of NPR. This is an example of leetspeak.)

fictive communication / subterfuge: eye / gesture

nudged

nudged aside

he is being ~ (a politician)

nudged down

life expectancy was ~ again by a surge in overdoses

nudged out

play has been ~ of many schools

nudged into committing

whether he was pushed or jumped or was ~ suicide...

nudged towards keeping

the consumer is ~ their membership (online unsubscribing)

coercion & motivation: arm / gesture

force: arm / gesture

nugget (noun)

nuggets about what

the trial could offer a few more ~ Wikileaks planned...

seven nuggets

here are ~ we learned from the interview

key nugget

the ~ was when he said...

science nuggets

follow Maddie and Rebecca on Twitter for more ~

amount / worth & lack of worth: mining

numb (adjective)

numb with grief

she and others who knew her best felt ~ (murdered)

became numb

he ~ to even the most gruesome scenes (a marine)

♦ "I had like basically no emotions, I was just like numb, all I wanted to do was like lay in my bed." (A 16-year-old diagnosed with anorexia.)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

consciousness & awareness: sensation

number (number is up, etc.)

number came up

my ~ (blown up by a landmine)

fate, fortune & chance: number

numbered (days are numbered, etc.)

numbered

Mubarak's days are ~

fate, fortune & chance: number

nursery (noun)

stellar nurseries

~ where stars are born

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant

nurture (verb)

nurtured his student's career

he ~ and became a second father (a coach)

nurtures (militant) groups

Pakistan ~ in the area

nurtured her iconoclasm

her parents encouraged her ambitions and ~ (musician)

nurtured her interest

it was he who first ~ in art

nurture the (infant) market

~ (e-publishing)

nurtured relationships

he ~ with members of the faculty (journal editor)

nurtured a reputation

Japanese companies have ~ for reliability (products)

nurture civil society

education helps to ~

identifying and nurturing

we have been ~ feminist writers (a publisher)

tap, feed and nurture

he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

growth & development: baby / plant / verb

nurtured

nurtured by the West

he is a criminal ~ (an award winner)

nurtured by his father
his ideas about cooking were ~
nurtured by his mother
his early interest in poetry was ~
carefully nurtured
he was ~ by the club (young soccer player)

growth & development: baby / plant

nut (person)

nut case
is your client a ~ (a flake)
religious nut
he's a ~ (controversial politician)
♦ "In 2012, Nina Totenberg of NPR was criticized by mental-health advocates for asking the question, "So, is your client a nut case?"
♦ "He's nuttier than a peach-orchard boar."

euphemism: mental health
character & personality: fruits & vegetables / mental health / person

nuts (crazy)

nuts
but what's really ~ is insisting that...
drives your manager nuts
don't do whatever ~ ("managing up")
go nuts
when I think about it, I ~
goes nuts
Dean ~ (reaction to the Howard Dean Scream of 2004.)
♦ Psycho, wacko, crazy... (Words disliked by mental-health advocates.)

behavior: fruits & vegetables / mental health

euphemism: mental health

nuts and bolts

nuts and bolts
take me through the ~ about how this is going to work
nuts and bolts of a gritty industry
it was an indoctrination into the ~ (garment center)
nuts-and-bolts character
he was a very ~ (Edmund Hillary helps Sherpas)

bases: mechanism

nutshell (in a nutshell)

in a nutshell
that's it, ~ (short and sweet)
this is Atkinson ~ (review of a writer)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: food & drink

O

oak (Royal Oak, etc.)

Royal Oak
the ~ battleship was sunk by a U-boat in Scapa Flow

proper name: tree

oak (strength)

Hearts of Oak
the British have ~
strength & weakness: materials & substances / tree

Oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)

Oasis of the Seas
the ~ is the world's largest cruise ship
Oasis Hotel
the ~ has 8 awards of excellence (Cairo)

proper name: desert / ground, terrain & land

oasis (environment)

oasis
Somaliland is an ~ in comparison to Somalia
oasis of (relative) calm
it provides an ~ within Iraq (Kurdish region)
oasis of peace
it was once an ~ in volatile West Africa (Ivory Coast)

oasis of peace and stability
Ghana is an ~ in turbulent West Africa

oasis within New York City
Park Slope, Brooklyn, is an ~ (parks, families, etc.)

oasis for (late-night) customers
we are an ~ (White Castle)

jungle oases
a civilization grew near these ~ (cenotes / Mayas)

green oasis
New York City's High Line is a ~ (elevated walkway)

peaceful oasis
Bali was considered a ~ (before Kuta Beach bombing)

spiritual oasis
Cloud Cottage Sangha is a ~ for me (Buddhist)

considered a (peaceful) oasis
Bali was ~ (before Kuta Beach bombing)

♦ The Al-Ahsa Oasis is the largest date-palm oasis in the world, a lovely place that gurgles paradisaically with springs and wells and rejoices in the songs of water. It includes the city of Al-Hofuf with its gorgeous walled fort, also the remarkable Jabal Qara, hills that resemble rock cauliflower. The whole area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, deservedly. Go there and watch the trail of a meteor transect the wall of the fort at night. Spend the rest of the night on Jabal Qara, listening to the howls of the desert dogs. Just be careful where you step at Jabal Qara.)

environment: desert / ground, terrain & land

oats (feel one's oats)

feeling its oats

China is ~ (booming economy)

power / strength & weakness: animal / horse

Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)

Jakarta's Obama

they call him ~ (governor Joko Widodo)

Russia's Obama

Jean Gregoire Sagbo is known as ~

♦ Joko Widodo, the governor of Jakarta, has been compared to Obama for the following reasons. He is hugely popular with the young and the poor, who consider him a hero. He often visits his supporters, listens to them, shows that he cares about them, and gives them a feeling of positivity and hope. He has helped to subsidize healthcare and education for them. He is humble and his reputation is clean. Finally, he is tall and lanky, just like Obama!

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / government obituary (noun)

political obituary

her ~ was written at least three times (Hillary Clinton)

radio's obituary

we should know better than to write ~

writing (Tony Blair's political) obituary

last week people were ~

♦ See "ABE, Pioneering Robotic Undersea Explorer, Is Dead at 16" by Henry Fountain, *The New York Times*, 2010.

♦ Nonhuman and nonliving things can have biographies, autobiographies, obituaries and even be characters.

condition & status: death & life

obsessed

obsessed with foghorns

my name is Jennifer Lucy Allan and I'm ~ (BBC)

politically obsessed

for those of us who are ~ (pundits)

enthusiasm: mental health

obsession (noun)

obsession with race

Bearley's ~ must stop, the school has lost its way

enthusiasm: mental health

ocean (ocean of air, etc.)

ocean of air

we live submerged at the bottom of an ~ (atmosphere)

ocean of sand

the Sahara's ~

resemblance: sea

ocean (amount)

ocean of (digital) information and misinformation
it's hard to navigate through the ~

amount: sea

occupy (verb)

occupied that part

he totally ~ (Marlon Brando / *Godfather*)

occupy a (unique) position

the river began to ~ in folklore (the Mississippi)

fictive possession: house / verb

octopus (noun)

world-strangling octopus

he saw Victoria's British Empire as a ~

♦ Anastasia Tsioulcas: "The prosecution asked a defense witness...about an org (organization) chart he had made of Kelly's company. It was illustrated like a cartoon octopus, and, in retrospect, that was a pretty unfortunate metaphor for a man accused of running an enterprise intended to lure victims into sex crimes." / Noel King: "That's a really vivid image, isn't it." / Anastasia Tsioulcas: "It really is." ("A Jury In New York Begins Deliberations In R. Kelly's Federal Trial," NPR, Morning Edition, Sept. 27, 2021.)

affliction / extent & scope: animal / arm / sign, signal, symbol

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

odd couple

odd couple

this ~ makes for a compelling violin concerto

character & personality: love, courtship & marriage

relationship: love, courtship & marriage

odds (fate)

beat the odds

the way I look at it, I ~ (tough upbringing)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling

ode (praise)

ode to cinema

his film is an ~ as a whole (Cannes hype)

ode to their domesticity

Graham's ~, "Our House" ("with two cats in the yard")

ode to historically black colleges

her performance was an ~ (Beyoncé at 2018 Coachella)

♦ "In the salt mines / I saw the salt / in this shaker. / I know you won't believe me, / but there / it sings, / the salt sings, the skin / of the salt mines / sings / with a mouth choking / on dirt." (The opening lines of "Ode to Salt" by Pablo Neruda, in a wonderful English translation by Philip Levine.)

achievement, recognition & praise: speech

Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)

Odyssey

the 75-square-foot solar array that powers ~ (Mars)

so far, ~ is an unqualified scientific success (Mars)

Odyssey of the Seas

~ (Nassau) is a Royal Caribbean cruise ship

Mars Odyssey

the ~ (a NASA Mars probe)

proper name: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips

odyssey (on an odyssey)

on an odyssey

these girls have been ~ (from Sierra Leone to US)

on a (six-day, 900-mile) odyssey

he claimed she accompanied him ~ (kidnapper)

led his family on a (diagnostic) odyssey

the boy's illness ~

development: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips

odyssey (other)

odyssey of two (likable) women

the documentary is the ~

Georgia man's odyssey

a ~ to Europe... (7 flights with XDR TB)

substance-abuse odyssey

she began a long ~ by sniffing fingernail polish...

personal odyssey

the documentary is the ~ of two strong, likable women

remarkable odyssey

her life traces a ~ from her farmhouse in Poland to...

three-decade odyssey

his trip turned into a ~

♦ "Zola's tale was dubbed the Thotyssey by fans." (A road trip involving sex. "Thot" stands for "that ho' over there." A ho' is a whore or a slut. This combination of contemporary slang and a classical allusion is as astonishing as it is charming.)

development: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips

off (be off, etc.)

off

the game is ~

starting, going, continuing & ending:: prep, adv, adj, particle

offbeat (adjective)

offbeat

she would do things that were ~ (Lizzo)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: music

offer (offer hope, etc.)

offers audiences a vision

the latest performance similarly ~ of themselves

offers a sympathetic ear to kids

he ~ (juvenile offenders)

offer (consumer) feedback

user-opinion sites ~

offer hope

it we ~, then the stigma begins to fade (HIV)

offers hope

a monkey trial ~ (pandemic vaccine)

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb
fictive communication: verb**

offspring

offspring of the phone booth

the ~, referred to as an "enclosure"

product / relationship: family

offshoot

offshoot of (Shiite) Islam

Zaydism is an ~

offshoot of Dutch

Afrikaans is an ~

Los Angeles offshoot

the Actor's Lab, a ~ of the Group Theater

latest offshoot

stand-up paddling is surfing's ~

branching system: plant

ogre (person)

ogre and a tyrant

his employees describe him as an ~

♦ Shrek: My father was an ogre. He tried to eat me. I should have seen it coming.

character & personality / person: creature

oppression: person

O. Henry

O. Henry twist

the story features an ~ at the end

allusion / reversal: books & reading

O. Henry-esque (adjective)

O. Henry-esque twist

it sort of has an ~ at the end (a song)

♦ Or, O. Henry-like....

comparison & contrast: affix

oil (pour oil)

poured oil on the fire

he has ~

increase & decrease: fire / verb

oil (new oil, etc.)

"new oil"

it's become common to call data the ~

♦ Oil and data are different because oil can only be used once, data many times. But both have to be processed (oil) or analyzed (data) to become valuable. Both can make companies rich (Amazon, ExxonMobil).

♦ "Before oil, there was whale oil."

epithet: materials & substances

worth & lack of worth: epithet / materials & substances

OK (and okay / verb)

ok'd extra doses

the FDA ~ of Pfizer's original recipe (vaccine)

sanctioning, authority & con-conformity: part of speech / verb

old (of old)

days of old

in ~

past & present / time: day

old (a year old, etc.)

just a year old

the song then was ~ (in 1968)

turns 76 tomorrow

Ebony Magazine ~

♦ "The Archibald Prize is turning 100." (The Australian portrait prize.)

growth & development: death & life

old (traditional)

Old Army

How the ~ Died (by General Smith-Dorrien)

Old Bolshevik

Mikhail Sidorovich Mostovskoy, an ~ (Vasily Grossman)

old guard

the ~ has yielded the throne (world soccer)

Old Hollywood

how the ~ became the New Hollywood (1960s)

"Old Navy"

the *Marion*, last wooden ship of the ~ (Asiatic Station)

old school

he wanted to deliver his film on ~ 35mm film

♦ "[T]he old British Army which fought at Mons is but a glorious memory... / I do not know how many are left of that little Army. Their numbers must be very few. Some of the men of Mons are in the trenches to day; but they have become merged in the new armies... / The new Army has been trained in a very short space of time and everything has been concentrated in getting them ready to hold their own in trench warfare, and it is not very probable that they would have been very successful had they been called upon to perform the operation that was imposed on the Expeditionary Force..." ("How the Old Army Died" by General Smith-Dorrien, Malaya Tribune, 13 April 1917.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life

Old Boy (Old Boy network)

Old Boy network

he had a place on the ~ (a political appointee)

group, set & collection / hierarchy / society: school & education

old-fashioned (adjective)

old-fashioned (American) swagger

now, let's show them some ~ (2012 film *Emperor*)

good, old-fashioned

Triple A suggested drivers still carry a ~ map (GPS)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

past & present / time: day

old guard

old guard

the ~ has yielded the throne (world soccer)

old-guard evangelicals

conflict between ~ and younger evangelicals

Ajan-era old guard

disputes between reformers and a faction led by the ~

evangelical old guard

there's a lot at stake for the ~ (gender issues)

old guard and its rising stars

we will hear from the party's ~ (political convention)

old guard and younger, more liberal members

this exposes a divide between the ~ (Democratic Party)

exodus of the old guard

the ~ leaves the team pretty limited (Manchester United)

avant-garde and old guard

he's both ~ (rapper Kendrick Lamar)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / history

old hand (experience)

old hand

5-10 new recruits get killed to every ~ (inexperience)

old (diplomatic) hands

~, emigres, and dissidents relayed stories about...

newcomers (to the research) versus old hands

~ (science)

accepted (as soldiers) by the old hands

we were being ~

♦ see also *hand (work)*

♦ "Forget everything you learned in the academy." (The standard greeting a rookie police officer receives from his veteran partner.)

♦ "In training camp they filled you full of fancy information on how to be a soldier. We're going to work hard to forget all that." (Ernest Borgnine in *All Quiet on the Western Front*.)

♦ "If you want good advice, talk to an old man."

♦ "There's no fool like an old fool."

experience: hand

old school

old school

he is unashamedly ~ (a 68-year-old Montana farmer)

old-school in his approach

he's as ~ to opponents as he is in the ring

old-school Alabama

Tagovailoa turned ~ into a new-school juggernaut (football)

old-school French bistro

a much loved, ~

old-school discipline

he was famous for his ~ (sports coach)

old-school (American) fighters

the ~, they're always setting traps (boxing)

old school 35mm film

he wanted to deliver his film on ~

old-school mentality

that's that ~ (comment on boxer's work ethic)

old-school reporter

he was an ~ who would challenge anyone

old school (corner) team

AJ needs an ~, get back to basics (boxing)

old-school style

he brings ~ to the sport (auto racer not afraid to bump)

from the old school

she is ~, committed to her marriage (military wife)

new school / old school (m)

a classic ~ rift (newer kayaking moves)

♦ "let's get back to old school boxing, flip this soap opera on its head." (A fight fan about the state of boxing today.)

past & present / time: school & education

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: school & education

olive branch

olive branch

it was an ~ from Bobby Knight to Alford (dispute)

extended an olive branch to South Korea

he ~

offered an olive branch to the Republicans

in the State of the Union, he ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tree

Olympian (size)

Olympian scorn

his reactions to the world ran from dismay to ~

he displayed ~ for the popularity of...

size: allusion / mountains & hills / religion

Olympian (perspective)

Olympian view

he takes an ~ of contemporary politics (George F. Will)

perception, perspective & point of view: religion

Olympus (Mount Olympus)

Olympus of sociological research

the University of Chicago was the ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

importance & significance: religion

superlative: allusion / place / mountains & hills / religion

omerta (noun)

omerta from the labs

the money allows it to purchase a lot of ~ it supports

(EcoHealth Alliance)

code of omerta

clerks are expected to abide by a ~ (the Supreme Court)

concealment & lack of concealment: crime / speech

omnivorous (adjective)

omnivorous

her interests have been ~ (Jia Tolentino)

consumption: food & drink

on (it's on you, etc.)

on you

drink, drive, get arrested, it's ~

on (all of) us

it is ~ to hold one another accountable

responsibility: prep, adv, adj, particle

on (performing)

always on

she is ~ (Wendy Williams)

behavior / character & personality / performance /
starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

on (be on, etc.)

on

stocks kept falling, and the Great Depression was ~

back on

the summit is ~

party is on

the ~, and nobody is going to call it off (a combat operation)

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle

on (30 years on, etc.)

30 years on

~, the veterans face health concerns	a number of recent and ~
eighty years on	ongoing theft the ~ of intellectual property
~ how can we balance moving on and the need to remember	ongoing violence against a backdrop of ~ (Middle East)
future / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle	ongoing work researchers and their ~
one-size-fits-all	ongoing love-hate relationship the ~ between...
one-size-fits-all approach	condition & status: movement
the ~ is not the way to go (retirement plans)	starting, going, continuing & ending / time: movement
public health officials concede no ~ exists (pandemic)	onion (noun)
one-size-fits-all journalism	layer of the onion you notice that for every ~ there's another underneath it
we were offering ~ to very different audiences	peel back the onion what you learn when you begin to ~ (murder)
one-size-fits-all solution	peels back yet another layer a revealing new interview ~ (a politician)
there is no ~ (to managed retreat due to climate change)	♦ "It's surprising, and shocking, what you learn when you begin to peel back the onion." (Dateline NBC, "Horror at the Lake.")
creation & transformation: clothing & accessories	analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables
one-strike-and-you're-out	onrushing (future, etc.)
one-strike-and-you're-out (honor-code) policy	onrushing days the ~ ahead (a bus journey)
~ do more harm than good	onrushing future the ways in which the ~ impacts the solidity of the past he is carried into an ~ he is unprepared to face (train trip)
punishment & recrimination: baseball / sports & games	onrushing (midterm campaign) season the public's apprehension about war and the ~ (politics)
ongoing (investigation, etc.)	onrushing spring the full power of the ~ is upon us
ongoing (security) arrangements	♦ Onrushing animals (a hippo), cars, force (of the beat), people (goalie, mob), trains, tsunami, water (hurricane)...
ensure ~ are appropriate	time: speed
ongoing (budget) battle	future / time: direction / movement
an ~ between the school system, county	onslaught (noun)
ongoing debate	onslaught
the ~	another ~ floored Pulev in the ninth (boxing)
ongoing (intratribal) disputes	onslaught of criticism Twitter changed its policy after an ~
~ (Native Americans)	onslaught of events the idea went quickly by the wayside by the ~
ongoing effort	onslaught of globalization many countries resist the ~
the regulations are part of an ~ to...	under the onslaught Saudi Arabia melted ~, as Germany... (soccer)
this mission is an ~ to take away enemy sanctuaries	amount & effect / force: military
ongoing focus	
there is an ~ on these economic issues (White House)	
ongoing investigation	
would compromise the ~	
ongoing mission	
we don't comment on ~s (military)	
ongoing (contract) negotiations	
~ (pilots union)	
ongoing plot	
forcing terrorists to betray the details of ~s	
ongoing (management) problems	
the ~	
ongoing process	
this is going to be an ~	
ongoing studies	

onwards (from a time onwards)

from 1800 onwards
and so from ~...

from 1740 onwards
people were experimenting with spinning machines ~

time / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

ooze (verb)

oozes tradition and swagger
the team ~ (Alabama football)

leaking: verb / water

opacity (noun)

opacity of (Lanier's) criticism
the ~ may account for...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

opaque (adjective)

opaque
it's really very ~ what is happening (revolution)

opaque world
he offers insights into the often ~ of finance

often opaque
he offers insights into the ~ world of finance

turned opaque
the seeming transparency ~ (old allegation of rape)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark
consciousness & awareness: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

open (honest)

open about her mental health journey
she has always been so ~

concealment & lack of concealment / feeling, emotion & effect / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: container

open (after lockdown, etc.)

open up
the states are starting to ~ (after pandemic lockdowns)

reopen
the border will ~ after a thaw in relations (Burma / Thailand)

reopens for business
as America ~ (pandemic lockdown relaxation)

amelioration & renewal: doors & thresholds

open (open marriage, etc.)

open marriage
they had an ~

constraint & lack of constraint: boundary

open (in the open / into the open)

into the open
she has brought the issue ~

out in the open
mudslinging between church factions is being waged ~

broke out into the open
the anger ~ for the whole world to see (pedophilia)
the cyberconflict ~ (SolarWinds Hack)

brought it out into the open
the testimonies have really ~ (sexual assault)

came into the open
all of these things ~ (vicious election debate)

get the feelings (we have about war) out into the open
artists can ~ (Margaret MacMillan, Reith Lectures)

♦ The story is out there, in the open.

consciousness & awareness: ground, terrain & land
concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land

open-and-shut

open-and-shut case
it wasn't an ~
it should have been an ~

certainty & uncertainty: books & reading

open-minded (adjective)

open-minded
“I’m ~,” he said softly
people are more ~ now (race)
my neighbors are very ~
we should be more ~
he had tried to be ~

genuinely open-minded
Joe Rogan is a ~ host who seeks out all sorts of opinions

extroverted, unpretentious and open-minded
Tijuana citizens have acquired a reputation for being ~

youthful, open-minded
he has made a name for himself as a ~ reformer (MBS)
♦ “A person can be so open-minded that his brains fall out.” (A critic, speaking of Thabo Mbeki’s willingness to accept any argument against giving antiretrovirals to South African H.I.V. sufferers.)

constraint & lack of constraint: container

openness (noun)

intellectual openness
ideological narrowness is a threat to ~

constraint & lack of constraint: container

open up (emotions, speech, etc.)

open up
we are asking them to ~ all over again (crime podcast)

opened up about her mother

she finally ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb

speech: container / verb

open up (access)

open up the sportscasting world

~ for women

access & lack of access: container / verb

open up (consciousness)

opened up to me

a new world ~ (a website)

consciousness & awareness / mind: doors & thresholds / verb

opera (noun)

opera of screeches, shrieks and squawks
a riotous ~ (tropical birds)

resemblance / sound: music

operatic (adjective)

operatic, dramatic

his end was pretty ~ (Mussolini and his mistress)

♦ "It's pretty operatic, it's pretty dramatic, he was killed on the shores of Lake Cuomo by Communist partisans, with his mistress, Clara Petacci, and dumped in the middle of Piazzale Loretto, in Milan..." (Professor John Foot of Bristol University on the last days of Mussolini, from BBC's "Great Lives: Mussolini," nominated the historian Margaret MacMillan, professor at the University of Oxford, 2018 Reith lecturer, and most recently the author of *War: How conflict shaped us.*)

♦ "Opera has been making art from death for more than four centuries."

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

comparison & contrast: affix

opiate (noun)

opiate of the people

sports, not religion, is the ~

consciousness & awareness: addiction / health & medicine

opium (noun)

opium of the camps

rumours were the ~ (comforting and false)

consciousness & awareness: addiction / health & medicine

optics (noun)

optics

the ~ look bad (politics)

the ~ are just awful (a newspaper story)

optics of rapprochement

Kim's letter played a part in the ~ (Korean leader)

optics of a response

the ~ like that would be devastating here (protesters)

confrontational optics

allies might be turned off by the ~ of a street protest

branding and optics

they've spun up an image, it's just ~ (Silicon Valley)

separate the optics from substance

we need to ~ (COP26)

♦ "It's not the optics that are not good, it's the facts that are not good." (Colorado Republican Congressman Mike Coffman about an ethics issue.)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / tools & technology

option (nuclear option)

nuclear option

threatening Medicare funding is the ~ (compliance)

nuclear option for state

this is the ~ (opting out of federal Medicaid)

opposes the (so-called) nuclear option

he ~ (withdrawal of US from Afghanistan)

employ the nuclear option

employers may be forced to ~ (drop health coverage)

oppose the nuclear option

I oppose the ~ (changing rules in Congress)

considered the "nuclear option"

the move was always ~ (Commerce Dept's entry list)

alternatives & choices / coercion & motivation / punishment & recrimination: nuclear energy

oracle (person)

oracle of Silicon Valley

he has been nicknamed the ~

oracle on Polar matters

Nansen was by then the undisputed ~

oracle of public taste

marketing experts regarded him as an ~ (Calvin Klein)

♦ *The Delphic Oracle was an important priestess in ancient Greece.*

person: religion

future / message / time: person / religion

oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.)

Oracle Corporation

the American multinational ~

proper name: religion

orbit (noun)

Trump orbit

he never lost touch, that often happens in ~

campaign orbit

three people in the ~ have tested positive for coronavirus

China's orbit

Thailand has moved firmly into ~

Moscow's orbit

once in ~, Moldova has been tilting towards the West
in his orbit
the investigation will look at people ~ (politics)
suspicions are swirling around people ~ (sex trafficker)

in his inner orbit
and now that major shakeup ~ (politician's top aid resigns)

within his orbit
he engaged the respect and affection of all ~

entered the Trump orbit
she first ~ during the campaign

brought him into the orbit
Juilliard ~ of Wynton Marsalis (Lawrence Leathers)

come into Marilyn Manson's orbit
how did you first ~ (allegations of abuse)

get out of that orbit
he tried to ~, but his dad pulled him back (Charles Koch)

leaving Larry's orbit
just as Daniel was ~, others were being drawn in (cult)

kept Greece out of the Communist orbit
the US had ~ (after WWII)

movement: astronomy

attraction & repulsion / bases / configuration / division & connection / relationship: astronomy / movement

orchestrate (verb)

orchestrated the assassination
no one knows who ~

orchestrated attacks
he has ~, bombings, kidnappings and beheadings

orchestrate a coverup
they tried to ~

orchestrated a hoax
he may have ~ (false hate-crime allegation)

orchestrated the whole thing
it's quite obvious he ~ (*The Power of the Dog*)

directing: music / verb

orchestrated

orchestrated to blame
he was the victim of a political hit job, ~ China

orchestrated campaign
Muslims fear they are the target of an ~ (religion)

orchestrated leaks
~ from the White House have exposed rifts

directing: music

orchid (character)

orchid children
“~” are more sensitive and biologically reactive

orchid or a dandelion
is your child an ~

♦ Terms with similar meanings are *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*, a *pansy*; a *wallflower*.

character & personality: person / plant

resiliency / strength & weakness: person / plant

order (get something in order, etc.)

get your house in order
you must ~

get our (fiscal) house in order
we must ~ (debt)

put his life (back) in order
he saw Islam as a way to ~

amelioration & renewal: hygiene

organ (of government, etc.)

organs of law and authority
drug money swept away the flimsy ~ (Colombia)

operation: government / mechanism

orgy (noun)

orgy of demolition
ISIS destroyed the ancient theater in an ~ (Syria)

orgy of patriotic fervour
Norway erupted in an ~ (Nansen, Johansen return safe)

orgy of looting
an ~ followed the collapse of Saddam's regime

orgy of violence
the film re-creates the ~ (Richard Farley case)

orgy of (sectarian) violence
they were the victims of an ~ (Yazidis in Iraq)

restraint & lack of restraint: sex

original sin

original sin
the ~ was what happened in 1953 (Iran-US relations)
torture is the ~ that creates these problems (Guantanamo)

original sin of this country
slavery is the ~

original sin of the Afghan war
the ~ was the failure of American political institutions to...

euro's original sin
perhaps this was the ~ (no penalty for breaking rules)

Roberts' original sin
for conservatives, ~ was his vote... (Supreme Court)

♦ “The way we talk about white privilege is eerily consonant with the way one talks about original sin.” (John McWhorter, author of *Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*.)

fate, fortune & chance / origin / punishment & recrimination: religion

orphan (noun)

orphan

the issue is an ~

orphans of extinction

endangered plants known by botanists as ~ (baobabs, etc.)

orphan in the world of learning

geography was an ~ (Middle Ages)

“orphan” academies

the school has been caught in the twilight zone of ~

orphan diseases

incentives to develop orphan drugs for ~

orphan drugs

incentives for companies to develop “~”

orphan films

old ~ can be preserved by archivists (copyright issues)

orphan wells

these “~” often sit on farmland (bankrupt oil firms)

♦ Orphan drugs treat rare diseases affecting fewer than 200,000 people.

division & connection / person / relationship: family

orphaned

inactive, abandoned, or orphaned

at least 167,000 wells are ~ (oil)

division & connection / relationship: family

Orwell

Orwell’s 1984

and just like that, we are one step closer to ~, wow...

♦ As W.H. Auden acknowledged, Orwell gave us the terminology to talk about totalitarian society: 1984; doublethink; Big Brother. Those allusions to his work are used to this day.

oppression: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Orwellian (adjective)

Orwellian agency

the futility of fighting an ~ with an obvious vendetta

Orwellian dystopia

Children of Men, an ~ (the film)

Orwellian dystopic society

cancel culture is leading us to an ~

Orwellian (surveillance) system

exporting such an ~ to other countries

Orwellian name changing

the road had been renamed in a frenzy of ~ (WWII)

called mandatory vaccination “Orwellian”

she ~ (a political candidate)

♦ “In Moulmein, in Lower Burma, I was hated by large numbers of people—the only time in my life that I have been important enough for this to happen to me. I was sub-divisional police officer of the town...” (The opening lines of “Shooting an Elephant” by George Orwell.)

♦ “My wound was not much, but it was a miracle it did not kill me. The bullet went clean through my neck but missed everything except one vocal cord, or rather the nerve governing it, which is paralysed. At first I had no voice at all but now the other vocal cord is compensating and the damaged one may or may not recover. My voice is practically normal but I can’t shout to any extent. I also can’t sing, but people tell me this doesn’t matter. I am rather glad to have been hit by a bullet because I think it will happen to us all in the near future...” (Letter to Rayner Heppenstall, 31 July 1937.)

oppression: allusion

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)

Oscars of surfing

the Billabong Big Waves Awards are the “~”

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / film

superlative: epithet / film

ostracized (society)

socially ostracized

if you’re truthful, you’ll be ~

acceptance & rejection: society

other (the other)

“the other”

she has had to balance feeling like ~ in her sport (biracial)

inclusion & exclusion: society

other (verb / groups, etc.)

othered us

this industry has continuously ~ (women in hip-hop)

inclusion & exclusion: society

othered

othered or erased

they are often ~ in mainstream imaginings (Black voters)

othered, objectified, or exoticized and coerced

these local women were often ~ (Rafia Zakaria)

excluded (from womanhood) and being othered

they are being ~ (“trans women are trans women”)

inclusion & exclusion: society

othering

Othering & Belonging

the ~ at the University of California, Berkeley

♦ “The opposite of Othering is not ‘saming,’ it is belonging.” (John A. Powell of the Othering & Belonging Institute at the University of California, Berkeley.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

otherism (noun)

fear and otherism
taking a stand against the politics of ~

inclusion & exclusion: society

ounce (amount)

ounce of prevention
an ~ is worth a pound of cure

ounce of truth
there's not an ~ in anything he says

amount: weight

oust (verb)

ousted her
they ~ in a boardroom coup

dismissal, removal & resignation: government / verb

ousted (removed)

ousted in April
he was ~ and filed a whistleblower's complaint

dismissal, removal & resignation: government

out (leave somebody an out, etc.)

left an out for Iran
he has ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

out (exclusion)

out
they voted him ~

acceptance & rejection: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (outpace, etc.)

outgun, outpace, outshine, outweigh, etc.

outworked and outthought
she ~ male rivals (Pelosi)

superiority & inferiority: affix

out (currency)

out this year
short skirts are ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (want out)

wanted out
she ~ (of a marriage)

avoidance & separation / situation: container / verb
allegiance, support & betrayal: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (reveal)

outed himself (over the weekend) as the owner
he ~ of the Twitter handle... (politician)

out anyone

I don't want to ~, but... (blacks who get black dialect wrong)

concealment & lack of concealment: container / verb

out (all out, etc.)

all out

Lizzo wears a leotard, she's twerking, she's ~ (compliment)

commitment & determination: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

outbreak (noun)

typhus outbreak
the ~

occurrence: pursuit, capture & escape

outburst (noun)

outburst of Iraqi anti-Americanism
the US airstrike resulted in an ~

emotional outbursts

there was a rational foundation for these ~

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion

outcast (person)

outcast Hollywood rebel
he was the ~ (film director Nicholas Ray)

outcast and non-conforming
Ibiza has long been an island for the ~

social outcast
he is a ~

outcast, and (sexual) rebel
the young mistress of H. G. Wells, social ~ (Rebecca West)

grew up as an outcast
he ~ (his father was hanged for murder)

society: person / throwing, putting & planting

person: society

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation: person / society / throwing, putting & planting

outcome (noun)

realistic outcomes
when scientists run simulations, they must get ~

product / relationship: movement

outcrop (and outcropping)

outcrop of a (heated) back-and-forth
the insults were an ~ between the two candidates

outcrops of simplicity

~ can appear in the worst writing (Orwell)

outcropping from other initiatives

the new character is a natural ~ (the Julia Muppet)

natural outcrop

this is simply the ~ of her company's success (complaints)

bases / occurrence: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

outcry (noun)

outcry

of course there's going to be an ~ (sportswashing)

sparked an outcry

his remarks ~ (about racism)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

outdated (adjective)

outdated argument

it's an ~ (that women's boxing is inferior)

outdated (and environmentally irresponsible) totems

big dams are seen as ~, wasteful symbols of pride...

received and outdated

Nansen did his best to overcome Scott's ~ opinions

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

past & present / time: day

outdueled

outdueled by Manning

Romo was ~ (two football quarterbacks)

conflict: weapon

outed (concealment)

outed and shamed

I hope she's ~ (gold digger accuses athlete)

concealment & lack of concealment: container

outfox (verb)

outfoxed his (political) opponents

he ~

behavior / subterfuge: animal / fox / verb

outgunned

outgunned, outspent, out-lied

we're going to be ~ (election)

strength & weakness: military / weapon

conflict: military / weapon

superiority & inferiority: military / weapon

competition: prep, adv, adj, particle

outlet (noun)

outlet for (public) criticism

the majlis provides an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

outlet for their frustrations

people need an ~ (Baghdad gyms)

outlet or hobby

a creative ~ that fosters a sense of achievement (coping)

creative outlet

a ~ can do a lot to relieve stress

give people an outlet

the media ~ (TV and radio in Afghanistan)

amelioration & renewal / constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure / movement / pressure / water

overflow (verb)

overflow

English prisons began to ~ (too many prisoners)

♦ "As soon as the American outlet was stopped up, English prisons began to overflow." (*The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes.)

movement: water

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: movement / water

outlier (noun)

outlier

when it comes to free speech, the US is the ~ (too free)

outlier case

why is an ~ like this getting so much oxygen (hate crime)

outliers out there

there are ~ that are preaching nonsense (vaccines)

society: center & periphery

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: center & periphery

outpace (verb)

outpacing the ability

technology is ~ of governments to keep up

outpaced decision-making

clearly, events have ~ (Afghanistan 2021)

competition: verb / walking, running & jumping

superiority & inferiority: verb / walking, running & jumping

outpost (noun)

outposts at US universities

the language centers provide China with ~

presence & absence: military

survival, persistence & endurance: military

outpouring

outpouring of aid

the disaster prompted an ~

outpouring of generosity

the ~ has slowed to a trickle (aid)

outpouring of good neighborliness

this ~ went beyond delivering meals (Irish / pandemic)
outpouring of (new) poems
in his 60s the floodgates opened with an ~ (Geoffrey Hill)
outpouring of sympathy
there has been a tremendous ~ from so many...
outpouring of (both) praise and outrage
her film has drawn an ~
tremendous outpouring
there has been a ~ from so many of you

amount & effect / constraint & lack of constraint / movement: water

outrider (noun)

hedonistic outriders
he had contempt for modernity and its ~

driving force: horse

outrun (verb)

outrunning our ability
the virus is ~ to counter it
competition: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

outset (from the outset)

from the outset
she had wanted a different approach ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

outset (at the outset of 2020, etc.)

at the outset of 2020
~, we look back on...

time: journeys & trips

outset (at the outset / career, etc.)

at the outset of her (newspaper) career
she covered right-wing movements ~ (journalist)
at the outset of the investigation
we said ~ that if the facts and the law...

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

outshine (verb)

outshines us in health care
Canada clearly ~
outshine the main act
sometimes an opening act will ~ (concerts)
outshine the competition
he continues to ~
outshone everyone else
she ~ onstage (ballet)

outshone his rivals
during the financial crisis, he ~ (a C.E.O.)
he ~ in the first debate (a politician)
competition: light & dark / prep, adv, adj, particle
attention, scrutiny & promotion / competition / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority: astronomy / light & dark / verb
outside (outside world, etc.)

outside world
to the ~, India's riches were always the stuff of legends

center & periphery: earth & world / container / prep, adv, adj, particle

outside (perspective)

from the outside
it's easy to criticize ~ (Afghan withdrawal)

perception, perspective & point of view: center & periphery / container / prep, adv, adj, particle

outsider (person)

outsider
Trump won because he was an ~
they are ~s banging on the doors of city government
byzantine regulations are hard for the ~ to navigate (Egypt)

outsiders to the world
~ of money soon notice... (finance)

outsider art
he is well known to fans of ~

outsider's view
an ~

Washington outsider
he is a ~ facing down entrenched insiders

straight-talking outsider
he was a ~

political outsider
he presents himself as a ~ who will not represent K Street
he was a ~ (independent politician Ross Perot)
he is a ~, who wants to change the way Washington works

rebellious outsider
he is a ~

weird outsider
he is the ~ who becomes influential (scientist)

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates
they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

remained an outsider
in China, she ~ (a young woman from Kuytun)

◆ The Japanese refer to foreigners as *gaijin*, literally, "outsider."

person: society

power / society: center & periphery / person

outweigh (power)

outweigh us in every department
they ~ (war)

competition: prep, adv, adj, particle

power: weight / verb

superiority & inferiority: verb / weight

outweigh (cost and benefit)

outweighed the bad
the good ~ (in a relationship)

outweigh the deeds
the acts of a few should not ~ of the many (war)

outweigh the risks
the drug is usually safe but benefits must ~

cost & benefit: scale / weight / verb

oven (the Oven, etc.)

Gladiator School, Torture island, the Oven
nicknames included ~ (Rikers Island jail)
♦ Rikers Island jail is nicknamed the Oven because it gets so hot in the summer due to its concrete floors and steel doors.

environment: container / fire / manufacturing / temperature

over (dominance)

over me
I don't want nobody ~

has an advantage over her
he ~ (politics)

dominance & submission / hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

over (finished)

over
class was finally ~
the Gilded Age of rock journalism is ~
this won't be ~ anytime soon
the duck face days are ~ (selfie pose)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle

over (affix)

"over-believes"
it is clear that everybody ~ in recycling

overdeliver
hopefully, the storm will underdeliver, but it could ~

overplayed
they ~ their hand (Google versus EU)

overpromise
of course he overpromised, all candidates ~ (politics)

overshare

celebrities routinely ~ on social media

overstretches
the US ~ the concept of national security

overpolicing
the imbalance of ~ and underprotecting (groups)

over-promising
in Silicon Valley ~, ~ your product isn't unusual

overthinking
they may be ~ certain things (too sensitive)

over-charged
the state ~ the case from the beginning (Kyle Rittenhouse)

over-policed
what do you mean, ~, and what does that look like
the community felt ~ yet underserved (Baltimore)
so, we're ~ and under-resourced (a black woman)

Over-policed
Black, Brown and ~ in L.A. Schools (a report)

over-served
I was ~ at the bar...
he was ~ (Who's To Blame When You Get Drunk)
♦ "The state over-charged the case from the beginning...to find him guilty of something." (The Kyle Rittenhouse case.)

flaws & lack of flaws: affix / direction

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix / direction

overboard (behavior)

a little overboard
I admit I went ~ (dispute with store manager)

way overboard
we have gone ~ (incarceration)

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: affix / boat

overboard (throw somebody overboard)

threw the commanding officer overboard
they ~ without a thorough investigation (military)
allegiance, support & betrayal / dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb / violence

overcome (verb)

overcome
it was a difficult hurdle to ~
the lure of the north is hard to ~ (migrants)

overcome a broken heart
you can ~

overcome its (deep-rooted) problems
the company must ~

overcame a lot of things
she ~ in her life, but... (died in pandemic)

overcome a confidence-shattering rookie year
trying to ~ (basketball)

resiliency / resistance, opposition & defeat: verb
obstacles & impedance: mountains & hills

overdose (noun)

overdose of history
as a child I was poisoned by an ~ (Israeli Amos Oz)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: addiction / affix / health & medicine

overdrive (in / into overdrive)

into overdrive
it sent the village rumour mill ~

gone into overdrive
in recent years, those efforts have ~

went into overdrive
my imagination ~

activity: engine / mechanism

overflowing (adjective)

overflowing inbox
problems with an ~

movement / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: water

overhang (noun)

overhang of criminal prohibition
once we clear away the ~ (therapeutic psychedelics)

♦ "That was full on, scary, hard." (Passing the Bottleneck on K2. It is overhung by enormous seracs which could fall at any time.)

dominance & submission: mountains & hills

overheated (adjective)

become overheated
she advises him not to get so ~ (an advocate)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix

overinflated (adjective)

overinflated reputations
a critic should prick ~ (poetry)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere
flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix

overlapped

overlapped on a number of occasions
our careers and lives ~

configuration: cloth

overload (noun)

overload of choice
there is a cost to having an ~

information overload

"infobesity," or ~
our research team studies ~ (Semantic Scholar)

flaws & lack of flaws: burden / weight

oppression: burden / weight

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: burden / weight

overloaded

overloaded with spices
the sauce was wildly out of balance, ~

overloaded, bogged down
hospitals are ~ (epidemic)

flaws & lack of flaws: burden / weight

oppression: burden / weight

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: burden / weight

overlord (person)

conglomerate's IT overlords
the ~ gathered in Maidenhead, England (NotPetya worm)

power: history / person / royalty

overnight

overnight success
she was an ~ (an artist)
the firm wasn't an ~

collapsed overnight
apple sales ~

come about overnight
the recession didn't ~

solved overnight
the problem will not be ~

speed: day

overplay (verb)

overplayed their hand
they ~ (Google versus EU)

failure, accident & impairment: cards / sports & games / verb

overreach (verb)

overreached
BP ~ (and caused an oil-drilling catastrophe)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: affix / arm / boundary / distance / verb

overreach (noun)

overreach of his power
this is an ~ (mask mandate / pandemic)

big technology's overreach
~, this unchecked power, is equally frightening

constitutional overreach
this monumental act of ~ (US Prohibition)

behavior: arm / boundary / distance
restraint & lack of restraint: arm / boundary / distance
constraint & lack of constraint: arm / boundary / distance

overrun (verb)

overrunning the region
tourists are ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

overrun (overwhelmed)

overrun
we must avoid the risk of hospitals being ~ (pandemic)

overrun with calls
911 dispatchers were soon ~

overrun with requests
staff are being ~ for information

overrun by otters
the state has been ~ (Illinois)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

overshadow (verb)

overshadowed the race
the tragedy ~ (fatality)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / competition / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority:

light & dark / shadow / verb

overstep (verb)

overstepped his authority
a judge ruled the health commissioner ~

overstep his boundaries
a journalist should not ~

overstepped his bounds
he's a creep who ~ (gossip)

overstepping their bounds
Homeowner's Associations are ~

overstepped a line
he felt she had ~
the covert operation probably ~

overstepped the line
most priests are not predators, but some have ~ (sex)

overstepped his (electoral) mandate
the governor has ~ (politics)

overstepped his office
the president has ~ (interfering in local issue)

overstepped its power
the government has ~

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb / walking, running & jumping

overstretch (verb)

overstretches the concept
the US ~ of national security (criticism by China)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: arm / boundary / distance / verb

over-the-top (adjective)

over-the-top news stories
most ~ cite anonymous officials (South Korea)

restraint & lack of restraint: direction

overthrow (verb)

overthrew his father
the emir, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, ~

overthrew the government
he vowed to ~ (Joseph Kony / Uganda)
its goal is to ~ and install a theocracy (Algeria)

overthrew the government
the military ~ (Fiji / 2006)

vowed to overthrow
he ~ the government (Joseph Kony / Uganda)

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb

overturn (verb)

overturn the ban
they will go to court to try and ~
he is working to ~ (nuclear power / California)
he led the charge to ~

overtur the (climbing) ban
the group wants to ~ (Twin Sisters / Idaho)

overturned the conviction
a French appeals court ~ of six accused of...

overturned (conventional) theories
he ~ about the origin of autism (Rimland)

overtur his (father's) will
Leon Hendrix was seeking to ~ and gain control

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / reversal: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb

overturned

overturned convictions
unnecessary appeals and ~
faulty FBI lab work may result in ~s

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / reversal: direction / equilibrium & stability

overwhelm (as noun)

chaos and overwhelm

the ~ of it all ("A Letter to College Sports")

♦ People also ask Can Overwhelm be used as a noun? (Google search.)

♦ "The overwhelming overwhelm" by Merrill Perlman is a superb article dealing with cases like these (*Columbia Journalism Review*, June 27, 2017). Perlman includes plenty of examples of usage that include the important collocations and contexts. My "takeaway" (= what I found significant) in her article is this: "Even so, no other major dictionary [other than the OED] includes the noun" and "there's no stopping people who want to improve (or improvise) existing words." Nuff said.

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

owe (obligation)

owe people explanations
you don't ~

owe her everything
I ~ (my wife, said by a grateful husband)

owe you anything
the world does not ~

owe you nothing
your parents ~

owed it to myself
I ~ to consider the implications...

owe a lot to my parents
I ~

owe a debt (of gratitude) to my editor
I ~ (writer / acknowledgments)

owes to Allah
Hajj is a duty that mankind ~

owe him
you haven't understood a thing, I ~ (film *Miranda*)

obligation: money / verb

owe (relationship)

owe its existence to fiber optics
the information superhighway ~

owes its origins to the Phoenicians
the name Spain (Hispania) ~

owe my (windsurfing) career to him
I ~ (mentor)

owe a lot to my heritage
I ~ (Iowa)

relationship: money / verb

own (possess)

owned it
I accepted my Gemini soul, I ~, in fact I adored it (Kravitz)

owns the past
who really ~ (looted and smuggled antiquities)

owning her talents

she is now ~ (victim of sex abuse)

possession: money / verb

own (responsibility)

own the defeat

he must ~ and be held responsible for it (Labor Party)

owns (a big piece of) the disaster

I think Biden ~ (Afghanistan withdrawal)

own this

President Biden does not want to ~ (Afghanistan collapse)

responsibility: money / verb

own (dominate)

owned the center

Fury ~ of the ring and dictated the fight (boxing)

"own" Myanmar

people say China is the "big daddy" and will soon ~

owned the pool

the US has ~ (at British Olympics)

dominance & submission: money / verb

own (make something one's own)

made it her own

she ~ (the song "Respect" sung by Aretha)

possession: money / verb

ownership (noun)

took no ownership

he ~ of what he's done (criminal case)

♦ "I want them to step up, I want them to take ownership, I want them to explain what went on..." (A grieving mother whose son died at a fraternity hazing ritual that involved alcohol.)

possession / responsibility: money

Oxford (Oxford of China, etc.)

Oxford of China

Peking University is the ~

Oxford of the East of Europe

here might be the ~ (Starkie, in 1929, about Cluj)

knowledge & intelligence: epithet

oxygen (fuel)

oxygen

liberalism is the ~ that his conflagration required (Trump)
why is an outlier case getting so much ~ (hoax hate crime)

oxygen that fuels

cryptocurrency like Bitcoin is the ~ this ransomware fire

oxygen for the theory

the ~ is that...

political oxygen

underdog candidates gulped much-needed ~ (TV debate)

with her ~ running out, she heads for the exits (candidate)
the impeachment has been sucking up a lot of the ~

oxygen has been sucked up
much of the political ~ by the presidential race (other races)

provide more oxygen
if they did that, it would ~ for this controversy (sports)

give oxygen
ignoring it will ~ to extremists (ethnic identity of criminals)
we don't want to ~ to his ideology (media suppresses manifesto)

giving oxygen
Biden has accused him of ~ to bigotry

suck up all of the political oxygen
impeachment going forward is ~ in Congress

initiation: air / atmosphere / chemistry / fire
growth & development / increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / chemistry / fire

oxygen (life)

oxygen
for Soviet Russians, his poetry was ~ (Boris Pasternak)

survival, persistence & endurance: air / breathing

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Pablo Escobar (of the Middle East, etc.)

“Pablo Escobar of the Middle East”
Hajji Bashir Noorzai, the ~ (in prison in the US)

comparison & contrast: epithet

pace (at a pace)

at the pace of repairs
frustrated ~, he traveled to San Jose...

at one's own pace
and there's more freedom to work ~

at a snail's pace
moving ~ is the norm above 8,000 meters (climbing)

at their own pace
the computer program allows students to work ~

at an accelerating pace
these norms are unraveling ~

at an alarming pace
but disasters have continued ~ (mine industry)

at an accelerated pace
lesbian culture evolved ~
achieving the desired outcome at an ~

at a set pace
it is not ~ (human growth and development)

at a furious pace
when national chains were building ~;
once the snow began, it fell ~

at a glacial pace
benefits and appeals are decided ~ (veterans)

at a rapid pace
the polar ice cap will shrink ~ for the next 50 years

at a tolerable pace
denial allows assimilation of tragic information ~

speed: foot / walking, running & jumping

pace (speed)

pace (of medical research) is glacial
the ~

dictated the pace
he has ~ (mixed-martial arts fight)

gathers pace
as the emergency response ~

♦ “Every word has its own pace.” (Peter Sokolowski of Merriam-Webster, answering a question about how long it takes for a word or definition to become recognized.)

speed: foot / walking, running & jumping

pace-setter (noun)

pace-setter
the US has always wanted to be the ~ (in physics, etc.)

pace setter
the company is more an efficient imitator than a ~

publishing pacesetter
the magazine was a ~ of the Internet economy

pathfinders and pacesetters
jazz venerate its ~ (elders)

competition / driving force: person / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

pacesetting (adjective)

pacesetting bebop pianist
Tyner was referring to the ~ (Bud Powell)

pacesetting artists
~ like Samuel Fosso and Pascale Martine Tayou

competition / driving force: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

pack (competition)

head of the pack
the consensus is that she is at the ~ (a candidate)

leading the pack
he is ~ but nipping at his heels is Pete Buttigieg (election)

competition: animal / dog / wolf

pack (group)

pack of riders

on Sunday, he finished in the main ~ (Tour de France)

packs of youth

~s roamed the streets (Ottawa power outage)

lead pack

as the ~ approached the third turn on lap 39 (NASCAR)
he stayed in the ~ (Nascar racer)

main pack

Armstrong finished with the ~ (Tour de France)

troop or pack

everyone involved in a ~ (Boy Scouts)

finished with the (main) pack

Armstrong ~ (Tour de France)

break free from the pack

~ (ad for a contraceptive)

separate it from the pack

each translator tries to bring something new to ~ (Dante)

group, set & collection: animal

package (benefits, etc.)

incentive package

creating ~s

benefit package

the federal government offers a very generous ~ (jobs)

settlement package

the company's ~ (for death of worker)

severance package

the charge will fund ~s (a company)

he got a \$5.5 million ~ (executive of failed company)

financial aid package

asking for a better ~ (colleges)

generous (benefit) package

the federal government offers a very ~ (jobs)

configuration / group, set & collection: container

package (commercial)

package rate

30 percent off the ~ for a ski trip

hotel's (\$899-a-couple) package

the ~

dive package

selling ~s

air and accommodation packages

the lodge offers ~ (Alaska)

most heavily promoted package

most choose the ~ (buying autos)

\$899-a-couple package

the hotel's ~

offers (air and accommodation) packages

the lodge ~ (Alaska)

configuration / group, set & collection: container

pack rat (person)

pack rat

he is a ~, and kept the original packaging (a CD)

behavior / character & personality: animal

paean (noun)

paean to the swan

Michael Morpurgo's ~ (BBC 4 Tweet of the Day)

paean to tolerance

to some it's a ~ (the beloved film Sound of Music)

paean to increasing population

the annual summit is a ~ through birth (vs. immigration)

paean to fells (hills), becks (streams), and flocks

it is a ~ (*Pastoral Song* by James Rebanks)

politically correct paean

the book is not a ~ (*The General's Daughter*)

delivered a paean

John Reid has just ~ of praise for Gordon Brown (politics)

achievement, recognition & praise: music

♦ see also *praise (sing someone's praises)*

page (on the same page)

on the same page

this year, everyone is ~ (successful team)

unanimity & consensus: books & reading

page (turn the page)

turn the page

it's time to ~ and go to the next chapter of my life

turning over a new page

we are ~ in the history of Kyrgyzstan (elections)

turn a new page after two world wars

he went to Germany to ~ (Charles de Gaulle)

turn the page on past events

the settlement is an opportunity to ~ (payment of fine)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: books & reading

page (development)

page has turned

it feels like a ~ regarding sex abuse (stronger sentences)

start a new page

we will ~

development: books & reading

pageant (noun)

pageant of death and rebirth
the primordial ~ of light (solar eclipse)

majestic global pageant
this ~ (migratory birds)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / group, set & collection: movement / walking, running & jumping

pain (economic pain, etc.)

economic pain
many Americas are experiencing great ~ (recession)
there is only corruption, humiliation, and ~
tariffs will just cause us ~

political pain
Trump knows economic meltdown brings ~ (COVID-19)

forecasts of pain
sweeping ~ for the continent (climate report / Africa)

ease the pain
to help ~, the White House will... (high gas prices)

inflict pain
we need to ~ (a tech titan about a competitor)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation

pain (pain in the neck, etc.)

pain in the ass
it's a ~ (doing the job right)

pain in the butt
journalists are a ~ (asking questions, etc.)

pain in the neck
rebuilding it will be a ~ (damaged overpass)
what a ~

pain in my neck
she was often a ~

affliction / character & personality: health & medicine / neck / person / sensation

pain (emotional)

lonely pain
many still struggle with the ~ (of 9/11)

in pain
if Aaron was ~, he took care not to show it (dad died)

leave me in all this pain
don't ~ (emotional pain)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mental health / sensation

painful (adjective)

painful

this has been very ~ from a balance-sheet perspective

painful chapter
it was a ~ in Indian history (white boarding schools)

painful injustice
~ and ordinary heroism (the film *Women Is Losers*)

painful truth
here's the ~

painful vigil
the ~ of a mother

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation

paint (characterize)

paint the entire border patrol with this same brush
to ~ is irresponsible and unfair (misdeeds of 3 agents)

painted her as an adulteress
the prosecution ~

painted the North as a promised land
he ~ (Robert Sengstacke Abbott of *Chicago Defender*)

paint democrats as extreme
republicans want to ~

paint alcoholics in harsher colors
we need to ~ (TV shows)

paint a (bleaker) picture
there are doctors who ~ than necessary

painted an (ugly) picture
she ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

paint the accuser as troubled
his lawyer continued to ~

characterization: picture / verb

paint (resemblance)

knead, wax, pluck, rub, and paint
estheticians ~ people

resemblance: picture / verb

paint (coat of paint)

fresh coat of paint
it's pretty much just NAFTA with a ~ (USMCA)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances

painted (characterized)

painted as a horrible person
I was being ~, and I couldn't do anything about it (banned)

characterization: picture

palace (movie palace, etc.)

Palace of Weddings
the city's elegant ~ (Krasnoyarsk)

Beckingham Palace
their country mansion, known as ~ (English soccer star)

corn palace
the world's only ~ (Mitchell, South Dakota)

ice palace
in the late 1800s cities built ~s for winter carnivals

movie palace
the ~s of his youth

pet palace
Atwood's Pet Resort in SeaTac is a ~

air-conditioned palace
the Grand Ole Opry moved into its new ~

resemblance: royalty

palatable (adjective)

palatable to the left
a way that is ~

consumption: food & drink / taste

flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste

palatial (adjective)

palatial (Manhattan) loft
she designed the kitchen in his ~

run from basic to palatial
river shacks ~ (South Carolina)

♦ "A hut is a palace to the poor man." (Irish.)

size: royalty

comparison & contrast: affix

palette (noun)

palette of ethnic groups
the Kachin dominion includes a ~ (Burma)

palette of options
the government has a ~ it can use to shore up the economy

alternatives & choices / amount: color

group, set & collection: color

palisade (noun)

palisades of steel
they are great ~ (container ships)

resemblance: fortification

pall (cast a pall)

cast a pall on the (peace) process
the victory by Hamas ~

cast a pall over the Olympics
the accident ~ (luge death / Winter Olympics)

casts a pall everywhere
if it ~, there is a special darkness to it here (mass shooting)

♦ A pall is the cloth covering a coffin, hearse or tomb.

feeling, emotion & effect: burial / cloth / verb

oppression: burial / cloth / verb

palm (in the palm of one's hand)

in the palm of his hand
he had everything ~ and it was taken away (arrest)

in the palm of their hand
they had victory ~ but... (soccer team)

attainment / possession: hand

palpable (adjective)

palpable
her anger is often ~, the color literally drains from her face

palpable in Puerto Rico
the mental health toll of the hurricane is still ~

palpable enmity
there was ~ in the air to begin with (an interview)

absolutely palpable
the tension is ~ in the stadium (Rio 2016 football final)

nearly palpable
the tension between them was ~ (politics)

tragically palpable
a threat to personal space is ~ (police shootings)

excitement (surrounding the team this year) is palpable
the ~ (Super Bowl LVI / Cincinnati)

fear is palpable
the ~ on both sides (Kashmir)

frustration was palpable
but his ~

grief is palpable
the ~ (9/11 memorial)

♦ You can feel something that is palpable through the skin (like an inflamed lymph node), or seem to feel it (an emotion, for instance), even if it is invisible.

presence & absence / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

panacea (noun)

panacea
the new rules will not be a ~
blockchain is not a ~, it's not this magical thing

♦ A synonym for panacea is cure-all. In Greek mythology, Panacea was a goddess of healing.

amelioration & renewal: allusion / health & medicine / religion

Panama Canal (of its day, etc.)

Panama of its day
the Miracle Canal was truly a ~ (Qin dynasty)

transportation: epithet

pancake (verb)

pancaked during the earthquake
several buildings ~

configuration: food & drink / verb

pancake (pancake ice, etc.)

pancake ice
~ in the Weddell Sea

♦ "Lake Michigan ice pancakes lap against pier." (An ABC video taken near St. Joseph, Michigan.)

shape: food & drink

pancake (noun)

pancake
the collapse created a ~ on the floors below

configuration: food & drink

pancaked

pancaked
the plane was ~, it's totally crushed and pulverized
about half of the parking garage was ~

pancaked floors
they could see bodies in the ~ (earthquake)

pancaked pile
crews continue to comb through the ~ of debris

configuration: food & drink

pandemic (noun)

pandemic of street racing
one person dies and there is all of a sudden a ~

'shooting pandemic'
it could be called a ~ (yet another U.S. mass shooting)

extent & scope: health & medicine

pander (verb)

pandered to their political bases
the politicians ~

pander (the most) to the far right
who is going to ~ (French elections)

pander for selfish gain at the expense of truth and justice
I will not ~ (Aramis Ayala)

♦ Pandarus fought for the Trojans in Homer's Iliad. In a different incarnation, he is mentioned by Boccaccio, Chaucer and Shakespeare as someone assisting lovers. He helps the two lovers in Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde.

speech: Iliad & Odyssey / sex / verb

Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)

Pandora Papers
they are called the ~ (12 million leaked documents)

Pandora's Box

this is a ~ and we don't know what will happen (vaccine)

Pandora's box of (menacing) possibilities
they have opened a ~ (war)

Pandora's box of (legal) troubles
his plea agreement may have opened up a ~ for Trump

forbidden fruit, a Promethean fire, a Pandora's box
this is ~, and evil genie

open a Pandora's box of incidents
an investigation might ~ ignored over the years

opened a Pandora's box of (menacing) possibilities
they have ~ (war)

reopen the Pandora's box of (ethnic) conflict
failure to act will ~ (Balkans)

♦ Nathaniel Hawthorne wonderfully tells the story of Pandora's box in *A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys*. His emphasis is on the curiosity that all children have.

♦ In Greek mythology, the myth of Prometheus and the story of Pandora are intertwined.

♦ "I opened a Pandora's box. I released a Frankenstein. People are just breeding for the money... unscrupulous breeders are crossing poodles with inappropriate dogs simply so they can say they were the first to do it." (Wally Conran, the Australian who created the labradoodle in the late 1980s. He now says his creation is his "life's regret." The labradoodle has been called the first "designer dog." His concern is about dogs and their health problems.)

**affliction / concealment & lack of concealment / pursuit,
capture & escape / initiation: allusion / container /
creature / religion / verb**

Panglossian (adjective)

Panglossian viewpoint
it's easy to make fun of his ~

♦ Pangloss was a fictional character from *Candide* by Voltaire. Pangloss was famous for his optimism.

♦ "With all this manure, there must be a pony somewhere!" (This joke is very well researched at: quoteinvestigator.com/2013/12/13/pony-somewhere/ The article contains a link to a 1984 William Safire article in *The New York Times*.

♦ "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

♦ see also side (bright side)

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

character & personality / flaws & lack of flaws: allusion

panhandle (area)

Florida panhandle
he drove through the ~

♦ Nine US states are considered to have panhandles, including Florida.

shape: cooking

area: shape

panic (noun)

gay panic
the ~ defense won't work (trial)

moral panic

evidence-based decisions should replace ~ (psychedelics)
there are always these ~s over what goes on in schools

behavior / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

panoply (noun)

panoply of (current) art
the ~ (an art exhibition)

panoply of (other) agencies
the FBI and DEA were there, as well as a ~ (investigation)

panoply of incongruities
the exhibit is a ~ ("Making the Met 1870-2020")

panoply of tools
social media provides a new ~ to spread disinformation

full panoply
the ~ of services for long-term care (including hospice)
dealing with the ~ of issues that divide us (diplomacy)

♦ A panoply is a complete suit of armor.

amount / group, set & collection: military

panopticon (noun)

medical panopticon

Thrun envisages a ~ that constantly scans us (AI diagnosing)

♦ This refers to Jeremy Bentham's idea for a circular penitentiary open to hidden view from a central office. The idea was, inmates would control themselves if they knew they were being secretly watched at every moment.

surveillance: allusion / crime / history

pan out (verb)

pan out

the deal didn't ~
if the projects ~... (energy development)
she had a couple of relationships that didn't ~

♦ One dictionary dates the origin of this word to 1868. Famous gold rushes include: California (1848), Australia (1851), the Black Hills Gold Rush (1876), South Africa (1886), and the Klondike (1898).

success & failure: mining / verb

worth & lack of worth: mining / verb

pantheon (noun)

pantheon of (past keynote) speakers
he joins a ~ (political conventions)

Blues pantheon

the Chicago ~ (Howlin' Wolf, Elmore James, Magic Sam, and Junior Wells)

pop pantheon

she is part of the ~, for sure (Lana Del Ray)

in an illustrious pantheon

vaccines are ~ (discoveries that saved billions)

in that (same) pantheon

other athletes deserve to be ~ winners)

within the pantheon

~ of great sci-fi from the 190s and 1970s (a movie)

icon in the pantheon

Kirk Douglas will always be an ~ of Hollywood

entered the pantheon

she ~ in 1991 (Tina Turner / Rock & Roll Hall of Fame)

place him in the pantheon

his barrel rides ~ of great surfers (Garrett McNamara)

pantheon (that) speaks to the white patriarchy

it is a ~ (American naturalists / J. Drew Lanham)

♦ In ancient Greek times, a pantheon was a temple dedicated to all of the gods.

superlative: allusion / place / religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

importance & significance: religion

pants (caught with one's pants down)

caught with our pants down

we were ~ (CDC official)

caught with its (tactical) pants down

law enforcement was ~ (Silk Road online drugs bazaar)

readiness & preparedness: clothing & accessories / verb

pants (get in somebody's pants)

get in my pants

they all wanted to ~ (pretty girl vs. high-school boys)

sex: clothing & accessories / euphemism / verb

pants (scare the pants off somebody)

scare the pants off people

it will ~ (lawlessness)

hyperbole: clothing & accessories / verb

courage & lack of courage: clothing & accessories / verb

pants (big girl pants, etc.)

put on the big boy pants

he needs to ~ and act as commander in chief

put his big-boy pants on

the president needs to ~ and acknowledge that he lost

put your big-girl pants on

you need to ~ and deal with it

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

♦ "Need to" often collocates with this expression.

growth & development: death & life

role: clothing & accessories

paper tiger

paper tiger

Osama bin Laden believed America was a ~

substance & lack of substance: animal / tiger

strength & weakness: animal / tiger
appearance & reality: animal / tiger
force: animal / tiger

parachute (drop in)

parachute journalism

writers doing the 20th century version of ~ (Appalachia)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

parachute (golden parachute)

golden parachute

CEOs got high salaries and generous ~s

lucrative golden parachute

they rewarded him with a ~ (Blatt)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

achievement, recognition & praise: plane

parachute (verb)

parachute into poor countries

college kids ~ for medical missions (malpractice)

parachutes into governor's race

Trump ~ on election eve (Virginia 2021)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

appearance & disappearance: plane

parachuted

parachuted in

he was ~ last year to lead a turnaround of the business

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

parade (verb)

paraded him at a news conference

the authorities ~ in Minsk

paraded a scientist around right-wing outlets

as proof, they ~

directing / performance: theater / verb

parade (noun)

parade of suspects

the investigation has seen a ~ over the years (crime)

parade of witnesses

a ~ has corroborated his account (hearings)

after a ~, it was up to the jury

endless parade

the seemingly ~ of principals (troubled middle school)

never-ending parade

a ~ of visits

nonstop parade

a ~ of local heroes carrying the Olympic torch

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / group, set &

collection: movement / walking, running & jumping

paradise

paradise

the place was a ~ compared to Botany Bay (Sydney)

hikers' paradise

Aspen is a ~

bird lover's paradise

Horicon Marsh is a ~ (Wisconsin)

smuggler's paradise

the ~ of Tijuana (drugs)

surfer's paradise

this ~ (Kuta, Bali)

surfers' paradise

Jaws is a ~ (north shore of Maui, Hawaii)

the North Shore of Oahu has long been a ~

skateboarder's paradise

the park is a ~

train lover's paradise

China is a ~ (43,000 miles of operating tracks)

windsurfing paradise

the Columbia River Gorge is a ~

island paradise

the ~ turned into hell by terrorists (Bali)

redneck paradise

rock on through to ~

no one's uptight at ~

natural paradise

they live in a ~ (langurs of Halong Bay)

socialist paradise

he promised Venezuelans a better life in a ~

tropical paradise

in theory this place should be a ~

♦ The Horicon Marsh in Wisconsin is a bird-lover's paradise with its geese and great blue herons. It is the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States.

environment / superlative: religion

flaws & lack of flaws: religion

Paradise Lost (allusion)

Paradise Lost

this ~ kind of family mythology (formerly rich family)

♦ Paradise Lost was the poem by John Milton.

division & connection: allusion / religion

paradisiacal (and paradisal)

paradisal (Mediterranean) island

a bank manager who goes to live like a peasant on a ~

paradisiacal sounds

fountains provide ~ (Hama, Syria)

paradisiacal time warp

the forests of Bucovina seemed to exist in a ~
♦ Pronounced para-duh-SEE-uh-kul. If you know how to pronounce a word, you will use it.

feeling, emotion & effect: religion
comparison & contrast: affix

paralysis (noun)

political paralysis
it was a result of the ~ in Washington
~ may push American off a fiscal cliff

functioning: health & medicine / movement

paralyze (verb)

paralyzed Algiers
the heaviest snow in more than 50 years ~

paralyzed Yaoundé
antigovernment riots ~, Cameroon's capital (2008)

riots paralyzed Yaoundé
antigovernment ~, Cameroon's capital (2008)

snow (in more than 50 years) paralyzed Algiers
the heaviest ~

functioning: health & medicine / movement / verb

paralyzed (feeling)

paralyzed with grief
when I got home I was ~ (Everest 96)

paralyzed by fear
we are absolutely ~ (stuck in a job you don't like)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / health & medicine / movement

paralyzed (functioning)

paralyzed by hackers
Baltimore struggles to revive computer systems ~

left (most of) the capital paralyzed
the assault ~ (Baghdad terrorism)

functioning: health & medicine / movement

paramount (adjective)

paramount importance
being ethical is of ~

importance & significance: height / mountains & hills

parapet (noun)

parapets of schism
Catholics, Orthodox hurl insults at each other over the ~

put his head above the parapet
the Ibrox legions need a hero to ~ and voice fan concerns

put my head above the parapet
I ~ and admit that I was wrong (a sports blogger)

raise their heads above the parapet
it's when things fail that allegations of corruption ~
stuck their heads above the (proverbial) parapet
the people who have ~ (groups)

conflict: fortification

parasite (person)

parasite
critics are ~s (literary critics)
tax evaders are ~s to society (Italy)
she is a ~ who exploits her culture for money (a writer)
they are ~s whose work depends on the activity of others

parasite on the economy
the government is not simply a ~

parasite agents
the ~ on a percentage (high prices for soccer players)

parasite, a leech
she's a ~ (charges soldiers for river water)

described as parasites
they were ~, socially dangerous and harmful (USSR)

affliction / insult: animal / person

pare (verb)

pare (back) tax cuts
to pay for it, the president would ~ (huge spending bill)

dismissal, removal & resignation: knife / verb

pared (pared to the bone)

pared to the bone
the delegation has been ~ (government trip abroad)

♦ see also *bone (cut something to the bone, etc.)*

dismissal, removal & resignation / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: knife / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

parent (parent company, etc.)

parent company
a revenue-sharing arrangement with its ~
the Washington Post and its ~
taxation of ~s and their subsidiaries
our ~, Gannett, sold our building (a local paper)

parent star
the brown dwarf orbits around its ~ (astronomy)

corporate parent
CNN and its ~, Warner Media, is being sold to...

division / relationship: family

parent (cat parents, etc.)

cat parents
they are ~ to Miko the cat (Miko's owners)

♦ "To our dog parents: Please keep your four-legged children on a lead at all times. / Attention dogs: When nature calls, remind your parents to pick up after you. / Alcohol is not allowed in the Park. It made the ducks

too rowdy. Be sure to stop into one of our local restaurants." (Signage at the park in Lake Lure, North Carolina.)

division & connection / relationship: family

pariah (person)

pariah

the changing political fortunes of a man who was once a ~

pariah of the village

Tom came upon the juvenile ~ (Huck Finn)

pariahs in their communities

they have become ~ (girls do sex online controversy)

pariah in the music industry

the producer has been a ~ ever since...

pariah at that time

he was a real ~ (Muhammad Ali in 1967)

pariah by association

he became a ~

pariah state

Israel is an apartheid ~ (an opinion)

the Taliban do not want to become a ~ again

pariah status

Zimbabwe seeks to jettison its ~

Iran can continue its march towards ~ or...

international pariahs

they do not want to be seen as ~ (the Taliban)

political pariah

he went from a pandemic hero to a ~ (Andrew Cuomo)

became a pariah

he ~ in the late 70s (a Hollywood producer)

and so Atiyeh ~ (environmentalist George Atiyeh)

once a popular society figure, she ~ (wife of swindler)

become pariahs

he said he and his girlfriend had ~ (falsely accused)

becoming a pariah

he is rapidly ~ (a French author / MeToo)

made himself a pariah

he ~ at his old studio (an actor)

♦ This word seems to refer to a caste in India and to the British Raj.

♦ "Shortly Tom came upon the juvenile pariah of the village, Huckleberry Finn, son of the town drunkard. Huckleberry was cordially hated and dreaded by all the mothers of the town, because he was idle and lawless and vulgar and bad—and because all their children admired him so, and delighted in his forbidden society, and wished they dared to be like him. Tom was like the rest of the respectable boys, in that he envied Huckleberry his gaudy outcast condition, and was under strict orders not to play with him. So he played with him every time he got a chance..." (*Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain.)

♦ "Frankie was...a wild figure... I had come to join his gang through clause number two (the threat of torture), and had stayed with it for profitable reasons of fun and adventure... When the women of our street could think of no more bad names to call Frankie Buller for leading their children into fights that resulted in black eyes, torn clothes, and split heads, they called him a Zulu, a label that Frankie came to accept as a tribute." ("The Decline and Fall of Frankie Buller" by the great writer Alan Sillitoe.)

♦ "Lyuda, from now on our contact with people has to be one-sided. If a man's been arrested, his wife can only visit people who've invited her. She doesn't have the right to say: 'I want to come round.' That would be humiliating for both her and her husband. You and I have entered a new epoch. We can no longer write to anyone ourselves; we can only reply to letters. We can no longer phone anyone; we can only pick up the receiver when it rings. We don't even have the right to greet acquaintances—they may prefer not to notice us. And if someone does greet me, I don't have the right to speak first. He might consider it possible to give me a nod of the head, but not to talk to me. I can only answer if he speaks first. You and I are pariahs." (*Life and Fate* by Vasily Grossman.)

acceptance & rejection / society: person

person: society

Paris (epithet)

Paris of the East

Bucharest's historic center was on praised as "The ~"

Paris of the Orient

the wickedest city in the world, the ~ (Shanghai 1930s)

"Paris of the South"

attempts to promote Asheville as the ~

Paris of the Middle East

before 1975, Beirut was known as the ~

Beirut was once known as the ~

Paris of Java

Bandung, Indonesia, is known as "The ~" (Dutch heritage)

superlative: epithet / place

park (walk in the park)

walk in the park

people who said it would be a ~ were wrong (Brexit)

I knew it wasn't going to be a ~ (transgender hormones)

it should be a ~ (US women should win World Cup)

difficulty, easiness & effort: walking, running & jumping

park (hit something out of the park)

hit it out of the park

she ~ (a great debate performance)

hit it out of the park a second time

he ~ (second season of a TV series)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

parked (movement)

parked over the islands

the storm is ~

parked on the south-west

a high-pressure system is ~ (a heatwave)

movement: engine / mechanism

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending:
engine / mechanism / movement

parliament (group)

parliament of creatures

there was little sense of menace in this ~ (Australia)

♦ "There was little sense of menace in this parliament of creatures. The only large meat-eating animal was the dingo... Even the dragon of the bush, a carrion-eating monitor lizard known as a goanna, would rush up a tree when approached and cling there, its throat puffed out in soundless alarm, until the intruder went away. The only universal predator was man." (*The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes. The "parliament of creatures" he mentions includes: birds (Galahs, lorikeets, rosellas, Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos, etc.); wallabies; kangaroos; koalas; brushtailed possums; ringtails; sugar-gliders; platypuses; echidnas (spiny anteaters); and wombats. That's certainly a parliament!)

group, set & collection: government

paroxysm (emotion)

paroxysm of anxiety

the whole culture is caught up in a ~ (the internet)

paroxysms of grief

the loss of the photo sent him into ~ (dead child)

paroxysms of laughter

it sent them both off into ~

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / movement

paroxysm (other)

paroxysms of (racist) violence

the ~ (U.S. history)

last paroxysm

his reign had been the ~ of the System's cruelty

affliction: health & medicine / movement

activity: health & medicine / movement

parrot (verb)

parroted the (official) line

he ~ about enemy losses

parrot the Pledge of Allegiance

kids who ~ often say, "I led the pigeons to the flag"

repetition: animal / bird / sound / speech / verb

parry (verb)

parried the attacks with some skill

he ~ (a political debate)

parry both

he was able to ~ (during a political debate)

parried queries

Merkel ~ during "Chancellor's Question Time"

parry Romney

Santorum used humor to ~ (politics)

thrust and parry

election year ~

♦ "Lieutenant-Colonel Dunlop was here wounded when half way up by a *sirdar* of Mysore, who met him scimitar in hand. Parrying a cut with his sabre, the colonel slashed open his antagonist's breast, and mortally wounded him. The *sirdar* made another cut that nearly hewed off the head of the colonel, and falling back into the breach was instantly bayoneted. Dunlop reached the summit, and then fell from loss of blood..." ("Seringapatam, 1799, from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

avoidance & separation / resistance, opposition & defeat:
blade / sword / verb / weapon

parry (noun)

passive-aggressive parries

the scene is full of ~ (*Succession* dialog)

thrust and parry

election year ~

avoidance & separation: blade / sword / weapon

resistance, opposition & defeat: blade / sword / weapon

parse (verb)

parse each of his sentences

let's ~ (radio host / news show)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb

part (moving parts)

moving parts to this story

there are a lot of ~

a lot of moving parts

there are a lot of people involved and ~ (an investigation)

so many moving parts

there are ~ in terms of the legal issues

complexity: mechanism

partner (noun)

partner in their relationship

the third ~ was his addiction to heroin

relationship: person

party (garden party)

giant garden party

our lockdown is a ~ compared to China and Italy (COVID)

difficulty, easiness & effort: party

party (late to the party, etc.)

late to the party

aren't you rather ~ (entering new market)

we're kinda ~ here (antisatellite warfare)

join the party late

traders who just follow the herd and ~ will lose money

timeliness & lack of timeliness: party

party (invited to the party, etc.)

invited to the party

who is ~, and who isn't (success in America)

not everyone can be ~ (haves and have-nots)

acceptance & rejection: party

party (party is over)

party is over

we're coming for you, the ~ (cops versus gang)
starting, going, continuing & ending: party

party (coming-out party)

"coming-out party"
it was Japan's ~ as a modern naval power (1890)

inauguration: love, courtship & marriage / party

pas de deux

developmental pas de deux
Wuhan has embarked on a ~ with Hong Kong (building)

intense pas de deux
the intertwining plotlines gain momentum in their
increasingly ~

relationship: music

pass (time can pass, etc.)

pass
I hope these times ~ soon (a cop)

passes
every minute that ~ is crucial

time: movement / verb

pass (free pass)

free pass
many thought the press gave him a ~ (politician)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ticket
cost & benefit: ticket

pass (cards)

passed
when I offered to talk to him, he ~

action, inaction & delay / commitment & determination:
cards / gambling / verb

pass (end)

pass
your problems will soon ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / walking,
running & jumping

pass (its time has passed, etc.)

passed
the great wave of trans-Appalachian emigration had ~

passed it by
time had somewhat ~ (a travel route becomes obsolete)

time has passed
it's a tradition whose ~
the person remains, yet his ~ (*Life and Fate*)

time may have (already) passed
it's a gimmick whose ~ (augmented reality phone app)

future / past & present / primacy, currency, decline &
obsolescence / time: direction / movement / verb

pass (progress)

passed the US
many countries have ~ in healthcare and quality of life

competition / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips
/ movement / verb

pass (die)

passed
he ~ surrounded by loved ones

death & life: euphemism / movement / verb

pass away (verb)

passed away last week
he ~

♦ A "deceased person" who has "passed away" is a dead person who
has died.

♦ "Fire Department medic unit Number 4 responded and transported the
victim to Temple Hospital, where she was subsequently pronounced at
5:33 a.m." (A police spokesperson about a murder.)

♦ "Unfortunately, he was found in a pond and he is no longer with us."
(Body found.)

♦ "I was able to hold his hand as he journeyed on." (With brother when
he died.)

♦ His life was tragically cut short. (Murdered.)

death & life: euphemism / movement / verb

passage (passage of time)

passage of time
the curve relates forgetting to the ~
the ~ has been on her mind lately

time: distance / journeys & trips / movement

passage (journey)

passage from reporter to novelist (and poet)
the ~ was the dominant trajectory of writing then

course / development / experience: journeys & trips /
movement

pass by (progress)

pass us by
we don't want to let this ~ (adopting new technology)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / progress &
lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb

passing (death)

passing of our friend and brother
it is with the heaviest of hearts that I tell you of the ~

accidental passing
her ~ has been so sudden (selfie accident)

death & life: euphemism / movement

passion (enthusiasm)

passion

my ~ is skiing

passion in life

his biggest ~ was climbing (killed by lightning)

passion for basketball

Spike Lee is famous for his front-row ~ (the filmmaker)

passion for butterflies

Nabokov inherited his ~ from his parents (the great writer)

passion for chemistry

his ~ (Richard Smalley)

passion for graffiti

his ~ was extinguished when... (tagging accident)

passion for (water) sports

a young man with a ~ (kitesurfing, etc.)

passion for trains

his life-long ~ (model trains, train spotting, etc.)

passion for acting

he quit his job to pursue a lifelong ~ (TV, movies)

passion for boating

he has a love and ~ (a kayaker)

passion for caving

his ~ and cave diving has taken him around the world

passion for dancing

an active teen with a ~

passion for sky diving

he had a ~

passion for gambling

his ~

passion for caving and cave diving

his ~ has taken him around the world

passion project

he is doing this audio idea as a ~ (Ian Urbina)

passion and devotion

ramen inspires ~ among Japanese and foreigners

deep passion

she had this ~ for issues she cared about

grand passion

chelonians are Eric Goode's ~ (the Turtle Conservancy)

lifelong passion

he quit his job to pursue a ~ for acting (TV, movies)

space flight has been his ~ (astronaut)

national passion

baseball is part of our roots, it's our ~ (a Habanero)

interest / passions / hobbies

the return of ~ (after trauma, crisis abroad)

love and passion

he has a ~ for boating (a kayaker)

secret or (a) passion or (an) issue or (a) decision

when race is a ~ (people)

with a passion

I love classical music ~ (Anthony Tommasini)

developed a passion

he ~ for writing at an early age

followed his passion

he ~ (a windsurfer)

follow your passion

that's part of the spirit of mountaineering, to ~

inspires passion

ramen ~ and devotion among Japanese and foreigners

turn your passion into a profession

how do you ~ (ad on TV for arts school)

♦ According to Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., *passion* originally meant suffering: the passion of Christ. Then it morphed in the late 14th century (the time of Chaucer) to mean powerful emotions like hatred and rage, including the tender passion of love. In Funk's day, it came to relate to the powerful emotion of sex. Today it commonly means enthusiasm. *Compassion* comes from the same root and literally means, "with suffering," or "I feel your suffering."

♦ "It was hard for family conversations. You couldn't exactly talk about it over Thanksgiving dinner." (Dr. Mark Siddall, who studies and is passionate about leeches.)

♦ "Reporting from France for Beardsley is the fulfillment of a lifelong passion for the French language and culture. At the age of ten she began learning French by reading the *Asterix The Gaul* comic book series with her father." (The brilliant National Public Radio correspondent Eleanor Beardsley, raised in Columbia, South Carolina. From her biography, "Eleanor Beardsley, Correspondent, Paris," at NPR.)

♦ "Some people may say that passion is folly. I think if you haven't followed your passions, you haven't lived. If you haven't lived, you haven't evolved." (John Chao, photographer and founder, publisher and editor in 1993 of the magazine *American Windsurfer*. In December 2016 he drove a panel truck full of firewood and propane from The Dalles, Oregon, to North Dakota to support the Standing Rock Dakota Access Pipeline activists in their winter camps.)

♦ "Playing video games for a living is a dream for many." (Amazon's Twitch, etc., and online streamers.)

♦ "What if somebody came up with some kind of French term for dodging traffic?" (An unhappy Captain Jerry Miner, with the Indiana University police, after IU's daily paper ran a photo of a *traceur* standing on top of a school arch.)

control & lack of control / enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect: sex

passionate

passionate about this case

I was ~ (the great lawyer Johnnie Cochran)

passionate about the (local) people

he was so ~ (a scientist in the field)

passionate about animals, journalism, and the elderly

she was ~

passionate defender

President Jacob Zuma is a ~ of Zulu traditions (S. Africa)

passionate response
she delivered a ~

young, passionate and pissed
I was ~ (climber who lost best friend)

control & lack of control / enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect: sex

passionately

feel passionately
but for those of us who ~ about the oceans (preservation)

control & lack of control / enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect: sex

passage (nasal passage, etc.)

nasal passage
the standard Q-tip can't bend through the ~

resemblance: route

passage (noun)

passage to adulthood
he writes about his ~

passage into womanhood
her quinceañera, the celebration of a Hispanic girl's ~

passage from ballet student to restaurant apprentice
her rocky ~

course / growth & development: journeys & trips

passed down (by ancestors, etc.)

passed down
their stories have been ~ (vicarious "race-based trauma")
the stories ~ prime us for traumatization (race-based)
♦ see also down (down through the centuries, etc.)

transmission: direction / hand

past & present / time: direction / height / history / mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle

pass on (verb)

pass on
which track would you like to ~ (BBC Inheritance Tracks)

transmission: hand / verb

passport (noun)

passport to freedom
education is our ~ (young European Muslim women)

passport to success
Polar adventure was not necessarily a ~ (Hjalmar Johansen)

passport to the world
his camera was his ~ (the photojournalist David Gilkey)

passport out of death row
a low IQ can be a ~

biological passports
~ will be scrutinised (athletes / blood doping)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: document / government

past (in the distant past, etc.)

in the distant past
the meteorite was blasted off the surface of the moon ~
the Revolutionary War and Civil War are ~, but...

in the not-distant past
Mormons experienced persecution ~

in the not so distant past
nominees sought bipartisan support ~

lies in the distant past
for most Americans, World War I ~

past & present / time: distance

past (distant past, etc.)

distant past
litigating cases from the ~ can be difficult

Earth's distant past
the documentary looks at the ~

past & present / time: distance

past (in the past)

in the past
this all happened ~

lies in the past
the adventure is finished and our journey ~

♦ Scott Simon: When is the past past? Ever? / Chanelle Benz: Well, I think we can lay the past to rest once we've had some kind of reckoning with it." ("Chanelle Benz On 'The Gone Dead,'" NPR, Weekend Edition, June 22, 2019.)

past & present / time: container

pasteurized

pasteurized version
this very ~ of the story where everyone is heroic (Leningrad)

got (completely) pasteurized
it ~ (Soviet story of Siege of Leningrad)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene

pasture (greener pastures)

searching for greener pastures
many young people are ~ elsewhere (migration)

attraction & repulsion: color / farming & agriculture

pasture (put something out to pasture)

put him out to pasture
we need to ~ (a controversial executive)

putting him out to pasture

he felt they were ~ so what the hell (a politician)

♦ see *retire* (verb) for quotations

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse pasture (put out to pasture)

put out to pasture

some think the musical should be ~ (*The King and I*)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse patch (and patch up)

patched up the (contentious) issue with a compromise
they ~ (world leaders)

patched things up

the two eventually ~ (a relationship)
the company has ~ (problems)

patched up their differences
they have ~ (a couple)

patched the (security) flaw
Microsoft has ~

patched his relationship
he has ~ with them

patch the rift
he is trying to ~ (disagreement)

amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb

patch (patch together)

patched together an agreement
leaders finally ~ (diplomacy)

patched together a (workable group)
he has ~

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

patch (rough patch)

rough patches

you go through ~ in your sport that make you want to quit

danger / difficulty, easiness & effort / obstacles & impediment / survival, persistence & endurance: forest / journeys & trips

patched

patched
Windows is full of security holes that can never be ~

patched up
the problems have been ~

amelioration & renewal: cloth

patchwork (noun)

patchwork
the system, however ~, works well

patchwork of (different pandemic-era) laws

with a ~ across the country...

creation & transformation: cloth

path (set out on this path, etc.)

set out on this path

he ~ in 1997 by writing... (rehabilitated his career)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / path

path (the right / wrong path, etc.)

on the right path

I have put Qatar ~ (Sheikh Hamad)
so the economy's ~

on a (sustained) expansion path

the economy now appears to be ~

on a (good expansionary) growth path

the economy seems to be ~

on a downward path

the debt to GDP ratio is ~ (economy)

on a troubled path

when someone you love is ~

down a dangerous path

his unswerving belief in himself led him ~

down a very dark path

the post were so awful and almost led me ~ (trolled)

down the wrong path

it has taken us ~ (antiterrorism)

down a moderate and secular path

lead Pakistan ~

get back on the path

we must ~ of prosperity (politics)

got on the (right) path

he straightened his life out and ~ (former criminal)

stray from the path

a good Muslim must not ~

stray (too far) from (Saudi Arabia's) path

but Qatar does not ~

taken us down the wrong path

it has ~ (antiterrorism tactic)

♦ "In Japan there has been only one path, and today an increasing number of people are not on it. It's easy to say that academic background is not everything. But the parents cannot suggest another path because they don't know one." (A Japanese psychologist talking about *Hikikomori*, the withdrawal from society by young people.)

♦ In the Sierra Mountains of California, do you tell someone about the best / easiest / normal path? Or do you keep it to yourself, to teach some kind of lesson? ("Best-Case Scenario" by Joshua Rothman, *The New Yorker*, January 31, 2022.)

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips / path

path (path to / toward something)

path to democracy and freedom

they are on the ~ (Iraq)
path to citizenship
 we offer a ~ for 1.8 million illegal immigrants
path to jihad
 hundreds of Americans have followed the ~
path to legalization
 immigrants need a ~ (US)
path to power
 behavior that's admired is the ~ among people everywhere
path to pride
 his job to help the school find a ~ (troubled high school)
path to riches
 a marketing wizard who hopes he had found the ~
path to sainthood
 the Pontiff put him on the ~
path to success
 negotiations with no clear ~ (Middle East)
paths to success
 there are many ~
path to discipline, tenacity, courage
 hardship is the surer ~
path to inner peace
 the Buddhist ~
path toward a market economy
 the difficult, unguided ~ (Russia)
path toward peace and prosperity
 putting the continent on a ~ (Africa)
wants, needs, hopes & goals: journeys & trips / path
path (path of peace, etc.)

- path
 - the ~ they follow may not be simple (investigation)
 - figure out what ~ will work best for you (education)
 - jihad is its ~ (Hamas motto)
- path of Allah
 - the ~
- path of peace
 - the ~ is still the right path
- path of prosperity
 - we need to get back on the ~ (politics)
- path of (ecological) sustainability
 - they follow a ~ (reindeer peoples)
- path of reason, justice and dialogue
 - adopt the ~ to resolve... (Kashmir)

- course: journeys & trips / path**
- path (tough / easy path, etc.)**
- clear-cut (career) paths

not all fields at universities have ~
clear path
 negotiations with no ~ to success (Middle East)
difficult path
 military families walk a ~ in wartime (dissent, etc.)
perilous path
 the military's action puts Myanmar on a ~ (2021 coup)
smooth path
 no candidate will have a ~ to the Democratic nomination
straight path
 we ask Allah to lead the Muslims to follow the ~
 what you do to keep somebody on the ~
surer path
 hardship is the ~ to discipline, tenacity, courage
difficult, unguided path
 the ~ toward a market economy (Russia)
long, tortured path
 it's been a ~ for the international space station
obstacles in the path
 the FAA threw ~ of the Peotone proposal (airport)
path appears clear
 the ~ for Donald Trump to be the Republican nominee
led him down a dangerous path
 his unswerving belief in himself ~
walk a difficult path
 military families ~ in wartime (dissent, anxiety, etc.)
difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / path
flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips / path
path (alternatives and choices)

- path of least resistance
 - he's lazy, he'll take the ~
- path of the lesser evil
 - we took the ~ (US support of Saddam)
- brother's path
 - he assured his father he wouldn't follow his ~
- father's path
 - he eventually followed his ~ (seminarian)
- life's path
 - her ~ took an unexpected turn (serious injury)
- mothers' paths
 - often, young prostitutes follow their ~ into the sex trade
- Qeis's path
 - he vowed he will follow in ~ (suicide bomber)
- Saudi Arabia's path
 - but Qatar does not stray too far from ~
- one path

in Japan there is only one ~
two paths
there are ~ now for supercomputing
you can take one of ~ in high school (boy-crazy or study)

another path
parents can't suggest ~ (Japan)

different path
persuade young delinquents to take a ~

divergent paths
the two sister took extremely ~

many paths
there are ~ to success

quickest path
the ~ is not always obvious
the ~ to raise school's profile is to buy a football team

two paths
there are ~ now for supercomputing
you can take one of ~ in high school (boys or academics)

academic path
decide what the best ~ for you may be

Buddhist path
the ~ to inner peace

spiritual path
turning to a ~ in their search for answers

adopt the path
~ of reason, justice and dialogue to resolve... (Kashmir)

chose the path
another bored child of privilege who ~ of revolution

continue down that path
it's important that we ~ (environmental cleanup)

continue on the path
we're going to ~ that we started on last year

continue on this path
we should let the economy ~

continue on the (same) path
we will ~ that was laid out by Osama...

find a path
his job to help the school ~ to pride (high school)

follow a path
they ~ of ecological sustainability

set me along this path
my mother helped to ~ (of being a writer)

alternatives & choices: journeys & trips / path

path (force someone down a path, etc.)

force your child down a path
don't ~ you wanted to follow (but didn't)

oppression: journeys & trips / path

path (cross paths)

cross paths
when competitors ~, violence usually follows (prison)

cross his path
he is a danger to all who ~

crossed paths
late Monday night, the two men ~ again (cop / felon)

crossed her path
she left a mark on all of us who ~ (an actor)

cross paths with a stripper
an accountant might ~ (at an airport)

♦ "The nineteen-year-old student [Gavrilo Princip], a Bosnian recruited by Serbia's Black Hand terrorist movement, could not believe his luck. He had been standing on Franzjosefstrasse, bareheaded in the early summer sunshine, depressed over the failure of a comrade, Nedeljko Čabrinović, to kill the royal couple with a grenade earlier in the day. Then he saw their open-top car take a wrong turn off Appel Quay and pass right by him. The lethal logistics that seem to operate at such moments had transformed error into opportunity. Two point-blank targets presented themselves, and Princip's gun did what it was designed to do." (*Colonel Roosevelt* by Edmund Morris.)

♦ "She was coming directly at us," Schwieger told Valentiner. 'She could not have steered a more perfect course if she had deliberately tried to give us a dead shot.' (Captain Walther Schwieger of the U-20. Schwieger had set a new course for home. As far as he was concerned, the patrol was over. When he first noticed the *Lusitania* through the periscope, she was speeding away from him, uncatchable. But then the *Lusitania* changed course. From *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson.)

♦ Distorted shadows fell / Upon the lighted ceiling: / Shadows of crossed arms, of crossed legs— / Of crossed destiny. ("Winter Night," by Boris Pasternak.)

fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips / path / verb

path (beat a path)

beating a path to China's door
the world is ~

eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / path / verb

path (off the beaten path)

off the beaten path
even tours of federal buildings ~ are possible

far off the beaten path
she lives in a place ~

isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips / path

path (a path can turn / development)

step along the path
a preliminary trial is a ~ to a criminal trial (Colorado)

path took an (unexpected) turn
her life's ~ (serious injury)

go down paths
they can ~ that relate to... (investigation)

started down a path

we have ~ that we won't turn back from (legal action)

take its path

justice has to ~ (investigation)

walked this path before

no one has ~ (dealing with pandemic)

development: journeys & trips / path

path (clear a path)

clear the path for Mr. Sanders

her departure will ~ in particular (election)

clears the path for thousands of Floridians

this ruling ~ (voting rules)

amelioration & renewal / difficulty, easiness & effort / obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips / path / verb

pathbreaking (adjective)

pathbreaking article

he wrote a ~ on this subject

pathbreaking filmmaker

he was a ~ who... (obituary)

pathbreaking ideas

he garnered admiration for some ~ but also enmity

path-breaking research

he brought ~ to economics

pathbreaking role

the museum played a ~ in fostering education

path-breaking study

he was the primary author of a ~ that found...

pathbreaking work

his ~ opened a new era in cancer research

importance & significance: journeys & trips / path

driving force: journeys & trips / path

pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.)

HMS *Pathfinder*

the ~ was sunk by a German U-boat in 1914

Lisa Pathfinder

the European Space Agency's ~

Nissan Pathfinder

he was struck by a ~

proper name: journeys & trips / path

pathfinder (person)

pathfinders and pacesetters

jazz venerate its ~ (its elders)

driving force: journeys & trips / path / person

searching & discovery: journeys & trips / path / person

pathology (noun)

pathology

Nazism emerged as a ~ of an inflation-wracked...

symptom of a (much wider) pathology

he is a ~ infecting the entire system (politics)

affliction: health & medicine

pathway (route)

pathway to citizenship

illegal immigrants need a ~
the Dreamers need a ~

pathway from complaint to trial

the ~ is too long (sex abuse cases)

illicit pathways

the~ from Columbia to the US became expressways

route: journeys & trips / path

patient zero

patient zero in the NotPetya plague

the servers that played the role of ~ (computer worm)

affliction / initiation: health & medicine

patina (appearance)

patina of authority

his background gave a ~ (Harvard Prof Timothy Leary)

appearance & reality / extent & scope / substance & lack of substance / subterfuge: breadth / materials & substances

patrician

patrician father

his ~ disapproved (of marriage to poor girl)

hierarchy / identity & nature: allusion / history

patron saint

patron saint

feminists found in her a sort of ~ (an artist)
if American cuisine has a ~, it is James Beard

help & assistance / representation: religion

pattern (holding pattern)

coronavirus-induced holding pattern

society's normal activities are in a ~

in a holding pattern

the U.S. Senate is ~ (Senators discuss what to do next)

action, inaction & delay: plane

Patton (the Patton of Asia, etc.)

“Patton of Asia”

Claire Lee Chennault nicknamed him the ~ (Xue Yue)

military: epithet

pause (verb)

paused the (abortion) law
a judge ~ (called it unconstitutional)

paused the use
officials ~ of the vaccine to study...

action, inaction & delay: mechanism / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb
pause (noun)

pause
I am in favor of a ~ (to investigate a vaccine)

on pause
the vaccine is still ~ (safety concerns)

hit pause
they have agreed to ~ on their escalating trade war
a judge has ~ on a major US contract

lifts pause
US ~ on Johnson & Johnson vaccines (COVID)

action, inaction & delay: mechanism
starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

pawn (noun)

pawn of Israel and the West
he is widely seen as a ~

pawn in the Great Game
Azerbaijan was a ~ for territory and power

pawns in a (political) chess game
they use human beings as ~ (hostages)

pawn in this (hollow representation) game
I felt like a ~ (the comedian Julio Torres)

pawns in a (highly profitable) scam
we were ~ (employees at Southern Poverty Law Center)

pawn on the board
they were grasping at straws, I was just a ~ (John Artis)

less a player than a pawn
a soldier is ~

using migrants as pawns
he has accused the Turks of ~

use him as a pawn
both sides will try to ~ for their own purposes (politics)

control & lack of control / power / strength & weakness:
chess / sports & games

pay (benefit)

pays to go back
sometimes it ~ and start over (detective / cold cases)

pays to be nice

it ~ to strangers (got free tickets)

cost & benefit: money / verb

pay (pay a price)

pay the price
when it comes to high heels, the feet ~
the Democrats will ~ in 2020 (for impeaching Trump)
you have released the whirlwind and you will ~ (politics)

pay a price
you want the fame but, baby, you ~ (Frank Sinatra)

pay the price (of the war) with their arms and legs
they ~ (injured civilians)

pay the price in fear, suffering and death
society ~ (anti-vaccination fears and causes)

pay a price for his activism
Lenny Pozner would ~ (Sandy Hook shooting Dad)

paid a price for his beliefs
Yusuf Islam has ~... (controversy, etc.)

pay a price for her (burning) righteousness
she ~ (a play)

pay a (political) price
these corrupt social media companies must ~ (Trump)

paid a (heavy) price
he was overconfident throughout and ~ (a goalkeeper)

pay a (huge) price
celebrities ~ for their fame

paid the (ultimate) price
she ~ (drug death)

pay the (ultimate) price
you have to be willing to ~ (surfing)

paid a very high price
we ~ (military commander, about casualties)
♦ No sin without a price.
♦ see also *price (noun)*

cost & benefit / judgment: money / verb

pay (obligation)

paid me a complement
he ~

paying tribute to our (nursing) colleagues
—past, present and future

paid little mind to the outside world
they ~ (rural isolation)

paid with his life
he ~ for the people's freedom (terrorist)

pay for their actions
they must ~ (teen killers)

paid his debt

he has ~ many times over (44 years in prison)

pays (little) heed

the program ~ to issues of gender and sexuality

paid (close) notice

France's minority communities ~ when...

pay the (ultimate) penalty

they want those guilty to ~ (death)

pay my respects

I was determined to ~ to Ronald Reagan (on his death)

paid his respects

the president personally ~ to Sheehan

pay his respects

he went to the cemetery to ~ (to a victim of terrorism)

pay its respects

the base was opened for the public to ~ (military deaths)

paid their respects

people ~ to the 12 men who died (coal miners)

paid tribute

he ~ to the men and women in the armed services

paid a (surprise) visit

he ~ and was shocked by what he saw (illegal logging)

paid an (unannounced) visit

Rumsfeld ~ to Iraq (government official)

obligation: money / verb

pay (revenge)

pay

I'm going to make you ~ (a threat)

you will ~ for what you did

whoever did this needs to ~ (murder)

made them pay

he took on those monsters and he ~ (Alvaro Uribe)

judgment / revenge: money / verb

pay (pay one's dues)

paid my dues

I've ~ (actor Michelle Yeoh)

experience: money / verb

payback

payback for his reporting

was his murder a crime or a political ~ (journalist)

payback time

it's ~

retribution and payback

he wants ~

revenge: money

pay dirt

pay dirt

he finally hit ~ (in the 1930 census / genealogy)

movie pay dirt

the company turns graphic novels into ~

hit pay dirt

he finally ~ (a researcher)

on the fourth day, he seemed to ~ (experiment)

searching & discovery / success & failure / worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land / mining

pay off (verb)

pay off

what you are doing will ~ (studying / school)

paying off

the training is ~ (military / counter-IED measures)

China's strategy is ~ (G-20 negotiations)

pays off

it's a nervy gamble that ~ (Kristen Stewart plays Lady Di)

gamble paid off

the ~

lessons paid off

the piano ~ (plays well)

work had paid off

all our hard ~ (a scientist)

♦ *Honesty is its own reward. The same for hard work, helping others, and doing the right thing.*

cost & benefit: money / verb

worth & lack of worth: money / verb

payoff

payoff for a job well done

it was an incredible ~ (successful medevac)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of work: money

paywall (obstacle)

bemoan the paywall

advocates of open access ~ (academic articles)

paywalls corral readers

~ like cattle into the subscriber pen

moved all of its sport analysts behind its paywall

ESPN+ ~

runs into a lot of paywalls

the road to information ~

sits behind a paywall

the *Stockton Record* ~ (a newspaper)

trapped behind pay walls

most academic papers are ~

♦ "You can't do much web grazing of quality content these days without a paywall clanging shut on you." ("Opinion: More Money and Fewer Readers: The Paradox of Subscriber Journalism" by Jack Shafer, Politico, 08/21/2021.)

♦ "Democracy Dies in the Darkness." (The motto for *The Washington Post*. Wouldn't it be more truthful to say, "Democracy Dies Behind a Paywall"? It is hard to understand why Jeff Bezos would provide rides to the edge of space for those who can afford it but not subsidize great journalism to those who can't afford the subscription.)

obstacles & impedance: money / wall

computer: money / wall

peach (noun)

peach of a shot

it was a cracking punch, a ~ (Dubois knocks out Dinu)

flaws & lack of flaws / superlative / worth & lack of worth: fruits & vegetables

peak (numbers / verb)

peaked

his career has ~ and he's on his way down
the coronavirus surge has ~, researchers say
the pandemic has ~
the epidemic has ~ and started to subside (Zika)

peaked in 1979

Union membership ~

peaked in May

since lumber prices ~, however, demand...

peaked at 102 degrees Fahrenheit

my fever ~

rose and peaked and (then) fell

levels ~ again

increase & decrease: number

peak (careers, etc. / verb)

peaked

meanwhile, the swing era had ~

peaked in the '70s

his songwriting career ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / mountains & hills

peak (at the peak)

at the peak of his career

he disappeared seemingly ~ (an artist)

at the peak of his popularity

he was ~ (a leader)

at the peak of his powers

he is ~ (a rugby player)

achievement, recognition & praise / increase & decrease / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height / mountains & hills

peak (peaks and troughs, etc.)

peaks and troughs

the regional patterns of ~ could change (rising sea levels)

peaks and valleys

it's a long season, you're going to have ~

there are more emotional ~ in the film (than in the book)

♦ "We probably have crested a peak, this seems to be the analogy of the day, a mountaineering analogy, but the reality is, we've only just begun the descent, and we're still at a very very high altitude, and we know that that descent is going to take us months." (Chris Hobson from NHS Providers, speaking about the COVID-19 pandemic.)

shape: direction / mountains & hills

increase & decrease / progress & lack of progress / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: mountains & hills

peak (peak temperature, etc.)

peak winds

with ~ of... (a tornado)

peak (consumption) month

~ (oil)

peak temperatures

we can expect higher ~ (warming)

increase & decrease: numbers

peak (peak experience, etc.)

peak experience

it was like a ~ to be at Brown (Brown University)

peak moment

the film's ~ of misogyny occurs when...

superlative: height / mountains & hills

peak (peak sexy, etc.)

peak sexy

~ (a section in the online *New York Post*)

peak Michael Bay

Ambulance is ~ (the film)

peak Netflix

have we reached ~ (subscriptions go down)

peak TV

it's the age of ~

♦ The Merriam-Webster online definition for this usage is excellent. Ordinarily, there is no possessive adjective, no determiner, *peak* is not part of a prepositional phrase...

attainment / superlative: height / part of speech

pear (pear-shaped / failure)

go pear-shaped

how everything could ~ (*Apocalypse Now*)

failure, accident & impairment: shape

pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.)

"Pearl of the Adriatic"

the ~, on the Dalmatian Coast (Dubrovnik)

pearl of the Aegean

Naxos has always been the ~

Pearl of Africa

Mogadishu, the ~, is in ruins (Somalia)

"Pearl of the Antilles"

the city was considered the ~ (Havana, Cuba)

Pearl of Asia

when Phnom Penh was known as the ~

Pearl of the Orient

Manila, the ~ (Philippines)

the city that came to be known as the ~ (Saigon)

♦ "The Indian rivers are pearls, the mountains rubies, and trees perfumes." (Hazrat Oman, a trader.)

superlative: epithet / sea

epithet: materials & substances

pearl (string of pearls)

string of pearls

when the 21 pieces of the "~" comet hit Jupiter

configuration: sea

pearl (clutch one's pearls)

clutch their pearls

her language made some ~ (a lawmaker)

clutching their pearls over his behavior

they are ~

♦ "Some of Trump's defenders argue he's not really serious, and he's just trying to get people clutching their pearls."

♦ "Please, spare us the pearl-clutching faux-outrage." (Politics.)

♦ "Sit down, Jake." YouTube, "Time of My life" (Final Dance)

feeling, emotion & effect: clothing & accessories

Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)

Pearl Harbor moment

it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumpter attack)

Australia's Pearl Harbor

the Japanese attack on Darwin is known as ~ (1942)

history / military: epithet

pecking order

pecking order among the girls

the ~ was clear (sisters in a family)

corporate pecking order

we still have ~s and rigid job categories (lack of change)

above him in the pecking order

the fit-again Erik Lamela is ~ (soccer)

at the bottom of the pecking order
we were ~ (biker club)

fell (even further) down the pecking order
he ~ at Man U (the great Kasper Schmeichel)

behavior / hierarchy: animal / bird

pedal (pedal to the metal)

pedal to the metal

our default in the ER is ~ (a doctor)

press the pedal to the metal

they dropped their work on dengue to ~ on Zika

keep his pedal to the metal

he vowed to ~ in challenging the president (politics)

♦ When it comes to pressing the pedal to the metal, one thinks of the Fast & Furious franchise.

♦ see also gas (step on the gas / step off the gas)

commitment & determination: engine / mechanism

pedestal (on a pedestal)

put him on a pedestal

they ~ (George Washington)

people who ~ since he took charge

put on a pedestal

he has been put ~ by some and vilified by others (politics)

put on a (high) pedestal

they are ~ (priests in immigrant community)

♦ "I placed myself on a high pedestal, I refused to lower myself and sleep around..." (An immigrant girl in England.)

admiration & contempt: height

pedestaled

pedestaled notions

the pressure to conform to ~ of female beauty...

admiration & contempt / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: height / statue

pedigree (noun)

mountaineering pedigree

they have the ~ needed to consider the task (climb K2)

decent pedigree

he never fought anyone with a ~ (boxing talk)

Showed his pedigree

he ~ in the ring tonight (Usyk defeats Joshua)

♦ The origin of this word makes me wish I had taken French in high school. It has to do with a crane (the bird) and graphic representation.

identity & nature: animal / family

history: animal / family

peek (verb)

peeked through the clouds

the sun ~

peek out from behind morning clouds
the sun is just starting to ~

appearance & disappearance / resemblance: eye **peel (peel back the layers, etc.)**

peeled back the layers
as investigators ~, they found more

peels back yet another layer
a revealing new interview ~ (a politician)

peel back the world
he writes with eager curiosity to ~ of...

♦ "My name is Mark Remillard, and I'm a reporter with ABC News. And I've been working with a team within ABC's investigative unit to peel back the curtain on how..."

♦ "You know what, we need to dig in a little bit deeper, so this year we decided to go underneath the covers and peel back some of the layers." (Megan Bigelow, about a survey of Portland, Oregon women in technology.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables / verb

Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.)

Pele of Saudi Arabia
Majid Abdullah, the ~

Pele of Brazilian literature
he is the ~ (Paulo Coelho, according to Arnaldo Niskier)

Russian Pele
he earned the nickname, "the ~" (Streltsov)

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: epithet / sports & games

pendulum (reversal)

pendulum is swinging back
now the ~ (from spending to austerity)

pendulum has swung too far
some think the ~ and they want to push it back

pendulum will swing back
the ~ (politics)

development / reversal: movement / pendulum
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / pendulum

penned (penned into, etc.)

penned into the coastal plain
the British colonists were essentially ~

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / container

pent-up (constrained)

pent-up anger
there's a lot of ~

pent-up energy
all that ~ came bursting out (a filmmaker)

pent-up (civic) forces
the dictator's ouster unleashed a whirlwind of ~

pent-up frustration
~s have flared into violence (Nigeria)

left it all pent up
it's as though the stuttering ~ (talkative person)

feeling, emotion & effect: container
constraint & lack of constraint: container

penumbra (noun)

penumbra of privacy rights
the shadowy ~ (the Supreme Court)

my brother's penumbra
I lived in ~ my whole life

lies in the penumbra
this case ~, between clear right doing and wrong

superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow
attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / shadow

pepper (verb)

peppers the body with his combinations
Derek Chisora ~ (boxing / vs. Joseph Parker)

pepper his correspondence
references to his impending doom ~ (Nietzsche)

pepper it with gunfire
with the convoy pinned down, the unit would ~ and retreat

peppered him with questions
she ~

throwing, putting & planting: food & drink / verb
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb

peppered

peppered with insights
her book is ~ (a blurb)

getting peppered
he is ~ (boxing match)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink
throwing, putting & planting: food & drink

pepper in (attach)

peppered that in
we've talked about a bunch of policies, we've ~

attachment / relationship: cooking
configuration / identity & nature: cooking

percent (one hundred and ten percent)

gave it one hundred and ten percent
I ~ (investigation of child abduction)

commitment & determination: number

perch (verb)

perch on the edge

people ~ of an unstable cliff (near Seven Sisters)

configuration: animal / bird / verb

perched

perched in the rugged hills

their house is ~

perched on a rock

the local prison is ~ with fabulous views (Monaco)

perched on a (Danish) sand dune

for 120 years, it was ~ (Rubjerg lighthouse moved)

configuration: animal / bird

perch (knock something off its perch)

knock Facebook off its perch

only the government can ~

“knock Glasgow off their perch”

Edinburgh want to ~ (rugby)

dislodged Republicans from their congressional perch
the group ~ (politics)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / bird

percolate (verb)

percolating

the debate is ~ in various forms (controversy)

percolating (for years) around the blogosphere

the argument has been ~

percolated throughout the U.S. Army

the idea of permanent divisions ~ prior to 1917

activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water

initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

performative (groups)

performative

how to send an anti-racist message without appearing ~
some question its value, is it ~ (critical race theory)

performative activism

she disparaged their protest as ~ and called for
accountability

performative allyship

she called out the brand for ~ (Victoria's Secret rebrand)

performative-anger

he is calm in a sea of ~ posers (election candidate)

performative demands

having to bear up under endless ~ (Jia Tolentino)

performative events

we are focused on outcome, not the process, or the ~

performative friendliness

our persistent ~ (Courtney E. Martin)

performative nature

it had a ~ to it (politician appears with wife)

performative and calculating

he was so full-on, I thought, “what’s up?” it was so ~

performative, less than relevant

the advertisement stands out in a sea of ~ nods to diversity

completely performative

this is ~, do more than just posting meaningless words

socially performative

the act of cancellation is still mostly conceptual or ~

fake / performative

some mocked her undoubtedly ~ accent (Bhad Bhabie)

permanent and performative

he said posting on Twitter can feel “~” (can be intimidating)

♦ “But, yeah, the idea of performative activism is a fine line, I mean, you can’t just stay silent. But, it’s kind of unethical to use those platforms, those voices, as a way to kind of put a spotlight on yourself.” (Colin Meloy, lead singer with the Portland band The Decemberists. From “On His New Song, Colin Meloy Gets Lost In ‘Slint, Spiderland,’” NPR, Morning Edition with David Greene, Sept. 2, 2020.)

♦ “The politics are mostly gestural; leftism as fashionable posturing; sanctimony literature; self-promotion and the airing of performatively righteous opinion...” (Criticism of a writer.)

♦ had to look up “performative allyship” and I still don’t get it. crazy. (Diogenes on a comment board.)

♦ Linguistically, performative verbs for sympathy include to regret; to support; to be sorry; to grieve; to sympathize.

inclusion & exclusion: society

perform (verb)

perform her sexuality

she felt forced to ~ (Brown Muslim immigrant)

♦ “As a Brown Muslim immigrant...she felt forced to perform her sexuality or be reduced to the usual stereotypes associated with her cultural identity.” (‘Against White Feminism’ Is An Urgent Call To Action For Solidarity And Justice’ by Jenny Bhatt. This sounds very much like stereotype threat.)

performance / role: theater / verb

periscope (noun)

my periscope

from ~ as a state fire marshal, we’re now looking at...

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

perish (verb)

publish or perish software

you can use the free ~

publish-or-perish world

the ~ of academic medicine

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

permeate (verb)

permeates their lives

the sea ~ (Norwegians)

absorption & immersion: air / smell perspective (from a perspective)

from the perspective of another culture
see Uluru ~ (Australia)

from the perspective of curators
the arrangements were organized ~

from the perspective of lesbians
discussing social events ~ and gay men

from the perspective of students
but ~ and many staff members, nothing changed

from the perspective of African people
history ~ as subjects, not objects...

from a black man's perspective
~, I expect to be able to... (soccer racism)

from the customer's perspective
we're trying to look at it ~

from the employer's perspective
help them see the barrier ~

from the government's perspective
~, he should have been deported years ago

from the passengers' perspective
~, it was a normal day... (D.C. Metro)

from a pilot's perspective
a look at the flight data from a ~ (crash of...)

from the victim's perspective
murder ~

from a native perspective
if you look at history ~ (Cherokee)

from a classroom perspective
it's important to remember ~ that...

from a cost or time perspective
when it's infeasible or impractical ~

from a law-enforcement perspective
things get a little easier ~

from a collecting perspective
~, there is a huge interest in these dolls

from a marketing perspective
~, bankers just don't see the possibilities

from the African perspective
studying ~ (African-American studies)

from a federal perspective
that is possible ~ in this matter

from their perspective
~, the future of arctic wildlands... (Greenpeace, etc.)

from your perspective
and so ~, how do you think about that and...

from an economic perspective
~, the Strait of Malacca is... (importance)

from a historical perspective
people teaching ~

from a psychological perspective
people teaching ~

from a sociological perspective
people teaching ~

from a strategic perspective
~, the Strait of Malacca is... (importance)

consider it from a (larger) perspective
~ that includes... (the town, history, etc.)

look at history from a native perspective
if you ~ (Cherokee)

look at it from their perspective
if you ~...

made it from the Japanese perspective
he ~ (Clint Eastwood / a film)

see the world from a different perspective
people who ~ (autism)

looked at from a long term perspective
however if ~... (exploiting ANWR)

**perception, perspective & point of view: position
perspective (in perspective)**

difference in perspective
the ~ between Western and Arab views of Hezbollah

kept things in perspective
most importantly, they have ~

keep things in perspective
to ~, these are scary cases but... (stranger abductions)

put the figures in perspective
to ~, each... (water scarcity / Middle East)

put the interview in perspective
~ (jobs)

put it (all) in perspective
what ~ was a woman who came up and said...

put things in (a different) perspective
you sure ~ when you tell us about...

put things in (their proper) perspective
if you ~, it doesn't really matter...

put things in perspective
when we finish grieving and we can ~

put the whole thing in perspective
old people can better able ~ (memories)

kept in perspective
the threat needs to be ~ (Al-Shabab in Somalia)

perception, perspective & point of view: position perspective (into perspective)

puts everything else into perspective
a child's death ~ (on Tour de France)

put it into perspective
I think you have to ~ (string of skydiving fatalities)

put this into perspective
to ~, this is... (comparison of pay-per-view fights)

perception, perspective & point of view: position perspective (other)

perspective
your ~ is welcome (a call-in TV show)

perspective that
the past ~ they were pastoralists has been corrected

perspective of a historian
he brought to the subject the shrewd ~

perspectives of the Civil War
if both black and white ~ are recognized...

perspective on (AIDS) issues
articulate the public health ~

perspective on life
articulating the Saudi ~, religion and Sept. 11

perspective on how
they don't have enough ~ they're being formed (teens)

Parent's Perspective
a ~ (depression in children)

public health perspective
articulate the ~ on (AIDS) issues

marketing perspective
I think in terms of the larger picture, which is a ~

balanced perspective
it is important to have a ~ (safety and study abroad)

limited perspective
I had a ~ (status of windsurfing of US vs. rest of world)

Saudi perspective
articulating the ~ on life, religion and Sept. 11

another perspective
~ came from prostitutes... ("John" School)

cultural perspective
a distinctive ~ that we simply don't have

different perspective
different groups have ~s
they can't see that their partner simply has a ~
~s can produce different outlooks on the war (pilots)

enough perspective
they don't have ~ on how they're being formed (teens)

historical perspective
Biological warfare: A ~ (JAMA article)

invaluable perspective
Glen Mills provided him with ~ (a good school)

new perspective
it must revitalize itself with new ideas and ~s (college)

3,000-foot perspective
Carrie, let me get your ~ something, do you think that...

sense of perspective
he has a thick skin and a ~ (homicide detective)

shortcomings of the perspective
they try to redress the ~ (African-American studies)

objectivity or perspective
~ are not easy to come by in books generated by the war

reflection or perspective
calm ~ are not easy to come by (war books)

sympathy and perspective
~ are not easy to come by in wartime

time, distance, and perspective
I am able to write about it now because of ~

perspectives differ
why their ~ (Boomers vs. Gen Xers)

my perspective might have been skewed
~ (US vs. European attitudes to...)

perspective lends understanding
~ (history of Dubai)

perspective was shared
Cohan's ~ by a number of Asian-Americans

add my perspective
I'd like to ~ to the discussion

adds a (fresh) perspective
the parent's view ~ to their fight (intersexed)

agreed with my perspective
not everyone ~

changed my perspective
it ~ on everything...

consider (Native American) perspectives
federal officials need to ~ when...

depends on your perspective
so it probably ~ as to where you are (education reform)

gained some perspective
he professed to have ~ in the ruins of his career

gives you (a little) perspective
it ~ (reading about industry trends)

gives you a perspective
it ~ that everyone is not the same (International camp)

- gives you perspective
the institute ~, you see that other people feel...
- introduce (new) perspectives into curriculums
trying to ~ (schools)
- keep some perspective about it
try to ~ (toddlers who throw food)
- provided him with (invaluable) perspective
Glen Mills ~ (a good school in a bad neighborhood)
- promote (the proper ethical) perspectives
commanders ~ (military)
- supplied perspective
David Morrison of NASA ~ (asteroid danger to earth)
- take a (global or an American) perspective
should it ~ (black studies)
- ♦ see the related *point of view (other)*
- ♦ "Position determines perspective. Or, to put it more simply, what you see depends on where you're standing. I'd been standing in the wrong place. I'd been standing too close to William Kent. I had to step back and see Kent from a different angle." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille.)
 - ♦ "Where you stand (on an issue) is determined by where you sit."
 - ♦ "To envision how an ant might see its world, the Norwegian photographer Tine Poppe places her camera in the dirt of a meadow, lens pointing up." ("Looking Up: Photograph by Tine Poppe," *The Atlantic*, April 2021.)
 - ♦ "The Mekong River is the Dza-chu in Tibet, the Lancang (Lancang Jiang) in China, and the Khong (Mae Nam Khong) in Thailand."
 - ♦ In Russia, World War II is known as the Great Patriotic War. In China, it is known as the Second sino-Japanese War. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.
 - ♦ A FUNNY STORY. Nasreddin was lying on the bank of a river, relaxing. Across the water, he saw a man. The man shouted, "Hey, how to I get to the other side of the river?" Nasreddin shouted back to him, "You are on the other side of the river!"
 - ♦ A good school assignment: Tell us about an event, or a period of time, that changed your perspective about something, someone, or everything...
- perception, perspective & point of view: position**
- pest (person)**
- sex pest
X is a ~ (a sign with pictures of a rat and cockroach)
a division of the Guardian Angels is on the lookout for ~s
- relentless pest
he was a ~ (the stalker / mass murderer Richard Farley)
- ♦ "A Canadian man nearly blew off his own head while trying to kill a mouse with a rifle..."
 - ♦ "A Japanese man burned his house down while trying to kill a mosquito."
 - ♦ "Police arrested a man who tried to torch a hornets' nest, but instead ended up setting fire to two rented motorbikes." (Cambodia.)
 - ♦ "A New York City woman set off 21 bug bombs inside her apartment, causing an explosion that collapsed her five-story building, injuring 14 people."
 - ♦ "A New Jersey man's over-zealous attempt to eradicate a home cockroach infestation ended in an explosion."
 - ♦ "A California man is currently homeless, after attempting to clear spider webs from his backyard using a propane-powered blowtorch."
- ♦ "A Seattle man used a can of spray paint and a lighter as a makeshift blowtorch to kill a spider and ended up burning down his house."
- ♦ "The world record for the longest chain of mini dominoes was... thwarted when a fly triggered the dominoes." (A failed attempt at a Guinness World Record.)
- ♦ "A Texas woman ended up burning down her home in a heated battle with a snake. When the Texarkana resident spotted the serpent in her garden, she doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze. The flaming snake slithered into a nearby brush pile, igniting it and the house in a conflagration..."
- ♦ "The flies plagued Giufa and stung him. He went to the judge and complained about them. The judge laughed at such a simple young man and said, 'Whenever you see a fly you can strike it.' While the judge was speaking, a fly rested on his face and Giufa dealt it such a blow that he broke the judge's nose."
- affliction: animal / insect / person**
- pester (verb)**
- pester you for sex
they constantly ~ (men at a hotel on Cyprus)
- pestered me about it
my brother ~ for years, it was a crazy idea, I told him
- affliction: animal / horse / insect / verb**
- pet (vocative)**
- my pet
don't worry, ~
- vocative: animal**
- pet (pet cause, etc.)**
- pet cause
seeking attention for a ~
- pet ideas
they want their ~ adopted (conservatives)
- pet name
my girlfriend's ~ for it is...
- pet phrase
"We shall see" is one of his ~s
- pet project
a ~ of Navy Secretary Danzig
earmarks are ~s that lawmakers insert into giant bills
- pet theory
it's hard to let go of a ~
history can reinforce one's ~s
- Fortune's pet
he was now ~ instead of her stepson (change to good)
- teacher's pet
I was the ~ (school)
- enthusiasm / relationship: animal**
- petri dish**
- petri dishes of cafes and storefronts
a new theatrical culture grew in the ~ (NYC)

♦ The petri dish was named after the German bacteriologist Julius Richard Petri.

growth & development: biology

petrified (adjective)

petrified to vote

Blacks were ~

feeling, emotion & effect: movement

phantom

phantom classes

an academic scandal involving ~ (athletes)

appearance & disappearance / presence & absence: creature

pharaoh (power)

military pharaoh

power has transferred from a ~ to an Islamic one (Egypt)

power: history

Pharaonic (adjective)

Pharaonic

the scale and ambition of the project are ~ (a book)

pharaonic-scale

did Ceausescu really care if this ~ was completed (canal)

size: allusion / history

comparison & contrast: affix

pharmacy (Pharmacy of the World, etc.)

Pharmacy of the World

India is often called “The ~” (drug making)

importance & significance: epithet

Phoenix (myth)

Phoenix

we will rise from the ashes like the ~ (town burns)

scientific Phoenix

he was a ~, rising from the ashes of his mistakes (Pasteur)

♦ In Greek mythology, the Phoenix was a bird that periodically was consumed by fire and then regenerated itself from the ashes.

♦ In his notes to Canto XXIV of *The Inferno*, John Ciardi describes the Phoenix thusly: “The fabulous Phoenix of Arabia was the only one of its kind in the world. Every five hundred years it built a nest of spices and incense which took fire from the heat of the sun and the beating of the Phoenix’s wings. The Phoenix was thereupon cremated and was then re-born from its ashes.” This is close to the story the Egyptians told Herodotus in the 5th century BC.)

♦ In Atlanta, Georgia (USA), a bronze monument of the Phoenix rescuing a woman from a fire commemorates that city’s rise from the ashes of the Civil War. Atlanta prides itself on its motto, “The city too busy to hate.”

creation & transformation / destruction / origin / survival, persistence & endurance: allusion / fire / sign, signal, symbol

photobomb (verb)

photobomb the images

Ms Steinbach denied she had been asked to ~

♦ Kelly Steinbeich (AKA Kelleth Cuthbert) became known as the Fiji Water Girl after she upstaged celebrities on the Golden Globe red carpet while providing that brand of water to them.

♦ “There has been an increase in so-called ‘Zoom-bombing.’”(Video conferencing during the Coronavirus pandemic.)

♦ “The Zoom bombing was an attack on free expression.” (Brandeis President Ronald Liebowitz.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture / theater / verb / weapon

pick (pick oneself up)

pick themselves up

they’ve got to ~ (a losing team)

resiliency: direction / hand / verb

pick apart (analyze)

picking apart the language

opposition leaders have been ~ (Brexit deal)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

pick up (verb)

pick up

demand will eventually ~ (airline industry)

increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

picnic (no picnic)

no picnic

Isabelle is ~ herself (needy and insecure)

loving him is ~

the shelter is ~, but he’s thankful (disaster relief)

getting Lyme disease is ~

no picnic being a kidney patient

it’s ~ even in the best conditions (Gaza Strip)

no picnic for lawmakers

the August recess is ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink

picnic (other)

picnic

in comparison with Nanda Devi East, Everest is a ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink

picnic (church picnic)

church picnic

the rally was more ~ than protest (Tea Party)

behavior / conflict: religion

picture (out of the picture)

out of the picture

he is ~ (husband who abandoned family)

take you out of the picture

a mistake will ~ (competition)

wanted him out of the picture

she ~ (murder)

involvement / presence & absence: picture

picture (in the picture)

put you in the picture

this will ~

involvement: picture

picture (in the big picture)

in the big picture

it's not important ~

♦ If you want to know whether a ship is moving, you don't look at the deck, you look over the side... (A quote attributed to the great geologist John Tuzo Wilson, an important convert to and proponent of the theory of continental drift and plate tectonics.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

context / perception, perspective & point of view: picture

picture (big picture / noun)

bigger picture

you never see the ~, do you (criticism)

big-picture goal

her ~ is to end the conservatorship

focus on the big picture

politicians put aside their bickering to ~ (9/11)

get big picture

let's back up and just ~ for a second (NPR)

♦ NPR's Ari Shapiro once said, "Pull the camera back and explain what you think that says about Mormonism in this moment of the 21st century beyond Mitt Romney."

♦ "She is here to lay out something of a radio map for us, hey there, Dina, so before we get to the fighting, would you give us the big map? Afghanistan, of course..." (Breezy language heard on NPR.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

context / perception, perspective & point of view: picture

picture (big picture / verb)

big-picture this

I want you to ~ for me (a sports show / two guys)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / context / perception, perspective & point of view: part of speech

picture (view)

picture of the economy

the conventional ~ is...

picture of their kids

confused parents have no clear ~

heart-wrenching picture

the ~ of last week...

complicated picture

an investigation presented a ~

accurate picture

present an ~ of the current boom (economy)

better picture

we need to get a ~ of what's going on

bigger picture

you never see the ~, do you (criticism)

bleak picture

it is an amazingly ~ that you present (jobs / adjuncts)

bleaker picture

there are doctors who paint a ~ than necessary

clear picture

confused parents have no ~ of their kids

no single agency has a ~ of who is responsible for what

complete picture

complaints authorities haven't provided a ~ (epidemic)

what happens in the lab isn't the ~ (virology)

conventional picture

the ~ of the economy is...

different picture

a ~ emerged of the risks...

little-picture (m)

a ~ trend

pessimistic picture

they are painting a ~ of her career (an actor)

sordid picture

the allegations painted a ~ (recruiting violations)

true picture

disclosure will give a ~ (toxic emissions)

ugly picture

she painted an ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

whole picture

you have to look at the ~

you might not be seeing the ~ (health ad)

the numbers may never capture the ~ (pandemic)

quite a (gloomy) picture

he presented ~ of the region

one-sided picture

the ~ purveyed by the media

favorable picture

suspects want to paint the most ~ possible

picture emerged

a different ~ of the risks...

as the cases accumulated, a common clinical ~ (epidemic)

picture (of what is going on) is getting clearer
more and more the ~ (epidemic)

described a different picture
but he ~... (of a crisis)

drew a (very different) picture
prosecutors ~ (a trial)

get a better picture
we need to ~ of what's going on (diplomacy)

painted an (ugly) picture
she ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

painted a (damning) picture
the report ~ of a culture of coercion (sports camp)

paint a (bleaker) picture
there are doctors who ~ than necessary

add nuance to the overall picture
future research will no doubt ~ (epidemiology)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture
characterization / evidence: picture

picture (picture-perfect)

picture-perfect
the launch was ~ (Blue Origin's *New Shepard*)

♦ "Not too shabby." / "It was picture-perfect!"

flaws & lack of flaws: picture

pie (apple pie)

apple pie
nativism is as old as ~

identify & nature: food & drink / sign, signal, symbol

pie (shape)

"pies"
there are snowdrifts, we call them ~ (ice yachting)

♦ "There are snowdrifts, we call them 'pies.' The small ones are ok, but the big ones are dangerous. I drove into one yesterday. It was not great." (Roman Kopylov, an ice yachting enthusiast, speaking on Lake Baikal.)

resemblance / shape: food & drink

pie (piece of the pie, etc.)

piece of the billion-dollar pie
they weren't getting a ~ (NCAA athletes)

piece of the revenue pie
students don't get any ~ (the NCAA)

♦ "I don't want a piece of the pie, I want the goddamn recipe!" (The character of singer-songwriter-businessman Sam Cooke from the fine Amazon film *One Night in Miami*.)

♦ "They weren't getting a piece of the billion-dollar pie... but ya know, you can let them go make their own pies." (T.J. Holmes for ABC's *Good Morning American*, about NCAA athletes being allowed to make money on their name, image or likeness.)

amount: food & drink

piece (missing pieces)

missing pieces
the ~ now are falling into place (police investigation)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle

piece (pick up the pieces)

pick up the pieces
hopefully, negotiators can ~ and find a way forward

amelioration & renewal: destruction / verb

resiliency: destruction / verb

pieces (go to pieces)

went to pieces
when he was abandoned by his friends, he ~ (politician)
he ~, drank more, gave up...

euphemism: mental health

failure, accident & impairment: mental health

piece together (verb)

piece it together
it took him less than two weeks to ~ (serial rapist)

piecing together (historic) clues
he began ~

piece together what
police are trying to ~ led to the shooting

pieced together where
investigators have still not ~ the money came from

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle / verb

pied piper

pied piper
he was too charismatic, a ~ leading students astray (Uni)

♦ "pied piper of R&B"
he adopted the nickname, ~ (R. Kelly)

pied-piper meaning

he had a message, a kind of ~ (Charles Manson's lyrics)
♦ "So Charles would be walking, and then thousands would be following him everywhere he went, you know. He was the Pied Piper." (Magic Johnson, about Charles Barkley at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.
"Chuck" enjoyed strolling the Ramblas at night, attracting great crowds, and at least one sportswriter considered him "America's best ambassador" at the games.)

attraction & repulsion: allusion / epithet / magic
allusion: books & reading

piety (noun)

pieties of the (early) 1990s

liberals have reverted to the ~ (alleged sex harassment)

lazy piety

she avoids ~ and reactionary forecasts (a writer)

takes aim at the piety

she is a heretic who ~ of diet culture

pieties could scarcely survive
these ~ WWII (goodness of man, sentimentality, etc.)

idea: religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion
pig (insult)

pig
he's a ~
but your bosses can keep coasting along, the ~
no matter how much lipstick you put on a ~, it's still a pig
♦ What do you expect from a pig but a grunt!

behavior / insult: animal

pigeonhole (noun)

resisted this pigeonhole
he ~ (Bruce Chatwin, of a homosexual)

characterization: animal / bird

pigeonholed

pigeonholed
he never wanted to be ~ (Bruce Chatwin and his sexuality)

characterization: animal / bird

piggyback (verb)

piggy-back something partisan on it
one side or the other tried to ~ (legislation politics)

piggybacked on his reporting
other sites ~ to cast aspersions on the company

♦ Originally this meant pitching something onto somebody's back.

configuration: animal / verb

piggybank (noun)

piggybank
they used the group's coffers as their ~

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pile (pile of money, etc.)

pile of money
they hoped to make a ~

amount: pile

pile-on (noun)

pile-on on Bernie Sanders
there did seem to be a ~ (election debate)

bipartisan pile-on
it was a ~ (Boeing congressional hearing)

cable-news pile-on
the first accusation, the next accusations, the ~

online pile-ons
even non-public figures have ~

callouts, draggings, and pile-ons

some Y.A. books are targeted in intense social-media ~

joined the pile-on
soon big-named comedians ~ (Instagram problem)
♦ A person who joins a pile-on is a piler-on. The plural would be pilers-on: "She was one of the early pilers-on and she is begging forgiveness."

unanimity & consensus: pile / sports & games
accusation & criticism: pile / sports & games
punishment & recrimination: pile / sports & games

pile on (gang up on)

pile on
some urged Democrats not to ~ (attacks on Joe Biden)

piled on
national Democrats ~ (calls for resignation)
fans ~ (to criticize Bill Buckner after his 1986 error)
the media ~ (criticism of Bill Buckner after 1986 error)
♦ "Man Utd are a club giving joy to hundreds of millions every week. Just not their fans." (Mish on a BBC HYS. 1037 upvotes. 48 downvotes.)

unanimity & consensus: pile / sports & games / verb
accusation & criticism: pile / sports & games / verb
punishment & recrimination: pile / sports & games / verb

pile on (increase)

piling on the pressure
he's ~ (politics)

increase & decrease: pile / verb

pile up (verb)

pile up
disturbing details began to ~ (missing child)

distractions can pile up
~ (while driving a car: kids, music, cellphone, etc.)

evidence was piling up
the ~ (investigation of missing woman)

increase & decrease: direction / pile / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

pilgrimage (trip)

pilgrimage site
his restaurant is a ~ for foodies

rock 'n' roll pilgrimage
Australia's annual ~ (the Elvis festival / Parkes)

annual pilgrimage
they've made the ~ for 12 years (Daytona 500)

act of pilgrimage
in an ~, he found Amundsen's cairn on Betty's Knoll

make the pilgrimage
Scandinavians ~ here each year (northern Jutland)
tourists ~ to see sunrise from Low's Peak (Kinabalu)

makes a pilgrimage
nearly every day, somebody ~ here (Lake Lure)

♦ "They say they just want to see the site. I'm just stunned. It takes work on their part to find out [the locations] where the movie was shot." (John Cloud at Lake Lure, North Carolina, on people who come looking for where the film *Dirty Dancing* was filmed. The movie, released in 1987, starred Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Dirty Dancing Cove is the popular name for the place where Swayze and Grey practiced lifts in the water.)

♦ The "devotional crawl" around Kang Rinpoche (Mount Kailas) in western Tibet takes about two weeks. The path starts at an altitude of 15,000 feet, attains an altitude of 18,600 feet at the Drolma La Pass, is 33 miles long, and crosses streams. Most pilgrims walk or crawl in a clockwise direction, but the Bonpos go counterclockwise. Pilgrims spend years and even decades simply getting to the mountain.

♦ "Downtown Jeddah is bustling with the annual post-Haj commercial boom caused by the influx of pilgrims. Many pilgrims are on a shopping spree while others set up stalls to sell items they brought with them to help pay for their journey, and even take a little extra cash home with them... Asian pilgrims can be seen buying Islamic-themed gifts, perfumes, beauty products, henna, and prayer rugs... Tunisians, Indonesians, Pakistani and Egyptians are buying religious books and rugs. African pilgrims are buying gold, electronics, cosmetics, furniture and other products in bulk in order to re-sell these items back home... The Gold Street at Bab Sharif has temporarily turned into a Little Khartoum or Little Nouakchott due to the sheer numbers of Mauritanian and Sudanese pilgrims. Women from Mauritania, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen are buying textiles for clothes." ("Balad bustles as pilgrims trade," by Omaima Al-Fardan and Fatima Sidiya, *Arab News*, 7 Dec. 2009.)

enthusiasm: religion

attraction & repulsion: religion / place

pill (poison pill)

poison pill

they included a ~ in the spending bill (to kill it)

destruction / subterfuge: health & medicine

pill (bitter pill, etc.)

pill to swallow

getting advice can be a bitter ~

it was a hard ~ having medalled in the past (track loss)

bitter pill

the long term solution may be a ~

easily swallowed pill

the song's humor made its feminism an ~ (*You're So Vain*)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

consumption: health & medicine

pill (miracle pill)

miracle pill

it is not a ~ (a drug)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

pillar (basis)

pillars of Islam

pilgrimage is one of the five ~

pillar of the (US) approach

another ~ is to minimize civilian casualties

pillar of the (Iraq) coalition

a ~ has collapsed (Spain)

pillar of the community

the family was a ~
he has always been a ~ (slain businessman)

pillars of excellence
black schools that were once ~ fell into decline

pillar of their faith
a pilgrimage that is a ~ (Hajj)

pillars of our plan
here are the four ~ (State of the Union address)

pillar of (modern) science
peer-reviewed journals are a ~

pillars of (Somali) society
clan elders, the traditional ~ (Somaliland)

EU's (major policy) "pillars"
the ~ include free movement and Schengen open borders

community pillar
the ~ became an object of loathing (pedophile)

ideological pillar
she assaulted the ~s of the system

traditional pillars
clan elders, the ~ of Somali society (Somaliland)

four pillars
the AAMDC executes the ~ of Missile Defense

five pillars
pilgrimage is one of the ~ of Islam

first pillar
the ~ of our framework offers a path to citizenship for...

second pillar
salah, prayer, is the ~ (of Islam)

second (Israeli) pillar
a ~ was the Israeli Air Force (1973 war)

fourth pillar
fasting during Ramadan is the ~ of Islam

fifth pillar
Hajj is the ~ (Islam)

rested on the (three) pillars
victory ~ of intelligence, the air force, and tanks

bases: infrastructure

pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.)

Pillar
the ~ is a mountain in British Columbia

Pillars of Hercules
the northern pillar of the ~ is the Rock of Gibraltar

Pillar Point
we walked to ~ (Hong Kong)

Cape Pillar
~, with its cluster of basaltic columns (Tasman Peninsula)

proper name: infrastructure

pillar (resemblance)

pillar of fire

a ~ rose from the home (plane crashes into home)

pillars of smoke

huge ~ rose above buildings (bombardment)

resemblance: infrastructure

pilloried

pilloried

the same military that was idolized was now being ~

pilloried in the media

he was ~

pilloried by the Trump administration

the former ambassador is being ~

pilloried (by critics) for supporting

he is sometimes ~ the revolutions (Arab Spring)

pilloried by his rivals for his past donations

he has been ~ to Democrats

pilloried after Games fall

skater ~ (on social media after fall at 2022 Olympics)

accusation & criticism: speech / violence

punishment & recrimination: speech / violence

pillory (verb)

pilloried the president over (federal) spending
he has ~ (politics)

♦ In Krakatoa, Simon Winchester reprints a German soldier's list of punishments in Batavia (present-day Jakarta) in 1676. The soldier mentions beheadings, six unfortunate men who were broken on the wheel, a hanging, whippings, burnings (brandings), two soldiers forced to run the gauntlet, and "A Dutch Schoolmaster's Wife," caught cheating on her husband, who was "put in the Pillory."

accusation & criticism: speech / violence / verb

punishment & recrimination: speech / violence / verb

pilot (verb)

piloted the school to (considerable) success
he ~ (a principal)

directing: boat / verb

pin (attach)

pinning its hopes on a new strategy
the company is now ~ (oil leak)

pinning their hopes on the new treatment
they are ~ (leukemia)

pinned their hopes on the report
many Democrats ~ as a game changer (politics)

attachment: cloth / verb

pinball (verb)

pinballed around the box

Joe Allen's deflected shot ~ (soccer)

movement: ball / sports & games / verb

pincer (noun)

pincer attack

the option for a ~ against Peking was possible (1895)

claw of the pincer

he wanted to see the southern ~ on the map (Stalin)

caught in the pincers

Romanians have been ~ of three empires

♦ The three pincers that Romania has been caught between were the Ottoman Turks, the Russians (and the Soviet Union), and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

pincered

pincered between his hope and his fear

he was ~

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.)

pinch of hunger

to feel the ~ in April and May (Alaska)

economic pinch

what unites them is the ~ and anger at the president

feel the pinch

they don't ~ yet (subsistence farmers and COVID)

feeling the pinch

the economy is bad, and shopkeepers are ~

♦ "Scraping along / In a little shack, / With hardly a shirt / To cover his back, / And a prairie wind / To blow him down, / Or pinching times / If he went to town." ("Nancy Hanks" by Rosemary Benet. The poem is about Abraham Lincoln.)

feeling, emotion & effect: finger / sensation

affliction: finger / sensation

survival, persistence & endurance: finger / sensation

pinched

pinched by the pandemic

it was a windfall for local governments ~ (relief bill)

feeling, emotion & effect: finger / sensation

affliction: finger / sensation

survival, persistence & endurance: finger / sensation

ping-pong (verb)

ping-pongs along

as the dialogue ~, the audience... (a play)

ping-pong back and forth

versions ~ between the House and Senate (spending bill)

ping-ponged (around) from music to comics

the conversation ~

ping-pong between institutions

patients often ~ (nursing homes and hospitals)

ping-pong between the two (major) parties

voters ~ (Mexico)

ping-ponged between Los Angeles and New York

he ~

ping-ponged (numerous times) between Syria and Iraq
her family ~

ping-pongs between vulnerable and obnoxious

she ~ (a child in a film)

movement: ball / direction / sports & games / verb

ping-pong (noun)

ping-pong editing

what I call ~ (close-ups toggle between 2 talking people)

ping-pong exchange

the ~ of offer and counteroffer

ping-pong structure

the book's ~ makes for a kinetic read

ping-pong with your emotions

this sport plays ~ (Costello & Bunce / boxing)

budget ping pong

it's a game of ~ between the two parties (spending bill)

game of (legislative) Ping-Pong

it's a ~ (budget dispute)

movement: ball / direction / sports & games

pinnacle (achievement)

pinnacle of avarice

critics see it as the ~ (presidency of Goldman Sachs)

pinnacle of glory

it was the ~ in a career of already meteoric achievement

pinnacle of her profession

after reaching the ~ on her shuttle mission...

pinnacle of (Scottish) wooden shipbuilding

she really was the ~ (the *Terra Nova*)

pinnacle of success

Tyson reached the ~ at the age of just 20

reached a pinnacle

his popularity ~ when he won the lead in the school play

♦ A **pinnacle** is a long pointed "cap" on a tower or buttress. They are common on gothic cathedrals. The name comes from the Latin for "little feather."

achievement, recognition & praise: height / infrastructure

pinned

pinned in the (submerged) rock jumble

I saw his boat, ~ (kayaking)

pinned to the ground

the squad was engaged by weapons fire and ~

pinned vertically

his boat was ~ (kayaking)

attachment: cloth

pinned (pinned down)

pinned down on a roof

the two marines were ~ (Falluja)

attachment: cloth

pinpoint (locate)

pinpoint with accuracy

engineers can ~ the areas... (oil)

pinpoint the (relic's) age

but metals experts could not ~ (a watch)

pinpoint (with accuracy) the areas

engineers can ~... (oil)

pinpoint the location

acoustic sensors can ~ of snipers (combat)

pinpoint locations

G.P.S. can ~

pinpoint the (shooter's) position

police used computer software to ~

pinpoint the (tumor's) size and location

a CT scan can ~

difficult to pinpoint

it is ~ a spot in the desert

location: map / verb

pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)

pinpoint accuracy

direct his bombs with nearly ~

pinpoint precision

cops can track a person's whereabouts with ~ (5G)

pinpoint timing

surfers must hit a wave with ~

location: map

pioneer (person)

pioneers of (independent) film

he's one of the ~ (the great Spike Lee)

pioneer of their sport

a fallen ~, Craig Kelly (avalanche / snowboarding)

pioneers of (wilderness) therapy

he is one of the ~

pioneer of tow-in surfing

Laird Hamilton, the ~

pioneer in his field
he is a ~ (psychology)

pioneers in their field
those who become ~s of endeavor

pioneer species
~ like brown sedge colonize disturbed sites

big-wave pioneers
~ such as Greg Noll and Jeff Clark (surfing)

hip-hop pioneer
~s RUN-DMC
the ~ stabbed a homeless man to death

industry pioneer
the National Captioning Institute, the ~

Internet pioneer
an ~

skateboarding pioneer
Andy Kessler, a ~... (1970s / NYC)

snowboarding pioneer
Craig Kelly, a ~ who died in an avalanche

Space Pioneer
Scott Bolton receives NSS ~ award (Juno Mission)

♦ "I think pioneers are very important because I think they set the scene, they show others that they can do it, and they put it on the agenda...and others can take it up." (Zerbanoo Gifford speaking about Dadabhai Naoroji.)

♦ "In the evening I sat by the fire and discussed with Dersu the rest of our journey down the Lefu. I very much wanted to have a look at Lake Hanko, discovered by N.M. Przewalski... // [The old man] stopped and pointed out an old track overgrown with grass and shrubs. That was the old route, he told us, by which the Ussurians used to go through to Olga Bay. It was by that route that, in the sixties of the last century, Budishchev and Maximovich had come, and at the thought their portraits rose before my eyes and their description of their journey... // The Tadusha! It was this very river that L. Veniukov was the first to explore, but the Chinese had stopped him and compelled him to turn back. That was in 1857 when he put up a big wooden cross to mark his farthest point, but I could find no trace of it. No doubt the Chinese had destroyed it as soon as the Russians had left. Later there came Maximovich, Budishchev, and Przewalski, all famous men of science... // The climb up the ridge is stiff near the crest. The pass itself is in the form of a broad saddle, boggy, and covered with burnt-out forest. The altitude is 1584 ft., and it ought really to be named after the pioneer, M. Veniukov, who passed this way in 1857, breaking the way for the men who followed... // September 27 was given up to a reconnaissance of the Bay of Terney, discovered by the famous La Perouse on 23 July 1767, who then and there gave it its name..." (Selections from *Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "The Explorer" (1898) by Rudyard Kipling is a stirring poem about an explorer and the pioneers who followed in his footsteps.

driving force: journeys & trips / person
person: journeys & trips

importance & significance: history / journeys & trips /
person

pioneering

pioneering contribution
their ~s to intelligence testing

pioneering (elephant) researcher
a ~ in Nairobi

pioneering study
his ~, "Sexual Behavior..." (Alfred C. Kinsey)

pioneering work
he has done ~ in this field (neural prosthetics)

importance & significance: history / journeys & trips

pipe (noun)

narrower pipe
British English comes to us through a much ~

♦ "British English comes to us through a much narrower pipe than the one that floods Britain with our words." ("Even Americans Find Some Britishisms 'Spot On'" by Geoff Nunberg, Fresh Air, Nov. 1, 2012.)

directing / route: infrastructure / water

pipe (sports)

full pipe
the park has a ~, bowls, vert ramp and fun box

halfpipe
snowboarders catch big air in the ~

quarterpipe
the landing area flows to a 27-foot-tall ~

shape: infrastructure

pipe (go down the pipes)

went down the pipes
our relationship ~

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb
destruction: infrastructure / verb

pipe dream

pipe dream
it's not just a ~ anymore

just a pipe dream
100,000 people in June is ~ (boxing during pandemic)

remains a pipe dream
democracy ~ in places like the Congo and Sudan

dismissed as a pipedream
restoring function after paralysis can no longer be ~

fantasy & reality: addiction / mental health

pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.)

Mexican Pipeline
Zicatela Beach is renowned as the ~ surf break

epithet: shape
geography / shape: epithet

pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)

Pipeline
~ is one of the world's most dangerous surf spots
~ has claimed its victims (fatalities)
~ breaks 30 feet from shore (Hawaii)

proper name: infrastructure

pipeline (shape)

waves, tubes, pipelines and barrels
the ~ of surfing

shape: infrastructure

pipeline (other)

aviation pipeline
he was in the ~, he was training in aviation (military)

drug pipeline
the ~ that runs through the reservation (border)

money pipeline
the US vowed to shut down the ~ that finances terror

serves as a pipeline
the boarding school ~ to some of the best universities

directing / route: infrastructure / water

piquancy (noun)

sustained piquancy
it is this which lends the book its ~ (a book review)

consumption: food & drink / taste

piracy (noun)

Internet music piracy
music executives are trying to end ~

biopiracy
if the tribe does not share in the profits, it's ~ (Brazil)

electronic piracy
do not participate in or encourage ~ of copyrighted materials

taking & removing: crime

piranha (predation)

piranhas around Britney
the ~ were awful (the pop star)

thousand internet piranhas
a ~ ripped through his every utterance (Jordan Peterson)

character & personality: animal / fish / predation

affliction / person: animal / fish / predation

pirate (person)

pirate server
French police located and dismantled the ~ (botnet)

pirate trade
its perceived benefits have fueled a ~ (tree frog)

music pirate
the industry is pursuing lawsuits against ~s (Internet)

porch pirates
they call them ~ (parcel thieves)

radio pirate

~s get on the bad side of the FCC

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates

they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

counterfeit, pirate or bootleg (m)

seizures of ~ labels soared (music)

track down the pirates

~ (CDs, computer software, etc. / UAE)

♦ Somali pirates are now capturing ships closer to India than to Africa.
Xarardheere is a notorious pirate town on the Somali coast.

♦ “[A] sudden check came in the form of a piratical incursion. A small prau arrived which had been attacked by pirates and had a man wounded. They were said to have five boats, but more were expected to be behind and the traders were all in consternation, fearing that their small vessels sent trading to the “blakang tana” would be plundered. The Aru natives were of course dreadfully alarmed, as these marauders attack their villages, burn and murder, and carry away women and children for slaves... (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace. Chapter 30: The Aru islands & residence in Dobbo.)

taking & removing: boat / crime / person / sea

person: boat / crime / sea

character & personality: boat / crime / person / sea

piratical (adjective)

piratical museums

formerly ~ (colonialism)

taking & removing: crime / sea

comparison & contrast: affix

Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.)

Yorkshire Pirlo

Phillips has been branded “The ~” by his adoring fans

superlative: sports & games

comparison & contrast: epithet

pit (bear pit)

bear pit of the House of Commons

she stands tall in the ~

bear-pit atmosphere

a York Hall type of experience, that ~ (boxing match)

loves a bear pit

Dillian ~, he's fought in places smaller... (the great boxer)

transformed the ring into a bear pit

he ~ and bullied his rival (boxing)

environment: hole

conflict: animal / blood / hole / predation / sports & games / violence

pit bull (person)

pit bull

she's a ~, sinks her teeth into a case and doesn't let go

pit bull for the president

he has been a ~ (a lawyer)

pit-bull lawyers

copyright is in the custody of ~

legal pit bull

he is a bookish, ~ with two Ivy League degrees

attachment: animal / dog / teeth

character & personality: animal / dog / teeth

behavior / coercion & motivation / commitment &

determination: animal / dog

pitch (promote)

pitches the nation's charms

he ~ (tourism)

enthusiasm: speech / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: speech / verb

pitchfork (oppression)

pitchfork-wielding

they are derided as ~ hysterics (sensitivity readers)

pitchforks and torches

it was a mob scene with ~ (perp walk in cuffs)

sharpened its pitchforks

Twitter ~ and came for her (NPR interviews racist)

♦ The oppression of Frankenstein's monster in the sentimental film versions seems irrational and cruel. Less so if you read Mary Shelley's harrowing and creepy novel!

♦ "The pitchforks are changing hands." (The U.S. electorate.)

oppression: allusion / creature / sign, signal, symbol

allusion: books & reading

pitchfork (shape)

awful pitchfork

that ~ we saw in the sky (Shuttle Challenger Disaster)

shape: tools & technology

pitch in (help)

pitch in on child's play

the government needs to ~ (no playgrounds, etc.)

help & assistance: throwing, putting & planting / verb

pitch-perfect (adjective)

pitch-perfect

his speech was ~ for his audience

flaws & lack of flaws: music / speech

pitfall (noun)

pitfalls of capital punishment

the case is an illuminating window into the ~

pitfalls of launching adolescents

it's time to wake up to the ~ into an adult lifestyle (models)

pitfalls in interpretation

~ (seismic data interpretation by geologists)

scams, schemes, and pitfalls

the shadow world of literary ~

pitfalls await

many ~ the new House majority (politics)

avoids the pitfalls

his book ~ that come with its territory (a biography)

♦ "Not far from the rock there is a big pitfall. This is in the form of a stout fence to keep animals away from their watering-place, built up partly of fallen logs and partly of growing trees. Big stakes had been driven in to hold it firmly and prevent the animals from trampling it down. In a few places openings were left with pits dug underneath them, hidden by grass and dry twigs spread over the top. When the deer come down to the water at night, they come up against the fence, and in trying to find a way round, come to the holes and fall into the pits. There are fences like that stretching over a distance of thirty miles and more, with a couple of hundred pitfalls. / This pitfall on the Vangou had been abandoned... / Dersu abused the Chinese terribly for abandoning the pits without filling them in." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

danger: hole / hunting / walking, running & jumping

pivot (noun)

pivot point

Casey saw the Iraq War as a ~, one of history's hinges

pivot (away) from green energy

Ohio's ~ (coal)

career pivot

it's a bit of a ~, from chemical engineer to bookstore owner

botched pivot

the ~ likened to a strip club focusing on chicken wings...

remarkable pivot

this represents a ~ for the State Department (in Iraq)

making a (big) pivot here

we're ~, from no water to too much (rain in California)

♦ Teen speak: "Obviously now our plans have had to pivot" instead of "We have had to change our plans."

♦ "One simple pivot that we could do is to shift our focus away from X to Y." (An author being interviewed about his book.)

development / reversal: direction / mechanism

pivot (verb)

pivoted to a more aggressive stance

the group has ~

suspicions (soon) pivoted

their ~ and focused instead on Smollett (detectives)

♦ In a very nice opinion piece, Scott Simon of NPR rightly characterizes this word as a buzzword. ("Politics, Pundits And The Problem With The Word 'Pivot,'" NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, June 11, 2016.)

development / reversal: direction / mechanism

pivotal (adjective)

pivotal elections

these are ~ (Zimbabwe after Mugabe)

pivotal (naval) battle

it was a ~ (Battle of Trafalgar)

pivotal day

Friday marks a ~ in the Senate's impeachment trial

pivotal moment

that was a very ~ in the fight ("I put him on his ass")
pivotal people
name five ~ in your life

pivotal (backstage) role
he played a ~ in persuading...

development: direction / mechanism
importance & significance: mechanism
place (resting place)

resting place
the sub would never move from its ~ (sunk)

resting place for hundreds of cars
the bluff is the final ~ (St Joseph / Lookout Park)

place: burial / death & life

place (internet, etc.)

trusted place
we're a ~ where people can go (a podcast)

kinder place
she wants to make the internet a ~

welcoming place
a more ~ for others who look like them (music industry)

♦ The internet seems to be both a place and a space.

area: place

place (feelings and emotions)

place of genuine concern
it's hard to tell if the criticism is coming from a ~

place of fear
he is pushing studios to make decisions from a ~

place of (aspirational) thinking and hope
they come from that ~ (high schoolers / reform)

dark place
the ~ that I was in (depression)

worst place
I've been to the ~ anybody could go (depression)

at a bad place
I think she was ~ in her life (mental issues)

in a very anxious place
you have to function despite being ~

in a bad place
she was sobbing uncontrollably, she was ~

in a (really) bad place
I was ~ physically and mentally

in a better place
I am ~ mentally (Iraq combat vet)
your mind is finally ~ (a drug advertisement)

in a dark place

we don't think we can move forward, we are all ~ (grief)

in a (really) dark place
I was ~, I was 17, it seemed like the end of the world...

in a good place
the last time he saw her she was not ~ (suicide)
I was not ~ until I told myself... (mentally)
he is not mentally well, he's not ~

in the right place
they key now is that he gets his head ~ (a defeated boxer)

in a (very) weird place
I feel ~ about this (opinion on a sports issue)

all over the place
they are ~ (emotionally)

free of that place
you can only live with resentment for so long, I'm ~

come to a place
I had ~ accepting that she was probably dead

find a peaceful, happy place
personally, I want for her to just ~ (manager resigns)

get to a place
we want to ~ of forgiveness for him (a murderer)

♦ "I understood where he was mentally at that point because I'd been there." (A suicide in prison.)

♦ "I haven't been there myself but I know women who have." (In an abusive relationship.)

♦ "In the last year, I had come to a place accepting that Michaela was probably no longer alive." (Mother of child missing for 32 years and presumed murdered, on arrest of suspect.)

♦ "Our hearts are just in a place that we can't even describe how sad we are." (Murder of a colleague.)

♦ "I've been in a place where it's been dark. And it's been deep, and it's been sad. And I'm like, I need to get out of that place." (Sloane Stephens, tennis player, about mental health.)

♦ "Once again I find myself in a place of shame and regret... / In the heat of the pain I was feeling, I went to dark places." (The actor Johnny Depp, at trial.)

♦ "You've been taking mental-health meds, and your mind is finally in a better place..." (An online advertisement for Ingrezza® valbenazine capsules. Advertising is the final stage in the sanctioning of a cliche.)

♦ "Place" seems to have replaced "state" or "status" or "way."

feeling, emotion & effect: container / mental health / place

place (situation)

at a different place
we're ~ than we were earlier (vaccines)

in a bad place
I put myself ~ (decisions, drinking, aggression)

in a better place
the country is ~ than it was in 2001 (Afghanistan in 2021)

in a (much much) better place
we are ~ right now than we were a month ago (COVID)

in a very different place
social media is ~ than when Bebo was first about

in a much different place
 the heavyweight division was ~ on Dec. 1, 2018...

in a difficult place
 the government is sort of in a ~ (COVID 19 vaccine)

in a (really) good place
 the Post is ~, it's time to move on (Marty Baron retires)

in a (much less) privileged place
 other children are ~ than my family (pandemic)

in a (very) solid and stable place
 the NIH is ~

in a divided and disheartening place
 our nation is ~

from a place of privilege
 ~, she...

going toward a younger and more progressive place
 their fan base is ~ (the NFL)

get to a place
 if we ~ in 2024, if it's worse than 2020... (US elections)

got to this place
 how we ~ is because... (history)
 remind us how she ~, I mean, how was she able to...

put yourself in a place
 if you do these things, you can ~ to be successful (politics)

ratcheted this up to a ridiculous place
 they ~ (a sports controversy / Naomi Osaka)

♦ "It seems like a good place to do that." Marty Baron retires after many years with newspaper in good shape. He might just as well have said, "it seems like a good time to retire."

♦ "The country is in a better place than it was in 2001 and the Taliban have become more open-minded." (General Sir Nick Carter, Britain's Chief of Defense Staff. He might just as well have said, "in a better state.")

♦ see also *where (situation / development)*

condition & status / development / situation / time: place

place (place where)

place where
 will our digital century be a ~ our civilization can thrive

at a place where
 we are still ~ black people can't...
 she is ~ she feels she can speak out

at a place (right now) where
 we are ~ our hospitals are overtaxed (pandemic)

in a place where
 we're still ~ we have to talk about equality (women athletes)

in a place (similar to) where
 by next January, they could be ~ the Lions were last year

in a state where
 but we are still ~ supply is nowhere near demand (vaccine)

envisions a place where

he ~ blacks have power, opportunity

get it to a place where
 it takes time to ~ you can safely take a helmet off (ISS)

get into a place where
 I tend to ~ I'm not filling with self-love... (feelings)

get us in a place where
 eventually he would ~ we were really talking to each other

get back to a place where
 we need to ~ individuals can feel free

seen as a place where
 sports are often ~ all that matters is...

take us to a place where
 I'm all for doing anything that will ~ this can't happen again

♦ see also *where (situation / development)*

♦ At times, "a place where" can be substituted perfectly for a "moment / time when."

♦ "Eventually he would get us in a place where we were really talking to each other about things..." (Al Pacino reminiscing about conversations with the legendary John Cazale, the actor who played Fredo in *The Godfather*.)

♦ "So I think this is really more about...[they] are in a place where where what they are [doing] is... (NPR punditry.)"

♦ A figurative *place* seems to mean or refer to, specifically or in any combination: (1) "a situation in which" (2) "in / at a time / moment when" (3) "a stage of development during / in which..." (4) condition & status. Place / space and time are extremely connected!

condition & status / development / situation / time: place

plague (verb)

plague patients with (long hospital) stays
 infections ~

plagued California for years
 blackouts have ~

plagues Vermont all winter
 a remedy for the cabin fever that ~

plagued him for years
 depression had ~

plague Guatemala
 police corruption, lawlessness and drug trafficking ~

plagued Russia
 illegal logging has long ~ (Siberia)

plagues the south
 the lawlessness that ~ (Somalia vs. Somaliland)

plagued him
 injuries ~ (an athlete)

plagued the investigation
 leaks ~ (DC sniper murders)

affliction: health & medicine / verb

plague (noun)

plague of locusts

its worst ~ in nearly 30 years (Afghanistan)

plague of (gold) prospectors
the natives faced a ~

plague of (Western) wildfires
the annual ~ (US)

plague of drugs and prostitution
victim's relatives have worried about the ~

crack plague
the ~ of the late 1980's

cellphone plague
the ~ began in the 1990s (a teacher / schools)

HIV plague
the growing ~

NotPetya plague
the servers that played the role of patient zero in the ~

growing (HIV) plague
the ~

annual plague
the ~ of Western wildfires (US)

plague began
the cellphone ~ in the 1990s (a teacher / schools)

faced a plague
the natives ~ of gold prospectors

consider motoboys a plague
ordinary motorists ~ (Sao Paulo)

♦ The great traveler Ibn Battuta recorded that during the Plague of 1348 in Damascus, representatives and members of the three major religions—Muslims, Jews, and Christians—all made their way to the Mosque of the Footprints with their holy books to pray for the end of the sickness. Ibn Battuta recorded that in Damascus deaths reached under 2,000 people a day, while in Old Cairo they reached 24,000 a day.

♦ China has been periodically ravaged by plague, including 1911 and 1917. A. J. Cronin wrote about plague during that period in his novel, *The Keys of the Kingdom*, and so did Mary Nинde Gamewell in *New Life Currents*.

♦ "Plagues always bring moral judgments with them."

affliction / amount & effect: health & medicine

plagued

plagued with violence
Southern Thailand has been ~ for years

plagued with cracks
the monument is ~, leaks and corroding surfaces

plagued by drugs
her life has been ~ and other personal demons

plagued by (sectarian) violence
Karachi has been ~ (Shiites / Sunnis)

plagued by homesickness
he was ~ (student)

plagued by (cost) overruns
the project has been ~ (Big Dig / Boston)

plagued by coups and dictators
Mauritania has been ~ since independence

plagued by faulty elevators, mold, and leaky roofs
the 33-story building is ~

plagued by scandals and intrigue
the Vatican is still ~ (finances)

accident-plagued
accident-plagued 195

corruption-plagued
~ civilian governments (Pakistan)

crash-plagued
the innovative but ~ aircraft

crime-plagued
a ~ neighborhood

deficit-plagued
the ~ Federal Government

injury-plagued
after an ~ season in Europe (sports)

insurgent-plagued
Haditha, a lawless, ~ city in Anbar Province

mine-plagued
African children live on the most ~ continent

mosquito-plagued
Siberia's ~ expanse

scandal-plagued
a ~ program (Alabama football)
the ~ former prime minister

violence-plagued
in ~ Iraq

♦ "Swarms of mosquitoes plagued the travelers. Jack's diary is dotted with such entries as 'mosquitoes thick,' 'Mosquitos make a demonstration in force,' 'Put up netting and fooled mosquitoes,' 'John driven out of bed by mosquitoes,' 'Evening burned smudges' (smoky fires to drive the insects away), 'Bite me through overalls and heavy underwear.' The men smeared their faces with clay for protection. (*Gold Diggers: Striking It Rich in the Klondike* by Charlotte Gray. "Jack" is the great writer Jack London.)

♦ "Dense swarms of mosquitoes set in immediately after sunset... a nuisance that can hardly be imagined. No breath of air incommodes those light-winged tormentors. It is quite impossible, for the European at least, to close an eye without the shelter of a mosquito net. Our Indians slept with no covering, only occasionally brushing away the most obtrusive of the little fiends." (*The Amazon and Madeira Rivers* by Franz Keller.)

♦ "Before evening that day there put in its first appearance the curse of the taiga, flies. The settlers call them *gnus*, horror or abomination, and they are indeed the plague of the forest. Their bite draws blood and the wound itches desperately, and the more it is scratched the worse it becomes. When there are many biting flies about, it is impossible to expose the head for an instant. The flies blind your eyes, become entangled in the hair and ears, crawl up your sleeve, and savagely bite your neck. Your face swells up as though with erysipelas." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

affliction: health & medicine

plain (plain people, etc.)

plain people

we're ~, just country people

character & personality: people

planet (noun)

planet in the Arab world

Egypt is a ~

importance & significance: astronomy

plank (noun)

plank of the investigation

the obstruction charge was a secondary ~

bases: infrastructure

plant (put)

planted a bomb

he ~ along the route (terrorist)

planted the explosives

he would not speculate about who might have ~

planted a (political) minefield

the British colonizers ~ in the 1920s (Sudan)

throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

plant (create)

plant the seeds

the British helped to ~ of discord in Afghanistan

Nasser wanted to ~ of revolution on the Arabian Peninsula

planted the seeds

he ~ that gave principals more autonomy (education)

planted and tended

as field director, she has ~ chapters across the country

creation & transformation / growth & development /

throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

plastered (impression)

plastered across magazine covers

her face was ~

impression: materials & substances

plate (step up to the plate)

step up to the plate

it's time to ~ and take responsibility

we need to ~ and take this issue seriously (climate change)

stepped up to the plate

he could have ducked it but he didn't, he ~ (honesty)

she ~ and advocated for her community (Stella Bowles)

responsibility: baseball / sports & games / verb

commitment & determination: baseball / sports & games / verb

plate (on one's plate)

on your plate

I know that you have an incredible amount of work ~

a lot on his plate

he has ~ and wants to get back to work (Obama)

have a lot on your plate

I know you ~ (busy)

work & duty: food & drink

plate (full plate)

full plate of attacks

they are fighting a ~ from the Republicans (Democrats)

amount: food & drink

plateau (noun)

hit a plateau

if you slip up or ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

shape: direction / mountains & hills

increase & decrease / progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills / shape

plateau (verb)

plateaued

there was an initial upswing, but it has ~ since (soccer)

slightly plateaued

she has ~ (decreased need for sex)

increase & decrease: numbers

increase & decrease: mountains & hills / shape / verb

platform (as verb)

platform marginalized voices

she became a music journalist to ~

prioritize, center, and platform

we must ~ the voices of women (sexual assault)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: part of speech / theater

platform (noun)

platforms to bloggers

his show gave ~ like...

platforms of radio, television and digital media

across the ~

huge platform

I work at *The New York Times*, I have a ~...

use our platforms

we're not going to shut up and play, we're going to ~

♦ "[In the hill and mountain country of northern India]... inter-village communication is carried on by shouting. Standing on a commanding point, maybe a big rock or the roof of a house, a man cooeees to attract the attention of the people in a neighboring village, and when the cooee

is answered the message is shouted across in a high-pitched voice. From village to village the message is tossed, and is broadcast throughout large areas in an incredibly short space of time." (The cooee method of communication. From *Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

play (play to the audience, etc.)

play to their base

he expects Republicans to ~ for a time

plays to the gallery

the representation of emotion ~ (anguish, distress, etc.)

performance: theater / verb

play (play with data, etc.)

playing with different parameters

we're ~ (computer modeling)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: sports & games / verb

play down (verb)

played down concerns

the Pentagon has ~ over the Chinese fighter (plane)

played down the importance

Democrats ~ of the findings (politics)

played down the incident

he ~

attenuation: prep, adv, adj, particle / theater / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: prep, adv, adj, particle / theater / verb

play (play out)

play out

how do you think this will ~ (a sports scandal)

playing out

all this was ~ in Washington (controversy)

play out along the border

anger and confusion continues to ~

played out (very) publicly

her personal crises ~ in the tabloid press (#FreeBritney)

development: rope / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: rope / verb

playbook (noun)

playbook

others are taking a page out of that ~

follow the (administration's) playbook

nominees closely ~

script: books & reading / sports & games

playground (noun)

playground for Westerners

Nairobi, once a favorite ~ in Africa...

summer playground

Lebanon's resorts were the ~s of wealthy Arabs

high-speed playground

street racers have claimed the roads as their ~ (Atlanta)

whitewater playgrounds

the ~ do not freeze in winter (city of Vancouver)

rapids-filled playground

the river is a ~ (paddle sports / the Gauley)

♦ "Deserts and cliffs in western states are not a playground." (Comment about an adult who became separated from a 9-year-old boy. The former ended up falling to his death.)

environment: school & education

playing field (uneven playing field, etc.)

uneven playing field

corruption and greed have created an ~ (college admissions)

playing field has been tilted

they claim the ~ in China's favor

flaws & lack of flaws: sports & games

competition: sports & games

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games

playing field (level the playing field)

level the playing field

the changes will ~ (sex cases on campus)

amelioration & renewal / competition / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games / verb

plinth (noun)

plinth in their lives

their grandmother was the ~ (chaotic upbringing)

bases: statue

plod (verb)

plod along

he expects Republicans to ~ for a time

her life was just ~ until...

progress & lack of progress / speed: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: journeys & trips / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

plot (verb)

plot new lives

freed miners in Chile ~

direction: journeys & trips / map / verb

plot line (development)

torn up the (division's proposed) plot lines

Andy Ruiz Jr has ~

development: theater

plow (plow a field, etc.)

plowing a (very fertile) field

Donald Trump was ~ (NPR's Mara Liasson / 2016)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

plow (plow on, plow through, etc.)

plowing ahead

we are ~ (difficult medical research)

plow on

he remains determined to ~ (Elon Musk after a failure)

plowed through the (review) books

I ~ (studying for test)

♦ "Keep your hand on that plow, and hold on." (A moving Negro spiritual.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle

difficulty, easiness & effort / starting, going, continuing & ending / work & duty: farming & agriculture / verb

plow (put)

plowed their money into gun smuggling

they have ~ (ex-pirates)

directing: farming & agriculture / verb

throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / verb

plug (verb)

plug the hole

the Ministry must find savings to ~ in their budget

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / verb / water

plug (pull the plug)

pulled the plug on the expedition

the alpinists have ~ after both suffered injuries...

pulled the plug on the project

homeland security ~ (border towers)

pull the plug on its fall sports season

Big Ten presidents are ready to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

pulled the plug on the show

CBS ~

pulling the plug on its mascot

the university is ~ (getting rid of it)

pull the plug on the (global) talks

no one is quite ready to ~ (climate)

pull the plug on hate radio

we need to ~

time to pull the plug

it's ~ on the project

decided to pull the plug

they ~ on their marriage

threatening to pull the plug

investors are ~

curtailment: infrastructure / verb / water

dismissal, removal & resignation: infrastructure / verb / water

plugged (fixed)

holes have been plugged

the security ~ (computers)

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / water

plugged in / into

plugged in

he likes to convey the impression he's ~ (radio host)

plugged into politics

people who are very ~

division & connection: electricity

plum (desirable)

plum assignment

the final ~ at the end of a distinguished career

it was a ~ for a young detective

plum commission

won the ~ for the library (architecture)

plum posting

in return they would give this judge a ~ in Monaco

plum (committee) seats

promises of ~ (politics)

plum spot

relationships and favors guaranteed him a ~ (government)

flaws & lack of flaws / superlative / worth & lack of worth: fruits & vegetables

plumbing (noun)

plumbing of the Internet

the copyright legislation messes with the secure ~

plumbing components

the essential ~ are the routers (Internet)

economy's plumbing

financial data centers put much of the ~ in one place

Internet's plumbing

we're now seeing attacks on the ~

he wants to create standards to secure the ~

bases: infrastructure

plume (shape)

plume

~s started blowing off the summit (Everest)

plumes of ash

sending out ~ and three rivers of lava (volcano)

plume of cyanide

a ~ reached to the Black Sea (spill into Danube)

plume of dust
 a rockslide sent up a ~
 plume of (sarin) gas
 blowing up the Khamisiyah dump released a ~ (Iraq)
 plume of smoke
 the ~ from a rocket-propelled grenade
 plumes of smoke
 sent up huge ~ (military air strikes)
 plume of water
 on the left is a huge ~ called "The Thing" (kayaking)
 plume altitude
 information about ~ (volcanic eruption)
 plume bifurcation
 ~ was visible (volcanic eruption)
 ash plume
 ~s from the two volcanoes
 sarin plume
 US troops in the path of a huge ~ (Gulf War)
 smoke plume
 ~s streaking diagonally through the sky (shuttle disaster)
 vapor plume
 traces of water in a ~
 classic plume
 you can see the ~ blowing off the top right now (Everest)
 huge plume
 sending a ~ of smoke into a cloudless sky (air strike)
 toxic plume
 bombing chemical sites could send up ~s
 radiological or biochemical plume
 evacuation in the event of a ~
 path of a (huge sarin) plume
 US troops in the ~ (Gulf War)
 ♦ Many species of birds were nearly driven to extinction by plume hunters eager to make money from adorning women's hats. At one time, cormorants and egrets were mercilessly hunted for their feathers.
shape: animal / bird
plummet (decline / decrease)
 plummeted from \$5.9 to \$3.3 billion
 spending at the agency ~
 plummeted out of contention
 the team ~ (sports)
 business has plummeted
 its advertising ~
 levels can plummet
 women's testosterone ~ as they age
 morale had plummeted
 ~ (US soldiers / Vietnam War)

price (of gold) has plummeted
 the ~
 rates have plummeted
 crime ~ over the last decade
 production plummeted
 agricultural ~, leading to growing unemployment
 temperature can plummet
 the ~
 wages plummeted
 ~, and the black market flourished
 blood pressure plummeted
 his ~
 output plummeted
 economic ~ and unemployment rose
 ♦ "Now, I want to talk to you about, well, this is your phrase, the year you plummeted to stardom. That's a great phrase. You made *The Graduate* in 1967..." (Another brilliant Kirsty Young BBC Desert Island Discs interview, this time with Dustin Hoffman.)

increase & decrease: number
decline / increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / verb
plunder (verb)
 plundered intellectual property and trade secrets
 it has ~ (economic espionage)
taking & removing: crime / verb
plundered
 plundered
 had he tapped on the link, the phone would have been ~
taking & removing: crime
plunge (noun / decline)
 plunge in the stock price
 the ~ was based on reaction to an article...
 harrowing plunge
 a day after a ~ in the stock market
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction
increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling
plunge (decline / decrease)
 plunged to 38 years
 in Zambia, life expectancy has ~ (AIDS, drought, etc.)
 plunged by two-thirds
 the number of Shinto weddings has ~ (Japan)
 plunged 33 percent
 new-home sales ~
 grades plunged
 his ~ (school)
 markets plunged
 but the ~ (bankruptcy)

sales plunged
but then ~ (the auto industry)

life expectancy has plunged
in Zambia, ~ to 38 years (AIDS, drought, etc.)

decline: direction / flying & falling / verb
increase & decrease: direction / number / flying & falling / verb

plunge (plunge into something)

plunge into (dangerous sexual) behavior
newly released prisoners often ~ (H.I.V.)

plunge into the ocean
~ of pleasure (ad for porn Web site)

plunge into my subject
before I ~... (lecture)

plunging into the unknown
we are ~ (new technology)

involvement: flying & falling / water / verb

plunge (involvement)

take the plunge
it was time to ~ (begin dangerous trek)

involvement: flying & falling / water

plus (benefit)

plus to us
he has been a ~ (versus a detriment)

plus for them
if they can get a big project, that's a ~

negative or a slight plus
tariffs might be a ~

cost & benefit: letters & characters

poach (verb)

poached rival quarterbacks
he ruthlessly ~ (leader of a league)

poached allies from Taiwan
China has steadily ~ in the Pacific (Kiribati, etc.)

poached several employees from Apple
the company ~

poach Allyson Felix from Nike
Gap's Athleta brand was able to ~

taking & removing: animal / crime / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / crime / verb

poached

poached by (software giant) Oracle
she was ~ (prodigy)

taking & removing: animal / crime

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / crime

pocket (deep pockets)

deep pocket
talent is being hired away by ~ companies

deep pockets
the Gulf's ~ beckon (arms sales)

with deep pockets
even hedge funds ~ can borrow money (FED)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pocket (in the pocket)

in their back pocket
the NRA has every politician ~

in the pocket of Donald Trump
the Republican Senate is completely ~

control & lack of control: purses & wallets

pocketbook (money)

good for the pocketbook
it's ~, too (energy conservation)

hit (more and more) pocketbooks
the strike will ~ the longer it goes on

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pockmark (verb)

pockmark Baltimore's poorest areas
blocks of vacant row houses now ~ (white flight / crime)

pockmark Indonesia's landscape
illegal mines ~

pockmark the dirt road
puddles of icy water ~

affliction / appearance / configuration / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine / hole / mark / verb

pockmark (noun)

pockmarks on the wall
he fired a shotgun, leaving ~ of the mosque (Tunisia)

bullet pockmarks
all those ~ were new (Haiti)

splattered (wildly) with pockmarks
the front of the house is ~ (cartel gunmen / Matamoros)

left pockmarks on the side of his house
a grenade exploded in his garden and ~ (Mitrovica)

♦ "For all its pockmarks, there's a reason they call soccer 'the beautiful game.'" ("Three Books To Ignite Your World Cup Fever" by Cord Jefferson, NPR, All Things Considered, May 28, 2010.)

affliction / appearance / configuration / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine / hole / mark

pockmarked

pockmarked by disparaging comments
his path to power has been ~ about women

pockmarked with embarrassment
Grammy history is ~ (poor choices, lip-syncing, etc.)

pockmarked with mass graves
the country is ~ (Rwanda)

pockmarked with bullet holes
the buildings are ~ (West Mosul)

pockmarked with abandoned lots
it's an area ~ (Mansfield, Ohio)

pockmarked with deep, abandoned pits
the Iron Range is ~ (northern Minnesota)

pockmarked with shrapnel
a statue of Jesus is still ~ (Negombo, Sri Lanka)

pockmarked with empty lots and dilapidated homes
neighborhoods are ~ (Port Arthur, Texas / poverty, storms)

pockmarked by the trenches
the land is still ~ that once lined the Western Front

pockmarked by police shootings and nationwide
protests
a summer ~

♦ "Oh, where I was born, everyone had this. First, a fly bit you, then you got a sore. After a while it healed and never came back." (A grandfather, originally from southern Turkey, explaining to his American grandson how he got a shallow scar—a papery depression—on his cheek. Cutaneous leishmaniasis is also known as "Oriental sore," "Baghdad boil," and Aleppo evil." In India it is known as kala aazar, or black fever.)

♦ "One day I was called into the room of our hostess's younger sister. The room was dark, and only when hot hands gripped mine did I realize that I was standing near her. When my eyes had got accustomed to the darkness, I looked toward the bed and recoiled in a horror which I could hardly conceal. There lay completely transformed by sickness one who two days before had been a pretty healthy girl. Though a layman, I instantly saw that she had smallpox. Her larynx and tongue were already attacked and she could only cry out with thick articulation that she was dying. I tried to tell her that it was not so, and then escaped from the room as quickly as possible to have a thorough wash. There was nothing to be done and one could only hope that an epidemic would not break out. Aufschnaiter also visited her and agreed with my diagnosis... (*Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer, Chapter 4, "The Village of Happiness.")

♦ "For survivors, smallpox was a cruelly fickle disease, leaving many of its survivors blinded or dreadfully scarred, but others unscathed. It had existed for millennia, but didn't become common in Europe until the early sixteenth century. Its first recorded appearance in England was 1518." (*At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

♦ "I had lots of things to carry me across the river. Sometimes I could use a camel, sometimes I could get a boat. But if I knew there was critical timing involved... I would try to arrange in advance for the elephant. The elephant rides pretty smoothly and it's pretty tall. Usually I got on with a ladder, but you could step on its trunk and it would put you on its back. I was always a little nervous about that." (May Guinan, sent to Uttar Pradesh from the CDC in the campaign to eradicate smallpox, on how she would cross a river to get to her headquarters in Lucknow. Another method involved mounting a bicycle, which was then carried on the shoulders of two men. From *The Invisible Fire* by Joel N. Shurkin.)

**affliction / appearance / configuration / flaws & lack of
flaws: health & medicine / hole / mark**

point (inflection point, etc.)

data point

the public no longer has a key about the war
one ~ in the report is civilian casualties
the public will no longer have a key ~ about the war
COVID rates were one ~, and there were others...
it's another ~ that illustrates that... (a statistic)
foregoing the count means we will miss a crucial ~
the results give researchers a vital new ~ (a test)
it's the latest grim ~ (number of confirmed COVID cases)

decision point

it's really an enormous ~ which will transform... (sports)

inflection point

(see *inflection point*)

pain point

highly localized surges a ~ for many communities (COVID)

price point

cigars at every price in every ~ (Casablanca Cigar Club)

talking point

~s written by the oil and gas industry (propaganda)

development: direction / number

point (sticking / friction point)

sticking points

so what are the ~ in these talks (tariff negotiations)

flaws & lack of flaws: mechanism

point (tipping point)

tipping point

we're at that ~ (demand for antibiotic-free meat)
what was the ~ that made the company say, "Enough"

Syria's tipping point

this could be ~ (pro-democracy protests)

social tipping point

we have passed a ~, we can no longer look away (justice)

passed a tipping point

we have ~, a point of no return (Greta Thunberg)

reached a tipping point

he thinks 3D has reached a ~ (new normal for films)

development: direction / mechanism

importance & significance: mechanism

point (pivot point)

pivot point

Casey saw the Iraq War as a ~, one of history's hinges

development: direction / mechanism

importance & significance: mechanism

point (point where)

in a point where

I was ~ I was ready to be done with it (drugs)

development: place

point (point when)

point when

Iran's nuclear program is long past the ~ it is...
was there a low ~ you look back (addiction)

time: place

point (at a point)

at a point

I don't think I was ~ to be ready then (to give up drugs)

♦ "At a point" in one sentence and "in a point" in the next...

development: place

point (in a point)

in a point

I was ~ where I was ready to be done with it (drugs)

♦ "At a point" in one sentence and "in a point" in the next sentence...

situation: place

point (low point / high point)

lowest point

it was the ~ in the history of the CDC (lab adjudged filthy)

at a low point

the investigation was ~ (of a serial killer)

progress & lack of progress: height

point (low point / emotion)

low point

was there a ~ when you look back (addiction)

hit some (real) low points

I've ~ in my life

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height

point man (and point person)

point man

he is the ~ for the administration's efforts to... (politician)

point person for the Obama administration

Biden was ~ on Ukraine (politics)

State Department's point person

the ~ on Iran...

♦ The point man is the lead man in a column of soldiers. He goes a bit ahead of the group and must look for snipers, mines, and booby traps. He may set off a trap and be maimed or killed outright. The enemy may shoot him dead. Or, the enemy may shoot to wound him and then pick off anyone trying to come to his aid. Or, the enemy may let him pass and shoot at the main body of men, leaving him cut off and isolated without support. Nowadays the "point person" is usually a female who parrots the administration or company line.

driving force: military / person

person: military

point of view (from somebody's point of view)

from the point of view of concealment
select supply positions ~

from the point of view inside his (climbing) boots
it was written ~ (Boukreev's "The Climb")

from Abdul Tawab's point of view
~, the marriage helped his position

from the animals' point of view
~ (animal rights, cruelty, eating meat, etc.)

from the destroyers' point of view
Native Americans ~

from the enemy's point of view
consider the traps ~ (military)

from players' points of view
produce content ~ (*Uninterrupted* / LeBron James)

from a spectator's point of view
~, the most interesting match was...

from our point of view
characteristics which are catastrophic ~ (a terrorist)

from your point of view
which country is most promising ~ (Central Asia)

from an Indian point of view
museum exhibitions ~ (Native Americans)

from the Japanese point of view
the film is told ~ ("Letters from Iwo Jima")
he tells the story of Iwo Jima ~ (Clint Eastwood film)

from an intelligence point of view
~, this is a problem

from the policy point of view
another aspect, again ~ (educational establishment)

from a safety point of view
improve things ~ (motor racing)

from a driving point of view
~ you know what's happening (racing)

from a human point of view
its scope and setting is horrible ~ (terror)

from a military point of view
~, we don't face any threats (Uzbekistan)

from a pragmatic point of view
~, don't... (monitoring employees)

from a scientific point of view
~, geothermal power is touted as "clean"

catastrophic from our point of view
he has 3 characteristics which are ~ (a terrorist)

consider (the traps) from the enemy's point of view

~ (military)

describes an event from two (different) points of view
the book ~

imagine it from their point of view
~ (toilet training for toddlers)

told from his point of view
the story is ~

told from the Japanese point of view
the film is ~ (*Letters from Iwo Jima*)

perception, perspective & point of view: position

point of view (other)

point of view

depending on your ~
their parents denied or ignored their ~ (suicidal kids)

point of view of concealment
select supply positions from the ~

point of view on tourism
a Hawaiian ~

employer's point of view
an ~ (on hiring) (job searching)

people's points of view
~ are influenced by their language and culture

each other's point of view
it is important to try to understand ~

another person's point of view
it is important to understand ~

public health point of view
he patiently explained the ~ (an epidemic)

Hawaiian point of view
a ~ on tourism

Nez Perce point of view
increased emphasis to the ~ (park sites)

minority point of view
the ~

outlaw point of view
his affinity for the ~ (teacher in jail)

conflicting points of view
good articles tend to be built on ~ (journalism)

differing points of view
these ~ (in the "education" community)

opposing points of view
the two songs show ~ of the same situation...

clear point of view
she has a very ~

different point of view
in order to understand a ~

different points of view

we seek out sources with ~ (free press)
people have ~ (culture, circumstances, etc.)

strong point of view

reluctance to offer a ~ on civics (education)
excellence often involves taking a ~
a ~ can even work against you

two (different) points of view

describe the same event from ~

differences in point of view

those ~ fueled the debate (Confederate flag)

affinity for the (outlaw) point of view
his unconcealed ~ (teacher in jail)

denied or ignored their point of view
their mother and father ~ (suicidal kids)

explained the (public-health) point of view
he patiently ~ (an epidemic)

understand each other's point of view
it is important to try to ~

♦ see the related *perspective (other)*

♦ In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War. (Point of view and war.)

♦ The French blamed the pestilence on the Neapolitans. The English, Germans and Italians called it the *morbus gallicus* or the 'French disease.' The Polish labeled it the 'Russian disease.' To the Turks it was the 'Christian disease.' It was called the 'Chinese pox' by the Japanese and the 'Portuguese disease' in India and Japan. The Tahitians referred to venereal disease as 'the British disease.' (Names for syphilis, from *Disease, The Extraordinary Stories Behind History's Deadliest Killers* by Mary Dobson.)

♦ "I have a special hatred for ice cream trucks. I think they should be outlawed. I have so many traumas from them, and the children hit by ice cream trucks are usually on the small side, so they get head traumas." (Gracie Dinkins, a trauma surgeon. From "Flesh & Blood" by Gracie Dinkins as told to Matthew Segal, Los Angeles magazine. A purely personal point of view, based on occupation.)

♦ "People say it's a peaceful demonstration but I would say that a huge 18-wheeler is not a peaceful thing to have in the middle of your city." ("Health care workers in Ottawa are being harassed protesters [sic] against COVID-19 mandates," NPR, Weekend Edition, Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022.)

♦ "Yeah, they have these belts on with like all these extra bullets and they're like dressed for war." (Leah talking to her Brit producer, Georgia, for their podcast about the militia movement.)

♦ "Next morning I awoke, looked out the window, and nearly died of fright. My screams brought Atticus from his bathroom half shaven. 'The world's ended, Atticus. Please do something.' I dragged him to the window and pointed. 'No it's not,' he said. 'It's snowing.'" (The beloved American novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. This is an example of the point of view of a child.)

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A city man grew weary of the hustle and bustle, the hubbub and din, of city life and decided to visit his relative in the quiet and peaceful countryside. He made a sign that said, "Gone to the countryside," posted it on his door, and set off. He drove through the desert until the road ended. Then he drove off road, following tracks in the sands, until the tracks ended at the edge of a steep valley. He abandoned his truck there, crossed the valley on foot, and then walked for miles over a flat barren empty gravel desert. Finally, in the distance, he saw his relative's stone hut, next to a single tree. In great joy and anticipation he hurried to it, only to find, posted on the door, a note that read... "Gone to the countryside."

perception, perspective & point of view: position

point out (verb)

point out that
let me ~ I wasn't...

pointed out that
he ~ murder is illegal in all societies

pointed out
Chevron Texaco ~ it was already doing a lot... (Nigeria)
another cause of concern, he ~, are the lack of road signs...

pointed out in the NYT magazine
as she ~...

pointed out the blunder
only when he ~ did Hutchison... (Everest)

pointed out the inconsistencies
liberals have long ~ of conservative support for...

pointed out problems
media stories have ~ in assisted living...

neglects to point out
what he ~, though, is that...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: finger / gesture / verb

poised (adjective)

poised on Baghdad's doorstep
coalition forces are ~

poised to lose
the party is ~ the elections

poised to write
he is ~ a triumphant new chapter (Obama)

readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability

poison (noun)

political poison
advocating gun control has been ~
talk of confiscating guns can be ~ with certain voters

destruction: materials & substances

poison (verb)

poison the atmosphere
fear and distrust can quickly ~ (epidemic)

poison (everyday) life
trivialities ~

poison the project
this academic feud began to ~ (undersea mapping)

poisoned the waters
his statement ~ for anyone seeking an honest answer

poison the well
establish a false persona, then ~ of information (Facebook)

♦ Perhaps the worst mass poisoning of a population in history has taken place in Bangladesh. Around 25 million people have been exposed to arsenic through runoff from agriculture and industry into man-made

ponds and the water table. Ironically, many of the contaminated ponds and boreholes were dug with the help of international relief organizations to protect villagers from unclean water.

corruption / destruction: materials & substances / verb

poisonous (adjective)

poisonous
the taint of a bankruptcy can be ~
the rot in Pakistani society is more ~ than anyone thought

poisonous atmosphere
a "~~" has descended on the Times (firings)

poisonous (political and rhetorical) climate
politics suffers from a ~

poisonous doctrine
he was an antidote to the ~ of extremism

poisonous mix
he despises the ~ of religion and politics (an Iraqi)

poisonous situation
it was a ~ (politics and war)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances
destruction: health & medicine / materials & substances

poker (game)

high-stakes poker
this is ~ (a business decision)

strategy: cards / gambling

poker-faced (adjective)

poker-faced
they were ~

poker-faced chairman
the ~

appearance / concealment & lack of concealment / feeling,
emotion & effect: cards / face / gambling

polar (polar opposite, etc.)

polar opposite of the coach
he is the ~ he replaces (soccer)

polar opposite (of Fitzpatrick) in play style (sports)
he's the ~

extent & scope: earth & world

polarizing (adjective)

polarizing figure
he is a ~ (a football coach)
his critics say he is a ~ who exploits divisions (politics)

intensely polarizing
among intellectuals, he is ~

division & connection: direction

police (thought police, etc.)

behavior police

the ~ don't just stick to soccer (women in sports)

diversity police officer

I'm not the ~, policing non-marginalized people (a "sensitivity reader")

fashion police

I'm not trying to be the ~, but... (sagging pants)

fun police

we sound like the ~, but... (Gay Pride festival litters beach)

'leftist' language police

Chapo Trap House offends the sensibilities of ~

mask police

restaurants don't want to be ~ (COVID epidemic)

I feel like the ~, and that's not what I signed up for

morality police

the ~ are working overtime against the sexual agency of...

notability cop

some ~ cruised past my bio and pulled me over (Wikipedia)

outrage police

the ~ are calling for him to be fired (TV news culture wars)

speech police

given tech companies discomfort in the role of ~...

thought police

he called Facebook “~” (for removing his posts)

liberals want to call out the ~ and force people to agree

feminist thought police

I don't want to get into trouble with the ~

vaccination police

confusing guidance could force workers to become the ~

parenting police

she has run afoul of the ~ (the marvelous singer Pink)

spelling police

Oh, look... the spelling police are here (BBC HYS sports)

cultural police

~ punish writers for using their imagination (sensitivity)

comment section police

you don't need to be the ~ (internet bulletin board)

woke police

the ~ is out there (Chris Harrison, *Bachelor* host)

role of being a cop

pharmacists don't want to be placed in ~ (vaccinations)

♦ “[The Olympics] need us more than we need them. See how they poison sports. They're like the secret police or worse, like your parents.” (The great snowboarder Terje Haakonsen.)

♦ “If all you have is a good-quality Parmigiano, the cacio e pepe police are not going to come and arrest you!” (Elizabeth Minchilli, quoted in “Cacio e pepe: Italy’s beloved three-ingredient pasta dish” by Emily Monaco, BBC, 14 May 2020. The *cacio* is ordinarily sheep’s milk cheese, ideally Pecorino.)

♦ “I feel like the mask police, and that's not what I signed up for.” (An unhappy Iowa State University RA (resident assistant) during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. RAs at universities have quit or gone on strike for “danger pay.”)

♦ “We didn't want to be the mask police in the early portions of this pandemic and we certainly don't want to be the vaccination police at the end of it.” (Marc Perrone, International President of the United Food & Commercial Workers International Union.)

♦ “It just means when you go to Rolling Loud, the police are inescapable, they are all over the place, they are there (“day or dare”) when you walk in, they're there when you leave, they're there around the barricades, they're there like even in the parking lot, and they're a bunch of them. They line up together, and they're not helpful, either, and so I think there's an ominous aspect to it... that made me uncomfortable.” (Jason Buford of the *Rolling Stone* magazine.)

oppression: justice / person

control & lack of control: person

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person

person: crime

police (verb)

polices (his kid's gaming) habits

he ~ carefully

police my identity

attacks by people trying to ~ (cultural appropriation)

police his mind

he is now aware of how to ~ (a troubled boxer)

police students' speech

universities should not ~ so carefully

police the web

he formed a group to ~ (Lenny Pozner / Sandy Hook)

control & lack of control: justice / verb

polish (verb)

polished the image

the Klitschko brothers have ~ of the sport (boxing)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / verb

amelioration & renewal: light & dark / verb

polished (adjective)

polished professional

there is a vulnerable woman beneath the ~

polished speaker

he is a ~ who hits just the right tone (Beto O’Rourke)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark / materials & substances

political correctness (groups)

political correctness and cancel culture

free speech has been pushed to the wayside for ~

rebel against political correctness

Trump campaigned as a ~

shibboleth of political correctness

“everyone has rights” is a ~

sacrificed free speech to political correctness

the university has ~

♦ "It was ironic, it was arch, so it felt like, 'Oh My God! they're using this against us!" (Ruth Perry, who founded the Women's Study Department at MIT in 1984, about the term "political correctness." From "How Cancel Culture Became Politicized—Just Like Political Correctness," NPR, All Things Considered, July 26, 2021.)

♦ "In 2012, Nina Totenberg of NPR was criticized by mental-health advocates for asking the question, "So, is your client a nut case?" Activists dislike words like *psycho*, *wacko*, and *crazy*.

inclusion & exclusion: society

pollute (verb)

polluted airwaves
rudeness has ~

corruption: water / verb

polluted

polluted with incivility
the airwaves are ~

polluted with sex
our children's minds are being ~ (YAL, etc.)

polluted with spam
Web searches on health are ~

polluted (political) rhetoric
we must clean up our ~

polluted sea
pop music has become a ~

corruption: water

pollution (noun)

visual pollution
these signs are a nuisance, ~, illegal (in rights-of-way)

corruption: water

Pollyanna

Pollyanna
not everything goes smoothly, and she is not a ~
I don't want to be a ~, but tomorrow is another day
I am no ~

Pollyanna appeal
the film has a ~

Pollyanna territory
she explores optimism without tipping into ~

feel like (such) a Pollyanna
I ~ here...

sound (too) Pollyanna
do I ~

turned me into a Pollyanna
the awards show has ~

accused of being a Pollyanna
he isn't usually ~ (financier, stock-market guru)

♦ Pollyanna was a character from the 1913 children's-literature novel by Eleanor H. Porter. A Pollyanna is a person who is incredibly optimistic

even in the most dire circumstances, and the word is often used in the pejorative sense.

character & personality: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Pollyannaish (adjective)

Pollyanna-ish (and calming) assumption
it was the ~ of some analysts that while...

Pollyanna-ish notion

he mocks the ~ that nations hate war

seems (oddly) Pollyanna-ish
at times, he ~ about his future

sounding Pollyanna-ish
I know I'm ~, but...

character & personality: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)

"Pompeii of the East"
the site is known as the ~ (1815 eruption of Mount Tambora)

Pompeii of the New World

Cerén is sometimes called the ~ (El Salvador)

♦ Pompeii and the nearby town of Herculaneum were buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The excavated Pompeii is today a Unesco World Heritage Site and a time capsule for life in the Roman era.

destruction / geography: epithet

pontificate (verb)

pontificate on any subject
he was ever ready to ~ (Thomas Edison)

speech: religion / verb

pony (one-trick pony)

one-trick pony
you don't want to be a ~ in Hollywood (directing)

ability & lack of ability: animal / horse / theater
performance: animal / horse / theater

poodle (noun)

UK poodle
the US government and its ~

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:
animal / dog

pool (verb)

pool and share
enhance the ability of the FBI and CIA to ~ information

group, set & collection: water / verb

pool (people)

pool of (available) brides
the ~ is scarce... (rural China / Loess Plateau)

pool of candidates
he'd looked at the entire ~ (government)

pool of (prison-educated) college graduates
the ~

pool of test takers
the ~ has grown larger

adjunct pool
spent 7 years in the ~ in Atlanta (Ph.D.)

applicant pool
the ~ has doubled (entry to a Jesuit boys' high school)

employment pool
Seattle offered an ideal ~

jury pool
strike eccentric citizens from ~
~s are disproportionately female
most of the ~ was white

labor pool
the shrinking ~ will slow growth

media-pool (m)
a ~ representative in the execution witness room

office pool
~s for money are generally illegal (sports)

press pool
and as the ~ left the room

talent pool
the company's ~ is remarkable

shrinking (labor) pool
the ~ will slow growth

ideal (employment) pool
Seattle offered an ~

group, set & collection: water

pool (things)

pools of information
databases are vast ~

pool of (two- and three-year-old) used cars
the ~

car-pool (m)
~ lanes

envy pool
women are little ~s with one another

group, set & collection: water

popcorn (noun)

popcorn entertainment
the series provides audience with pure ~ (*Fast & Furious*)

popcorn sensibilities
a shift towards broader ~ (*Close Encounters vs 2001*)

bring your popcorn
~, this has become a show (congressional hearing)

get out your popcorn
~, get ready for political theater today (hearing)

superiority & inferiority: film / sign, signal, symbol

Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.)

'Pope of Beaujolais'
the ~ dies aged 86 (Georges Duboeuf)

representation: religion

importance & significance: epithet

pop up (verb)

popping up in (third-tier) cities
writers are ~ (China)

popping up (all) over the country
coronavirus clusters are ~ (US)

appearance & disappearance: direction / plant / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

porn (food porn, etc.)

dessert porn
delicious ~ that will make your mouth water

fear porn
it's not ~, they're reporting what happened (pandemic)

food porn
food blogs and "~~" sites (online)

inspiration porn
we call it ~ in many disability circles (a disparaging term)

"map porn"
Reddit's ~ discussion (sharing, discussion, appreciation)

poverty porn
what Bassin calls ~ (images of starving kids / charities)
is "~~" making a comeback (1980s fundraising ads)
slum tourism is like ~ (2009)

"space porn"
what some astronomy enthusiasts call ~ (Hubble photos)

"torture porn"
horror dominated by a ~ aesthetic (*Saw*, *Hostel*, etc.)
the *Saw*-led ~ craze of the mid-2000s

trauma porn
it's easy to descend into ~ (the great writer Phil Klay)

victimization porn
I don't get how ~ helps minorities (discussion about NPR)

violence porn
I did not want *Career of Evil* to become ~ (J.K. Rowling)

war porn
~ has vulgarized evening news TV footage
soldiers call these clips "~~" ("Watch this!" / snippets)

wealth porn

culture critics describe it as “~” (shows like *Succession*, *Billions*, *Gossip Girl*, etc.)

attraction & repulsion: sex

portal (entrance)

portals to the underworld

Maya culture long considered cenotes to be ~

portals for discovery

mistakes are the ~

portal back to the 1960s

the book offers a vivid ~

portal: doors & thresholds / gate

portrait (view)

portrait of life

he painted a grim ~ in North Korea

pen portrait

a gossipy memoir shot with vivid ~s

grim portrait

he painted a ~ of life in North Korea

portrait emerges

a Jekyll and Hyde ~ of SEAL accused of murder

painted a (grim) portrait

he ~ of life in North Korea

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

characterization / evidence: picture

posse (group)

hang out with their posse

they ~ after school (high school)

group, set & collection: crime / horse

position (on an issue, etc.)

staking out their positions

the two sides are ~ on the issue (politics)

position, policy & negotiation: line / position

positive (sex positive, etc.)

“positive” sexuality

Blake as a representative of liberation and ~ (2015)

body positive

her 2016 memoir about being feminist and ~

“sex positive”

~ libertarians (feminism and porn)

sex-positive

~ feminism commodifies sexual identities

~ representations of puberty and adolescence

Hoang’s new romance is ~

women are grasping the language of ~ feminism

critical-positive

it would be an easy, ~ change (to Academy Awards)

inclusion & exclusion: society

possessed

possessed by rage

he was ~

fictive possession / possession: hand

feeling, emotion & effect: hand / mental health / religion

post (abandon one's post)

abandon his post

he will not ~ to run for governor

allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb

postage stamp (size)

Postage Stamp Mural

smaller, portable murals are designated ~s

a ~ shows Champion Paper and Fibre Company (Canton)

♦ “It’s got solar cells, batteries, two cameras... computer systems, navigation systems. All of this in a helicopter that’s only the size of a chihuahua.” (A drone on Mars.)

comparison & contrast / size: object

postcard (and post card)

audio postcard

he sent this ~ from California’s Central Valley (NPR)

speech: tools & technology / writing & spelling

poster (poster child, etc.)

poster boy for everything

he became a ~ that was wrong with boxing

poster boy for how

he is a ~ to do it well (a fund-raiser)

poster boy for the sport

he was considered the ~ (Ray Mancini / boxing)

posterboy for all things Draco

he has become the ~ (a rapper / the weapon)

poster child for the spoiled athlete

he’s a ~

poster child for ignorance

he has become a ~ (racist)

poster girl for tennis

she’s going to be a wonderful (Emma Raducanu)

representation: picture / sign, signal, symbol

post-mortem (analysis)

post mortem

I’m sure after the ~ people will analyse and... (sports)

postmortem

the report is a ~ to understand what went wrong (politics)

- ~: Netherlands Vs. Cameroon (a soccer match)
- post mortem of processes and practices
the company promised a ~ it followed (internet meltdown)
- post mortems on her campaign
now she has dropped out, ~ have begun (election)
- campaign post-mortem
her book is a ~
- election post mortem
Republican governors perform ~
- Grammy Postmortem
a ~ (Pop Culture Happy Hour)
- focus of post-mortems
the bridge's design will be a ~ (collapsed)
- ♦ "There's going to be a post-mortem, isn't there, we're going to have to look and see and say, 'What next now for Anthony Joshua?' it's such a hard thing, isn't it?" (Jeanette Kwakye commenting on the Oleksandr Usyk-Anthony Joshua fight, which Usyk won.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine**
- ## post-traumatic stress syndrome (and PTSD)
- PTSD**
- seeing herself as someone with ~ was odd at first
many people think ~ is mostly a military problem
veteran with ~ smokes weed, faces deportation
~ doesn't qualify them for workers' comp
the recreational drug MDMA looks promising in ~
- ptsd**
I have ~, I have panic attacks I go to therapy
- PTSD providers**
Texas has a need for more ~ (trafficking, refugees, etc.)
- PTSD treatment**
another controversial ~ is eye movement desensitization
- forms, face and causes of PTSD**
the many ~
- patients with post-traumatic stress disorder
psychiatrist Dr. Julie Holland uses psychedelics to treat ~
- from nightmares to PTSD
from ~, the toll on Facebook moderators...
- treat PTSD**
using virtual reality to ~
Congress calls on VA to study medical marijuana to ~
- trigger PTSD**
VA cautions Ken Burns' Vietnam documentary could ~
- ♦ "Years later, I have ptsd, I have panic attacks I go to therapy. Finally I'm ready to talk about it and finally heal." (Gabby, about a sexual assault with a Golden Globe nominee.)
- ♦ "Lady Gaga reveals how she used her PTSD in new role," BBC.
- ♦ "The push to expand the trained workforce coincides with a growing understanding of trauma's effect. The National Council for Behavioral health, a nonprofit organization of mental health care providers, calls
- trauma a "near universal experience" for people with mental and behavioral health issues." ("Not Just For soldiers: Civilians With PTSD Struggle To Find Effective Therapy" by Caroline Covington, NPR, May 20, 2019.)
- ♦ "Every culture possesses what Edward Shorter, a medical historian at the University of Toronto, calls a 'symptom repertoire'—a range of physical symptoms available to the unconscious mind for the physical expression of psychological conflict.' In parts of India, patients are said to suffer from *dhat* syndrome: they complain of impotence and have the delusion that they are losing their semen. In Nigeria, students who can't retain information and report feeling a burning sensation in their heads are sometimes given a diagnosis of 'brain fag.' The illnesses are reinforced by a local belief that the symptoms are a sign of authentic suffering, worthy of expert attention and care." ("The Apathetic: Why are refugee children falling unconscious?" by Rachel Aviv, *The New Yorker*, April 3, 2017.)
- ♦ Zar: Spirit possession (Middle East); amok: an episode of murderous rage followed by amnesia (Southeast Asia); koro: the feeling that the genitals are retracting into the body (Southeast Asia); tsog tsuam (sleep paralysis / Hmong in the US); *Digeunton* (pressed on / Indonesia); *Bei guia ya* (held by a ghost / China); Boszorkany-nyomas (witches' pressure / Hungary); the Old Hag and *ag rog* (hag ridden / Newfoundland) ... (Illnesses associated with particular cultures.)
- ♦ "If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, please contact the National Sexual Assault Hotline at..."
- ♦ Shell shock (WW I), combat fatigue (WW II), operational exhaustion (Korea), PTSD (Vietnam)... (The military.)
- ♦ "One agency that seized upon Freeman's work was the Veterans Administration. Faced with an influx of shell-shocked World War II GIs that flooded its mental wards, the VA issued a directive in 1943 requesting its neurosurgeons to study and use the Freeman and Watts lobotomy technique. By 1951, nearly 3,000 lobotomies had been performed at VA hospitals, according to agency records." ("D.C. Neurosurgeon Pioneered 'Operation Icepick' Technique" by Glenn Frankel, *The Washington Post*, April 7, 1980.)
- ♦ Case B2.—DEAF-MUTISM / PRIVATE, 35 YEARS OF AGE.
DURATION, 26 MONTHS/ A shell explosion in France resulted in this patient being buried to the neck. He could not remember anything until he arrived in England a few weeks later. While in a London hospital he made several attempts at escaping and was successful on one occasion. Previous to his admission to the National Hospital he had been given strong faradic shocks; tuning forks had been applied to the head; and sudden noises and hypnotism had also been tried, but all without any result whatever. He was dull, depressed, discouraged and suspicious, and in a tremulous condition." (*Hysterical Disorders of Warfare* by Lewis Ralph Yealland, M.D., Resident Medical Officer, National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, London, with preface by E. Farquhar Buzzard, M.D., F.R.C.P., Lieut.-Colonel, R.A.M.C., 1918.)
- ♦ see also *shellshocked*
- ## feeling, emotion & effect: military posture (position)
- posture of (ADA) units
the readiness ~ (military)
- posture on the border
the force has increased its security ~
- posture as tough on terrorism
he seeks to exploit his ~
- posture, stance, attitude
what surprised you most about China's ~ (diplomacy)
- assault posture
the Iraqis were in a classic air-land ~
- security posture
the force has increased its ~ on the border
- readiness posture

the ~ of ADA units (military)

systems posture

we will review our ~ based on events (White House)

aggressive posture

put his troops in a more ~

the guard prides itself on its ~ (Iran)

defensive posture

destroyed 10 Iraqi T-55 tanks dug in a ~

the Israeli counterattack has all of Lebanon in a ~

nuclear posture

the classified ~ review (US government)

protective posture

it causes us to maintain ~s but doesn't stop us (BW)

position, policy & negotiation / readiness & preparedness:

standing, sitting & lying

posture (performance)

defiant posture

Iraqi officials struck a ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

tough-guy posture

he hides behind a ~

♦ George Stephanopoulos: "How much of this is real, and how much of this is posturing?" / Dan Abrams, ABC News Chief Legal Analyst: "'I think this is real posturing."

performance: standing, sitting & lying

posturing

partisan posturing

after days of ~ by senators, she was confirmed (judge)

political posturing

a lot of the rhetoric is just ~ (politics)

finger-pointing and (political) posturing

we must put behind us ~ and solve this problem

performance: standing, sitting & lying

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying

potato (small potatoes)

small potatoes

I think it's ~ compared to... (politics)

importance & significance: potato / size

pot (pot calls the kettle black)

calling the kettle black

this is the pot ~

♦ "What was Zaha moaning to Maupay about? I hope it wasn't about his celebration in front of the CP fans. Didn't Zaha do that to the Brighton fans after his pen? Pot calling and all that." (wemarchoon about Crystal Palace vs. Brighton & Hove Albion, Mon 27 Sept 2021.)

accusation & criticism: color / cooking

potato (small potatoes)

small potatoes

I think it's ~ compared to... (politics)

importance & significance: potato / size

potato chip

equivalent of potato chips

it is the literary ~ (a VERY interesting book)

consumption: food & drink

potency (strength)

potency of this

the ~ is beyond the individual services (aircraft carrier)

attenuation / force / power: health & medicine

functioning / strength & weakness: health & medicine

potent (adjective)

potent

the ideology is very ~ (Isis)

potent weapon

the method of non-violent resistance is the most ~

politically potent

the Arab community is not as ~

attenuation / force / power: health & medicine

functioning / strength & weakness: health & medicine

pothole (noun)

public relations potholes

the film would soon run into a number of ~

failure, accident & impairment / obstacles & impedance:

infrastructure / journeys & trips

potshot (noun)

potshot

a few ~s have been aimed at him (criticism of artist)

potshot approach

I don't like that kind of a ~ (politics and criticism)

gleeful potshots

Republicans are taking ~ at Democratic opponents

two potshots

they loved her ~ at the state's Republican governor

take potshots at Harvard

people like to ~ (elitist, rich, politically correct, etc.)

taken (more than a few) potshots at his home state
he has ~ over the years

takes potshot at whatever is bothering him

he takes ~ (comedian)

accusation & criticism: speech / weapon

pounce (verb)

pounce

Schmeichel held on to the ball as Aguero waited to ~

pouncing
his opponents are ~ (politics)

pounced
prosecutors, then, ~ (on defendant's testimony)

pounce on him
for me to ~ now would be cruelty (criticism)

pounced on the story
British tabloids ~

quick to pounce
the Obama campaign was ~ (on opponent's gaffe)
♦ "For me to pounce on him now would be an exercise in cruelty, because that brother is not right." (Sports discussion about a troubled NFL player.)
♦ An article about tigers at the BBC states that a tiger can leap forward 33 feet from a sitting position!

eagerness & reluctance: animal / hunting / movement / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping
movement: animal / hunting / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

pound (amount)

pound of cure
an ounce of prevention is worth a ~ (proverb)

amount: weight

pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.)

pounded the Northeast
record snowfalls have ~

pounding the Northeast
the hurricane is ~

pound the region
Hurricane Dorian continues to ~ as a Category 4 storm

force: storm

pound (pound targets, etc.)

pounding the social media companies
lawmakers are ~ over their market dominance

pounded targets
US aircraft ~ in Libya

♦ Allenby: (Pointing to the map.) Pound them, Charley. (Thumping his fist on the chalk board.) Pound them. / (The scene changes. It is night. Artillery flickers on the horizon like the aurora borealis.) Ali: God help the men who lie under that. / Lawrence: They're Turks. / Ali: God help them. (From the film *Lawrence of Arabia*.)

destruction: fist / verb / violence

pour (in, into, pour out, etc.)

poured in
complaints ~

pouring in
casualties from the attack started ~ (to a hospital)

poured out
thousands of protestors ~ of the mosque
the doors opened, everyone ~ and ran (subway shooting)

poured into 911
over 100 calls ~ as the shooting unfolded (at a school)

poured into (neighboring) Turkey
thousands of Syrians ~

pouring into Iraq
terrorists from every group are ~

pouring into Kabul
with rural migrants and refugees ~

pour into the city
thousands of delegates began to ~ for the... (UN)

poured into hospitals
scenes of anguish as civilian casualties ~

pour into his office
messages ~ from disaffected Saudis (dissident)

poured into the slum
police ~ in armored cars (Paraisópolis / São Paulo)

pouring into streets
Jewish worshippers ~ following sundown prayers

aid poured in
international ~ and disaster was averted...

invitations have been pouring in
~ (to speak at colleges / author)

leads poured in
the ~ (70,000 / child abduction)

praise poured in
~ for Carter (Oslo agreement)

tributes are pouring in
this morning ~ for King following his death

amount & effect / movement: verb / water

pour (put)

pour fuel on the fire
this will ~ of toxic political warfare

pour fuel on the flames
the documents are likely to ~ of a strained relationship

pour gases into the air
factories ~

poured his heart and soul into the game
he ~ (Reggie Miller speaking of Larry Bird)

poured money into improvements
King Fahd ~ (Hajj)

poured my soul into it
I ~ (singing performance)

poured our hearts into the movement

we really ~ (social justice)

poured (intense) fire into the position
he ~, killing three enemy as...

poured troops into this region
the Kenyan government has ~

poured money into its Web site
the company phased out its catalogue and ~

pour its resources into transit
some question whether the region should ~

poured effort and money into developing
different companies have ~ jets

pour (deadly) fire upon the enemy
Pfc. Lozada continued to ~ (combat)

poured a stream of fire at the enemy
undaunted, he ~ (combat)

pouring on the pressure
he is ~ (a boxing match)

throwing, putting & planting: verb / water
directing: verb / water

pour (resemblance)

pouring over the mountains
dark storm clouds were ~

pour downhill
boulders ~ in debris flows

resemblance: verb / water

powder keg

powder keg
Northern Nigeria is a ~ (sectarian divisions)
the region is a ~, and things could get out of hand

human powder keg
plantation owners knew they were sitting on a ~ (race)

handle (political) powder kegs
he knows how to ~ (president)

light a fuse on a powder keg
the pandemic's end might ~ of frustrated desire

set a spark to a powder keg
I don't want to ~ at precisely the wrong moment
♦ "Far from bringing peace, De Gaul's visit put a spark in the powder barrel." (His visit to Algeria in the 1950s.)

danger / initiation: explosion / military / weapon

powerhouse (noun)

powerhouse (investment) bank
the ~ Goldman Sachs

powerhouse (legal) team
he was represented by a ~ (rich pedophile)

powerhouse teams

scouts from ~ like the Florida Gators... (sports)

Nigeria's economic powerhouse
Lagos is ~

global powerhouse
US whalers were a ~ (in the past)

financial or political powerhouse
the N.R.A. is not the ~ that it once was (guns)

ratings and merchandizing powerhouse
it is a ~ (Sponge Bob cartoon show)

driving force / power / strength & weakness: dam / electricity / river

praetorian guard

chillingly effective praetorian guard
such men make a ~ (miners break up student protests)

protection & lack of protection: history / military

praise (sing someone's praises)

singing his praises
I have been ~ ever since he joined Liverpool (sports)

sang the praises of the contract
the mayor ~ (Chicago teachers' strike ends)

achievement, recognition & praise: music / verb

pray (verb)

praying that
Democrats are ~ the case will disappear

wants, needs, hopes & goals: religion / verb

preach (verb)

preach about what
my father would ~ we could do and couldn't do

preaches against the evils
Sports Illustrated periodically ~ of steroid use

preach to the choir
see *choir (preach to the choir)*

preaching a gospel (of rebirth) to everyone
he is ~ (Detroit mayor)

preaching a gospel
he is ~ of rebirth (Detroit mayor)

preach hate
school textbooks ~

preaching nonsense
there are outliers out there that are ~ (COVID)

preach the virtues
many ~ of diversity and tolerance, yet...

practices what he preaches
he ~ by hiking regularly (fitness)

♦ Practice what you preach! (Hypocrisy.)

message: religion / speech / verb

speech: religion / verb

precede (at an earlier time)

preceded the car

the horse ~

preceded the (boxing) match

months of trash talking and hype ~

time: direction / movement / position / verb

sequence: direction / movement / position / verb

preceding (at an earlier time)

preceding days

in the ~ the soldiers got ready for battle

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep,
adv, adj, particle

precipice (at the precipice)

at the precipice of (epic) failure

he stands ~ (politician)

at the precipice of becoming

it was recorded when he was just ~ a star (music)

at the precipice of the presidency

he stands ~ (Obama)

skating at the precipice

news organizations that are ~ of financial disaster

tottered at the precipice

she ~ of despair (mother lost her son through death)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / proximity: ground, terrain
& land / mountains & hills

precipice (other)

headed for the precipice

as Britain and the Boer republics ~ (war)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / proximity: ground, terrain
& land / mountains & hills

precipitous (adjective)

precipitous deterioration

their daughter's ~ in the month before her death

decline: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

precursor (noun)

precursor to fear

doubt is the ~ (the great climber Alex Honnold)

initiation: chemistry

predation (noun)

predations of (unscrupulous) business people

Africa can defend itself against the ~....

defend themselves against the predations

young people must know how to ~ of credit

danger: animal / predation

Predator (the Predator drone, etc.)

Predator

a Hellfire air-to-ground missile launched from the ~
the ~ is a medium-altitude, long-endurance drone
the ~ can linger for 20 hours over a battlefield

Predator drone

an unmanned ~ (military)

Predator unmanned aerial vehicle

the ~, a 27-foot-long drone
the ~ is operated remotely by controllers on the ground

proper name: animal / predation

death & life / military: proper name

predator (people)

predators on the Internet

the problem of sexual ~

predators in the chain

they were the top ~ (Iraqi terrorists)

predator in a white coat

he is a ~ (doctor accused of sex abuse)

predators and harassers

this culture that turns a blind eye to ~ (entertainment)

predators and the prey

in prison, there are the ~

predators and thieves

they are all ~ (bankers)

online predator

~s trying to have sex with children
within minutes, he heard from his first ~ (Webcam)

lethal predators

~ are psychopathic, sadistic, and sane (evil)

real predator

he is a ~, he's destroyed many women's lives

serial (sexual) predator

he was a ~ (pedophile)

sexual predator

the judge called the former NFL player a “~”

dealing with ~s (pedophile)

the problem of ~s on the Internet

Web cams are a magnet for ~s

sexual-predator

six states have ~ laws

prey and predator

he believed people fell into two groups: ~

evolved into a (serial) predator

how a high-school dropout ~

portrayed him as a predator
prosecutors have ~ who exploited his fame

♦ “The world is like this: it’s eat or be eaten.” (“The German Experiment That Placed Foster Children With Pedophiles” by Rachel Aviv, *The New Yorker*, July 19, 2021.)

♦ “It was this Vedic civilization that first developed India’s Grand Road. These Indians found the region covered with dense forests, which sheltered robbers and wild beasts.” (*To the Ends of the Earth: The Great Travel and Trade Routes of Human History* by Irene M. Franck and David M. Brownstone.)

♦ “In the Ussrian taiga, the most dangerous meeting of all is with a man.” (Inhabitants include trappers, bandits, escaped convicts, gold hunters, ginseng hunters, hermits, migrants, tribesmen, etc. From *Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

behavior: animal / person / predation

character & personality: animal / person / predation

predatory (adjective)

predatory best

Harry Kane was back to his ~ (England vs. Ukraine)

predatory business

Internet gambling is a ~

predatory coach

~s are some of the most successful (sex abuse)

predatory educators

I view for-profit collages as ~, like predatory lenders

predatory lender

the poor fall prey to ~

predatory priest

the archdiocese is accused of harboring ~s

predatory publisher

the company is a ~ (fees, no checking, fake lists)

predatory lending

~ is alive and well (credit cards)

“exploitative” and “predatory”

the activewear company was branded ~ by a judge

criticize (payday) loans as predatory

consumer advocates ~ (300 percent annual interest)

danger: animal / predation

predecessor (go away before)

predecessor

the car and its ~, the horse...

Dollar General’s predecessors

the rise and fall of ~ (five and dimes, etc.)

its predecessors

how does this new *Ben-Hur* compare with ~ (the film)

♦ *prae* = “before” and *decedo* = “go away”

past & present: direction / movement / position

time: direction / movement / position

sequence: direction / movement / position

pregnant (adjective)

pregnant with disaster

the city was ~ (intercommunal violence)

pregnant with Easter eggs

it’s ~ (the book D C-T! by Avillez and Young)

creation & transformation: birth

prehistoric (adjective)

prehistoric (college football) coaches

~ are killing players (heat stroke, etc.)

knowledge & intelligence: history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

past & present / time: history

prescription (noun)

prescription

the diagnosis is wrong, and the ~ is malpractice

prescription to save

a ~ globalization from itself

prescription for disaster

it was a ~ (girl wants acceptance, boys like alcohol)

amelioration & renewal / script: health & medicine

presence (groups)

obscure or even erase my presence

I fear that teaching online will ~ (a black female)

♦ “We are other, different, not expected to be seen.” (Blacks outdoors in the woods or hiking on a trail.)

♦ “He is the main penalty box presence because...” (Karim Benzema.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

present (groups)

visible, courageous and present

LGBTQ folks have been so ~

inclusion & exclusion: society

present (up to the present)

up to the (very) last ball

the match was impossible to call right ~ (tennis)

up to the present day

she explores his legacy right ~ (Julius Caesar)

continues up to the present day

the city’s tradition as a hotbed of espionage ~

past & present / time: direction / height / history /

mountains & hills prep, adv, adj, particle

press (verb)

press him

I had questions, but I didn’t ~

coercion & motivation: force / pressure / verb

pressure (under pressure)

under (relentless) pressure to boost
schools ~ scores

under (enormous) pressure to succeed
children are ~ (education)

under the pressure of (battle) conditions
the unit performed well ~

under pressure from Washington
Saudi Arabia has come ~ to reform

under pressure from the Vietnamese-Americans
~, the museum left out...

under pressure from (animal rights) groups
the business is ~

under pressure from higher-ups
the recruiters are ~ (military)

under enormous pressure
children are ~ to succeed (education)

under relentless pressure
schools ~

come under pressure
Saudi Arabia has ~ from Washington to reform

plays well under pressure
the team ~

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure
coercion & motivation: pressure

pressure (noun)

pressure
the ~ leads his colleagues to "blow up" from time to time

pressure to be
they face strong family ~ dutiful sons

pressure to "get the bird up in the air"
there was a great deal of ~ (*Challenger Disaster*)

pressure to succeed
there's a lot of ~ (Chinese athletes)

pressure to open up
the ~ areas like Badger-Two Medicine and ANWR

pressure of allies
the ~ who counsel against war

pressures of his job
feeling overwhelmed and unable to cope with the ~

pressures of sex, drugs and alcohol
the ~ (adolescents)

pressures (and stress) of everyday life
escape the ~ (an inn)

pressure from (hardline) Muslims
Saudi Arabia faces internal ~

pressure from Moscow
because of political ~

pressure from (the other) players and parents
she felt ~ (ice-hockey goalie)

pressure from abroad
~ is responsible for the government's about-turn

pressure from family members
the relentless ~ (India)

pressure on the adversaries
diplomatic ~ to seek a diplomatic solution

pressure on (arable) land
population ~

pressures on Muslims
the social ~ can be intense (US high schools)

pressure on police
people are scared and there's a lot of ~ (murders)

pressure on getting
there's so much ~ good grades

pressure in the Alps
increasing settlement ~ and avalanche...

pressure along the Appalachian Trail
growing development ~

pressure and competition
society is full of ~ (suicide)

pressures and stress
escape the ~ of everyday life (an inn)

development pressure
growing ~ along the Appalachian Trail

family pressure
they face strong ~ to be dutiful sons

government pressure
~ kept the book under wraps

immigration pressure
~ on Germany or even Italy

job pressure
freedom from ~s

population pressure
~ on arable land

schedule pressure
I do not think we are being unduly influenced by ~

settlement pressure
increasing ~ in the Alps and avalanche...

added pressure
he expected ~ (NASA scientist, after series of failures)

sustained pressure
~ from the European imperialist powers

academic pressure
 ~ and peer pressure in schools

diplomatic pressure
 ~ on the adversaries to seek a diplomatic solution
 he faces increased internal and international ~ (a ruler)

intense pressure
 she was under ~ to join the boycott (Olympics)
 teenagers will be under ~ to... (early puberty)

internal pressure
 Saudi Arabia faces ~ from hardline Muslims

political pressure
 because of ~ from Moscow...

relentless pressure
 the ~ from family members (India)
 schools under ~ to boost students' performance

social pressures
 the ~ on Muslims can be intense (US high schools)
 the ~ on middle school girls (acceptance, sex, etc.)

strong (family) pressure
 they face ~ to be dutiful sons

public and political pressure
 ~ is growing on the Metropolitan Police (Sarah Everard)

so much pressure
 there's ~ on getting good grades

freedom from (job) pressures
 it's hard to imagine ~

anger under pressure
 he has shown ~ in the past (police chief)

pressure is building
 ~ to end the 18-year moratorium on whaling

pressure did not let up
 the ~ (on a politician to resign)

ease the pressures
 ~ on common resources (medicinal plants, etc.)

escape the pressures
 ~ and stress of everyday life (an inn)

face (strong family) pressure
 they ~ to be dutiful sons

felt pressure
 she ~ from the other players and parents (sports)

put on the pressure
 it's time to ~

come under pressure
 Saudi Arabia has ~ from Washington to reform

crack under pressure
 favored competitors have been known to ~ (cycling)

crack under the pressure

some people ~ (stressful, demanding jobs)

keep up the pressure
 we need to ~

put pressure on their children
 parents ~ to achieve

prevail in the face of (extraordinary) pressures
 the boldness that enabled him to ~ (Musharraf)

thrive under (enormous) pressure
 some people are able to ~ (jobs)

♦ "When I was talking to our team about this, I suddenly started to think about the pressure I feel under to not miss out, a kind of digital FOMO." (Nihal Arthanayake, presenter of "Information overload: Are we drowning in content?" for the BBC.)

♦ "Consider it a kind of bizarro FOMO but for cultural life." (Nicholas Quah about his need for speed-reading)

♦ "Pressure is for tyres." (James Milner, Liverpool football player, on being asked if he felt pressure when taking penalty kicks. YNWA.)

♦ "Pressure makes diamonds and you learn to deal with it." (The boxer Conor Benn, son of the boxer Nigel Benn.)

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.)

in the pressure cooker of (pandemic-era) health care
 ~ (a fatal medication error)

in the pressure cooker of the San Siro
 he did a good job ~ (a soccer player)

environment: container / pressure

pressure cooker (other)

pressure cooker
 the White House is a ~ that can burn out idealistic aides
 despotism is a ~ without a safety valve (protests)
 our son graduated from the ~ that is Cornell
 he was a ~ who lacked a safety valve (murderer)

pressure cooker of ideas
 the California scene in those days was a ~ (art)

pressure-cooker atmosphere
 the accusations underscore the ~ in the region
 was it a response to the ~ we have been living in (suicide)

pressure cooker environment
 high school can be a ~ (bullying, sex, etc.)

reputation as a pressure cooker
 M.I.T. is battling a ~ (student suicides)

♦ My grandpa had a pressure cooker. He had false teeth, and the pressure cooker softened beef to his liking. Once he shouted that the pressure cooker was about to blow, and ordered me and my small brother to evacuate his shack, while he heroically adjusted something called the "bead." Dinners with grandpa, a World War I veteran, could be wonderfully exciting!

environment: container / pressure

pressured

pressured to choose

many students feel ~ sides (rape allegation at school)
pressured to cooperate
his client is being ~ in the investigation

feel pressured
many students ~ to choose sides (rape allegation)
I ~ to fit a prescribed mold (work)

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure
coercion & motivation: pressure

pressure-filled

pressure-filled environment
this ~

pressure-filled meeting room
in a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure
pretty (adjective)

pretty
it's not always ~ (discussing race)

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

prey (prey on something)

prey on (homeless) addicts
drug dealers who ~...

prey on people's desperation
doctors who ~ (brain-health products, CTE worries, etc.)

preyed on parents' fears
he ~ (university admittance fraud)

preyed on his mind
the matter ~ as he went about his daily routine (Archimedes)

preys on people
COVID ~ with existing health problems

preyed on the political prisoners
criminals ~ (gulag)

prey on the sheep
there are a lot of wolves in here who will ~ prison)

prey on ego and greed
regal-sounding diploma mills ~

behavior / pursuit, capture & escape: animal / predation / verb

prey (fall prey to something)

fall prey to (unscrupulous) agents
don't ~ (sex trafficking of Nepalese to UAE)

fall prey to (predatory) lenders
the poor ~

fall prey to traffickers
older women can ~ (sex trafficking)

fall prey to HIV

as many as 45 million people will ~ (by 2010)
fell prey to the (voracious) sun
eight ~ (stranded whales)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / predation / verb
prey (prey and predator, etc.)

prey for terrorists
subways, shopping centers are easy ~

prey and predator
he believed people fell into two groups: ~

easy prey
subways, shopping centers are ~ for terrorists
their status outside the law makes them ~ (migrants)
she became ~ for an ex-convict twice her age (14 y.o.)

predators and the prey
in prison, there are the ~

makes them (easy) prey
their status outside the law ~ (illegal immigrants)

regard girls as prey
boys ~

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / predation

price (noun)

price to pay
a little bit of sexism is a small ~ for a lot of attention

price to be good
he's willing to pay the ~ (an athlete)

price of doing
the ~ the same old thing is higher than price of change

price of fame
Hinckley forced Jodie Foster to think hard about the ~

price of freedom
"the ~ is eternal vigilance"

price of hypocrisy
the ~ has never been lower (politicians and sex)

price of liberty
eternal vigilance is the ~ (Thomas Jefferson)

price of peace
the costs of war and the ~ (soldiers)

price of success
weary but optimistic, he weighed the ~ (a rapper)

price of war
white tombstones, a reminder of the ~ (Arlington)
they pay the ~ with their arms and legs (civilians)

price of our inaction
the ~ will be paid by our kids (unplanned growth)

price for writing
there is a ~ your mind (journalist in conflicts)

price for his activism
Lenny Pozner would pay a ~ (Sandy Hook shooting Dad)

price for (their) fame
celebrities pay a huge ~

price for freedom
the ~ is high (fight against terrorists)

price for your sins
Jesus Christ paid the ~

heavy price
fame came with a ~
he was overconfident throughout and paid a ~ (soccer)

high price
we paid a very ~ (military commander, casualties)

huge price
celebrities pay a ~ for their fame

political price
he may pay a ~ nevertheless (a senator)
those corrupt social-media companies must pay a ~

small price
a little bit of sexism is a ~ to pay for a lot of attention

terrible price
but Knievel's fame came at a ~ (daredevil / injuries)

ultimate price
she paid the ~ (drug death)
you have to be willing to pay the ~ (surfing)

came at a (terrible) price
but Knievel's fame ~ (daredevil / injuries)

comes with a price
fame ~

comes at a price
user-friendliness ~

have a price
false hope can ~ (unproven treatments)

pay a price
see *pay (pay a price)*

put a price on that
you can't ~ (happiness in career)

weighed the price
weary but optimistic, he ~ of success (a rapper)

♦ No sin without a price.

cost & benefit / judgment: money

price tag

price tag
obsessive attention to the ~ is misleading
there's no ~ you can put on it (hearing a wolf in the wild)

cost & benefit / judgment: money

prick (verb)

prick (overinflated) reputations
a critic should ~ (poetry)

destruction: air / atmosphere / hole / verb

priesthood (noun)

priesthood of economists
he was excommunicated from the ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

prime (verb)

prime us for traumatization
the stories passed down ~ (Blacks / race-based)

initiation / readiness & preparedness: explosion / mechanism / verb / weapon

primed (ready)

primed for outrage
we are all so ~ (culture wars)

primed to detonate
the film was ~ this weekend (open)

primed to love it

I was so ~ (a Jane Campion film, *Power of the Dog*)
♦ "Priming" a response is a "big thing" in academic experiments,
particularly in social psychology, linguistics, etc.

initiation / readiness & preparedness: explosion / mechanism / weapon

prince (epithet)

Prince of Cartography
John George Bartholomew, called the “~”

prince of surgeons
Lister, the ~, hugged Pasteur (1892)

superlative: epithet / royalty
epithet: royalty

prince (person)

little prince
I got used to being the ~ (first-born Asian male)

superlative: person / royalty
person: royalty

princess (person)

princess
she thinks a ~ in a pink gown is kid stuff (Halloween)

princess phase
every little girl goes through a ~ (US / pink)

princess or angel
I want to be Britney Spears, no more ~ (Halloween)

pop princess

teen ~ Britney Spears

superlative: person / royalty

person: royalty

prism (through the prism)

through the prism of its own ideology
the US sees the world ~

through my own ethnic prism
I view the world ~

looks at Israel through the prism
he ~ of his Christian faith (Bush)

sees his role through the prism
Bush ~ of the war on terror (Middle East)

viewed through a (partisan) prism
the past is ~ (US)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

prism (other)

ethnic prism
my own ~ sometimes distorts my perspective
I view the world through my own ~

ideological prism
his ~ has not changed (Qaddafi / anti-imperialism)

partisan prism
the past is viewed through a ~ (US)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

prison (constraint)

prison of fat
if you want to lose weight and escape from the ~ (an ad)

unlock the prison
to study the past is to ~ of the present (Jill Lepore)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

prisoner (constraint)

prisoner
care about people's approval and you will be their ~

prisoner of his determination
he was the ~ (Amundson follows line of longitude to Pole)

prisoners of our own doctrine
we were ~ (Israelis in 1973 war)

prisoner of duty
he could seem like a grudging ~ (President Grant)

prisoner of a preconceived notion
he was the ~

prisoner of her own success
she is a ~ (a Pop diva)

♦ "Keep the tongue in your mouth a prisoner." (Turkish.)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.)

take no prisoners

we fight hard, we play for keeps, we ~ (gun-rights activist)

take-no-prisoners

the ~ approach to justice
his aggressive, ~ attitude was always on display (a coach)

take no prisoners

her ~ approach got her fired (an educational reformer)

hard-charging, take-no-prisoners

he's known as a ~ kind of guy (Governor Andrew Cuomo)

♦ This is the same as to give no quarter.

♦ "We fight hard, we play for keeps, we take no prisoners. We'll get in the trenches and fight dirty." (Greg Pruett, president of the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, a gun-rights group.)

judgment / punishment & recrimination: military

privilege (white privilege, etc.)

white privilege

the law seeks to ban any discussion of ~ (education)

"~" is used as a political weapon to bash opponents

carries some privilege

any white person ~ due to their skin color

♦ "The way we talk about white privilege is eerily consonant with the way one talks about original sin." (John McWhorter, author of *Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

prize (noun)

prize

it was their biggest ~ yet in the 18-day old war (airport)
she has some obstacles between her and the ~ (candidate)

Arctic prize

perhaps the biggest ~ is oil and natural gas

strategic prize

the city is a vital crossroads and a ~ (war)
An Nasiriya is considered a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

considered a (strategic) prize

An Nasiriya is ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: money

wants, needs, hopes & goals: money

prized

prized in China

the saiga horn is ~ as a traditional remedy (Mongolia)

prized as an ingredient

the saiga horn is ~ of Chinese medicine

prized (in China) as a (traditional) remedy

the saiga horn is ~

prized as dairy cattle

the kuri are native to the Lake Chad region and ~

prized for their odor
durians are ~ (fruit)

prized for their taste
edible wild mushrooms are ~ (poisonings)

prized by the (local) Bushmen
ostrich eggs are greatly ~ (water containers)

prized by Iran, North Korea and terrorist groups
a stash of weapons-grade uranium that would be ~

prized dish
they're a ~ at restaurants (Cat Ba langurs)

prized fur
llamas and their ~

prized (QB) recruit
Alabama beat Tennessee for a ~

horn is prized
the saiga ~ in China as a traditional remedy

greatly prized
ostrich eggs are ~ by the Bushmen

most prized
sable was the ~ accessory in the courts of Europe

◆ "They arrive with gold and depart with pepper." (An amazed Tamil trader. Europeans prized pepper. From *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

◆ "Jade has no meaning for our culture, but we are thankful to Allah that the Chinese go crazy for it." (Yacen Ahmat, a Uighur in Khotan's jade bazaar, in Xinjiang.)

◆ The small corpses of Carolina parakeets were used whole by milliners to adorn women's hats. The last known representative of its species died in February 1918.

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: money

process (verb)

processed what happened
I don't think I've really ~ (a building collapse)

process our grief
we ask that the media respect our privacy as we ~

process this (awful) loss
her little sister can hardly ~ (a fatal selfie accident)

feeling, emotion & effect: manufacturing / verb
comprehension & incomprehension: manufacturing / verb

procrustean (adjective)

procrustean
requiring rigor from expert and amateur is ~ (data)

procrustean bureaucracy
~ in the name of consistency (education)

procrustean criticism
they faced ~ from rightists and leftists (immigration)

procrustean decisions
film editing sometimes requires making ~

* This refers to making everyone and everything fit to an arbitrary standard; to ensure conformity. In science, it can relate to tailoring data to fit the hypothesis. It is similar to "one size fits all." Procrustes was a crazy man who stretched people or cut off body parts so that his victims would fit a metal bed.

* "Perhaps a laudable anxiety to be correct and systematic in making and recording meteorological observations has induced the prevailing idea that extreme precision is all-important, and that observations should be very numerous. Observatories, unquestionably, such should be the case; but to treat all localities, all alike, and to require a similar registration from each, would indeed be Procrustean, while their application of very refined instruments might be like cutting wool with razors." (*The Weather Book* by the great sea captain and scientist Robert FitzRoy.)

comparison & contrast: affix
creation & transformation / oppression: allusion / clothing & accessories

prod (verb)

prodded the government to do something
he ~

prodding districts to apply
the government is ~

coercion & motivation: finger / force / verb

product (noun)

product of my environment
I'm a ~ (place, food, friends, speech, etc.)

product of mentorship
I'm a complete ~ (Broadway producer Scott Rudin)

product of its time
the film was a ~ (*Gone with the Wind*)

product of her upbringing
she is the ~ (an Appalachian musician)

product of her (Midwest) upbringing
this is possibly a ~ (an inviting personality)

product of their (life) experiences and their education
they are to some extent the ~ (Supreme Court justices)

creation & transformation: manufacturing
identity & nature / product / relationship: manufacturing

professor (noun)

his professors
the Arctic was his university and the Inuit ~ (Amundsen)

knowledge & intelligence: person / school & education

profit (verb)

profit from lessons learned
he was confident that he could ~

cost & benefit: money / verb
worth & lack of worth: money / verb

profile (low profile)

low profile
US citizens should maintain a ~ (terrorism)
my company was ~

keep a low profile
Westerners ~ in line with their embassies' advisories

maintain a low profile
Americans should ~ (terrorism overseas)
US citizens should ~ (Saudi Arabia)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height / target
protection & lack of protection: height / target
profile (high profile)

high-profile case
~s involving sex
the police are under pressure to solve the ~

high-profile disappearance
it was the nation's fourth ~ of a child

high-profile intellectual
Mr. Ramadan ins not just a professor but a ~

high-profile target
the US is a ~ (terrorism)

highest-profile (soccer) star
he is one of the world's highest-paid and ~s

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height
profile (attention)

profile of atheists
raising the ~ in America (a march)

profile in the US
trying to raise the sport's ~ (table tennis)

profile in the region
the US has raised its military ~ (Korea)

sport's profile
trying to raise the ~ in the US (table tennis)

military profile
the US has raised its ~ in the region (Korea)

profile soared
her ~ spectacularly in 2016 (after interviewing Trump)

raised her profile
the endorsement ~ (a politician)

raise the (sport's) profile
trying to ~ in the US (table tennis)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height

profile (picture)

profile of the killer
he created a ~

profile of the women
construct a reproductive ~ in the tribe

profile of Los Angeles
as the demographic ~ changed (police department)

profile parameters
~ for Arab terrorists

person's (personality) profile
a ~ is a powerful influence

consumer profile
portal sites are doing a lot with ~

credit profile
customers with even riskier ~s (phone companies)

criminal profile
techniques for developing a ~

flight profile
the dangerous potential of the ~ (aircraft crash)

mule profile
he fit the ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

personality profile
a person's ~ is a powerful influence

DNA profile
the law mandates taking a ~ of all criminals
the F.B.I. maintains a national database of ~s

detailed profile
~s that include the donors' health history

criminal profile
techniques for developing a ~

demographic profile
as the ~ of Los Angeles changed (police department)

different (homicidal) profile
he appears to fit a ~

discernible profile
these victims do not fit any ~ (spree killings)

geographic profile
~s use crime locations to determine...

homicidal profile
he appears to fit a different ~

particular profile
victims usually fit a ~, such as prostitutes...

psychological profile
construct a ~ of a serial killer
the FBI is working on developing a ~ of the suspect
FBI ~s of the Green River killer appear to match him

reproductive profile
construct a ~ of the women in the tribe

profile had suggested
an FBI ~ the kidnapper is a predator, and possibly...

profile (also) suggested
the ~ that the killer... (FBI-created profile)

construct a (psychological) profile
~ of a serial killer

developing a (criminal) profile
techniques for ~

fit a (particular) profile
victims usually ~, such as prostitutes...

fit any (discernible) profile
these victims do not ~ (spree killings)

fit the (mule) profile
he ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

characterization: picture

profile (profile in courage)

profiles in courage

major businesses are not exactly ~ (the bottom line)

♦ The beloved US president John F. Kennedy wrote *Profiles in Courage*, in which he singled out eight senators for their bravery and integrity.

♦ "Look, I never expect a foreign leader I'm dealing with, or a colleague senator, to voluntarily appear in the second edition of *Profiles in Courage*. So you got to think of what is in their *interest*." (Joe Biden speaking to Evan Osnos.)

allusion / character & personality: books & reading

prognosis (noun)

grim prognosis

the ~ was consistent with new figures (world economy)

reliable prognoses

there aren't any ~ of how the Arctic climate will develop

scientific prognoses

grim ~ have come to pass (death of the Amazon)

condition & status: health & medicine

future / time: health & medicine

progress (verb)

case has progressed

a lot has happened as this ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / verb

development: movement / verb

promethean (adjective)

Promethean Award

the ~ for Headteacher of the Year in a Primary School

Promethean fire

this is forbidden fruit, a ~, a Pandora's box, and evil genie

Promethean hero

the Romantic view of Satan as a ~ (*Frankenstein*)

promethean heroes

a high Romantic vision of authors as ~ of creativity

Promethean individualism

Nietzsche was drawn to Ralph Waldo Emerson's ~

Promethean task

the scale-up for treating a human is a ~ (growing livers)

♦ This word refers to at least 4 things: (1) great creativity and originality, especially, now, technology (2) "gifting" something of great benefit to others (3) defiance of authority and disobedience (4) great suffering.

♦ In Greek mythology, the myth of Prometheus and the story of Pandora are intertwined.

♦ "Prometheus unframed: A new type of camera could prove valuable or robots, drones and driverless cars," The Economist, January 29th, 2022.

♦ "Paine is the preeminent spokesman of a new class of people who are emerging at just that time. We used to call them the artisans, self-educated working men with a skill... They've taught themselves to read or they've become literate.. And they develop political ambitions. And Paine is the perfect spokesman of this group of people who meet in taverns and coffeehouses and public squares to discuss self-improvement and the improvement of society. And that's why—it's Promethean, I suppose, is the word I'm looking for. It's the desire to share the fire, not just with the gods but with the whole of humanity, so everyone can warm themselves by the flame and see by it, too." ("Hitchens: How Paine's 'Rights' Changed the World," NPR, October 23, 2007. From the special series, "Books That Changed the World.")

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / religion

comparison & contrast: affix

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: allusion / religion

Promised Land

painted the North as a promised land

he ~ (Robert Sengstacke Abbott of *Chicago Defender*)

environment / superlative: allusion / Bible / religion

prong (river)

South Prong

the ~ of the Current River

branching system: animal / horn

prong (part)

two main prongs

the scheme consisted of ~ (college admissions scandal)

branching system: animal / horn

prop (noun)

spiritual prop

he leaned on Wilson as his ~ (Robert Falcon Scott)

**allegiance, support & betrayal / amelioration & renewal:
infrastructure / mining / verb**

prophet (person)

prophets

some of these ~ had been spectacularly wrong (stocks)

prophets of doom

we must reject the ~ and their predictions of the Apocalypse

mantle of a prophet

he increasingly adopted the ~

turned (doomsday) prophet

the news anchor ~ (the film *Network*)

message: Bible / person / religion

future / time: person / religion

person: religion

prop up (verb)

props up North Korea with aid and trade
China ~

prop up his government
foreigners ~ (Venezuela)

prop up (global) growth
China may not be able to ~

props up Maduro
the military ~ (Venezuelan leader)

prop up her spirits
though her body sagged, her doctor helped ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal / amelioration & renewal:
infrastructure / mining / verb**

proselytize (verb)

proselytize for his government
his political allies are expected to ~ (workers)

message / speech: religion / verb

proverbial (adjective)

proverbial slow boat to China
what must have seemed like the ~ (circuitous route)

proverbial parapet
the people who have stuck their heads above the ~ to improve visibility (groups)

proverbial committee-designed racehorse
collaboration often leads to the ~ becoming a giraffe

resemblance: allusion

prowl (on the prowl)

on the prowl for (naïve) girls
Internet predators are always ~

behavior / movement: animal / predation

prune (verb)

prune the budget
they are seeking ways to ~ (government)

dismissal, removal & resignation: farming & agriculture / plant / tree / verb

pruned

pruned
every interview here has been ~

creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant / tree

Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.)

Chinese Ptolemy
the ~, Phei Hsui, made a detailed map of China

importance & significance: epithet

public-spirited

public-spirited
~ citizens
~ journalists

character & personality: religion

pull (tidal pull)

tidal pull
the ~ of Berkeley was strong on her (academic)

attraction & repulsion: astronomy / sea / tide

relationship: astronomy / sea / tide

pull (attraction)

pull of the Arctic
he felt the ~ (Amundsen)

pull of ISIS
the book explores the ~

gravitational pull
some felt the ~ of the gold rush in California (migrants)

irresistible (gravitational) pull
the almost ~ of getting more attention (on the internet)

exerted a pull
Lake Ohrid has ~ on me since my childhood (Balkans)

felt the pull
she still ~ of her childhood faith (a scientist)

attraction & repulsion: astronomy

relationship: astronomy

pull (pull for someone)

pulling for you
we're ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: arm / burden / verb

pull (pull yourself together, etc.)

pull himself together
he would ~ and seem to be under control (troubled)

resiliency: mental health / verb

amelioration & renewal: mental health / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

pull back (verb)

pulled back
he ~ after giving the green light and go order (military)

pulled those ships and planes back
he ~ (called off military attack)

starting, going, continuing & ending: verb

avoidance & separation: verb

pulled in

pulled in by this light
they are ~ (migratory birds and urban areas)

situation: container / movement

involvement / attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

pulled into

pulled into the rabbit hole
I got ~ (an online feud)

situation: container / movement

involvement / attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

pull out (verb)

pull out of the agreement
they want to ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: burden / verb
dismissal, removal & resignation: burden / verb

pull through (verb)

pull through
I thought she was strong enough to ~ (died of Covid)

managed to pull through
some companies have ~ (satellite constellations)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

pull together (verb)

pull together
we all ~ (hurricane)
he asked conservatives to ~ (politics)
maybe we can ~ to beat this pandemic
but in North Carolina, we're gonna ~, work to clean up
we will ~ and through this (a disaster)

pull together as a country
we're going through a time when we have to ~ (pandemic)

pull together as a team
are we going to be civilized and ~ when there's a crisis

pull together to help
it's vital that we all ~ weather this crisis (pandemic)

pull together, grieve together, work together
we will ~, and love one another (high school shooting)

unanimity & consensus / work & duty: arm / burden / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.)

pulpit
television is the ~ from which they preach (politics)

presidential bully pulpit
Obama should use the ~ to address entitlements

pulpit and the megaphone

use the ~ of the office to highlight human rights

"You've got to use the bully pulpit of the mayor's office," Lori Lightfoot said at the MIT roundtable in April as she explained how she runs Chicago... / Lightfoot seems not to understand what Teddy Roosevelt meant when he called the presidency a 'bully pulpit.' Like a lot of Northeastern patricians of his day, he used the adjective 'bully' to mean great, or perhaps jolly good. The bully pulpit is the opposite of what Lightfoot describes. She means the smoke-filled room. And she seems to assume that Roosevelt is referring to *bullying...*" ("The Inequality of 'Equity,'" by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

message: Bible / religion / speech

pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.)

Devil's pulpit
the ~ (an outcrop in a gorge)

proper name: religion

geography: proper name

pulsating (adjective)

pulsating contest
in a ~, Ward produced a composed performance (boxing)

pulsating start
the fight has a ~ in Leeds (boxing)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement

pulse (noun)

pulse of the planet
the satellites allow scientists to take the ~ (climate)

pulse of the (Israeli) public
the polling firm regularly takes the ~

oceans' pulse
robot subs help to take the ~

on the pulse of the nation
the prime minister does not have his finger ~

pulse (of the city) is (really) pumping
the ~ again (Chinese nightlife post-pandemic)

got a pulse
we need to prove that we've still ~ (the film *Maze*)

taken the pulse
we have ~ of sex in the US today (survey)

keep our finger on the pulse
help us to ~ (popup survey at a website)

condition & status / measurement: blood / death & life / health & medicine

pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.)

pummels Midwest with snow
spring blizzard ~

pummeling the islands with rain and winds
the hurricane is ~

pummeled Barbados

the hurricane ~

force: storm

pummel (verb)

pummeled him over the cost

Republicans ~ of the bill (politics)

pummeled the company's earnings and stock prices
the problem has ~

pummeled her rival

she ~ (a tennis match)

accusation & criticism: boxing / fist / speech / verb / violence

pummeled

pummeled

the bank's shares have been ~

pummeled in the media

she has been ~ (a leader)

pummeled for failing

he has been ~ to solve the problem

pummeled by conservatives

he was ~ for even broaching the topic (politics)

pummeled by the storm

the area was ~

pummeled by both sides

he has been ~ (Obama)

pummeled by drugs and crime

the neighborhood has been ~

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / sensation

pump (direct)

pumps \$20 million into the (local) economy
rafting ~ (Summersville, WV)

pumped (new) life into the (martial-arts) genre
he ~

pumped (more than) \$100 million into (city) schools
the Gates Foundation has ~

directing: verb / water

pumped (directed)

pumped into the facility
for all the money that was ~...

directing: pump / water

pumped (feeling)

so pumped

others were not ~ (eager to deploy to Iraq)

so pumped to get out there
I'm ~ (a female teen surfer)

♦ "Last night we got out of strict Level Four lockdown, which hasn't allowed us to surf for five weeks. We're in Level Three now and we can finally surf. I'm so pumped to get out there." (A video showing a female teen surfer in New Zealand on the shore in a wetsuit with her surfboard. She runs to the water.)

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / pump

pump up (verb)

pump up your confidence

~ (job hunting)

pumped the rookies up

having ~, he now deflates them... (NFL camp)

increase & decrease / feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / pump / verb

punch (punch above one's weight, etc.)

fight above our weight

we're going to have to ~ (politics)

punches above its weight

Hungary ~ in math, it has produced many mathematicians

punched (massively) above our weight

we ~ (small Wales does great in Rugby World Cup)

power / substance & lack of substance: boxing / verb / weight

punch (sucker punch / verb)

sucker punched France

the US has ~ (scored a goal against run of play)

behavior: boxing

readiness & preparedness / restraint & lack of restraint / subterfuge: boxing / fist / verb

punch (pull a punch)

pull any punches

she didn't ~

pulled no punches

he ~ when he spoke of the president (cursed him)

prosecutors ~ (called him a liar, thief, cheat)

the women wrote the toughest scrips, they ~ (Chris Meloni)

pulled his punches

he was very direct, never minced his words or ~

restraint & lack of restraint: boxing / fist / speech / sports & games / verb

speech: boxing / sports & games / verb

punch (punch back)

punching back

he wants Trudeau to keep ~ (trade war)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / verb

punch (roll with the punches)

roll with the punches

you just have to ~ (government shutdown)

survival, persistence & endurance: boxing / verb
resiliency: boxing / verb

punch (beat somebody to the punch)

beat Kim to the punch

it was a way for Trump to ~ (cancel meeting before Kim)

sequence: boxing / verb

readiness & preparedness: boxing / verb

punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.)

punch

Atlantic Beach was feeling Hurricane Isabel's ~

most brutal punch

the storm saved its ~ for New England

one-two punch

the ~ has devastated wildlife (algae and red tide)

the extinction could have been a ~

packed a punch

the storm ~

force: storm

punch (punch in the gut, etc.)

punch in the face

he said the defeat was a massive ~ but... (Liverpool)

punch in the gut

they broke the story and for us that was a ~ (police)

punch in the gut reading

it was kind of a ~ about the case for the first time (racism)

punch-counterpunch

this kind of ~ makes Canadians nervous (trade war)

gut punch

historic oil bust delivers a ~ to Texas county

that is a ~ of a finding from a new study (pandemic deaths)

knockout punch

he is looking for a ~ (political race)

one-two punch

the ~ of self-righteous preening and hypocrisy

the ~ of the pandemic and the oil bust (Texas)

packs an (emotional) punch

the play ~

landed a (rhetorical) punch

she ~ (at a political debate)

took a (gut) punch

we ~ in Iowa (Joe Biden on Iowa caucus results)

effect: boxing / fist / force / sensation / violence

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / force / sensation / violence

punch bowl (shape)

punchbowl waterfall

it's a ~, the water falls into a wide pool (kayaking)

shape: food & drink / object

punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)

Punch Bowl Falls

we walked to the base of ~ (Eagle Creek, Oregon)

Devil's Punchbowl

you can leap from cliff to cliff at ~ (Aspen CO)

the ~ is a naturally formed swimming hole

the ~ is just 10 miles outside Aspen, Colorado

Battle of the Punchbowl

Bloody Ridge, Heartbreak Ridge, the ~ (Korean War)

proper name: food & drink / object / shape

geography: proper name

punching bag (noun)

punching bag for (Russian) cyberattacks

Ukraine has been a ~ for years

punching bag for politicians

Facebook has become a ~ on all sides (hearings)

punching bag for their (domestic) politics

the British must stop using us a ~ (migrants from France)

media's (new) punchbag

she became the ~ (Meghan, Duchess of Sussex)

industry punching bags

screenwriters act as ~ (they have much to complain about)

rhetorical punching bag

Biden wasn't as much of a ~ this time (election debate)

♦ *Punchbag* is British English (BE) for the American English (AE) *punching bag*, or *heavy bag*. The *Guardian* spells it as one word. Merriam Webster has it as two words.

accusation & criticism / punishment & recrimination:

boxing

punchline (joke)

punchline

he is a ~ (athlete who failed, choked, blew it)

insult: speech

punctuate (verb)

punctuate her points

her hands move emphatically to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb

punctuate (configuration)

punctuate the horizon

huge red-rock walls and pillars ~ (Utah / Indian country)

configuration: letters & characters / verb

puncture (verb)

punctured Slater's aura
he ~ of invincibility (surfing)

puncture (widely held) beliefs
the allegations ~ about how he operated

destruction: air / atmosphere / hole / verb

punt (verb)

punt to the courts
the strategy is to ~ and run out the clock (politics)

punted their decision back to him
they ~ (did not decide themselves)

punted on a major test
the Supreme Court ~ (gerrymandering)

punted on what to do
the Supreme Court ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football / verb

punt (noun)

more of a punt than a (long-lasting) decree
the decision was ~ (Supreme Court)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football

puny (adjective)

puny (bailout) mechanism
we must extend the euro's too ~

strength & weakness: health & medicine / size

puppet (control)

puppet
she was a ~ under his control
promoters run the shop, the guys in the ring are just ~s

puppet of the Left
he is the ~ (politics)

puppets on a string
Scott saw his men as ~ (negative criticism)

puppet master
some say he is a ~ of the news media (WikiLeaks)
he is the ~ of a brutal human-trafficking group

puppet rulers
Nazi ~ in Croatia killed thousands (Jasenovac)

control & lack of control: puppet / theater
unanimity & consensus: puppet / theater

puppet (sockpuppet / internet)

sock
I will not be coming back here as a ~ (Wiki editor)

sockpuppet

a sockpuppet is an online identity used for purposes of deception (Wikipedia)

computer / subterfuge: puppet

concealment & lack of concealment: puppet

puppeteer (noun)

cast Murdoch as a ~, controlling British politics
they ~ through its partisan newspapers

control & lack of control: puppet

purgatory (noun)

legal purgatory
he finds himself in ~ (waiting to face charges)

period of purgatory

he had been living in a ~ (pilot's crash kills at air show)

remain in purgatory
the refugees ~

stuck in this purgatory

nurses describe getting ~ (applying for state licenses)

action, inaction & delay / environment / situation: religion

puritanism (noun)

puritanism versus our Latin culture
American ~ (France)

modern puritanism

his film rebels against our ~ about intoxication (Vinterberg)

rebels against (our modern) puritanism
his film ~ about intoxication (Thomas Vinterberg)

oppression / sex: history / religion

purity (sex)

purity culture
evangelical ~, or abstaining from sex before marriage

purity movement
the evangelical ~

♦ "He was criticized—and praised—earlier this year after he had issued a fatwa saying it was permissible for women to have reconstructive hymen surgery before marriage to conceal that they were no longer virgins. He said that since it was impossible to tell whether a man was a virgin, women should have the same option." (Egypt's grand mufti, Sheik Ali Gomaa, "A Compass That Can Clash With Modern Life," by Michael Slackman, NYT, June 12, 2007.)

♦ "Virginity is a very real issue for Egyptian women, as illustrated in the popular film "The Wedding." It tells the story of Abdullah and Gamila, a young couple who signed their marriage contracts years ago but couldn't afford the marriage ceremony that would, by tradition, allow the union to be consummated. But the couple has been having sex all along... ("Artificial Virginity Device Sparks Backlash In Egypt," by Peter Kenyon, NPR, Oct. 13, 2009.)

♦ "If they think they can get a pure-hearted girl this way they are really mistaken. To me, the way people are taking virginity as a commodity these days is such a sad thing." (A Chinese woman, on the practice of very rich Chinese businessmen advertising for virgin brides, and then interviewing them.)

♦ "She can be in danger because sometimes it's a matter of traditions and family. I believe we as doctors have no right to decide for her or judge her." (An Arab doctor in Paris who performs hymenoplasty two or

three times a week. The operation takes about 30 minutes under local anesthetic and costs 2,000 euros.)

♦ "The editor of Morocco's Al-Ahdath Al-Maghribia daily newspaper, Moktar el-Ghoui, is living in fear for his life after he expressed support for pre-marital sex during a local television debate. / 'The next thing there was a cleric from Oujda releasing a fatwa that I should die,' he says. / According to article 490 of the penal code, Moroccans can be jailed for having sexual relations outside marriage. / This is based on Islamic law, which bans unmarried people from engaging in sexual activity... / A sociologist at the University of Mohammed V, Abdessamad Dialmy, argues that article 490 needs to be removed because human beings have the right to sex. / He says more and more unmarried couples are having sex because they are getting married much later... / Imam Hassan Ait Belaid who preaches at a mosque in the commercial capital Casablanca says article 490 is part of the culture of a non-Western society. / 'If the code is removed, we will become wild savages. Our society will become a disaster,' he says." ("Morocco: Should pre-marital sex be legal?" by Nora Fakim, BBC, 8 August 2012.)

♦ The boto is a dolphin that can transform itself into a human to impregnate impressionable young virgins. (The Amazon.)

♦ Purity applies to women, but not men.

♦ There is no religion below the navel.

sex: hygiene / materials & substances

purse (money)

purse of seventeen million dollars
a ~ (boxing match)

total purse
the ~ is at least \$475,000 (New York Marathon)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

purse strings

controls the (family's) purse strings
he ~

controls the purse strings
Congress ~

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pursue (afflict)

pursue her to her grave
racism and hatred would ~ (Hattie McDaniel)

pursue its lawsuit
the company retained the right to ~ if...

pursued a (ruinous) economic policy
he has ~ (a president)

affliction: animal / creature / verb

pursue (pursue a dream, etc.)

pursue it with (great) vigor
I intend to ~ (full investigation)

pursue their (own hidden) agendas
factions ~ outside of the law

pursue (both old and new) approaches
NASA will ~ simultaneously

pursue an (acting) career
he moved to Los Angeles to ~

pursue a (film) career
left her TV show to ~

pursue the case
the Pakistani government vowed to ~ (rape of girl)

pursuing a doctorate
he was ~ in computer sciences at...

pursue her dream
she quit her job to ~ of becoming...

pursue a dream
people who switched courses late in life to ~

pursue an education
it is in his interest to ~ in computers or technology

pursue my education
the thing that will make me happiest is to ~

pursue (higher) education
women who delay marriage to ~ and a career

pursued her goal
she ~ by studying...

pursue your interests
you can certainly find an hour a day to ~

pursue (other) interests
I want to have time to travel and ~

pursue its (own strategic) interests
the US should ~ (vs. high-minded goals)

pursuing (even quadruple) majors
students are ~

pursue these matters
but we'll ~ further to build on... (diplomacy)

pursue (military) objectives
army forces must ~ energetically

pursue opportunity
they left to ~ in California (black Okies)

pursue (new job) opportunities
the ability of workers to ~

pursue (other) opportunities
she resigned, saying the time had come to ~

pursue the opportunity
she encouraged him to ~ (of study abroad)

pursue all possibilities
he said investigators would ~ (blast)

pursue this
I think it's wrong to ~, we should let it drop

pursues his vision
Wangurri clan Elder Timothy Buthimang ~

pursue a film career
left her TV show to ~

whether to pursue
the lawyers will determine ~ further appeals
continue to pursue
and so we will ~ a relationship with Russia that...
aggressively pursued
if it had ~ an investigation (FBI / 9/11 terrorists)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

pursuit (in pursuit)

in pursuit of (economic) development
Native American tribes ~
in the pursuit of their duties
they are overzealous ~ (Saudi religious police)
in pursuit of goals
~ that are political, religious, or ideological (terrorists)
in pursuit of gratification
cybersex addicts risk jobs, marriages ~
in their pursuit of justice
rape victims often find cultural bias ~ (Mexico)
in the pursuit of knowledge
men swear off women ~
in pursuit of (various) objectives
~ (special operations)

in its pursuit of peace
Afghanistan has a long way to go ~
in our pursuit of victory
we well be relentless in our ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

pursuit (other)

pursuit to satisfy
her ~ the ticking biological clock
pursuit of excellence
it's what the ~ in his field requires (a doctor)
pursuit of happiness
freedom, equality, justice and the ~ (US)
pursuit of revenge
the ~ is a turn-on for men (brain studies)
pursuit of truth
the historian's supposedly disinterested ~
dangerous pursuit
climbing mountains can be a ~
noble pursuit
working for the homeless or some other ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

push (coercion and motivation)

push you on this

I do want to ~ (a pushy reporter)
pushing players in that direction
the NFL can't mandate it, but they are ~ (vaccinations)
pushed me to do better
he ~ (a teacher)

pushing each other to do things
but it's not like we're ever ~ (2 elite climbers)
push immigrants to drop out
critics say Regents English Tests ~
pushes for (speedy) elections
as the Bush Administration ~ (in Iraq)

push you around
don't let people ~

push myself
I'm a little scared but I'm gonna ~ (Sky Brown)

coercion & motivation: arm / gesture / force / verb
force: arm / gesture / verb

push (push comes to shove)

when push comes to (political) shove
corporate-led NGOs don't work ~
political shove
corporate-led NGOs don't work when push comes to ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / force
force: arm

push (promote)

pushed the story
prominent right-wing media figures ~ (conspiracy)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: arm / verb

push (force)

pushed the Bath bombing out of the headlines
Lindbergh's triumphant flight ~

push a breed to extinction
economic forces can ~ (indigenous pigs, cows)

push one's enemy to the point of despair
one should never ~, because...

push them over the edge
just a tiny temperature rise can ~ (coral bleaching)

pushed religion too far
the Islamists ~ (a Somali)

pushing or suppressing
people wonder if the BBC is ~ agendas

force: arm / verb

push (push against, etc.)

push (hard enough) against Beijing's attempts
they didn't ~ to cover up its misinformation

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / force / verb

push (a number)

pushing \$500

the price of gold is ~ an ounce

attainment: arm / number / verb

push (push somebody away, etc.)

push him away from me

I don't want to ~ (relationship)

avoidance & separation: arm / verb

push (summit push, etc.)

push for acceptance

the public ~ of its technology (Microsoft)

push for (Maori) rights

the ~ (New Zealand)

push for the summit

the final ~ began in the evening

summit push

in anticipation of a ~ the next day (K2)

waiting to begin the final ~ (Camp IV / Everest)

final push

the ~ for the summit began in the evening

next big push

the US retrenches for its ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

difficulty, easiness & effort: arm / force

push back (verb)

push back

they are preparing to ~

pushed back against the military's claim

he ~ of impropriety (a filmmaker)

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / force / verb

pushback (noun)

pushback from Congress over the treaty

do you expect any ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: force / arm

pushed around

pushed around

we will not be ~ (tariff war)

coercion & motivation / resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / force

pushed out

pushed out of better paid work into lower paid work
they were ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: force / arm

pusher (drug pusher, etc.)

world's drug pusher

they don't want to be seen as the ~ (Fentanyl)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: person

pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)

pushing the extremes

~ of calculational speed (a supercomputer)

pushing a quick pace

with Heras ~, they passed Jalabert (Tour de France)

pushing for an Islamic state

~ in Egypt

pushing for a place

~ in the cell-phone business

pushing yourself into unknown realms

adventure is ~

♦ Curtis Mayfield's song "Keep on Pushing" was a rousing anthem of encouragement and hope during the Civil Rights movement.

commitment & determination: arm / force

push on (verb)

pushed on

in spite of the insults, she ~

push on to Baghdad

just waiting for word to ~ (a US soldier)

resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: force / journeys & trips / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

pushover (noun)

no pushover

the Iraqi Army was no ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: arm / force

pushy (people)

pushy

knowing how to be encouraging without being ~ (kids)

pushy parents

the problem of ~ in public schools

pushy people

don't let ~ affect your decisions

pushy stage mother

I'm not a ~

come across as pushy

or you'll ~...

behavior / character & personality / coercion & motivation: force / arm

put (put something back together)

put my life back together
I'm trying to ~

putting his life back together
he was just ~ after being sexually assaulted

put the talks back together
negotiators have been scrambling to ~

resiliency: infrastructure / mechanism / verb
amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mechanism / verb

put (put something together)

put it together
nobody ~ (clues leading to a spy)

put these pieces together
when we ~, we have a better idea about...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle / verb

put (put somebody through something)

put me and my family through
I had to forgive the media for what they ~ (Bill Buckner)

affliction / oppression: mechanism

put off (verb)

putting it off
I've been ~ (making a plan)

action, inaction & delay: verb

putty (noun)

putty in the hands
students are ~ of all-powerful professors (sex abuse)

control & lack of control: materials & substances
character & personality: materials & substances
creation & transformation: materials & substances

put up with (verb)

put up with it
they are a nation of terrorists, and we won't ~

put up with this
enough is enough, I'm not going to ~

putting up with it
we're not ~ anymore in this country (politics)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

puzzle (problem)

puzzle
I'm happiest working on ~s (chemist)

puzzle-solving
there is ~ in all technical climbing

puzzles, riddles and real-life problems
solving ~ (forensic science)

complicated (racial and political) puzzle
the hearings presented him with this incredibly ~

piece of the puzzle
that was the ~ we needed (crime tip)
the findings are just one ~ and there is still a lot to learn

pieces of the puzzle
gather as many ~ as possible (investigation)

pieces of a puzzle
one agency can have ~ that another agency is missing

larger puzzle
it might be a key piece in the ~ that is emerging

unlock the (whole) puzzle
a tiny detail can ~ (police investigation)

♦ "There's a puzzle-within-a-puzzle, for the diehard puzzleheads." (The book *D C-T!* by Joana Avillez and Molly Young.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / complexity /
comprehension & incomprehension: picture / puzzle

puzzling (adjective)

puzzling comment
not long after hearing this ~...

puzzling details
investigators were trying to make sense of some ~

puzzling disease
making some sense of this ~

puzzling news
this was ~ indeed...

comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle

pygmy (size)

pygmy goat
visitors pet ~s (at a zoo)

pygmy parrot
the ~ is so small it fits in a human hand (Madagascar)

size: person

pyramid (the Black Pyramid, etc.)

Black Pyramid
they traversed the ~, a gauntlet of exposed rock (K2)

proper name: shape

pyramid (hierarchy)

pyramid's apex
and at the ~ is "self-actualization" (Maslow)

corporate pyramid
the path to the top of a ~ no longer looks desirable

food pyramid

apex predators at the top of the ~
tennis pyramid
it seemed impossible they could regain the tip of the ~
economic pyramid
those individuals at the apex of the ~
apex of a (complex) pyramid
he was at the ~ of individuals... (crime)
bottom of the (football league) pyramid
I've had to start from the very ~ (Vardy)
tip of the (tennis) pyramid
it seemed impossible they could regain the ~
top of the (English Football) pyramid
Manchester City have finished ~
at the bottom of the economic pyramid
new jobs are coming ~ (poorly paid jobs)
at the top of the pyramid
the people ~ know exactly what they are doing (justice)

hierarchy: direction / history / shape

Pyrrhic victory (figurative)

Pyrrhic victory
the confidence vote may prove to be only a ~
♦ "If we are victorious in one more battle with the Romans, we shall be utterly ruined." (Attributed to Pyrrhus of Epirus, following the Battle of Asculum.)
♦ A variation is a *Hannibalic* victory, referring to Hannibal's famous victory over the Romans at the Battle of Cannae during the Second Punic War, which he failed to follow up on. Ultimately, he would be defeated.
♦ You can win the battle and still lose the war.

allusion: military
cost & benefit / resistance, opposition & defeat / success & failure: allusion / history / military

Q

quagmire (noun)

quagmire of Vietnam
we're in the ~ (war in Afghanistan)
quagmire of (boxing) negotiations
the two camps are swimming through the ~
Libyan quagmire
Egypt might get sucked into the ~ (military intervention)
fear of a (Somalia-like) quagmire
~ which could have endangered US troops (Rwanda)
digging themselves deeper into the quagmire
they are ~ (an embattled regime fighting to survive)
obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land
progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land

quarantine (verb)

quarantine (suspicious) files into sandboxes
systems ~ (computing)
computer: health & medicine / verb
acceptance & rejection / avoidance & separation / protection & lack of protection: health & medicine / verb

quarter (no quarter, etc.)

no-quarter kind of guy
Max is a ~ and Lewis... (F1 racing)

ask for no quarter
I ~ and I bear no malice (Churchill / politics)

♦ This is the same as, "Take no prisoners."

judgment / punishment & recrimination: military

queen (Queen of Soul, etc.)

Queen of method acting
Stella Adler was the ~ (Marlon Brando, etc.)

Queen of the Adriatic
the ~ is no stranger to flooding (Venice)

Queen of the English Channel
Alison Streeter, the "~, " has swum the distance 43 times

Queen of Crime
Agatha Christie, the so-called ~ (mystery writer)

Queen of Soul Food
Sylvia Woods, the ~ (Sylvia's Restaurant in Harlem)

Queen of the Plata
Buenos Aires, ~

"Queen of Rock 'n Roll
Tina Turner, widely referred to as the ~

"queen of the skies"
the Boeing 747, the ~, was the first jumbo jet

Queen of Soul
Aretha Franklin, the ~ (singer)

queen of her sport
she is the ~ in her country (speedskater)

superlative: epithet / person / royalty
epithet: royalty

queen (role)

queen bees
selecting ~ from the most productive colonies

beauty queen
the Georgia ~ is accused of murdering her boyfriend

Coffee Queen
she won the popular title of ~ (Argentina)

drag queen
~ theater

drama queen
Nikki is fussy, she's a ~ (sister)

Festival Queen
Nicholas County Potato ~ (West Virginia)

opera queen
gimlet-eyed ~s

soap-opera queen
the ~ Susan Lucci

powwow queen
this year's ~

homecoming queen
she was ~ her senior year (high school)
a gay student who ran for ~ caused a huge stir
students elected their first male ~ (university)

King and Queen
the coronation of a Geek ~ (Geek Prom)

kings and queens
homecoming, the American tradition featuring ~

call María Lionza the queen
devotees ~ (María Lionza religion / Venezuela)

superlative: person / royalty
person: royalty

queen (Dairy Queen, etc.)

Queen Elizabeth
the ~ is the third Cunard ship of that name

Queen Charlotte Islands
the ~, or Haida Gwaii (British Columbia)

Dairy Queen
Faisal found a job at ~

proper name: royalty

queen-size (and queen sized)

queen-size
a ~ bed

comparison & contrast: royalty / size

quest (in a quest)

in our (never-ending) quest to be
~ more, and do more

in the quest for peace
the deal was a necessary concession ~

in their quest for profits
companies often change business strategies in their ~

pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages
searching & discovery: Middle Ages

quest (on a quest)

on a (widely publicized) quest to ascend

she was ~ Everest

go on a (vision) quest
~ with the help of a medicine man

pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages

searching & discovery: Middle Ages

quest (other)

quest to ascend
her widely publicized ~ Everest ended in disaster

quest to become
she is 2 months into a ~ the youngest person to ...

quest to develop
in their ~ a vaccine effective for HCV

quest to find
the ~ the biggest, scariest wave (surfing)

quest to get
their ~ cheap AIDS drugs (India)

quest to honor
their ~ a man (Rocky Versace, Medal of Honor)

quest to observe
the ~ an extremely young moon is a lifelong one

quest to reach
in his ~ the largest possible audience (film)

quest to land
her ~ at the FBI was still up in the air

quest for answers
an almost three-year ~ (Columbine shooting)

quest for employment
his Ph.D. has not helped him in his ~

quest for Everest
her ~ (climber)

quest for identity
the ~ is a constant undercurrent in the Middle East

Quest for Immortality
the ~: Treasures of Ancient Egypt (exhibit)

quest for the moon
NASA's ~ in the 1960s

quest for peace
the deal was a necessary concession in the ~
if the US stays steady in our ~ (Middle East)

quest for profits
companies will change business strategies in their ~

quest for self-understanding
transmute the violent impulse into a ~ (prison teacher)

quest for a (separate) state
the ~ (Uighurs)

quest for a (fourth Tour de France) title

his ~ (Lance Armstrong)

quest for (some elusive underlying) unity
our ~

quest for the mountain quail
my personal ~, a Code-2 bird (bird-watching)

quest for love, lust, adventure
one woman's ~

NASA's quest
~ for the moon in the 1960s

woman's quest
one ~ for love, lust, adventure

airlines' (decadelong) quest
~ to create frictionless travel

vision quest
go on a ~ with the help of a medicine man

never-ending quest
in our ~ to be more, and do more

widely publicized quest
she was on a ~ to ascend Everest

ceaseless quest
in the ~ to stake out bigger slices of the market

her quest
she isn't about to give up ~ anytime soon

personal quest
he was on a ~ to...

spiritual quest
jihad can also mean one's private ~

private spiritual quest
jihad can also mean one's ~

decadelong quest
airlines' ~ to create frictionless travel

century-long and decade-long quest
this ~ (genome achievements)

three-year quest
their ~ to impose dosage restrictions

start of their quest
the ~ to dethrone the champs (NBA)

exhaustive but fruitless quest
the ~ for a scientific basis for...

go on a (vision) quest
~ with the help of a medicine man

give up her quest
she isn't about to ~ anytime soon

made reliability its quest
Toyota ~

♦ "To dream the impossible dream / To fight the unbeatable foe / To bear with unbearable sorrow / To run where the brave dare not go." (The musical *Man of La Mancha*.)

pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages
searching & discovery: Middle Ages

question mark

question mark
he has got a lot of ~s (an athlete)
the ~ hovering over their rematch (boxing)
he left command of the ship with a ~ hanging over him

question mark over the evidence of...
so now there is a ~ (a criminal trial)

question marks around how
there are ~ the shoes... (alphaFLY)

question marks about him
there were a few ~ (a boxer)

♦ "Masks have been a question mark in public health, and now I think that question mark has been removed." ("Lawrence Wright on How the Pandemic Response Went So Wrong," *The New Yorker Radio Hour*.)

certainty & uncertainty: letters & characters

queue (sequence)

time queue
in the ~, earlier events are before later ones (linguistics)

sequence: line

quicksand (in / into the quicksand)

in the quicksand of organized crime
~, murder is an option for solving disputes

♦ "We reached the river about two in the afternoon. A stiff breeze was blowing off the sea, and the waves were noisily breaking on the beach, sucking back along the sand in a cloud of foam. From the mouth of the river a sand-bank stretched out to sea. Thoughtlessly I walked along it, when suddenly I felt a great weight tugging at my feet. I tried to retreat but to my horror found I could not stir from the spot. I was slowly sinking. 'Quicksands!' I yelled in an unnatural voice... (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ Famous film "quicksand" scenes include *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Mountain Patrol: Kekexili*.

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

quiet (adjective)

gone quiet
the gangs have ~

went quiet
he left Serbia, we were in touch for a week, then he ~ (a migrant trying to get to the EU)

seek quiet
Israel does ~, with elections only a week away (fighting)

stay quiet
are we going to ~ as they turn back the clock (protest)

activity / conflict: sound
resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.)

quisling army

a ~ at the tail of the Japanese (Burma / led by Aung San Suu Kyi's father)

Petain, the Laval, the Quisling

he became the ~ of China (Wang Jingwei)

♦ Wang Jingwei escaped his treason trial by dying in Japan in 1944, where he was receiving treatment for an old wound from an assassination attempt. Following Japan's defeat, his tomb in Nanjing was destroyed and his body was burnt.

♦ Benedict Arnold; Wang Jingwei; Vidkun Quisling; Pierre Laval; Philippe Petain; William Joyce (aka Lord Haw-Haw)... (Notorious traitors.)

military: epithet

quiver (noun)

quiver

we carry a whole ~ (of protection while climbing)

presidential quiver

he will use every arrow in his ~ to get his will

arrows in their quiver

they have more legislative ~ (politics)

amount / group, set & collection: weapon

Quixote (Don Quixote)

Don Quixote's lance

he is fighting globalization with ~ (US isolationism, etc.)

medical Don Quixote

he became an academic *pícaro*, a ~ (Paracelsus)

played Sancho Panza to Scott's Don Quixote

Wilson ~ (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford)

tilting at windmills

he suggested that Trump is ~ (attributed to Xi Jinping)

♦ "Scott seemed as incomplete without Wilson as Don Quixote without Sancho Panza." (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford.)

♦ "When Jehu was shot, Wilson noted in this diary, it was 'a good few miles further South than the lat. where Shackleton shot his first pony.' Wilson, playing Sancho Panza, to Scott's Don Quixote, had joined his master in his illusory battle with an imaginary foe." (*The last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford.)

♦ "From my childhood I remember Grandpa Alexander standing on the balcony in the early morning in his vest and bedroom slippers, beating the pillows like Don Quixote attacking the wineskins, bringing the carpet beater down on them repeatedly with all the force of his wretchedness or despair." (*A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz.)

♦ see also *windmill*

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

quixotic (adjective)

quixotic

the endeavor is, needless to say, "~~" (E-Prime / "to be")

quixotic ability

his ~ to extract himself from peril (James Weddell)

quixotic ambition

secondarily was this ~ that if... (a music project)

quixotic campaign

he finally ended his ~ for the GOP nomination this week

quixotic gesture

in a characteristically ~, he offered them a truce (Mehmet)

quixotic project

each of them pursued a ~ (two inventors)

quixotic run

Yang's ~ addressed the challenges of automation (election)

crazy or quixotic

so maybe he wasn't ~ after all (an explorer)

♦ This adjective comes from *Don Quixote de la Mancha* by Cervantes, a surprisingly modern book for having been written so long ago. Quixote means different things to different people. The phrase "tilting at windmills," especially, can be viewed sympathetically or negatively.

♦ "At times, his attempt to start a farm seems like an act of love or intense passion, and at others, utterly quixotic and self-destructive." ("Lee Isaac Chung Jotted Down Some Family Memories—They Became 'Minari,'" NPR, Fresh Air, March 3, 2021. Presented by Arun Venugopal. It seems to me that Don Quixote embodied all those qualities.)

♦ See "A Gargantuan Error: Quixotic Is Not The Only Word From A Book Character," NPR, All Things Considered, September 10, 2015. With NPR's Robert Siegel and Professor Bruce Conforth of the University of Michigan.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

quiz (verb)

quiz the heads of Google, Facebook and Twitter

the US Senate Commerce Committee will ~ about...

judgment: school & education / verb

R

rabbit hole (fantasy)

rabbit hole

the Percocet could have sent her down a ~

rabbit hole of conspiracy theories

simply typing "federal reserve" led students down a ~

rabbit-hole quality

this obsessive, ~ can make the show feel almost manic (a "deep-dive" podcast)

populist rabbit hole

the country is diving down a ~ (Czech Republic)

burrowed into an anti-vax rabbit hole

people who have ~

diving down a (populist) rabbit hole

the country is ~ (Czech Republic)

fall down the rabbit hole

how did people like Lopez ~ (bogus COVID cure)

follow Trump down the rabbit hole

when people ~, that's when we lose (a Democrat)
jump down this rabbit hole
maybe I need to ~ (Abby Wendle, *Invisibilia*)
leads him down a rabbit hole
the quest ~ to strange uncanny places (Reply All podcast)
lead people down these rabbit holes
the algorithm can ~ to extremism (YouTube)
sent me down a rabbit hole
it ~ that lasted for 20 years (Tom O'Neill about his book)
sent you down the rabbit hole
let's go back to the question that ~
went down the rabbit hole
she ~ of the alt-right to embrace an ideology of hate
♦ "I didn't jump in, I got pulled into the rabbit hole." (An online feud.)

allusion: books & reading
fantasy & reality: addiction / allusion / animal / books & reading / hole / mental health / person

rabbit hole (exploration)

rabbit holes
~ leading to music you won't find elsewhere (bandcamp)
informational rabbit hole
clicking on the links would propel me down an ~ (Title IX)
Internet rabbit hole
following a browser down some weird ~ (surfing)
trapped in that rabbit hole
they have a website and I got ~ last night
♦ "You can go down the YouTube rabbit hole following Carroll Shelby. I lived down there for a while." (Matt Damon talking about his role in the film *Ford v Ferrari*.)

searching & discovery: allusion

rabid (enthusiasm)

rabid fans
~ that make for a true sports town
rabid support
he has the ~ of his base (politics)
enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

rabid (behavior)

rabid animals
they are ~ that should all be put down (looting and arson)
rabid crowd
he did not look very comfortable in front of that ~ (boxer)
rabid defenders
he has many ~ (Bill Cosby)
rabid supporters
there are many ~ of death for blasphemy (Pakistan)
♦ Calpurnia: Scout, Jem, come on inside. Come on, come on! (Inside, on the phone.) Mr. Finch, this is Cal. I swear to God there's a mad dog

down the street a piece. He's coming this way! (From the beloved film of *To Kill a Mockingbird* starring Gregory Peck. In a very dramatic scene, Mr. Finch shoots the mad dog and Jem learns something about his father that he hadn't known.)

♦ "On a day in October in 1831, a nine-year-old boy ran frightened away from the edge of a crowd that blocked the door of the blacksmith shop of a village in the mountains of eastern France. Above the awed excited whispers of the people at the door this boy had heard the crackling "s-s-s-z" of a white hot iron on human flesh, and this terrifying sizzling had been followed by a groan of pain. The victim was the farmer Nicole. He had just been mangled by a mad wolf that charged howling, jaws dripping poison foam, through the streets of the village. The boy who ran away was Louis Pasteur, son of a tanner of Arbois and great-grandson of a serf of the Count of Uddressier... (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif. The chemist Louis Pasteur would go on to develop the rabies vaccine.)

♦ "A Norwegian woman has died after contracting rabies from a stray puppy in the Philippines. / Brigitte Kallestad, 24, was on holiday with her friends when they found the puppy on a street, her family said in a statement. / The puppy is thought to have infected her when it bit her after they took it back to their resort. / She fell ill soon after returning to Norway, and died on Monday at the hospital where she worked. / It was the first rabies-related death in Norway for more than 200 years. / Her family are calling on Norway to make rabies vaccinations compulsory for citizens traveling to the Philippines." ("Norwegian woman dies from rabies after Philippines puppy bite," BBC, 10 May 2019.)

♦ "When I have a mad dog in my yard there is only one solution." (A comment on a discussion board about a heinous murderer.)

behavior: animal / dog / health & medicine / wolf

rabidly

rabidly intolerant
they are ~ of Israel
rapidly opposed
Republicans ~ the legislation

behavior: animal / dog / health & medicine / wolf

race (the term raced to its end, etc.)

raced to its end
as the term ~ (university)
time: movement / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

race (hurry)

racing to develop
scientists around the world are ~ a vaccine (COVID)
racing to take credit
politicians are ~ for the initiative
race toward an election
as we ~ in November...
competition / speed: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

race (politics)

race in Hawaii
an all-female ~ (for governor)
race for the White House
the quadrennial ~
all-female race

an ~ in Hawaii (for governor)

closely fought race

other ~s just outside Washington

closely watched race

in the most ~ in Virginia (politics)

quadrennial race

the ~ for the White House

in the (most closely watched) race

~ in Virginia (politics)

competition: government / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (arms race)

arms race

the ~ and mutual misunderstanding

arms race between variants and vaccines

we have an ~ (COVID)

arms race with spammers

this has been a bit of an ~ (CAPTCHAS)

arms race to build plush new dorms and stadiums

Berea College has opted out of the college ~

regional arms race

Southeast Asia is facing a ~

technological arms race

the stock market has become a great ~ (electronic)

spark a (technological) arms race

the Vaporfly shoe could ~ before this summer's Olympics

competition: allusion / history / military / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (competition)

race between vaccination and the virus

it's a ~

race to build

the ~ computer chips out of individual molecules

race-to-the-moon

the glorious ~ days

arms race

see *race (arms race)*

♦ "So, in some respects, it's kind of like a race between the potential for a surge and our ability to vaccinate as many people as we possibly can. And hopefully, if you want to make this a metaphorical race, the vaccine is going to win this one. Which I believe it will, if we continue with the vaccine program, which has really been quite successful, at the same time as we don't prematurely declare victory and pull back too much on our mitigation policy." ("Dr. Anthony Fauci Does Not Expect A 4th Coronavirus Wave To Hit The U.S.," NPR, Morning Edition, April 2, 2021.)

competition: movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (race to the bottom)

race to the bottom

we are engaged in a ~ (two states wooing companies)

decline: direction / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (race against time, the clock, etc.)

race against time

saving endangered animals is often a ~

we are in a ~ (disaster relief)

State of Terror features a classic ~ (against terrorists)

race-against-time

it's a classic ~ film

in a race with the clock

we are ~

race against time, it's a race against the clock

it's a ~ to get these animals refloated (stranded whales)

race is on

the ~ to save the Gulf (oil spill)

competition / timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

racism (groups)

space racism

~ associates black neighborhoods, or spaces, with violence

systemic racism

he pledged to root out ~ (President Biden)

inclusion & exclusion: society

radar (on the radar)

on the radar

he has long been ~ of groups following hate groups

on their radar

he had been ~ for a long time (trafficker)

on anyone's radar

it's not really ~ (Pakistan's contribution to warming)

on our radar

he came ~ when we were looking through footage (riot)

on the radar of law enforcement or the school

the teen had never been ~ (a school shooter)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (below / under the radar)

under the (cultural) radar

men-only clubs operating for decades ~

passed under the educational radar

the NCSS standards ~ completely unnoticed (education)

went below the radar
it really ~ (a piece of news)

work below the radar
they work best when they ~ (ICRC / POWs)

keep him under the radar
we are trying to ~, out of the spotlight (troubled athlete)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology
attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology
presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (drop off the radar)

dropped off the radar
several of the men have "~~" (terrorists)

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion / consciousness & awareness / presence & absence: tools & technology / verb

radar (under the radar screen)

under the radar screen
girls' aggression often passes ~ (school bullying)

well under the radar screen
flying ~ was a move by Congress to...

passes under the radar screen
girls' aggression often ~

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology
attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology
presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (radar screen)

radar screen
I want this on everybody's ~ (kids need more sleep)
films like "Good Will Hunting" put him on our ~s

Hollywood's radar screen
he popped onto ~ two years ago with...

national radar screen
he disappeared from the ~ 4 years ago (a coach)

blip on the radar screen
Ecstasy is no longer a ~ (the club scene)

fell off the radar screen
both men ~ (terrorists)

disappeared from the (national) radar screen
he ~ 4 years ago (a coach)

popped onto (Hollywood's) radar screen
he ~ two years ago with...

put him on our radar screens
films like "Good Will Hunting" ~ (an actor)

radar screen went dark
then the ~ where Heinrich was concerned (child murder)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology
attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (other)

Bear-dar
the ~ is being field test in Churchill (Canada)

gaydar
~: supposed ability to recognize a person is gay

have (really good) radar

I ~, it was no accident (a perceived slight)

♦ "I'm surprised this is on here lol." (BenjaminUnfried, 30 May 2011, who looked up "gaydar" at the Merriam-Webster site, in the "What made you look up this word?" section.)

♦ "Can you tell us a little more about this Bear-dar, like, how does it work?" (Ayesha Rascoe of NPR wants to know! From "Bear-dar' might help humans keep their distance from Polar Bears," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, May 1, 2022.)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

radioactive (adjective)

radioactive
he is only 24, yet he's currently ~ (troubled athlete)

radioactive in the Arab world
NATO is ~ and seen as a tool of US imperialism

radioactive for them
Democrats have decided the issue is ~ (gun control)

radioactive words
the play contains ~ (relating to race, sexual identity)

find me radioactive
his friends began to ~ (an investigative reporter)

avoidance & separation / destruction: nuclear energy

radius (blast radius, etc.)

blast radius
its ~ was the entire world (NotPetya worm)

in the blast radius
Tom Brady got caught ~ (Anthony Brown controversy)

blast radius wasn't contained
the ~ to social and hip-hop media circles (KL's "Control")

♦ "Brady just happened to be the blowback. He got caught up in the blowback, Skip, the collateral damage, that's what Brady is. And so, it was a blast radius. He dropped the bomb, 'I got BA [Bruce Arians], I got the Tampa medical staff, I got...' and Tom Brady and Guerrero, they got caught up in that, Skip, the blast radius. (Shannon Sharpe talking with Skip Bayless on their great sports show "Undisputed" about the Antonio Brown controversy of January 2022.)

effect / force: explosion

raft (amount)

raft of (op-ed) articles
a ~ debated the issue

raft of books
there have been a ~ about the case

raft of shell companies
he set up a ~

raft of new measures
he announced a ~ (to fight COVID)

raft of (technical) problems
engineers encountered a ~ during development (Nauka)

raft of research
there has been a ~ lately that...

amount: boat

rage (verb)

raging in New York City
the epidemic is ~

raging in the Philippines, France, Brazil
the virus is still ~...

raging through this country
Omicron is running wild in Australia, it's ~

debate rages
police officers become candidates as policing ~

fighting rages
~ as Taliban attack key Afghan city

activity / behavior / control & lack of control / feeling,
emotion & effect: force / movement / mental health / verb

rage (enthusiasm)

become all the rage
Paris danced the Mazurka, which had ~

enthusiasm: mental health

ragged (adjective)

ragged (red) beard
he had a shaved head and a ~

ragged roadscape
a ~ of motels, franchises and big box stores...

ragged, sensitive, elemental
Joplin's voice—a ~ howl...

battered and ragged
the ships left gleaming and laden and returned ~

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth / clothing & accessories

raging (adjective)

raging forest fire
for the first time in my life I beheld a ~ (V.K. Arseniev)

activity / behavior / control & lack of control / feeling,
emotion & effect: force / movement / mental health

rags-to-riches

rags-to-riches journey
Mina Raiola had a ~

rags-to-riches story

his ~ is amazing, but his practices are Machiavellian
the film is a Dickensian ~

money: clothing & accessories / sign, signal, symbol

rail (verb)

railed against the government's trade policies
he ~

accusation & criticism: sound / speech / verb
speech: sound / verb

rail (off the rails)

off the rails
it seems like he is ~ (behavior of celebrity)

off-the-rails speech
everyone is talking about his ~

go off the rails
they will not let things ~ (two politicians)

gone off the rails
science has ~, gone astray, many times

went off the rails
he ~ after moving to the big city (Brazil)

failure, accident & impairment: train
behavior / control & lack of control: train

rail (third rail)

third rail of politics
social security reform is the ~

third rail of (American) politics
this issue was once considered ~ (gun control)

third rail of (Indian) politics
agricultural reform has long been the ~ (avoided)

third rail on this show
so why is race such a ~ (the Bachelor)

third-rail issue
this is one of those ~s (criticism of Israel)
there are certain topics that are ~s (China and Hong Kong)
this was a ~ that the governor didn't want to touch (guns)

embraced the third rail
he has ~ of Republican politics (pro-immigration)

♦ "There are certain topics that are third-rail issues in certain countries, societies and communities. Supporting a separatist movement in a Chinese territory is one of those third-rail issues, not only for the Chinese government, but also for all citizens in China." (Brooklyn Nets owner Joe Tsai, about comments made by the general manager of the Houston Rockets about China and Hong Kong. The general meaning of the phrase is "untouchable.")

danger: electricity / train

railroad (verb)

railroad the sick into giving up
the healthy could ~ (assisted suicide)

railroaded him into seeking

he claimed the university had ~ publicity (cold fusion)

railroad innocent folks
the judicial system can ~

coercion & motivation: train / verb

railroaded

railroaded
he was ~, chosen to be the scapegoat (wrongly convicted)

got railroaded
people say they think he ~ (victim of #MeToo movement)

coercion & motivation: train

rain (amount and effect)

rained on (northern) Israel
Hezbollah rockets ~

rained debris for (more than) 10 miles
the explosion ~ (2 trains collide)

raining mud and ash
it is now ~ (eruption of volcano on Rabaul)

rockets rained
Hezbollah ~ on northern Israel

amount & effect / resemblance: rain / verb

rain (rain down)

rained down
more than a hundred cruise missiles ~ (Libya)

rain down missiles on Israel
they could ~

rained down on her
boos ~ (an athlete)

cables (of congratulations began to) rain down
the ~ (Amundsen reaches the South Pole)

embers rained down
~ on a nearby highway (California wildfire)

amount & effect / resemblance: rain / verb

rainbow (searching and discovery)

end of the rainbow
Chile, to me, is the ~ (Bill Sharp / surfing)

follow every rainbow
~, 'till you find your dream (song)

searching & discovery: allusion / atmosphere / sky

rainbow (color)

rainbow sheen
material or ~ on water (pollution incident)

resemblance: atmosphere / color / sky

rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)

Rainbow Falls

~ is on the Wailuku river in Hilo, Hawaii

rainbow trout

~ are predators

♦ Many falls around the world are named Rainbow Falls. This is often because, when the light is right, you can see a rainbow, or even a moonbow, in the mist at the bottom of the falls.

proper name: atmosphere / color / sky

geography: atmosphere / color / proper name / sky

rainbow (mixture)

rainbow mix

a ~ of Creole, Garifuna, Mestizo, Spanish, Maya (Belize)

rainbow tribe

they are a ~, black, Asian, white, biracial (kids at a pool)

rainbow nation

what Trinidadians call their "~~"

♦ Rainbows occur when it is raining while the sun is shining. To see a rainbow, turn your back to the sun. Look at your shadow on the ground. From the shadow of your head (the antisolar point), measure 42 degrees upwards, or about four fist widths with your arm held straight out in front of you, as if you were holding a stick in your fist vertically. There you may see the top of the rainbow. The sun must be less than 42 degrees above the horizon, so that you will never see a rainbow at noon on a summer day in the US, when the sun is high in the sky. At 51 degrees, you may see a second rainbow above the primary rainbow.

mixture: atmosphere / sky

rainforest (rainforests of the sea, etc.)

rainforests of the sea

coral reefs are often called the ~

biodiversity: epithet

rainmaker (person)

lead rainmaker

the congresswoman's chief of staff and ~ has resigned

♦ A rainmaker is a lawyer or salesman who makes a lot of money for the company, or a person who can ensure progress and success.

♦ "Last year, religious leaders, including Khoisan leader Ockert Lewies, pictured, gathered at the bottom of Table Mountain to pray for rain." ("Icebergs and empty pools: Five things Cape Town's Day Zero taught us" by Flora Drury, BBC, 12 May 2018.)

worth & lack of worth: person / rain

person: money / rain

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

raise (attention)

raises

the other question it ~is...

raise awareness

the women will use the Olympic platform to ~ (basketball)

raised (a number of) issues

we both ~ (diplomacy)

raised objections
they have ~

raised a (fundamental) question
his firing ~

raises the question
it ~, how can...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / height / verb **raise (feeling)**

raised our spirits
she really ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height / verb **raise (your image, etc.)**

raise your image
raise your pants, ~, stop the sag (a billboard)
it you don't ~, people look down on you

behavior / reputation: direction / height / verb

raised (reared)

raised to be
I was ~ a good Christian

conceived, born and raised
Nature was ~ to serve polemic purpose (the magazine)

growth & development: death & life

rake (destroy)

raking the coast
the hurricane is ~

destruction: farming & agriculture / tools & technology / verb

rake in (verb)

rake in big money
lobbyists can ~ (government)

raked in more than \$100 million
their business model has ~ (Somali pirates)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: tools & technology / verb

rake up (verb)

raking up some horrible memories
we are ~ (a crime podcast)

searching & discovery: tools & technology / verb

rally (verb)

rallied around her
her fans ~ (controversy)

rally round the flag
see *flag (rally around the flag)*

rallying around their nominee
they are ~, falling in line (Trump)

rallied around the reporting
fellow reporters have ~

rallied behind him
conservatives have ~ (a minister in trouble)

rallied public sympathies around her
a new documentary has ~ (#FreeBritney)

rally their faithful
they climbed the stage to ~ (conservatives / politics)

rallied the troops
she ~ (an executive of troubled company)

rallying their troops
conservative luminaries are ~ (against Obama / politics)

assembling: flags & banners / military / verb
allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners / military / verb

ramp (on ramp and off ramp, etc.)

exit ramp
Trump provided the ~ (that Biden followed / Afghan war)

off-ramp
he may want an ~ to back off and try later (confrontation)

on-ramp to misinformation and extremism
talk radio is the ~

diplomatic "off-ramp"
there appears to be no easy ~ in this crisis

visible off-ramp
is there a ~, to get Putin to back down (NPR)

offramps and onramps
we need ~ for when conditions change (mask wearing)

accept this off-ramp
he is willing to ~ that Iran is offering (diplomacy)

block whatever off-ramp
you don't want to ~ is available to him (confrontation)

looking for an off-ramp
he is ~ (de-escalation of a crisis)

offers (both sides) an off-ramp
the attack ~ (de-escalation of crisis)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: infrastructure

rampart (protection)

rampart against militancy
France relied on Ben Ali as a ~

ramparts of flesh and blood
they were living ~ against barbarity (the Kurds)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)

Upper Ramparts

the ~ is a canyon on the Porcupine River (Yukon)

proper name: fortification

rampart (resemblance)

ramparts of the Hindu Kush

the Wakhan Corridor is cut off by the ~

resemblance: fortification / military

ramp up (verb)

ramping up our efforts

we are ~ (diplomacy)

ramp up (COVID-19) testing

the US wants to ~

increase & decrease: tools & technology / verb

rancid (adjective)

rancid (political) environment

we're now in a ~ (the U.S.)

corruption: food & drink

rank (close ranks)

close ranks

when cops are attacked, they often ~

the natural tendency for the Arab world is to ~

closed ranks around him

in the past they have always ~ (politics)

close ranks behind him

will the party ~ (politics)

close ranks with Obama

her concession and her call to ~ (politics)

close ranks, (they) circle the wagons

the groups ~ (bands, sororities, fraternities / hazing)

allegiance, support & betrayal: line / military / verb

unanimity & consensus: line / military / verb

protection & lack of protection: line / military / verb

rank (break ranks)

break ranks

some Democrats will ~

broke ranks

she ~ and told Americans... (pandemic)

allegiance, support & betrayal: line / military / verb

unanimity & consensus: line / military / verb

rank-and-file (adjective)

rank-and-file rebels

she has secured her nominations after negotiations with ~ (politics)

hierarchy: line / military

rape (verb)

raping me all over again

I felt like the system was ~

destruction: violence

rape (noun)

rape of (Indonesia's) forests

the devastating ~

destruction: violence

rapier (noun)

rapier thrust

there is a ~ to Solskjaer's side (BBC hype)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

rash (affliction)

rash of (home) burglaries

concern about a ~

rash of cases

a ~ occurred in Puerto Rico (early puberty)

rash of clashes

a recent ~ between bikers (motorcycle gangs)

rash of crime

gun sales are up after a ~s

there has been a ~s against women

Academy officials have no explanation for the ~

rash of drownings

the ~ has tourism officials on the spot (Florida)

rash of abductions and murders

the impression of a ~ of children

rash of accidents and near misses

a ~ had spooked the sailors of the 7th Fleet

recent rash

the ~ of cybervandalism

affliction / amount / amount & effect: health & medicine

rash (road rash, etc.)

river rash

it's just ~ (scratches on used kayak)

road rash

he proudly showed off his ~ (skateboarder)

♦ "I don't have health insurance so I just taped it up." (Kayaking enthusiast, on how he treated a gash in his right eyebrow after a run on the Green River south of Asheville, North Carolina. "No brain, no pain, no problem!")

♦ "It's not broken, it's good." (A moaning Czech Republic guide incapacitated and on his butt after a tower jump.)

resemblance: health & medicine

rash (hasty)

rash decision

he made a ~ (short of money, he shoplifted)

haste: health & medicine

Rashomon (point of view)

Rashomon effect

the ~ refers to conflicting eye-witness accounts of an event

"Rashomon effect"

the unreliability of witnesses is referred to as the ~

Rashomon moment meeting a Rorschach test

this was a ~ (3-group confrontation on D.C. Mall)

♦ In the 1950 film by Akira Kurosawa, four people give radically different versions about how a man ended up dead. In the film, everyone lies, and there is the sense no one will ever know the full truth.

♦ The film *The Last Duel* highlights, "The truth according to X."

♦ A group of Kentucky teenagers, a Native American, and black Hebrew Israelites all met by accident on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Read "Viral standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler is more complicated than it first seemed" by Michael E. Miller, *The Washington Post*, Jan 22, 2019. Or "January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation" (Wikipedia).

allusion: film

perception, perspective & point of view: allusion / film

rat (lab rat, etc.)

gym rat

he's a ~

he was the quintessential ~ (Larry Bird / basketball)

lab rat

if you weren't such a ~, you would know that

mall rat

my brother is a ~

pack rat

I'm a bit of a ~ (hoarder)

river rat

~s (kayakers, rafters) versus the locals

he has been a ~ since the age of 14 (guide)

"snow rat"

he was a ~ from childhood (a snowboarder)

enthusiasm: animal / person / rat

rat (betray)

ratted him out

his personal chef ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / rat / verb

rat (a snitch)

rat

the other inmates think he's a ~, an informant

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / person / rat

rat (smell a rat)

smell a rat

I ~ (something suspicious)

evidence / suspicion: animal / rat / smell

rat race

rat race

deep into the ~, far from the finish line of retirement

admissions rat race

it helps in the ~ if you founded a company in high school

corporate rat race

many women drop out of the ~ (competition, etc.)

competitive, driven, rat-race

it's a very ~ culture

drop out of the (corporate) rat race

many women ~ (competition, etc.)

♦ The Rat Race is for Rats! (A bumper sticker.)

♦ Even if you win the rat race, you're still a rat. (A bumper sticker.)

♦ "I get away from all that rat-race noise down in the street." (Carole King, "Up On The Roof.")

♦ In China, 996 refers to working from 9am to 9pm, six days a week.

competition / work & duty: animal / rat

ratchet up (verb)

ratcheted up its criticism

the State Department has ~ of China on this issue

ratchets up the pressure

this ~ on him (athlete receives sports award)
his arrest ~

ratcheted up the pressure

he has ~ on foreign oil companies

ratcheted up its rhetoric

Iran has ~ too

ratcheted up his (anti-American) rhetoric

he has ~

tensions ratchet up

before a deployment, ~ (military families)

♦ A ratchet is a tool that can be used to tighten cables or metal strips. The pawl of the ratchet, which looks like a Toucan's beak, prevents slippage backwards. Deckhands on riverboats use ratchets to tighten cables that hold the barges together. Warehouse workers often use a ratchet to securely bundle together trash-compacted material, which is then taken away by a forklift.

increase & decrease: direction / mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / pressure / tools & technology / verb

rattle (disrupt)

rattled some people

I ~ (female CEO and former athlete)

rattle our cage

don't ~

rattle cages
the government is willing to ~ to get things done

rattled neighbors and allies
the conflict has ~ (within a royal family)

♦ “Justice will be served and the battle will rage / This big dog will fight when you rattle his cage...” (“Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue (The Angry American”) by Toby Keith.)

disruption: animal / equilibrium & stability / sound / verb

rattled (feeling)

rattled
the city is ~ (a series of murders)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

rave (verb)

raved about her (smoky gray) eyes
Multichannel News ~

enthusiasm / speech: mental health / verb

rave (rave review, etc.)

rave reviews
her album came out to ~ (Lizzo)

enthusiasm / speech: mental health

ravenous (adjective)

ravenous for success
he is ~

intellectually ravenous
he was ~ (an academic)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

consumption: food & drink

ravenously

ravenously followed
the media ~ the story

consumption: food & drink

raw (emotions, etc.)

raw
her emotions are still ~
the emotions are ~ (Netherlands crash out at Euro 2020)

raw nerve
(see *raw nerve*)

still raw
the war wounds are ~ (between Japan and its neighbors)

rubbed raw
she was ~ emotionally (newspaper advice columnist)
the battle ~ the country's divides (political, social, etc.)

remain raw
emotions ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

raw (raw recruit, etc.)

raw novice
how much work it takes to become a ~ (boxing)

experience: meat

raw (unrefined, etc.)

raw data
the NSA wanted to gobble up as much ~ as it could

raw opium
Kandahar is a key transit point for ~

worth & lack of worth: materials & substances

raw nerve (feeling)

raw nerve in Haiti
the incident struck a ~ (foreign adoptions)

raw nerve among Democrats
her epic fail is still a ~ (Hillary Clinton)

Russian raw nerve
the German report hit a ~ (about Battle of Kursk)

on the raw nerve
it pressed directly ~ of English society (class anxiety)

struck a raw nerve
the incident ~ in Haiti (foreign adoptions)

touched a raw nerve
her comments ~ in this country (Israel)
the withdrawal touched a ~ (troops give up area)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

ray (ray of hope, etc.)

ray of hope
looking for a ~

amount / evidence: atmosphere / light & dark

razor (razor-thin)

razor-thin margin
the election was decided by a ~

comparison & contrast / size: breadth

reach (secure)

reached an agreement
Democrats said they had ~ with the White House

reach your conclusion
how did you ~

attainment: movement / verb

reach (a number)

reached number one
his song ~ in the charts

reached 72 mph
gusts ~ (windy weather)

reached an unprecedented high
suicide rates have ~

reached a 9-year high
stabblings have ~

attainment: number / verb

reach (reach an answer, etc.)

reach your answer
how did you ~

reached its conclusion
on 22 May the trial ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / movement / verb

reach (a place on a journey)

reached its lowest ebb
morale had ~ when... (military)

reached an impasse
we have ~ in the negotiations

reached a point
we have almost ~ of no return

reached a crisis point
we have ~ in education funding

reached its lowest point
her life ~ one morning in a gutter

reached (one of) its most crucial stages
350 million years ago, evolution ~ (life moves to land)

development: journeys & trips / movement / verb
attainment: journeys & trips / movement / verb

reach (the news reached him, etc.)

reached him
sadly, the good news never ~

♦ "It's a lot of things that went on in the South that never reached the papers, no one wants to talk about it, but they happened, these things happened." (Patsy Rembert about her artist husband's autobiography, *Chasing Me To My Grave*)

♦ The February 1779 death of Captain Cook, killed by natives on a beach in Kealakekua Bay, Hawaii, during his third Pacific voyage, took over a year to reach London.

♦ Bad news travels fast!

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: journeys & trips / movement / verb

reach (beyond reach)

beyond our reach

what was once in our grasp is now ~

attainment / possession / proximity: arm

reach (within reach)

within reach
the president has declared world peace ~

attainment / possession / proximity: arm

reach (extent and scope)

global reach
our local touch with our ~ (L.A. Times)

gang's reach
the ~ extends across America

reach was extended
the paper's ~ by Pullman porters (*Chicago Defender*)

extent & scope: arm

reach out (verb)

reached out to people
he has ~ who have been looked over (a fashion designer)

reached out to families
she ~ from the neighborhood (school needs students)

reaches out to his rivals
he ~ (politician)

reach out to students
universities ~ from all walks of life

reach out to those
it is not unusual for the Amish to ~ who hurt them

reach out to us
we hope he will ~ (cops seek contact with criminal)

reach out to (minority ethnic) youth
the government has failed to ~ (France)

reach out to non-Muslims
~ and educate people about Islam

♦ "Maybe it's their way of you know 'reaching out,' as the Americans say..."

division & connection: arm / verb

read (read something into something)

read too much into it
don't ~
there's no need to ~

read anything into that
but I really would beg you not to ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb

read (analyze)

read between the lines

they fail to listen, observe and ~
~ and you can see...
you have to ~ to understand

read clues

the FBI's failure to properly ~ available before 9/11

read a map

I can't ~ to save my life

read your (electric) meter

how to ~ (utility brochure)

read my mind

you ~

read the (blocking) schemes

they know how to ~ (football players)

reading the skies

as long as people have walked the earth, they have been ~

read the signs

if you can't ~, you won't survive (the taigá)

reads the signs

he ~ like a map ("Shadow Wolves" tracker)

read the sky

they pride themselves on their ability to ~ (hunters)

read a (financial) statement

she learned how to read a ~

read the weather, wind, sun, stars

a sailor must be able to ~ (sailing)

hard to read

Ohio is ~ (elections)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb

read (the sign read don't enter, etc.)

altimeter read

my ~ 27,500 feet (Mount Everest)

banners read

huge ~ "Allez les Bleus" (World Cup soccer)

card read

his business ~ "Any kinds of Ladies' Tailor and Skin, etc."

decal (on the door) read

a ~ "In the name of Allah we enter..."

label reads

the ~, "Made in England"

map reads

"These islands are rich," the ~

poster read

the ~, "You're Not Good Enough To Be A Marine"

radar read

the ~ 31,500, 25,400, and 18,300 (diving plane)

sign read

a hand-painted ~, "God Bless America"

watch read

my ~ 1:17 P.M. (at the top of Mount Everest)

fictive communication: books & reading / verb

realm (area)

realm of ideas

now that partisanship infects every corner of the ~

realm of giant peaks

the ~ (Pakistan)

realms of sci-fi and fantasy

he explored the ~ (Rod Serling)

♦ "Crushing pressure, brutal cold and utter darkness; an epic journey into the unknown; alien worlds; bizarre creatures; extraordinary new behaviours; unendurable pressures; savage hordes of Humboldt squid..." (BBC enters the hype realm for Blue Planet II, The Deep.)

♦ "Adventure is pushing yourself into unknown realms, not dying just because the pro sucked." (The great climber Todd Skinner.)

area: royalty

reap (verb)

reaped (vast) sums from (Nigerian) oil

Shell has ~

reap (enormous political) support from the unions
politicians can ~ (education)

reap their (biggest) profits by selling
sex traffickers ~ virgins (Asia)

reaping a (bitter) harvest

teachers are ~ (dislike by public)

reap the (almost immeasurable) rewards
a few corporations ~ of a vast new world (AI)

reap the whirlwind

he who sows the wind shall ~ (Bible)

product: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)

Reaper drone

a Hellfire missile fired from a ~ killed...

proper name: farming & agriculture / plant

death & life / military: proper name

death & life: farming & agriculture

rear (verb)

rearing for a fight

Dees is still ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

behavior / conflict: animal / horse / verb

reared (raised)

reared on fiascoes

young Americans have been ~ (war, recession, etc.)

growth & development: death & life

rebel (person)

rebel against political correctness
Trump campaigned as a ~

rebel, tree sister, earth protector
I am a ~ (Extinction Rebellion)

outcast Hollywood rebel
he was the ~ (film director Nicholas Ray)

rank-and-file rebels
after negotiations with ~... (politics)

world's oldest rebel
he calls himself the ~ (Harry Leslie Smith)

conservative rebels
~ have attacked plans to extend lockdown powers (UK)

sexual rebel
she was a ~ (the remarkable Rebecca West)

♦ "Here's to the Crazy Ones! / The misfits. / The rebels. / The troublemakers. / The round pegs in the square holes. / The ones who see things differently." (Apple's "Think Different" advertising campaign.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / person
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / person

rebel (adjective)

Rebel Royal
Princess Margaret: ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military
resistance, opposition & defeat: military

rebel (verb)

rebel
he began to ~ (in school after death of father)

rebels against our modern puritanism
his film ~ about intoxication (Thomas Vinterberg)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / verb

rebellion (noun)

seeds of rebellion
enforced potty sitting can sow the ~ (toddlers)

courting rebellion by pushing ahead
he is ~ with his plan (political party)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: military

rebirth (noun)

rebirth of (mountain) culture
the ~

gospel of rebirth

he is preaching a ~ to everyone (Detroit mayor)

death and rebirth

the primordial pageant of ~ of light (solar eclipse)

growth & development: birth

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: birth

amelioration & renewal: birth

reboot (verb)

reboot the series

he is helping ~ (new Twilight Zone)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

reboot (noun)

reboot

Ukraine is ready for a ~ (political change)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

reborn

reborn

Spanish football was ~ (13 Oct 2007 vs Denmark)

reborn in Athens in 1896

the Olympics, born in ancient Greece and ~

reborn career

a ~ as an advertising icon (Jeff Hakman)

amelioration & renewal: birth

growth & development: birth

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: birth

rebound (recover)

rebounded in numbers

it's possible the sharks have ~

ability to rebound

resilience is the ~

skin can rebound

~ and look younger (anti-aging creams)

resiliency: ball / movement / verb

movement: ball / verb

rebound (verb)

rates never fully rebounded

vaccination ~ (autism fears)

increase & decrease: ball / movement / verb

movement: ball / verb

increase & decrease: numbers

rebound (on the rebound)

on the rebound

the economy is finally ~

the sick seal appears to be ~

amelioration & renewal / resiliency: ball

rebound (rebound headache, etc.)

rebound headache

it sounds like you're experiencing ~s
drugs can cause ~s

rebound hypertension

abrupt discontinuation may cause ~ (drug)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ball

rebuild (verb)

rebuild their lives

they are trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

recant (verb)

recanted

one of his earliest supporters ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: religion / verb

recapture (verb)

recapture past glories

patience is required as the club tries to ~ (Man U)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

recast (verb)

recast herself as a sexy dancing girl

she ~, and the world went mad (Joey Heatherton)

recast the (university's) image

it is part of a longstanding plan to ~

recast (modern) womanhood

she helped ~ (Helen Gurley Brown / *Cosmo*)

recast as a villain

a guard cast as a hero was ~ (Richard Jewell)

characterization: manufacturing / verb

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

recast

recast as a villain

a guard cast as a hero was ~ (Richard Jewell)

characterization: manufacturing

creation & transformation: manufacturing

received (wisdom, etc.)

received opinion

like so much ~, it was fallacious

received wisdoms

I do like to question ~ because they suit somebody

received and outdated

Nansen did his best to overcome Scott's ~ opinions

transmission: giving, receiving, bringing & returning

recipe (vaccine recipe, etc.)

original recipe

the FDA ok'd extra doses of Pfizer's ~ (COVID vaccine)

script: food & drink

recipe (for conflict, etc.)

recipe for conflict

in the brutal world of Afghan politics, this was a ~

recipe for controversy

combining sex and religion is a ~ (the arts)

recipe for disaster

this is a ~ (using pig organs for human transplants)

recipe for success

working together is a ~ (sports)

recipe for a breakdown

I can't let it tear me apart because it's just a ~ (anxiety)

♦ "I don't want a piece of the pie, I want the goddamn recipe!" (The character of singer-songwriter-businessman Sam Cooke from the fine Amazon film *One Night in Miami*.)

script: food & drink

reckoning (groups)

MeToo reckonings

the ~ engulfed NBC, CBS, and Fox News (and now ABC)

nationwide (racial) reckoning

a ~ over the systematic oppression of...

racial reckoning

this is time for a true and steadfast commitment to a ~

moment of (national) reckoning

people who want an attorney general to meet this ~ (BLM)

reckoning has expanded

the MeToo ~ in scope to include workplace bullying

face a reckoning

statues of Hannah Duston ~ (cancelled)

inclusion & exclusion: society

reckoning (judgment)

reckoning with it

lay the past to rest once we've had some kind of ~

historical reckoning

the trial was part of a ~ (2010 / Argentina)

moment of reckoning

will "Framing Britney Spears" be a ~ for the media

reckoning is at hand

and so the ~ (a moment in a revenge story)

avoided any (deep) reckoning

Japan ~ with its past (after WWII / many not punished)

judgment: money / society

reclaim (groups)

reclaimed

21 words the Queer community has ~

reclaim desire

~ for yourself and take agency (sex / women)

reclaim her (sexualized) image

her sexy selfies allow her to ~ (abused when young)

reclaimed (country and Americana) music

how Black women ~ in 2021

reclaims the (genre) space

the creator ~ for people of color (a horror film)

reclaimed space

she has ~ for the Lumbee of Baltimore (Ashley Minner)

reclaims a previously demeaning term

“Thunder Thighs” ~ (Miss Eaves)

reclaim and repurpose

~ the rhetorical and aesthetic space of country music (Mali Obomsawin)

inclusion & exclusion: society

reclaim (other)

reclaim the heights

they have managed to ~ (tennis sisters)

reclaimed his place

he has ~ back at the top of the boxing mountain (Fury)

possession: boundary / ground, terrain & land / surveying / verb

recoil (verb)

recoiled from his comments

fellow Republicans ~

recoiled from (a lot of) positions

he ~ propounded by Miller (politics)

attraction & repulsion: movement / tools & technology / verb

recycle (verb)

recycle parts

we hope to ~ of the program

amelioration & renewal: manufacturing / verb

red (red list, etc.)

red-list countries

travel to and from ~ remains restricted (COVID)

England's travel red list

England has added Turkey to ~ (pandemic)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

red (Red Sea, etc.)

Red Basin

the ~ is *Good Earth* country (China)

Red River

the ~ rises in Yunnan and flows to the Gulf of Tonkin

Red Sea

Jeddah, the bride of the ~

Red Volta

the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

♦ *Watching the sun set from Jeddah's corniche is a delight!*

♦ *The White Volta's main tributaries are the Black Volta and the Red Volta.*

proper name: color

geography: color / proper name

red (politics)

red state

is Iowa at this point a ~ or a blue state

♦ *"Is Iowa at this point a red state or a blue state?" "Iowa is still a purple state." (US politics, as talked about on NPR.)*

♦ *"Red, R, Reagan, that's why we chose red." (A network broadcaster during the 1984 presidential election, explaining why states that had gone for Reagan were colored red on a national map. Democratic states were colored blue.)*

identity & nature: color

red (blood)

bleed red

white, black, brown, yellow, red, we all ~ (the military)

death & life: blood / color / sign, signal, symbol

red (see red)

saw red

he ~ (enraged and violent)

♦ *see also blood (blood in one's eyes), mist (red mist)*

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / color

violence: blood / color

red alert (on red alert)

on red alert

all organizations employing Westerners are ~ (terror)

readiness & preparedness: color

red carpet (treatment)

red carpet for investors

lay out the ~

lay out the red carpet for investors
they ~

rolled out the red carpet for Karzai
the White House ~

superiority & inferiority / welcome: carpets & rugs / color / royalty

red flag

red flags

it raised some ~ to me (ethical question)
the company's disclosure raises a ~ (fraud)

red flags of arson

there are many ~ (arson investigation)

intelligence red flags

a range of ~ signaling terrorist activity (Kenya)

huge red flags

there were ~ nearly three years ago (a building collapse)

warning signs or red flags

there were no ~ (mass shooter)

red flags may signal

the following 10 ~ an early problem (children)

raised red flags

I ~ at the time the decision was made

♦ "Not only were there red flags, they were flapping in the wind." (A psychiatrist, commenting on the suicide of a university student.)

warning: color / flags & banners / sign, signal, symbol

redoubt (noun)

redoubt of independent Russian mass media

the radio station is the last ~

redoubt of (all-male Protestant) privilege

Princeton University was a ~

redoubt for the townies and old-timers

the hotel and its bar is the last major ~

redoubt for carousing

it was a ~ (Sarajevo bar during war)

redoubt in hay loft

the barn cat watched me from its ~

last redoubt

North Korea is the ~ Stalinist isolation

gritty, blue-collar redoubt

Williamsburg used to be a ~ (Brooklyn)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

red tape

red tape

rescue efforts got bogged down by ~ (earthquake)

bureaucratic red tape

the ~ required to...

incompetence and red tape

the ~ is amazing (Italian government)

ran into red tape

the inmate's transfer ~

cut through (all) the red tape

he ~ to get it done

got bogged down by red tape
rescue efforts ~ (Kobe earthquake)

obstacles & impedance: government action, inaction & delay: government

reek (verb)

reek of euphemism

words and phrases that ~ (in U.S. English)

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: smell / verb

reel (verb)

reeling from accusations

Wall Street is ~ that it is a rigged casino

reeling from the worst attacks (on their homeland)

Americans were ~ since Pearl Harbor (9/11)

reeling from her diagnosis

she is ~ (HIV)

reeling from the effects

the town is ~ of the hurricane

reeling from 3 hurricanes

Cuba is still ~ in a year last year

reeling from a (citizens') revolt

the city council is ~ over officials' pay

reeling from a (massive) scandal

Massachusetts is ~ in its state's crime lab

reeling from a series

the industry is ~ of scandals

reeling from the shock

the staff is still ~ of the shootings

economy is reeling

the ~, and politicians are making it worse

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

disruption / feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping

reel in (verb)

reel him in

maybe there's a way we can ~ (investigation)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

reflected

reflected glory

they now accepted him and partook of his ~

transmission: light & dark

reflex (noun)

reflex response

shaming has become the ~ to anything (Twitter)

standard reflex

when confronted, his ~ is to try and gaslight you

♦ “[T]he simple, elegant, inexpensive almost plebeian swing of the reflex hammer has a cost/benefit ratio that I think no advanced technology will likely ever match.” (Dr. Stephen Krieger, an expert on multiple sclerosis.)

control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

refrain (common refrain, etc.)

common refrain

there's a ~ among these MeToo stories (relief)

Navy refrain

“SWOs eat their own” is a common ~ (jealousy)

repetition: music

reframe (characterize)

reframe the narrative

critical race theory seeks to ~ of American history

characterization: picture / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / picture / verb

refuge (noun)

refuge from bullying

nowadays there is no ~ (teens and cyber-bullying)

last refuge

patriotism is the ~ of the scoundrel

seek refuge

many ~ in delusion, denial and fantasy (Mideast)

protection & lack of protection: place

refugee (person)

“bitcoin refugees”

China's ~ are scrambling to find a new home (Texas)

migration: person / journeys & trips

person: journeys & trips

regurgitate (verb)

regurgitating the bitterness

they are ~ of the election (politics)

consumption: food & drink / verb

rehearsal (noun)

rehearsal

~s build confidence and improve performance (military)

~s reveal weaknesses or problems (military)

rehearsal of all (critically timed) events

a ~ should be done (ARSOA)

rehearsal for invasion

North Korea calls the maneuvers a ~

rehearsals or reconnaissance

terrorists undertake ~

dress rehearsal

if a full-scale ~ is impossible (military)

mission rehearsals

this plan, along with ~... (military)

plans, SOPS, standards, and rehearsals

integrate measures into ~ (fratricide)

planning, rehearsal, and execution

during mission ~ (military)

reconnaissance and (some) rehearsal

no doubt it required some ~ (attack on Red Cross)

conduct rehearsals

~ on terrain that resembles the actual ground (military)

readiness & preparedness: theater

rehearse (verb)

rehearse for combat

the maneuvers are a chance for soldiers to ~ (Kuwait)

rehearse on terrain and under conditions

if possible, ~ like those at the operation site (military)

rehearsed your answers

when you have your script and have ~ (interview)

rehearse procedures

~ for evacuation requests (casualties / military)

rehearse the signals

~ to be used on the patrol (military)

rehearses (critical) tasks

the platoon ~

tasks to rehearse

some important ~ include assaulting a bunker

failure to rehearse

short planning time, ~, and leader fatigue... (military)

plan, rehearse, and execute

~ the operation (military)

readiness & preparedness: theater / verb

reign (verb)

reign in Congress

polarization is likely to ~ after the election

reigned supreme

censorship ~ from 1932 to the late 50s (Hollywood)

confusion reigns

~ nationwide amid conflicting coronavirus rules

uncertainty reigns

even with computer models as a guide, ~

unease reigns

~ after North Korean missile test

originality and uncertainty still reign

~ (Black Mirror TV show)

starting, going, continuing & ending: royalty / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty / verb

reign (noun)

reign of Gerald

the ~, an aggressive turkey, is over (relocated)

reign over FIFA

questions have been raised about Sepp Blatter's ~

reign as a terrorist mastermind

his ~ (Palestinian)

championship reign

she took 3 months out of her ~ to do the movie (Valentina Shevchenko)

rise and reign

Amazon and the ~ of Jeff Bezos

reign ends

Klitschko's heavyweight ~ with loss to Fury (boxing)

reign (as the heavyweight champion) lasted

his ~ only...

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

reigning

reigning academics

he battled against the stale works of the ~

reigning champion

as ~, Armstrong... (Tour de France)

reigning (NFL) champions

the ~ led 17-0 at half-time (American football)

reigning champs

we're the ~ (basketball)

reigning monarch

deep learning is the ~ of AI

reigning wisdom

this has become the ~ of the nineties

former and reigning (m)

~ heavyweights (boxing)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

re-ignite (verb)

re-ignite (economic) growth

Ill ~ (commercial for a politician)

initiation: fire / verb

reign of terror / fear, etc.

reign of fear

Iraq's Shiites describe a ~ (Saddam)

reign of terror

a full-scale invasion to end the ~ (Haiti)

stoning is used to extend the ~ (Iran)

reign of terror against (ethnic) minorities

carrying out a ~ (Burma)

reign of terror in Uganda

Idi Amin's ~

reign of terror by (indigenous) Dayaks
a savage ~ (Indonesia)

Idi Amin's reign of terror

~ in Uganda

savage reign of terror

a ~ by indigenous Dayaks (Indonesia)

imposed a reign of terror

foreign militants have ~ in South Waziristan

oppression: allusion / history / royalty / violence

rein (rein in)

rein in (Medicare) costs

he wants to ~ (politics)

rein in (tribal and personal) rivalries
~ (Afghanistan)

rein in the rocket fire

Hamas has been trying to ~

rein in (government) spending

we need to ~

control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb

rein (reins of power, etc.)

reins of Holland

he ran PSV Eindhoven before taking the ~ (coach)

reins of power

he has successfully gathered all the ~ into his hands (crown prince)

reins to the union

he holds the ~

organizing reins

Rose will turn over the ~ to Sunny Ross

hold on the reins

he now has a much stronger ~ (government)

holds the reins to the union

he ~

turn over the (organizing) reins to Ross

he will ~

handed the reins

he has been ~ (new coach for team)

seize the reins

he will probably ~ (football player for a position)

control & lack of control: animal / horse

rein (free rein)

free rein

he was given ~ to loft his jumper (basketball)
the panel has a ~ to look at other areas of his research

have a free rein
weapons inspectors must ~ (in Iraq)

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / horse

reincarnation (noun)

reincarnation of continuity
he is the ~ (German politician Armin Laschet)

reincarnation of hope
American Utopia argues for the ~ in the American project
♦ "But I am still alive / But I am living still / But I am still around / But I will remain, and I'll be back again..." ("The Highwayman," American outlaws, Live at Nassau Coliseum, 1990.)

creation & transformation / presence & absence: religion

reined in

violence has been reined in
the ~ (in a filmmaker's latest film)

control & lack of control: animal / horse

reinforce (verb)

reinforce his claims
candidates who ~ of voter fraud (politics)

reinforces the importance
the research ~ of hand washing (public health)

reinforces racism
CRT ~ (John McWhorter)

reinforced a sense
the tragedy has ~ of community (in a Texas town)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

reinvigorate (verb)

reinvigorated the agency
she has ~

reinvigorates support
Nike's ad ~ in Kaepernick's corner

amelioration & renewal: death & life / health & medicine / verb

rekindle (verb)

rekindles memories
it ~ of the bad old days of Suharto

rekindle our relationship
I'm not looking to ~

rekindling their romance
Lindsay and Samantha may be ~ (celebrities)

rekindle stereotypes
he worries the case might ~ of Mississippi

rekindle (these) stereotypes

CBS comes along to ~ (show on hillbillies)

initiation: fire / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

relative (relationship)

relative
anorexia nervosa, or its ~, bulimia nervosa

relative of the giraffe
the okapi, a ~...

close relative
chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a ~ of Alzheimer's

relationship: family

relax (relax control, etc.)

relax the (normally strict) boundaries
a psychiatrist may ~ of the doctor-patient relationship

relax their lockdown measures
a number of countries are set to ~ (COVID-19)

relaxed some rigid rules
he has ~ (coach)

increase & decrease: pressure / verb

relax (feeling)

relaxed and drank wine
in the afterglow of our rafting trip we ~

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

relic (noun)

relic of a (different) era
this system is a ~ (governance)

relic of the past
privacy has become a ~ (Internet, etc.)
his confrontational approach was rejected as a ~ (coach)
whooping cough, once thought to be a ~...
will Covid-19 make handshakes a ~

relic of an earlier time
the club is a ~ (a social club)

relic of households past
the iron is a ~

relic of the Cold War
NATO is not a useless ~

Ottoman relics
we have no weapons, only old ~

dated relic
some think the musical is a ~ (The King and I)

obsolete relic
the book-based world will be an ~ (Internet)

twin relics
polygamy and slavery, the ~ of barbarism

out-of-touch relic
she is an ~ with a fossilized understanding of race and gender

past & present / time: Bible / religion
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: Bible / religion

relief (in bold relief)

in bold relief
Battle of the Bulge revealed those intelligence failures ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height

religion (enthusiasm)

religion
deep in the Bible Belt, here football is ~ (Knoxville)
football is a ~ and Saturday is the high holy day (South)

religion to many
barbecuing is a ~ ...

nearly a religion
Brazil, where football is ~

♦ "In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing."
(The opening line of *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean. The book is set in Montana and features the Blackfoot River.)

♦ "Their fellowship went further still. On Sundays, after mass, they took their rods and slipped secretly—lest they shock finer sensibilities—through the back ways of the Sabbath-stricken town, out into the verdant valley of the Whitadder. In his tin, packed with sawdust, were luscious maggots, picked the night before from Mealey's boneyard. Thereafter the day was heady with the sound of the stream, the scent of meadowsweet,—his father showing him the likely eddies,—the crimson-speckled trout wriggling on bleached shingle,—his father bent over a twig fire,—the crisp sweet goodness of the frizzled fish..." (*The Keys of the Kingdom* by A.J. Cronin.)

enthusiasm: religion

religiously

watches the show religiously
he ~

behavior / enthusiasm: religion

remain (verb)

remain
but many questions remain (terrorism)

remaining coy
most potential candidates are ~ for now (presidency)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / presence & absence / survival, persistence & endurance: movement / verb

remedy (verb)

remedy the problems
we must ~ of the past

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

remedy (noun)

remedy for stress

a sense of control is the best ~ (living with terrorism)

remedies for violations
administrative ~ of the statute (Title IX)

remedy for the cabin fever
a ~ that plagues Vermont all winter

administrative remedy
~s for violations of the statute (Title IX)

best remedy
a good mousing cat is the ~ (mice in stable)
a sense of control is the ~ for stress (terrorism)

legal remedy
the injustice cried out for a ~
in some countries marriage is a ~ for statutory rape

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

remind (verb)

reminds us that
his life ~ the cutting edge can grow dull (Hugh Hefner)

remind him
if someone has lost his freedom, the steppe will ~ of it...

fictive communication: speech / verb

remote (past)

remote past
in the ~, dinosaurs roamed the land

past & present / time: distance

remote (future)

remote future
alternative scenarios of the ~ (science)
events set in a ~ (science fiction)

future / time: distance

remove (kill)

remove him from the battlefield
the president's decision to ~ saved US lives

♦ "President Biden, Vice President Harris and members of the President's national security team observe the counterterrorism operation responsible for removing from the battlefield Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi—the leader of ISIS." (A White House Tweet with a picture.)

death & life: euphemism / verb

renaissance (noun)

renaissance of fable
the Age of Discovery brought a ~

renaissance era
its release ushered in Disney's ~ (Little Mermaid, 1989)

renaissance man
a ~, Morton already had experience as... (anesthesia)
he was a ~ who just enjoyed a wide range of things

career renaissance
she is enjoying a ~ (an actor)

something of a renaissance
documentary has undergone ~ in the last ten years

amelioration & renewal / growth & development / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence: birth / history

renegade (person)

renegade hobby
skateboarding is still considered a ~

renegade thinkers
~ like Franz Boas and Margaret Mead

ideological renegade
he developed a reputation as an ~ (Ishmael Reed)

resistance, opposition & defeat: person / religion
allegiance, support & betrayal: person / religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion

repaid (a debt, etc.)

repaid to those men
a debt has been ~ (blanket men / Maze Prison escape)

obligation: money

repair (verb)

repair the economy
we need to ~ at home

repaired their relationship
she and Tom have ~

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

repair (noun)

in need of repair
their marriage is ~

amelioration & renewal: mechanism

repay (verb)

repaid me with petty insults
he ~ for having rejected him (#MeToo)

repay the debt of gratitude
we can never ~ owed to our nation's veterans
♦ "I place a date in your lips, and you spit the pit in my face!"
(Ingratitude.)

obligation: money / verb

repercussion (noun)

repercussions and reverberations
fears about the ~ of a targeted killing persisted

shocking repercussions
her reaction had some ~

crime and its repercussions
this gruesome ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

effect: sound

repertoire (noun)

repertoire of your teaching kit
jokes may contribute to the ~ (education)

help & assistance / performance: theater

amount / group, set & collection: theater

report card

Report Card for America's Infrastructure
the 2005 "—" (American Society of Civil Engineers)

nation's report card
the national assessment is often called " ~"

mixed report card
for Obama, a ~ from Afghanistan

report card gives
a ~ 29 states an F (health-care price transparency)

gets a bad report card
when a school ~

issues report cards
the state department of health ~ on hospitals and surgeons

judgment: school & education

repose (position)

reposed the city
on its near edge ~ (a plain)

fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

representation (groups)

representation at the Olympics
I think it's awesome that we're finally getting trans ~

representation and presence
~ aren't the same thing

representation game
I've felt like a pawn in this hollow ~ (comic Julio Torres)

Black representation
he spoke up about ~ (Andre Leon Talley)

indigenous representation
the show is groundbreaking for ~ on TV (*Reservation Dogs*)

trans representation
~ onscreen

more empowerment, more representation
~, more stories told (PBS versus Beyond Inclusion)

inclusivity and representation
~ within the Black disabled transgender community

visibility, representation and equality
thanks to increases in ~, more LGBTQ folks can come out
♦ "For me, it's a catalyst to go harder. It's a catalyst for the next door that I walk into to create a space where we can combine this scholarship and

this culture to have more Black girls dominating these academic spaces." (Emani Stanton, 17. At People, "Black Female Duo Wins Harvard Debate Competition" by Rachel DeSantis, July 21, 2021.)

♦ "You see a fierceness that's coming from the girls that are coming up now, that's because we understand we ain't got nuttin to lose. I already done lost that job, I already done lost that job." (Angelica Ross, about Trans representation in media / entertainment. According to her Wikipedia entry, "Her breakthrough role came in 2018, as Candy Ferocity in Rya Murphy's FX drama series *Pose*.)

♦ "I think it had a lot to do with me being a Black woman, period. And having seen how historically, you know, if our stories, you know, have been presented to the world, oftentimes they're misrepresented or their not represented in their fullness or there's just like a sliver of us being presented. And so, I just felt like this is huge responsibility to not only show, like her—I would say ginormous levels of strength and resilience—but also to provide an audience like a window into the vulnerability." (Katori Hall speaking about the great American-born Tina Turner, birth name Anna Mae Bullock, a Swiss citizen since 2013.)

♦ "We've been silenced and misrepresented. And so, any time you get an opportunity to tell your truth, you are pushing back against so many lies and falsehoods...And being an artist and in demanding that the world just looks at you, you oddly are being an activist." (Katori Hall.)

♦ "We demanded representation, and not just in gender and race, but in perspective, values and experience." (Rashad Robinson, president of Color of Change, about Ketanji Brown's confirmation to the Supreme Court.)

♦ "*Representation, diversity, inclusion*, words that pervade the world we live in."

♦ "At issue, is the question of who controls the non-fiction stories told on PBS and which stories—or filmmakers—get the most financial support." (PBS And Ken Burns Vow To Do Better On Diversity But Critics Aren't Convinced," Eric Deggans, NPR, Television, August 12, 2021.)

♦ "It is really important to remember that we have very limited representation and presence isn't the same thing as representation representation centered around the Black American person the Black American community and it does not take into account constantly the white gaze." (Bethany C. Morrow, author of *So Many Beginnings: A Little Women Remix*, speaking with Lulu Garcia-Navarro on NPR.)

♦ "A lot of the festivals that we have, now, overlook hip-hop, they do. I mean, if you look at [?], there's not enough hip-hop, uh, *representation*, if you look at Coachella, there's not enough hip-hop *representation*, *Firefly*, any of those festivals, there's not enough hip-hop *representation*." ("Why hip-hop festival Rolling Loud seems to be a hotbed for arrests," NPR, All Things Considered, Monday, Nov 1, 2021.)

♦ "For a while, I have felt like a pawn in this hollow representation game. Because what the hell does Disney's 'Coco' do for Mexican children? Bob Iger gets richer. That's the climax." ("Extraordinary Alien: The otherworldly comedy of Julio Torres" by Michael Schulman, *The New Yorker*, December 28, 2020.)

♦ "[My father said to me] 'Listen son, people like us don't do things like that...son, I just don't want you to talk about it anymore...' ("British Actor Terence Stamp Reflects on London in the Swinging '60s," NPR, Fresh Air, Nov 5, 2021. Originally broadcast in 2002. About what his father had said, Stamp said, "In fact, it didn't deter me at all.")

inclusion & exclusion: society

reprieve (noun)

reprieve from (intense) colds
with only 20 weeks of ~ every year... (Siberia)

fate, fortune & chance: justice
punishment & recrimination: justice

reprisal (noun)

reprisals against opposition politicians and activists
politically motivated ~

reprisal from their employer
talking about misconduct without fear of ~

bloody reprisals

I suspect the volume will feature ~ (issue among linguists)

fear of reprisal

they could express their feelings with less ~ (secret ballot)

retaliation and reprisal and threats

donors face ~ on the internet (a Supreme Court case)

faces reprisals

she ~ (Gina Carano / for social media posts)

targeted the executives for reprisal

he appeared to have ~ (the CEO of a US agency / politics)

♦ The tragedy of Lipa Village; the Massacre in Velika; the Podhum massacre; the Kriva Reka Massacre... (Awful reprisals against civilians in the Balkans during World War II. "Here, in the village of X, on Sept. 30, 1943, 30 civilians were murdered in reprisal for the killing of a German soldier...")

conflict / punishment & recrimination: military / violence

rescue (verb)

rescued him from a life

canoe-making ~ of alcohol and obliteration (Palawa artist)

rescue the program from mediocrity

he promised to ~ (a new coach)

rescue these 78 RPMs, tapes, wax cylinders, everything
we try to ~ (AMAR Foundation / Mustapha Saeed)

help & assistance: death & life / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

rescue (noun)

come to (America's) rescue

Franklin's call for history to ~ (John Hope Franklin)

come to their rescue

people are looking to scientists to ~ (pandemic)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

help & assistance: death & life

reservoir (amount)

reservoirs of rage

the loneliness of children and their often unrecognized ~

reservoir of good feeling

polls show a surprising ~ toward Obama

tap into the reservoir

the militants can ~ of submerged hatred

amount: dam / river / water

reservoir (source)

viral reservoir

bats are among the most dangerous ~s on earth

source: dam / river / water

reservoir (group)

reservoir of labor

the DPs became a ~ (WW II “Baltic Swans,” etc.)

group, set & collection: river / water

reset (noun)

reset

he wants an overall ~ (policy towards Afghanistan)
our ~, which is not a retreat, will be different (Time's Up)
the group call this a ~, it could also be called an implosion

in our reset

we're determined ~ to do better, get it right (Time's Up)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

reset (verb)

reset relations

Obama promised to ~ with Russia

reset the trajectory

he helped formulate the strategy that ~ of the war

fix or reset

the law's efforts to ~ struggling schools (NCLB)

♦ Steve Inskeep: “This is really interesting, not going to reset. Meaning not gonna look into Putin's eyes as George W. Bush did, not gonna bring a reset button, as Hillary Clinton once did under Obama, not going to look away from Russian election interference, as Donald Trump did. Just try to move forward? (In an incredulous tone.) Is that what they're trying to do?” / Franco Ordonez: “Yeah, they wanna move forward...” (“U.S. Announces Sanctions On Russia Over Poisoning Of Opposition Leader Alexei Navalny,” NPR, Morning Edition, March 2, 2021.)

♦ “We are resetting, we are not retreating, and we are here, we have a vision, we are capable of fulfilling it.” (Ashley Judd of Time's Up, responding to criticism of that organization.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

reshape (verb)

reshape how

the debate could ~ Americans understand foreign aid

reshaped Hollywood

the *Jaws* producer who ~ (Richard Zanuck)

reshaping (Indian) society

westernization is ~

reshaped the (ethnic) landscape

the brutal violence has ~

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing / verb

reside (verb)

resides at Goodrich Castle

Roaring Meg ~ (an English Civil Wars-era mortar)

reside inside of a business or campaign headquarters
the drop-boxes ~ (the controversial US 2020 election)

♦ see also *live (location)*

location: house / verb

place: house / death & life / verb

presence & absence: death & life / verb

residence (noun)

taken up residence

this iceberg has ~ near the coastland (Newfoundland)

location: house

place: house / death & life

presence & absence: death & life

resonate (verb)

resonated around Mexico

the news ~ (arrest of Garcia Luna)

resonate with students

his speech will ~ (politics)

resonates with Latin voters

Bernie's message ~ (election)

resonates today

the riot still ~ (Attica / 1971)

resonated loud and long

accounts of the 1963 Everest epic ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb

effect: sound / verb

rest (put / lay something to rest)

laid to rest any doubt

she ~ about... (PM Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand)

laid to rest a misapprehension

Apple ~ that...

put these accusations to rest

the idea for the interview was to ~ (historical sex abuse)

lay this history to rest

any trial is unlikely ~ (in Columbia / Alvaro Uribe)

laid the incident to rest

China appears to have ~ (returns US underwater drone)

put the matter to rest

Cook had now ~ (no Southern Continent)

put this matter to rest

we must ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / sleep / verb

rest (put / laid to rest)

laid to rest

the issue has now been ~ (a work issue)

the situation has finally been ~ (authorship dispute)

Rosetta will be ~ not too far away (from Philae)

doubts about his birth had been ~

Adobe Flash is finally ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / sleep

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: burial / sleep

restlessness

musical restlessness

that ~ has made her a lightning rod (country music)

activity: sleep

resurface (verb)

resurfaced

jihadists have ~ to pursue an Islamic state
he went to ground for a few months but then ~ (wanted)
his self-destructive tendencies have ~

appearance & disappearance: verb / water

resurrect (verb)

resurrect a career

he was desperately trying to ~ that... (a boxer)

resurrect (many of the old) criticisms

a German defeat will ~ (soccer)

resurrected a killer

scientists have ~ (reconstructed 1918 flu virus)

resurrecting the Hummer name

GMC is ~ as a full-electric pickup truck

resurrect performers

CGI can ~ from another era

amelioration & renewal: death & life / religion / verb

resurrection (noun)

resurrection of the (1918) flu

the story of the ~ began in 1995...

retrieval, resurrection, and revival

his ~ (Thoreau / US literary canon)

amelioration & renewal: death & life / religion

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / religion

resuscitate (verb)

resuscitate this (all but abandoned) city

how can we ~ (Detroit)

resuscitate the middle class

if only we could ~

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / health & medicine / verb

retch (verb)

retch

if education jargon causes you to ~...

make me want to retch

some of his comments ~ (politics)

acceptance & rejection / consumption / feeling, emotion & effect / hyperbole: bodily reaction / food & drink / stomach / verb

retire (verb)

retire the term

it's time to ~ (LGBTZ+)

it's time to ~ 'People Of Color' (Damon Young)

♦ This simply means to retire someone (or something) and is a benevolent concept. An alternative is, "Time to send him off to the sanctuary." A less benevolent idea is "Slaughter the donkey when its work is done." Or "it's time to send him to the glue factory." Or, "put him to sleep." Or "take him behind the barn."

♦ Cats in the Cradle; Imagine; Yesterday; Happy (Pharrell); American Pie; Freebird (Lynyrd Skynyrd)... ("Hallelujah! The Songs We Should Retire," NPR, All Songs Considered, hosted by Bob Boilen, October 11, 2017.)

♦ Sam Sanders ("Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018) argues that the term *woke* has had its day and should be retired.

♦ "Why It's Time To Retire The 'Serious Conversation About Race'", with Damon Young. (1A, WAMU, NPR, July 16, 2020.)

♦ "Author Damon Young Says it's Time To Retire The Term 'People Of Color,'" Here & Now, wbur, September 04, 2020.)

♦ "Honestly, I think we should probably retire the phrase 'cancel culture' at this point. Because it's losing its meaning...when people just use it to mean, 'I resent your drawing attention to my crazy ideas.'" (Mona Charen, the *Bulwark*.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / work & duty

retired

retired

the Chief Wahoo logo is to be ~ (Cleveland Indians)

retired in July

the original Segway will be ~ (the personal transporter)

retired in 2025

Windows 10 will be ~ (Microsoft)

retired planes

Australian Airline selling bar carts from ~

pensioned-off warships

the oak walls of these ~ (English prisoner hulks)

dismissal, removal & resignation: work & duty

retort (speech)

angry retort

the allegations have brought an ~

♦ A retort is a chamber or vessel relating to heat.

speech: tools & technology

retread (noun)

retread of the original

the sequel is a loud, brash ~ (a film)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

retreat (withdraw)

retreated into himself

he ~ (high-altitude bivouac on Gasherbrum IV)

retreated into a fantasy world

she ~ (9-year-old, father jailed)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / feeling, emotion & effect: direction / military

retreat (reverse / verb)

retreated from that stand

he has since ~, saying... (politician)

retreated on several points

still, the state has ~ (prisoners' demands)

retreating on his policy

he is ~ to... (president)

retreated on that

but the EPA ~ (reverses a ban)

♦ "We are resetting, we are not retreating, and we are here, we have a vision, we are capable of fulfilling it." (Ashley Judd of Time's Up, responding to criticism of that organization.)

reversal: direction / military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / military / verb

retreat (reverse / noun)

media retreat

there was a ~ and apology for past invasiveness

reversal: direction / military

retreat (glaciers, etc.)

retreating rapidly

alpine glaciers are ~ (Switzerland)

♦ The Swiss cover sections of the Rhone Glacier with tarps in the summer to prevent melting.

movement: direction / military / verb

return (and return to)

return to normal

coral can recover if conditions ~ (bleaching)

returned to normal

his heart and liver function had ~ (CO poisoning)

returning to normal

things are slowly ~

returned in force

it was still horribly cold and the wind ~ (climbing)

conditions return

coral can recover if ~ to normal (bleaching)

function had returned

his heart and liver ~ to normal (CO poisoning)

wind returned

it was still horribly cold and the ~ in force (climbing)

♦ see also *go back (and get back)*

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / situation: direction / movement / verb

return (animals, etc.)

return of this (national) symbol

the dramatic ~ (bald eagle)

return of the wolf

the west has seen the ~ (US)

dramatic return

the ~ of this national symbol (the bald eagle)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

survival, persistence & endurance: direction

return (point of no return)

point of no return

many see annexation as a ~ in terms of a peace deal

fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips

development: journeys & trips

commitment & determination: journeys & trips

return (noun)

return of function

full ~ is common (fracture)

return of cold temperatures

the ~ led to an ice age

return to function

complete ~ is the norm (fracture)

return to the fundamentals

Salafis advocate a strict ~

return to the "old days"

what he really wants is a ~ (Pakistani Christian)

return to traditional foods

the tepary bean symbolizes a ~ (Tohono O'odham)

point of no return

I reached the ~

symbolizes a return

the tepary bean ~ to traditional foods (Tohono O'odham)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement

revisit (verb)

revisit that stuff

it's always hard to ~ (a racial murder from 1964)

past & present / time: direction / journeys & trips /

movement / place / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

rewritten (changed)

rewritten

tools that allow the code of life to be ~ (Crispr-Cas9)

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

reveal (verb)

reveal how

his novels ~ things really got done (spycraft)

reveal a (genetic) bottleneck
blood samples ~ (too few Amur tigers left)

reveal some dirt
critics hoped the report would ~ on the President (politics)

revealed the extent
dawn ~ of devastation

revealed a (deep) fissure
the resignations ~ among Afghan leaders

reveals (many) hidden gems
the road ~ (N7 in France)

reveal gulf
antiwar marches ~ between leaders and people

reveal the hypocrisy
he listed the façade of respectability to ~

reveals a (disturbing) pattern
the data ~ to a trained eye

reveal themselves
secrets always ~ in the light of truth

concealment & lack of concealment: verb
evidence: verb

reveal (big reveal, etc.)

reveal (for most of the country) was
the biggest ~ that... (a government hearing)

reveal moment
it's like a real chilling ~ where you realize that... (a film)

gender reveal
at a ~ party

big reveal
when will she make the ~

juicy reveals
candid confessions, ~ (on reality-TV hot mics)

concealment & lack of concealment: part of speech
searching & discovery: part of speech

rev up (verb)

revved up the debate
the information ~ over the war

revved up its focus
the probe has ~ on alleged corruption and fraud (Florida)

increase & decrease: engine / mechanism / verb

revved (revved up)

revved up
the crowd is ~

feeling, emotion & effect: engine / mechanism

reverberate (verb)

reverberates beyond our own shores

the political dialogue in the US ~ (New Zealand massacre)

reverberate through admission offices
the case is sure to ~ (forged transcripts)

reverberating throughout Kenosha
the acquittal on all counts is ~ (Kyle Rittenhouse trial)

feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb
transmission: sound / verb

reverberation (noun)

reverberations across the globe
the attacks in Christchurch have had ~ (mass shooting)

global reverberations
the choices that are made have ~ (world leadership)

political reverberations
the ~ continued to be felt (assassination)

repercussions and reverberations
fears about the ~ of a targeted killing persisted

reverberations haven't died away
that was 150 years ago, yet the ~ (Civil War)

feeling, emotion & effect: sound
effect / transmission: sound

reverential (adjective)

reverential care
the livestock was guarded with ~ (a colony)

reverence: religion

review (noun)

rave reviews
his new pitch has drawn ~ (a pitcher)

mixed reviews
but his performance got ~ (a lawyer)

judgment: theater

revive (verb)

revive (computer) systems
Baltimore struggles to ~ paralyzed by hackers

revive hiring
government intervention can ~

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / health & medicine / verb

revivify (verb)

revivify the context
creative non-fiction seeks to ~ of events

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / health & medicine / verb

revolt (verb)

revolted against the pay

shareholders have ~ awarded to...

revolted against her attempts

many supporters of her party have ~ at austerity

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

revolt (noun)

shareholder revolt

the aftershocks from the ~ will be felt...

citizens' revolt

the city council is reeling from a ~ over officials' pay

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

revolution (noun)

revolution in (data) storage

astronomy faces a ~

communications revolution

the ~ that is the Web

information revolution

the impact of the ~

Internet revolution

helped propel the ~

digital music revolution

his startup, MP3.com, helped ignite the ~

shortboard revolution

his board designs helped kick off the ~ (surfing)

lesbian revolution

her hit song *Wenn die beste Freundin* unleashed a ~

sexual revolution

living in a country that went through the ~ (US)

aftermath of the (sexual) revolution

in the ~

igniter of the (3-point) revolution

he was the ~ in the NBA (the great Stephen Curry)

impact of the (information) revolution

the ~

path of revolution

another bored child of privilege who chose the ~

revolution is brewing

a ~ (against bilingual education)

launched a revolution

he ~ (astronomer looking at X-ray emitters)

kick off the (shortboard) revolution

his board designs helped ~ (surfing)

importance & significance: history

disruption / growth & development: history

revolutionary (person)

separating the charlatans from the revolutionaries

~ is a challenge (Silicon Valley)

♦ "We will make electricity so cheap that only the rich will burn candles."
(Thomas Edison, December, 1879.)

disruption: history / person

revolutionary (adjective)

revolutionary for biology

the discovery of DNA was ~

revolutionary for physics

the discovery of cosmic microwave fluctuations was ~

revolutionary breakthroughs

~ in armor technology (military)

revolutionary toothbrush

brush your teeth in less than 10 seconds with this ~ (ad)

importance & significance: history

disruption / growth & development: history

revolutionize (verb)

revolutionized the (retail drug) business

Mr. Walgreen ~ in the 1950s

revolutionized (medical) care

the CAT scanner ~ throughout the world

revolutionized women's lives

the sewing machine ~ (1870s)

revolutionized forensic anthropology

the body farm ~ (Knoxville, TN)

importance & significance: history / verb

disruption / growth & development: history / verb

revolve (revolve around something)

revolves around Mahomes

the entire offense ~ (injured NFL quarterback)

revolved around heroism

for many tribes, life ~

revolves around the ocean

our life ~ (Perth / Australia)

revolved around the sea

his life ~ (a surfer)

revolved around sports

his childhood ~

revolved around a (church) youth group

her social life ~

revolve around personalities and geography

allegiances ~ (Tuvalu politics)

movement: astronomy

attraction & repulsion / bases / configuration / division & connection / relationship: astronomy / movement / verb

revolving door

revolving door

her romantic life is a ~
it has been a ~ and there's been a lot of turnover (politics)
it was a ~, there was a lot of turnover (a company)

revolving door of the Trump administration
through the ~ goes another high-level departure

revolving door between the DEA and the drug industry
if you take a look at the ~ (regulators become lobbyists)

revolving door between sickness and health
many moved constantly in a ~ (preventive medicine)

revolving door of (national-security) advisors
this has been the ~ (firings, resignations, etc.)

movement: doors & thresholds

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / movement

reward (verb)

reward you with its beauty
whatever the season, the galaxy will ~ (plant)

reward the winners with certificates
we ~ of achievement (class project)

rewards loyalty over excellence
he ~ (president)

reward (or punish) students for their behavior
grades should not ~

rewards (creative) approaches
the competition ~ to... (research)

rewards the (personal) loyalty
the bureaucracy ~ of those at the bottom

reward or punish
grades should not ~ students for their behavior

cost & benefit: money / verb

reward (noun)

reward
I think that the risk is part of the ~ (a climber)

rewards of fish watching
introduce recreational divers to the ~

rewards like money, sex and drugs
the human brain is acutely attuned to ~

rewards for (good) work
high grades are given as ~ (school)

rewards or other kinds of motivation
recognize achievement with ~ (job)

rewards and dangers
developing the Arctic carries ~ for those in the area

cash reward
the new software is delivering ~

unpredictable rewards

~ produce much larger signals in the brain

lion's share of the rewards
they reap the ~

incentives and rewards
improve class climate through ~ (teachers)

perils and rewards
the ~ of the backcountry (Mt. Rainier)

rewards (certainly) justified the effort
the ~ (hiking)

carries rewards
developing the Arctic ~ and dangers

delivering (cash) rewards
the new software is ~

attuned to rewards
the human brain is acutely ~ like money, sex and drugs

♦ Honesty; doing the right thing; learning and education; kindness and helping people and animals... (Things that are their own rewards.)

cost & benefit: money

rewarding

rewarding
the work is very hard but very ~ (nursing assistant)

rewarding experience
it's the most ~ I've ever had (adoption)

rewarding thing
it's the most ~ I've ever done (adoption)

rewarding spiritually
it's very ~ (paragliding / Hawaii)

fun and rewarding
wilderness and travel medicine can be ~

cost & benefit: money

rewind (verb)

rewind
if I could ~ I would (a swatting leads to death of innocent)

rewind this film
you cannot ~ (US withdrawal from Afghanistan)

present & past / reversal / time: film

ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)

Ribbon Creek
we paddled up ~ (Alberta, Canada)

Ribbon Lake
~ is in Alberta, Canada

Ribbon Reef
we scuba-dive on ~ (Queensland, Australia)

Pabst Blue Ribbon
drink ~ and imbibe some American history

proper name: cloth

ribbon (ribbon of moonlight, etc.)

ribbon of moonlight

the road was a ~, across the purple moor...

shape: cloth

rich (rich land, etc.)

rich

the land here is particularly ~

♦ "Better poor with honor than rich with shame." (A point of pride in Kosovo.)

worth & lack of worth: money

rich (plentiful)

rich in (natural) beauty

the Aisén area of Patagonia is ~ (Chile)

rich in minerals

Guinea, a former French colony that is ~

rich in uranium

the north of Niger is ~

rich in protein, iron and calcium

teff, an easily absorbed millet ~ (Ethiopia)

feature-rich

it is not nearly as ~ or versatile (a camera)

fiber-rich

to avoid hemorrhoids, fill up on ~ foods

fossil-rich

at the ~ site in China...

oxygen-rich

fish need ~ water to survive (pollution)

resource-rich

China and India court ~ counties like Nigeria

target-rich

he flew into a ~ environment (combat)

wildlife-rich

the ~ province of Mpumalanga

amount: money

rich (superlative)

rich (maritime) heritage

the New York and New Jersey area has a ~

rich (Jewish) legacy

there is a ~ associated with boxing

rich (basketball) tradition

Philadelphia has a ~

rich, sophisticated and varied

Islamic civilization—~

superlative: money

ricochet (verb)

ricochet

this could ~

movement / reversal: verb / weapon

riddle (noun)

solve the riddle

their objective was to ~ of COVID-19's origin

♦ When I eat I live, when I drink I die. What am I?

♦ What has three heads, eight legs, and two wings? (A Bedouin, on a horse, with a falcon.)

♦ Four in the morning, two in the afternoon, three in the evening.

♦ Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

certainty & uncertainty: speech

riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)

riddled with bullets

his car was ~ (assassinated)

riddled with clichés

the script is ~

riddled with doubt

he was ~ (Ben-Gurion)

riddled with falsehoods

the series was a hatchet job ~ (a documentary)

riddled with flaws

that particular study was ~

riddled with lookouts

the gang-infested neighborhood is ~

riddled with bugs and glitches

the game is ~, and is prone to crashes

♦ *Riddled* is generally followed by something that is negative. The following quote of the actor Peter O'Toole is an exception. Speaking about the actors in the film *Becket*, he said, "The place was riddled with first-class people."

affliction: animal / hole / insect

flaws & lack of flaws: animal / hole / insect

configuration: animal / hole / insect

ride (rough ride, etc.)

ride of my life

this has been the greatest ~ (graduating basketball star)

rollercoaster of a ride

I've had a ~ (rugby player Gareth Thomas)

magic carpet ride

her campaign has become a ~ (Michele Bachmann)

"Magic Carpet Ride"

~ by Steppenwolf

bumpy ride

consumers are in for a ~ this year (customer service)

fantastic ride

we have had a ~ (his team loses in semifinal)
greatest ride
this has been the ~ of my life (graduating sports star)
rough ride
we're in for a ~ (new troops in Iraq)
wild ride
it's going to be a ~ (future events)
his tweets and interviews make for a ~ (President Trump)
easiest of rides
it hasn't been the ~ (a film's release)
take you along for the ride
a start-up that's ready to ~ (job)
♦ It looks like we're in for a wild ride, so hang on. (A Wall Street bear market.)

experience: horse / movement / riding ride (ride on something)

rides on our ability
the future ~ to adapt
rides on terminology
much ~ (diplomacy)
riding on this
a lot of people's jobs are ~ (strike)
hopes are riding
all ~ on their daughter (immigrant family)
dependency / relationship: riding / verb
fictive transportation: riding / verb
ride (ride something to fame, etc.)

rode them to fame
she was the one who ~ (ideas of fat liberation)

fictive transportation: horse / riding / verb

ride out (verb)

ride this thing out
we'll just have to ~ (a hurricane)
rode out the hurricane at home
they ~
ride out his affliction
he chose to ~ (instead of going to the hospital)

rode out the storm
the punch hurt him, but he ~ (boxing)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / riding / verb

rift (division)

rift
a ~ occurred between the radicals (Seattle mosque)
rift between Hamas and Fatah
hopes to end the deepening ~

rifts between blacks and whites
already existing ~ in the South
rifts between the Defense Secretary and the military
~ (US)
rifts (between blacks and whites) in the South
already existing ~
rifts in the city
trying to heal the racial ~ (LA)
rift among Indians
the move created a ~ here (Yakama Nation)
rifts over (America's) strategy
orchestrated leaks from the White House have exposed ~

deepening rift
hopes to end the ~ between Hamas and Fatah
centuries-old rift
a ~ has come to the surface (Egyptians in the US)
racial rift
trying to heal the ~ in the city (Los Angeles)
new school / old school rift
a classic ~ (newer kayaking moves)

exposed rifts
Leaks have ~ over America's strategy

healed the rift
the years have not ~ between Shipa and her family

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

right (right a wrong, etc.)

right our (fiscal) ship
we must ~ (budget)
right this wrong
we must ~
right a (perceived) wrong
seeking to ~ with a firearm
seeking to right
~ a perceived wrong with a firearm

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / orientation / verb

right (bragging rights)

claim bragging rights
Putin's eagerness to ~ is justified (hypersonic missiles)

competition: sports & games

righted

righted
finally, a terrible wrong is being ~ (miscarriage of justice)
amelioration & renewal: boat
equilibrium & stability: boat

right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)

right-hand man

he was Mubarak's ~ for decades

importance & significance: hand / position

rigid (constraint)

rigid (religious) beliefs

he has ~

rigid doctrine

the group does not have a ~

rigid hierarchy

teachers should avoid establishing a ~ of groups

rigid routine

inside, life followed a ~ (a factory)

rigid rules

he has relaxed some ~ (coach)

rigid (production) schedule

workers must deal with ~s

rigid versus a flexible

commanders must weigh the benefits of a ~ plan

rigid and omnipotent

its caste dynamics were ~

rigid and puritanical

Wahhabism, the ~ strain of Islam

ideologically rigid

our political leaders are too ~

less rigid

the Berbers practice a ~ form of Islam today

ability & lack of ability / constraint & lack of constraint:

materials & substances / movement

rigid (character)

rigid

she was not ~, and her views evolved (Ann Landers)
we are not being so ~ as saying that is the only option
don't be ~, stay aware of your environment (military)

rigid in his beliefs

his parents claim he is not ~ (religion)

rigid or extremist

his parents say he is not ~ in his beliefs

ability & lack of ability / character & personality: materials & substances / movement

ring (ring false, etc.)

rang false

her story ~

rang hollow

his apology ~ (insincere)

ring true

his stinging accusations about EU institutions ~

rings true

his story ~

the message ~ 75 years later (It's a Wonderful Life)

perception, perspective & point of view: sound / verb

ring (ring of truth, etc.)

ring of truth

his words had the ~ (murder trial)

it doesn't have the ~ (an FBI report)

magical ring

those three letters have a ~ (BBC)

'Vichyssoise' still has a ~ to it (for a chef)

successful ring

it had a ~ (a boxer's boxing name for himself)

perception, perspective & point of view: sound

ring (kiss the ring)

kiss the ring to get there

he had to ~ (a Supreme Court justice)

allegiance, support & betrayal: Middle Ages / religion

ringed (circled)

ringed by sand flats

Rabbit Key, a small mangrove hummock ~ (Florida)

ringed by barbed wire

the area is ~ (military post)

ringed by mountains of garbage

neighborhoods here are ~ (Luanda)

ringed seal

the ~ is a chief prey of the polar bear (Arctic)

♦ Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, striped, and even spectacled!

configuration: shape

ring in (the New Year, etc.)

ring in the Year of the Pig

next month, China will ~

rung in some huge changes

the past 10 years have ~ for television

ringing out 2019 and ringing in the New Year

today we are ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: bell / sound / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / inauguration / starting, going, continuing & ending: bell / sound / verb

ringmaster (role)

ringmaster of the (daily) news briefings

he was the ~ (government public-affairs news briefer)

ringmaster of loyalty investigations

he was the ~ (Joe McCarthy)

role of the ringmaster

he is playing the ~ (a crusader and media personality)

turned himself from spectator to ringmaster

he artfully ~ and took control (a mayor)

directing: circus / person

performance: person

person: circus

ring out (the New Year, etc.)

ringing out 2019 and ringing in the New Year
today we are ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: bell / sound / verb

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / starting,
going, continuing & ending: bell / sound / verb**

ring out (voice)

voice rang out

her ~ with an accusation

speech: bell / sound / verb

ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)

shot rang out

suddenly, a ~ and a bullet fired from the house struck...

sound: bell / verb

riot (run riot)

ran riot

they ~ in a 5-0 win (a soccer match)

ran riot at St Mary's

Leicester ~ to win (a soccer match)

ran riot around the streets

he ~ of Holytown as a young lad (Chris Bungard)

mind ran riot

his busy ~ after his success (a troubled boxer)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: crime

riot (other)

Riot Girls

~ offers no-holds-barred dramas (BBC Radio 4)

~ offers provocative writing by women (BBC Radio 4)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: crime

riot (riot of color, etc.)

riot of wildflowers

spring covers the Rocky Mountains in a ~

riot of life and colour

Southern Africa is a ~ (ocean currents)

resemblance: crime

ripe (adjective)

ripe

the time is ~ to sit down with the Chinese

ripe for a (large) fire

conditions are ~ (dead trees)

ripe for cultivation

the colonists found meadows ~

ripe for rebellion

the city is ~ (Basra)

seemed ripe

the time ~ for a fresh attempt (scientific ballooning)

made conditions ripe

the fronts and temperatures ~ for tornadoes

**growth & development / timeliness & lack of timeliness:
fruits & vegetables / plant**

ripple (verb)

ripple out

all sorts of abuses ~ (from dogfighting)

rippled westward

the tradition may have ~ with the Scythians (art)

rippled through the system

United's flaws ~ (plane transportation)

rippled through Hollywood

a groundswell of cases like hers ~ (MeToo)

rippled through every industry

the effects of the movement have ~ (MeToo)

rippled around the ground

a sense of foreboding ~ (a soccer game)

transmission: verb / water

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water / wave

ripple (ripple effect)

ripple effects

the ~ have affected river access (kayaking fatalities)

ripple effects in all directions

Kazakhstan's policies have caused ~

have ripple effects

weather delays ~ (air transportation)

adds to the ripple effect

every new infection ~ (AIDS epidemic)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water / wave

ripple (noun)

ripples

delays can have ~ thousands of miles away (planes)

ripple on the economy

that move, in turn, has had a ~

ripples of Columbine
what were the ~

ripples of the shutdown
travelers everywhere felt the ~ (airport)

ripple in the atmosphere
the smallest changes can have a ~ (tornadoes)

ripples from the drownings
the ~ have affected river access (kayaking)

political ripple
the existence of child workers has made barely a ~ here

barely a ripple
the existence of child workers has made ~

ripples could extend
the ~ beyond the industry (tainted beef)

made (barely) a ripple
the existence of child workers has ~ here

sending ripples through colleges
the changes are ~

♦ “Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence...” (*Nature, Chapter 4 (Language)*, by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)

♦ “The pebble had been dropped in that water and it started rippling out in waves that nobody could finally control, least of all Timothy Leary.” (“Turn On, Tune In, Drop Out and LSD.”)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water / wave

rip through (verb)

ripped through the community
the virus has ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

rise (prices rise, etc.)

rose 20 percent
prices ~

increase & decrease: direction / number / verb

rise (increase / noun)

rise in popularity
the meteoric ~ of the word “bae” (2014)

increase & decrease: direction

rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)

rising to the challenge
we are ~

rise to the occasion
can they ~

rose to the occasion
he ~ like freshly baked dough

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / height / verb

rise (rise above something)

rose above party politics
he was a towering figure who ~ (a politician)

behavior: direction / height / verb

rise (rise and fall / verb)

rise and fall on the believability
the case will ~ of the accusations (rape)

fate, fortune & chance: direction / height / verb

success & failure: direction / height / verb

rise (rise and fall / noun)

rise and fall of a business colossus
the ~ (Carlos Ghosn)

rise and fall of Dollar General’s predecessors
the ~ (five and dimes, etc.)

rise and (sudden) downfall

her ~ captured the nation’s imagination (Theranos trial)

Rise, Fall, and Return

The ~ of Michigan Football (John U. Bacon)

rise, fall, and rise again

his ~ may have seen a final chapter (a boxer)

growth & development: direction / height

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

rise (resist)

rose in revolt
the people ~

rise up

no one knows if the people will ~
people who ~ often get killed (rebellion)

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

rise (on the rise)

on the rise
feed prices are ~ (drought effect on herds of animals)

on the rise in Tajikistan
Islam is ~

growth & development: direction / height

increase & decrease: direction / height

rise (rise of agriculture, etc.)

rise of the Roman Empire
with the decline of Greece and the ~...

rise of Buddhism

with the ~ the study of anatomy was prohibited

rise of Christianity and Islam
the practice predates the ~ (FGM)

rise of China
if you are worried about the ~

rise of agriculture
his hypothesis suggests that the ~ led to...

rise of feminism
this period witnessed the ~

rise of podcasts
the popularity of audiobooks coincides with the ~

growth & development: direction / height
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

rise (achievement)

meteoric rise
she had a ~ and a heartbreak fall (Whitney Houston)

on the rise
he has been ~ (a politician)
his profile was ~ (Detroit's Kwame Kilpatrick)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height

rise (achieve)

rise in the company
he was anxious to ~ (workplace sociopath)

rose to fame
he ~ in 1973 (Ahmed Zaki Yamani)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / verb

rising (rising star, etc.)

rising star
she is a ~ (a singer)
~ Poeti Norac has died (the French surfer)
she was named a ~ (cinematographer Halyna Hutchins)

rising star in the (Lincoln) firmament
General Grant was a ~

rising star in the Democratic Party
he was considered a ~ (Stockton California mayor)

rising star in Democratic politics
Joe Neguse has been considered a ~

rising star in the (progressive) ranks
Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is the ~

achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / direction / height / star

rising (upcoming)

rising generation
young women were part of this ~ (CIA post 9/11)

rising politician
reaction to the riots lifted a ~ named Ronald Reagan

rising right
the ~ in Europe (populism)

rising senior
she's a ~ on the UCLA gymnastics team

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

rite (rite of passage)

rite of passage
it's kind of a ~

wild rite of passage
Las Vegas becomes a ~ for new 21-year-olds (booze)

growth & development: journeys & trips / religion

ritual (noun)

ritual of (village) life
in a ~

rituals and routines
many people have ~ before bedtime (nursing)

concert ritual
~s include "body surfing"

bedtime ritual
follow a nightly ~ (bath, pajamas, story, bed) (kids)

springtime ritual
drinking sap from the maple tree is a ~ (S. Korea)

pre-spring-break ritual
what became a ~ (females diet / eating disorders)

fraternity drinking ritual
his son had taken part in a ~ (died)

personal finance ritual
recording checks is a ~

hazing ritual
it was a ~ (training)
Yale has strict policies barring ~s (fraternities)
~s pushed too far (high school)

mating ritual
cicadas engage in a frenetic ~

annual ritual
the summer sojourn is an ~ (Germans visit Mallorca)

bizarre rituals
elaborate and sometimes ~ (OCD)

nightly (bedtime) ritual
follow a ~ (bath, books, and bed) (toddlers)

superstitious ritual
~s such as wearing the same shirt (sports)

wacky (bedtime) ritual
you learn who's got ~s (sharing a room)

yearly ritual

the start of the ~ (Cancun spring break)

bedtime ritual

follow a nightly ~ (bath, pajamas, story, bed) (kids)
you learn who's got wacky ~s (sharing a room)

follow a (nightly bedtime) ritual

~ (bath, books, and bed) (toddlers)

stop the ritual

colleges have tried various tactics to ~ (alcohol)

engage in a (frenetic) mating ritual

cicadas ~

taken part in a (fraternity drinking) ritual

his son had ~ (died)

♦ "Reading about Larry's exploits in the *Boston Harold* had become a happy ritual." (Larry Bird, the great NBA player and Hoosier from French Lick, Indiana.)

behavior: religion

river (resemblance)

river of (yellow taxi) cabs
a ~ ebbed and flowed down Broadway and 7th Ave

River of Grass

the ~ that is the Everglades (Florida)
the Florida Everglades, the so-called ~
the subtle, sodden grandeur of the so-called ~

river of (high-altitude) air

the jet stream, a speeding ~, veered far south

river of ice

the glacier is broad and grand, like the ~ it is

river of lava

sending out plumes of ash and three ~s (volcano)
the volcano sent 200-foot-wide ~ through the town

river of wind

that ~, called the jet stream

lava river

the ~ seemed to have widened (Fagradsalsfjall)

atmospheric river

the Pineapple Express is an ~
you can see the ~ on the satellite here (weather report)

♦ "The city is in my blood, the ruins of its palaces, the mosques and the river." (An Iraqi, speaking of Baghdad.)

resemblance: river

river (river of hogs, etc.)

river of hogs

this annual migration, this "great ~" (Buncombe Turnpike)

iron river

the ~ refers to the flow of guns from the US into Mexico

♦ "...[B]ehind all this [violence] was constantly present to our eyes and mind the scene of a great stream, a procession, so to speak of human souls on their way to eternity." (*Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby. The Civil War.)

amount & effect: river / water

movement: river / water

river (sell somebody down the river)

stab us in the back or sell us down the river
he might ~ (lack of trust)

allegiance, support & betrayal: history / river / verb

riveted

riveted in the (public) imagination
Brandi Chastain is forever ~

riveted on the drama

the nation's attention is ~ unfolding in Washington

keep you riveted

this twisty crime thriller will ~ (*No Sudden Move*)

attachment: tools & technology

riviera (Riviera of the Midwest, etc.)

Riviera of the Midwest

St. Joseph, Michigan, on the "the ~"

Caucasian Riviera

Sochi is on the ~ (Russia)

Irish Riviera

the South Shore, referred to as the "~~" (south of Boston)
Scituate, on the "~~," was a center of the mousing industry

♦ The Wikipedia entry for this word has a nice list of various *rivieras* around the world but does not yet include Michigan's "the Riviera of the Midwest," famous for the city of St. Joseph, fondly referred to as Saint Joe.

geography: epithet

road (turn in the road, etc.)

turn in a (troubled) road

it was one more ~ (personal problems)

development / direction: journeys & trips

road (rules of the road)

rules of the road

we need to have some basic ~ that we can all abide by

constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure

road (road from / to something)

road to recovery

she is well on the ~
the economy is on the bumpy ~

road to riches

other companies saw a different ~ (online education)

road to ruin

a doctor's ~ (addiction)
road to space

the ~ is being built today (Blue Origin's *New Shepard*)

road to the truth

the ~ is still a very long one (slave laborers in Siberia)

road to sin and evil

it blocks the ~ (women and non-mahram males)

road to stardom

the ~ hasn't been a superhighway for her (film actor)

road to the White House

his ~ was paved with discretion and loyalty

road to a fit, fabulous body

the ~ isn't short

road from convert to jihadist

the ~ can be remarkably short (terrorists)

road from research to (finished) product

the ~ is long and costly (drugs)

road (to get) from where we are now to impeachment
there's a long ~

♦ "By the time I discovered love, I was no greenhorn. I knew there were different menus. I knew that there was a motorway and a scenic route, and also unfrequented byways where the foot of man had barely trodden... There were so many different ways." (*A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz.)

course: infrastructure / journeys & trips

route: infrastructure / journeys & trips

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips

road (along / on the road)

along the (long) road of parenting

it'll help you ~ (advice about toddlers)

on the road to fame

they were young, just starting ~

on the road to peace

we're still ~ (Palestinian road map)

the negotiations are an important stepping stone ~ (Sudan)

on the bumpy road to recovery

the economy is ~ to recovery

well on the road

she is ~ to recovery

bumps along the road

there have been a few ~

first step on that road

this is a pretty aggressive ~ (to impeachment)

start on the road to e-riches

all eager to ~ (Internet prospectors)

♦ "We're still on the road to peace, it's just going to be a bumpy road, and I'm not going to get off the road until we reach the vision." (President Bush on Palestinian road map, after suicide bombing.)

course: infrastructure / journeys & trips

road (come down the road / pike)

coming down the pike

so a lot is ~ today

♦ "When you don't know what's coming down the pike, you worry." (A businesswoman, speaking about government regulation.)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

road (road ahead, etc.)

on the road ahead

nobody knows what is ~

long road ahead

there is still a very ~ for Ms Warren (running for presidency)

future / time: direction / journeys & trips

road (down the road, etc.)

down the road

but that's ~, right now, people are still...

this will lead to problems ~

it could be indictable ~ (in the future)

the company hopes to make money ~ (in the future)

thank you both so much for your time, we'll see you ~

easier down the road

it'll make your job ~

few years down the road

we don't want to find out a ~ that... (investigator)

further down the road

they hope for improvement in relations ~ (diplomats)

further down the track

and then, ~, Trump will be waiting (election)

ample time down the road

there will be ~ to allocate responsibility

future / time: direction / distance / journeys & trips

road (down a road before)

down this road before

we have been ~

I can tell you've been ~

down that road before

I've been ~ (exploited by girlfriend)

♦ "We've been around this block before in 2018.

♦ "Been there, done that, this is like, I need to get a perm, right, because we're back in the eighties..." (Christie Donner, a leader of the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition.)

experience: journeys & trips / movement / place

past & present / time: journeys & trips / movement / place

road (go down that road, etc.)

go down that road

let's not ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / eagerness &

reluctance: journeys & trips / movement

road (end of the road)

the end of the road

a defeat does not necessarily mean ~ for Nigeria

the end of the legal road
they are at ~ (Hillsborough tragedy / YNWA)

hit the end of the road
he has ~ (arrested for murder)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

road (long road)

long road
the ~ we have traveled in the U.S. (desegregation)
it's a ~ when you face the world alone (Mariah)
it's been a ~, and sometimes it has been fun (old rocker)

long road of parenting
it'll help you along the ~ (learn to pick your battles)

long road to an uncertain result
investigators face a ~

long road ahead
there is still a very ~ for Ms Warren (running for presidency)

face a long road
investigators ~ to an uncertain result

traveled a long road
we have ~ (desegregation)

help you along the long road
I'll ~ of parenting (learn to pick your battles)

course: journeys & trips

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips

road (tough / easy road, etc.)

bumpy road
the economy is on the ~ to recovery

dangerous road
it seems like a ~ to go down (a social issue)

difficult road
they team slogged a ~ to qualify for the tournament

hard road
it's been a ~ (a victim of abuse)

rough road
President Obama faces a ~ (politics)

safe road
do I take the ~, or do I venture out

tough road
it's been a ~ for everybody

troubled road
it was one more turn in a ~ (personal problems)

bumps along the road
there have been a few ~

bumps in the road
many families encounter ~ to toilet training

stumbles on the road

there have been some ~ to reform
on a road (that)...
~ is paved with leaks, supposition, speculation (enquiry)

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips

road (the high road / the low road)

low road of impeaching people
this ~ for political speech (politics)

taken the high road
he has ~ and refused to respond to the insults

behavior: direction / height

road (fork in the road, etc.)

come to a fork in the road
the countries involved in the Middle East have ~
when things like that happen, you ~

different road
other companies saw a ~ to riches (online education)

similar road
the six countries all followed a ~ (to democracy)

going down that road
I am not ~

going down a road
you are ~ that will be your undoing

take you down the wrong road
it's a question that can ~ (job interview)

♦ "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, / And sorry I could not travel both / And be one traveler..." ("The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost.)

♦ Wikipedia has a very nice entry at "fingerpost." The iconic fingerpost from the beloved US TV show M*A*S*H shows the directions and distances from that little base in Korea to places in the larger world.

alternatives & choices: journeys & trips

road (push something down the road)

pushed down the road
some of the big decisions were ~ (government)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: journeys & trips / verb / walking, running & jumping

road (the Silk Road, etc.)

Silk Road
the ~ was not one route, but a series of routes

Whale Road
early Icelanders referred to the sea as the ~

♦ A BBC link "Canada's 6,000-year-old 'Silk Road' leads to an article entitled "The little-known hiking trail that built Canada" which turns out to be about the Nuxalk-Carrier Grease Trail in British Columbia, which is just 279 miles long!

proper name: journeys & trips

route: epithet

road (road to Damascus)

road to Damascus kind of conversion
this can't be a ~ (Al Sharpton on whites getting black electoral support)

consciousness & awareness: allusion / Bible / journeys & trips / religion

roadblock (noun)

legislative roadblock
the union headed to Albany to set up a ~ (education)

face some roadblocks
we ~ (better relations with China)

hit roadblocks
Baltimore residents ~ in efforts to combat urban blight

thrown up roadblock after roadblock
Texas has ~ for people (mail-in voting)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

roadkill (noun)

a lot of roadkill
there is going to be a ~, but some will succeed (migration)
♦ "The people who come to California are brave, this is a high-risk, high-reward state. There is going to be a lot of road kill, people are going to get hurt, people are going to get steamrollered, but in the end you have some people who are going to succeed..." ("The California Century: From Hollywood to Silicon Valley," BBC, Sounds, 17 June 2020, wonderfully narrated by Stanley Tucci.)

destruction: animal / death & life / infrastructure

road map

road map toward peace
a ~ in the Middle East

road map to cutting
he has a detailed ~ spending (politician)

roadmap for the Internet
the 13 root servers that provided the ~

road map for what
it's a ~ we must do (plan to save coral reefs)

♦ "Two Swedish tourists headed for the Italian resort of Capri misspelled the name in the GPS device and ended up in the industrial town of Capri, 400 miles away, where they were very puzzled by the absence of a beach." (The Week, August 7, 2009.)

script: journeys & trips / map

roar (activity)

roar again
the American economy will ~ (after pandemic)

activity: animal / sound

roar (noun)

roar of the waterfall
he had to shout over the ~

sound: animal

resemblance: sound

roar back (verb)

roar back
the job market is starting to ~
usually within a year or two, the disease would ~
it can fade away and then ~ (grief)
but the economy isn't going to ~, it'll be a slog...

roar back in the primaries
he did ~ (a politician)

roared back from (Chapter II) bankruptcy
the company has ~

roar back to life
the winds are expected to ~ by Tuesday (wildfires)
if they would do this, our economy would ~

roar back with a vengeance
inflation will ~ unless...

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / force: animal / sound / verb

roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)

bring manufacturing roaring back
he promised to ~ (politics)

came roaring back
sales ~ in the third quarter (cars)

come roaring back
it could ~ (coronavirus)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / force: animal / sound

Roaring Twenties

Roaring Twenties-type
there could definitely be a ~ deal post-COVID (spending)

behavior / time: history

roast (verb)

roasted the president
she ~ (White House Correspondents' Dinner)

speech: cooking / fire / verb

rob (verb)

rob the winds of their moisture
the uplands ~ (valley in rain shadow)

robbed me of my health and vitality
he ~ (a sex abuser)

robbed me of that justice
his death has ~

robbed me of my youth, innocence, and self-worth
he ~ (seduced by older man)

taking & removing: crime / verb

robbed

robbed of our child
we were ~ (murdered)

taking & removing: crime

robbery (noun)

highway robbery
it's an outrage, ~ (boxer gets draw instead of win)

taking & removing: crime

robe (noun)

in her (most exquisite) robes
an aurora is nature ~

appearance / resemblance: clothing & accessories

Robin Hood

Robin Hood in reverse
this is a transfer of wealth, it's ~ (taxes)

Robin Hood figure
in Mexico, some saw him as a ~ ("El Chapo" Guzman)

Robinhood name
the ~ is a household name now (the stock trading app)

Robin Hood reputation
with this began the ~, totally undeserved (bushrangers)

taking & removing: allusion / crime

allusion: books & reading

Robinson Crusoe

Robinson Crusoe winter
a ~ alone in a makeshift hut (Nansen and Johansen)

Arctic Robinson Crusoes

Edible Country diners aren't ~ (Swedish "outdoorsiness")

♦ "Immediately our Pinnace return'd from the shore, and brought abundance of Craw-fish, with a Man cloth'd in Goat-Skins, who look'd wilder than the first Owners of them. He had been on the Island four Years and four Months... His name was Alexander Selkirk a Scotch Man..." (*A Cruising Voyage round the World* by Woodes Rogers.)

♦ In *The Last Place on Earth*, Roland Huntford tells the tragic story of Hjalmar Johansen. After surviving the "Robinson Crusoe winter" with Nansen in the Arctic, he took to drink, separated from his wife and children, resigned from the army, went bankrupt, and became destitute. Nansen, wishing to help his old companion who had saved his life, convinced Amundsen to take Johansen on his expedition, which Amundsen did, against his better judgement. In Antarctica, Johansen rubbed Amundsen the wrong way. The result was that Johansen was left out of the party that went to the South Pole. Back home, Johansen resumed drinking and ended up committing suicide. He was a man who withstood and overcame harshest nature, but not society.

♦ "There was a frailty in the man himself, and the indoor life of human relationships was something that he found difficult." (Sir Ian McKellen on Sir Edmund Hillary, BBC, Great Lives, 04 Aug. 2015.)

isolation & remoteness: island / sea

society: island / sea

allusion: books & reading

robot (noun)

robot

he's not a ~, he's got feelings and emotions
I'm not a ~, I get tired (an athlete)
we are human beings, not ~s (faces racist fan abuse)

robot in (pressure-packed) situations

he's a ~ (a coach)

robot kids

in a world of cookie-cutter ~, he was different

translation robots

wide-ranging ~ require large datasets

consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion & effect / operation: mechanism

robust (adj)

robust

our quality-control systems are ~

robust debate

the controversy has ignited a ~ on Web sites

robust response

the threat of terrorism requires a ~

robust suite

the MQ-9 has a ~ of visual sensors for targeting

robust (testing) system

we need a ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

strength & weakness: health & medicine

condition & status: health & medicine

rock (verb)

rocked the (scientific) community

the earthshaking experiment has ~

rocked the media

the story ~

rocked the (Japanese) sport

the match-rigging scandal has ~ (sumo)

rocked Silicon Valley

the scam ~ (technology fail)

rocked their world

a fertility-clinic mix-up has ~

rocked New York and the country

his resignation was a major surprise that ~ (a politician)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)

Rock of Chickamauga

his legendary status as "the ~" (Gen. George H. Thomas)

epithet: materials & substances

strength & weakness: epithet

rock (support)

rock of a family

Barbara Bush was the ~ dedicated to public service

rock of their family

she was a caring person, the ~ (murdered)

rock of stability

Jordan remained a relative ~ in a terribly rickety region

rock of learning and geniality

he was a solid ~

our rock

she has been ~ (a soccer player)

how strong a rock

~ Elizabeth was to his life and career (Bruce Chatwin's)

bases: ground, terrain & land

rock (rock-solid)

rock-solid

their ~ case began to crumble (murder)

she was a ~ witness (in murder case)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

comparison & contrast: materials & substances

rock (on the rocks)

on the rocks

their relationship is ~

their marriage is ~

Ringwald and James play a couple ~

the ballad describes a romance ~

their relations had been ~ for some time (celebrities)

I think it's ~ (the US-UK relationship)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's future is ~

Manila's relationship with Washington is ~

On the Rocks

~ is a light-hearted romp... (Sofia Coppola film)

~ features a couple living in Manhattan (Sofia Coppola)

♦ "America's Long Love Affair With Beer Is on the Rocks." (*The Wall Street Journal.*)

♦ "At eleven, they saw St. Alban's Head, a mile and a half to the leeward, upon which they took in sail immediately, and let go the small bower anchor, which brought up the ship at a whole cable, and she rode for about an hour, and then drove. They now let go the sheet anchor, and wore away a whole cable; the ship rode about two hours longer when she drove again. / In this situation the captain sent for Mr. Meriton, the chief officer, and asked his opinion concerning the probability of saving their lives. He replied with equal candor and calmness, that he apprehended there was very little hope, as they were then driving fast on shore, and might expect every moment to strike." (The *Halsewell* went on the rocks near Seacombe, on the Isle of Purbeck (a peninsula), South Dorset, in 1786. Rescuers on the cliff above managed to pull seventy-four to safety. One hundred sixty-six perished. From "The Loss of the *Halsewell* East Indiaman," reprinted in *The Tragic History of the Sea* by Anthony Brandt.)

failure, accident & impairment: boat / sea

danger / destruction: boat / sea

rock (between a rock and a hard place)

caught between a rock and a hard place

we have been ~

stuck between a rock and a hard place

I'm ~ (too poor to improve situation)

oppression / situation: ground, terrain & land / pressure / weight

rock (turn over every rock, etc.)

look under every rock

people then were not prepared to ~ (historical sex abuse)

turn over every rock to see

we're going to ~ if... (police investigation)

difficulty, easiness & effort / pursuit, capture & escape / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

rock-bottom (adjective)

rock-bottom

the prices for scuba diving are ~ (Belize)

rock-bottom price

rented at ~s

decline: direction / ground, terrain & land

rocked (disruption)

rocked by the leak

the intelligence community was ~ of classified documents

rocked by the sex scandal

the network was ~ (CBS)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

disruption: equilibrium & stability

rocket (increase)

rocket to 1 billion

the number of passengers is expected to ~ by...

rocketing upward

demand is ~ (for a service)

levels will rocket

sediment ~ (dam removal)

increase & decrease: number

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / rocket / verb

rocket (speed)

rocketed down the slope on his back

he ~ (a climber)

rocketed to fame

she ~ in New York (an actor)

movement / speed: rocket / verb

movement: speed

rocket (resemblance)

fired a rocket past the keeper

a moment later, he ~ (soccer)

resemblance: rocket

Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / war)

“Gibraltar of Africa”

an attack on the ~ (the Cape of Good Hope)

Gibraltar of America

the ~ (Quebec)

“Gibraltar of the West”

Vicksburg, the ~ (state of Mississippi / Civil War)

Gibraltar of the West

Columbus, the ~, is ours...(state of Kentucky)

“Gibraltar of the Western World”

Quebec was then named the ~ (1759)

♦ “After weeks of incessant but minor cannonading, the grand attack was made on the 13th of September, 1782... / By evening the ship cannonade began to slacken; rockets, as signals of distress, were seen soaring into the air, while boats were rowed about the disabled men-of-war, in which our artillery must have made the most dreadful havoc, for, during the short intervals of cessation, a strong, indistinct clamour, the mingled sound of groans, and cries, and shrieks, came floating upward to the ears of the garrison... (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

military: epithet

Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)

my Rock of Gibraltar

Lisa has been ~ (emotional support in a relationship)

allusion: military

allegiance, support & betrayal: epithet

bases / protection & lack of protection / strength & weakness: fortification / military / mountains & hills

rocky (adjective)

rocky

his relationship with his superiors was ~
their season has been ~ (a women's basketball team)

rocky (midterm Congressional) elections

the president faces ~

rocky ending

he had a ~ to his nine years in Pittsburgh (NFL player)

rocky (on-again, off-again) relationship

they've had a ~ (a couple)

rocky start

his NFL career got off to a ~
their bid for an Olympic title is off to a ~ (soccer)

rocky tenure

he had a ~ at the State Department (resigned)

rocky year

it was a ~ for the newspaper (criticism)

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

rod (iron rod, etc.)

rod of iron

they ruled Afghanistan with a ~ (the Taliban)

with an iron rod

in the 1990s the Serbs ruled Kosovo ~

oppression: materials & substances / weapon

rodeo (first rodeo)

her first rodeo

Joan made it clear that this was not ~ (adultery)

his first (debate) rodeo

this won't be ~ (a debate moderator / presidential debate)

my first rodeo

I worked on several viruses, this is not ~ (COVID-19)

our first rodeo

this is not ~, we've been through this before (hurricanes)

experience: animal / horse

rogue (noun)

rogue cells

your immune system identifies those ~ and kills them

rogue pharmacists

corrupt doctors and ~ worked hand in hand (opioids)

rogue (Chinese) scientist

a ~ claims to have edited the DNA of twin girls

gone rogue

he has ~

went rogue

they discussed what to do if she ~ (publicity)

society / control & lack of control: animal

behavior / character & personality: animal

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal

roil (verb)

roiled (Tibetan) areas

ethnic unrest has ~ of China

roiling the markets

what is ~ is the fact that... (international finance)

disruption / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water

role (act)

played the role

he ~ of a loving husband and doting father (a murderer)

performance: theater

role (function or part)

sport's (starring) role

the ~ in the end of apartheid (South African rugby)

played a role

the investigation into his sexting case ~ in the 2016 US presidential election

importance & significance: theater

roll (on a roll)

on a (pretty good) roll

we're ~ now (basketball coach / win streak)

get on a roll

you ~, you get momentum... (winning streak)

started the year on a roll

the radical right ~

flaws & lack of flaws: ball / movement

progress & lack of progress: ball / movement

starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / movement

roll (verb)

start rolling

revolutions often ~ when the army refused to shoot

rolling on

the controversy keeps ~

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / movement / verb

roll (move)

roll across the mountains

some strong thunderstorms ~ (news / weather)

thunderstorms roll

some strong ~ across the mountains (news / weather)

movement: ball / direction / verb

roll (slow-roll)

slow-rolled their requests

opponents claim that he ~ (politics)

constantly slow-rolled

he ~ any sort of military option (politics)

movement: speed

action, inaction & delay: ball / movement / verb

roll back (verb)

roll back policies

he has attempted to ~ to address carbon emissions

roll back the (health-care) reform

politicians want to ~

reversal: ball / mechanism / verb

roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.)

roller-coaster

and you talk about emotion, it's been a ~ (soccer final)

roller-coaster ride

culture shock can be a ~ of emotions

it's a ~, a light scene followed by a dark scene (film)

roller coaster of a career

she had such a ~ (Judy Garland)

roller coaster of ups and downs

he really has been through a ~ (footballer Jamie Vardy)

emotional roller coaster

it's frustrating, an ~

an ~, with many tears and goodbyes (deployment)

Carly is an ~ (drama)

rode an emotional roller coaster

the family ~ for months (daughter kidnapped)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / movement

roller coaster (development)

roller coaster

my life is a ~ and this is a down time

roller-coaster

this is a real ~ (attempts to rescue trapped miners)

roller-coaster ride

it's been a ~ ride for investors

rollercoaster week

it's been an up and down, ~ (impeachment trial)

roller coaster (weight) gains and losses

she has a long history of ~

legal roller coaster

the ~ over stem-cell research...

♦ "Businesses are strapping themselves in for a bumpy ride on the new trade deal rollercoaster." (Brexit.)

movement: direction / sports & games

development / increase & decrease: direction / movement / sports & games

roll in (verb)

rolling in

donations are ~ (after fire at cathedral)

movement: ball / verb

rolling (movement)

rolling end

the war had a rolling start and will have a ~ (Iraq)

rolling start

what commanders have called a ~ to the war (Iraq War)

the war had a ~ and will have a rolling end (Iraq War)

rolling blackouts

another day of ~ (California)

movement: ball

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

roll on (resiliency)

roll on
roll on, soldier

resiliency: journeys & trips / verb

roll out (verb)

roll out (six) new models
Chrysler will soon ~ (automobiles)

rolled out 17 different initiatives
he ~ to reduce gun violence

rolled out a package
the Party ~ of reforms (China / economy)

rolling out new policy
we are not ~ (politics / election)

roll the (new) settings
we are going to ~ this week (Website)

roll out their new shows
each fall the 3 networks would ~ at the same time (TV)

inauguration: mechanism / verb

rollout (noun)

rollout of new features
he is overseeing a ~ to protect users (bullying / Facebook)

inauguration: mechanism

roll over (verb)

roll over
Watford won't ~ (FA Cup final underdogs)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / dog / verb

conflict: animal / dog / verb

romance (noun)

romance with the West
his ~ makes him vulnerable to detractors (leader)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

Romeo and Juliet (epithet)

Romeo and Juliet of the East

Layla and Majnun were the ~ (Lord Byron)

♦ "Grit of Women" by Jack London is one of the greatest love stories ever written.

♦ "One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied." (The beginning of "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry.)

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: epithet

roof (a roof can cave in)

roof has caved in on the team
the ~ (losing)

failure, accident & impairment: house / roof / ruins

destruction: house / roof / ruins

roof (through the roof)

going through the roof
the price is ~

shot through the roof
prices have ~

increase & decrease: number

extent & scope / increase & decrease: direction / flying &
falling / height / house / roof

roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)

roof of the cave
the ~ collapsed

roof of his mouth
he got peanut butter on the ~

orientation: direction / house / roof

roof (Roof of the World, etc.)

Roof of the World
the Pamir mountains, which the natives called "The ~"
Tibet, the ~...

geography: epithet

rookery (noun)

rookery of absconders
the central Pacific became a veritable ~ (escaped convicts)

"rookery" of the poor

East London was a warren of tenements, a ~

♦ A rookery is a breeding colony of animals, of rooks, birds in general, and some other animals like seals, etc.

♦ "In the South Shetlands a single ship would expect to take as many as 9,000 seals in three weeks, and there is a record of two ships and sixty men demolishing 45,000 in one season. And since every pelt was worth a guinea—in some markets like Canton in China very much more—there was every inducement for the slaughter to go on to the bitter end. An end, however, there had to be; and by the eighteen-thirties fur seals in the southern ocean were virtually extinct, and sea-lions and sea-elephants were dying out as well. / The main attack was now diverted to the whales..." (*The Fatal Impact* by Alan Moorehead.)

creation & transformation / growth & development / place:
animal / bird

room (back room, etc.)

back room of the terrorist attack
the ~ was exposed (Charlie Hebdo trial)

back-room deals

private meetings and ~ can pay off

back room deals

enough with the secrecy and ~ ("health care" costs)
she uncovered the ~ struck by Rockefeller (Ida Tarbell)

smoke-filled rooms

the ~ (before the Progressive era / politics)

concealment & lack of concealment: house / society

attention, scrutiny & promotion: house / society

room (inclusivity)

invited into the room

they weren't being ~ to discuss policy (women, etc.)

acceptance & rejection: house

room (wiggle room)

wiggle room

negotiators had very little ~
he then used the only ~ the law allowed him

wiggle room on wages

the MTA has hinted at ~ (negotiations with union)

wiggle room for players

there's no ~ (11-point table-tennis games)

situation: container / ground, terrain & land

constraint & lack of constraint: container / ground, terrain & land

room (war room)

war room

teams can have a ‘~’ to make their selections (NFL draft)

assembling a war room

the White House is ~ as impeachment looms

readiness & preparedness: military

room (space)

room to hide

thick forests and deep gorges offer ample ~ (Caucasus)

room for a dart game

a few pool tables and ~

room for wasted space

no ~ in the apartment

room for 12 coffins

a mausoleum with ~, 20 cremation niches and...

legroom

new seats allow more ~

sea room

a ship with adequate speed and ~

ample room

thick forests and deep gorges offer ~ to hide (Caucasus)

constraint & lack of constraint: space

room (opportunity)

room for advancement

his predecessor left because there was no ~

room for compromise

there is little ~

room for diplomacy

there is ~ here... (UN issue)

room for error

there's no ~

room for improvement

there was ~ in his shooting (basketball)

room for maneuver

how much ~ do you think he has in Brussels (diplomacy)

room for an additional voice

there's ~ (new newspaper)

room for slipups

if you don't allow yourself ~... (dieting)

breathing room

provide ~ to consider the options

the rate increase gives the Postal Service "~~"

we have a little ~ to establish alternative energy sources

the Turks are giving the Saudis a little ~ (to reply)

negotiating room

how much ~ is there on the part of...

allow yourself room

if you don't ~ for slipups... (dieting)

constraint & lack of constraint: space

situation: space

root (at the root)

at the root of his desperate act

the mystery ~

bases: plant / tree

root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)

tearing it out by the roots

it's like we're trimming the branches of the tree when we
should be ~ (drug trafficking in Sinaloa)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree / verb

curtailment / destruction: plant / tree / verb

root (root cause)

root cause

nobody is looking at the ~s...

root causes of the conflict

the accord failed to address the ~ (Darfur)

root causes of jihad

it's not easy to address the ~

root cause of these problems

the ~ ...

root causes of global warming

the burning of coal, oil, and gas is the ~

root cause of Global Dimming

the burning of coal, oil, and gas is the ~

root cause of why
that might be the ~.... (reasons for a disaster)

root causes or common threads
in some places, suicides seem to have ~

bases: plant / tree
analysis, interpretation & explanation: plant / tree
root (root of the problem, etc.)

roots of conflict
the ~ run deep (Sudan)

roots of militancy
the ~ lie in a feeling of intense humiliation

roots of this misery
the ~ are not hard to find (Indian reservations)

root of the problem
once you find out the ~

roots of terrorism
understand and address the ~

roots of the disorder
there is little info about the ~

bases / origin / relationship: plant / tree

root (origin)

roots in Mexico
he is proud of his ~ (son of immigrants)

roots in Virginia
time to research her family ~

roots (deep) in the Jordanian desert
he is of the Beni Hassan tribe, with ~

roots in the (local) culture
he had no ~ (Barak Obama in Hawaii)

NASCAR's (moonshine whiskey) roots
he represented ~ (Junior Johnson)

family's roots
time to research her ~ in Virginia

surfing's roots
I'm stoked to be in Hawaii, back to ~

university's (military-school) roots
the ~

home-town roots
he is stressing his ~ (a Mississippi politician)

military-school roots
the university's ~

reporting roots
it marked a return to his ~ (editor reports on war)

moonshine-running roots
its ~ (NASCAR)

Azeri roots
many Iranians have ~

Catholic roots
the region has never lost its ~ (New Mexico)

Dalit roots
despite his ~, he earned a degree... (Kanshi Ram)

Italian roots
Rico himself has no ~ (mobster)

Jewish roots
he's tried to deny his ~ (politician)

Polynesian roots
he traces the history of surfing back to its ~

Southern roots
as NASCAR grew from its ~ into a national sport

ancient roots
the science of anatomy has ~

biological roots
little info about the ~ of the disorder

humble roots
this learned man from ~ (North Carolina poet laureate)

urban roots
this competition is a tribute to the ~ of street skating

deep historical roots
it's a dispute that has ~ (Greece and Macedonia)

proud of his roots
he is ~ in Mexico... (son of immigrants)

roots run deep
it's a new sport for the Olympics and its ~ (surfing)

deny his (Jewish) roots
he's tried to ~ (politician)

♦ "Our Waters Run Deep, Our Roots Run Deeper."
(WWW.CROWNNSGUAM.COM.)

identity & nature / origin / relationship: plant / tree

root (take root, etc.)

deep roots
child labor retains ~ (west and central Africa)
Catholicism has very ~ in Ireland

firm roots
Christianity failed to set ~ in Japan and China

shallow roots
his success has ~
a sport with ~ in this country (tennis in China)
many residents have ~ in the city (state workers)
Democracy has ~, it's a fragile flower

roots and wings
the only thing you can give your children is ~

take root
but the colony did not ~ (Australia)

taking (commercial) root
the new generation of nanomaterials is ~

took root
cricket ~ during the colonial era of the Raj (Pakistan)

put down roots
many Canadians have ~ in Florida (home-buyers)

set (firm) roots
Christianity failed to ~ in Japan and China

growth & development: plant / tree

survival, persistence & endurance: plant / tree

strength & weakness: plant / tree

root (root server)

root server
organizations responsible for operating the ~s
the ~s serve as a sort of master directory for the Internet
8 or more of the world's 13 ~s must fail before...
the 13 ~s that provided the roadmap for the Internet

root server (m)
at the top of the ~ hierarchy is the "A" root server
the most complex DDOS attack ever against the ~ system

computer: plant

rooted

rooted in authority and integrity
information grounded in science and truth, ~ (*Guardian*)

rooted in (violent) collisions
a sport whose popularity is ~ (NFL / concussion)

deeply rooted
Ethiopia, a country with a ~ Christian identity
fireworks are a ~ tradition in Peru
family deer hunts in November are a ~ tradition

bases: ground, terrain & land / plant / tree

root out (verb)

root out crooked cops
the force must ~

root out corruption
the UN must improve its accountability and ~
he is trying to ~ (a leader)

root out an enemy
the marines are trying to ~ that knows the terrain

root out militants
efforts to ~ inside Egypt

root out (wasteful) spending
we need to ~

root out terrorists
send more troops and ~ (in Iraq)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree / verb
destruction: plant / tree / verb

rope (learn the ropes, etc.)

learning the ropes
she is still ~ (a waiter)

knows the ropes
she ~

experience: boat / rope / sea

rope (at the end of one's rope)

at the (very) end of my rope with him
I think I'm ~ (kid)

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

rope (on the ropes)

on the ropes
many Hawaiian species are ~

got Turkey on the ropes
Italy has ~ now (a soccer game)

survival, persistence & endurance: boxing / rope

rope (velvet rope)

velvet-rope syndrome
he exploited the ~ ("hard to get in" fraud Bernie Madoff)

puts you inside the velvet rope
"membership" ~ (subscriptions)

superiority & inferiority: cloth / materials & substances / rope / sign, signal, symbol

rope in (verb)

rope him in
he stuck to that line no matter how senators tried to ~

control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse / verb

Rorschach (test)

Rorschach test
she is our newest human ~ (Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez)

Rorschach test for people
I think the Black Panthers are a kind of ~ (aid / guns)

living Rorschach test
he is a ~ (Brett Kavanaugh / the Supreme Court)

legal Rorschach
the cases before the Supreme Court are a ~

Rashomon moment meeting a Rorschach test
this was a ~ (3-group confrontation on D.C. Mall)

♦ "We call this case an inkblot. I see what I see, Barb sees what she sees, and you see what you see." (The podcast "Down The Hill: The Delphi Murders," Chapter 7: Madness.)

♦ A group of Kentucky teenagers, a Native American, and black Hebrew Israelites all met by accident on the National Mall in Washington, DC. No, this is not by any means the beginning of a joke. Read "Viral standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler is more complicated than it

first seemed" by Michael E. Miller, *The Washington Post*, Jan 22, 2019. Or "January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation" (Wikipedia).

♦ "For now, observers are left to speculate about what fundamentally drives Kavanaugh... / If Kavanaugh is 'dangerous,' as his critics contend, it's not because he is part of some brazen right-wing conspiracy. It's because he has managed to ascend to the height of American power while remaining, perhaps even to himself, a living Rorschach test." ("Whose side is Kavanaugh on?" by McKay Coppins, *The Atlantic*, June 2021.)

perception, perspective & point of view: allusion / picture **Rosetta Stone**

Rosetta stone for understanding

the article is a ~ Y.A.'s toxic culture (Kat Rosenfield)

psychological Rosetta Stones

people are looking for ~ (to understand alcoholic politician)

♦ "The brilliant victory won by Nelson in the Bay of Aboukir imprisoned the army of France amid the arid sands of Egypt; but, nevertheless, Napoleon led it in 1799 across the desert to Palestine. He took Jaffa by storm, and laid siege to Acre, where, as related, he was repulsed by the British and Turks under Sir Sidney Smith. Subsequent to this, alarming news from France caused him to hurry home and leave his troops in Egypt, when they began to lose heart, about the time our great expedition to that country was projected, with the purpose of driving them out of it." (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant. A French soldier had found the stone, but the British took it from the French by the Capitulation of Alexandria in 1801 as a spoil of victory, which is why it is in the British Museum, and not the Louvre, never mind the Grand Egyptian Museum.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / history

rot (verb)

rotting from the inside

America is ~

rotted away

inside prison one simply ~

left to rot

the working class has been ~ (US)

corruption: food & drink / verb

rot (noun)

rot in (Pakistani) society

the ~ is more poisonous than anyone thought (violence)

rot in the system

Shevardnadze sniffed out the ~ (Georgia)

Rot at the Top

the lead opinion piece was entitled, "The ~" (corruption)

rot and corruption

the moral ~ (of the Republican Party)

moral rot

the silence on the issue is an example of ~

spiritual rot

this ~ (Dr. Cornel West vs. Harvard Divinity School)

personification of the rot

she is the ~ that has sickened the party (politics)

sniffed out the rot

Shevardnadze ~ in the system (Republic of Georgia)

stop the rot

the church needed someone else at the helm to ~ (Catholics)

♦ The fish rots from the head. (A proverb about leaders in organizations, governments, etc.)

corruption: food & drink

rotten (adjective)

rotten

your billing system is ~

rotten in gaming culture

he has become a global symbol for all that is ~ (swatting)

rotten administrator

she's a ~ but a nice person

rotten shape

the job market is in ~

corruption: food & drink

rough (adjective)

rough edges

her policies aim to smooth capitalism's ~

rough flight

it was a ~

rough patches

you go through ~ in your sport that make you want to quit

rough ride

we're in for a ~ (new troops in Iraq)

rough road

President Obama faces a ~ (politics)

rough times

develop better coping skills to get you through ~

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / sensation

roulette (noun)

genetic roulette

we are playing ~ with our agriculture and crops

play roulette

boxers ~ with their brains (Gerald McClellan tragedy)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

round (boxing)

Round One

it's ~ in a prizefight, but the bell hasn't rung yet

round one

this is just ~ (in the budget battle)

15-rounders

it's a long haul, son, it's a ~ (pandemic)

development / time / timeliness & lack of timeliness:

boxing / sports & games

rounded up

rounded up by authorities

they were ~ (opposition figures)

assembling: animal

round up (assemble)

round up groups of black men

RICO was weaponized to ~ (gangs)

rounded up a few things

I've ~ (Cortana internet search)

assembling: animal / verb

route (course)

roundabout route

he had come to painting by a ~

go this route

I'm surprised more people don't ~ (turn down fame)

came (to painting) by a roundabout route

he had ~

course: journeys & trips

rout (defeat / noun)

Biden rout

Sanders assessing campaign after ~

stock rout

Dow falls more than 4% amid coronavirus ~

Old Trafford rout

Spurs embarrassed Manchester United in ~ (1-6)

♦ "Never was a rout and never was a victory more complete!... / Along the whole line of road from Vittoria to the Pyrenees, a distance of one hundred miles, the way was strewn with dead or abandoned horses, dilapidated carriages, clothing of every kind, uniforms, books, rich dresses, laces, veils, gloves, and bonnets torn forth from mails and imperials, by the rude hands of guerillas, cacadores, and peasants; letters, orders, and French bank-notes in bundles, too, lay there. / Many unfortunate women—some of them the wives of officers, and others ladies of the court—barefooted, almost naked, and in the most pitiable condition, were overtaken in wild and solitary places, and most barbarously used and then murdered by the merciless Spaniards." (Vittoria, 1813. *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

rout (defeat / verb)

rout (champions) Arsenal

the Blues scored three times in ten minutes to ~

routed all the experts, pontificators, Arctic authorities

Nansen had ~ by his safe return (Fram)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

routed (defeated)

routed

the Gunners were ~ (Arsenal loses soccer game)

routed in Delhi elections

India's ruling party ~

routed in the state

he got the youth vote even though he was ~ (election)

routed during his first run

he was ~ for governor (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

row (row to hoe)

long row to hoe

it's going to be a ~ (a legal challenge to president)

tough row to hoe

he's got a ~ (a boxing match)

without him, the state will have a ~ (prosecution)

work & duty: farming & agriculture

difficulty, easiness & effort: farming & agriculture

row (row in the same direction, etc.)

row in the same direction

it's better when we ~

unanimity & consensus: boat

row (row back)

rowed back on his comments

he later ~ (unfounded accusations against Russians)

rowed back on most of them

the Academy tried to make changes, but they have ~

rowed back on its promise

the company has ~ to...

reversal: boat / direction

royalty (noun)

basketball royalty

the Lakers are ~ (NBA winners)

boxing royalty

Eubank Jr has ~ in his corner (coach Roy Jones Jr)

Broadway royalty

~, and Outer Banks Royalty (William Ivey Long)

Oscar royalty

the film could make Will Smith ~ (*King Richard*)

US running royalty

Kara Goucher was ~ (medal winner)

Chicago sports royalty

~ (Mike Ditka, Richard Dent, Michael Jordan together)

superlative: royalty

rub (rub somebody the wrong way)

rubbing fans the wrong way

her whining is ~ (an auto racer)

rubbed me the wrong way
what he said ~ (rationalization)

rubbed a lot of people the wrong way
she ~ (a poor woman who married money)

♦ "Robert Bly could rub people the wrong way." (The poet.)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb

rubber stamp (noun)

rubber stamps for (special-interest) groups
we must assure that these forums are not just ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mark

rubble (in the rubble)

In the Rubble

Finding a New Economics ~ (financial earthquake)

destruction: ruins

rubble (other)

financial rubble

regulators sifted through the ~

reduced the country to rubble
they have ~ (Somalia)

sift through the (political) rubble

both sides will be left to ~ (impeachment trial)

destruction: ruins

Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)

Rubicon moment

this was my ~

digital Rubicon

I had remained on the near shore of a ~ (smart compose)

political Rubicon

impeachment crosses ~ with House vote

crossed my Rubicon

finally I ~ (author uses Smart Compose)

crossed that Rubicon

and so we ~ (journalist passes info to police)

♦ The Roman Tribune named Curio encouraged Caesar to cross the Rubicon, saying, "A man prepared is a man hurt by delay." Because he "settled Caesar's doubts that day" Dante put Curio in Circle Eight of hell, as a sower of discord. "Ah, how wretched Curio seemed to me / with a bloody stump in his throat in place of the tongue / which once had dared to speak so recklessly!" (John Ciardi's wonderful translation of the *Inferno*.)

commitment & determination / fate, fortune & chance:
allusion / history / journeys & trips / river

rub off on (verb)

rubs off on the (local) host
the factory refutes the idea that foreign technology ~

rubbing off on you

I guess living with me is ~ a little (father / son)

rub off on Vanessa

I hope some of her will ~ (better behavior)

transmission: rubbing & washing / verb

rudderless

rudderless in the gathering storm
the hospital is ~ (deficits)

seemed rudderless

an isolated political class that has ~, even helpless

control & lack of control / direction: boat

ruffled (feathers)

appeared ruffled

he rarely ~ (a diplomat)

appearance / disruption: animal / bird

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird

rug (under the rug)

shoved under the rug

most of the details were quickly ~ (an investigation)

sweeping their mess under the rug

politicians are ~ (Greta Thunberg)

swept under the rug

the whole affair will be ~

♦ "They sweep their mess under the rug and ask children to clean up for them." (Greta Thunberg, climate-change activist.)

♦ see also *carpet (under the carpet, etc.)*

concealment & lack of concealment: carpets & rugs

rug (pull the rug out)

pulled the rug out from under him

the White House ~ (failed to support him)

allegiance, support & betrayal: carpets & rugs / verb

rugged (as noun)

return to rugged

~, the all-new 2-22 Nissan Pathfinder (advertisement)

character & personality: part of speech

Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.)

Ruhr Valley

Hebei Province, China's new ~ (steel)

♦ "Magnitogorsk was the U.S.S.R.'s answer to Pittsburgh."

comparison & contrast: epithet

ruin (verb)

ruined our country with corruption

they have ~ (president and his family)

ruined me professionally

the accusations ~
ruined the INS
 decades of that civil-service mentality have ~
ruined the careers
 the Greenville has ~ of two captains (nuclear sub)
ruin (Bruce's) career
 he essentially tried to ~ (scientists)
ruins the ceremony
 letting white guys or non-Indians in ~
ruin it
 if you overcook kangaroo meat, you ~
ruins kidneys
 life support ~, it ruins brains, it ruins all the organs
ruins (people's) lives
 crystal meth ~ (a cop)
ruined my life
 he ~ and a lot of girls' live (rich pedophile)
ruined his (medical) practice
 the H.M.O.s have ~
ruin his (company's) reputation
 he was determined not to let the hackers ~
ruin the (tourist) trade
 crime could ~
ruins the catalytic converters
 high-sulfur fuel quickly ~ (sour crude)
tried to ruin
 he essentially ~ Bruce's career (scientists)
quickly ruins
 high-sulfur fuel ~ the catalytic converters (sour crude)
endanger or ruin
 I hope this doesn't ~ your career
destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb
ruin (financial ruin, etc.)
financial ruin
 he faced ~
facing (financial) ruin
 they are in crushing debt and ~
destruction: infrastructure / ruins
ruin (in ruins, etc.)
ruins of their (silly) theory
 they had to sit sullenly amid the ~
in ruins
 my life is ~
economy is in ruins
 the rural ~ (Buryatia)

lay in ruins
 his reputation ~ (a beaten general)
left his life in ruins
 his alcoholism ~
♦ "The timeless allure of ruins" by Paul Cooper (BBC Culture, 16 January 2018) is an article about our fascination with ruins, with artwork.

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

ruin (road to ruin)

doctor's road to ruin
 a ~ (addiction)

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

ruined

ruined by the greed
 the land was ~ of strip-mining

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

rule (verb)

rule
 science is going to ~ (public health decisions / pandemic)

control & lack of control: royalty / verb

ruled

ruled by vice
 my soul was ~

control & lack of control: royalty

rumble (verb)

ready to rumble
 the other Democrats are ~ (political debate)

♦ The boxing announcer Michael Buffer is associated with the catchphrase, "Let's get ready to rumble!" He has been paid up to one million dollars to say it. According to the Internet, he copyrighted the phrase in 1992 and has received \$400 million from others using it at sporting events. "One of the things I really love about my job is enthusiasm," he has said. To quote Don King, "Only in America!"

conflict: boxing / sports & games / verb

run (a road can run, etc.)

runs through the (An Nafud) desert
 the route ~

♦ Run is extremely polysemous, as explained in "A Verb for Our Frantic Times" by Simon Winchester, *The New York Times*, May 28, 2011. And Winchester himself can be heard speaking at "Has 'Run' Run Amok? It Has 645 Meanings... So Far," NPR, Talk of the Nation, May 30, 2011.

fictive motion: verb / walking, running & jumping

run (run deep / high / strong)

run (especially) deep
 fears of Moscow ~ in Poland (2009)

runs deep
 Wright's admiration for the marines ~ (correspondent)
 the sense of allegiance to the Catholic Church ~ (city)
 resentment of the US ~ (Arabs)

♦ In the wonderful film "Coal Miner's Daughter" there is a funny scene. Doolittle asks Mr. Ted Webb for his daughter Loretta's hand in marriage. Mr. Web tells him to ask his wife, Clara. Clara tells him to ask Ted. Loretta, who has been waiting expectantly, stops Doolittle on his way back to her father and asks him what is going on. Doolittle explains, and Loretta advises him to wait until Ted and Clara are both in bed, and he can catch them together. And that is just what Doolittle does.

progress & lack of progress: direction

runaway (control)

runaway consumerism

some criticized the long lines as a sign of ~ (Ikea)

runaway cycle

events in the Arctic could lead to a ~ of melting

runaway debt

we have to stop ~ (ad for a politician)

runaway rhetoric

we must tone down this ~

runaway success

the ~ of the building

the Ford Model T was a ~ (1908-1927)

runaway spending

the country is headed off a fiscal cliff of ~

control & lack of control: animal / horse / walking, running & jumping

run away (verb)

run away on us

we must not let the virus ~ again (Jacinda Ardern / COVID)

♦ "Beyond Yasothon, past Mahachanachai, outside of Village Number 3, a water buffalo had somehow slipped the tyranny of its nose-ring and coursed along the embankment above the green rice paddies like a black torpedo."

control & lack of control: verb / walking, running & jumping

rung (on the bottom rung)

on the bottom rung

child molesters are ~ (prison)

informants are ~ (prison)

hierarchy: ladder

rung (bottom rung)

bottom-rung job

she landed a ~ there (TV station)

bottom-rung workers

~ in plants, in warehouses, behind counters

hierarchy: ladder

rung (other)

rung of the hierarchy

trappers occupy the most basic and brutal ~ (fur trade)

rungs of power

he worked his way up the ~ (government)

rungs of the (Hindu) caste hierarchy

those on the lowest ~

rung below the main circuit

the Challenger Tour is a ~ (men's tennis)

rung on the ladder

it was the pioneers who occupied the highest ~ of prestige

rung on the (corporate) ladder

their ~

ladder's (lowest) rung

the socioeconomic ~

bottom rung

child molesters and informants are on the ~ (prison)

bottom-rung (m)

she landed a ~ job there (at a TV station)

highest rung

free speech occupies the ~ of First Amendment values

they occupied the ~ on the ladder of prestige

lowest rung

the socioeconomic ladder's ~

hierarchy: ladder

running (continuing)

long-running argument

a ~ about what it means to...

long-running battle

the ~ over the rights of...

long-running competition

their ~

long running conflict

settles a ~ that went to arbitration (business)

bitter and long-running (m)

the bloody culmination of a ~ feud (cop / citizen)

time: distance / movement / walking, running & jumping

starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: walking, running & jumping

run-of-the-mill

run-of-the-mill offence

the incident is not a ~ (cheating scandal at West Point)

run-of-the-mill politician

your ~

run-of-the-mill sinner

people will realize that he was just another ~

worth & lack of worth: manufacturing

run out (of time)

see *time (run out of time)*

run out (of gas, etc.)

running out of excuses

I'm ~ that sound plausible

ran out of gas

he ~ (a losing boxer)

run out of ideas

we've ~

running out of patience

Iraqis are ~ with foreign fighters

luck (finally) ran out

their ~ (football team loses)

luck is running out

I feel my ~ (Marine killed in Falluja)

patience is running out

my ~

consumption: walking, running & jumping / verb

run out (of town, etc.)

run out of town

he survived but was ~ (Black newspaper editor)

♦ In the old days, a person might have been run out of town on a rail, after having been tarred and feathered.

dismissal, removal & resignation / oppression: walking, running & jumping

run over (verb)

run over you

if you aren't dominating, they're going to ~ (protestors)
don't let anybody ~ (mother's advice to daughter)

let them run over you

either you curl up and ~ or you defend yourself (protesting)

destruction: tools & technology / verb

force: tools & technology / verb

run over (get run over, etc.)

run over like this

we will not be ~ (Alaska, by the federal government)

get run over

if law enforcement isn't computer-wise, it will ~

got run over by Wall Street Bets

Melvin Capital ~ (the Robinhood affair)

get run over by that

jazz is male-dominated and I think a lot of females ~

destruction: tools & technology

force: tools & technology

rupture (noun)

bridge the rupture

US diplomats are trying to ~ (Middle East)

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism

division & connection: mechanism

rush (rush to judgment)

rush to judgment

we contended there had been a ~ (defense lawyer)

we don't need a ~ (national-security lapse)

we ask only that people not ~ (a lawyer)

fell victim to a rush to judgment

she ~ by police following the murder

haste: justice

rush (oil rush, etc.)

oil rush

the discovery well set off an ~ (East Texas 1903)

activity / haste: movement

Russian roulette

play Russian roulette with my livelihood

I can't afford to ~

playing Russian roulette with your lives

you are ~ if you get critically ill abroad (poor care)

fate, fortune & chance: weapon

rust (functioning)

rust

at age 38, the ~ caught up with him against... (boxing)

ring rust

Tyson had ~ after long layoff (the great boxer)

he showed considerable ~ (boxer after a layoff)

flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: chemistry

rust (resemblance)

wheat rust

a fungus causes ~

the disease, ~, caused famines in the past

in the 1950s, ~ devastated crops in North America

resemblance: chemistry

rusty (adjective)

rusty

his skills are ~

ring rusty

I was a bit ~, I haven't boxed in a year

a little rusty

after a winter's layoff, every kayaker is ~

flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: chemistry

rut (in a rut)

in a rut

we are ~ and spinning our wheels (financial reform)

stuck in a rut

he is ~, unable to move forward

**obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
ground, terrain & land / movement**

ruthless (sun, etc.)

ruthless

the calculus behind people trafficking is ~
the katabatic winds off the glacier can be ~ (very cold)

ruthless deadlines

every day brings ~ (an independent contractor)

Ruthless Sun

Beneath a ~ (a book by Gilbert King)

empathy & lack of empathy: animal

S

saber rattling

calculated saber rattling

it's not the drum beat of war, it is ~

just sabre rattling

is this a serious threat or ~ (military intervention)

message: military / sound / sword

sabotage (verb)

sabotage what

are you trying to ~ we are doing here

sabotaged his (attempted) reforms

conservatives ~ (politics)

destruction / disruption: military / verb

sabotage (noun)

sabotage of the conversation

what he said was deliberate ~

self-sabotage

his talent, intelligence and gift for ~ (Val Kilmer)

digital sabotage

it's been a summer of ~, hype houses, conspiracy theories

destruction / disruption: military

sabotaged

sabotaged by subzero temperatures

our efforts to force the route were ~ (climbing)

destruction / disruption: military

saboteur (person)

kind of saboteur

he was a ~, he undermined the policy of public health

destruction / disruption / person: military

saccharine (adjective)

saccharine propaganda

Green Book's ~ (Academy Award winning film)

feeling, emotion & effect: taste

consumption: taste

sacred (adjective)

sacred to Democrats

it is a program ~ (low-income heating assistance)

sacred to Cubs fans

the statue is ~

sacred to a newspaper

there is nothing more ~ than its credibility

sacred to you

maybe it's ~, but it's not sacred to me (US anthem)

sad and sacred

it is a place ~ to many Americans (New York 9/11 site)

importance & significance: religion

sacred cow

sacred cows of the (Israeli) economy

the defense and high-tech industries are the two ~

sacred cow of (farming) subsidies

many countries are afraid to touch the ~

Victorian sacred cows

his mordant wit and irreverence for ~ (Lytton Strachey)

sacred cows are slaughtered

some ~ on the way (educational theory)

destroy the "sacred cow"

I am not out to ~ of the Kennedy presidency (filmmaker)

**idea / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal /
cows & cattle / religion**

sacrifice (give up something)

sacrifice his career on such a remote altar

no respectable clergyman would ~ (Norfolk Island)

sacrificed free speech to political correctness

the university has ~

sacrificed everything for me

he ~ and the team (Tour de France)

sacrificed himself for the sake of the team

he ~ (professional foul / soccer)

sacrifice for success

boomers are generally willing to ~ (careers)

sacrificed his dream

he ~ of attending college to help finance...

sacrificed his life

he ~ by throwing himself directly onto the grenade

sacrificed their lives
the Rangers who ~ (Roberts Ridge)

sacrifice themselves
thousands will come after us, ready to ~ (terrorists)

sacrifice their personal lives
they don't want to ~ (for a career)

ready to sacrifice
thousands will come after us, ~ themselves (terrorists)

willing to sacrifice
each one of us is ~ himself for... (suicide terrorist)

sacrifice: religion / verb

sacrifice (noun)

financial sacrifice
it takes a ~ to get through the training (nursing)

sacrifice: religion

sacrilegious (adjective)

sacrilegious to suggest
maybe it's ~, but...

sacrilegious for women to smoke
it was once ~ cigarettes

sacrilegious about making
there is nothing ~ a sequel (film)

offensive or sacrilegious
do you worry about being ~

being sacrilegious
I hope I'm not ~ in suggesting that...

considered sacrilegious
athletes who bet on games are ~

felt sacrilegious
it ~ to hear my brother say those words

seemed sacrilegious
it ~ to visit Oxford and not visit Faulkner's house

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

sad (as noun)

sad
the ~ I get from being with you (vs. without you)

feeling, emotion & effect: part of speech

saddle (shape)

saddle between the peaks
he climbed the ~

below the saddle
right side of that peak, right ~ (a sniper speaking)

shape: horse

saddle (acting saddle, etc.)

acting saddle
she got right back in the ~ (after college)

role: horse

saddle (oppress)

saddled him with (derogatory) nicknames
his opponents have ~ (a politician)

saddled America with (high) unemployment
the stimulus merely ~ and more debt

♦ A devious horse, resistant to being saddled and ridden, will fill his lungs with air as the cinch strap is tightened. If this behavior is not taken into account, the saddle will slide off the horse's back, depositing the rider on the ground.

oppression: horse / verb / weight

saddle (Saddle Island, etc.)

Saddle Island
we visited ~ (Yemen)

Saddle Mountain
~ is in Queensland, Australia

Sansan saddle
~ is a double-topped hill, 195 feet high... (China)

proper name: horse

saddle (saddle up)

saddle up
let's ~ (get ready and go)

starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / verb

saddle (in the saddle)

back in the saddle
NATO is ~ (Libya)
he is ~ running Breitbart News (after political job)

firmly in the saddle
president Arroyo is now ~ (following plots against her)
the Scottish Nationalists seem ~
he is ~ as IPL chairman for the next 5 years (cricket)

control & lack of control: horse

saddle (get back in the saddle)

get back in the saddle
if you fall off a horse, pick yourself up and ~

resiliency: animal / horse / verb

saddle (a burr in the saddle)

burr in the saddle of the company
the controversy is a ~

♦ "Maybe learning what happened to the famous old weaving would remove that tickling burr under his saddle, if that figure of speech worked in this case." (*The Shape Shifter* by Tony Hillerman.)

affliction: horse / sensation

saddle (support)

in their saddles
the boilers began to work loose ~ (ship in typhoon)

configuration: horse

saddled

saddled in debt
I was ~

saddled with responsibility
the government did not want to be ~

oppression: horse / weight

safety net

safety net
the ~ has become a hammock (dependency)
the poor don't need a ~, they need a trampoline

safety net for (troubled) students
gaps in the ~ (suicides at college)

safety net for the poor and uninsured
the hospital was a ~ (closed)

safety-net rescue
a medical hospital is a ~ for them (anorexia)

social safety net
he dismantled the ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

gaps in the safety net
~ for troubled students (suicides at college)

dismantled the (social) safety net
he ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

weaken, repair, or strengthen the social safety net
we can ~, or leave it alone (politics)

protection & lack of protection: circus

sag (verb)

sag
morale in some parts of the office has begun to ~

sags
a lot is a good time, but too much still ~ (play review)

sags a little bit
the first half of the movie ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction / verb
flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness: direction / materials & substances / verb

saga (noun)

saga
there is continuing public interest in his ~ (a boxer)
saga of Antonio Brown
the surreal ~ is not slowing down (troubled NFL player)

legal saga
his ~ was far from over

scientific saga
the modern fight against syphilis is a ~

grim, continuing saga
the ~ of clearing up after the storm (Storm Arwen)

development: journeys & trips

Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.)

Sahara of snow
the homecoming landmark in that rolling ~ (Ross Ice Shelf)
♦ A sea of sand, a Sahara of snow...This comparison is in no ways strange if you think about it.

environment / resemblance: desert

comparison & contrast: epithet

sail (sail to victory, etc.)

sailed to victory
he ~ (a politician)

sailed (through) to the third round
he ~ (an easy victory / tennis)

sailed through the House and Senate
the bipartisan bill ~ by unanimous voice vote (Hubbard Act)

difficulty, easiness & effort: boat / movement / verb

attainment: boat / movement / verb

sailing (smooth sailing)

smooth sailing
after that, it's ~ (job)
it's not been all ~ (marriage)
it's not going to be ~ from now on

difficulty, easiness & effort: boat

saint (superlative)

saint
he was a real ~ (9/11 FDNY chaplain Mychal F. Judge)
he was not a ~ (anger issues / politician)

no saint
Mr Berlusconi has always maintained he is “~”
I'm ~, how about you

revolutionary saint
Lenin, the ~

behavior / reverence / superlative: religion

sainthood (noun)

secular sainthood
his family has mixed feelings about his ~ (Matthew Shepard)

superlative: religion

salient (important)

salient points

he covered all the ~ in his report

♦ A salient is a projecting part of a fortification. Or it is a bulge on the front line. If the salient is cut off, it becomes a pocket. A salient can form in a number of different ways, and can be defended or used offensively in a number of ways. In World War II, the Kursk Battle and the Battle of the Bulge each developed around a salient. At Kursk the Germans attacked a Russian salient; at the Battle of the Bulge, they used their own salient to spearhead their attack. Both ended up in crushing defeats for them.

importance & significance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military

salivate (verb)

salivating over the (class-action) lawsuits

lawyers should be ~

salivating at the prospect

consumers are ~ of the new product

salivating to attack

Republicans are ~ the president over...

salivating to build

developers are ~ in the area

eagerness & reluctance: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

salt (flavor)

salt went out

when I ‘wrote short’ much ~ of the work (R. Kipling)

♦ “Salt is the primordial narcotic.”

character & personality: taste

salt (sailor)

old salt

the ~ sent the apprentice off to find Charlie Noble

♦ Hazing inexperienced sailors by sending them off on a fool’s errand has a long tradition.

experience: boat / sea / taste

salty (language)

salty response

a ~ from an artist who won’t back down (you idiot!)

speech: taste

salty (slang)

salty about it

it’s like a bad breakup, that’s why I’m ~ (a Patriots fan)

♦ *Salty* can mean bitter, angry or upset. See “A ‘Salty’ Word With a Promising Future: The American Dialect Society picks its Most Likely to Succeed word” by Ben Zimmer, *the Wall Street Journal*, January 16, 2015.)

feeling, emotion & effect: taste

salty (experience)

salty

he’s ~ (has a lot of experience, like an old sailor)

experience: sea / taste

salute (verb)

saluted his efforts

his colleagues ~ to lower racial barriers (tribute)

salute her timing

I have to ~ (author produced timely book)

salute you

we ~ (encouragement to those who stick to their diets)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / military / verb

salvage (verb)

salvage a (decent) life from the wreckage

money to ~ of misfortune

salvage order out of chaos

we are trying to ~ (East Timor)

salvage his career

he got a chance to ~

salvage their credibility

politicians need to ~ (versus corruption)

salvage its season

the team is desperate to ~ (sports)

salvage a (recently scrapped) summit

they are trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: boat / manufacturing / verb

salve (noun)

salve for (racial) rancor

the only ~ is honesty

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

salvo (noun)

latest salvo

this is the ~ in the war against plastic straws

the sports argument is the ~ to prevent equality (transsexuals)

verbal salvo

they exchanged ~s over this turn of events (enmity)

fired salvos

a number of generals publicly ~ at each other

accusation & criticism / speech: boat / military / weapon

sanctuary (noun)

Sanctuary City

making Tucson a ~ failed (Proposition 205 / 2019)

“Second Amendment sanctuaries”

counties have declared themselves ~ (to resist gun control)

finds sanctuary

she ~ in Ranchera music

protection & lack of protection: religion

sanctum (and inner sanctum)

sanctums of conspiracy

he founded the project to penetrate the ~ (a Ufologist)

West's literary inner sanctum

he saw his role as storming the ~ (Ishmael Reed)

inner sanctum

the computer's kernel, the machine's most privileged ~
she took one of my tapes into the ~ of the office

penetrate (al-Qaida's) inner sanctum

he was able to ~ (a US sympathizer)

reverence: religion

sand (political sands, etc.)

political sands

the ~ are shifting (diplomacy after the Arab Spring)

environment: desert

sand (stick one's head in the sand)

stick my head in the sand

I didn't want to ~ and deny what was going on...

♦ "Allan Pocock, a resident of the Oudtshoorn region of South Africa, where 200,000 ostriches were once reared for their feathers, noted that during the 80-odd years when records were kept, no one had reported a single case of an ostrich burying its head, or even apparently attempting to do so."

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: animal / bird / desert

sandwiched

sandwiched between Australia and Indonesia

East Timor is half an island ~

sandwiched between Europe and Central Asia

Turkey has a strategic role in a region ~ (Caucasus)

sandwiched between Togo and Ivory Coast

~, Ghana is considered a model democracy

Sandwiched between Romania and Ukraine

~, Moldova emerged as an independent republic...

configuration: food & drink

sanguine (adjective)

sanguine about the series

he was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / color / health & medicine

sanitize (verb)

sanitized Mark Twain's masterpiece

he has ~ by replacing the N-word

sanitize the history

the Japanese often ~

textbooks sanitize

~ Japan's wartime atrocities (Japanese schools)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

sanitized

sanitized edition

the ~ of 'Huckleberry Finn' has caused an uproar

sanitized version

lawmakers read aloud a ~ of the US Constitution

less sanitized (m)

reenactors aim for a fun, ~ view of the Old West

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene

sanitizing

sanitizing language

military officials used ~ to mask the fact...

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene

sardined

sardined in the settlement

no more convicts could be ~

configuration: animal / fish / pressure

satellite (noun)

Iranian satellite

Bahrain could become an ~

attraction & repulsion / relationship: astronomy

Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)

Saudi Arabia of coal

the US is the ~

West Virginia has been called the ~

Saudi Arabia of cotton

the South was the ~ (the US Civil War)

Saudi Arabia of lithium

Afghanistan could become the ~ (mineral)

we know that Bolivia can become the ~

Saudi Arabia of renewables

could Scotland ever be 'the ~' (wind and tidal energy)

Saudi Arabia of clean water

thanks to Lake Michigan, Chicago is the ~

Saudi Arabia of tidal power

Scotland could be the ~ (Alex Salmond / 2008)

♦ "As Saudi Arabia is to oil, the UK is to wind." (Prime Minister Boris Johnson, about Scottish wind power.)

amount: epithet

savage (Savage Mountain, etc.)

"Savage Mountain"

K2, the so-called ~, doesn't have much tolerance

♦ The climber George Irving Bell, after a 1953 trip to K2, said, "K2 is a savage mountain that tries to kill you." He was one of the five men saved by Pete Schoening's famous belay.)

epithet / character & personality: animal

danger: epithet

savage (verb)

savaged his critics

the president ~

savaging him

critics are ~ (a journalist over ethics)

accusation & criticism: animal / predation / verb

speech: animal / predation / verb

behavior: animal / predation / verb

savage (adjective)

savage day

Antietam was a ~ in American history (the Civil War)

savage humor

his ~ spared no one (Mort Sahl)

savage toll

the Great Lakes can take a ~ on swimmers (drownings)

♦ "Rihanna's Savage X Fenty celebrates fearlessness, confidence and inclusivity." (Lingerie.)

♦ "The Most Savage... Bachelorette." (An advertisement for the TV show showing a young lady walking away fiercely, obviously upset.)

♦ "But I was aware of what was going on around me in only a disconnected and hazy manner. It seemed as if the weariness and the illness, like ferocious and cowardly beasts, had waited in ambush for the moment when I dismantled my defences, in order to attack me from behind... / I was hoisted on to the cart...together with a load of dying men, from whom I did not feel very different." (*The Truce: A Survivor's Journey Home From Auschwitz* by Primo Levy.)

force: animal

savant (noun)

heavily travelled savants

(sports) scouts are ~ who value young players

knowledge & intelligence: person

save (verb)

save globalization from itself

a prescription to ~

save face

dictators always need to ~ (repression)

save "honor"

Pakistani killed daughters to ~ (headline)

save the honor

men who kill women to ~ of their family

save his own skin

he was a liar who just wanted to ~ (criminal trial)

save their skins

executives sold their stock, hoping to ~ (Enron)

save his voice

he would play music to ~ (early days of radio)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

savior (the savior of mothers, etc.)

Saviour of Poland

long live Napoleon, the ~

savior of mothers

today he is known as "the ~" (Semmelweis)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

savior (noun)

Wale's saviour

it was always likely Bale would be ~ (soccer game)

environmental savior

the press made Obama out to be the ~

global savior

NASA doesn't really want the job of ~ (NEOs)

white saviour

she was accused of exhibiting a ~ complex (aid worker)

wildlife savior

she is referred to as "India's greatest ~" (Indira Gandhi)

savior was back

the Boston Garden erupted, the ~ (Larry Bird, May 5, 1991)

seen as Kosovo's savior

Russian President Vladimir Putin is ~ (by ethnic Serbs)

help & assistance: religion

savor (verb)

savor the benefits

~ of living a healthier lifestyle (energy, sleep, etc.)

savored the feeling

I ~ (a massage)

savor the moment

some other voice was telling me to slow down, to ~

savored the moment

I ~ (a moonlit swim)

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste / verb

say (a sign can say something, etc.)

say

restaurants signs that ~, "Restrooms for customers only"

what did the letter ~

says

a street sign that ~ Martin Luther King

the rumor mill ~ he may have plans... (boxing)

said the San Francisco Chronicle

US Terrorized by Radio's 'Men From Mars,' ~

♦ "Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," declared the New York Times. "Radio Fake Scare Nation," cried the Chicago Herald

and Examiner. "US Terrorized By Radio's 'Men From Mars,'" said the San Francisco Chronicle. ("The Halloween myth of the War of the Worlds panic" by Professor W Joseph Campbell, BBC, 30 October 2011.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

scaffold (verb)

scaffold instruction

we need to ~ in mixed-ability classes and materials

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

help & assistance: infrastructure / verb

scaffolding (noun)

cosmic scaffolding

strands of dark matter form a kind of ~

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure

help & assistance: infrastructure

scale (scales of justice, etc.)

scales of justice

he put his finger on the ~ to exonerate the police

put its thumb on the scales

the court has ~ on the side of student free speech

♦ "The way this issue has been reported, it's as if there is a thumb on the scale in favor of white supremacists. But as I understand this case, that's just not what the judge is doing." ("A look at Bruce Schroeder, the judge in the Kyle Rittenhouse trial," NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 4, 2021.)

judgment: justice / scale / sign, signal, symbol

scale (tip the scales)

tip the scales

this could ~

tip the scales against him

this could ~ (politics)

development / initiation: scale / verb / weight

scale (climb)

scaled the heights of government

he never ~ (MP Sir David Amess)

attainment / progress & lack of progress: direction / mountains & hills / movement / verb

scalp (save one's scalp)

save his own scalp

he is a career criminal trying to ~ (jailhouse snitch)

survival, persistence & endurance: hair / head / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

scalp (noun)

scalp on his record

Wilder would be a great ~ (boxing)

impressive scalp

Úsyk would be an ~ for Joshua (boxing)

claim another (big) scalp

Palace ~ (victory against Tottenham Hotspur in FA Cup)

collected scalps

they issued demands, ~ (students force resignations)

have his name as a scalp

it's great to ~ on my record now (boxing)

take scalps

he is looking to ~ at Sony (underperforming films)

thirsting for another manager's scalp

now I see McNutty is ~ (a BBC sportswriter)

♦ "He's a hedge fund guy looking to take scalps at Sony." (The actor George Clooney stands up for Hollywood against big-money investors looking to make a buck.)

♦ "Get (at least one) incumbent establishment scalp to become a credible threat." (An internal document of Justice Democrats. From "The Left Turn" by Andrew Marantz, *The New Yorker*, May 31, 2021.)

♦ See "'Adjusting Appropriately' To Words That Hurt," NPR, Opinion, Language, August 8, 2018. See also the Wikipedia entry, "Scalping."

achievement, recognition & praise / punishment & recrimination / success & failure: hair / history / violence

scape (threatscape, etc.)

Bat-scape

the ~ is pretty well established (*The Batman*)

battle-scape

the brain is the 21st Century ~ (microwave weapons)

cityscape

the dramatic ~ of steel and lights (Hong Kong)

friendscapes

as we curate our ~ post-COVID (some fade away)

why we need diversity in our ~

~ change as life's landscape changes

hellscape

flames turned the small town into a ~ (wildfire)

landscape

(see *landscape*)

mediandscape

he rips into the Internet-juiced ~ (the film *France*)

moonscape

(see *moonscape*)

roadscape

a ragged ~ of motels, franchises and big box stores...

"andscape"

how the ~ has changed (Bacton Beach / North Norfolk)

seascapes

artists fall in love with the area's ~ (Northern Jutland)

smellscapes

how transformations have affected people's ~ (history)

smell-scapes

as the world faces a pandemic, our ~ are being changed

soundscape

the unique ~ of Tanzania's largest city (Eyder Peralta)
a new field of biology called ~ ecology
gentle ambient ~s, electronic beats (German music)

streetscape
the bomb destroyed the facades and ~ of the tourist area

threatscape
the changing ~ (terrorism)

townscape
additions to the ~ of Lhasa (drains, etc.)

♦ "As the world faces another global pandemic, our smell-scapes are being changed again..." ("What's That Smell? Researchers Hope to Recreate Historic Scents From Europe's Past" by Reese Oxner, NPR, Nov. 22, 2020.)

♦ "He called that painting "Bottlescape." (Winston Churchill, a great amateur painter. His painting consisted of 12 bottles and some large cigar boxes.)

area: affix / ground, terrain & land / picture

environment: affix / ground, terrain & land / picture

scapegoat (noun)

scapegoat
he was railroaded, chosen to be the ~ (wrongly convicted)

scapegoats of imperialism
they became the ~ (Indians in East Africa)

scapegoat for California's drought
how almonds became a ~

scapegoat for America's failures
he accused Trump of making Pakistan a ~ in Afghanistan

government's scapegoat
she is the ~ for crimes committed by Epstein

made a scapegoat
he has been ~ for the failings of the Catholic Church
(Cardinal George Pell)

make Pakistan a scapegoat
the US is trying to ~ for the war in Afghanistan

chosen to be the scapegoat
he was railroaded, ~ (wrongly convicted)

use the West as a scapegoat
Moi sought to ~ for the country's troubles (Kenya)

used as a scapegoat
the company is being ~ for America's opioid crisis

♦ One goat was sacrificed. The scapegoat was driven off into the wilderness to perish with the sins of the community lying symbolically on its horns.

**oppression / punishment & recrimination / sacrifice:
animal / justice / religion**

scar (the Scar, etc.)

know the rock formation as "The Scar"
fishermen and Taku locals ~ (Jaw Point, Alaska)

proper name: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scar (resemblance / noun)

scar on the face
the slums are a ~ of a beautiful city (Jeddah)

gaping scar
the open-pit mine has left a ~ two sq miles in size

resemblance: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scar (resemblance / verb)

scar the landscape
abandoned construction sites ~

**appearance / resemblance: health & medicine / mark /
verb / wounds & scars**

scar (psychologically scar)

scared me
the way my grandpa taught me to drive forever ~

**affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine /
mark / verb / wounds & scars**

scar (psychological scars, etc.)

deep (psychological) scars
soldiers are coming home with ~ (from Iraq)

emotional scars
the ~ he inflicted on his children
the ~ of modern slavery run deeper than any wound

personal scars
the political mistakes and ~ that shaped Joe Biden

psychological scars
~ suffered by the orphan subjects (experiment)
the victims struggle with ~ (town lost to wildfire)

♦ "I heard yesterday that there is a military hospital hidden in the forest for the soldiers who have had their faces shot away. They apparently look so horrific that ordinary people can't even look at them. Things like that make me despair." (Elfriede Kuhr, a young German schoolgirl. From *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englnd.)

♦ "A World War One memorial to soldiers whose story has been described as an unresolved 'taboo' is set to be unveiled... / The statue is to be unveiled by descendants of some of the soldiers, at Queen Mary's Hospital in Sidcup, Kent, where many of the men were treated." ("Ending the taboo of soldiers with 'broken faces'" by Sean Coughlan, BBC, 9 November 2019.)

**affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine /
mark / wounds & scars**

scar (blemish / noun)

scar on the history
the Sand Creek massacre is a permanent ~ of Colorado

economic scars
the longer the recovery, the more long-lasting the ~

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / wounds & scars

scar (blemish / verb)

scar it

this report will not just injure the BBC but ~ (Lady Di)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / verb / wounds & scars

scared (afflicted)

scared by a (harrowing) incident

all of us have been ~ that happened to a friend...

scared by (childhood) rejection and abuse

an angry young man ~

scared for life

I was ~ (traumatic incident)

emotionally scarred

if you are half as ~ as I am...

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scared (battle-scarred, etc.)

scared with piles

the open land around Norilsk is ~ of tailings (mines)

battle-scarred buildings

checkpoints and ~ (Middle East)

battle-scarred capital

in Mogadishu, Somalia's ~

battle-scarred country

a ~ divided among warlords (Afghanistan)

battle-scarred air base

American forces based at the ~ (Afghanistan)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / wounds & scars

scarring

scarring experience

it was a ~ (being bullied)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scathing (adjective)

scathing editorial

in a ~, the newspaper condemned the university for...

scathing portrait

the book offers a ~ of the president

scathing report

the ~ faults Boeing for the deadly crashes

scathing testimony

he lashed out at his former boss in ~

affliction / speech: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scattershot (adjective)

scattershot

his approach can be somewhat ~ (a historian)

scattershot approach

they have taken a ~

configuration / extent & scope / target: weapon

scene (behind the scenes)

behind the scenes

people want to know what goes on ~
what goes on ~ isn't always known (Man U)

behind the scenes of the arts and sciences

BTM takes a monthly deep-dive ~

from behind the scenes

they will pull strings ~ (politicians)

working (feverishly) behind the scenes

the US is ~ (diplomacy)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: society / theater

concealment & lack of concealment: society / theater

scene (come onto the scene)

came onto the scene in 2015

he first ~ with a handful of mixtapes (a dead rapper)

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

scent (throw somebody off the scent)

threw the Nazis off the scent with subterfuge

she ~ (saved Polish Jews)

throw the investigators off the scent

he tried to ~

throw the press off the scent

he tried to ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / smell / verb

subterfuge: hunting / smell / verb

scent (evidence)

scent of malfeasance

he's a born bloodhound who lives to track the ~ (journalist)

evidence: smell

schism (noun)

schism between the sides

the ~ has deepened (politics)

cultural and political schism

the region's ~ (Northwest Michigan)

♦ "Better the Sultan's turban than the cardinal's hat!"

division & connection: religion

schizophrenic (adjective)

schizophrenic

the weather is ~

kind of schizophrenic

we're ~ (a musician about music scene)

schizophrenic blend

she encapsulates the ~ of exhilaration and alarm (tech)

schizophrenic issue

it's a ~, in fact (Egyptian attitude to West)

♦ The secondary definition in the OED is "with the implication of mutually contradictory or inconsistent elements." Some see this definition as hurtful to the mentally ill and would like to see it removed.

behavior: health & medicine / mental health

school (experience)

school of the sea

they were tough men risen in the ~ (ship captains)

suspicious school

having been brought up in a ~, I suspected...

tough school

it's a ~, this... (Scotland beaten by Croatia / Euro 2020)

♦ "A whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard." (*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.)

♦ "Ability has no school." (Turkey.)

♦ "Time teaches more than books." (*Po but siklos bersentar sar lilentar / Roma.*)

♦ Life is the best education."

♦ "The Eskimos were right!" (An excited scientist in a helicopter in 1994, noticing a bow whale swimming with a group of beluga whales.)

experience / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

schooled

schooled (at an early age) on how

he was ~ to be a drug dealer

schooled for twelve rounds

he was ~ and nearly KO'd (a boxer)

outclassed and schooled

he was ~ (Oleksandr Usyk beats Anthony Joshua / boxing)

got schooled

AJ ~ in his own yard (by Usyk, in London / boxing)

♦ "Dennis Rodman just went to Larry Bird University for a term." (Commentary during a 1986 NBA game.)

experience / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.)

scintilla of evidence

there is not a ~ against him

scintilla of merit

there is not a ~ in this claim (of a jailhouse snitch)

♦ This is from the Latin meaning a spark.

amount: fire / light & dark

scintillating (adjective)

scintillating performance

she gave a ~

feeling, emotion & effect / superlative: light & dark

character & personality: light & dark

scissor (resemblance)

scissor kick

his 94th-minute ~ sent the game to penalties (soccer)

movement / resemblance: blade

scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)

Crispr-Cas9 genetic scissors

their discovery, known as ~

creation & transformation: blade / tools & technology

sclerotic (adjective)

sclerotic bureaucracy

businessmen must deal with a ~

sclerotic culture

she campaigned to change the ~ of Sacramento (election)

sclerotic (judicial) system

the ~ is in need of reform

sclerotic, authoritarian (m)

it is not the only country with a ~ political system

unthinking and sclerotic (m)

they rebelled against ~ traditionalism (filmmakers)

condition & status: health & medicine

scold (verb)

scolded the White House press corps for behaving

she sometimes ~ like her children (Sarah Sanders)

accusation & criticism: family / verb

scold (person)

moral scold

he became a ~ (Bill Cosby)

character & personality / judgment / speech: person

scorched-earth

scorched-earth approach

what they see as his ~ (a federal prosecutor)

scorched-earth attacks

voters want answers to their questions, not ~ (politics)

scorched-earth offensive

this ~ that we saw from the president (attacks his critics)

scorched-earth politics

republicans have adopted his slash-and-burn, ~

scorched-earth pursuit

the senator's ~ of communists (Joe McCarthy)

♦ According to William Safire, this term was first used in the Sino-Japanese war during the 1930s. (*Lend Me Your Ears*, "Stalin Commands the Soviet Peoples to Scorch the Earth Being Taken by Hitler's Troops.")

conflict / destruction: military / fire

scorching (adjective)

scorching (final) scene
in the play's ~, she unleashes a torrent of fury at...

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation / temperature

score (settle a score, etc.)

score
you're gonna pay, 'cause I'm the one who's keepin' ~
settle scores
there are worries that people may try to ~

♦ Score refers to an account or a bill.

revenge: money / verb

scorecard (noun)

Police Scorecard
the research organization ~ Project
culture, diversity and inclusion scorecard
in 2016 the company began using a ~ (hiring)

judgment: baseball / sports & games

scour (verb)

scoured the shops for antiques
they ~
scoured the Earth for (rare) fruit
Bill Whitman ~ (collector)
scoured the area for hours
search teams ~ (Delphi Indiana murders)
scoured the Web
crazed fans ~ ("Blair Witch Project")
scoured his computer
police ~
scoured the neighborhood
more cops ~
scoured (all) the records
the new team ~ in the case (prosecution)
scoured 46,332 sq miles
the search ~ of sea floor (for MH370)

searching & discovery: rubbing & washing / verb

scoured

scoured by whirlwinds
a scorched moonscape ~ of ash (wildfire)
scoured by wind
the land is ~ and baked by sun

resemblance: rubbing & washing

scourge (noun)

scourge of (mass) incarceration
the ~ rips apart poor communities
scourge of (violent) jihad
the ~ has not gone away
scourge of racism
we thought the ~ was a distant memory (soccer)
scourge of the Resistance
Klaus Barbie was the ~
scourge of (modern) technology
car wrecks are a great ~ (Fast & Furious films)

scourge in the black communities
crack cocaine was a ~

self-appointed scourge
he is now a ~ of victimhood and outrage (a writer)

blessings as well as its scourges
celebrity's ~

affliction: violence / whip

scout (noun)

boy scouts
the ~ are shining paragons of American boyhood
sports scouts
~ are heavily travelled savants who value young players

♦ The scout / snipers serve as the eyes and ears of the battalion commander.

searching & discovery: military / person

scout (verb)

scout blind drops
please ~ (memorial to kayaker Edward Lee Green)
scout for talent
he came to Bosnia to ~ (KSM / terrorist)

searching & discovery: military / verb

scramble (verb)

scramble to get
I had to ~ some money
scrambled (this week) to prevent
attorneys ~ the public release of recorded statements
scrambling to provide
the government is ~ additional security (Olympics)
scrambling to put
negotiators have been ~ the talks back together
scrambling to salvage
they are ~ the treaty (diplomacy)
scrambling to stop
health officials are ~ the spread of the virus (measles)

scrambled for his (political) survival
he has ~ this week (ethics problems)

activity / difficulty, easiness & effort / haste: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping
movement: verb / walking running & jumping

scramble (disrupt)

scrambled the lives
he has ~ of everyone in the news business (president)

scrambled their plans
the impeachment trial has ~ (politicians)

disruption: mixture / verb

scrap (verb)

scrapped (nearly all of) the changes
he has ~ (of the previous regime)

scrapped the idea
the team ~ of...

scrapped (NASA's) plan
the administration has ~ to return to the moon

scrap its plan
the government must ~ to restart the nuclear reactors

scrap that strategy
they should ~ and try something different

scrapped the (color-coded) system
the Obama administration ~ (terrorism alerts)

dismissal, removal & resignation: manufacturing / verb

scrap (noun)

scraps of the (old) economy
young people should fight over the remaining ~

scraps of morale
hunger destroyed whatever ~ may have been left (convicts)

amount: food & drink

scrape (verb)

scrape 500,000 members' private details
the flaw allowed hackers to ~

computer / dismissal, removal & resignation / searching & discovery / taking & removing: blade / knife / verb

scrape by (verb)

scraping by
farmers are just ~

survival, persistence & endurance: blade / knife / verb

scrapped

scrapped by the governor
the project was ~

project was scrapped

the ~

program will be scrapped
he believes the ~ later this year (State Dept.)

tour was scrapped
the ~ (music)

want them scrapped
Americans oppose the bills and ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: manufacturing

scratch (scratch and claw, etc.)

scratch and claw for the maximum
she is going to ~ she can get (politics)

behavior / conflict / difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / verb

scratch (record scratch)

record-scratch effect
her close relationship to her sources did have a ~

♦ This refers the feeling you would have if you were listening to a song on a turntable and the needle abruptly ripped across a record. It is a sound effect used in films.

feeling, emotion & effect: film / sound
sound: film

scream (scream "premium," etc.)

scream (out to the young people) that
this sentence will ~ you can't drive drunk (prison)

scream "adventure"
the off-road capability of their cars ~ (Jeep Wrangler)

screamed money laundering
from law enforcement's point of view, bitcoin ~

scream maturity
what we saw in Houston doesn't ~ to me (NBA)

screamed the front page
"Raheem shot himself in foot" ~ of the *Sun* newspaper

scream 'premium'
if there are scratches on the tin, that doesn't ~ (paint)

screams "Rob me"
the carry case ~ (Apple AirPods Max)

scream Washington
at first glance the restaurant doesn't ~ (Compass Rose)

screams David v Goliath
if there's one tie that ~, this is it (Falkirk v Rangers)

♦ "The effect is trashy, hollering sexual availability... (Young American girls who wear short shorts, or Daisy Dukes.)

♦ Fashion that suggests rather than shouts. (Females.)

♦ "I just love the idea that you can listen to a body and it's screaming at you. In this case Ganymede's screaming, 'I have my own magnetic field! That's a very special tale..." (Scott Bolton, the principal investigator for the Juno Mission, about the moon revolving around Jupiter. The sounds are "data converted to audio, so we could all hear it." From "What does a moon sound like," NPR, Morning Edition, Dec. 24, 2021.)

♦ see also *cry* (verb)

evidence / fictive communication: speech / verb

scream (scream for action, etc.)

screaming for action

the public is ~ now (Australia / fires / climate change)

screamed (out) for an activist investor

it is a situation that ~ (tennis reform)

scream and holler and carry on

people manufacture outrage and ~ like there's no tomorrow

conflict: sound / verb

screen (split screen)

split screen

South shore is a ~ (rich / poor)

split screen of conduct

it's a ~ that is required (manufacturing hygiene in India)

split-screen day

this was really a ~ in the US Senate (2 important events)

split-screen messaging

there was some ~ (cooperation vs. unilateralism)

split-screen moment

dueling televised town halls, a ~ (rival politicians)

split-screen reality

he lived in this ~ all the time (adoration / vilification)

chilling split screen

it was a ~ (president addresses nation / street protests)

worse split screen

I can't imagine a ~ (9/11 pile / Osama escapes Tora Bora)

series of split screens

Trump is hoping to set up a ~ (during impeachment trial)

♦ "The World Trade Center pile of debris was literally still smoking on December 12th, 2001, which is the day Bin Laden escaped from Tora Bora. It's also the same day that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was getting briefed about the future Iraq war plans by the Pentagon, and to me that sort of speaks for itself... The split screen on 9/11 (in 2021) will be the Taliban you know taking over chunks of Afghanistan using American military equipment that they've seized, and reading the names of the victims at the World Trade Center site, and I can't imagine a worse split screen, but I think that is likely what we will see." (The fine journalist Peter Bergen. From "Osama Bin Laden Biography Goes Inside Al-Qaeda Leader's Final Hideout," NPR, Fresh Air, with Dave Davies.)

♦ "And here is a split screen 20 years later... (Video of Bush in 2001 announcing attacks in Afghanistan and Biden announcing US exit from Afghanistan in 2021.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / comparison & contrast:
film

screw (tighten / loosen the screws)

loosen the screws

if we ~ on restrictions the economy will return (pandemic)

tightened the screws

the judge ~ and... (sentence)

pressure: tools & technology / verb

coercion & motivation: pressure / tools & technology / verb

screw up (verb)

screwed up

I ~

failure, accident & impairment: tools & technology / verb

script (to script)

exactly to script

things haven't gone ~ (a boxer's career)

gone (exactly) to script

things haven't ~ (a boxer's career)

sticks to script

White House ~ (diplomacy)

♦ "This is an American crime story that follows what sadly feels like a familiar script. Woman goes missing, husband gets in front of a camera, makes an emotional plea for her return, and that husband is arrested for her murder. This has now happened in the case of..." ("Husband of missing Colorado mom arrested nearly one year after her disappearance," ABC.)

development / script: theater

script (off script, etc.)

flipping the script

older gymnasts are ~ (gymnasts are usually girls)

go off script

they are so good when they ~ (two quarterbacks)

development / disruption / script: theater

scrub (remove)

scrub campuses clean

some want to ~ of words, ideas, and subjects that might cause discomfort

scrub the video off the internet

he tried to ~

scrub a computer

they made a plan to ~ (criminal investigation)

scrub the record

can you imagine Clinton after impeachment trying to ~

scrub your criminal record

state agencies can ~ (expungements, sealing records)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene / verb

scrubbed

scrubbed in the hours after the fatal raid

his social media accounts were already ~

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene

dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene

scrum (reporters)

scrum of reporters

we were surrounded by a huge ~

sidewalk scrum

during a ~ with reporters, he was asked why... (politician)

♦ A press gaggle is similar.

♦ Give blood, play rugby; Rugby players eat their dead; Trample the weak, hurdle the dead, play rugby... (Rugby bumper stickers.)

behavior / group, set & collection: sports & games
activity / resemblance: sports & games

scum (insult)

scum

you people are just as much garbage as this ~ (TMZ)

wash the scum off the streets

we need to ~ (criminals, etc.)

some day a real rain will come and ~ (film *Taxi Driver*)

insult / violence / worth & lack of worth: hygiene

scupper (verb)

scupper all chances

that might ~ of getting peace talks going again

scuppered the deal

that's what ~ the last time

scupper the (current) recovery

the Federal Reserve does not want to ~

destruction: boat / sea / verb

scuppered

scuppered

the deal was ~

efforts to pass the Law of the Sea Treaty are always ~

scuppered by Wenner

previous attempts at this book were ~ (a biography)

destruction: boat / sea

scuttle (verb)

scuttled an agreement

she headed off a dispute that nearly ~ (diplomacy)

scuttled her plans

she ~ to become a teacher

scuttled its economics program

the university ~

scuttled the talks

no side wishes to appear to have ~

♦ "Indian unity by British rule will swiftly perish... The great ship is sinking in the calm sea. Those who should have devoted their utmost efforts to keep her afloat have instead opened the sea-cocks." (Winston Churchill in a speech in 1946.)

♦ On November 27, 1942, the French scuttled the French fleet in Toulon as the Germans attempted to seize it. Three battleships, 7 cruisers, 15 destroyers, and 12 submarines were sunk. Sea valves were opened,

also, demolition charges were set off. The German military was disappointed they hadn't been able to seize the ships intact, but Hitler was pleased because the fleet was destroyed and could not be used against the Axis. The captains of a few ships were able to sail them to the Allies.

♦ On the 21st of June, 1919, German sailors scuttled the interned German High Seas Fleet in Scapa Flow. Arguably, it was the greatest loss of shipping in a single day in world history. Fifty-two of the 74 ships went to the bottom.

♦ "ANNELEISE ESSBERGER – intercepted by the USS MILWAUKEE and scuttled while outbound November 21, 1942, at ØØ-54 N. 22-34 W."

destruction: boat / sea / verb

scuttled

scuttled by the governor

the project was ~

scuttled show

the musical was a last-minute replacement for a ~

deal was scuttled

the ~ (politics)

plan was (later) scuttled

the ~ was (government)

destruction: boat / sea

Scylla and Charybdis

Scylla of blandness and the Charybdis of confrontation
like most shows of this ilk, it toggles between the ~

Scylla of negativity and the Charybdis of cheerleading
how to steer between the ~ (literary criticism, etc.)

Scylla and Charybdis of Yiddish on the one hand
Hebrew, under threat from the ~ and European languages...

lexicographer's Scylla and Charybdis

the dictionary steers a sound middle course between the ~
(prescription vs. description)

between "Scylla and Charybdis"

their proposals are an unnecessary choice ~ (Greek crisis)

alternatives & choices: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

danger: allusion / boat / Iliad & Odyssey / sea

sea (in a sea)

in a sea of (armed) chaos

Somaliland is an island of stability ~

in a (rising) sea of (moral) pollution

they saw themselves as a small archipelago of decency ~

in a sea of sexism

we existed ~ (Poppy Northcutt of NASA)

in a sea of viruses

we are swimming ~ (bacteria, viruses, etc.)

in a sea of woes

a school flailing ~ (title of article)

environment: sea / water

sea (environment)

sea

it is the ~ we all swim in (the Internet and regulation)

environment: sea / water

sea (at sea)

at sea

policy makers are ~

direction: boat / sea

sea (amount)

sea of clouds

I saw a ~ extending miles and miles (fire tower)

sea of data

the testing mandates had generated a ~ (education)

sea of debt

a ~ threatens to drown the dreams of a generation

sea of (unfamiliar) faces

all I saw was a ~

sea of humanity

the pilgrims formed a ~ (Hajj)

sea of (rights) issues

the turbulent ~ (copyright)

sea of merchandise

there's a ~ (department store)

sea of people

as far as I could see was a ~ (state funeral)

sea of pilgrims

a seemingly endless ~ (Hajj)

sea of protestors

a ~ were waving Socialist party flags (Albania)

sea of red

the stands were a ~ (Seoul World Cup stadium)

seas of squalor

islands of prosperity within great ~ (Bombay, etc.)

sea of thoughts

he says his mind is a muddled ~

sea of unknowns

the oil spill has created a ~

sea of candles and flowers

a ~ (public memorial to terrorist victims)

sea of (Japanese) flags and signs

the stands were a ~ (baseball)

sea of (2,000 mostly) Hispanic students

this ~ (school)

sea of red ink

keep it from crashing in a ~

♦ "Where had it come from? Had it rained down or sprung from within the earth? Did the townsfolk of al-Hadra, al-Rawdha and the dozens of other places behind the hills know that all this water was here? Why was it here instead of in other places where people needed it? The rainwater and well water were sweet and drinkable, if at times a little brackish, but how had the seawater become so salty and bitter that no one could possibly drink it? How long would it be here—where was it going?" (Bedouins from the interior of the Arabian Peninsula seeing the sea for the first time. From *Cities of Salt* by Abdelrahman Munif.)

amount: sea

sea (sea of sand, etc.)

sea of mud

everywhere is a ~ (after a tsunami)

sea of sand

their way was blocked by an impassible ~ (desert)

dune sea

the great ~s called ergs in Arabic (Sahara)

sand sea

the Eastern Erg, a ~ covering 120,000 square miles

♦ A sea of sand (a desert), a Sahara of snow (Antarctica)...

resemblance: sea

sea legs

fame sea legs

a 19-year-old man finding his ~ (Lil Nas X)

experience: boat / walking, running & jumping

equilibrium & stability: walking, runny & jumping

seal of approval

seal of approval

he gave me that grin of his, and that was his ~

mob's seal of approval

a kiss on the cheek was the ~

sign, signal, symbol: royalty

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign, signal, symbol

seam (burst at the seams)

bursting at the seams

a nearby campground is ~

size: clothing & accessories

seamless (adjective)

seamless service

the company delivers ~ to its customers

seamless teamwork

~ can be a potent weapon (epidemiology)

division & connection: cloth

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth

seamlessly

seamlessly

they work together ~

division & connection: cloth

search (for truth, cure, etc.)

search for answers

the ~ should start with...

turning to a spiritual path in their ~

search for a cure

the ~ for autism

search for evidence

the ~ of childhood abuse

search for fulfillment

their ~ goes unrewarded (quarterlifer crisis)

search for identity

his adolescence was marked by a painful ~ (racial)

searching for a better life

they were all ~ (migrants to L.A. in 1904)

search for thrills

the ~ can kill (Chilko River rafting disaster)

search for the truth

in the unrelenting ~

search for safety and perfection

all the gear was overhauled ad altered in the restless ~

unrelenting search

in the ~ for the truth

spiritual search

he began a ~ that took him to...

searching & discovery: hunting

search (digital strip search, etc.)

digital strip-searches

critics are unhappy over ~ (cop requests for smartphones)

~ of victims are unnecessary and violate victims' rights

searching & discovery: clothing & accessories

computer: clothing & accessories

seared

seared into my consciousness

that period of time was ~ (divorce of her parents)

seared in the Japanese consciousness

Hiroshima and Nagasaki are ~

seared into the national consciousness

their names are ~ (names of World War I battles)

seared in my mind

that's a moment that is ~ forever (disaster)

seared in her memory

her rape is ~

remain seared

the images ~ in our collective memory (9/11)

impression: fire / mark / sensation

searing (adjective)

searing attack

he launched into a ~ on the Republicans (politics)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

season (time)

season of our life

in each ~, there are certain tasks which must be accomplished

seasons of our lives

as the seasons turn, so do the ~ turn

harvest season

he has a sense that this is his "~~" (lifetime awards)

typhoon season

the ship had orders to sail as soon as the ~ had passed

going through a season

we are ~ right now but we will come out of it (hope of change)

development / time: season

seasoned (experienced)

seasoned

I'm ~, I've seen a lot of things, but not like this (cop)

seasoned actor

she is a ~

seasoned doctors

~ are likely to be resistant to coaching

seasoned executive

the company needs a ~ with a proven track record

seasoned investigator

he is a ~ who specializes in cleaning house (government)

seasoned (tax) lawyers

even ~ are confounded by the new rules

seasoned observers

the speed of the Taliban takeover startled even ~ (2021)

seasoned professional

she is a ~

seasoned (diplomatic) troubleshooter

he is a ~ (dispatched by president to Egypt)

seasoned and sensible (m)

he is a ~ traveler

young but seasoned

he is ~ (city lobbyist at state capital)

♦ Good firewood has gone through at least four seasons.

experience: season

seat (front seat)

front seat

I have had a ~ to many profound events

front seat to history

it's such a privilege, you have a ~ (Cokie Roberts)

proximity: theater

seat (front-row seat)

front-row seat

as the weather gets weirder, we in Alaska have a ~

front-row seat to the revolution

he had a ~ (a journalist)

front-row seat to the tornado

they had a ~ (storm chasers)

had a front-row seat

he ~ to her surprise loss (policy advisor to Clinton in 2016)

proximity: theater

seat (in the driver's seat)

in the driver's seat

he continues to be ~ going forward (politician)

the smaller parties are ~ (German election)

he is ~ in terms of the conversation going forward (politics)

firmly in the driver's seat

hip-hop and streetwear are ~ (fashion industry)

puts you in the driver's seat

a good credit score ~

control & lack of control / driving force: engine

seatbelt (fasten your seatbelt / ironic)

fasten you seatbelts

firebrand comes from—*fire* and *brand* (a stick)

readiness & preparedness: mechanism

second-class (adjective)

second-class citizen

comedy has always been a ~ (in films, versus drama)

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: ticket

seduce (verb)

seduce patrons (of the arts) into parting

he hoped to ~ with some money (backers' audition)

seduce Hollywood

the film has gone on to ~ since being unveiled at Cannes

pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / sex / verb

seduced

seduced by him

authors were often ~ at first but then became disenchanted

seduced by Hollywood

some novelists, like Fitzgerald, are ~

seduced by the French Revolution

Byron, Heine, Goethe, Hegel and Beethoven were all ~

seduced by the siren song

they've been ~ "college for everyone"

attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / sex

seductive (adjective)

seductive spokesman

he is a ~ for a new brand of youthful defiance (Han Han)

seductive theory

it's a ~

sounded seductive

the pitch has ~ (for an educational fad)

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / sex

see (a date can see something, etc.)

saw over 250 climbers

23 May ~ try to summit (Mount Everest)

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

see (fictive)

seen

this is some of the hottest air we have ~ in half a decade

see from him

what do you want to ~ (what do you want him to do)

seeing a reverse brain drain

the US is ~ as foreign students go home

see fees

consumers ~ everywhere (phone, credit cards, hotels)

see more responsible government

we are beginning to ~ (Indonesia)

seen an increase

the library has ~ in attendance at spoken-word events

seen (angry) protests

Bolivia has ~ by the country's indigenous majority

seen the return

the west has ~ of the wolf (US / relocation programs)

seen a series

the last few years have ~ of political upheavals (England)

seen a 100 degree temperature

New York City has not ~ in seven years

seen (a series of political) upheavals

the last few years have ~ (England)

saw Basques ambush

the battle ~ a part of Charlemagne's army

saw the Scandinavians eliminated

her goal ~ by the same team that...

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

see (visit / meet)

sees him (maybe) once a month
his biological father ~

see a doctor

he had to pay \$95 to ~ (immigrant)
I advise you to ~

saw a neurologist

she ~, who diagnosed traumatic brain injury with...

see the (patient's) nurse

please ~ to obtain a mask (hospital)

see you around

I'll ~

came to see

thousands ~ Willy Nelson (concert)

advise you to see

I ~ a doctor

place to see

the mall, for many teens, is a ~ and be seen

social interaction: eye / verb

see (refer to)

see www.nim.nih.gov / research

a draft version is available, ~

See Instructions

~ (product)

reference: eye / verb

see (see action, etc.)

saw action

she last ~ Jan. 8 against Arizona (basketball)

see combat

he never expected to ~ (young soldier)

saw combat

the B-2 stealth bomber first ~ in the air war over Kosovo

see the world

in his early 20's he set off to ~

I wanted to ~...

see a great fight

win or lose, you're going to ~ (with boxer Arturo Gatti)

expected to see

he never expected to ~ combat (young soldier)

a lot to see

there is quite ~ within the underwater caves here

set off to see

in his early 20's he ~ the world

♦ "We know a thing or two because we've seen a thing or two." (The tagline for a cute series of ads by Farmers Insurance.)

♦ "I'm just seeing a small piece of this elephant." (A reporter reporting on extensive wildfires on the west coast.)

experience: eye / verb

see (comprehension)

see

you'll ~...

I ~ (understand)

see your point

I ~ and it's a good one

see for yourself

you'll ~ how you can save (ad for store)

see the potential

don't you ~ for disaster here

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / verb

see (white people don't see you, etc.)

see you

I ~ (acknowledge you, your existence, etc.)

see Black people

white people don't ~, they look past them (Katori Hall)

♦ "And for readers like me, who can relate to the experience of being a non-binary gestational parent, who are so used to being erased and invisible from conversations around families and parenting, the book looks us dead in the eye and says, unflinchingly: *I see you. I am you.*" ("Labeled 'Mother' When Not A Mother At All: On Being A Non-Binary Gestational Parent" by Britni De La Cretaz, NPR, Review, June 15, 2021. Britni de la Cretaz is a "freelance writer whose work sits at the intersection of sports, gender, culture, and queerness," according to their Website, which is not secure. They describe themselves as an older millennial. See "The woman who refused to have sex..." by Erica Tempesta for Dailymail, 10 December 2015.)

♦ "To all trans people who deal with harassment, self-loathing, abuse and the threat of violence every day: I see you. I love you and I will do everything I can to change this world for the better." ("Oscar Nominee Elliot Page Announces He Is Transgender" by Dustin Jones, an intern on NPR's News Desk.)

♦ "We've been silenced and misrepresented. And so, any time you get an opportunity to tell your truth, you are pushing back against so many lies and falsehoods...And being an artist and in demanding that the world just looks at you, you oddly are being an activist." (Katori Hall.)

♦ "How do I become something I don't see?" From this simple question, The Delta Project was born. The Delta Project exists to break the generational cycle of incarceration by reconnecting youth of color and their families to community relationships through mentorship, coaching and storytelling. Help young men see what they can become. Take action. thedeltaproject.co/action. (A full-page advertisement for The Delta Project in *The Atlantic* magazine.)

♦ "What was clear to him was invisible to others." (A native tracker.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

see (see something coming)

saw it coming

I never ~

they never ~

nobody ~ (boy arrested)

we were caught flatfooted, we never ~

see it coming

he didn't ~ (heart attack)

see his release from the New England Patriots coming

he didn't ~ (the great Cam Newton)

♦ "Such a tragedy. They will think this was their victory so this will become an American war. And the end will be the same... except for the numbers who will die before we get there." (Lt. Col. Nguyen Huu An, on the inability of the NLF to overrun Hal Moore's troops in the Ia Drang Valley in 1965, from the 2002 film, "We Were Soldiers.")

♦ "Five members of the Communist Workers Party, participating in a 'Death to the Klan' rally in Greensboro, North Carolina, were shot to death by a group of Klansmen and neo-Nazis." (The Greensboro massacre, 1979.)

♦ Steve Irwin died from the barb of a stingray to his chest while filming a series called "Ocean's Deadliest."

♦ Shrek: My father was an ogre. He tried to eat me. I should have seen it coming.

♦ You don't play with snakes and not expect to get bitten.

future / time: eye / movement / verb

consciousness & awareness: eye / movement / verb

development: eye / movement / direction / verb

fate, fortune & chance: eye / movement / direction / verb

see (future)

see

we'll just have to ~ (what will happen)

but we don't know what the court will do, we'll ~
when you think about your future, what do you ~

see beyond the next election

many politicians can barely ~

saw the future

he ~ and he set out to build it (Jeff Bezos, Amazon)

remains to be seen

it ~ if he can weather the storm (a politician)
he claims he will win, but that ~
it ~, and we just don't know yet, it's too early

future / time: eye / verb

see (perceive)

see Tutsi as (foreign) interlopers
many Congolese ~ (eastern Congo)

see the collapse on the horizon

we can ~ (a resumption of ethnic strife)

sees himself as an ambassador

he ~ for his sport (Tito Ortiz)

see it as a (good) excuse

some ~ not to go to the office (snowfall in London)

seen themselves as the gatekeepers

book publishers have long ~ of literary culture

see immigration as an (invisible) invasion

people ~ (Europe)

saw the Germans as liberators

many Siberian gulags ~ (W. W. II)

see themselves as members

many Congolese Tutsi ~ of a vulnerable minority

see boxing as a ticket

many Indian girls ~ to a middle-class life (India)

see themselves as the victims

Shiites always ~ (said by a US diplomat / Iraq)

see themselves through this male gaze

women are starting to ~ (as sex victims / TV and films)

see the world from a different perspective

people who ~ (autism)

see eye to eye

I don't ~ with my new boss

sees fit

he is determined to live as he ~ (a Native American)

see the best

~ in others (wise advice)

see nothing wrong

many ~ with it

see choice

patients ~ as both a blessing and a burden

saw himself

what mattered was how he ~ (identity)

see us

as others ~, five views of Britain from the rest of the world

see any hope

Palestinians don't ~ in the plan

see it

there's another world out there, you just can't ~

see warmth

the thermal-imaging camera can ~ through walls (cops)

see different things

people ~ (televised hearings)

continue to see

we ~ strong job growth

hard to see

progress may be slow and ~ (nursing / rehabilitation)

♦ **A STORY ABOUT PERCEPTION:** An old man lived in a house. His hobby was woodworking. One day a new family moved into the house next to him. The family had a young boy, and the old man looked at him through this window: the boy acted like a child, ran like a child, laughed like a child. One day the old man went into his garage and discovered that his hammer was missing. He looked out his window, and now the boy acted like a thief, ran like a thief, laughed like a thief. A few months later, the old man found his hammer in a place where he had put it, absent-mindedly. He looked out his window, and saw the boy. And the boy acted like a child, ran like a child, laughed like a child.

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / verb

see (see through something)

see (straight) through that confidence

I ~ (one boxer talking trash about another)

saw through the (spurious) claims

he ~ of a therapy called... (autism)

seen through the spin

I think people have ~ (of powerful sex abusers)

see (right) through you

I can ~ (to real motivations)

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: eye / verb

appearance & reality: eye / verb

seed (noun)

seeds of distrust

India's 21-day war with China in 1962 sowed ~

seeds of doubt

plant the ~

seeds of rebellion

enforced potty sitting can sow the ~ (toddlers)

seeds of (sectarian) hatred

the ~ had taken root

seeds of revolt

Facebook helped to blow the ~ across the country

seeds of revolution

Nasser wanted to plant the ~ on the Arabian Peninsula

seed for that (momentous) law

the ~ was planted about 40 years earlier (Title IX)

seeds for (future) unrest

they have planted the ~ (military hangs on to power)

plant the seeds

the British helped to ~ of discord in Afghanistan

planted the seeds

he ~ that gave principals more autonomy (education)

sowing the seeds

he could be ~ of a new disaster (price controls)

sow the seeds

enforced potty sitting can ~ of rebellion (toddlers)

♦ "He planted the seed, and I'm just one of the apples that fell from the tree." (Tribute paid by a black rodeo rider to a pioneer in his sport.)

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

♦ "He who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant
creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant

seed money

seed money

the government loans will be ~ (to new businesses)

provided seed money

tech tycoons ~ (for an AI startup)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / money / plant

seen (perceived)

seen as modern-day people

we aren't ~ at all (a Native American)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

seen (future)

remains to be seen

it ~ if he can weather the storm (a politician)

he claims he will win, but that ~

it ~, and we just don't know yet, it's too early

future / time: eye / verb

seen (groups)

seen

when we get older, we aren't ~ (Lola Flash)

supported, seen and developed

programming that makes us feel ~ (minorities)

♦ "I wanted her to feel seen." (A trans person waving a trans banner in support of a trans swimmer.)

♦ "I would say up to the age of 25 or 26 we're the *if* girls, right? And then after you pass over this threshold of maybe 30, 35, you're put out to pasture. When we get older, we aren't seen." (Lola Flash, who uses she / her and they / them pronouns. From "Photographer Lola Flash is honored for creating images that challenge invisibility," NPR, All Things Considered, December 14, 2021. Told by Allyson McCabe.)

♦ "Everybody is desperate to tell you who they are, to be seen. Which is sadly or not a reality of our species. We are all desperate to be seen or to be heard." (The Mexican filmmaker Guillermo del Toro, talking with Terry Gross of *Fresh Air* about his film *Nightmare Alley*.)

♦ "Everyone deserves to be seen as they truly are." (A Superbowl advertisement for Google's Real Tone software, included on its Pixel 6 phones, with Lizzo singing a new song.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

seep (verb)

seeps into (neighboring) countries

heroin ~ and then into Russia (from Afghanistan)

seeped into mainstream thinking

it ~

movement: water / verb

seer (person)

play the seer

the temptation to ~ is strong (journalism)

person: magic / religion

future / message / time: eye / magic / person / religion

seesaw (noun)

seesaw of emotions

thus began, for him, a violent ~ toward Kevin

seesaw battle

they are locked in a ~ for the strategic city

see-saw classic

they produced a ~ (Champions League soccer)

see-saw (economic) recovery

the ~

legal seesaw

the ~ was part of a protracted battle (environment)

movement: direction / sports & games

development: direction / movement / sports & games

seethe (verb)

seething with anger

protestors are ~ (against the US)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

seismic (adjective)

seismic

the impact would be ~ (educational reform)

seismic change

the results are a ~ for Irish politics (nationalists win)

seismic impact

this will have a ~ in the world of athletics (doping bans)

seismic news

this is ~ in the world of sports business (Nike change)

seismic shift

increased female enrollments portends a ~ (education)

we need a ~ in the way maternity care is provided

seismic (life) shift

his ~ (from entertainment to farming)

seismic win

Japan are praised for their ~ against Ireland (Rugby)

constitutionally seismic

their relationship was ~ (Wallis Simpson and King)

historic and seismic (m)

the coalition government marks a ~ shift (Britain)

amount & effect / extent & scope: earthquake

seismically

shifted seismically

power has ~ (Liverpool vs. Manchester United)

amount & effect / extent & scope: earthquake

seize (verb)

seized Dirac

this idea ~ (Paul Dirac / that math was beautiful)

seized hold

a militant consensus ~ of the Austrians (1914)

seized it

with the title within their grasp, Boston ~ (NBA / 1984)

seized me

the story really ~ (an author / camels in US)

seize the moment

he has failed to ~ (a politician and economic problems)

Congress must ~ to legalize... (Democratic politics)

seize the reins

he will probably ~ (football player for a position)

he was seized by a ~ of lurking danger

fictive possession / possession: hand / verb

taking & removing: hand / verb

seized (by an emotion)

seized by a (gut) feeling

he was ~ of lurking danger

feeling, emotion & effect: hand

fictive possession / possession: hand

taking & removing: hand

self (authentic self, etc.)

authentic self

bring your ~, you'll be seen heard, valued, loved (gay)

to finally love who I am enough to pursue my ~

she's not really sure how to harness her full, ~

Kim experiences what life is like as his ~ (a boy)

authentic selves

I want spaces in sport for trans athletes to be their ~

when kids are able to be their ~ (reactions to trans kids)

my authentic self

to finally love who I am enough to pursue ~

her full, authentic self

she's not really sure how to harness ~

his authentic self

Kim experiences what life is like as ~

our true authentic selves

spaces where we can flourish and be ~ (a Black teen)

their authentic selves

I want spaces in sport for trans athletes to be ~

your authentic self

bring your ~

true self

Shangela reflects on embracing your ~ (drag queen)

full, authentic self

be your ~

true, authentic self

never be afraid or ashamed or have any fear to be your ~

true authentic selves

spaces where we can flourish and be our ~ (a Black teen)

do the sport (I love) as my authentic self

I can continue to ~ (a trans woman college swimmer)

live as our authentic selves

more LGBTQ folks can come out and ~

♦ "I want spaces in sport for trans athletes to be their authentic selves and compete at the highest level, and know they are loved and that they belong there." (Chris Mosier, about transgender athletes at the Tokyo Olympics.)

♦ "This is a day that Minnesota says, 'Bring your authentic self. You'll be seen, heard, valued and loved in this state, and we want you to be whoever you are.' We see you, we hear you, and we will make sure you are in a safe place to be who you are." (Gov. Tim Walz.)

- ♦ “Starting today, no matter how you identify, you can express your authentic self on Tinder. We haven’t had the right tools to serve our diverse community in the past but that changes today.” (A Tinder announcement.)
- ♦ “Thank you for creating a safer space for current and future athletes to unequivocally be themselves.” (Nastia Liukin, thanking Simon Biles on Instagram.)
- ♦ “Heather has a BS in Psychology and an MS in Criminal Forensic Studies. She aims to use her gifts, talents, experiences, education, and authentic self to help others feel empowered to live as their authentic selves. She wants to normalize mental health struggles and addiction, and let people know that they are not alone. There is help and support just around the corner.”

inclusion & exclusion: society

self-destructive (adjective)

self-destructive behaviour
he is known for his ~ (celebrity)

self-destructive tendencies
his ~ have resurfaced

self-destructive habit
most addicts want to kick their ~

behavior / character & personality: explosion / ruins
destruction: explosion / ruins

sell (promote)

sell his (immigration) bill to the public
a trip to ~ (President Bush)

sells women an ideal
the fashion industry also ~ of beauty (thinness)

sell yourself
you have to ~ (job interviewing)

selling himself as a dealmaker
he’s ~ who can take on President Trump (Joe Biden)

♦ “This ‘active shooter’ BS is something that Mr. Binger is trying to sell you people.” (The Kyle Rittenhouse case.)

♦ “If you believe that, I’ve got a bridge to sell you.” (Con men, gullible people and even New York monuments like the Brooklyn Bridge. *Caveat emptor!* Merriam-Webster dates that phrase to 1523 and defines it as, “Let the buyer beware.”)

♦ Psst! Hey, buddy. I can sell you a three-legged racehorse. Cheap!

message: money / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: money / verb

sell out (verb)

selling out to big energy
environmentalists say federal officials are ~ (drilling)

sold out for the money
he was a great actor, but he ~ (films)

sold out his (progressive) ideals
he has ~

sold out its members
some say the union has ~ (contract)

allegiance, support & betrayal: money / verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: money / verb

seminal (adjective)

seminal album

her ~ “Back to Black” (Amy Winehouse)

seminal (Silicon Valley) companies

other ~ (Google, Hewlett-Packard, Apple, etc.)

seminal moment

the bikini’s ~ came in the Bond film, *Dr No*)

~s in TV history and Black history (Bill Cosby)

seminal one

it wasn’t just a striking effect, but a ~ (prosthetic makeup)

seminal works

~ to go on show (sculptures by Henry Moore, etc.)

creation & transformation / importance & significance:

birth

send (emotion or effect)

sent her into a tailspin

the news ~ (light sentence for her stalker)

sent a chill through the academic world

the sentences ~ (arrests)

send a shiver through Congress

the news will likely ~ (Senators sick from coronavirus)

sent a jolt of anxiety around the city

the murder ~

sent (racial) tensions to a boiling point

his death ~ (Amadou Diallo, shot by police)

sent shock waves through French politics

the poll ~ (strength of right)

sent shock waves through the American psyche

Tet ~ (Vietnam War)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement / verb

send (transport)

send the Americans to the dustbin

the Afghans will ~ of history

sent the game to penalties

his 94th-minute scissor kick ~ (soccer)

fictive transportation: verb

send (transmit)

send (mixed) messages

schools ~ about cheating

sent mixed signals

his lawyer has ~ (about what his client might do)

send the wrong message to kids

the ads ~ (that thin is good)

send messages through their body language

people ~

transmission: verb

send (cause to move)

sent up a plume of dust
a rockslide ~

sent up (huge) plumes of smoke
the military air strikes ~

send up toxic plumes
bombing chemical sites could ~

sent streams of lava down the mountain
the volcano ~

sent sand and litter (high) into the air
a monster dust devil ~

sent a wall of water downstream
the dam failure ~

fictive transportation: verb

sensitive (feelings)

so sensitive
don't be ~

character & personality: sensation

character & personality: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sensitive (adjective)

sensitive to their concerns
we must be ~ (diplomacy)

sensitive issue
this is a ~ in Israel

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sentence (life sentence)

permanent life sentence
there can't be a ~ on someone who does something wrong

judgment / punishment & recrimination: justice

sentinel (noun)

sentinels of environmental quality
birds are ~

sentinel disease
she calls it a “~” in the era of climate change (CKDu)

warning: military / person

Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)

Serengeti of the North
the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is often referred to as
the ~

biodiversity: epithet / place

sermon (message)

subject of his sermon

the sinister power of TV is the ~ (the film *Network*)

message: Bible / religion / speech

servant (help)

servants

hold the church accountable for the actions of its ~

servants to us

fossil fuels are enormous ~

civil servants

54% of ~ come to work late (Saudi Arabia)

public servant

he is a ~ in the Russian Forestry Service

help & assistance / work & duty: person

servant (dominated)

servant of the Kremlin

he is a ~ and not the Ukrainian people (politics)

servant of private power, wealth, and the corporations

he's a very loyal ~ (politics)

servant to anyone

we are sovereign and independent and won't be a ~

obedient servant

his intelligence was now merely the ~ of his emotions

♦ “We will be your friend, not your slave.” (Imran Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, to the United States.)

dominance & submission / superiority & inferiority: person

serve up (verb)

serves up anti-Obama rhetoric

he ~ every night (a news host)

consumption / supplying: food & drink / verb

set (skill set)

skill set (was perfect) for that show

his ~ (S.N.L.)

bring a skillset

women ~ (CIA)

group, set & collection: tools & technology

setback (progress)

setback

a ~ in their frustrating hunt for the sniper (D.C. area)

setbacks

he has had some ~

she knows her ~ will soon be in the rear-view mirror

handed (its first major) setback

the terrorist group was ~ when...

crises and setbacks
the heartbreak of constant medical ~

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / journeys & trips

set off (initiate)

set off a domino effect
this ~ (economic collapse)

set off a (political) storm
her decision has ~ in the Netherlands

set off a firestorm
he ~ of opposition when he...

set off a shoot-out
the request ~ between the two camps

set off a storm
calls for an investigation ~ between the two countries

set off a (trade) war
economic sanctions could ~

set off shock waves
he ~ with his statement

initiation: explosion / verb

set off (feeling and emotion)

set him off
little things would ~ (a violent man)
it sounds like that really ~ (anger)

set the president off
that was the thing that ~ (upset him)

set off a wave of emotions
the resignations ~ from sadness to relief

set off a wave of fury
the nominee list ~

set off a wave of pride
his success has ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

set off (and set out)

set off on a wild rampage
dozens of teenage boys ~ (Central Park)

set out on this path
he ~ in 1997 by writing... (rehabilitated his career)

set out to build
he saw the future and he ~ it (Jeff Bezos, Amazon)

set out to film
they ~ the city's prostitutes (documentary / Calcutta)

set out to find
when he ~ his biological father, he never imagined...

set out to master

I ~ fence-building and brush-clearing

set out to take
Mr. Marwa ~ revenge (on murderers of his relative)

set out to terrorize
extremists rejected these terms and ~... (Rwanda)

set out to take revenge
Mr. Marwa ~ (on murderers of his relative)

♦ see also *embark (embark on something)*.

♦ "I left Tangier, my birthplace, on Thursday, 2nd Rajab 725 [June 14, 1325], being at that time twenty-two years of age [22 lunar years; 21 and 4 months by solar reckoning], with the intention of making the Pilgrimage to the Holy House [at Makkah] and the Tomb of the Prophet [at Madinah]. (The great traveler Ibn Battuta.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

set piece (noun)

regular weekly media set-pieces
the ~ are no longer the must-watch sideshows (soccer club)

performance: theater

set sail (verb)

set sail on the seas
he ~ of his exciting career as a microbe hunter

♦ "We traveled very pleasantly all day; in fact nothing can be more beautiful than the views of this immense river; sometimes as smooth as a mirror, at other times ruffled with a gentle breeze, but at all times sweeping us along at the rate of six or seven miles per hour." (Mungo Park on the Niger River.)

♦ "Beginning is easy, continuing is hard." (A Japanese saying.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / verb

settle down (verb)

settle down
nobody knows when things will ~ again (shaken)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: equilibrium & stability / verb

sever (verb)

severed it from the world
the Suez Canal ~ (Mauritius)

division & connection: ax / blade / knife / verb

sewn up

already sewn up
Scotland go into the game with a playoff spot ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth

sew together (verb)

sewn together a (Frankenstein's) monster
Ducournau has ~ from so many disparate ideas

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

sew up (verb)

sewn up the nomination
he has effectively ~ (a politician)

sewn up the support
she has ~ she needs (politics)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth / verb

sexy (adjective)

sexy
the hypothesis was ~ (psychology)

described as sexy
the iPhone was ~ (the early days of technology vs. now)

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / sex

shackle (noun)

break the shackles
we must ~ of an oppressed people's chains

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / crime

oppression: animal

shade (throw shade)

threw some shade at the channel
he congratulated his rival but also ~ (PewDiePie)

throw shade at Florida
people ~ (Florida Man meme)

throw shade at the biggest name
he seemed to ~ in hip-hop

accusation & criticism: light & dark / verb

shadow (concealment)

in the shadows
killing, interrogating and bribing are done ~ (terrorism)
NSO was created ~ in 2010

in the city's shadows
an underground rock scene ~ (the Leningrad Rock Club)

from the shadows to the spotlight
survivors have moved ~ (sex abuse)

created in the shadows
NSO was ~ in 2010

drive them (further) into the shadows
the law will only ~ (illegal migrants)

draw the undocumented out of the shadows
we need to ~ and into the sunlight of legal status

live in the shadows
many homeless men and women avoid shelters and ~

live life in the shadows
they ~ (CIA agents)

lurking in the shadows

syphilis is a major scourge ~ (public health)

operate in the shadows
spammers ~, relying on botnets (Russia)

returned from the shadows
the activist group Anonymous has ~

stepping out of the shadows
she is ~ to use her voice to fight hate (victim of crime)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / shadow

shadow (cast a shadow)

cast a shadow
his flaws ~ (Sinatra)

casts a shadow (of suspicion) over all priests
it ~ (sexual misconduct)

cast a shadow over the Oscars
the war ~ this year (Iraq)

cast a shadow over the (New York) Police
the case ~

cast a shadow over our (foreign-policy) record
Rwanda ~

cast a (dark) shadow
the tragic accident ~ over US-Korean relations

cast a (long) shadow
the conflict has ~ (Algerian War affects to this day)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow

oppression: light & dark / shadow

shadow (in / under the shadow)

in the shadow of the gun
they live ~ (Kashmiris)

in the shadow of terrorism
many are revitalizing family ties ~ (US)

under the shadow of a boycott
Algeria voted ~

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow

oppression: light & dark / shadow

shadow (dark shadow, etc.)

dark shadow
the ~ of the tyranny has been lifted (Obama / Libya)

deadly shadow
the mystique of pole vaulting includes a ~ (fatalities)

horrible shadow
there has been this ~ over his legacy (child abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow

oppression: light & dark / shadow

shadow (attention)

shadow of the (previous) coach

he will never escape the ~ (basketball)
brother's shadow
he was desperate to emerge from his ~ (Mike Quarry)

in Moscow's shadow
a city that has always labored ~ (St. Petersburg)

in his shadow
anything I do is completely eclipsed, I'm ~ (jealousy)

in the shadow of (such a) legend
was it hard growing up ~ (grandson of famous woman)

break out of his dad's shadow
he is trying to ~ Conor Benn, boxer)

escape the shadow
he will never ~ of the previous coach (basketball)

emerge from his brother's shadow
he was desperate to ~ (boxer Mike Quarry)

labored in (Moscow's) shadow
a city that has always ~

step out of the long shadow
Sarajevo is attempting to ~ of war

attention, scrutiny & promotion / competition / superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow

shadow (proximity)

shadow
I'm supposed to be your ~ (follow you and watch you)

in the shadow of Mount Snowdon
she works as a hill farmer ~

in the shadow of the Ural Mountains
Magnitogorsk was constructed ~ (1930s)

lives in its shadow
the volcano shapes the lives of everyone who ~

proximity: light & dark / shadow

shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)

beyond any shadow of a doubt
I will convince you ~ (trial)

without a shadow of a doubt
they knew, ~, that he was guilty

certainty & uncertainty: light & dark / shadow

shadow (devitalized)

shadow of himself
he's a ~, of his best times (a chess grandmaster)

shadow of its former self
the company will be a ~
the group is a ~ (terrorists)
the once proud newspaper is a ~ (cuts, etc.)

shadow of what it used to be
in reality the Royal Navy is already a ~

pale shadow
it was a ~ of their mighty clashes (soccer tie)
he has looked a very ~ of his former self (a soccer player)

attenuation: light & dark / shadow
substance & lack of substance: light & dark / shadow
shadow (follow)

shadow the politician
she asked to ~ on a 15-hour "ride-a-long" (reporter)

proximity: light & dark / shadow / verb

shadow (shadow government, etc.)

shadow governors
the rebels have named ~

shadow foreign secretary
Labour's ~ Emily Thornberry

shadow attorney general
the ~

shadow foreign policy
they view what he did as a kind of ~ (politics)

Labour shadow
his ~ questioned why...

repetition: light & dark / shadow

shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)

shadow boxing
jumping rope, ~, hitting the heavy bag (boxers)

substance & lack of substance: light & dark / shadow

shadow (rain shadow, etc.)

rain shadow
the uplands leave the valley in a ~

configuration: light & dark / shadow

shadowy

shadowy figure
he is a ~ whose intentions remain shrouded in mystery

shadowy (extremist) groups
~ have burned Internet cafes

shadowy (Internet) organization
the documents were released by a ~

shadowy world
his arrest provides a lens onto the ~ of computer hackers

shadowy Baluchistan Liberation Army
the ~, born in the 1970's (Pakistan)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / shadow

shady (adjective)

shady behavior

they are guilty of some really ~ (a hospital)

shady dealings

~ made him a rich man

there were some ~ going on in the Ukraine (US politics)

shady (furniture-and-appliance-rental) service

Rent-T-Own, just another ~ (its real product is debt)

♦ "It's like an orphanage that also has a cruel business on the side."
(Employer self-dealing with 401(k) options.)

corruption / subterfuge: light & dark / shadow

shake (disrupt)

shaken the university

the allegations have ~

shakes people from their slumber

I hope this film ~ (Spike Lee)

shook Hollywood and the country to its foundation

the murders ~ (Charles Manson)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

shake (shake something off)

shake it off

she's now struggling to ~ (label of calculating)

it's a step back, but we need to ~ and go again (soccer)

resiliency: gesture / verb

shake (remove)

shake her demons

she couldn't ~ (singer dies of drug overdose)

shake my depression

I couldn't ~

shake off the mantle

they want to ~ of tradition (artists)

shake off the sense

I couldn't ~ of pessimism and failure I felt

dismissal, removal & resignation: movement / verb

shaken (feeling)

shaken to my core

I was ~ (by a perceived injustice)

drained and shaken

I left feeling ~ (tour of Auschwitz)

left him shaken

the violence ~

leave the movie shaken

you ~ (a film review)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.)

"hillbilly Shakespeare"

the man who was called the ~ (Hank Williams)

superlative: books & reading / epithet

allusion: books & reading

Shakespearean (adjective)

Shakespearean in scope and grandeur

the Olympics will be ~ (drama, tragedy, comedy)

Shakespearean proportions

this is a tragedy of ~ (family murder)

superlative: books & reading / epithet

allusion: books & reading

comparison & contrast: affix

shake up (verb)

shook up the (immigration) debate

the president ~ (President Trump)

shook me up

his story ~ (a suicide)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

shake-up (noun)

shakeup in leadership

what do you think the ~ indicates

shakeup at the Department of Homeland Security

what do you think the ~ indicates

sudden shake-up

the ~ could signal instability in the regime

disruption: equilibrium & stability

shaky (equilibrium)

shaky bank

~, volatile markets...

shaky ground

their relationship is on ~

shaky relationship

they have a ~

shaky science

the company's claims rest on ~

shaky start

the spacewalk got off to a ~

shaky truce

they have reached a ~ in their trade dispute

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

shallow (adjective)

shallow analysis

this is a ~ of a complex problem

shallow book

it is a ~ from a shallow man

shallow goal

looking beautiful is a ~

shallow roots

she has ~ in the state (a politician)

shallow questions

they are asking very ~

uneducated & shallow

her detractors are ~

extent & scope: depth / water

substance & lack of substance: depth / water

Shangri-la

my own Shangri-la

I wanted to stay here, ~ among the hills, for always...

vision of Shangri-la

the monastery appeared as the archetypal ~ (Bulgaria)

♦ The novel *Lost Horizon* by James Hilton was set in Tibet and published in 1933. Shangri-la was a fictional place in the Kunlun Mountains.

♦ “The name Kyirong means ‘the village of happiness’ and it really deserves the name. I shall never cease thinking of this place with yearning, and if I can choose where to pass the evening of my life, it will be Kyirong. There I would build myself a house of red cedarwood and have one of the rushing mountain streams running through my garden, in which every kind of fruit would grow...” (From Heinrich Harrer’s *Seven Years in Tibet*, published in 1953. Though Harrer doesn’t explicitly mention Shangri-la, for him it seemed to be Kyirong.)

♦ “The scene was unforgettably dramatic. In the background was the immense massif, scoured by three mighty glaciers... She had long pigtails, and her hair was decorated with amulets made of yellowed amber; on her arms she wore bracelets of braided silver. I thought then I had never seen anything quite so beautiful. There was distant birdsong...and some of the yaks wore bells, which pealed slightly... Tiny puffs of cloud lazied in the summer sunshine, their shadows briefly darkening the grassland. I wanted to stay here, my own Shangri-la among the hills, for always. / But we had to cross the Chola hills...” (*The River at the Center of the World: A Journey Up the Yangtze, and Back in Chinese Time*, by Simon Winchester, published in 1996. The last two chapters are set in western China.)

♦ “[T]he monastery appeared as the archetypal vision of Shangri-la: a rhapsody of warm and sensuous colors, topped by domes, roofs, and a medieval tower, clashing perfectly with the austere, sylvan tones of the landscape. The sunlight shone through dark and towering pine trees as Nadia [whom he later describes as an attractive, intelligent woman] led me up the hillside. Bands of mist, which made me think of high ideals, floated between the peaks. Everywhere I heard the sound of mountain torrents.” (From *Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by the great travel writer, journalist and political analyst Robert D. Kaplan. He experienced his vision of Shangri-la at the Rila Monastery in Bulgaria.)

♦ see also *heaven*, *paradise*

allusion: books & reading

superlative: epithet

shape (form)

shape of her life

what people want from her has defined the ~ (Britney)

very different shape

harassment takes a ~, this can look like ...

identity & nature: animal

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing

shape (condition)

financial shape

airlines aren’t in ~ to back a new industry (biofuels)

fiscal shape

we are in better ~ now (politics)

in good shape

baseball is ~

condition & status: health & medicine

shape (verb)

shape a (desired) behavior

teachers can ~

shape the future

a battle that could ~ of home cinema (standard)

shape our lives

the unseen influences that ~

shape the narrative

TikTok has helped ~ of the election (2020)

shape public perception

he wants his surrogates to ~ (politics)

shaped Joe Biden

the political mistakes and personal scars that ~

shaped its course

the First Fleet weighed anchor and ~ for Tenerife

shaped my life

it was incredible, it ~ (a Norwegian boarding school)

shaping prices

it’s ECON 101, not the white House, that’s ~ (gas)

shapes the lives

the volcano ~ of everyone who lives in its shadow

shape and manipulate

algorithms ~ (filter bubbles)

♦ “We shape our buildings and afterwards our buildings shape us.” (Winston Churchill, urging MPs to re-create the House of Commons—which had been bombed in the war—as an exact replica.)

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing / verb

shaped

shaped our world

firsthand accounts of events that ~ (BBC witness history)

shaped by coal

the 19th century was ~

shaped by oil

the 20th century was ~

shaped by natural gas

the 21st century may well be ~ (energy)

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing

shard (The Shard, etc.)

the Shard

~ was designed by Renzo Piano (London building)

proper name: materials & substances / shape

shark (thrown to the sharks)

thrown to the sharks

Alberto has been ~ (unproven allegations of doping)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / shark / verb

shark (predation)

loan shark

see *loan shark*

financial shark

he is a ~ who downsizes companies

full of sharks

elite summer basketball is ~ (AAU coaches)

attracts sharks

whenever money is being made illegally, it ~ (drugs)

♦ "Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks." (A model.)

♦ A GOOD JOKE. Question: Why didn't the shark eat the lawyer?
Answer: Professional courtesy!

behavior / person: animal / predation / shark

character & personality: animal / predation / shark

affliction: animal / predation / shark / sign, signal, symbol

sharp (skills, etc.)

sharp

his skills are still ~

condition & status / functioning: blade / knife

sharp (speech)

sharp words

the officer exchanges ~ with a man

speech: blade / knife

sharpen (verb)

sharpen her concentration

the extreme pressure only seemed to ~ (Wimbledon)

sharpen our instincts

we must ~ for empathy

sharpen their knives

Madrid's media ~ (a soccer controversy)

sharpen his skills

he took a kayaking clinic to ~

sharpen wit

the prospect of death can ~

amelioration & renewal: blade / knife / verb

increase & decrease: blade / knife / verb

sharp-tongued

sharp-tongued

she's a ~ woman

speech: blade / knife / tongue

shatter (emotions)

shattered (people's) hopes

they ~ of seeing their country become a democracy

shatter (the enemy's) nerve

the objective is to ~ (shock and violence)

shatter her self-esteem

it will ~

feeling, emotion and effect: destruction / materials & substances / verb

shatter (destroy)

shattered the (fragile) calm

the attack ~ that had descended on Tel Aviv

shatter our image

it does kind of ~ of Taos (crimes)

shattered stability

the country's first-ever coup in 1999 ~

shatter stereotypes

Tunisia's liberal social policies ~ of the Arab world

shattered the family's life

her daughter's rape and death ~

shatter everyday life

drugs and crime ~

destruction: materials & substances / verb

shattered

shattered by the (Sept. 11) attacks

that illusion was ~

confidence (in United) is shattered

his ~ (airline delays)

illusion was shattered

that ~ by the Sept. 11 attacks

destruction: materials & substances

shattering (adjective)

confidence-shattering

trying to overcome a ~ rookie year (basketball)

ear-shattering

he heard an ~ noise

earth-shattering

the potential is ~

destruction: materials & substances

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / materials & substances

shave (removal)

shave billions off their taxes
companies know how to ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / hair / verb

shed (verb)

shed (36,000) jobs
the economy ~ last month

shed the pound
those who are trying to ~ (dieting)

dismissal, removal & resignation: hair / verb

sheep (consciousness)

sheep
most people are ~

♦ She: And a lot of people had this question, Wait, are other people going? / He: And the families have that kind of fear, what if I'm, you know, if I look around, no one else came with me... So it's a collective-action problem, we all have to step forward at the same time... They would be able to act as a collective." (The angst some parents suffer trying to select the best public grade-school for their kids in New York City and its environs. High schools have open houses to sign-up such parents.)

consciousness & awareness / behavior / unanimity & consensus / society: animal / sheep

sheep (predation)

sheep
we won't be ~, we're going to be lions (self-defense)

prey on the sheep
there are a lot of wolves in here who will ~ prison
♦ "Death devours lambs as well as sheep." (Infant mortality.)

strength & weakness: animal / sheep / predation
destruction: animal / sheep / predation

shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.)

Sahul Shelf
the ~, that shallow ledge of ocean floor

Sunda Shelf
the islands of the ~

proper name: house / shape
geography: proper name

shelf (ice shelf, etc.)

ice shelf
they anchored to the floating ~

continental shelf
the ~ dives down...

shape: house

shelf life

shelf life on coaches

the ~ has never been shorter (winning and losing)

has shelf life

he ~, he will last (a philosopher)

♦ "Rappers seem to have a short shelf life for some odd reason."
(Message-board snark.)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / food & drink

shell (substance)

shell

he came back a ~, like a ghost (soldier)

shell company

~s for the tax evader and money launderer

substance & lack of substance: sea

shell (protection)

thick shell

you do have to have a very ~ as a boxer because...

underneath the (granite) shell

~ there was a sometimes unbearable sensitivity

come out of his shell

she encouraged him to ~ during his teenage years

come out of my shell

I was a shy person who needed to ~ (got into boxing)

came out of my shell

that's when my life began and I ~ (gay leaves home)

stayed inside my shell

I ~ for the first two or three weeks (summer camp)

protection & lack of protection: animal / sea / water
isolation & remoteness: animal / sea / water

shellshocked

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I was so ~, I left the building by the wrong exit (interview)

shell-shocked Barca side

a ~ was unable to fashion any serious response

looked shellshocked

he ~ in court (a celebrity who was arrested for rape)

Liverpool players ~ after that loss (to Newcastle United)

♦ "This man took part in the Mons retreat, battle of the Marne, battle of the Aisne, and the first and second battles of Ypres. He also fought at Hill 60, Neuve Chapelle, Loos and Armentières... When I saw him nine months later he was mute. Many attempts had been made to cure him. He had been strapped down in a chair for twenty minutes at a time, when strong electricity was applied to his neck and throat; lighted cigarette ends had been applied to the tip of his tongue and 'hot plates' had been placed at the back of his mouth. Hypnotism had been tried. But all these methods proved to be unsuccessful in restoring his voice."
("DISORDERS OF SPEECH / Case A1—MUTISM / PRIVATE, 24 YEARS OF AGE. From *Hysterical Disorders of Warfare* by Lewis Ralph Yealland, M.D.)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / military

shelter (verb)

sheltered the terrorist

Pakistan denied that it had ~

protection & lack of protection: place / verb

shelve (verb)

shelved its mascot

the university has ~

shelved the plan

Beijing officials have ~ to redevelop the neighborhood

dismissal, removal & resignation: books & reading / verb

shepherd (verb)

shepherding the (main) bill through the Senate

he is ~ (US)

shepherded me through the medina

he ~ (Fez guide)

directing: animal / journeys & trips / sheep / verb

sheriff (new sheriff in town)

new sheriff in town

this is more of a Biden thing, there's a ~ (diplomacy)

control & lack of control: film

Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes

I used to call her ~ (journalist Lyra McKee)

SHERLOC

~ will hunt for clues in Martian rocks

~ will work in tandem with WATSON, a camera (Mars)

♦ SHERLOC = Scanning Habitable Environments with Raman & Luminescence for Organics & Chemicals. WATSON = Wide Angle Topographic Sensor for Operations and eNgieneering.

♦ "How are you? You have been in Afghanistan, I perceive." Sherlock Holmes' first words to Dr Watson in "A Study in Scarlet" are among the most famous introductory lines in literature..." ("The REAL Dr Watson: The Victorian army medic who was the inspiration for Sherlock's trusty sidekick" by Annabel Venning, *Daily Mail*, Feb 1st 2012.)

searching & discovery: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Sherpa (noun)

'Sherpa' for a Supreme Court nominee

what it's like to be a ~ (NPR)

sobriety Sherpa

he was my ~ (rehab)

Michael Pack and his Sherpa

she boasted that she was "very close to ~"

serves as Trump's G7 "Sherpa"

Larry Kudlow, who also ~ (NPR's Bobby Allyn)

♦ See "Adjusting Appropriately' To Words That Hurt," NPR, Opinion, Language, August 8, 2018.)

ability & lack of ability / help & assistance: mountains & hills / person

shibboleth (noun)

shibboleths

these are not official regulations, they're more ~

shibboleth of political correctness

"everyone has rights" is a ~

shibboleth of old thinking

heavy tanks are seen as a ~ (the military)

shibboleth in American politics

it's hard to think of any greater ~ (middle class)

educational shibboleth

"learning styles" has become an ~

political shibboleth

the "right of return" has remained a ~ (Palestinians)

liberal and conservative shibboleths

empirical evidence vs ~ (voting patterns)

shibboleths and cliches

the ~ of conventional Washington punditry

shibboleth—a rule—

there is a ~ in the movie business, that...

myths and the shibboleths

the project breaks down the ~ surrounding the Irish famine

abandon another (long held republican) shibboleth

he was ready to ~ (Northern Ireland)

cling to the shibboleths

they ~ that have spelled disaster (South Africa)

jab at the shibboleths

he took a populist line to ~

took root as a shibboleth

this early finding ~

♦ "The contrast between the enormous popularity of the learning-styles approach within education and the lack of credible evidence for its utility is, in our opinion, striking and disturbing." (Quoted in "Forget What You Know About Good Study Habits," by Benedict Carey, *The New York Times*, September 6, 2010.)

♦ "There's no evidence to support the conventional wisdom that kids can be auditory or visual learners." ("Think You're An Auditory or Visual Learner? Scientists Say It's Unlikely," by Patti Neighmond, NPR, Morning Edition, August 29, 2011.)

♦ "One of the biggest surprises from Dr. LeDoux's work is that there may be no such thing as the limbic system—a hypothetical construct of pathways in the forebrain, which contains the hippocampus, amygdala and a few other tiny structures that has been supposed to underlie emotion and motivation." ("Using Rats to Trace Anatomy of Fear, Biology of Emotion," by Sandra Blakeslee, *The New York Times*, November 5, 1996.)

♦ "The brain loves peppermint!" (A North Carolina teacher-trainer and devotee of "brain-based, evidence-based" educational research, encouraging teacher-trainees to hand out peppermint in class to promote learning.)

idea: religion

sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: allusion / religion

shield (on one's shield)

go-out-on-his-shield kind of guy
he's a ~ (the boxer Deontay Wilder)

go out on my shield
I just wish my corner had let me ~ (a boxer / towel)

went out on his shield like a man
Amir Khan ~ (in his fight against "Canelo" Alvarez)

♦ "In Aristophanes' comic play, *Lysistrata*, the women go on sex strike as a way of ending the Peloponnesian War. Do you think we would be as warlike if women were in charge?" [Delighted laughter and clapping from the audience.] / "It's such a good question. My brief answer is no. [Nervous laughter from audience.] You know, the Peloponnesian war, it was the Spartan mothers who said, 'Come back bearing your shield or on it...' I'm not sure that women are by nature kinder or gentler." (Margaret MacMillan, "War and Humanity," the Reith Lectures, BBC.)

commitment & determination: allusion / history / military

shield (verb)

shielded your fellow citizens from danger
you have ~ (the military)

protection & lack of protection: military / verb / weapon

shield (noun)

shield from the (sun's harmful) rays
ozone provides a protective ~

Europe's shield
EU chief says Greece is ~ in migrant crisis

missile shield
the first step in deploying a ~
a global ~ won't work

missile defense shield
U.S. testing of a ~

Desert Shield
the ~ buildup before the Persian Gulf War

global (missile) shield
a ~ won't work

human shield
rebels used men, women and children as ~s
Saddam's loyalists are using Iraqi civilians as ~
his supporters have offered themselves up as ~s

legal shield
Section 230 is a key ~ that protects tech platforms

protective shield
ozone provides a ~ from the sun's harmful rays

human and religious shields
the Iraqis have used ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

sword and shield
the "~~" version of WWII (de Gaulle and Petain)

testing of a (missile defense) shield
U.S. ~

♦ "Anonymity is often necessary as a shield for victims but opposing counsel has used it as a sword to publicly humiliate our client."
(Statement from a lawyer.)

protection & lack of protection: military / weapon

shift (change)

political shift
there has been a big ~

position, policy & negotiation: position / movement

shifty (adjective)

shifty character
she's a ~, watch out

behavior / character & personality / subterfuge: direction

shine (noun)

a little of the shine
~ had now been taken off his halo (a politician)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark

shining (superlative)

shining examples
these men stand as ~ of bravery

shining paragons
~ of American boyhood (scouts)

superlative: light & dark

ship (ship of state, etc.)

ship of their research
they caulked up every seam in the ~

ship of state
the protestors wish to sink the ~

sink the ship of state
the protestors wish to ~

steer and stabilize the ship
a government that can ~ through the economic crisis

♦ Longfellow's "The Building of the Ship" is a terrific poem. Franklin Delano Roosevelt wrote out by hand the following lines from it in a message he sent to Winston Churchill, and Churchill used those same lines in a speech broadcast to the English people: "Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State! / Sail on, O Union, strong and great! / Humanity with all its fears, / With all the hopes of future years, / Is hanging breathless on thy fate!"

bases: boat / epithet / government / sign, signal, symbol

ship (ship of the desert)

"ships of the desert"
many Australian farmers keep the country's prolific ~

transportation: boat / epithet

ship (tight ship, etc.)

run a (very) tight ship
we ~ (a company with many rules)

steering the ship
some believe he was actually ~ (a vice-president)

control & lack of control: boat

ship (abandon / jump ship)

abandon ship
it's time to ~ (a failing company)

jumping ship
a lot of investors are ~

♦ "You must remember he believed, as any other man would have done in his place, that the ship would go down at any moment..." (*Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad. The *Patna*, of course, did not go down.)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: boat
allegiance, support & betrayal: boat

ship (sink the ship)

sink the ship
the protestors wish to ~ of state

destruction: boat / verb

ship (a sinking ship)

leave a sinking ship
what a fool, he had a chance to ~ (sour soccer fan)

♦ "Indian unity by British rule will swiftly perish... The great ship is sinking in the calm sea. Those who should have devoted their utmost efforts to keep her afloat have instead opened the sea-cocks." (Winston Churchill in a speech in 1946.)

decline: boat / sea

failure, accident & impedance: boat / sea

ship (right the ship, etc.)

right the ship
we'll see if the company can ~ (financial problems)

righted the ship
he ~ (a troubled government agency)
his polls were shaky, he was sagging, but he has ~

right our (fiscal) ship
we must ~ (budget)

steady the ship
even Messi was unable to ~ (loss to Liverpool)

steadied the ship
his performance more than ~ (politician at debate)

amelioration & renewal: boat / verb

equilibrium & stability: boat / verb

ship (turn the ship, etc.)

turn the ship around
he is struggling to ~ (a soccer manager)

reversal: boat / verb

ship (ship has sailed, etc.)

boat has sailed
I think that ~ (that the US can dominate the Pacific)

ship has sailed
that ~ (no regrets now)
that ~, we've missed the window (to stop global warming)

ship has (long since) sailed
the civility ~ in American politics (2019)
that ~ (that college sports are amateur)

♦ "Your dad loved her very much. If there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed." (Austin Powers to Vanessa Kensington from the film *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: boat / movement / verb

ship (launched a thousand ships)

engender a thousand conversations
this acutely argued book will ~ (a blurb)

launched a thousand academic careers
his book ~ and plenty of opaque jargon... (*Orientalism*)

launched a thousand magazine covers
the clean-cut matinee idol who ~ (Dirk Bogarde)

launched a thousand takes
the leak ~ (of a cache of nude celebrity photos)

launches 1,000 conspiracy theories
it will be a snafu that ~ (2020 Iowa caucus results)

launched a thousand think pieces
it was the song that ~ (I Kissed A Girl)

launched a thousand jokes and memes
this bipartisan hope that has ~ (infrastructure)

initiation: allusion / boat / Iliad & Odyssey

ship out (remove)

ship him out
they wanted to ~, and this was their opportunity (dismissal)

dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb

shipwreck (noun)

shipwreck of my conscience
I would not make a ~ (Paulet, 1587)

destruction: boat / crashes & collisions

failure, accident & impairment: boat / crashes & collisions

shirt (lose one's shirt)

lost their shirts
they ~ when the market crashed

failure, accident & impairment: clothing & accessories

shit (and bullshit)

bullshit on Everest
it's all ~ these days (Sir Edmund Hillary / 2003)

♦ "a lot of casuals have been coming here lately just talking shit I can't wait for them to fuck off" (A boxing fan on reddit's "post fight thread Anthony Joshua vs Oleksandr Usyk." The opposite of "casual" fans would be hardcore, knowledgeable fans.)

worth & lack of worth: waste

shiver (noun)

send a shiver through Congress

the news will likely ~ (Congressmen get coronavirus)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

shoal (noun)

shoals of theology and cosmology

Lyell had tried to avoid the ~ (*Principles of Geology*)

foundering on the shoals

he finds himself ~ of issues around race (a politician)

run aground on the shoals

the promises have ~ of changing sex ratios

failure, accident & impairment: boat / sea

danger / destruction / obstacles & impedance: boat / sea

shock (verb)

shocked the world

Ireland ~ by announcing... (dispute with Vatican)

shocks and terrifies

violence ~ even the best-trained troops (combat)

offend, shock or disturb

those that ~ the majority (freedom of expression)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force / verb

shock (in shock)

still in shock

he was ~ but relieved... (survivor of porch collapse)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force / health & medicine

shock (feeling)

shock

9/11 was a ~ that should not have come as a surprise

shock of combat

training can lessen the surprise and ~

shock of losing

the ~ his dad, there was so much anger (a young man)

shock of prison

after the ~ wears off

shock for me

it was a ~ and everyone else

shock for the (previously unbeaten) team

it was a ~

shock radio

for those who enjoy ~

shock and delight

the winners' ~ (MacArthur Award)

shock or horror or outrage or indignation

I could not show ~ (journalist witness to ethnic strife)

family's shock

she recalls the ~ when her mother was arrested

culture shock

reverse culture shock can worse than the classic ~

sticker shock

bracing themselves for ~ (laptop-computer prices)

absolute shock

this is an ~ (death of a young athlete)

quite a shock

it was ~ (mine disaster)

look of shock

I saw the ~ in his face

state of shock

we were all in a complete ~ (athlete's sudden death)

anger and shock

the ~ (to yet another terrorist bombing)

surprise and shock

training can lessen the ~ of combat

shock (of prison) wears off

after the ~

lessen the (surprise and) shock

training can ~ of combat

come as a shock

I know this may ~ to you...

it may ~ to people...

reeling from the shock

the staff is still ~ of the shootings

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shocked (adjective)

shocked

not one of the students in the group looked ~

shocked that

people are ~ this is so close to home
they're kind of ~ her parents are white, and she's not
he said that he is ~ a killing could take place there

shocked to see

he was ~ so many dead or wounded (combat)

shocked at her appearance

they were ~ (eating disorder)

shocked at the prices

they may be ~ (rent for assisted living)

shocked at what

they are ~ is now happening

shocked when

Iraqi commanders were ~ they discovered...

shocked by the attacks
Australians were ~ (bombing on Bali)

shocked by the decision
he was ~ not to renew his contract (job)

shocked by the (gorilla) killings
conservationists were ~ (DR Congo / Virunga)

shocked by the news
they were ~ (favorite restaurant closed)

shocked by the number
she was ~ of Muslims having surgery to...

shocked by these revelations
I was ~ (in the press)

shocked by the (death) toll
people were ~ (climbing disaster)

shocked by the verdict
I'm ~ (jury lets businessman off)

shocked by the viciousness
police were ~ of the attack (hate crime)

shocked silence
through it all she sat in ~

shocked and appalled
we are ~ by this news (plans to shoot tigers)

shocked and baffled
the rap word was ~ by the murder (Jam Master Jay)

shocked and bewildered (m)
the ~ passengers (train crash)

shocked, embarrassed and disgusted
residents are ~ (town government)

shocked and grief-stricken
~ relatives of the victims gathered (bus-truck crash)

shocked and outraged
I was ~

shocked, upset, fearful and angry
the community is ~ (hate crime)

completely shocked
I was just completely shocked

definitely shocked
when I found out, I was ~

genuinely shocked
I was ~

a little shocked
he looked ~ that I wasn't ready to go out

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shocker (noun)

honeymoon shocker
couples who encounter the "~~" (a snoring spouse)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity
shocking (feeling, emotion and effect)

shocking
the mismanagement and incompetence is ~
the firing was surprising but not ~ (Notre Dame coach)

shocking crime
it was a ~ (a murder)

shocking defeat
they talked about his ~ of Lewis (boxing)

shocking news
the ~ is...

shocking scenes
~ of dead or terrified children (Chechen terrorism)

shocking story
he related a ~

shocking upset
at the conclusion of the ~ (football)

shocking and inflammatory (m)
desecration of the Koran is a ~ act

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shock wave

shockwave of trauma
this decision has caused a ~ across the church (Methodists)

send shock waves through the market
such a drastic step would ~

sent shock waves through French politics
the poll ~ (strength of right)

sent shock waves through the American psyche
Tet ~ (Vietnam War)

sent shockwaves through the skiing world
his death ~ (Doug Coombs)
the arrests have ~ (blood doping)

sent shockwaves through the sport
their bans ~ (sports doping)

sent shock waves around the globe
the dramatic plunge of the Web site ~

sent shock waves rippling
the discovery of sperm whales ~ through Nantucket

set off shock waves with his statement
he ~

♦ "There is no dearth of prose describing the mass of humanity that made its way to the feet of the Great Emancipator that day; no metaphor that has slipped through the cracks waiting to be discovered, dusted off, and injected into the discourse a half century on. The March on Washington has been compared to a tsunami, a shock wave, a wall, a living monument, a human mosaic, an outright miracle. / It was all of those things..." (*Behind the Dream: The Making of the Speech that Transformed a Nation* by Clarence B. Jones.)

feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / explosion

effect: earthquake / explosion

shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)

next shoe

what's the ~ to drop, what happens next

the other shoe

people wait for the other ~ to drop (occupation)

shoe has fallen

now that the ~, where will he go (fired)

waited for the other shoe

his colleagues ~ to drop (investigation)

fate, fortune & chance: clothing & accessories / verb

shoe (in somebody's shoes)

in her shoes

I'm gay, I've been ~

in their shoes

I should be clear that as a journalist I was not ~

put yourself in his shoes

~ (see it from that person's point of view)

put yourself in the other person's shoes

~, you might be more sympathetic

walking in somebody else's shoes

I can't say I'm ~, but I'm not oblivious to it (race)

♦ "I'd like people to put themselves in my shoes and think what it's like to get threats to my family." (Spain striker Alvaro Morata about fan abuse during Euro 2020.)

empathy & lack of empathy: clothing & accessories

perception, perspective & point of view: clothing & accessories

shoe (big shoes)

big shoes

those were definitely some ~ that I had to fill...

superiority & inferiority: clothing & accessories / size

shoe (the shoe is on the other foot)

shoe's on the other foot

what might happen to you if the ~

reversal: clothing & accessories

shoe (a stone in the shoe)

stone in our shoe

Ecuador's president has described him as a ~ (Assange)

stone in Nato's shoe

Turkey is fast becoming a ~ (over Libya)

affliction: clothing & accessories / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: clothing & accessories / sensation

shoestring (noun)

shoestring budget

NASA supports the ~ to find NEOs

shoestring (\$1 million) budget

its ~ (a film)

money / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: clothing & accessories

shoot (plant)

shoots of ballet activity

she helped the new ~ that developed (Karsavina)

♦ The term "green shoots" has become trendy lately. See *green shoots*.

creation & transformation: plant

growth & development: plant

shoot (speech)

shoot first

he tends to ~ and aim second (a politician)

shoot from the hip

people who ~, who tell it like it is...

speech: weapon / verb

shoot (shoot back)

shot back

he ~, "Of course it's easier..." (to criticism)

speech: weapon / verb

shoot (shoot first)

shoot first and ask questions later

investors are likely to ~ (stocks fall on fears)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: verb / weapon

shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)

shot himself in the foot

he has ~ again (Colin Kaepernick)

shot themselves in both feet

CNN ~ with this crazy rule and enforcement (a scandal)

failure, accident & impairment: foot / verb / weapon

shoot down (verb)

shoot me down

I do feel like, ~ here if you think it's necessary (argument)

destruction: plane / speech / verb / weapon

shoot-out (noun)

shoot-out between the two camps

the request set off a ~ (privacy vs. right to know)

conflict: weapon

shoot up (verb)

shot up

the price of gas has ~
the price of food has ~
the price of helium has ~
after that, his stock in the village ~ (with Balinese people)

increase & decrease: direction / number / verb / weapon

shore (far shore)

left stranded on the far shore

his system of critical judgment was ~

society: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

shore (resemblance)

shore

Sahel is the Arabic word for "~~"

shore of the Sahara Desert

the Sahel is the ~

shore of the salt pan

after reaching the further ~ (Ntetwe in Botswana)

Sahara's southern shore

the Sahel is a band of dry grassland, the ~

resemblance: sea

shored up

shored up by dubious data

her books are ~ (Naomi Wolf)

amelioration & renewal / strength & weakness:

infrastructure / mining

shore up (verb)

shore up their (criminal) case

the police are working to ~

shore up her confidence

a victory would ~ (athlete)

amelioration & renewal / strength & weakness:

infrastructure / mining / verb

short (a short time, etc.)

short time later

he arrived a ~

time: distance

short-circuit (verb)

short-circuit our expectations

she knows how to ~ (a writer)

short-circuited the process

he ~

short-circuited the (traditional campaign) route

he has ~ (billionaire politician and advertising)

failure, accident & impairment: electricity / verb

disruption: electricity / verb

shortcut (verb)

shortcut it

it's a long process, and we can never ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance / movement / journeys & trips / verb

shortcut (noun)

shortcut to success

athletes who take a ~ (doping)

safety shortcut

~s led to the oil spill

magical shortcut

joining the military should not be a ~ to hero status

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance / movement / journeys & trips

shorthand (noun)

shorthand for a person

calling someone a Karen has become ~ who...

shorthand term

the ~ 'illegals' is an insult

political shorthand

one word that pops up often in ~ is "reform"

take that shorthand away

I don't want to ~ from them (terms and memes)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: sign, signal, symbol / writing & spelling

shortsighted

shortsighted to treat

it is ~ addicts as criminals

shortsighted in the extreme

this policy is ~ (self-interest vs. collective good)

shortsighted and dangerous

it would be both ~ to allow...

criticized it as shortsighted

they ~ (a policy)

future / perception, perspective & point of view: eye

shot (nerves are shot, etc.)

shot

her nerves are ~, she has no confidence (Wimbledon)

failure, accident & impairment / feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

shot (shot in the arm, etc.)

shot of adrenaline

his writing is a ~ that awakens us from our apathy

shot in the arm

it's a ~ (the encouragement of a research prize)

shot in the arm for the local economy

this is a ~ (a basketball tournament)

shot in the arm for the MacBook lineup

its own chip has been a ~ (Apple Silicon)

real shot in the arm

this victory is a ~ (union victory)

gave the industry a shot in the arm

Disney's Matterhorn Bobsled Ride ~ in 1959

♦ *To inject new life / fresh blood* can be similar.

♦ "Citizens of vaccination nation, all those shots in the arm, gave a shot in the arm to the box office this weekend..." (Chris Connelly promoting filmgoing for ABC. This is a good example of recontextualization of an old cliché in the age of COVID.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

shot (attempt)

shot at advancement

his son has a better ~ than he faced as a young man

shot at the job

I thought I had a ~ (job interview)

shot at the peak

this was their last ~ (mountaineering)

shot at the summit

helping the other group cost the climbers a ~

shot at the title

a win would keep him on track for a ~ (boxer)

shot at the (world) championship

a ~ (boxing)

shot in Orlando

he knew he had a ~ (to win, at a championship)

title shot

give Tyson a ~ (boxing)

another shot

Tyson might get ~ (to fight for championship)

first shot

Tomaz got his ~ at the Himalayas in 1994

good shot

I thought I had a ~ at the job (interview)

last shot

this was their ~ at the peak (mountaineering);
a ~ to right a historical wrong (reparations)

one more shot

at least give it ~ (try)

on track for a shot

a win would keep him ~ at the title (boxer)

give him a shot

hopefully somebody will ~ (an athlete)

got a shot

she finally ~ on the Tonight Show

taken a shot

at least 7 expeditions had ~ at Gasherbrum IV

cost the climbers a shot

helping the other group ~ at the summit

attempt: weapon

shot (chance)

one-in-a-million shot

400 times a day, a ~ will occur (probability)

fate, fortune & chance: target / weapon

shot (shot in the dark)

shot in the dark

deciding which MS drug is something of a ~

♦ "Sometimes a shot in the dark hits its mark." (A murder investigation.)

♦ A former California State prosecutor, speaking about a legal takedown, said, "This case was a huge *stab* in the right direction." (Step in the right direction? Stab or shot in the dark? Is this an "eggcorn"?)

fate, fortune & chance: target / weapon

shot (criticism)

taking shots at him

everyone is ~ (criticism)

accusation & criticism / speech: weapon

shot (shot across the bow, etc.)

shot over the bow

it was a ~ (penalty against Facebook)

shot across the bow for cruise lines

the incident was a ~ returning to sea (2 Covid cases)

fired a shot across the bow

he also ~ (he praised, then criticized)

accusation & criticism / conflict / speech / warning: boat / military / weapon

shot (call the shots)

calls the shots

he ~ (boss)

calling its own shots

North Korea is ~ and not taking orders from anybody

control & lack of control / directing: weapon / verb

shot (opening shot)

opening shot of his campaign
the speech was the ~ (politics)

conflict / development / sequence / speech: weapon

shot (parting shot)

parting shot
as a ~, he said...

parting shot of (barely masked) bitterness
they left with a ~ (royals leave family)

conflict / development / sequence / speech: weapon

shot (warning shot)

fired a warning shot
he ~ at his colleagues (about priorities)

conflict / development / warning / speech: military / weapon

shot (best shot)

best shot
the guys have given it their ~
I have given it my ~ (spots event)

gave it my best shot
I ~ (tried as hard as I could)

attempt / difficulty, easiness & effort: weapon

shot (shot heard round the world)

cough heard round the world
a ~ (the economic impact of the pandemic / *The Economist*)

hug heard round the world
the ~ (BBC / Revisionist History / Malcolm Gladwell)

“scream” heard around the world
Howard Dean’s famous ~ (DEAN GOES NUTS)

shot heard around the world
the day he took the ~ (Paul Caligiuri / US soccer / 1989)

smack heard ‘round the world
it was the ~ (Will Smith slaps Chris Rock at Oscars)

tweet heard around the world
the ~ (crash of Flight 1549 in the Hudson River on Twitter)

♦ “Her husband leapt to the stage and gave the comedian a slap that was heard around the world.” (Will Smith v. Chris Rock.)

♦ “It changed everything. Suddenly the world turned its attention because we were the source of news—and it wasn’t us, it was this person in the boat using the service, which is even more amazing.” (Jack Dorsey, about the crash of U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River on Jan. 15, 2009. That person was Janis Krumm, who tweeted about the incident with a photo. His was the first report of what would become known as “The Miracle on the Hudson.”)

♦ “It really was like the shot that was heard around the world in terms of hip-hop.” (Reggie Rock Bythewood about the murder of the Notorious B.I.G.)

♦ “By the rude bridge that arched the flood, / Their flag to April’s breeze unfurled, / Here once the embattled farmers stood / And fired the shot

heard round the world.” (“The Concord Hymn” by Ralph Waldo Emerson.)

♦ On reaching Concord, the grenadiers executed the object in view by destroying the ordnance and stores... / The loss of the provincials in this affair, which they pompously styled ‘the battle of Lexington,’ was only sixty men, two-thirds of whom were killed. / An officer who was engaged wrote thus:-- / ‘The rebels fought like the savages of the country, and treated some who had the misfortune to fall like savages, for they scalped them and cut off their ears with the most unmanly brutality. This has irritated the troops to a very high degree...’ / The return of the troops to Boston, though they had fully accomplished the duty on which they had been sent, was represented all over the continent as a defeat...’ (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

allusion: books & reading

attention, scrutiny & promotion: allusion / military / sound / weapon

shot down (and shot down in flames)

shot down in flames
that theory was quickly ~
the approach was ~ at his conference
its strategy has been ~ (a political party)

shot down in flames by the focus group
their suggestions were ~

got shot down
the idea this was terrorism ~

got shot down in flames
they ~ for criticizing the president (Dixie Chicks)

destruction: flying & falling / military / plane / weapon

shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)

shoulder the blame
he must ~ for the loss (sports)

shoulder the (financial) burden
the government should ~

shoulder the cost
BP must ~ of the cleanup (oil spill)

shoulder the load
the defense is not yet ready to ~ (sports)

shoulder the responsibility
he must ~ now

responsibility / work & duty: shoulder / verb / weight

shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)

put your shoulder to the grindstone
you’ve got to ~ (work harder)

work & duty: shoulder / weight

shoulder (shrug one’s shoulders)

shrugging its shoulders
even the Supreme Court is ~ and looking the other way

action, inaction & delay: gesture / shoulder / verb

shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)

standing shoulder to shoulder

we must make sure we are ~ (US and Britain)

allegiance, support & betrayal / unanimity & consensus:
shoulder / standing, sitting & lying / verb

shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)

offered him a shoulder to cry on
she ~

empathy & lack of empathy: shoulder

shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)

look over our shoulders
the government should not be allowed to ~

surveillance: shoulder

shoulder (tapped on the shoulder, etc.)

tapped on the shoulder
people were promoted by getting ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: shoulder

shoulder (oppression)

shoulders
it's definitely a weight off my ~

oppression: shoulder / weight

shoulder (rub shoulders)

rubbed shoulders with them
the magazine eagerly ~ (celebrities)

proximity: shoulder / verb

social interaction: proximity / shoulder / verb

shoulder (fall on the shoulders)

falls on the shoulders of regular Americans
the tax burden still ~ (politics)

falls on the shoulders of BP
that ~ (responsibility)

falls on the shoulders of those
the burden ~ least able to bear it (the poor)

responsibility: shoulder / weight

shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)

stand on the shoulders of other artists
artists ~

stand on the shoulders of giants
we ~ (achievement)

standing on the shoulders of giants
I really feel as though I was ~ (an author)

stand on the shoulders of those
we all ~ before us (tweakers of innovation)

stand on their shoulders
we are proud to ~

bases / superiority & inferiority: shoulder / verb
shoulder (mountain, etc.)

lower shoulder

its ~ gives great views of Everest (Kala Patthar / Pumori)

resemblance: shoulder

shout (verb)

shouting from the rooftops

he is ~, "Hey, Democrats, we have a problem"

♦ "[In the hill and mountain country of northern India]... inter-village communication is carried on by shouting. Standing on a commanding point, maybe a big rock or the roof of a house, a man cooees to attract the attention of the people in a neighboring village, and when the cooee is answered the message is shouted across in a high-pitched voice. From village to village the message is tossed, and is broadcast throughout large areas in an incredibly short space of time." (The cooee method of communication. From *Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb

speech / warning: sound / verb

shout-out (noun)

shout-out to southeast Ohio

his ~ has inspired more than donations

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

shove (noun)

shove in the back

the army delivered a very strong ~ when... (coup)

coercion & motivation / force: arm / gesture

show (the data show, etc.)

shows that

history ~...

data shows

new ~ that...

the city's own ~ that Minneapolis police...

evidence shows

~ that officers both knocked and announced their presence

evidence will show

the ~ that officers made 2 calls for emergency help

it shows

~ that they didn't care (women got smaller weight room)

pandemic shows

the ~ that you can't wait until the disaster hits to be ready

poll shows

~ that more than half of Americans...

a recent NPR / IPSOS ~ that 29% of parents polled...

report shows

the new ~ that an alarming number of...
the ProPublica ~ that morale among...

research shows

but ~ that number is dropping

shooting shows

the ~ that gun laws don't work

study shows

a new ~ that women in the U.S. military...

analysis, interpretation & explanation / evidence / fictive communication: picture / verb

show (nature, etc.)

moving show

this ~, this shining and shifting spectacle (Bombay)

put on a show

at night the stars ~ for free (Carole King)
the meteor shower could ~ starting...

performance: theater

show (performance)

all (a) show

the meeting was ~, no substance

just for show

for the most part the confrontations is ~ (a talk show)

become a show

bring your popcorn, this has ~ (congressional hearing)

put on a show

she doesn't try to ~ (favorable reaction to a politician)
players ~ to get calls (soccer)

♦ A commentator talking about a senate hearing used the words *stunt*, *spectacle*, and *public show*.

performance / substance & lack of substance: theater

show (horror show)

defensive horror show

they were aided by a ~ by the Hornets (soccer)

resemblance: film

show (the show must go on)

show must go on

the ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

show (the show is over)

show "Russia" was over

the ~, everyone was hurrying to get his hat (1917)

♦ "The show "Russia" was over, everyone was hurrying to get his hat and coat." (Viktor Shklovsky, literary critic, on Russia in 1917.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

show (steal the show)

stole the show

Travis Pastrana ~ (X Games / motocross)
she ~ at the MLS match (girl belts out national anthem)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb

showboat (verb)

showboat

he likes to ~ (an athlete)

♦ A showboat was a river steamboat on which theatrical performances were given. *Show Boat* was a very popular novel and musical.

♦ "From 1919 to 1921. We used to play at the foot of Canal Street during the winter and then we go up the river, all the way up to Davenport, Iowa (EYE-oh-way). That's where I first met Bix Beiderbecke. He was a little kid, he was coming up with the horn, he's come on the boat... We used to sit around and blow a little, that's when I found out he could play that piano—"In the Mist"—a lovely kid." ("Louis Armstrong," BBC, Desert Island Discs, 1968, with Roy Plomley.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / behavior / character & personality: boat / theater / verb

show business (performance)

show business

it's just ~, it's sort of performance art (politics)

performance: theater

showcase (verb)

showcase your talents

a good resume can ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: container / verb

showcase (noun)

showcase of (twisted) psychology

the trial has been a ~ (murder)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: container

shower (verb)

showered the two men with gifts

she ~

showered him with praise

they ~

amount & effect: rain / verb

throwing, putting & planting: rain / verb

shower (cold shower)

cold shower of power

then came the ~ (Obama faces problem of war)

cold shower for Silicon Valley

these lackluster prices are kind of a ~ (stock prices)

cold shower for them

the match was very much a ~ (Leicester City loses)

cold shower on Everton's ambition

Carlo Ancelotti's departure is a ~ of joining the elite

give them (a bit of) a cold shower
he has been forced to ~ (about investing in Iran)
♦ "She was plunged into a cold bath of Schadenfreude." (A government official who broke a rule.)

eagerness & reluctance: temperature / water
enthusiasm: temperature / water
feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / water
consciousness & awareness: temperature / water

showered

showered with honors
Wellington was ~
showered with (geographical) medals and awards
he was ~ (Amundsen)

amount & effect: rain

showman (person)

whip-smart showman
he was a ~ who loved the media attention (defense lawyer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / person

show up (verb)

show up
the officials were supposed to testify but didn't ~
waves don't ~ for surfing contest

showed up to donate
residents ~ blood

showed up in Mozambique
TR4 ~ five years ago (banana fungus)

show up on weather radar
the swarm was big enough to ~ (grasshoppers)

show up for school
neighborhood crime makes it harder to ~

appearance & disappearance: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

shrapnel (noun)

emotional shrapnel
the ~ scarred both children (divorce)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: weapon

shred (verb)

shredding his (congressional) support
he is ~ (politics)

destruction: cloth / verb

shred (shred of hope, etc.)

shred of evidence
I was unable to find a ~ to show...

shred of kindness
is there a ~ inside her that...

shred of (true) remorse

we have never seen a ~ from him (family of victim)
shred of comfort or hope
the film offers hardly a ~ (*Network*)

amount: cloth

shrine (reverence)

shrine to the Backstreet Boys
her bedroom is a poster-filled ~ (teen girl)

shrine to NASCAR
the new museum is a ~ (auto racing)

banana shrine

Ann Lovell's house is a ~ (banana memorabilia)

poster shrine

he still had the ~ in his bedroom (of 3 actors)

poster-filled shrine

her bedroom is a ~ to the Backstreet Boys

polar shrine

there she is, a national monument and ~ (the *Fram*)

♦ "When Jeremy Strong was a teen-ager, in suburban Massachusetts, he had three posters thumbtacked to his bedroom wall: Daniel Day-Lewis in 'My Left Foot,' Al Pacino in 'Dog Day Afternoon,' and Dustin Hoffman in 'Rain Man...'" (The opening to the fascinating profile "The Straight Man" by Michael Schulman, *The New Yorker*, December 13, 2021.)

enthusiasm / reverence: religion

shrink (downsize)

shrink its footprint
as the US military begins to ~ in Afghanistan

shrink our (leviathan) government
he wants to shrink our ~ (a politician)

shrink the military

he wants to ~ and reduce its footprint overseas

increase & decrease: size / verb

shrink (decline)

shrank
as Britain's global influence ~ (after WWII)

decline: size / verb

shrinking violet (person)

shrinking flower
Pasteur was no ~ (the great chemist)

shrinking violet

he is not a ~ who will wilt under pressure (a politician)

♦ Terms with similar meanings are *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

character & personality: person / plant

person: plant

shrive (verb)

shrive (slowly) to irrelevance

the group could ~

decline: plant / size / verb

shroud (noun)

shroud of mystery
a ~ surrounds him

cover: cloth

shrouded (covered)

shrouded in clouds

the top of the mountain was ~ all day (Mount Hood)

exhaust-shrouded

we walked down ~ Fifth Avenue

fog-shrouded

the helicopter crashed in the ~ Balsam Gap area
a passenger jet overshot a ~ runway, killing 42

snow-shrouded

we walked through the ~ fields

remained shrouded

she ~ in a flowing black abaya (Doha)

configuration / cover: cloth

shrouded (concealment)

shrouded in mystery

the details are ~ (an ancient Swazi rite)

the course of infection in chimps is ~ (SIV)

he is a shadowy figure whose intentions remain ~

Lewis' death was ~ (Lewis and Clark expedition)

the exact origins of the film are ~ (controversy)

the whole Liston story is so ~ (death of the boxer)

its mission has been ~ (X-37B space plane)

shrouded in secrecy

its work is ~ (Saudi Dept. of General Statistics)

this left the review process ~ (virus research)

shrouded in myths and mystery

the origin of the Maasai is ~

shrouded from public view

inmates' lives are largely a mystery, since prison life is ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

shrug (gesture)

shoulder shrug

he has kind of a ~ towards that (politician about spying)
it was a big ~ because it doesn't help us any (murder)

shrugs and eye rolls

the framework was largely met with ~ (virus research)

give an exhausted shrug

better to ~ at the noise of the Internet and move on

responded with shrugs

Wall Street luminaries have mostly ~ and dismissals

action, inaction & delay: confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: gesture / shoulder

shrug off (verb)

shrug off

it's nothing that you can just ~ (responsibility)

shrugs off the media's questions

he ~ with his good-natured grin (a politician)

shrugged off his reputation

he ~ as a daring space explorer (Neil Armstrong)

shrugged it off

he ~ (a setback)

Parton shrugged it (all) off

~ (criticism, accusations, memes, caricatures)

avoidance & separation: gesture / shoulder / verb

shun (verb)

shunned computers

he ~ for years (a journalist)

shunned the spotlight

he ~ for the rest of his life (Neil Armstrong)

shunned violence

the group has ~

shun the 21st century

they ~ (Mennonite colony in Bolivia)

acceptance & rejection: society / verb

shunned

shunned (by executives) for being (openly) gay

he was ~

shunned by the world

he felt ~

acceptance & rejection: society

shut down (verb)

shut them down

we have to spot them and ~ (Nazi websites)

curtailment: mechanism / verb

shut off (verb)

shut off the comments

everyone has appealed to the *Harold Sun* to ~ (AFLW)

shut off the spigot

they are trying to ~ of Russian boar (invasive species)

shut off the (gushing federal) spigot

many voters don't want to ~

curtailment: mechanism / verb

shut out (verb)

shut out Huawei

U.S. makes another move to ~

shut out poor kids

elite colleges ~

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / verb

acceptance & rejection: doors & thresholds / verb

shut out (adjective)

shut out

many writers have been ~ (publishing)

shut out of the system

organizations like ours will be ~

shut out from education

the women are ~

shut out from the industry

both artists and fans are ~ (country music)

feel shut out

many Afghan women ~ of politics

keep them shut out

academic hurdles that ~ of higher education

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

acceptance & rejection: doors & thresholds

shuttered (adjective)

shuttered

with 90% of the economy ~ (pandemic)

curtailment: window

shy (adjective)

shy of coming

others are ~ into Pakistan (versus China)

shy about criticizing

Trump has never been ~

eagerness & reluctance: love, courtship & marriage

shy (shy away)

shied away from focusing

he has not ~ on abuses in Russia (a Russian journalist)

shy away from making

the Republicans will not ~ tough proposals

shy away from speaking out

he did not ~ politically (a cleric)

shy away from (difficult) decisions

he does not ~ (a politician)

shy away from the fact

we cannot ~ that...

shied away from the issue

politicians have ~ (taxes)

shied away from it

for years I ~, now I'm leaning completely into it

shy away from these priorities

this is not the time to ~ (politics and the budget)

avoidance & separation: horse / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: horse / verb

Siamese twins

Siamese twins

medicine and botany had become ~, neither could advance without the other...

♦ The great Saudi pediatric surgeon Dr. Abdullah al-Rabeeah and his teams have successfully separated a number of *actual* conjoined twins. The world salutes him and his great patron, King Abdullah.

relationship: family / health & medicine

Siberia (exile)

Siberia for Irish dissidents

Australia was the official ~ (1790s onwards)

♦ Crimean Tatars (to Kazakhstan as well as to the Western and Far Eastern Arctic); Volga Germans (to Kazakhstan as well as to the Northwestern Urals and Eastern Siberia by the Aldan River); Kalmyks (to the Angara River west of Lake Baikal); Karachais (to Kazakhstan); Meskhetians (to Uzbekistan); Chechen-Ingush (to the Irtish River and Kazakhstan)...(The Soviet deportation of nationalities 1941-1945, from the *Atlas of Russian History* by Martin Gilbert.)

♦ "The forest Evenk lived in bark-covered teepees, and rode reindeer with bridle and saddle."

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

isolation & remoteness / society: ground, terrain & land

sibling

hideous sibling

education's ~: training...

rebellious and working class sibling

the "Oi!" sub-genre was mainstream punk's more ~

Omicron variant, and its siblings

the super-contagious ~, are the threat

relationship: family

Sicily (Mexico's Sicily, etc.)

Mexico's Sicily

Sinaloa State is known as ~ (drug lords)

comparison & contrast: epithet

sick (condition)

sick

the bond market is ~

Sick Man

our country is the ~ of Europe

sick computers

she fixes ~ (tech worker)

sick (auto) industry
increased new-car sales would help our ~

sick institution
~s should be allowed to die (finance)

sick, failing or unsuccessful (m)
we are not dealing with a ~ industry (oil leak)

condition & status: health & medicine

sick (disgusted)

sick of lawyers
America is ~ (terrorism)

sick of war
Ugandans are ~ (Lord's Resistance Army)

sick of hearing
I'm ~ your complaints

sick of airports and plane
I am ~ (security, poor service, etc.)

sick and tired
see *sick and tired (feeling)*

♦ "Sick of the news? Come look at pictures of baby animals." (The internet.)

feeling, emotion & effect: mental health

sick (with anxiety, etc.)

sick with anxiety
I was almost ~ (teaching first class)

sick (to my stomach) with dread
I felt ~

sick with envy
one academic ~ over another

worried sick
both were ~ (parents of abducted young woman)

made me sick
her story ~ to my stomach (rape)

felt sick (to my stomach) with dread
I ~ (mother of 1 pound 15 oz baby)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

sick (slang)

sick deal
if you want to get a ~ on a jersey (NFL merch)

♦ "[Most] of the sickest climbers in the Himalayas are Polish, Russian, Czech, or Slovenian. They're hard-core. Everyone knows that. You can tell when you meet them." (Mark Synott.)

superlative: health & medicine

sick and tired (feeling)

sick and tired of being
I am ~ sick and tired (DC police chief / gun violence)

sick and tired of it

frankly, I am ~

sick and tired of lean times
voters are ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mental health

sickle (shape)

sickle cell
he has ~ anemia

shape: blade / tools & technology

sickness (noun)

sickness in society
there is a ~ (gun violence)

affliction / corruption: health & medicine

sickness (enthusiasm)

disease
it's a bit of a ~ (Jay Leno on collecting cars)

sickness for flight
his wife accused him of having a ~ (Mark Stucky)

enthusiasm: health & medicine

side (conflict)

two sides
the ~ were on the brink of major fighting

conflict / division & connection: direction

side (on one's side / time)

on their side
time is ~ (negotiation and diplomacy)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / position
time: direction / position

side (on one's side / person)

on your side
you need someone ~ (ad for lawyer)

on the side of the White House
the public is not really ~ (political issue)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / position

side (on the good side, etc.)

on America's good side
if they want to be ~

social interaction: position

side (on the wrong side, etc.)

get on the wrong side of him
you don't want to ~ (a workplace sociopath)

getting on the wrong side of people
she has spent a career ~ (Ani DiFranco)

social interaction: position

side (dark side)

dark side

this fantastic concept has a ~ (adult family home)
people soon realized he had a ~ (bad temper)

dark side of America's 'green gold rush'

the ~ (marijuana, Native Americans, and immigrants)

dark side of addiction and (emotional) abuse

he had a ~

dark side to America's drinking boom

there is a ~ (drinking during the pandemic)

dark side to him

he had a ~ (a serial killer)

has a dark side

although regarded as genteel, cricket ~ (match fixing)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark

sideline (on the sideline)

on the sideline of history

I didn't want to be ~ but rather a part of it (jihad)

sitting on the sideline

hope is not ~ or shirking from a fight (a politician)

stand on the sidelines

Russia will not ~

involvement: center & periphery / sports & games

center & periphery: sports & games

sideline (involvement)

watches from the sidelines

he now ~ (Iraqi politician)

relegated to the sidelines

the ambassador was ~ (war)

involvement: center & periphery / sports & games

center & periphery: sports & games

sidelined (adjective)

coronavirus-sidelined

the ~ aircraft carrier

increasingly sidelined

she was ~ (a scientist)

curtailment: sports & games

dismissal, removal & resignation: sports & games

center & periphery: sports & games

sideshow (noun)

sideshow

the Russians didn't see information warfare as a ~ (vs US)

designated the operation as a sideshow

historians ~ (Dragoon / France / WWII)

importance & significance: center & periphery / circus

sidestep (verb)

sidestepped

he ~ when asked how he would... (a politician)

sidestepped Congress

the President ~ and issued an order

sidestep the issue

the academy is doing its best to ~ (controversy)

sidestepped the (major) issues

the Supreme Court ~ (gerrymandering)

sidestepped that question

she has ~ for months (politics)

sidestepped the question

he ~ entirely, instead discussing citizenship (a politician)

sidestepped questions

the State Department spokesman ~ about why...

the supreme court nominee ~ about abortion, the ACA

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

sidetracked

become sidetracked

it's easy to lose focus and ~ with all the nonsense

got sidetracked

he ~ and ended up talking about...

failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / train

sideways (go sideways)

go sideways

from there, things started to ~ (political fortunes)

goes sideways

if shit ~, who do you think Vought will go after

going sideways

the balloons aren't falling, everything is ~ (a convention)

started to go sideways

it was up and down, then things ~ (politician)

went sideways (very) quickly

with all the gangs, it ~ (Wood Green)

failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

siege (under siege)

under siege

NBC news executives are ~ after release of the book

under siege from a population boom

the wilderness is ~

world under siege
 videos depicting a Muslim ~
 country under siege
 this is a ~ (by crime / South Africa)
 Prime Minister is under siege
 and now to the U.K., where the ~ (Brexit)
 wilderness is under siege
 the ~ from a population boom
 feel under siege
 Asian Americans really ~ (safety, COVID, racism, etc.)
 has (much of) the US under siege
 dangerous weather ~
amount & effect / conflict: fortification / military
resistance, opposition & defeat: fortification / military
siege (other)
 siege mentality
 the ~ (Israel)
 the government is showing signs of a ~ (Syria)
 the generals are comfortable in their ~ (Myanmar)
 siege tactics
 traditional ~ used in Himalayan climbing
 laid siege to NBC
 Weinstein ~ (threats and enticements)
amount & effect: fortification / military
resistance, opposition & defeat: fortification / military
sieve (noun)
 come through the sieve
 a lot of the personal Lenin was never allowed to ~ (archives)
searching & discovery: farming & agriculture
scientist (rocket scientist)
 rocket scientist
 you don't need to be a ~ to explain this (criminal trial)
 take a rocket scientist
 it doesn't ~ to understand what they did was illegal
knowledge & intelligence: person
sift (searching)
 sifted the sources
 she has ~, examining their reliability (historian)
 sift for youth
 job requirements in the Valley ~ (Silicon Valley)
 sifted the debate for clues
 observers ~ about action on carbon legislation
 sifted through the returns for lessons learned
 both parties ~ (election)
 sift through the debris

fans have been left to ~ of a failed season (sports)
 sifted through evidence
 investigators ~ and interviewed survivors (arson)
 sift through the (classified) materials
 it could take three months to ~ (investigation)
 sift through names
 the computer program will help officials to ~ (crime)
 sifted through many submissions
 she ~ (photo competition)
 sift through the (political) rubble
 both sides will be left to ~ (impeachment trial)
 sift through the results
 search engines make you ~ for an answer
 sifted through the trash
 they ~, looking for anything edible or saleable
 sifted down to her
 the terrible facts ~ when she heard...
♦ Sieves are found in most any kitchen. Archaeologists also employ them. Workers used sieves to search for human remains and objects from the World Trade Center collapse.
searching & discovery: tools & technology / verb
worth & lack of worth: tools & technology / verb
sifted
 sifted for (fresh) clues
 the new trove of material was being ~ (terrorism)
 sifted for evidence
 the report is ~ of subtle changes in policy (China)
 sifted, correlated and analyzed
 data can increasingly be ~ (online behavior)
 wisely sifted
 more information, ~, is usually better than less
searching & discovery: tools & technology
sigh (sigh of relief)
 sigh of relief
 there's a collective ~ in Florida (hurricane track)
 breathed a sigh of relief
 Americans ~ and told themselves the system had worked
 breathing a sigh of relief
 companies are ~
 leaders are ~
 they are all ~ (health care)
 breathing a sigh of relief over the verdict
 we are all ~
feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing
danger: bodily reaction / breathing

sight (in sight)

in sight

relief is ~
gains are nowhere ~ (progress of war)
there's no relief ~ (wildfires in California)
there is still no viable solution ~
there is no end ~ to this opioid litigation
the end is ~ (impeachment trial)

future / time: distance / eye

proximity: eye

sight (lose sight)

lose sight that

do not ~ we are at war (government)

lose sight of the big picture

don't ~ (advice to teachers)

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb

sight (in somebody's sights)

in the SEC's sights for fraud

the Wall Street firm is ~

had him in their sights

federal prosecutors ~ (criminal investigation)

have it in our sights

we ~ (merger)

have you in their sights

they are unspeakably mean and disingenuous once they ~

target: weapon

sight (in plain sight)

hide in plain sight

people had to ~ (Jews in Germany in W.W. II)
his wealth and fame allowed him to ~ (sex abuse)

hiding in plain sight

make people see what was ~ (sex abuse)
the structure was “~” (discovered by satellite / archeology)
edits are all around us, ~ (the media)

made in plain sight

the plans to storm the Capitol were ~ (on the Internet)

concealment & lack of concealment: eye

sights (weapon)

turned their sights on Joe

then they ~ (prosecutors in trial)

target: weapon

sights (lower one's sights)

lower their sights

boxers who lose a fight, lose self-belief, and ~

♦ “We look for songs that mean something. Higher ground. You know, everybody know where the higher ground is. It sure ain’t here on earth.”

It's above us. So we all want to go to the higher ground.” (Clarence Fountain of the Blind Boys of Alabama.)

♦ “I will lift mine eyes unto the hills...” (The Bible.)

attainment: direction / height / mountains & hills
wants, needs, hopes & goals: direction / height / mountains & hills

sign (sign of the times, etc.)

in a sign of the times

~, the retail chain has declared bankruptcy

evidence: sign, signal, symbol

sign (evidence)

larger political signs

Denison could read the ~ (a government official)

no sign

there is still ~ of a plan to train new doctors
the firestorm over his allegations shows ~s of abating

signs point

all the ~ to her having a breakout year

♦ “Nothing is more formidable than a sign, especially if you ignore it or fail to recognize it in the first place. Signs are fate.” (Gold Dust by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ “Tigers, lynxes, bears, wolverines, wapiti, deer, roe, pig, all are resident in this rich taiga. / Dersu strode on in silence, serenely seeing everything. I was reveling in the view, but he looked at a twig broken off at the height of a man’s arm, and from the way it was hanging knew the direction in which the man had been going. From the freshness of the fracture he judged the time that had elapsed. Whenever I passed by a particularly obvious track, Dersu would chuckle, wag his head, and say: / ‘H’m! Just like small boy. Go walk, wag head; have eyes, no-can look-see.’ / As we went, I trod upon a thorn...” (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / evidence: hunting / religion

sign (warning sign)

warning sign

~s include confusion, ashy skin (heatstroke)

~ that your child may be doing drugs

warning sign of problems

a ~ ahead

warning signs of psychosis

spotted the ~ in himself

warning signs of suicide

public education about the ~

warning signs of an (impending) eruption

scientists caught the ~

warning signs for stroke

people should learn the ~

warning signs for violent behavior

17 ~

warning signs and dangers

the ~ of huffing (sniffing glue, etc.)

stroke's warning signs

recognize ~
ample warning signs
there were ~ (psychotic breakdown)
education about the warning signs
public ~ of suicide
warning signs or red flags
there were no ~ (mass shooter)
display (any of) the warning signs
if they ~ of suicide...
know the warning signs
~ (depression)
missed the warning signs
they ~ (son's breakdown)

warning: sign, signal, symbol

sign (verb)

signed your work
bloody boot prints, just like a signature, you boys ~

evidence: verb / writing & spelling

signal (verb)

signal a change
I don't mean to ~ in policy (government official)
signals danger
stress is an external stimulus that ~
signals the onset
ejaculation ~ of puberty in boys
signal the presence
the green palm trees ~ of water (Egyptian desert)
signal a problem
the following 10 red flags may ~ (child development)
signal a shift
gifts can ~ in a relationship
signaled a willingness
the administration has ~ to be creative with...

signal diabetic coma
Kussmaul respirations ~ (nursing)

signaled a sucking chest wound
the bubbling blood ~ (ED)

gifts can signal
~ a shift in a relationship

palm trees signal
the green ~ the presence of water (Egyptian desert)

red flags may signal
the following 10 ~ a problem (child development)

evidence: sign, signal, symbol / verb

signal (mixed signals)

mixed signals about his plan
the President is sending ~ for the southern border

sent mixed signals
his lawyer has ~ (about what his client might do)

message: tools & technology

signal (signal and noise)

sends (multiple) signals
Iran's action ~ (military deployment)

separate the signal from the noise
~ (when considering President Trump)

pick out the signal from the noise
trying to ~ (epidemiology)

message: sound / tools & technology

analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound / tools & technology

signature (evidence)

signature
if he is alive, he's not moving enough to create a ~

signatures of (past or present) life
organic molecules, possible ~ (Mars)

signature of our submarines
reducing the acoustic ~

signature of the vehicle
the smaller the width or track ~

signature of water
searching for the chemical ~

signatures of unmanned aerial vehicles
the small thermal ~

artillery's (firing) signature
the field ~ makes it vulnerable

chemical signature
searching for the ~ of water
researchers mine the elaborate ~s of breath

chemical "signature"
DEA labs are testing the heroin to find a ~

dust signatures
rapid movement causes dramatic ~ (military)

heat signature
stationary aircraft have a considerable ~
screen exhaust systems to reduce ~ (trucks)

lane signature
increase the ~ to aid passage of larger forces

return signature
a ~ that indicates a mine (mine detector)

sand (and dust) signatures

movement is detected by ~ (military)

track signature

the smaller the width or ~ of the vehicle

aircraft signature

ensure that the ~ will be minimized

firing signature

the field artillery's ~ makes it vulnerable

acoustic signature

reducing the ~ of our submarines

acoustical signature

the V-22 Osprey flies with a lower "~~"

considerable (heat) signature

stationary aircraft have a ~

criminal signature

he left his ~ at each crime scene (serial killer)

dramatic (dust) signatures

rapid movement causes ~ (military)

electronic signature

it has no ~ (an air-defense weapon);
the Tactical Operations Center has little ~

infrared signature

reducing ~s is a passive anti-air consideration

metallic signature

locate mines by a slight ~ (AN/PSS-12)

operational signature

its ~ was aggressiveness (L.A. police)

slight (metallic) signature

locate mines by a ~ (AN/PSS-12)

small (thermal) signature

the ~s of unmanned aerial vehicles

thermal signature

the small ~s of unmanned aerial vehicles

track signature

the smaller the width or ~ of the vehicle

visual signature

markers provide commanders with a ~

thermal and optical signatures

friendly and enemy ~

footprint or signature

they don't have a ~ (terrorists)

detected by (sand and dust) signatures

movement is ~ (military)

evidence: writing & spelling

signature (signature issue, etc.)

signature affliction

every age has its ~ (burnout)

signature crusade

he made health-care reform the ~ of his career

signature issue

he has made immigration his ~

signature victory

this was a ~ by Eubank, the best of his career (boxer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: writing & spelling

sign off (on something)

signed off on the plan

he ~ (government)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: writing & spelling / verb

signpost (as verb)

signposted her final moments

a data trail accurately ~ (smartwatch, phone, etc.)

evidence: infrastructure / journeys & trips / part of speech / sign, signal, symbol / verb

signpost (noun)

signpost as to how bad

his death was a ~ things were (Liston, boxing, the mob)

signposts of my childhood

I pass the ~

signposts of (rulers') authority

Baghdad's bridges are ~

signpost on a road

the Balfour Declaration was a ~ heading towards a cliff

evidence: infrastructure / journeys & trips / sign, signal, symbol

silenced (groups)

silenced and misrepresented

we've been ~ (Katori Hall)

♦ "We've been silenced and misrepresented. And so, any time you get an opportunity to tell your truth, you are pushing back against so many lies and falsehoods...And being an artist and in demanding that the world just looks at you, you oddly are being an activist." (Katori Hall.)

♦ "I couldn't fight back when Jeffrey Epstein sexually abused me, because I hadn't yet found my voice. Well, I found my voice now, and while Jeffrey may no longer be here to hear it, I will not stop fighting and I will not be silenced anymore."

inclusion & exclusion: society

silent (fall silent)

fall silent

the factory will ~

♦ "When the mines were working, there was a *rhythm to life* by what the *whistles* told you, and what the *sounds* were. So there was a *noise* that went on constantly that you were aware of and yet not aware of. And when the mines were gone, there was a *dead silence*... And it was *eerie*." (From the PBS documentary, "Butte, America." The mines operated from 1890 to 1977, and in 1920 over 40,000 people lived in Butte, many of them miners.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sound

curtailment: sound

Silicon Valley, etc.

Silicon Valley for the new industry

this is the ~ (Mojave Desert / aerospace / 2007)

Silicon Alley

the dot com companies of ~ (NYC)

Crypto Valley

the canton of Zug is now known as ~ (Switzerland)

Hillcon Valley

~, tech and cyber news from Capitol Hill to Silicon Valley

Lithium Valley

extraction can turn this area into the ~ (Salton Sea / CA)

Silicon Glen

the central belt of Scotland was called ~

Silicon Valley

she was the golden girl of ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

failure and reinvention are embraced in ~ (no ethics)

♦ "Whatever happened to Silicon Glen?" by Douglas Fraser, Business / economy editor, Scotland, BBC, 28 January 2016.)

proper name: mountains & hills

place: tools & technology

computer: place

silo (verb)

silo information

hospital systems ~ (EHRs)

isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture / verb
division & connection: farming & agriculture / verb

silo (academic silos, etc.)

silos of information and misinformation

we are getting our news from different ~ (US dysfunction)

silo-busters

leaders should be ~

so many different separate silos

people get info and entertainment from ~ (a divided U.S.)

academic silos

the school wants to break down ~

♦ This word is nicely written about in "The Vocabulary: How did 'silo' get to mean something else?" by The Vocabulary, BBC, 30 June 2015.

♦ "This is the problem of spying. You are always in one particular silo within that particular organization in a black hole of information like Afghanistan, so you are really focusing on one area but you are blind sometimes basically to other activities happening around." (Aimen Dean.)

isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture

division & connection: farming & agriculture

siloed

siloed

Jobs had insisted that departments were ~ (secrecy)

the reality is the funding is ~ (restrictions on how to spend)

"siloed" (healthcare system)

the US has a ~ (public, private, fragmented)

siloed off

I'm kind of ~, our studios are in Brooklyn...
women are so ~ in this profession (TV directors)

siloed and insular

political journalists are even more ~ today (than in 2016)

siloed and stereotyped

native people have long been ~ in film (Reservation Dogs)

constraint & lack of constraint / division & connection / isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture

silver (speech)

silver

speech is ~, silence is gold

speech: materials & substances

silver-tongued

silver-tongued

a ~ recruiting sergeant

Speech is silver, silence is gold!

speech: materials & substances / tongue

simmer (verb)

simmered with resentment

he ~

activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water

initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

simmering (activity)

simmering resentment

~ blossomed into warfare (two politicians)

simmering tensions

this explosion of violence follows weeks of ~ (Jerusalem)

long-simmering debate

the ~ over whether dinosaurs...

long-simmering dispute

his ~ with...

long-simmering event

this ~ in our history

long-simmering tension

~ between the private university and the town

long-simmering (ethnic) tensions

~ have erupted into violence

long-simmering (racial) tensions

the altercation caused ~ to erupt

activity: heating water / temperature / water

initiation: heating water / temperature / water

sinew (effort)

strain every sinew

the government needs to ~ to encourage... (industry)

difficulty, easiness & effort: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sink (destroy)

sank the (prosecution's) case

it was the torpedo that ~ (forensics)

destruction: boat / sea / verb

sink (disappearance)

sank without a trace

the poem ~ in England (by D'Arcy Wentworth)

appearance & disappearance: boat / sea / verb / water

sink (behavior)

sunk to a new low

she has ~

sink to the level

we cannot ~ of our oppressors

sinking lower and lower

broadcasters are ~ to get higher ratings

behavior: direction / verb

sink (put)

sink (a lot of) money into their kids' sports
adults ~

throwing, putting & planting: water / verb

sink (sink into a coma, etc.)

sank into a coma
he ~

consciousness & awareness: direction / water

sink (sink into debt, etc.)

sinking (deeper) into debt
I was ~ (now homeless)

swim or sink

we are going to ~ together (revitalizing Detroit / 2010)

survival, persistence & endurance: direction / water

sink (sink into despair, etc.)

sink into despair
she was starting to ~ (losing soccer game)

heart sink

my ~... (news of murder of boy)

spirits sink
my ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb / water

sink (sink into the mud, etc.)

sinking into the mud

the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

sinking into the mud

the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

**failure, accident & impairment / obstacles & impedance:
direction / ground, terrain & land / verb**

sink (sink into obscurity, etc.)

sank into obscurity

Petra ~ about 1000 AD

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb

sink (decline)

sinks into melodrama

the story ~

sank fast

United ~ after City went ahead (2019 soccer game)

stocks sank

blue-chip ~ Friday (stock market)

decline: direction / verb

increase & decrease: direction / verb

sinkhole (noun)

sinkhole of shame and self-hatred

stuttering leaves behind an ever-deepening ~

decline: ground, terrain & land

sink in (verb)

sink in

it took two days for it to ~
if you let that ~, that's an alarming statistic (police suicide)

sinks in

reality ~

sunk in

has it ~, John (a great boxing victory)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

comprehension & incomprehension: verb / water

sinking (sinking feeling, etc.)

sinking feeling

I had a ~ that...

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water

sink or swim

sink or swim type

it was a ~ type of thing (new bandmember)

survival, persistence & endurance: water

siphon (verb)

siphon Republicans away
a "centrist" might ~ from Trump (elections)

siphoned funds to her own pockets
she ~

directing: verb / water

siren (siren call / siren song)

siren call of booze
they cannot resist the ~ (alcoholics)

siren call of fads
don't give in to the ~ (tattoos you can live with)

siren song of bargains
the ~ is too irresistible to avoid (outlet malls)

heard the siren call
he ~ of his former club Real Madrid (Carlo Ancelotti)

heed the siren call
her book is for all who ~ of the water (swimming)

seduced by the siren song
they've been ~ "college for everyone"

♦ A Ulysses pact (contract) allows a mentally ill person to stipulate in advance that he be hospitalized during an episode, thus circumventing a legal requirement that he give permission.

♦ Dieter Klose, who made three attempts to climb the 6,700-foot Northwest Face of the Devil's Thumb, on the border of Alaska and British Columbia, likened this climb to Sirens who attempted to lure Ulysses to his death.

attraction & repulsion: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

siren (other)

siren
this is the age of Viagra, and Mr. Trink was its ~

siren-voiced
a ~ singer

♦ "Today's sirens want to charm you with seductive and insistent messages that focus on easy gains, the false needs of consumerism, the cult of physical wellness, of entertainment at all costs. All these are like fireworks: they flare up for a moment, but then turn to smoke in the air." (Pope Francis on his trip to Greece in December, 2021.)

attraction & repulsion: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

sister (redneck sisters, etc.)

all my sisters
here's to ~ out there keepin' it country...

♦ "Here's to all my sisters out there keepin' it country..." (Gretchen Wilson singing "Redneck Woman." Hell yeah!)

group, set & collection: family
division & connection / relationship: family

sister (big sister, etc.)

big sister
I was like a mother hen to them, I was like ~ (skateboarder)

big sister to young rockers

Judy Collins was a kind of ~ (place to crash, etc.)

help & assistance: family

sister (sister ship, etc.)

sister
our ~s the plants, our brothers the animals (a Navajo)

sister building
concerns about its ~ down the block (building collapse)

sister city
Asheville's ~, Saumur, France
China has terminated the ~ relationship with Prague

sister event
Bike Week and its ~, Biketoberfest (Daytona Beach)

sister organizations
he described them as "~~" (terrorist groups)

sister publications
the *Los Angeles Times* and its ~

sister ship
HMS *Queen Elizabeth* and her ~, HMS *Prince of Wales*
the *Zaandam* and its ~ the *Rotterdam*
the nuclear sub *San Francisco* and its ~, *Honolulu*

sister science
natural language processing and its ~, speech generation

sister technology
Smart Reply is a ~ of Smart Compose

sister virus
Marburg's ~: Ebola (African hemorrhagic fevers)

smaller sister
the Mediterranean and its ~, the Black Sea...

ugly sister
eugenics and its ~, eugenic euthanasia (Nazis)

three sisters
~ soup, built from beans, squash and corn

she and her sisters
~ were not very weatherly under sail (a class of 5 ships)

♦ After the nose of the nuclear submarine USS *San Francisco* was crushed in a collision with a seamount in 2005, the nose of its sister ship the USS *Honolulu*—which was due to be retired—was cut off and welded to the *San Francisco*, which continued to serve for another eight years. Now, that's a sister!

relationship: family

sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.)

Two Sisters
we sailed to the ~ (Saudi islands off of Jizan)

Three Sisters
we could see the ~ (mountains in KwaZulu-Natal)
a group of boulders called the ~ (Stawell, Victoria)

Seven Sisters
the Pleiades are often called the ~ (stars)

Assam is one of the ~ (states in India)
the ~ Waterfall has 7 separate streams (Norway)
~ schools were still all-female (early 1960s)
~ alumnae (Ali MacGraw, Jane Fonda, Gloria Steinem...)

Roaring Sister
the ~ is a rock on the Western Cape of South Africa

proper name: family

sisterhood (noun)

member of this sisterhood
yet another ~ was Gerdy Troost (female architects)

group, set & collection: family
division & connection / relationship: family

Sisyphean (adjective)

Sisyphean task
it is a ~ (creating a database)
the ~ of digging out the hut from snow (Antarctica)

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion
allusion: books & reading
comparison & contrast: affix

sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.)

sat in a suburb
his house ~ called...

sits on the (northern) edge
the city ~ of the African continent (Melilla)

sits (comfortably) at the top of their group
Italy ~ (soccer)

sitting 2 points above the regulation zone
Manchester United ~ (English soccer)

sits behind a paywall
the *Stockton Record* ~ (a newspaper)

fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit (sit on something)

sitting on the report
the government is ~

sits on his ideas
so he ~ (Darwin takes his time to publish)

action, inaction & delay / concealment & lack of concealment: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit (sit on one's hands)

sat on their hands
they ~ on the sidelines (politicians)

sit (back) on our hands
what are we supposed to do, ~ when we see there may be problems

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit by (verb)

sit idly by
I couldn't ~ (need to take action against barking dogs)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit down (verb)

sit down with the opposition
we need to ~

sitting down with the Taliban
we shouldn't be ~

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / table / verb

sit-down (other)

sit-down with the child
have a serious ~ (a serious talk)

serious sit-down
have a ~ with the child (a serious talk)

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / table

sit out (verb)

sit out this year
he can't afford to ~ (working during pandemic)

sit it out
he could stay in Ulm and ~ until the Russians arrived

involvement: standing, sitting & lying / verb
action, inaction & delay: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sitting duck

sitting duck
my brother's a ~ (snitch in prison)
the convoys are ~s (Pakistan)
you're a ~, you have no way to defend yourself (sniper)

danger: animal / bird / hunting
protection & lack of protection: animal / bird / hunting

size (and sized / affix)

bus-sized
~ Tundra buggies haul tourists (Churchill / polar bears)

California-sized
Kiribati has declared a ~ marine reserve (Phoenix Islands)

rice-grain-size
a tiny ~ microchip (embedded in a pet)

queen-size
see *queen-size* (*and queen sized*)
♦ Marble / moth ball (.50); penny (.75); nickel (.88); quarter (1.00); half dollar (1.25); walnut / ping pong ball (1.50); golf ball (1.75); hen egg (2.00); tennis ball (2.50); baseball (2.75); tea cup (3.00); grapefruit (4.00); softball (4.50)... (Converting traditional hail size descriptions. Hail size (in.) / Object analog reported. From NOAA.)

comparison & contrast: affix / object / size

size (one size fits all)

one-size-fits-all policy

can Twitter have a ~ for every country (India, Turkey)

one-size-fits-all strategy

it was a ~, and it didn't work (GOP politics)

cookie cutter, one-size-fits-all

I tried not to develop that ~ home run call (an announcer)

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories

skein (entanglement)

messy skein

he was already tangled in a ~ of indictments

complexity / involvement: cloth

skeletal (adjective)

skeletal

state services for victims are ~ (sex abuse / North Dakota)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skeleton (secret)

skeleton

who knows what ~s he's got in his closet (troubled)

skeletons in our closet

I knew we had ~ (newspaper's lack of coverage of...)

skeletons in its (Communist) closet

Poland exhumes ~

skeletons in the closet

all the ~ are spilling out (Turkey)

he has a few ~ that he doesn't want you to know about

skeletons (in the closet) are spilling out

all the ~ (Turkey's past)

newly revealed skeletons

~ joined old ones in his closet (a politician)

exhumes skeletons

Poland ~ in its Communist closet

♦ "If you autopsy anybody's personal life deep enough, everybody's got skeletons." (A police chief under fire.)

♦ "I get that feeling too. It's like we've arrived in a small town and everybody knows everybody's dirty secrets, and we know there are skeletons in the closet, but we can't find the closets." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille.)

concealment & lack of concealment: skeleton

skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)

skeleton crew

we are operating with a ~

we were able to open with a ~ (store after hurricane)

a ~ would remain aboard to maintain the vessel (ship)

skeleton staff

schools are operating with a ~ (pandemic)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skeleton (substance)

skeleton

this is just a ~, you need to flesh it out (essay)

substance & lack of substance: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skeleton (resemblance)

skeleton

she was skin and bones, a ~

charred skeleton

all that was left of the boat was a ~ (burned to waterline)

resemblance: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sketchy (adjective)

sketchy stuff

there is still some ~ taking place (banks)

a little bit sketchy

details remain ~ at the moment (a criminal assault)

certainty & uncertainty / flaws & lack of flaws: picture

skewer (verb)

skewered the powerful with his cartoons

he ~ (an editorial cartoonist)

skewered Mormonism

the Broadway show ~ (*The Book of Mormon* musical)

skewer (office) life and (business) norms

modern literary fiction often attempts to ~

♦ "These two women are such easy targets, a fingerless chef could skewer them." (A neat line from a book review by the critic Heller McAlpin.)

accusation & criticism / affliction / insult / speech: cooking / verb

skewered

skewered in an (attack) ad

he has been ~ for speaking French (a US politician)

accusation & criticism: cooking

affliction / insult / speech: cooking

ski (over one's skis, etc.)

got out (a little bit) over his skis

he probably ~ (a premature announcement)

got far out over their skis

critics of the new law ~ (sanctions, etc.)

♦ see also *far (too far)*

"Critics of the Georgia elections law got far out over their skis." (Corporations sanctioned the state, and Major League baseball removed the All-Star Game from Atlanta.)

♦ For some reason this type of phrase gets tossed around a lot at my company. They'll say, "you don't want to get ahead of your skis" and I always have the urge to shout back "actually I don't want my skis to get ahead of me!. Lol It's always distracting... (MissySki, Apr 19, 2021, on "The Ski Diva forum titled "Can you really get "out over your skis"? by SallyCat, Apr 18, 2021.)

♦ See "Where Did the Phrase 'Over His Skis' Come From?" by Noreen Malone, *New York Magazine*, May 31, 2012, and the comment.

**behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: distance
failure, accident & impairment: distance**

skin (feeling)

got under his skin

I knew I ~ (at a trial)

got under my skin

she really ~

this ~, because it touched something that mattered

gotten under his skin

this has clearly ~ (irritated)

gotten under (NPR's) skin

the allegation of bias has clearly ~

made my skin crawl

it ~ (disgust)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skin (jump out of one's skin)

jump out of my skin

loud noises make me ~

hyperbole: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

skin (save one's skin)

save their skins

executives sold their stock, hoping to ~ (Enron)

save your skin

it's lucky they're taking you to the boss, that may ~

survival, persistence & endurance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

euphemism: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

skin (outside)

skin

someone had tended to its guts, if not its ~ (a rifle)

mango skin

the ~ ripping away from the fruit's flesh...

orientation: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skin-deep

skin-deep

the reforms have only been ~

comparison & contrast / extent & scope / substance & lack of substance: breadth / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skinny (adjective)

skinny

department budgets are already ~ (state government)

skinny on results

diet books are fat on profits, ~

skinny (coronavirus) bill

the senate failed to pass even the ~

skinny budget

believe it or not, this is what they all the ~, Scott

substance & lack of substance: fatness & thinness / weight

skirmish (noun)

skirmishes

it's important to know which ~ to join and which to ignore

skirmishes with the (New York literary) establishment
one of his many ~ (Ishmael Reed)

budget skirmishes

the budget is subject to annual ~

♦ "In every bureaucracy it is important to know which skirmishes to join and which to ignore." (The great film *Citizen X* with Stephen Rea and Donald Sutherland.)

conflict: military

skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)

skirted the issue

he ~

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: clothing & accessories / verb

skirt (configuration)

skirt Xinjiang and Tibet

the Kunlun Mountains ~

configuration: clothing & accessories / verb

skittish (adjective)

skittish

insurers are ~

skittish about crowds

audiences are ~ (pandemic)

skittish about Gulf seafood

consumers are still ~ (after oil spill)

skittish about talking

many people are ~ openly about race (cancel culture)

skittish bankers

easing the fears of ~ (marijuana business)

skittish investors

he could calm ~ and attract foreign capital (an economist)

felt skittish

she ~ about that (separate bank accounts / marriage)

left some investors skittish
the coup ~ (Myanmar)

grown skittish
many businesses have ~ in the face of weak demand

look skittish
it was important not to ~ (modern hooligans)

makes privacy experts skittish
the bill ~

remain skittish
investors ~

♦ "No sex please, we're skittish," is the title of a 2021 article in *The Economist* about the porn site OnlyFans. It plays on the title of the 1971 British play, *No Sex please, we're British*.

♦ "Edison wired a whole district of lower Manhattan, around Wall Street, to be powered in two semi-derelict buildings on Pearl Street. Through the winter, spring and summer of 1881-2 Edison laid fifteen miles of cable and fanatically tested and retested his system. Not all went smoothly. Horses behaved skittishly in the vicinity until it was realized that leaking electricity was making their horseshoes tingle." (*At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

behavior / eagerness & reluctance: horse

sky (the sky can fall)

sky
the ~ is not falling (fears of attacks on Internet)

fate, fortune & chance: air / atmosphere / sky

sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)

a clear blue sky
the attack on the politician did not come out of ~

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

sky (blue sky thinking)

"blue-sky thinking"
~ is a way to tackle intractable issues (conflict)

blue-sky thinking
now is not the time for ~, new approaches (the Balkans)

constraint & lack of constraint / idea: sky

sky-high

sky-high
fans were ~ after the win
emotions were ~ (at a murder trial)

sky high
costs are ~

comparison & contrast / extent & scope: atmosphere / sky

skyrocket (to attention, etc.)

skyrocketed onto the (national political) scene
he ~ in 2018

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / rocket / sky / verb

skyrocket (increase)

population has skyrocketed
in Europe's prisons, where the Islamic ~

price (of helium) is skyrocketing
the ~

profits skyrocket
corporate ~ even as the economy remains stalled

unemployment is skyrocketing
the economy is crashing, ~ (politics)

movement: rocket / speed

increase & decrease: direction / number / rocket / sky / verb

skyscraper (tall building)

earthquake-resistant skyscraper
architects design ~s

4,000 skyscrapers
a city that already has ~, double New York (Shanghai)

♦ "Shibam is one of the oldest examples of urban planning using vertical construction." (Yemen.)

size: atmosphere / sky

skyway

Cherohala Skyway
the ~ connects western North Carolina and Tennessee

tunnel and skyway

Montreal is known for its ~ network
Toronto and Minneapolis are known for their ~ networks

route: atmosphere / sky

slack (noun)

slack
she deserves a little ~

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: rope

slam (verb)

slammed the politician for his hatred and bigotry
he ~

accusation & criticism / speech: force / verb / violence

slam-dunk (and slam dunk)

slam dunk
this case is anything but a ~, and whatever the outcome...
in my mind it's a ~, based on the evidence (guilty)

slam dunk for Chelsea
it's a ~ (re-signing Lukaku is a good idea)

slam-dunk for him
this is no ~ (a tough boxing match)

slam-dunk for Republicans
this should have been a ~ (election)

slam-dunk (positive) drugs test
the case did not have a ~ to stand upon (sports doping)

slam-dunk variety
discoveries are unlikely to be of the ~ (Mars mission)

no slam dunk
there was ~, and the family knew it (a murder conviction)

certainty & uncertainty / difficulty, easiness & effort:
basketball / sports & games

slanted (news, etc.)

wanted it slanted
readers wanted the news, but they ~ (early newspapers)

perception, perspective & point of view: direction / geometry

slap (awareness)

slaps you right in the face
this reality ~ (weekly death toll during pandemic)

consciousness & awareness: face / gesture / sensation / verb

slap (punish)

slapped them on the face
last night we ~ (Iranian attack on US)

slaps them on the wrist
the law just ~and lets them drive again (drunk driving)

punishment & recrimination: face / gesture / hand / verb

slap (slap in the face, etc.)

slap in the face
the offer was a ~ (to relatives of dead miners)

slap to the prosecutor
his words were a ~ (judge orders new trial)

slap in the face of the German Army
the misconduct of some soldiers is a ~ (wild hotel party)

slap in the face of (U.S.) politicians
a ~ (Saddam's view of nine-eleven)

slap in the face for players
the NBA's plans are a ~

slap in the face for the US
the attack was a ~ (by Iran)

slap in the face to Chicagoans
his actions were a ~ (false accusation of hate crime)

slap in the face to the female students
it was a ~ (who had been molested at USC)

slap in the face to his victims
this was a ~ (Markeith Loyd penalty decision)

insult: face / gesture

slash (verb)

slash (state) agencies
he wants to ~

slash (private and corporate) taxes
his budget blueprint would ~ (politician)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife / verb

slash-and-burn (adjective)

slash-and-burn process
their approach to cutting costs is a ~ (politics)

conflict / destruction: fire / farming & agriculture
dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / fire / farming & agriculture

slate (a clean slate, etc.)

wiped my slate clean
I feel like God has ~ (executed for 6 murders)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: books & reading

slaughtered

slaughtered
some sacred cows are ~ on the way (educational theory)

get slaughtered
Democrats are going to ~ in 2022 and 2024

destruction: animal / violence

slave (verb)

slaved over this
I really ~ (a project)

difficulty, easiness & effort: history / verb
hyperbole / work & duty: history / verb

slave (slave to fashion, etc.)

slaves to the clock
we aren't ~, like the Americans

slave to duty
he did not wish to go, but Scott was always a ~

slave to fashion
she is a ~

slave to laziness
don't become a ~

slave to the past
Turkey is not a ~

slave to the rules
I refuse to be a ~

slave to tobacco
to smoke is to be a ~ (public-health ad)

slave to trends
she is chic, but not a ~

slave to forms and etiquette
Scott was a ~ (Robert Falcon Scott)

debt slave
don't be a ~ to your mortgage

become a slave
don't ~ to laziness
♦ Do a favor for a beggar and you'll be his slave!
♦ Teach me one thing, and I am your slave.

dependency / dominance & submission: person
slave (dominated)

slave
we will be your friend, not your ~
♦ "We will be your friend, not your slave." (Imran Khan, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, to the United States.)

dominance & submission / superiority & inferiority: person
sledding (tough sledding)

tough sledding
it's been ~, but... (progress of war)
♦ "The Yukon lay at his feet, a sea of ice, disappearing around two great bends to the north and south, and stretching an honest two miles from bank to bank. Over its rough breast ran the sled-trail, a slender sunken line, eighteen inches wide and two thousand miles in length, with more curses distributed to the linear foot than any other road in or out of all Christendom." ("The Man With the Gash" by Jack London.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: snow & ice
sledgehammer (noun)

taken a sledgehammer to America's trustworthiness
he has ~ and credibility (politics)

taking a sledgehammer
is he ~ to crack a nut here (overreaction)

destruction / force: tools & technology

sleep (noun)

awakening from (its winter) sleep
nature is ~

resemblance: sleep

sleep (put something to sleep)

put *woke* to sleep
it's time to ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / sleep / verb

sleeping (consciousness)

sleeping majority
I was one of the ~, but now I have woken up (Egypt)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

sleeping beauty

regarded as a sleeping beauty

the city was abandoned and ~ (Matanzas, Cuba, revived)

allusion / consciousness & awareness: books & reading

sleepwalk (verb)

sleepwalking into a level of risk
it's ~ you don't realize you have (funds cut to Navy)

sleepwalking towards (greatly increased) risk
we are ~ (end of INF nuclear treaty)

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb / walking, running & jumping

sleepy (activity)

sleepy backwater
oil transformed Khartoum from a ~ to a modern city

sleepy community
the ~ of...

sleepy oasis
Korla, once a ~, is undergoing an oil boom (Xinjiang)

sleepy (little farm) town
a ~

activity: sleep

sleeve (on one's sleeve)

with his heart on his sleeve
he always fights ~ (the great boxer Johnnie Tapia)

wears his heart on his sleeve
he ~ when it comes to his dad (Ray Mancini / boxer)

wear my influences on my sleeve
I ~ (a writer)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

sleeve (up one's sleeve)

up his sleeve
he will have his own little tricks ~ (rugby coach)

concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: clothing & accessories

sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

roll up the sleeves
time to ~ once again and just get the job done (soccer)

rolling up our sleeves
we are ~ for Canal Istanbul (Erdogan)

roll up their sleeves
everyone will have to ~ and work collaboratively

rolls up their sleeves
they want someone who ~, gets things done (politics)

difficulty, easiness & effort / work & duty: clothing & accessories / gesture

sleight of hand

linguistic sleights of hand
governments propagandize citizens with ~

subterfuge: magic

concealment & lack of concealment: magic

slender (adjective)

slender chance
there was a ~ she would recover (sick)

slender victory
Uruguay's ~ over Saudi Arabia ensured that...

size: fatness & thinness

sleuth (person)

sleuth
is not the biographer also a ~

searching & discovery: person

slice (piece)

slices of the market
in the ceaseless quest to stake out bigger ~

amount: blade / knife

slice (road slices, etc.)

slices through the land
where a creek ~ near the house

slice through the town
just north of the railroad tracks that ~

slices through the heart of the forest
the Cuiabá-Santarém road, which ~

road slices
the ~ through thick pine and spruce forest

resemblance: blade / knife / verb

fictive motion: blade / knife / verb

slick (adjective)

slick presentation
they put together a ~ (impeachment trial)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

speech: materials & substances

slide (slide to perdition, etc.)

slide to perdition
give socialism a foothold, and nothing can arrest the ~

decline: direction / movement

slide (verb)

slid into a depression
she ~ of extraordinary depth and duration

decline: direction / movement / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / movement / verb

slim (small)

slim majority

Republicans have a ~ in the Senate

very slim

the chances of success are ~ (a cold murder case)

size: breadth / fatness & thinness

slink (slink in, etc.)

slunk in through a ship
the deadly flu ~

subterfuge: animal / movement / verb

transmission: animal / movement / verb

movement: animal / verb

slip (noun)

ethical slip

we all have the capacity for these ~s (cheating, lying)

failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws:
equilibrium & stability / walking, running & jumping

slip (fail)

slipping (further) into chaos
the country is ~ (the U.S.)

slips into recession

Italy unexpectedly ~

slipped in the rankings

the U.S. has ~ (corruption)

decline: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping

slip (sales have slipped, etc.)

slipping

gun sales have been ~ under Trump

slipped 7 percent

murders ~ last year

decline: direction / verb

increase & decrease: direction / number / verb

slip (permission slip)

permission slip

the US does not need a ~ to defend its security
the verdict is a ~ that extremists have long sought

complicit in the permission slip

they must disavow him or they are ~ (politics)

behavior / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: school & education

slippery (words, etc.)

slippery

the word itself was ~ (the word *war* and Afghanistan)

slippery state
closure is a ~, not so easily defined

slippery word
that question was wrapped up in another ~: *culture*

slippery, vague
this language has a ~ quality (Silicon Valley hype)

speech: materials & substances

slippery (difficult)

slippery
the investigation will be ~ (difficult, problematic)

slippery process
the ~ of counting immigrant jobs (disagreements)

slippery, vexing
Promising Young Woman is a ~ (not easy to describe)

prove slippery
predictions of ‘peak oil’ production ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: materials & substances

slippery (character)

“Slippery Jim”
James Blaine was widely known as ~ (bad reputation)

character & personality: materials & substances

slipstream (in a slipstream)

in Tyson Fury’s slipstream
Anthony Joshua is ~ now (boxing)

competition / superiority & inferiority: direction / movement / plane / position / wind

slip up (fail)

slip up or hit a plateau
if you ~, don’t beat yourself up (weight loss)

♦ “Iran put a banana peel in front of the United States and President Trump put his foot right on it.” (Cali Nasir’s analysis after an Iranian proxy militia in Iraq killed an American. The resultant US airstrike against the militia resulted in an outburst of Iraqi anti-Americanism, including an attack on the US Embassy in Baghdad.)

failure, accident & impairment: verb / walking, running & jumping

slip-up (failure)

verbal slip-ups
his ~ don’t undermine his judgment (politician)

failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping

sliver (piece)

sliver of the electorate
this impacts just a small ~

sliver of remorse
he express what seemed to be a grudging ~

sliver of solace
there may be a ~ in the fact that...

amount: blade / knife

slog (verb)

slogged a difficult road
the team ~ to qualify for the tournament

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping / verb

slog (long hard slog, etc.)

slog
the long running time is occasionally a ~ (a film)
in real life, politics is a ~ (victories a long time coming)

slog of lockdowns and death counts
before life turned into this ~ with no definite end (Covid)

easy slog
this is not going to be an ~

lifelong slog
learn a language, getting there needn’t be a ~ (an ad)

long hard slog
the fight will be a ~ (war)
the candidates have a ~ to go (election)
the election campaign will be a ~
it may be a ~ to bring about regime change (in Venezuela)

tough slog
it was a ~ to get that done (legislation)

difficulty, easiness & effort / movement: journeys & trips / military / walking, running & jumping

slope (on a slippery slope)

on a slippery slope
she is ~ (celebrity bad behavior)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / starting, going, continuing & ending: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

slope (slippery slope)

slope
the ~ is slippery in both directions (censorship)

slippery slope towards democracy
this was the start of the ~ (South Africa)

slippery-slope argument
the ~ (relating to precedents)

fear of a slippery slope
the ~ was pervasive (military intervention)

start of the slippery slope
this was the ~ towards democracy (South Africa)

push the state down a slippery slope
this will ~ of prosecuting thoughts (versus acts)

send our country down this slippery slope
nobody wants to ~ (impeachment trial / precedent)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / starting, going, continuing & ending: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

sloppy (adjective)

sloppy display
it was a ~ from Wales (soccer)

sloppy pass
her ~ back almost gifted Cameroon a goal (World Cup)

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

slot (the Slot, etc.)

“the Slot”
the New Georgia Sound was known as ~ by the Allies
the Japanese from Rabaul regularly came down ~
they brought ships through ~ to attack the US (Guadalcanal)

Slot’s (narrow siltstone) canyon
it’s an easy walk through the ~ (Anza-Borrego park / CA)

slot of doom
“the ~” narrows to a foot at its base (Otago, NZ)

Steamer Lane-The Slot
~ is usually safe and works all year (reef break / surfing)

epithet / proper name: shape

geography: epithet

slot (shape)

slot canyons
the area is famous for its ~

shape: object

slow (adjective)

slow to ground
the FAA was ~ the 737 MAX (after two crashes)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement

action, inaction & delay / speed / time: movement

slug (slug something out)

slugged it out
Obama and Clinton ~ in the primaries

conflict: boxing / verb

sluggish (adjective)

sluggish
growth has been ~
tourism is still ~
sales were ~ in July
hiring remains ~
economies range from ~ to staggering (downturn)

sluggish economy
everyone is feeling the effects of the ~

he found himself bedeviled by the ~ (president)

sluggish growth
the report shows ~ (economy)

sluggish pace
the economy is improving, but at a ~

sluggish response
the city will investigate the ~ to the storm

remain sluggish
economies in the US and Europe also ~

remains sluggish
hiring ~

movement: animal / speed
speed: animal / movement
condition & status: health & medicine / movement

slumber (noun)

shakes people from their slumber
I hope this film ~ (the great Spike Lee)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

slump (verb)

slumped
economic growth ~
ridership fell as tourism ~ (cabs)

slumping
manufacturing is ~ in recent months (employment)

slumping (back) into recession
Ireland is ~ (falling exports)

slumped to (its third) defeat
the team ~ of the season as...

slumped to a (record) low
the Syrian currency has ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction / verb
flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness: direction / materials & substances / verb

slump (in a slump)

in a (record) slump
the birthrate is ~ (USA)

remains in a (severe) slump
the economy ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction

slump (other)

the Slump
by 1933 ~ had spread like the plague (England)

slump in form
the club has seen an alarming ~

slump in home sales
furniture sales have been hit by the ~

"Trump Slump"
because of the ~, shops have more guns than buyers

team's slump
he is adamant he can fix his ~ (a manager)

economic slump
Russia's ~ has been good for London

great slump
the ~ could have turned into a Great Depression (2010)

ongoing slump
the decline in the U.S. birthrate is an ~

slump is dragging on
the ~

slump has hit
the economic ~ the nation's truckers

slump is worsening
Miami's housing ~

broke out of its slump
the team finally ~ (won)

bucked the retail slump
the company has ~

get out of their slump
the team won't ~ until they start scoring and...

hit a slump
after years of blockbuster global sales, the iPhone has ~

reverse its (sales) slump
the company hopes to ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction

slurry (noun)

slurry of bad news
this year's exceptional ~ (2020)

♦ "In this grim Welsh mining village of 5,000 there is turkey in plenty on the table, but the eyes of bereaved parents turn inevitably to empty chairs." ("Turkey Is Plentiful But Holiday Is Sad in Aberfan, Wales," NYT, Dec. 25, 1966. One hundred and sixteen children between the ages of seven and ten, and 28 adults, died when a mountain of coal waste collapsed, hitting a school.)

amount: mixture

slut (enthusiasm)

photo slut
~s, surfers going big on small waves for the money

stats sluts
he abhors the "~" (a football analyst)

eagerness & reluctance / enthusiasm: sex

small-minded

small-minded
she's ~

extent & scope / mind: size

smart (verb)

smarting from the last couple of weeks
people are still ~ (a bruising political battle)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb

smart (as noun)

putting smart to work
we're ~ (an ad for a corporation)

knowledge & intelligence: part of speech

smart (technology)

smart bomb

~s are less likely to go astray
~s used to be guided by a laser
~s hit the target, but rely on good intelligence
~s and stealth technology won Gulf War I
"brilliant" bombs are the ~s of the future
all-weather ~s are guided by satellites
JDAM ~s are guided by inertial guidance and GPS
JDAM ~s are unaffected by clouds, dust, smoke
the stock of satellite-guided ~s is depleted

smart cards

~ that store data have been routinely cracked

smart devices

~—smart PCs, smart cell phones...

smart dust

"~"—tiny digital sensors, strewn around the globe
~ would monitor, measure and understand the world
~ remains a ways off
~ has proved impossible because sensors need power

smart fuse

a "~-" for penetrating warheads uses an accelerometer

smart house

~s could monitor the elderly
~ could monitor those with chronic conditions

smart mine

dumb mines versus ~s (self-destruct / self-deactivate)

smart motorway

a grandmother died on a ~ which had the hard shoulder opened to traffic

smart munitions

targeting of assets for attack by ~ (UAVs)

smart refrigerators

~ can alert you to when the refrigerator door is left open

smart tractors

farmers could use it to keep tabs on autonomous ~ (5G)

smart elevators and window shades

complaints about ~ (new office building)

"smart" licenses and visas

~ that incorporate anti-counterfeiting chips

smart crosswalks

~ flash overhead warnings when you step off the curb

smart ID card

soldiers will be issued with ~s

smart and scatterable (m)

~ mines and their delivery vehicles (military)

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)

~ bombs (military)

♦ "We call it a smartie, and her name is Ripley." (SpaceX vice president Hans Koenigsmann, about the dummy named Ripley sent into space on March 2, 2019.)

♦ News reader: South Yorkshire's police and crime commissioner has written to the government to say smart motorways should be abandoned. Dr. Alan Billings said they were unsafe. Earlier this week, a coroner at the inquest of two men who died on a smart motorway near Sheffield called for such roads to be reviewed... (From BBC's Six O'clock News, 24 / 01 / 2021, "SNP sets itself on collision course with Westminster.")

♦ "Smart doorbells becoming more intelligent."

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. "The microwave is smart, but the refrigerator is woke." (A funny cartoon of a real-estate lady showing a kitchen to two potential customers. From *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2017. When a trendy cliche appears in a cartoon, it means that it no longer has any force of meaning. The same if it appears in a commercial. In other words, the term has become utterly conventionalized.)

knowledge & intelligence: mechanism

ability & lack of ability: mechanism

smash (smash a record, etc.)

smash everything

the crossword girl, she's about to ~ (Anna Shectman)

smashed the (previous) record

he ~ (mountaineer Nirmal Purja)

destruction / disruption: ruins / verb

success & failure: fist / force

smear (verb)

smear my character

I will not let her ~ (politics)

smear my reputation

she tried to ~

smeared (Chicago's) reputation

he has ~ (false hate-crime accusation)

smear somebody

information, disinformation, ~ (current state of politics)

smear at will

attack groups can ~ and do it anonymously (politics)

smear (people) casually

don't ~ on a podcast (politics)

reputation: mark / verb

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: mark / verb

smear (noun)

smear campaign

the allegations are part of a ~ by opponents

the ~ is based on unjustified and groundless allegations

there is no evidence of a ~ (against a film)

smear on conservatives

the Right condemned the report as a ~ (hate groups)

inflammatory and misleading smears

he described warnings over US farming practices as ~

reputation: mark

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: mark

smell (suspicion)

smell right

something doesn't ~ (suspicion)

smells bad

something ~ (suspicion)

smelled funny

it ~ to him and he turned down the deal (music)

♦ "There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression. A branch is a watercourse like a creek or a stream.)

♦ "Does it smell like an ambush to you?" (From the film *We Were Soldiers*, based on the book *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young* by Lt Gen (Ret.) Hal Moore and Joseph L. Galloway. Book and film are about the Battle of the Ia Drang in 1965.)

suspicion: smell

smell (evidence)

smell of disaster

it began to ~ (a public-relations offensive)

small a phony actor

he could ~ a mile away (the filmmaker John Ford)

smell an upset

they began to ~ (a team playing well)

looks and smells

it ~ like an important adaptation (to a virus)

evidence: smell

smile (verb)

smiled on him

Lady Luck has ~

smiled on Modi

but fortune ultimately ~ and his colleague

smiled on me

God has ~

fate ~ that day

smile on the Winter Olympics

Mother Nature is finally starting to ~

smiled on (affirmative action) programs

he has ~ from the bench (a judge)

smiled on us

I think today Mother Nature ~ (NASA launch)

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face /

gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb

smitten (effect)

smitten by the song
I was ~

smitten by birding
he was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / weapon

smitten (afflicted)

smitten by polio
he was ~...

affliction: fist / health & medicine / weapon

smoke (evidence)

smoke
where there is ~, there is fire

evidence / substance & lack of substance: fire

smoke (smoke clears)

smoke has cleared
now that the ~, investigators... (stock-market plunges)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: fire

smoke and mirrors

smoke and mirrors
this is ~, nothing has changed (politics)
he has accused ministers of using “~” over its plan...
the industry is known for ~ (digital media / numbers)

smoke and mirrors deal
the government has done ~ with the energy companies

♦ “He described the case as laced with marijuana smoke and mirrors.”
(Federal case against militia members collapses.)

subterfuge: magic / theater

smoke out (verb)

smoke out the opposition
he is trying to ~

smoke out the truth
he decided he would ~ (investigation)

pursuit, capture & escape: fire / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: fire / verb

smokescreen (concealment)

smokescreen
his aggressiveness is just a ~

smokescreen to divert attention
it was a ~ away from discontent (politics)

subterfuge: fire / military

concealment & lack of concealment: fire / military

smoking gun

smoking bat

they may never find a “~” (SARS-CoV-2)

smoking gun

the letter is a ~ that shows...
the document is the ~ (investigation of Boeing)

three smoking guns

they found ~ (forged data / academic paper withdrawn)

find a smoking gun
prosecutors could not ~

finds no smoking gun
he ~, no evidence that... (a historian)

provides the smoking gun

Madagascar ~ for... (impacts from asteroids or comets)

turn up a "smoking gun"
months of searching failed to ~ (UN / Iraq)

evidence: fire / weapon

smolder (verb)

smolders
the conspiracy theory still ~ today (spy issue)

tensions smolder
racial and gender ~ (hiring firefighters)

activity: fire / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

smooth (verb)

smooth over their frictions
Britain and Pakistan hope to ~

smooth over its (rocky) relations
the Chinese military wants to ~ with the Pentagon

smooth (capitalism's) rough edges
her policies aim to ~ (a progressive)

smooth relations
officials hope to ~ with Beijing

amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness / sensation / verb

smooth (smooth the road, etc.)

smooth the road
there is no way to ~ to assimilation (forget racial past)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / journeys & trips

smooth (speech)

smooth talker
he is a ~

speech: materials & substances / sensation / taste
sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

smooth (character)

smooth and self-assured
he is ~ (a politician)

character & personality: materials & substances / sensation

smooth (lack of flaws)

smooth ride

the team's season has not been a ~ (sports)

smooth transfer

he seeks to ensure a ~ of power to his son

smooth transition

the new administration has made a ~

smooth and speedy

we should encourage a ~ transition to democracy

flaws & lack of flaws: hardness & softness / materials & substances / sensation

smorgasbord (noun)

smorgasbord of sound

the musical festival offers a virtually limitless ~ (SXSW)

smorgasbord of meetings

the annual gathering is a ~ (UN general assembly)

biggest smorgasbord

it's the ~ on TV (Olympics coverage)

veritable smorgasbord

he admitted to a ~ of fraudulent conduct (politics)

alternatives & choices: food & drink

amount / group, set & collection: food & drink

smother (amount and effect)

smothered her (little) boy with love

she ~ and attention

smothered the trio in hugs and kisses

her grandmother ~

amount & effect: breathing / verb

smother (cover)

smothered the grenade with his body

he shouted a warning and ~ (combat)

smothered the ball

the goalkeeper ~ to prevent the own goal (soccer)

sand dunes smother

~ empty homes (desertification / northwest China)

cover: breathing / verb

smother (oppress)

smothered me with their rules

they ~ (angry teen about her parents)

campaign to smother

an unsuccessful ~ separatist ambitions

oppression: breathing / verb

snag (noun)

technical snag

a ~ aborted the test launch (satellite rocket)

hit a snag

negotiations ~ over...

♦ "Fully to realize the marvelous precision required in laying the great steamer in her marks in that murky waste of water, one should know that not only must she pick her intricate way through snags and blind reefs, and then shave the head of the island so closely as to brush the overhanging foliage with her stern, but at one place she must pass almost within arm's reach of a sunken and invisible wreck that would snatch the hull timbers from under her if she should strike it, and destroy a quarter of a million dollars' worth of steam-boat and cargo in five minutes, and maybe a hundred and fifty human lives into the bargain." (*Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain.)

obstacles & impedance: river

snail (at a snail's pace)

at a snail's pace

moving ~ is the norm above 8,000 meters (climbing)

moving at a snail's pace

queues are ~ (Passports Department)

speed: animal

snail (snail's pace / other)

snail's pace of the investigation

the ~ (murder)

snail's pace of (scientific) publishing

the ~

speed: animal

snake (insult)

snake

the guy was a ~ (got her in trouble)

you don't play with ~s and not expect to get bit

snake and a traitor

Sanders loyalists called Warren a ~ (no endorsement)

♦ "There are no snakes in Vermont, but there are Vermonters."

character & personality: animal / person / snake

insult / person: animal / person / snake

snake (head of the snake)

head of the snake

he is the ~ (a terrorist leader)

Raqqa is the ~ (IS)

hit the head of the snake

I want to ~ of IS in Raqqa (David Cameron)

described as the head of the snake

he was ~ (a people-trafficking kingpin)

♦ "The jihadist threat in Africa has many heads and tentacles."

affliction: animal / snake

snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)

cut off the snake's head

if you want to resolve a problem, you should ~ (war)
the Iraqi government has ~ (al-Zarqawi)

cut off the head of the snake

the King urged Washington to “~”

cut the head off the snake

they are urging the US to ~ (war)
you have to ~ if you want to kill it (cricket match-fixing)

cut the head off a snake

we're trying to ~, but the body is so damned long (crime)
it's better to ~ before it grows and reproduces (Taliban)

taken off the head of the snake

now we have ~ we're winning (against terrorism)

♦ There's a saying that if you cut the head off a snake, two more will grow.

♦ "They cut off the head of the snake, Gaddafi. But now there are hundreds of snakes replacing him. We are still fighting for the same thing—to find a just ruler for Libya." (Anwar Suwan of Libya.)

♦ "The Asheville School Board of Trustees is the root of the problem. Until the head of the snake goes, the rest is not going to get cleaned up." (An alumna of a high school supporting a sexual-abuse victim at her alma mater and calling for the resignations of two men.)

destruction: animal / head / snake

snake (a trail can snake, etc.)

snake downward

the trails ~ (public cave)

snaked (its way) eastward

the road ~

snaked down the streets

lines of voters ~ outside polling places (Lusaka)

snakes between Boston and Cambridge

the Charles River ~

snake through the city

miles of fencing ~ (Washington DC security)

snake through the wilderness

logging roads ~

snaked through the long hallways

lines of people ~ (congressional hearing)

snakes (more than) 300 miles

the Trans-Ecuadorian pipeline ~

snakes from Lago Agrio to the Pacific

the Trans-Ecuadorian pipeline ~

trails snake

the ~ downward (public cave)

pipeline snakes

the Trans-Ecuadorian ~ more than 300 miles

fictive motion / movement: animal / snake / verb

resemblance: animal / snake / verb

snake (snake-bit)

snake-bit

I'm ~ (Spike Lee on losing two Oscars to “driving” movies)

♦ This means having bad luck, bad fortune. There are many snakes, but few people get bitten.

fate, fortune & chance: animal / snake

snake oil (noun)

snake-oil merchants

~ who promise protection (bogus cures)

vulnerable to snake oil

people who are desperate are ~ (health)

worth & lack of worth: animal / health & medicine / snake

snake pit

snake-pit atmosphere

the news division is known for having a ~ (ABC)

media snake pit

jump into the ~

♦ Psychiatric hospitals were referred to as snake pits for their chaos, distress and horror.

environment: animal / hole / mental health / snake

conflict: animal / hole / snake

danger: animal / snake

snap (verb)

snapped

he had a short fuse and he just ~ (troubled veteran)

failure, accident & impairment / feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / rope / verb

snapshot (picture)

snapshot of the epidemic

the studies were the first to provide a ~ in the US

snapshot of what

first, just give us a ~ you've been seeing... (NPR)

characterization: picture

snare (verb)

snared real people

his website had ~ (fake news)

involvement: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

snarl (verb)

snarled travel

the storm ~ (snow)

obstacles & impedance: rope / verb

snarl (impediment)

untangle the (supply) snarls

it could take a while to ~ (the economy)

obstacles & impedance: rope

snarl (speech)

snarled

“Shut up!” he ~

speech: animal / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

snatch (verb)

snatched defeat from victory
athletes who have ~

snatched victory

his late goal ~ (soccer)

taking & removing: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

sneeze (verb)

sneezes

if Wall Street ~, Europe gets a cold

relationship / transmission: bodily reaction / health & medicine / verb

sniff out (verb)

sniffed out a new avenue

he soon ~ for his marketing genius (Southern Poverty Law Center)

sniff out intelligence

spies ~

sniffed out the rot

Shevardnadze ~ in the system (Georgia)

searching & discovery: smell / verb

evidence: smell / verb

snipe (verb)

snipe from the sidelines

tradition dictates former presidents don’t ~

accusation & criticism: weapon / verb

speech: weapon / verb

sniping (noun)

Gingrich's sniping

~ has left Romney better prepared for... (politics)

digital sniping

the comment produced more ~ (politics)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

snooze (verb)

snooze beside walls and in museum courtyards
cannons ~ (Istanbul)

resemblance: sleep / verb

snout (orientation)

glacier’s snout

a ~ can advance or retreat

♦ “Pigs can play video games with their snouts, Scientists find,” BBC, Feb 1, 2021.)

orientation: animal / direction / nose

snow (marine snow, etc.)

plankton and “marine snow”

sea squirts feed on ~ (dead debris and faeces)

resemblance: snow & ice

snowball (verb)

snowball

their problems ~ (newly homeless)

snowballed across the internet

truth pages have ~ (racism in education / Great Britain)

snowballed into beatings

the abuse ~ (school)

snowball into panic

a false alarm can ~

snowball into something

this could ~ much worse (trade war)

snowball into trouble

these trends could ~ for the US (conduct of war)

snowballed from there

it ~ and the interest never died (windsurfing)

snowballed out of control

it was an accident that ~ (murder trial)

snowballed and avalanched

it quickly ~ (late August 2020 sports protest)

continued to snowball

the effects ~

started to snowball

the number of her Instagram followers ~

scandal has snowballed

the ~

increase & decrease: snow & ice / verb

relationship: snow & ice / verb

snowball (snowball effect)

snowball effect

entitlements like these always seem to have a ~

chain reaction, a snowball effect

this will create a ~ (falling in a crowd crush)

created a snowball effect

the media and public fascination with serial murder ~

increase & decrease: snow & ice

relationship: snow & ice

snowflake (person)

today's snowflakes

Pogba and ~ are an embarrassment (rabid soccer fan)

targets snowflakes

the ad campaign ~ (British Army)

♦ A similar term to *snowflake* is *teacup*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*, a *pansy*, a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

character & personality / strength & weakness: hardness & softness / person / snow & ice

person: snow & ice

snuff (verb)

snuffed the rally with an interception
they ~ (football)

snuffed out the movement

a series of high-profile arrests soon ~ (in Syria)

curtailment / destruction: fire / verb

soaked

sun-soaked

the highway runs along ~ Pacific beaches (Hawaii)

absorption & immersion: water

soak up (verb)

soaked up the sun
she ~

absorption & immersion: verb / water

soap opera (noun)

soap opera

it's the greatest ~ of the year (NBA Draft)

this continuing ~ surround his career (Ray Mancini)

soap opera with bad actors

I find it a ~ (group stage of Champions League soccer)

perennial soap opera

Real Madrid is a ~ (conspiracy, intrigue, passion, etc.)

royal soap opera

this is a ~ about members of a royal family...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

soar (verb)

career was soaring
his ~ (an academic)

rents are soaring
~ (in France)

sales and profits soared
~ (a drug company)

toll soars

landslide death ~

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / numbers / verb

soar (a heart can soar)

hearts soared

our ~ when we realized that...

heart: direction / flying & falling

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / heart

sober (verb)

sobered voters about the costs

Iraq has ~ of big wars

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol / verb

sober (adjective)

sober assessment

the panel has issued a ~ of National Defense Strategy

sober reminder

this report is a ~ of the expensive legacy costs of...

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

sobering (adjective)

sobering end

Scotland's dream came to a ~ (Euro 2020)

sobering figures

these are ~

sobering realization

it was a ~ (owners find their cat is obese)

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

soft (soft on crime, etc.)

soft on Australia

he does not want to be painted as ~ (Indonesian politics)

soft on crime

he tarred his challenger as ~ (George HW Bush / Clinton)

soft on illegal immigration

he is ~

soft on sleaze

he has been accused of being ~ (Boris Johnson)

strength & weakness: hardness & softness

soft (soft opening, etc.)

soft deadline

a ~ can encourage without the negative effects

soft launch

NBC introduced the website with a ~ (NBCBLK)

soft opening

the ~ is a tried-and-true tactic (getting ready, etc.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: hardness & softness

softball (noun)

softball questions

TV interviewers lobbed ~ at him
she's only fielded ~ from her own lawyer (a trial)

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

soften (verb)

soften the blow

the program intends to ~ of the economic downturn

soften their image

the rebels are on a mission to ~

soften the impact

the military is trying to ~ (families greet coffins)

soften the law

lawmakers have tried to ~ (marijuana)

softened her stance

she has ~ on the issue

attenuation: hardness & softness / verb

soften (speech)

soften his tone

the president appeared to ~ (tariffs)

softened their tone

the US and China have ~ (dispute)

speech: hardness & softness / verb

amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness / verb

softheaded (and soft-headed)

soft-headed son of a bitch

I'll reform you, you ~ (*O Brother, Where Art Thou?*)

character & personality: hardness & softness / head

insult: hardness & softness / head

softhearted (and soft-hearted)

soft-hearted woman

she's a ~

character & personality: heart

heart: hardness & softness

soil (fertile soil, etc.)

fertile soil for the cultivation

Pakistan has proved to be ~ of terrorist activity

perfect soil for a growing insurgency

that chaos was the ~ (Iraq)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

soil (on one's soil)

on its soil

the government will protect foreign diplomats ~

possession: ground, terrain & land

soldier (noun)

soldier in a team

I'm a ~, I do what I'm told (a jockey)

soldier in the (culture) wars

if you are a ~

good soldier

the best way to rebuild her political capital was to be a ~
Laura is such a ~ and good person (her error cost game)
he decided to play the ~ and not make a fuss (a diplomat)

loyal soldier

he was more a ~ (vice-presidential debate)

good little soldier

I need you to be a soldier of God, a ~

♦ "I need you to be a soldier of God, a good little soldier." (Female victim testimony from the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (CICA) / Ryan Commission, which detailed Catholic Church abuse in Ireland.)

♦ "I mean, I've been in the Twitter war zone for a while, it takes a lot to phase me at this point. You can't take it personally, none of these people actually know you. It's like if you're fighting a war and there's some opposing soldier that shoots at you, it's not like they hate you. They don't even know you. So, just think of it like that. They're firing bullets, whatever, but they don't know you, so don't take it personally." (Elon Musk talking to Joe Rogan.)

♦ "That declaration of war makes Liz Chaney a key general in a rear-guard action against the former president. The problem for her is that there are few if any foot soldiers ready to follow her lead." (BBC, Six O'clock News, 12/05/21.)

♦ "Embracing collaborations...is critical to our shared success, and a force multiplier for delivering top-notch journalism across the country." (Senior Vice President of News and Editorial Director Nancy Barnes.)

♦ "We are here to provide you the approved short-term substitute training. I'm sorta the captain of today's shift, and I've got a wonderful crew..." (Chicago education.)

♦ "Yeah, they have these belts on with like all these extra bullets and they're like dressed for war." (Leah talking to her Brit producer, Georgia, for their podcast about the militia movement.)

♦ "Nobody can soldier without coffee." (A Union cavalryman, writing in 1865.)

♦ Who won the war? / The MPs won it. / How'd they win it? / Why, their mothers and sisters laying for Liberty Bonds. (Infantry chant while marching past MPs. From *From Here to Eternity* by James Jones.)

♦ "I weighed one hundred eighty going in, and I came out weighing one hundred fourteen..." (From *Once Upon a Town, the Miracle of the North Platte Canteen* by the brilliant Chicago Tribune writer Bob Greene.)

♦ "There's no beer, no prostitutes and people are shooting at us. It's more like Portsmouth." (A British soldier, on hearing that the British defense secretary Geoff Hoon had asserted that Umm Qasr, Iraq, was like Southampton.)

♦ "Camp Lejeune." (A US marine in Afghanistan, who had also served in Iraq, on being asked where he felt the threat was most dire. Camp Lejeune is in North Carolina in the United States.)

♦ "In combat, cleanliness for the infantryman was all but impossible. Our filth added to our general misery. Fear and filth went hand in hand..." (With the Old Breed by E.B. Sledge.)

allegiance, support & betrayal / work & duty: military

soldier on (verb)

soldiered on

she and her mother ~ (in poverty, after divorce)

soldier on without him

his teammates had to ~ (red-carded)

soldiered on through (the last months of) 1964
as Joni ~ (poor, pregnant, unmarried)

♦ “Roll on, drive on, soldier on...”

♦ “Wiiide River! / Wiiide River! / River, of Saigon! / River, of Saigon! /
Wiiide River / Wiiide River! / Oh! One more river to cross / Oh! One
more river to cross.” (Marching cadence, Vietnam War training at Fort
Knox. In Vietnam, the Vietnam War is called the American War.)

**resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival,
persistence & endurance / work & duty: military /
movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb**

solid (adjective)

solid evidence

there is no ~ that...

solid bet

investing in gold is not a ~

solid footing

the company is on ~ (profitable, etc.)

solid foundation

terrorism has weakened the ~ of our democracy

solid performance

she had a ~ (an athlete)

solid (backup) plan

the team has a ~

solid results

the bank has shown ~

rock solid

the case law is ~ (suit should fail)

he said the relationship with France was “~” (UK)

rock-solid

their ~ case began to crumble (murder)

she was a ~ witness (in murder case)

look solid

the economies of Southeast Asia ~

remain solid

the ties between our two countries ~

**flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness / substance &
lack of substance: equilibrium & stability / materials &
substances**

Solomonic (adjective)

Solomonic choice

firefighters had to make a ~ (choose which fire to fight)

Solomonic compromise

supporters of the decision regarded it as a ~ (politics)

Solomonic decision

the three-judge panel made a ~

Solomonic solution

she suggested a ~

they fear her ~ will flood both sides (raising sluice gates)

♦ In 1941, 10-11 May, during the blitz, London firefighters had to make a Solomonic choice: fight the fire in the chamber of the House of Commons or the fire on the roof of Westminster Hall. They chose to save Westminster Hall.

judgment: allusion / Bible / religion

comparison & contrast: affix

somebody (a somebody)

somebody

I went from being a ~ to being a nobody (immigrant)

importance & significance / power / society: person

son (son of the South, etc.)

son of the hills

like many a ~, he... (southern Appalachians)

son of the (October) Revolution

I am a ~ (an elderly Russian, born in 1917)

sons of the soil

we are the ~, we shouldn't leave (Hamid Karzai)

identity & nature: family / person

soothe (sensation)

soothe concerns

what he said did not ~

**amelioration & renewal / feeling, emotion & effect: health
& medicine / sensation / verb**

soothsayer (person)

soothsayer

I'm not a ~, I don't have a crystal ball

there were some ~s who were saying... (election results)

market soothsayers

TV allowed the ~ to reach a voracious audience

media soothsayers

all these ~ are crazy (sports)

stock market soothsayer

secrets of the ~ (David Schwartz)

future / message / time: magic / person / religion

person: magic / religion

sore (affliction)

running sore

Bloody Sunday became a ~ in the body politic (Ireland)

affliction: health & medicine

sore (sensation)

sore loser

he's just a ~ (boxer complains of decision)

sore spot

regional rivalries are a particular ~ (Central Asia)

sore subject

money can be a ~ in any relationship

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sorely

sorely missed

she was hugely loved, and she will be ~ by so very many

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sorrow (China's Sorrow, etc.)

China's Sorrow

the river is known as ~ (the Yellow River)

feeling, emotion & effect / geography: epithet

sort out (analyze)

sort it (all) out

joining us to ~ is our media correspondent...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: mechanism

soul (bare one's soul)

bare their souls to the authorities

it is not easy for women to ~ (rape, sex abuse)

concealment & lack of concealment: religion

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: religion

soul (heart and soul)

see *heart and soul*

soul (identity)

soul

every place has its ~ (Solovetsky Islands)

soul of the dance

the hand is the ~ (Cambodia)

soul of the Democratic Party

she has won a critical battle for the ~ (anti-Semitic Somali)

soul of snowboarding

he was the ~ (Jake Burton Carpenter)

political soul

a window into the dark corners of our ~ (conspiracies)

identity & nature: religion

soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)

sell my soul to the devil

I'd ~ for...

hyperbole: money / verb

wants, needs, hopes & goals: money / verb

commitment & determination: money / verb

soul-searching

soul-searching

after much ~ we decided...

I did some ~, it was a wakeup call to me (athlete)

there will be ~ (boxing champ loses in shock defeat)

career-oriented soul-searching

he did some ~

national soul-searching

the Holocaust memorial is the result of years of ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: religion

sound (perception)

sound of that

I don't like the ~

perception, perspective & point of view: sound

sound (measure)

sounds (dark comedic) depths

the play ~

measurement: depth / verb / water

extent & scope: depth / verb / water

sound (solid)

scientifically sound

their theory isn't ~ (about autism and the brain)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

strength & weakness: materials & substances

sound off (verb)

sound off

citizens phoned in to ~

♦ Sound off. / One-two. / Sound off! / Three-four! / Bring it on down. / One two three four one two...three-four! (Military cadence.)

speech: military / sound / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb

soup (mixture)

soup of pollutants

the fish live in a ~ (tomcod in New York)

mixture: food & drink

soup (alphabet soup)

alphabet soup

he dislike the alphabet soup (LGBTQ+)

alphabet soup of choices

we have the ~ (federal organizations and their initialisms)

alphabet-soup designation

the ~ for sexual minorities

alphabet-soup of law enforcement

the ~ that's here (Louisville protests)

mixture: food & drink / letters & characters

sour (verb)

souring on the (administration's) handling
polls show the public is ~ of the catastrophe

soured many on service
a variety of things has ~ (military reservists)

soured investors
uncertainty over legislation has further ~ (Mexico)

soured relations
the incident ~ between the two countries

sour the relationship
raising the question of human rights could ~ (diplomacy)

soured some
her decision ~ in law enforcement (a district attorney)

relationship soured
but the ~ (between two politicians)

relationship has soured
the ~ between museums and archaeologists

corruption: food & drink / taste / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste / verb

sour (adjective)

sour taste
the whole experience left a ~ in my mouth

gone sour
her perfect marriage had ~

turn sour
when did the relationship ~
so soon had victory begun to ~ (Amundsen)

turned sour
his life in England ~

went sour
a series of business ventures ~

consumption / corruption: food & drink / taste

sour (personality)

sour person
she's a ~

character & personality: food & drink / taste

south (numbers)

went south
crop prices ~ (worries of trade war)

direction: numbers

south (go south, etc.)

heading south
the lifeless Gunners are ~ (failing Arsenal football team)

going south
she knew things were ~ when he locked the door (rape)

going south quick
things were ~ (California wildfire)

went south
that's when things ~ (runaway locomotive)
then, things ~
things ~ pretty quickly
crop prices ~ (worries of trade war)
the economy ~ and jobs dried up
something ~ in the prosecutor's case, perhaps a witness
there was hope of an agreement, but things ~

went (seriously) south
something ~ in the prosecution's case (charges dropped)

♦ Michele Kelemen: "... [B]ut, you know, these promises could be hard to keep if things go south quickly for this Afghan government. / Audi Cornish: *Not just south*, I mean, if there's a threat that the government could collapse, what are you, what are you as diplomats doing to try and head that off?" (A very interesting and very odd conversation. Interesting because Audi Cornish seems to react sharply to the use of the cliché "head south" and very correctly restates the meaning as, "if there's a threat that the government could collapse..." But odd because Michele Kelemen does *not* represent the State Department, she is NPR's diplomatic correspondent. Were the two of them "acting out" a script? From "Biden To Meet With Afghanistan Leaders As Sept. 11 U.S. Troop Withdrawal Nears," All Things Considered, June 25, 2021.)

♦ See *direction (symbol)* for quotations about the cardinal directions as metaphors.

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb
decline: direction / verb

sow (verb)

sowed farmlands and fields with mines
combatants ~ (Balkans)

sown grief here
they have ~, they are destroying us (warfare)

sowed violence across the region
extremists have ~ (Northern Caucasus)

sow chaos
Assad's fall could ~ in Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon

sowed (such) confusion
he and his legal advisers ~ that... (a general)

sowed discord
the act ~ that lasted for years

sow fear
they use terrorism to ~ and undermine security
snipers ~ (combat)

sowed fear
the killings have ~ and apprehension (sniper murders)

sow goodwill
you can ~ by referring them to competitors (business)

sow instability
the drug war has helped ~, particularly in Bolivia
the insurgents seek to ~ (Iraq)

sow malware
they ~ that cripples networks (criminals / ransomware)

sow the seeds
enforced potty sitting can ~ of rebellion (toddlers)

sowing the seeds
he could be ~ of a new disaster (price control)

sown the seeds
this successes may have ~ of his demise (business)

sow terror
shooting and carjacking rampage ~ through city (news)

sow doubt and defeatism
a psy-op to ~ (military)

sowed fear and apprehension
the killings have ~ around the area (sniper)

sow fear and distress and anger
terrorists know that headlines ~

♦ "He who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

**creation & transformation / growth & development /
throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant /
verb**

sown (planted)

sown in (such) a field
antipersonnel mines should not be ~ until...

**throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant /
verb**

sown (mine-sown, etc.)

mine-sown
a ~ strip of earth (border)

configuration: farming & agriculture / plant

space (in a space, etc.)

in a space where
anytime I'm ~ I'm scared (a teen debater)

in spaces with people
in 2021, more robots will coexist ~

in spaces like that
I'm used to ~ fighting for air time (a Zoom meeting)

in this space
companies that play ~ are... (semiconductor fabrication)
she is a thought leader ~ (modifying boy's identities)

in these spaces
Black people are ~ (safe access to nature / Black birders)
so many people have to live ~ (basement apartments)

in the media space
tech giants collect the lion's share of revenue, profits ~

in those social-media spaces
followers ~ (on the internet)

in educational spaces
whiteness ~ (title of session at teachers' conference)

in the same space
they were just there ~ sharing life (white & black in school)

situation: container / space

space (personal space)

their own space

you have to let people have ~ (ignore behavior in ghetto)
you just look past it, because everyone deserves ~ (ghetto)

space and privacy

as a family we ask to be given ~ to mourn...

back down or give her space

French officials didn't ~, they threatened her (Naomi Osaka)

give her the space

it's important that we ~ and time she needs (troubled)

given yourself space

once you've ~, approach the person who harassed you...

give more space

native English speakers can talk less to ~ to non-native
speakers

invading their space

women felt he was ~ and it was unwanted (a politician)

respect my space

please ~, you do not have a mask on (noncompliant Black
woman to a policeman)

♦ "The first day I was there, everyone tried to do everything for me. But
now they give me space. This is a place I can study and achieve my
goals." (Mary Bailey the only female in a welding course with 18 males
students.)

♦ "Back off, get out of my face; get your hands off me; I don't need your
help..." (Common reactions to those who violate a person's space.)

♦ "If approached by a bear, park officials recommend slowly backing
away to put distance between yourself and the animal, creating space for
it to pass." (Great Smoky Mountains National Park.)

constraint & lack of constraint: boundary

space (groups, etc.)

space where

we created a ~ it's okay to criticize Israel (BLM)
anytime I'm in a ~ I'm scared (teen debater)
social media is a ~ authors can... (an advertisement)
President Trump has opened a ~ people are emboldened

spaces where

when there are ~ we can flourish (Black debaters)
the dearth of ~ you can hear people speak honestly

space of their own

they made a ~ (opened a lesbian club)

space of the strange

she hardly the first musician to occupy the ~

space of remembrance and healing

the Gun Violence Memorial Project is a ~

spaces of employment and education

our ancestors fought to occupy ~ (a Dunghutti woman)

space of empathy, of love, of understanding, of safety
we always will work together to create ~ (University of Chicago)

space for (rebellious) artists
“Political Art” show provides a ~ (Poland)

spaces (in sport) for trans athletes
I want ~ to be their authentic selves (a trans athlete)

space for honest chats
it was a ~ (a podcast)

space for cooperation
we must confront, compete but also leave that ~ (China)

space for people
I want to contribute to creating a ~ to be heard

spaces for them to make friends
there aren’t a lot of ~ (young gays / exploited on Grindr)

spaces in the 1980s
lesbian and queer ~ (gay bars)

space racism
~ associates black neighborhoods, or spaces, with violence

women’s spaces
men’s intrusion into ~
advocating the exclusion of trans women from ~ (group)

our spaces
women must not allow men into ~ (Women’s Movement)

their own space
you have to let people have ~ (ignore behavior in ghetto)
you just look past it, because everyone deserves ~ (ghetto)

no space
there should be ~ for them (mushers who abuse dogs)

arts space
the storied Lower East Side ~ (the Nuyorican Poets Café)

community space
for 50 years the store has been that ~ for Chinatown

burial spaces
these cemeteries and ~ are precious black spaces (Burr Oak)

locker room spaces
ensure ~, sports facilities and stadiums are less homophobic

drug-treatment space
people who work in the ~ in Puerto Rico...

crypto space
China has for some time been putting pressure on the ~

white-majority spaces
some blacks code-switch when entering ~

information space
the ~ is full of noise (fakes, disinformation, theories)

lesbian spaces
we honor the history of ~ in the US (lesbian bars)

online space
TikTok has enabled a lot of people to jump into the ~

workspace
Black people in the ~
as people return to the ~ (vaccination requirements)

cool spaces
many are affected by the lack of access to ~ (heatwave)

brave space
the term ~ was first popularized in 2013

commemorative spaces
less than 1% of our ~ tell Latinx, indigenous stories...

digital spaces
~ where the far-right gather...

Digital Spaces
Performing Arts Education in ~

educational space
whiteness in ~s (title of session at teachers’ conference)
it also feels like an ~ (lesbian bar with older and younger)

elite spaces
these kind of microcosms, in these very ~ (a private school)

“free space”
the term ~ was first used by Harry C. Boyte

geopolitical space
the Arctic, a new ~ (Kathleen Hicks)

gracious spaces
~ in school (kids sit knee to knee, discuss concerns)

greenspace
it is a vital ~ for all New Yorkers (Central Park)

new spaces
Knight Lab wants to push journalism into ~ (Northwestern)

non-essential spaces
the mayor has threatened to close all ~ (pandemic)

personal space
a threat to ~ is tragically palpable (police shootings)

political space
being outrageous lets you occupy the ~

public spaces
recontextualize the country’s current ~ and add new ones
protestors have taken over ~
attempts to bar Blacks from celebrating in ~ (Juneteenth)
he’s been stopped for skateboarding in ~ before
removing dangerous explosives from ~ (munitions depots)

sacred space
he had to reimagine what a ~ looks like (architect)

safe space
~ is always imaginary
~s have been credited with producing radical identities
~s are very powerful sites
create a ~ at home (kids and post-lockdown anxiety)

it was a ~ so that they could be themselves (Moms' Club)
this is not a ~ for people of color (sorority disbands)
you think you're in a ~ at work (fatal accident on film set)

same space
you have two national movements competing for the ~
(Israelis and Palestinians)

smaller space
to be female is to exist in a ~, to take up less room

social spaces
~ that offer a sense of safety or security

virtual space
in a place called Clubhouse, a ~, an app that launched...
there will be ~a for black and Latino creators (Sundance)

white space
a ~ that expects her to perform whiteness (high school)

white spaces
what it means to occupy predominantly ~ while black
(University of Chicago)

important and fascinating space
women athletes have carved out an ~ in the podcast
landscape

large urban space
Paris is a city with the challenges of any ~

majority white spaces
misidentifying people of color in ~ (work, media, etc.)

perilous cultural space
a powerful treatise on the ~ occupied by Black women...

positive, safe and empowering space
our goal is to create a ~ where... (Morphe cosmetics)

precious black spaces
these cemeteries and burial spaces are ~ (Burr Oak crime)

rhetorical and aesthetic space
reclaim and repurpose the ~ of country music (Mali
Obomsawin)

virtual digital space
“inhabiting a black persona” in ~ (digital blackface)

tranquil, multi-generational female space
the ~ of Afsoon’s beauty salon (Afghanistan)

2,500-acre space
20 more elephants are expected at the ~ (Yulee refuge)

representation in all the spaces
so that we have that ~ (black teen debaters)

dearth of space
given the ~ where you can hear people speak honestly
(Clubhouse)

disappearance of lesbian spaces
the slow ~ (lesbian bars)

intrusion into (women's) spaces

men's ~

much space left
there isn't ~ to say you support Israel in the liberal camp

spaces and actors
misinformation originates from ~ (on the internet)

space and opportunity
our goal is ensuring ~ for potential protestors (a mayor)

spaces and opportunities
the demand for “proper” English can be used to shut people
out of ~

space and place
freedom and slavery, ~ (social and cultural analysis)

space and time
it's important that we give her the ~ she needs (troubled)

providing a space
it's about bringing people together, ~ (Chinatown store)

claiming and protecting space
~ has always been fundamental in anti-racist protest

access (queer) spaces
before the pandemic, I could ~ (gay bars)

allow men into our spaces
women must not ~ (Women's Movement)

arrived at this space
I wish that I would've ~ in my earlier years (contriteness?)

breach a space
trying to ~ (2021 riot at Capital)

build spaces
I wanted to ~ where women could be free and shine (an
Afghan beauty parlour)

create a space
I wanted to ~ where everyone can feel safe (bookstore)

create a (safe) space
~ at home (kids and post-lockdown anxiety)

create spaces
~ for artists, especially LGBTQIA communities of color

dominates that space
the US ~, whether it's Instagram, Facebook

engaged in that space
the players, the media and all of those ~ (media / tennis)

gave ourselves the space
we never really ~ to ask that question (Muslim women)

get into spaces
DJing or trying to ~ to DJ, I felt very unwelcome (female)

give her the space
it's important that we ~ and time she needs (troubled)

given us space
the conversation has ~ to say, “I don't agree with...”

grant space
it's important to ~ to women (a male feminist)

had the space
we haven't ~ to politically organize (young Palestinian)

held the space
my dear friend Shameka ~ at Injustice Square for 120 days

learn your (garden) space
it takes 5 years to ~ (growing a garden)

leave some space
the ruling seemed to ~ for future lawsuits

make a space
there is not space for much in the South, so you just have to ~ (two Black women start a lesbian bar)

made spaces
these artists ~ where women could share thoughts, feelings

make space
women shrink to ~ (vs. men, who take space)

negotiate this space
how to ~ and develop a "cyberspace literacy" (internet)

occupies space
she unapologetically ~, literally and figuratively (Aidy Bryant)

occupy space
men spread, utilize and ~ (vs. women)

occupy the (political) space
being outrageous lets you ~

occupy that space
I had to research him before I could ~ (actor about a role)

occupy predominantly white spaces
what it means to ~ while black (University of Chicago)

opening up this space
her case is ~ to have these conversations where... (mental health and tennis)

putting pressure on the (crypto) space
China has for some time been ~

reclaims the (genre) space
the creator ~ for people of color (a horror film)

reclaiming space
Ashley Minner, ~ for the Lumbee Indians of Baltimore

share a space
figuring out how to ~ with predatory people (artwork)

take (their own) space
black characters leisurely ~ (the artist Elizabeth Colomba)

take up space
seeing ourselves, it creates the momentum to ~ (blacks)
men are not ashamed to ~ in the world
white women have always been allowed to ~ in Black music

take up (less) space
women have been taught to ~ in a patriarchal world (be quiet, be small)

take up (more) space
I try to cry quietly so that I don't ~ (Robin DiAngelo)

shut people out of spaces
the demand for "proper English" can be used to ~ and opportunities

struggle for, occupy, craft, and mark space
~ in order to establish ownership and autonomy

- ♦ "Space is a feminist issue."
- ♦ "I try to cry quietly so that I don't take up more space." (Robin DiAngelo. She coined the term "White fragility" which has been characterized as silence, defensiveness, argumentation, certitude, and pushback.)
- ♦ "I want spaces in sport for trans athletes to be their authentic selves and compete at the highest level, and know they are loved and that they belong there." (Chris Mosier, about transgender athletes at the Tokyo Olympics.)
- ♦ "Harrison announced that his would be a safe space and also a brave space where everybody could say things that were hard to say, without being judged." ("Guns Down: With the number of shooting deaths rising, Shaina Harrison is teaching kids to turn anger into advocacy," by Ian Frazier, *The New Yorker*, April 5, 2021. Harrison was addressing ninth graders.)
- ♦ "We've given them the flexibility to kind of determine what their spaces look like...you know, do they want to do rows...?" (Qynne Kelly, Associate Principal at Lincoln High School, Des Moines, about the guidelines teachers have for setting up their classrooms during the pandemic.)
- ♦ "We feel very proud to be Asian here, and we want to share kind of culture and space with each other but also with the rest of the city." (Joanne Kwong, President, Pearl River Mart.)
- ♦ "People have become accustomed to more car-free spaces during the pandemic." (Cities block streets so restaurant patrons can dine in the road, socially spaced. Ordinarily, this would be express as "car-free zones.")
- ♦ "It's so unfortunate that marginalized communities are in competition for the tiny allotment of space that society gives them." (Ani DiFranco.)
- ♦ "Watts (2001) has made the argument that to have a voice an agent must find a space where the voice can be concretized... The connection between voice and space becomes particularly critical when such a space is denied in the real world through marginalizing forces and a new space needs to be carved out." ("Voices of the Marginalized on the Internet" by Ananda Mitra.)
- ♦ "Black folk have always been aware that we've been excluded and othered. Even in spaces we've managed to create for ourselves, [non-Black] people violently infiltrate and occupy these spaces with no respect to the architects who built it." (Eric Louis, age 21, a Black TikTok "creator" who helped to organize the #BlackTikTokStrike, to protest cultural appropriation and preferential treatment.)
- ♦ "The industry caught up to my ambitions and created space for me to have my voice." ("Faces of NPR HBCU Edition: Kia Miakka Natisse," Sommer Hill, NPR, February 16, 2022.)
- ♦ "It really is an unusual space in which we can come together and socialize and it doesn't feel anything like Zoom." (The 2021 virtual Sundance Film Festival.)
- ♦ "NPR arts editor Nina Gregory was an early adopter of Clubhouse—which she calls the 'third space' during the pandemic. The third space isn't home or work, she says, but rather acts as the coffee shops, bars, parks and other places where we connect with other people." ("What Is Clubhouse? The Popular Audio-Based Social Media App, Explained" by Tonya Mosley and Allison Hagan, WBUR, Feb. 10, 2021. Clubhouse is based around voice communication.)
- ♦ "Yeah, you're in a world, right, I mean, you're in something like a fantasy or a dream, and we all have that interior space all the time, but to

get to go into someone else's interior space, how incredible is that?"
(Miranda July.)

♦ Lulu Garcia-Navarro: Before we get to your new music, uh, I do want to talk to you about this meme about listening to Girl in Red. What does it feel like, sort of holding this space in LGBTQ and Gen Z culture? / Marie Ulven: Uh, I think it's really dope because... ("Marie Ulven Talks TikTok Fame, Sexuality And Her New Album," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, May 2, 2021.)

♦ "I studied theater, but I was focused on being an actor, and I noted that people seemed to have a very narrow view of what kind of space my body could occupy on stage—and I found that really frustrating. I decided to write plays." (The playwright Aleshea Harris.)

♦ "This girl in jeans standing in her house with eleven men. Like the female body in that space was what drew me to this for sure." (Tina Satter, theater director, about *Is This a Room: Reality Winner Verbatim Transcription*.)

♦ "The assertions are strident, and the vocabulary is esoteric ('harm,' 'insurrection') as if it were translated from a foreign language. In a sense, it is. The language is legalese, and it is designed to build a foundation upon which a company can be held liable under civil-rights law in an American court. This activist tactic has been widely misunderstood... The word 'safe' is carefully chosen. It gestures at certain specific kinds of negligence for which a university could pay dearly in a court of law." ("The Inequality of 'Equity,'" by Christopher Caldwell, *National Review*, May 17, 2021.)

♦ "The public *domain*, the school is a safe *haven*, a crawl space under the house; office space; floor space; a tight space in a cave; a space (compartment) inside a ship; personal space; not enough space in the car or in the trunk of the car; a parking *space / place / spot*; the *workplace*; public *sphere* (Wikipedia entry) or *realm*; public *place* (Wikipedia entry); a gathering *place* (like a high-school cafeteria, bars, coffee houses); a space of time; "He stole space in the penalty area"; "he controlled the ring *space / boxing*"; outer space; a car-free *zone*; give the bear plenty of *room / space*; breathing *space / room*... (Convention, ordinary uses of *domain*, *haven*, *place*, *realm*, *room*, *space*, *sphere*, *spot*, *zone*, etc.)

inclusion & exclusion: society space (space of time)

bittersweet space of time
she lived her dream if only for a ~ (Madalyn Davis)

amount: space

time: amount

spaghetti (snarl)

"Spaghetti Junction"
the notorious ~ is a 4-level stack interchange (Atlanta)

spaghetti plots
these are the ~ (storm approaches coast / weather report)

bowl of spaghetti
it's a ~, it's difficult to untangle (competing interests)

complexity / configuration / resemblance: food & drink

span (lifespan, etc.)

life spans have declined
~ due to COVID

♦ The distance between the thumb and little finger.

measurement / time: distance

span (verb)

spanned five decades
his career ~

extent & scope / measurement: distance / hand

spar (verb)

sparred over education and immigration
the candidates ~ (politics)

Republicans and Democrats sparred
~ during the third day of impeachment hearings

conflict: boxing / verb

spare (a minute to spare, etc.)

ten minutes to spare
he called the attack off with ~ (President Trump)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: money / verb

time: consumption / money / verb

spark (verb)

sparked attention
the "frog vaccine" has ~ among foreign researchers

sparked a (land) boom
the lure of cheap homesteads and easy money ~

sparked a (wild) celebration
his winning penalty kick ~ (soccer)

spark conflicts
fences could ~ over access to water (nomads)

sparked a conversation
his death has ~ around the treatment of sumo wrestlers

spark conversations
the shootings should ~ about mental health, violence...

sparked his imagination
reading science fiction ~

spark (media) interest
parental kidnappings do not ~ (of kids)

sparked a (major) inquiry
her death ~

spark interest
these clouds continue to ~ (Noctilucent Clouds)

spark a new interest
sometimes learning will ~

sparked an outcry
his remarks ~ (racism)

sparked outrage
the killing ~ around the world
the shooting was captured on video, and ~ across the city

sparking outrage
the Israeli raid is ~ around the world

sparked a recall
ignition problems ~ (automobile company)

sparked resentment

Chinese investment has ~ in Karachi (Sind)

sparked an (intense) search
her disappearance ~ that ended when...

sparked an uproar
his dismissal ~ on campus (popular coach Bobby Knight)
her transgender talk ~ (a Canadian feminist)

spark (widespread) violence
elections could ~ (Ivory Coast)

sparked a war
the border dispute ~ (Eritrea and Ethiopia)

sparked a wildfire
a single protest ~ (1848)

sparks the wildfire
Virginia will be the match that ~ of change (politics)

spark or reinforce
these stores can ~ the "Hillbilly" stereotype

initiation: fire / verb

spark (noun)

spark
the taunts were the ~, underlying resentment the fuel

spark for his comeback
the rivalry was the ~ (a rapper)

small spark
the clash showed how a ~ could ignite another war

signs of a spark
her campaign never caught fire or even showed ~

sparks erupted
those ~ into a bonfire of civic rage

sparks flew
they had different ideas about money, and ~ (a couple)
~ during the debate

keep the spark alive
the dreams of what were ahead helped ~ for me (love)

put that spark in me
he ~ that made me want to be a scientist

created a (much-needed) spark
his visit ~ and drew the world's attention to the Bronx

♦ "My question was surely just a spark but the response was an earthquake." (The Italian journalist Riccardo Ehrman about his role in the fall of the Berlin Wall.)

initiation: fire

spark (spark of hope, etc.)

spark of hope
the ~ is getting smaller, but it hasn't gone out

amount: fire / light & dark

sparkling (superlative)

sparkling form
the Watford keeper was in absolutely ~ against West Ham

superlative: light & dark

spark plug

team's spark plug
he's the ~

initiation: electricity

sparring partner (role)

verbal sparring partner
she is his ~ and confident

help & assistance: boxing / person

Sparta (Sparta of the North, etc.)

Sparta of the North
Prussia is often called the ~ (a militaristic society)

military: epithet

Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.)

Black Spartacus
the ~ died in the Swiss mountains (Toussaint Louverture)

military: epithet

Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.)

Spartans of Australasia
by 1876 the ~ were extinct (Tasmanians / Mark Twain)

comparison & contrast / military: epithet

spartan (adjective)

spartan
my room was very ~

spartan and claustrophobic
the Schwartz's flat was ~

size: allusion

comparison & contrast: affix

spasm (noun)

spasms of bloodshed
~ continue (violent drug gangs)

convulsed in a spasm
for 3 minutes the casino ~ of violence (biker riot)

affliction: health & medicine / movement

activity: health & medicine / movement

spasmodic (adjective)

spasmodic (sectarian) slaughter
during the ~ of 2006-2007 (Iraq)

**activity / affliction / starting, going, continuing & ending:
health & medicine / movement**

spawn (verb)

spawned controversy
the agency has ~ (Darpa)

spawned a generation
tanning beds ~ of tanning addicts

spawned a series of memes
Kim Kardashian's look ~ on social media (Met Gala 2021)

spawned a (TV) miniseries
the book ~

spawned an (Oscar-winning) movie
her book ~ (*To Kill a Mockingbird*)

spawned (a great wave of) philanthropy
Carnegie, Rockefeller and Mellon ~

spawned QAnon
the site ~, the conspiracy theory (an internet website)

spawned terrorism
the Taliban's militancy has ~ inside Pakistan

spawned three tornadoes
severe weather ~

spawn (real-world) violence
hate speech and incitement can ~

spawned (monster) waves
the hurricane ~ that toppled beach houses

creation & transformation: animal / birth / fish / verb

spawned

spawned by the war
the terrorism ~ in Chechnya

creation & transformation: animal / birth / fish

speak (evidence)

speak for itself
we hope the evidence will ~
the crime scene appeared to ~ (murder-suicide)

speaks for itself
the subpoena ~
our work ~ (World Health Organization)
the video ~ (of an arrest by police)

speak for themselves
the test results ~
he expected his deeds to ~ (Roald Amundsen)

speak for themselves
his results ~ (the surgeon Harvey Cushing)

speak louder
actions ~ than words

speak for itself

his silence ~ (politician loses electoral vote)

let the bones speak

my job is to ~ (a forensic anthropologist)

♦ “Volcanoes like to speak in low-frequency sounds that humans can't perceive called infrasound. So we developed sensors that we can deploy to listen to the volcanos talk to us.” (Dr. Jeffrey B. Johnson, Boise State volcanologist and National Geographic Explorer, about the Masaya Volcano in Nicaragua.)

evidence: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

speak (the people have spoken, etc.)

spoke

people in Massachusetts ~ (elections)

spoken

the people of this nation have ~ (election)

judgment: speech

speak (speak to something)

speak to anyone

the film will ~ who ever wanted to board a train and escape

speak to the imagination

lighthouses ~

speak to this moment

the film doesn't ~ in history

speaks to the women

Emirates Woman is a magazine that ~ of today

speak to anyone, anywhere, at any time

the questions ~ (philosophy)

fictive communication: speech / verb

speak (carry a message)

speaks truth to power
he ~

speaks to people
she ~ (Lizzo)

message: speech / verb

speak (NASA-speak, etc.)

FAA-speak

nicknamed, in typical ~, “Flow Control” (panes aloft)

NASA-speak

entry, descent and land, or EDL in ~

PR-speak

it sounds like ~ (reason for downsizing cereal)

“chatspeak”

what Geoff Nunberg calls ~ (texting)

prosecutor-speak

usually “inspection” is ~ for a shakedown (Russia)

contempo-speak

the gentle interrogative is ~ (written in 2008)

corporate-speak

Kendall's buzzword-laden ~ (TV series *Succession*)

feminist-speak

the new ~ ("her large dose of Woman Truth" / 1972)

leetspeak

the title of PEN15, the Hulu series, is an example of ~

♦ see also *boilerplate (noun)*, *buzzword (noun)*, *ese (legalese, etc.)*, *funny language*, *language (of sports, cars, etc.)*, *lip service (pay lip service, etc.)*, *supersizing (linguistic supersizing)*, *talk (mediator talk, etc.)*

speech: affix

language: speech

speak for (represent)

speak for the team

the owner tweeted that Morey didn't ~ (NBA)

representation: speech / verb

speak out (verb)

speak out against (perceived) injustices

she feels compelled to ~

spoke out with a (contrary) opinion

we ~

speak out and be heard

it is time for the Aboriginal community to ~ (*Koori Mail*)

♦ "People wrote about women speaking out with prayerful reverence, as if speech itself could bring women freedom." (Jia Tolentino.)

♦ For proverbs about the dangers of speech, see *tongue (danger)*.

resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb

speak up (verb)

speak up

they were too scared to ~ (a corporation)

a manager warned her not to ~

spoke up

he ~ and said, "This man is not qualified"

she was glad that she ~

speaks up and amplifies

the *Koori Mail* ~ Black voices (Australian newspaper)

courage to speak up

the importance of having the ~ (military)

♦ "Each and every one of us has to step up, speak up, stand up, do something." (Arnitta Holliman, director of the Milwaukee Office of Violence and Prevention.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb

spear (tip of the spear)

sharp end of the spear

the EOD team is the ~ to suppress roadside bombings

"tip of the spear"

they will be the ~ if America invades Iraq

tip of the spear of the armored column

the ~ (7th Cavalry Regiment)

tip of the spear of fighting

these two agencies are supposed to be the ~ this pandemic

tip of Iran's spear

he was the ~ in the Middle East (Qasem Soleimani)

driving force: military / weapon

spearhead (verb)

spearhead the Orange Revolution

Ms. Tymoshenko helped ~ (Yulia)

spearhead a campaign

he called on radiologists to ~ to reduce dosages

spearheading the drive

she is ~ to get him elected

spearheading the initiative

Brazil, France, Mexico and Norway are ~

spearhead the project

he helped ~ (downtown revitalization)

looking to spearhead

we are ~ a major shift...

driving force: weapon / verb

spearhead (noun)

spearhead of a (new) economy

energy is the ~

spearhead of globalization

the W.T.O. is the ~

spearhead of the (democratic) movement

Solidarity was the ~ in Eastern Europe

spearhead for (Islam's) advance

the Sufis were the ~ into South Asia

driving force: weapon

special (as noun)

special happens

when you take a chance, that's when ~

characterization: part of speech

species (type)

different species

these heavyweights these days are a ~ (size and weight)

♦ "These heavyweights these days are a different species." (Comment by a boxer about the new bridgerweight / Bridger-weight division.)

♦ "As a species, apps are hard to trust."

taxonomy & classification: animal

species (vanishing species)

vanishing species

he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal speckled (configuration)

speckled with ships
the harbor of San Francisco was ~

speckled with copses and farmhouses
rolling fields ~

speckled trout
the ~ (brook trout)

♦ Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, striped, and even spectacled!

configuration: mark

specter (noun)

specter of Sept. 11
he is haunted by the ~

specter of defeat
incumbents face the ~ (elections)

specter of war
the ~ is rising

ugly specter
the deal raises the ~ of conflict of interest

specter (of the past) lingers
the ~

specter (of eating disorder) haunts
the ~ many dancers

confront the specter
once again, Americans ~ of impeachment (politics)

confronts the specter
he ~ of mortality (aging)

facing the specter
he is ~ of death

raises the specter
rising crime ~ of the bad old days (Newark)
rising corn prices ~ of higher prices for beef and pork...

haunted by the specter
he is ~ of Hurricane Katrina

affliction: creature

speed (up to speed)

up to speed on the details
I'm sorry, I'm not ~

up to speed on that
I'm not ~

time to get up to speed
new hires need ~

bring him up to speed
his advisors will ~ on the details (president)

get new workers up to speed

experienced employees can help ~ quickly

keep its algorithm up to speed
he has struggled to ~ (YouTube)

functioning / speed: mechanism / movement

condition & status: mechanism / movement

speed (full speed ahead)

full speed ahead
it will be ~ but not in a rushed way (vaccine rollout)
the hype train chugged ~

speed: boat

speed (supersonic speed, etc.)

Speed of Light
Life at the ~ (a book by Craig Venter)

lightning speed
Omicron is spreading at ~

supersonic speed
jetpack technology has been evolving at ~

speed: movement / plane

spell (spell disaster, etc.)

spells disaster
this ~ for urban peace (unemployment, guns, etc.)

spell disaster
unattended daily challenges could ~ (Velux 5 race)

spells doom
contact with outsiders often ~ for isolated tribes

spell trouble
four of these symptoms could ~ (panic disorder)

spells trouble
I think the whole thing ~ for the president (investigation)

spell (job-search) woes
bad credit can ~

♦ The writing is on the wall...

fate, fortune & chance: writing & spelling / verb

future / time: religion / writing & spelling / verb

spell (under a spell)

under her spell
she brought employees, investors and journalists ~ (fraud)

under the (nonconformist) spell of Thoreau
he fell ~ (Andrew Martinez)

falls under its spell
everyone ~ (a panda)

fell under its spell
I quickly ~ (a book)

fell under Kelly's spell
she ~ (sex abuse)

fell under Frederick's spell
other former students who ~ (Bennington College)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

attraction & repulsion: magic

spell (cast a spell)

cast a spell on a ball
he seemed to ~ (Juninho / soccer)

cast a spell over the (rapt) audience
he ~ (a pianist)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb

spell (in a dry spell)

in a dry spell
I was ~, lacking imagination and incentive (an artist)

six-month dry spell
having been in a ~... (dating)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

spell (into a dry spell)

fell into a (long) dry spell
he ~ (athlete)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

spell (throughout a dry spell)

throughout that dry spell
~ he showed composure (golfer)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

spell (dry spell / other)

dry spell ended
and then the long ~ (investments and buying)

ended his dry spell
the goal ~ (sports)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

spellbinding (adjective)

spellbinding story
the play was the concluding chapter in a ~ (series)

spellbinding mug shot
we look at his ~ and wonder why he did it (murder)

attachment / feeling, emotion & effect: magic

spellbound (adjective)

spellbound
I watched her, ~
she listened ~ to his account

spellbound by (Old English) poetry
he was ~ (Auden)

stunned and spellbound
he confessed all he had done to a ~ courtroom

held us spellbound
she ~ (an actor's performance)

kept the crew spellbound
the aurora ~ for hours (the Far North)

attachment / feeling, emotion & effect: magic

spelled out

spelled out in the handbook
the policy is ~ distributed to every....

policy is spelled out
the ~ in the handbook distributed to every...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: writing & spelling / letters & characters

spell out (verb)

spells out
nothing in the law ~ what to do with a student like her...

spells out what
nothing in the law ~ to do with a student like her

spell out fees
contracts that don't ~ or... (assisted living)

spell it out
do I have to ~ in every ugly detail

spells (all) this out
the contract ~....

analysis, interpretation & explanation: writing & spelling / letters & characters / verb

spend (time)

spent the night on cots
about 20 people ~ (tornado survivors)

spent a day in combat
the academic professional who has never ~

spent weeks in the hospital
she ~ recuperating

spent 19 days in jail
she ~

spent the night in the (dining hall) lodge
they ~ (climbers)

spent years in exile
they ~ in Iran (Hakims / Iraq)

spent 29 years in the Navy
Ms. Evans ~

spent years in school

I ~ studying a foreign language
 spent less time at high altitude
 I'd ~ (Everest)

spent a few hours with Hani Shukrallah
 I ~

spent eight months (in jail) awaiting
 he ~ until...

spent three years building
 I just ~ this (an inn destroyed in flood)

spent (most of) his (adult) life climbing
 he has ~

spent about two hours digging
 the group ~ the cave by hand (climbers)

spent about 15 minutes examining
 the trauma team ~ the boy

spend several weeks feeling
 I ~ incredibly guilty about the situation

spent the afternoon hiking
 we ~

spent the afternoon and early evening paddling
 we ~ (sea-kayaking)

spent endless hours practicing
 she ~ basketball (SuAnne Big Crow)

spent three hours removing
 surgeons ~ the arrow (hunting accident)

spent a week searching
 police ~ the area

spent their 77-hour ordeal standing
 the miners ~, wet (trapped)

spent three months studying
 he ~ English in Santa Monica

spend the last four years studying
 he has ~ oceanography

spent the evening talking
 they ~

spent his career training
 he ~ young men and women for war

spent a lot of time trying
 I ~ to fix it

spend days waiting
 they can ~ in line (Chinese truck drivers / coal)

spent the morning watching
 I ~ TV

spent his life working
 having ~ in hospitals...

spent six hours working

he ~ on the framework (space-station spacewalk)

spent several years working
 he ~ at a restaurant

spent most of my time rock climbing
 At 20 I ~ (Reinhold Messner)

spent the day sightseeing
 he ~ on the Las Vegas Strip

spent her (two) pregnancies nauseated and vomiting
 she ~

spend the night
 ~, not a fortune (Scenic View Motel, Bryson City, NC)

spend (Monday) night
 I'll ~ someplace outside of Washington (trip)

time: consumption / money / verb

spend (spend energy, etc.)

spent a lot of energy
 they ~ in the search

cost & benefit: money / verb

spew (speech)

spewed venom
 she ~ (neurotic woman)

hate-spewing
 ~ crazies rarely care about the facts

speech: bodily reaction / verb

throwing, putting & planting: bodily reaction / verb

sphere (blogosphere, etc.)

blogosphere
 see *blogosphere*

mediaspHERE
 the Chinese ~ has become more pro-Russian

area / environment: affix

sphere (in the sphere)

in the economic sphere
 ~, things don't look good (pandemic)

in the informational sphere
 we must clamp down on criminal activity ~ (ransomware)

♦ see also *space*, which seems increasingly more popular.

area / environment: earth & world

sphinx (noun)

sphinx of Washington
 the silent ~ finally spoke at length (Robert Mueller)

Washington sphinx
 for two years he was a ~, silent and mysterious (Mueller)

♦ "Hurbinek was a nobody, a child of death, a child of Auschwitz... Henek...sat beside the little sphinx... / Hurbinek died in the first days of

March 1945, free but not redeemed. Nothing remains of him: he bears witness through these words of mine." (*If This Is A Man* by Primo Levi.)

character & personality: creature / statue

spice up (verb)

spice up your sex life

10 ways to ~

amelioration & renewal: food & drink / verb

spicy (adjective)

spicy

Khan vs. Brook, it's going to be ~ (boxing)

spicy comedy

why do you choose that brand of ~ (Sommore)

spicy stuff

she didn't know a lot about sex, the “~” (pastor's daughter)

consumption: food & drink / taste

spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.)

known as the Spider

he is ~ for his long legs (Eljif Elmas, North Macedonia)

epithet: spider

resemblance: epithet / spider

spider (Spider Rock, etc.)

Spider

they climbed “the ~,” the snow-filled cracks (the Eiger) the “~” towers above Upper Pine Lake (Colorado peak)

Spider Cave

~ contains a pictograph of “Spiderman” (Michigan)

Spider Rock

~ is associated with Spider Woman (Canyon de Chelly)

♦ Spider Rock is a spire in the Canyon de Chelly on the Navajo Nation in Arizona, near the town of Chinle. It is associated with the Spider Woman. In one legend, she eats misbehaving children and leaves their bones scattered about. If you visit, be sure and tell your children not to misbehave or litter, and why...

proper name: animal / insect / spider

geography: animal / insect / proper name / spider

spider (spider hole)

spider holes

the ~ in which snipers may still be hiding (Vietnam)

military: insect / place

spigot (open / close, etc.)

cash spigots

his Iowa performance won't open any ~ (election)

loan spigot

lenders opened the ~ (home loans and foreclosures)

gushing (federal) spigot

many voters don't want to shut off the ~ (deficit)

spending spigot

the ~ must close (government spending)

man at the spigot

Yamani was the ~ (Saudi oil / 1973)

open the (military-spending) spigot

the Cold War helped to ~

shut off the spigot

they are trying to ~ of Russian boar (invasive species)

♦ “We should put money into the economy. The question is how much. If your bathtub isn't full, you should turn your faucet on. But that doesn't mean you should turn it on as hard as you can and as long as you can.” (Lawrence Summers, speaking about economic stimulus during the COVID pandemic. Not for nothing is economics referred to as “the dismal science.”)

supplying: infrastructure / water

constraint & lack of constraint: water

spike (increase)

spiked last week

gun and ammunition sales ~

increase & decrease: shape / verb

spike (spike in business, etc.)

spike in business

dollar stores are seeing a ~

spike in demand

we can expect a ~ (housing market)

spike in its traffic

the new ~ began early Sunday in the US (a hashtag)

increase & decrease: number / shape

spill (and spill out, etc.)

spilled out

US special forces troops ~ of C-130s...

spilled out into their back yard

trash ~ (hoarders)

spilled into the streets

outrage ~ (protests)

spilled (out) into the streets

people ~ (earthquake)

spill across the border

problems from Somalia ~ (into Kenya)

spilled over the border into Chad

the Darfur conflict has ~

spill over into other countries

he believes this trend will ~, including...

spill over onto MSRs

take action to ensure refugees do not ~ (military)

spilled over the border

its forces opened fire when the fighting ~ (Thailand)

spilled into Virginia

none of the protests ~ (from D.C. / IMF / World Bank)

amount & effect: water / verb

leaking / movement: water / verb

spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)

spilled out

she pauses briefly before the words ~

spills out

her indignation ~, but soon she calms down and...

♦ "I heard myself say to him, 'Could you tell me something about your mother?...' And he said, 'It's funny that you should ask me that... I remember...' Out of him spilled and tumbled the essence of what is now in the first chapter of the *Autobiography of Malcolm X.*" (Alex Haley, speaking to Terry Gross about Malcolm X.)

speech: container / verb / water

feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb / water

spin (spin out of control)

spinning out of control

digital downloading and copying is ~

his personal life seemed to be ~

Nairobi is ~ (crime)

spun out of control

the argument ~

control & lack of control: movement / plane / verb

spin (message / verb)

spin the data

they are trying to ~ that plays to their narrative (politics)

message / subterfuge: movement / verb

spin (message / noun)

spin

where does the science end and the ~ begin (COVID)

political spin

all the ~ in the world won't change that...

put an alarmist spin on the story

the reporter ~, as though the company were in bad shape

seen through the spin

I think that people have ~ (of powerful sex abusers)

message / subterfuge: movement

spin (spin control)

international spin control

official attempts at ~

attempts at (international) spin control

official ~

message / subterfuge: movement

spine (courage)

America's spine

we have seen the steel in ~

steel in (America's) spine

we have seen the ~

grow a spine

~ and fight for our rights (the Welsh government)

have (enough) spine

some Republicans ~ to stand up to the president (politics)

show (a bit of) spine

politicians must ~ (to unsympathetic audiences)

stiffened his spine

he showed signs of going wobbly, but Pelosi ~ (politics)

courage & lack of courage: back

strength & weakness: back

spine (branching)

spine of South America

the Andes, the great ~

spine of the Roman Empire

the highway that formed the ~ (the Appian Way)

spine of the Pyrenees

behind us we have the ~ (on the French coast)

agricultural spine

in the landlocked Central Valley, the state's ~ (California)

bases / branching system: back

spin-off (noun)

spin-offs from (space) experimentation

the medical and technological ~

medical and technological spin-offs

the ~ from space experimentation

creation & transformation / product: movement

spin up (verb)

spin up late at night

a lot of the protests we have seen ~ (street protests)

occurrence: movement / verb

spiral (death spiral)

"death spiral"

~ is quite a dramatic phrase, but the post office lost...

in a death spiral

American newspapers are ~ (declining circulations)

on a death spiral

I would suggest that we are ~ (the Postmaster General)

part of the death spiral

going back to America was ~ (Marvin Gaye / Belgium)

condition & status / destruction: death & life / direction /

flying & falling / movement / plane / shape

spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)

spiraled out of control

Rye's junior prom ~ (drunk teens)
events quickly ~ (Bosnian war)

spiraling out of control
in danger of ~

spiral out of control

medical expenses can often ~
his life seemed to ~ (drug addict)

spiraling out of control in the Caucasus
violence is ~

life spiraled out of control
his ~

prom spiraled out of control
Rye's junior ~ (drunk teens)

expenses can (often) spiral
medical ~ out of control

violence (in Iraq) spiraled
as ~ beginning in 2003

violence is spiraling
~ in Russia's North Caucasus

control & lack of control: movement / plane / verb

spiral (spiral downward, etc.)

spiraled downhill

at home, he ~ (troubled soldier back from Iraq)

spiraled downward

the economy of Detroit has ~

decline: direction / flying & falling / verb

spiral (downward or upward)

spiral upwards

the reported tanker attacks caused oil prices to ~

increase & decrease: direction / plane / verb

movement: shape / verb

spiral (in a spiral)

in a death spiral

American newspapers are ~ (declining circulations)

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (into a spiral)

plunged into a spiral of drug use
he ~ in his early teens

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (on a downward spiral)

on a downward spiral
the team is ~ (sports)

he has been ~ over the past 6 months (alcohol, etc.)

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (downward spiral, etc.)

downward spiral

sexual addiction is an ugly ~
her ~ began years ago when...

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (other)

spiral of depression

the downward ~, which can lead to death

death spiral

the avalanche ~ is likely to continue

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiraling (increase)

spiraling costs

the ~ of a college education

spiraling (health care) costs

how to cover the uninsured and control ~

spiraling (suicide) rates

~ sound a warning bell

spiraling violence

~ in the Middle East

increase & decrease: number / direction

spirit (feeling)

spirit of the hajj

the ~, where all stand equal before God

spirit of adventure

wilderness education instills the ~ (high school)
safaris are antithetical to the ~ (luxury / Zambia)

spirit of camaraderie

developing a ~

spirit of the carnival

some say the true ~ is being lost (Rio / commercialism)

spirit of defiance

what I appreciate about Bonds is his ~ (baseball player)

spirit of the (American) military

the honorable and decent ~

spirit of the Olympics

taking controversial judging decisions in the ~

spirit of reconciliation

work together in a ~ (Vietnam, US)

spirit of religion

violence and terrorism are incompatible with the ~

spirit of the sport

what violates the ~ (doping, etc.)

spirit of wilderness
Windy Falls embodies the ~ to me

spirit of exploration and adventure
for centuries, the North Pole has inspired a ~

spirit of amateur competition
supposedly this violated the ~ (1920s)

spirit of sisterhood
encourage the true ~ (sorority)

spirit competition
the annual Cheerleading Worlds—the Super Bowl of ~s

spirit, courage and talent
a man of indomitable ~ (Mayor Giuliani)

NASA's spirits
the success lifted ~

city's spirit
Rocky Balboa has come to symbolize the ~ (Philly)

company's (fighting) spirit
no one questions the ~

festival's (innovative) spirit
the ~ (San Sebastian International Film Festival)

group's (enterprising) spirit
the ~, anti-drug message

people's spirits
the wet weather has damped ~ (France)

state's (independent) spirit
the ~ (Nevada)

Christmas spirit
~~goodwill toward men

Ramadan spirit
local Muslims complain of a lack of ~ (Dubai)

St. Patrick's Day spirit
get in that ~

community spirit
unprecedented level of ~ (after tragedy)

holiday spirit
share some ~

pioneer spirit
the ~, the cowboy spirit

school spirit
bonfire, and the ~ it inspires...

team spirit
they hold hands in a show of ~ (high-school football)
that magic moment when you feel the ~ coming together

cowboy spirit
a latter-day extension of the ~
names that evoked the ~

start-up spirit

a corporate culture that maintains the ~

can-do spirit
its ~ has given way to a civil-service culture (NASA)
NASA's original sense of mission and ~

enterprising spirit
the group's ~, anti-drug message

fighting spirit
no one questions the company's ~
she attributes her ~ to her father (singer with pink hair)
his exemplary ~ in the face of... (military)

uplifting spirit
it retains its ~ (film into a musical)

American spirit
he is an outstanding example of the ~ (hero bus driver)

adventurous spirit
she's an ~
she has always had an ~

civic spirit
Buffalo residents met the blizzard with ~

competitive spirit
the ~ (Ping-Pong players)

entrepreneurial spirit
the ~ that built America lives on in Dubai
there is a deep ~ and a highly ambitious workforce
he spoke of their ~ and effort (Somali immigrants)
America's open frontier and ~... (bail bond companies)

free spirit
she was a ~ who played the flute

good spirits
she was in ~, but hungry and in pain (rescued POW)

independent spirit
the state's ~ (Nevada)

indomitable spirit
a man of ~, courage and talent (Mayor Giuliani)

innovative spirit
the festival's ~ (San Sebastian International Film Festival)

patriotic spirit
people show their ~ (Veterans Day)

true spirit
encourage the ~ of sisterhood (sorority)

level of (community) spirit
unprecedented ~ (after tragedy)

show of (team) spirit
they hold hands in a ~ (high-school football)

honorable and decent spirit
the ~ of the American military

band and spirit (m)
the ~ squads (college football)

body and spirit
an ordeal of ~ (high Himalayan bivouac)

compassion, spirit, (even) gallantry
residents show ~ (nursing home)

courage, spirit and (selfless) devotion to duty
his ~

minds and spirits
a place to renew our ~ (creative retirement center)

name, spirit and tradition
the ~ of the school (Saint-Cyr)

Opportunity and Spirit
NASA's durable twin rovers, ~ (Mars)

spirit changed
her ~, she wasn't the same (after being beaten)

spirits sank
my ~

boosted my spirits
it ~

break my spirit
no matter how long they keep me here, they can't ~ (jail)

dampened (people's) spirits
the wet weather has ~ (France)

embodies the spirit
he ~ of moderate Islam...

inspired a spirit
for centuries, the North Pole has ~ of exploration
for centuries, the North Pole has ~ of adventure

lift our spirits
the best thing to ~ is a sexy photo (man's magazine)

lifted (NASA's) spirits
the success ~

symbolize the (city's) spirit
Rocky Balboa has come to ~ (Philly)

violated the spirit
supposedly this ~ of amateur competition (1920s)

prop up her spirits
though her body sagged, her doctor helped ~

keep their spirits up
they sang and prayed to ~ (illegal migrants on boat)

get in that (St. Patrick's Day) spirit
it's not hard for her to ~

getting in the spirit
we are ~ (Halloween)

♦ "When Younghusband reached Lhasa, he was greeted by hordes of clapping Tibetans. He took it as a gesture of welcome, not realizing that clapping was a traditional way of warding off evil spirits..." (The 1904 British invasion of Tibet.)

♦ "When the drum is made, before you cut the tree down, there is a spirit in the tree. Then the skin that is put on the drum, the skin is never dead

because you will never get a sound out of a dead skin. Then, with the spirit of the person playing it, it becomes what...three...three spirits. It becomes an irresistible force against any, any immoveable object. (Babatunde Olatunji.)

♦ "This is where my daughter's spirit was last. I'm more drawn to this spot than I am even to the cemetery where we keep her remains." (A bereft mother, clearing trash away from the roadside memorial where her daughter had died in a car crash eight years earlier.)

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

spirited

spirited competition
a ~

free-spirited
the ~ girlfriend

mean-spirited
~ defenders of traditional values

character & personality: religion

spit out (verb)

spit out
high-tech machinery can ~ 400,000 lobster traps

throwing, putting & planting: bodily reaction / verb
creation & transformation: bodily reaction / verb

spit (spit down)

spat down rain
the sky ~

resemblance: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

spit (verb)

spit you out
the river will ~ like a pumpkin seed (enders / kayaking)

spit (tons of) lava
Mount Nyiragongo ~ onto this central African border...

resemblance: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

splash (effect)

big splash
why did we make a ~ about it (arrest of a spy)
she made a ~ in her visit to the state (candidate)

major splash
he made a ~ early on (a writer)

felt the splash
when the Internet bubble popped, every Web site ~

made a splash
the book ~
he ~ when he accused...

make a (big) splash
why did we ~ about it (arrest of a spy)

♦ "Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence..." (*Nature*, Chapter 4 (Language), by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water / wave

attention, scrutiny & promotion: water / wave

splashy (effect)

splashy new name

Facebook is about to come out with a ~

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water / wave

attention, scrutiny & promotion: water / wave

split (noun)

generational split

the contest represents a ~ within the Democratic party

cause splits

they seek to ~ between the citizens and the government

division & connection: materials & substances

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

split (verb)

splitting the party

the issue is ~ (politics)

division & connection / failure, accident & impairment:

materials & substances / verb

split (split apart / up, etc.)

split families apart

our immigration policies ~

split up

Connie and Ivy ~ (marital problems)

division & connection: materials & substances / verb

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb

spoil (verb)

spoils it for everyone else

one bad apple ~

spoil it for the rest of us

don't let a few bad apples ~

♦ "A name doesn't spoil a man, but a man can spoil a name." (A Finnish proverb.)

corruption: food & drink / verb

spoiled (spoiled child, etc.)

spoiled athlete

he's a poster child for the ~

spoiled child

Israel is the West's ~

behavior / character & personality / corruption: food & drink

spoils (of war, etc.)

spoils of victory

Usyk is being draped in the ~ (3 championship belts)

walk away with the spoils

Usyk would ~ (championship belts / boxing)

♦ "He practiced "jackal diplomacy" to the extent that he requested for his nation a share of the spoils won by the British lion in combat; had Britain or China opposed his request, he was powerless to do more." (Commodore Lawrence Kearny in China, from *Far China Station: The U.S. Navy in Asian Waters 1800-1898* by Robert Erwin Johnson.)

♦ The French found the Rosetta Stone in Egypt but had to give it up to the British as a spoil of war. The rock and its inscriptions, which provided the key to a writing system that had puzzled people for 2,000 years, has been in the British Museum ever since.

worth & lack of worth: animal / military

sponge (noun)

sponge

he's a ~ (a coachable tennis player)

he called her his ~ because she asked so many questions

he is a ~ when it comes to soaking up information

Emma is a ~, she learns so quickly (Emma Raducanu)

sponge of culture

it's a ~ (headquarters of an artists' collective)

sponge for ideas

she was a ~ (a cook with thousands of recipes)

sponge for (musical) ideas

he is a ~ from a great variety of sources (composer)

sponge for information

I'm a ~ (an arts organizer)

human sponge

he's a ~ (a comedy writer who collects words, ideas)

absorption & immersion: animal / water

spook (verb)

spooked the sailors

a rash of accidents and near-misses had ~ of the 7th fleet

spook them

horses know what to do if you don't ~

feeling, emotion & effect: creature / verb

spooked (feeling)

spooked

financial markets are ~

current bondholders would be ~

got spooked

he ~ (a suspect under police surveillance)

has people spooked

the new mutation ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

feeling, emotion & effect: creature

spool (spool back)

spool back

but let me ~ very quickly (to review the past)

past & present / reversal / time: film

sport (team sport)

ultimate team sport

aviation safety is the ~ (regulators and manufacturers)

unanimity & consensus: sports & games

sportswash (verb)

sportswash their (deeply tarnished) image
they are trying to ~ (foreign investment in EPL)

sportswash its appalling (human rights) record
the country must not be allowed to ~

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb
appearance & reality: hygiene / verb

sportwashing (noun)

sportwashing

sportwashing is nothing new (in British colonies)
~ is a new word for an old business
~ allows tyrannical regimes to launder their reputation

sportwashing stain
the ~ is obvious

sportwashing in action
fans' defense of repressive policies is ~

accused the country of sportwashing
Amnesty International has ~

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene
appearance & reality: hygiene

spot (tight spot, etc.)

in a tight spot
we're ~ with very little wiggle room

in a (very) difficult spot
this outcome puts him ~ (failed negotiations)

wriggled out of tight spots
he's ~s before (terrorist)

♦ A "fat man's squeeze" is the name for a narrow spot in a cave.
♦ "Damn, we're in a tight spot." (*O Brother, Where Art There?* The film is loosely based on the *Odyssey*.)

constraint & lack of constraint / situation: container /
ground, terrain & land / movement / place

spotlight (in / under the spotlight)

in the spotlight since high school
she has been ~ (college basketball player)

in the spotlight for the way
police are ~ they handled the case

in the national spotlight
the reporter put the case ~ (murder)

in the spotlight
how do you handle having your love life ~ (a celebrity)

under an (international) spotlight

its every move is ~ (a political group)

sport is in the spotlight

the ~ after the death of...

put the case in the (national) spotlight
the reporter ~ (murder)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark

spotlight (into the spotlight)

dragged into the spotlight
they had been ~ by...

thrust into the spotlight
I was ~ (Miss USA and the Haiti earthquake)

from the shadows to the spotlight
survivors have moved ~ (sex abuse)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark

spotlight (out of the spotlight)

out of the (public) spotlight
he is now ~

keep him out of the spotlight
we are trying to ~, under the radar (troubled athlete)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: spotlight / light & dark

spotlight (shine a spotlight)

shine a light on the abuse
what he did was ~ (prison guard)

shined a spotlight on (racial) tensions
an attack that has ~ here (Long Beach)

shines a spotlight on the practices
he ~ and beliefs of the Mormons

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark /
verb

spotlight (steal the spotlight)

steal the spotlight
any team can ~ in the early stages of the Tour de France

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark /
verb

spotlight (other)

international spotlight
the ~ is bringing the country down (social media)

grab the spotlight
this gives China a chance to ~

shunned the spotlight
he ~ for the rest of his life (Neil Armstrong)

shift the spotlight to the president's handling
we need to ~ of the economy (politics)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark

sprawl (noun)

sprawl into every corner
reality TV was just beginning its ~ of consciousness

extent & scope / size: standing, sitting & lying

configuration: standing, sitting & lying

sprawling (adjective)

sprawling city
Aleppo is a ~ of 3 million people

sprawling compound
he has retreated to his ~ (a dictator facing protests)

sprawling (intelligence) leviathan
9/11 helped to create a ~

sprawling (computer) networks
as we grow more dependent on ~, we grow vulnerable...

extent & scope / size: standing, sitting & lying

configuration: standing, sitting & lying

spring (Arab Spring, etc.)

Arab Spring
the series of revolts represent an ~

epithet / growth & development: season

amelioration & renewal: epithet

spring (spring into action, etc.)

sprang into action
scientists in Germany ~ to develop a test for the virus

spring into action
when a disaster hits, local responders ~

eagerness & reluctance: movement / verb / walking,
running & jumping / verb

springboard (noun)

springboard to the sacred
she uses nature as a ~ (a poet)

initiation: mechanism / water

throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / water

Springsteen (epithet)

Bruce Springsteen of chat
Joe Rogan is the ~ (New Jersey, T-shirts, no BS, etc.)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

spring up (verb)

sprang up
many new housing developments ~

appearance & disappearance: plant / prep, adv, adj,
particle / verb

sprinkle (verb)

sprinkled (nonscientific) rulers throughout the agency

she ~ (C.D.C.)

configuration: rain / verb

sprinkled (configuration)

sprinkled with the names
Antarctica is ~ of explorers and scientists

sprinkled among the crowds
~ were far-right extremists

configuration: rain

sprint (noun)

final sprint
we are getting ready for this ~ (preparations for Olympics)

speed: walking, running & jumping

sprint (verb)

sprinted through seven hearings over five days
Republicans ~ (impeachment hearings)

speed: verb / walking, running & jumping

sprout (verb)

sprouting next to slum communities
you see high-rises ~ (Bangkok)

sprouting all around
condos and office buildings are ~

appearance & disappearance: plant / verb

spur (verb)

spurred the international community to threaten
the atrocity ~ the Serbs with Nato airstrikes (Bosnia)

spur growth
the government is trying to ~

coercion & motivation / initiation: horse / verb

spur (shape)

spur ridge
as we snowshoed up a ~

spur track
trains roll in and out on the network of ~s

bone spur
he removed a ~ that had developed (in elbow)

branching system / shape: horse

spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)

Geneva Spur
we slowly made our way up the ~ (Everest)

Mummery Spur
they were swept away high up on the ~ (Nanga Parbat)

Snake Spur
~ twisted before us (Queensland, Australia)

Sunrise Spur
~ is in Queensland, Australia

Half Moon Spur
we looked up ~ (New Zealand)

proper name: horse / shape

spur (on the spur of the moment)

go stargazing on the spur of the moment
it was not uncommon for them to ~

haste: horse

spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)

earned his spurs on the battlefield
he ~ (General "Mad Dog" Mattis)

♦ "Spur" exercises and ceremonies are still held in the US military. This is similar to "earn one's stripes."

achievement, recognition & praise: horse / military
experience: horse / military

spurn (verb)

spurned fizzy drinks

Coke's earnings down as global consumers ~

spurned calls

his rivals ~ to quit (politics)

spurned the chance

Real Madrid ~ to go back above Barcelona (lost game)

acceptance & rejection: love, courtship & marriage / verb

spurned

spurned by anyone

bamboo bows are ~ who can afford a compound bow

gift spurned

it was a ~ (soccer player misses easy goal)

acceptance & rejection: love, courtship & marriage

spur-of-the-moment (adjective)

spur-of-the-moment brawl
the ~

haste: horse

spurred

spurred to speak out

he has been ~ out (environmental activist)

spurred to action

he has been ~, to speak out (environmental activist)

initiation: horse

sputter (verb)

sputtering
the economy is ~

sound: engine

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment / functioning: engine / mechanism / sound / verb

square (public square, etc.)

de facto town square

Twitter has become kind of the ~ (Elon Musk)

modern public square

Twitter is a ~ (lawsuit against Twitter)

modern town square

Twitter is not merely a website, it is a ~

♦ "Unfortunately with these public squares, these forums where people can speak, you're going to get riffraff." (The owner of a Web-hosting service, about hosting a controversial website.)

society: infrastructure / sign, signal, symbol / speech

square off (verb)

square off in the general election on 6 November
the two men ~

conflict: boxing / verb

square one

at square one

after Pearlman's arrest, van der Wilt was ~ (career)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

squash (verb)

squash it

Facebook is taking this new step, hoping to ~ (Q-Anon)

destruction: verb / weight

squeal (protest)

squealing

downstream industries are ~ (steel tariffs)

speech: animal / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / sound / verb

squeeze (fit)

squeeze (5,500) inmates into a space
prison officials, trying to ~ built...

squeeze the subject in

he cajoles teachers to ~ (civics)

squeeze their experiences onto one page
many try to ~ (resumes)

configuration: pressure / verb

squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something)

squeeze some good from his pain
he began talking about it, hoping to ~

squeeze out a living from this terrain
parents who ~ (mountains)

squeeze (so much) power out of engines
how it was able to ~ so small

squeeze sales out of (fewer) resources
helping businesses ~

creation & transformation: pressure / verb

squeeze (coerce)

squeeze apologies from corporations
~ (slavery)

squeeze settlements from corporations
~ (slavery)

squeezed Kosovo for concessions
he ~ (a US diplomat)

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / verb

squeeze (put the squeeze on something)

put the squeeze on a rival gang
he ~ (Al Capone)

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / verb

squeeze (pressure)

financial squeeze
the city is feeling the ~

putting the squeeze on Taiwan
China is ~

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure

squeezed (oppressed)

squeezed
if the growers are ~, the banana workers feel the pain

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure

squeezed (fitted)

squeezed into a maze
families are now ~ of vertical slums (Kabul)

squeezed onto 550 acres
Dharavi is home to a million people ~ (Mumbai)

squeezed between Tajikistan, Pakistan and China
the Wakhan Corridor is ~

configuration: pressure

squreled away

squreled away at his house
he still had the gun ~ (a cold-case murderer)

behavior: animal

stab (stab somebody in the back)

stab each other in the back
how we like to ~ (blacks)

stabbed her in the back

he ~ (was unfaithful to his wife)

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / knife / verb

stab (stab of pain, etc.)

stab of love

she feels a ~ so fierce (mother for husband, kids)

stab of pain

I felt a ~ in my ribs

felt a stab of pain

overwhelmed, she ~ in her stomach (in trouble)

feeling, emotion & effect: knife / sensation

stab (stab in the dark)

stab in the dark

it was a ~, but...

take a stab in the dark

go ahead and ~ (make a prediction)

♦ This is like a shot in the dark. Any doubtful scenario can carry the equivalent idea, if the phrase is short and obvious and entails a target: "Go ahead, throw a dart at the dartboard with a blindfold on, and tell us what you think will happen..."

♦ A former California State prosecutor, speaking about a legal takedown, said, "This case was a huge *stab in the right direction*." (Step in the right direction? Stab or shot in the dark? Is this an "eggcorn"?)

fate, fortune & chance: blade / knife / weapon

stab (attempt)

stab at Everest

Chantal Mauduit was making her seventh ~

stab at boxing

many of my friends also took a ~

seventh stab

Chantal Mauduit, who was making her ~ at Everest

making her (seventh) stab at Everest

Chantal Mauduit, who was ~ without oxygen

took stabs at boxing

many of my friends also ~, some for the workout...

take a stab at TV

sometimes filmmakers ~ (Bruckheimer, Spielberg, etc.)

attempt: knife

stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)

stabbing pain

I felt a ~ in my side

feeling, emotion & effect: knife / sensation

stability (noun)

restore stability

in the latest effort to ~ after a military coup...

functioning: equilibrium & stability

stabilize (verb)

stabilize the situation

US officials are trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / verb

stable (noun)

stable of (young) fighters

he has a ~ at the James Shuler Memorial Gym (Philly)

stable of stars

M-G-M's ~ (Hollywood)

stable of wrestlers

he may run his own ~ in the future (Hakuho)

group, set & collection: animal / horse

stack (blow one's stack)

blew my stack

I finally got fed up and ~

feeling, emotion & effect: boat / explosion / verb

stage (verb)

staged the abduction

police do not believe the missing girl ~

staged an (impromptu) parade

a million people ~ (French World Cup victory)

staged protests

angry citizens ~ against the government

staged an (unauthorized protest) rally

they ~ near Red Square

staged tests

he ~ under simulated combat conditions

staged a (phony) kidnapping

he ~ to cover up his crime

directing / performance: theater / verb

stage (set the stage, etc.)

sets the stage for a confrontation

this ~

sets the stage for (further) violence

the incident ~

stage has been set

the ~ for another week of violence in Hong Kong

development: theater / verb

stage (center stage)

center stage

Clinton's next opportunity to take ~

take center stage

Clinton's next opportunity to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

center & periphery: theater

stage (attention)

national stage

this was his debut on the ~ (a politician)

burst onto the stage

he was one of several poets who ~ in the 60s (Russia)

returning to the world stage

China is ~

have the stage

they ~ now, and are forcing people to listen and understand

has the stage all to himself

he ~ (a controversy others can't comment on)

held the stage

for three weeks, Amundsen ~ alone (success at S. Pole)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

center & periphery: theater

stage (life is a stage)

stage

all the world's a stage (*As You Like It*)

♦ "All the world's a stage / And all the men and women merely players; / They have their exits and their entrances; / And one man in his time plays many parts..." (William Shakespeare, *As You Like It*)

♦ "The stir is over. I step forth on the boards... / And yet, the order of the acts has been schemed and plotted, / And nothing can avert the final curtain's fall..." ("Hamlet" by Boris Pasternak, translated by Bernard Guilbert Guerne, from the great translation by Max Hayward and Manya Harari.)

death & life: theater

staged (directed)

staged

the famous photo was not ~

there was nothing faked, nothing planned, nothing ~

staged by the government

the confessions were ~ for domestic consumption

staged by an ethnic group

the blockade is part of a strike ~ (Nepal)

staged for the auditor's benefit

the lesson was clearly ~ (school)

staged appearance

his ~ was an official show for the media (a dissident)

staged reading

their ~ of the Constitution was cynical (politics)

organized or staged

the accident has not changed how the event is ~ (race)

directing / performance: theater

stage-manage (verb)

stage-managed visits

the military ~ to troops (Afghanistan in 2006)

directing / performance: theater / verb

stage-managed

stage-managed referendum

Russia had pulled off a hastily organized, ~ (Crimea)

directing / performance: theater

stagger (verb)

staggered the (scientific) community
he ~ (11-year-old William James Sidis)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

stagnant (adjective)

stagnant

wages are ~, jobs scarce, and credit tight

stagnant economy

employers are reluctant to add jobs in a ~
Republicans are to blame for the ~ (NYT)

decline: movement / water

stagnate (verb)

stagnated under his rein

the office ~

decline: movement / water / verb

stain (verb)

stained everyone

he has ~ (cyclist denies doping, then confesses)

reputation: mark / verb

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / verb

stain (noun)

stain on our history

this is a ~ (lynching of blacks in the US)

stain on the honor

it is a ~ of the US military (anti-gay policy)

stain on (Illinois) politics

he is a ~ (jailed governor)

stain on the profession

he is a ~ (nurse who killed patients)

stain on his reputation

the ban lingered as a ~
the second ~ involves... (a US general)

great stain

the incident was a very ~ on the reputation of the Army

indelible stain

doping left an ~ on his record (sports)

reputational stain

the ~ is greater in these cases (sex abuse)

bore the stain

the city ~ of what had happened (Philadelphia, MS)

remove this stain

we must ~ from the laws of our nation (gays in military)

put a stain on her record

this could ~

flaws & lack of flaws / reputation: mark

staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.)

Devil's Staircase

the ~ Wilderness is named after a waterfall (Oregon)

proper name: house / shape / stair

stairstep (noun)

stairstep progression

the percentage began an upward, ~

resemblance: stair

stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)

Stairway Falls

~ is in Queensland, Australia

Grand Staircase

the ~ rises from the Grand Canyon (geological layers)

proper name: house / shape / stair

stake (importance)

stakes

the ~ are high

raised the stakes

the pope's opponents have ~

♦ This word relates to potential for gain or loss.

importance & significance: gambling

stake (high stakes)

high-stakes test

teachers prepare students for ~s

importance & significance: gambling

stake (pull up stakes)

pulling up stakes

it isn't ~, just shifting gears (Conan O'Brien leaves show)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: surveying / verb

stakeholder (interest)

stakeholders in education

there are many ~

♦ In the old days, stakeholders held the money of bettors.

wants, needs, hopes & goals: money

stake out (verb)

staking out their positions
the two sides are ~ on the issue (politics)

stake out (bigger) slices
in the ceaseless quest to ~ of the market

stake out (new) territory
as Microsoft tries to ~

possession: surveying / verb

stale (adjective)

stale
there's nothing ~ about the new retail concept

stale manager
he is a ~ in charge of a stale squad (soccer)

stale news
this is ~ being recycled by those with personal agendas

stale trope
the mixing of the mournful and the clownish is a ~

stale work
he battled against the ~s of the reigning academics

feel stale
he started to ~ and underachieving

grown stale
the company's offerings have ~ (mobile phones)

went stale
the relationship finally ~ (coach and team)

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink

stalemate (noun)

political stalemate
infrastructure projects are at risk due to the ~

progress & lack of progress: chess

Stalingrad (Stalingrad of the East, etc.)

Stalingrad of the East
the campaign is often described as the ~ (Kohima / Imphal)

Syria's Stalingrad
the once thriving city was now known as ~ (Homs)

dubbed the mission "Sangingrad"
some soldiers ~ (Sangin, Helmand, Afghanistan)

turn Sloviansk into a "Stalingrad"
he threatened to ~ (War in Donbass in 2014)

♦ "In 2008, the U.S. Marines deployed to Sangin, reinforcing American Special Forces and U.K. soldiers. Britain's forces were beleaguered—a third of its casualties in Afghanistan would occur in Sangin, leading some soldiers to dub the mission 'Sangingrad.'" ("The Other Afghan Women" by Anand Gopal, *The New Yorker*, September 13, 2021.)

♦ "Wuhan has been praised for its sacrifice in the service of the nation, turning it into a sort of Stalingrad in China's war against the virus, commemorated in books, documentaries, TV shows and florid panegyrics from officials including head of state and leader of the

Communist Party Xi Jinping." ("Wuhan returns to normal as world still battling pandemic" by Emily Wang Fujiyama, AP, 22 Jan 2021.)

♦ [A] long dismal wail from steamship hooters and factory sirens. This cry, prophesying death and disaster, hung in the air, as if conveying the anguish of all the city's inhabitants. It was the voice of the entire city—the voice not only of people but also of stone, of buildings, of cars, trucks and machines, of telegraph poles, of the grass and trees in the parks, of electric cables and tram rails; it was a cry let out not only by living beings but also by inanimate objects. All now sensed their coming destruction. Only a rusty iron throat could have engendered this sound, which expressed in equal measure animal horror and the anguish of a human heart. / It was followed by silence—Stalingrad's last silence. / Planes were coming from every direction... / Only people on the east bank of the Volga, ten or fifteen kilometres away...could see the fire as a whole and grasp the extent of the disaster..." (*Stalingrad* by Vasily Grossman, translated by Robert and Elizabeth Chandler.)

military: epithet

stalk (verb)

stalk the refugee camps
malnutrition and disease ~ (Darfur)

stalks their every move
death ~ (soldiers in Afghanistan / IEDs)

stalked the residents
tragedy ~ of Maple Street

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / movement / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / hunting / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

stalking-horse (noun)

stalking horse
the company was the system's ~ (sued)

♦ Hunters discovered that if they hid behind a cutout of a horse, they would not frighten their prey.

subterfuge: horse / hunting

concealment & lack of concealment: horse / hunting

stall (verb)

stalled
negotiations have ~
the economic recovery has ~

stalling over the Gulf Coast
the hurricane is ~, dropping dangerous amounts of rain

movement: engine / mechanism / verb

condition & status / failure accident & impairment / functioning / progress & lack of progress / starting, going continuing & ending: engine / mechanism / movement / verb

stalled (progress)

stalled talks
a breakthrough in ~ on a bill that... (lawmakers)

remains stalled
the economy ~ in a deep recession
the governor's controversial plan ~ (by opposition)

movement: engine / mechanism

condition & status / failure accident & impairment / functioning / progress & lack of progress / starting, going continuing & ending: engine / mechanism / movement

stalwart (noun)

stalwart of the club

he has been a ~ for 40 years (cricket supporter)

stalwart of the (country) club

he was well educated, a friend of the Bushes, a ~

stalwart of (modern) jazz

Joe Mudele, a ~, died this week aged 93

conservative stalwart

he faced ~ Ted Cruz (Beto O'Rourke)

Ireland stalwart

~ McCay set to win 300th Ireland cap (hockey)

strength & weakness: health & medicine / person

stamp (impression)

stamp of our experiences

our faces bear the ~

put a stamp on a great career

his performance ~ (athlete)

put its stamp on the national character

nature has ~ (Norway)

impression: mark / tools & technology

stamp (stamp of approval)

government stamp of approval

the label is the ~ for energy saving (EnergyStar)

privacy stamp of approval

the company gives a ~ to Web sites

societal stamp of approval

it is doubtful the practice will ever win a ~

gave his company a stamp of approval

the government ~ (regulators)

gave its stamp of approval to the plan

the board ~

put its stamp of approval on the negotiations

the Arab League has ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mark

stamped

stamped on the nation's conscience

the murders were ~ (Philadelphia, MS / civil rights)

impression: mark / tools & technology

stamp out (verb)

stamp out "criminal machismo"

he has vowed to ~ (abuse of women)

stamp out racism

we must ~ (in the sport of soccer)

stamp out superstition

Mao tried unsuccessfully to ~ (China / numbers, etc.)

stamp out many traditions

the ruling mullahs sought to ~ (Iran / Nowruz)

stamp out their way of life

Saddam drained the wetlands to ~ (marsh Arabs)

sought to stamp out

the ruling mullahs ~ many traditions (Iran / Nowruz)

vowed to stamp out

he has ~ "criminal machismo" (abuse of women)

destruction: foot / verb

stampede (noun)

crowd stampede

a thousand people drowned in a great ~ (Lagos)

behavior: animal / cows & cattle / horse

movement: animal / cows & cattle / horse

stance (take a stance)

take a stance on abortion

we would never ~ (editor of small paper)

take a (strong) stance against North Korea

China is under pressure to ~

took an assertive stance

he took an ~ (diplomacy)

take a strong stance

China is under pressure ~ against...

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (resist)

stand against Hollywood

it's futile to ~ when... (film dispute)

stand our ground

we must ~ on education and health care (budget cuts)

stood their ground

the mayor and the police chief both ~ (criticism)

stood firm

he ~ and got his way and it is good he did

stand fast

the US will ~ against violence at its diplomatic missions

stand together

we're going to ~ and take a stand on behalf... (a protest)

"Still Standing"

his podcast is called, ~

futile to stand

it's ~ against Hollywood when... (film dispute)

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (position)

stand on the issue
where does he ~

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand as one, etc.)

stand as one
we ~ (on policy issue)

unanimity & consensus: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand firm)

stand firm for social justice
we will ~

commitment & determination: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand and fall / fate)

stand or fall by the expedition
I ~ (Robert Falcon Scott / Terra Nova expedition)

♦ This is like, "live and die."

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

stand (stand behind something, etc.)

stand behind their product
they ~ (satisfied J.C. Penney shopper)

stood by his decision
he ~ to fire her

stand tall
he will ~ for you (ad for politician)

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

stand (stand in the way)

stand in the way
just a few contract details ~ (boxing)
never ~ of a person's dream
he has made it clear he will not ~ (investigation)

stand in their way
nothing is going to ~

obstacles & impedance: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand the test of time, etc.)

stood up for thirty-five years
the book has ~ (a success)

stands the test of time
what ~ (our favorite books)

stood the test of time
standards of honor that have ~
their marriage has ~ (arranged)

stood or fell
the government ~ by its alliance with...

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival, persistence & endurance: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (last stand, etc.)

her last stand
her senate appearance may prove to have been ~ (Rousseff)

last stand for Ted Cruz
is Indiana the ~ (republican presidential primary)

last man standing
Donald Trump is the ~ on the Republican side (2016)

♦ "We are resetting, we are not retreating, and we are here, we have a vision, we are capable of fulfilling it. I mean, this is the hill on which I'm willing to die." (Ashley Judd of Time's Up, responding to criticism of that organization.)

♦ The rearguard action of a group of British soldiers at the village of Khig, following the British disaster in the Battle of Maiwand (27 July 1880) during the Second Anglo-Afghan War, was one of the most courageous last stands in military history. It helped to allow the bulk of the British troops to safely withdraw to Kandahar. The only survivor of the last stand was Bobbie, a terrier attached to the Berkshires, who made it all the way back to England. Bobbie visited Queen Victoria, who awarded him with a medal.

♦ The Battle of the Alamo is well known to Americans, as is Custer's last stand. Less well known is the fact that there was one survivor at Custer's last stand, Comanche, the favorite mount of Captain Myles Keogh. The horse was found wandering the battlefield, badly wounded. Comanche was transported by ship to Fort Lincoln, and then to Fort Riley, Kansas, to live out his life in peace, never ridden again, allowed to eat the flowers from the flower gardens, and called upon only to participate in "riderless horse" ceremonies.

♦ Another famous rear-guard action was the Battle of Thermopylae in Greece in 480 BC, against the invading Persians, who were eventually defeated. No evidence of a pass currently exists. It is now a plain, and the only bodies are those of truck drivers who have pulled over and are sleeping under their trucks.

♦ "Marcus ['Get up, let's go'] Luttrell...was the lone survivor." (Operation Red Wings. The great American hero.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: flags & banners / military / standing, sitting & lying

stand (a tough stand, etc.)

stand on abortion
people want to know his ~

tough stand
his ~ could create instability (a world leader)

united stand
a ~ on African development

window-dressing public relations stand
he took a ~ on the coronavirus crisis (EU official)

stand reflects
his new ~ more politics than principles (politician)

take a stand
FIFA must ~ on fan racism

taken a stand

athletes have ~ by taking a knee (NFL)

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying

stand (a lamp can stand, etc.)

stands tall

the Palace of Westminster ~ on the left bank (Thames)

fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

standard-bearer

standard bearers of (American) tennis
they are the ~ (Williams sisters)

standard-bearer for women's issues
she is a ~ nationwide

standard-bearer for his issues
he has been a consistent ~ for decades (Bernie Sanders)

Party's standard-bearer
he was anointed as the ~ (Hubert Humphrey)

less controversial standard bearer
some Democrats might vote for a ~ (primary election)

losing its standard-bearer
the company is ~ (Starbucks)

♦ In the notes to his translation of Canto XXXII of Dante's *The Inferno*, John Ciardi writes, "At the battle of Montaperti [Bocca degli Abbat] hacked off the hand of the Florentine standard bearer. The cavalry, lacking a standard around which it could rally, was soon routed." And so Bocca degli Abbat ended up in the 9th circle of hell, "The Treacherous to Country," deserving completely his boot to his head.

representation: flags & banners / military / person

person: flags & banners / military

stand by (verb)

stand (idly) by

we cannot ~ while the dictator kills his people

action, inaction & delay: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand by (support)

stood by him

he thanked the fans that had ~ (scandal)

standing by me

I know he is ~

stood by his story

his bosses ~ (a reporter)

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand down (verb)

stand down

planes were in the air when word came to ~

stood the military down

the operation was in the early stages when Trump ~

ordered them to stand down

news executives ~ ("catch and kill")

make me stand down

threats, bullying and blackmail will not ~ (Ruby Rose)

♦ "You can't challenge another great player and expect him to stand down." (The National Football League / NFL.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: military / standing, sitting & lying / verb

action, inaction & delay: military / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand for (verb)

stand for

what does he ~ (a candidate)

stand for nothing

his politics ~ (a critic of a politician)

representation: standing, sitting & lying / verb
position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand for (not stand for something)

won't stand for it

they are desperately trying to erase the past, and we ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

standing (reputation)

standing with the US

they try to increase their ~ (some countries)

in good standing

he is a doctor ~

standing will fall

our ~ because of our performance (the US / pandemic)

reputation: height / standing, sitting & lying

standing (continuing)

longstanding absence

adapt to the ~ of water (Santa Fe)

long-standing dispute

the ~

long-standing embargo

a ~

long-standing feud

motivated by a ~ (murder in Afghanistan)

longstanding grievances

the uranium boom has given new life to ~ over land

long-standing history

a woman with a ~ of depression and abuse

long-standing resentments

~ over past mistreatment (US blacks)

longstanding taboo
a ~ against use of nuclear weapons except as last resort

longstanding (Chinese) tradition
spitting is a ~

longstanding (security) relationship
the ~ between the two countries

long-standing and deserved (m)
it has a ~ reputation for... (a company)

deep and long-standing
our ties are ~ (US / Canada)

recurrent, chronic, or longstanding
symptom episodes may be ~ (depression)

starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: standing, sitting & lying

standoff (noun)

standoff
there's a ~ here and somebody has to blink (politics)

standoff between the US and Israel
the diplomatic ~

standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler
viral ~ is more complicated than it first seemed

standoff over the North's (nuclear) activities
the ~ (Korea)

standoff distance
a 62-meter ~ from launcher to detonation point

hostage standoff
a ~ ended early yesterday

destabilizing standoff
US officials scrambled to defuse the ~ (in Iraq)

diplomatic standoff
the ~ between the US and Israel

75-minute standoff
after a ~

71-day standoff
the ~ (Wounded Knee II)

standoff is continuing
that ~ (Twitter vs. the Indian government)

♦ A group of Kentucky teenagers, a Native American, and black Hebrew Israelites all met by accident on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Read "Viral standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler is more complicated than it first seemed" by Michael E. Miller, *The Washington Post*, Jan 22, 2019. Or "January 2019 Lincoln Memorial confrontation" (Wikipedia).

conflict: standing, sitting & lying

stand on (verb)

stand on
my faith was all I had to ~ (mental health issues)

bases: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand out (attention)

stand out
two main courses ~ (restaurant review)

stands out
she really ~

stood out
some things ~ (murder investigation)

stand out from the crowd
a good cover letter will help you to ~

stands out from the crowd
one man ~

stood out among her (immediate) peers
she ~ (investment banker)

stands out as something special
the Ponzi scheme still ~

stand out in my mind
there are so many images that ~ from that time...

stand out in the (reality-show) cesspool
it's hard to ~ (TV)

stood out to me
the thing that ~ was... (a reporter about gifted athlete)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / superlative: standing, sitting & lying / verb

standout (noun)

standout on the (basketball) team
he is a ~ (high school)

standout in a regime
Ali Hassan al-Majid was a ~ of criminals (Iraq)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / superlative: standing, sitting & lying

stand still (time)

time can stand still
time can move and ~

time stands still
this is a place where ~ (Tibet)

time seems to have stood still
~ (Mocha Island)

time was not standing still
but ~...

past & present / time: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand still (progress)

standing still
his friends were moving ahead while he was ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand still (development)

language doesn't stand still
~ (it constantly changes and evolves)

development: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

standstill (noun)

standstill traffic
he spends 10 minutes on average in ~

at a standstill
with politics ~.... (lack of government action)
his acting and singing careers appear to be ~ (disgraced)
tourism has been ~ during the last year (pandemic)

brought Beijing to a standstill
the vacation exodus ~ (Autumn Festival)

came to a standstill
the main port in Chittagong ~ (Bangladesh)

come to a standstill
life as we know it has ~ (pandemic)

progress & lack of progress: movement / standing, sitting & lying

stand up (stand up for something)

stood up for
if Joe believed in something, that's what he ~

stand up for what
they are proud to ~ they believe in

stands up for what
he ~ is right (ad for a politician)

stand up for (other) people
she taught him to ~

stand up for students
teachers admitted that they did not always ~

stand up for themselves
children must learn to ~ (during abductions)

stand up for the students
and we've had straight teachers who ~ (gay)

stand up for (all the) women
I hope she will ~ in the world (father of abuse victim)

stand up for the little guy
he isn't afraid to ~

♦ "Each and every one of us has to step up, speak up, stand up, do something." (Arnitia Holliman, director of the Milwaukee Office of Violence and Prevention.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand up (stand up to something)

stand up to aggression
we must ~

stood up to the (schoolyard) bully
he ~ (student vs. record-industry lawyers)

stand up to bullies
we are supposed to ~, not follow them (politics)

stand up to a bully
you have to ~ (political demagogues)

stand up to employers
employees must ~ (unions)

stand up to (religious) fundamentalists
he was brave enough to ~ (assassinated)

stand up to the government
it took a brave man to ~

stand up to (scientific) scrutiny
she has no figures which would ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand with (support)

stand with the victims
we ~ of injustice

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

star (shape)

star dune
~s have a high central column
~s have 3 or more arms radiating outwards (deserts)

starfish
the ~, or sea star...

star quilt
a traditional ~ (Sioux style)

five-pointed star
a Wiccan religious symbol, a ~ inside a circle
Wicca's symbol, the pentacle, is a ~ inside a circle

shape: astronomy / star

star (Silver Star, etc.)

gold star
she awards a ~ for good work (teacher)

Silver Star, Bronze Star
he won a ~, and Purple Heart (World War II)

achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / proper name / sign, signal & symbol / star

proper noun: astronomy / star

star (rock star)

rock star among advocates

he is a ~ for decriminalizing drugs (Dr. Carl L. Hart)

rockstar cinematographer

she was a ~ who will be missed (Halyna Hutchins)

rock-star mathematician

~ Cedric Villani

rock-star roster

this ~ of NPR women

Democratic rock star

he went from ~ to political rock bottom (Beto O'Rourke)

♦ "The pilots were the rock stars and he was definitely the best-looking of them all." (Cheryl Agin about the great pilot Mark Stucky. They married in 2011.)

person: astronomy / star

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: astronomy / person / star

star (person)

star of the climbing world

a 16-year-old ~ has died (Luce Douady)

star of the sitcom

the ~ (TV)

star of mixed martial arts

Tito Ortiz, a ~, trains in gyms at Big Bear Lake

stars in show business

some of the biggest ~ were there (a party)

stars in Major League Baseball

international ~

star on the (acoustic music) scene

she's a fast-rising ~

star at the academy

she has been an academic ~ (Naval Academy)

star's ego

massaging a ~ is a necessary indignity

star athlete

a top student, a ~, and a caring girlfriend

star performer

recognize our ~s (customer service)

star power

the film hardly lacks for ~

star professor

~s move from one university to the other

star quality

youth, ~ and idealism

the ~ that very few people have

star scorer

she was a ~ (basketball)

star turn

the case was full of dramatic ~s

star case agent

~s fabricated reports (CIA)

Harvard's (rising academic) stars

he had been one of ~

movie's star

the ~

child star

she is a Hollywood ~ gone bad

movie star

it was my first experience with celebrities and ~s

pop star

Youssou N'Dour, the Senegalese ~

rap star

one of the first female ~s

rock star

fans of the Croatian ~ Marko Perkovic (Thompson)

soccer star

a ~ at J.E.B. Stuart High School

David Beckham, the ~

one of the world's highest-paid and highest-profile ~s

television star

writers, politicians, ~s...

basketball star

Len Bias was a ~

the ~ Michael Jordan

country-music star

a guitar signed by various ~s

gangsta-rap star

he is better known as the ~ DMX

Hollywood star

a biography of a ~

his client list once included many ~s (PI)

martial arts star

he looked up to the ~ Bruce Lee as a role model

rising star

the 25-year-old ~ (film actor)

Sgt. Murad is a ~ in this effort (Arabic speakers)

Ocasio-Cortez is the ~ in the progressive ranks

Joe Neguse has been considered a ~ in Democratic politics

~ Poeti Norac has died (the French surfer)

he is regarded as a ~ in the Democratic Party

she was once Silicon Valley's fastest ~

rising (Hispanic) star

the GOP has a ~ in Texas (politics)

rising (academic) star

he had been one of Harvard's ~s

fast-rising star

she's a ~ on the acoustic music scene
 widely known and highly paid stars
 ~ (network-news anchors)
 academic star
 she has been an ~ at the academy (Naval Academy)
 he had been one of Harvard's rising ~s
 international star
 ~s in Major League Baseball
 political star
 Pakistan's new ~ is bad news for the US
 superstar
 she evolved from star to ~ (an actor)
 he is one of those ~ authors
 nationally famous stars
 from local acts to ~ (music)
 25-year-old (rising) star
 the ~ (films)
 biography of a (Hollywood) star
 the ~
 star was born
 a ~ (Tom Daley at Beijing Olympics)
person: astronomy / star
achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: astronomy / person / star
star (achievement)
 star
 his ~ continued to rise
 Napoleon now became the idol, his ~ in the ascendant
 star in the (neoconservative) firmament
 Bloom had become a ~
 Obama's star
 ~ is still rising
 shooting star
 Gale Sayers was football's ~
 star is still rising
 Obama's ~
 star rose
 he won his first contest and his ~ quickly
 star continued to rise
 his ~
achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superlative: astronomy / light & dark / person / star
star (decline)
 falling star
 it looks as if you boys have hitched your wagon to a ~
 star was (clearly) dimming
 his ~ (a baseball player)
 star has dimmed
 the trailblazing 87-year-old's ~ in recent years (politician)
 star (of Lucy Lunsford) has dimmed
 how the ~
 star was fading
 her ~ fast (head of corporation)
 star had (already) set
 his ~ long before his death
 star has fallen
 his ~ (a teen idol)
 star had wobbled out of the heavens
 in the end, her ~ (Whitney Houston)
decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / light & dark / star
star (five stars, etc.)
 five stars
 he gave the restaurant ~
achievement, recognition & praise / judgment: astronomy / sign, signal, symbol / star
star (north star)
 north star is the proper role
 my ~ of a judge
 north star is to build
 my a St. Louis where all can succeed (Tishaura Jones)
 NPR's "North Star"
 he has called diversity ~ (John Lansing)
 company's new "North Star"
 Zuckerberg has described the metaverse as the ~
 our North Star
 equity is ~ (Health Equity Task Force)
direction: astronomy / star
star (fate)
 lucky stars
 he needs to thank his ~, because...
 stars align
 sometimes the ~ and we're treated to an artist...
 every song is a roll of the dice, but sometimes the ~ (a hit)
 stars rarely align
 the ~ to produce a winner (music)
 stars are aligning
 he feels ~ (timing)
 stars aligned
 the ~ when he was given a chance to direct his first film
 stars have aligned

the ~ for Lopez Obrador (election)

stars are aligned

all the ~ in the wrong place (dire pandemic prediction)

stars aligning

it was just perfect timing with the ~ (boxing promotion)

stars lined up

the ~ (John Paul Stevens joins the Supreme Court)

stars have to align

a lot of ~ for those tax increased to pass (politics)

♦ "This was written in the stars, a million miles away. Before I was ever born I was destined to do what I did..." (The great boxer Tyson "The Gypsy King" Fury after his victory over Deontay Wilder.)

♦ Nina Totenberg: [John Paul] Stevens' rise was, to some extent, a fluke... / Clifford Sloan: It was an accident of history, and the stars lined up in a way that could not have been possible before that precise moment and probably could not have been possible after that precise moment." (He had no political ties and was known as a judge's judge. Gerald Ford, who only became president after Nixon resigned, and who was vice president only because Spiro Agnew had resigned, suddenly had the appointment to fill, at a time after Watergate when people were sick of politics. Ford appointed Stevens to the Supreme Court. and he was swiftly confirmed with bipartisan support, 98-0 in the Senate. Things have been quite different since.)

♦ "The result of collaborative efforts and compromises often leads to the proverbial committee-designed racehorse becoming a giraffe. This process is inherent in the motion-picture business and will never change. / Sometimes, however the moons, the planets, and the stars all line up... / My Hollywood experience may be atypical, and I may not be as lucky or fortunate on my next close encounter with Hollywood, but this time, the heavenly bodies did align." ("Author's Foreword: The General's Daughter, The Book & The Movie" by Nelson DeMille.)

♦ "You couldn't line up all the stars and moons the right way to get that scenario to play out." (A murder mystery.)

fate, fortune & chance: astronomy / star

star-crossed (adjective)

star-crossed affair

she had a ~ with the man of her dreams

star-crossed (Cuban) initiative

Grant reviewed the ~

fate, fortune & chance: astronomy / star

success & failure: astronomy / star

stare (stare at defeat, etc.)

staring at defeat

she was ~ at 4-1 in the second set (tennis)

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb

stare down (verb)

stared down his (personal) demons

he ~

staring down Iran

the US is ~ (diplomacy)

stared down his opponents

he ~ (a politician)

staring down the regime

protestors are ~

stare down risk

skiers ~ (crashes, fatalities, etc.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / eye / verb

stare-down (noun)

stare-down over (budget) issues

they got into a ~ (ruling party and opposition)

stare-down with the police

some protestors stayed behind for a ~

stare-down contest

we had a ~, and he won (conflict)

stare-down game

in a kids' ~, you lose if you laugh or giggle

had a stare-down

he and the coyote ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / eye

start (running start)

running start

he's off to a ~ (politician runs for presidency)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

startling (adjective)

startling announcement

it was a ~ (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

starvation (noun)

starvation budget

scientific agencies on ~s

♦ "Starvation budgets; skeleton staffs and crews; bare-bones care for seniors; the need for budgetary "belt-tightening"; "I'm famished, let's eat!"; "I could eat a horse!"...

♦ "Just as our hunger is not that feeling of missing a meal, so our way of being cold has need of a new word. We say 'hunger,' we say 'tiredness', 'fear', 'pain', we say 'winter' and they are different things. They are free words, created and used by free men who lived in comfort and suffering in their homes. If the Lagers had lasted longer a new, harsh language would have been born; and only this language could express what it means to toil the whole day in the wind, with the temperature below freezing, wearing only a shirt, underpants, cloth jacket and trousers, and in one's body nothing but weakness, hunger and knowledge of the end drawing nearer." (*If This Is A Man* by Primo Levi, Chapter 13, "October 1944.")

♦ "The fear of starvation is always hanging over the Indian peasant. For several centuries, at recurrent intervals, famine has thrown its withering shadow over India, but in recent years the pace has quickened. One of the severest crises, the great Bengal famine of 1943, is still frighteningly fresh in the minds of the peasants... In 1943 the roads and railroads served the Indian people even less than usual, because of the prior claims of the military. While the outside world was losing its hundreds of thousands of lives on the battlefield, India was losing them from starvation... When more than a million dead clogged the streets of Calcutta and other millions of bodies lay strewn over the fields of several provinces, censorship within India kept the world outside from appreciating the ghastly extent of the tragedy." (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

♦ "Grit of Women" by Jack London is one of the greatest love stories in world literature.

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food

starvation wages (noun)

starvation wages

sweatshop workers endure ~, dangerous conditions

♦ The dictionary I use dates this phrase to 1898.

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food / work & duty

starved

starved for attention

he is ~ (a boy)

starved for cash

the army has been ~ since the cold war's end (Iraq)

starved for sex

Meagan complained she was ~ (on national TV)

cash-starved

~ budgets

love-starved

visits a ~ wife in her house

sex-starved

we find ~ girls (Internet porn site)

sports-starved

our ~ nation's hunger for baseball (during pandemic)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

Star Wars (film)

Star Wars bar scene

London was the ~ of jihad (1999)

Star Wars cantina

European Football is a ~ of leagues (2021 proposed EFL)

allusion: film

fantasy & reality: allusion / film

statement (statement victory, etc.)

Statement (1981) Thong Panty

Calvin Klein Women's ~

statement victory

England battled hard to earn the ~ (vs. Germany)

made a statement

Santana's debut album ~ about Latin music

John Carlos ~ at the 198 Olympics (raised his fist)

make a statement

he wanted to ~ (a 15-year-old school shooter)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: speech

statesman (elder statesman, etc.)

elder statesman

Jon Steward, the ~, has returned to television...

jazz ~ Anthony Braxton continues to defy expectations

hip-hop's ~ dies young (Guru)

Sonny Rollins, ~ of jazz

♦ "I'm the young guy with the elder statesmen. These old guys, they got arthritis, they can't stand in one spot for too long." (Michael Jordan talking good-natured trash about his older teammates on the Olympic Dream Team of 1992.)

achievement, recognition & praise: government / person

static (noun)

static of statistics

a story can dart through the ~ into people's hearts and minds

oceans of static

locating kernels of truth within ~

chaos and static and negativity

his ~ (politics)

♦ This word is similar to noise.

activity / worth & lack of worth: sound

analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound

obstacles & impedance: sound

stay (stay of execution)

stay of execution

an increase to the yearly budget meant a ~ (project)

"stay of execution" on tree removal

the petition called for a ~ in the city

stay of execution until 2035

plug-in hybrid vehicles will probably get a ~ (before ban)

year-long stay of execution

the new plan gives library services a ~ (budget cuts)

get a (vital) stay of execution

renters will ~ (a temporary eviction ban during pandemic)

given a stay of execution

the couple ordered to pull down their eco-house was ~

fate, fortune & chance: justice

punishment & recrimination: justice

action, inaction & delay: justice

stay around (verb)

stay around

we don't know how long it will ~ (coronavirus)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb

stay away (verb)

stay away from being arbiters

they deliberately ~ of the truth (social media)

avoidance & separation: verb

stay out (verb)

stay out of the drama

the US should ~ unfolding in Egypt (protests)

stay out of it

we don't want controversy, we try to ~ (Hallmark)

avoidance & separation: container / verb

situation: container / verb

steal (steal the show, etc.)

stole the show

Travis Pastrana ~ (X Games / motocross)

she ~ at the MLS match (girl belts out national anthem)

steal headlines

we aren't here to ~ (cold-case detectives)

steal the spotlight

you can ~ in the early stages (Tour de France)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: crime / verb

taking & removing: crime / verb

steal (steal customers, etc.)

steal customers from convenience stores

Kmart hopes to ~ like 7-Eleven

stole a (close) decision

Trinidad ~ (against De La Hoya / boxing)

stole the round

he ~ at the end (a boxer)

steal the vote from Gbagbo

he was toppled when he tried to ~

taking & removing: crime / verb

steal (steal dreams, etc.)

stolen my dreams and my childhood

you have ~ (Greta Thunberg)

taking & removing: crime / verb

steam (verb)

steaming

they said, "let's go," they were just ~ (angry)

steaming over this

I'm ~ and ready to explode (angry)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / pressure / temperature / verb

steam (blow / let off steam)

blew off steam

he ~ in the Kamnik Alps (troubled climber)

blow off (a little) steam

on Fridays after work I like to ~

let off steam

if your child is high-spirited, let her go outside to ~

let out steam

I've been running since law school, just to ~

amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure / verb

steam (pick up steam, etc.)

gathering steam

job growth is ~

it looked like PMS as a defense was ~

pick up steam

it looks like it's starting to ~ (firefighter on wildfire)

picking up steam

the US job market is ~

♦ "They seem almost like beasts, don't they? You stand close to one, and it gives off heat. The compressors pant. When it's going up a steep grade, the rods are going back and forth in a cyclic motion and the thing strains and grunts. To my mind, there is nothing more romantic. You can hear them from afar, and they speak to us of the ability to travel to different places and feel mystical things." (Gary Hunter, about the steam locomotives on the Jitong railway.)

force: train / verb

steam (full steam, etc.)

head of steam

Biden needs a ~ heading into Super Tuesday (election)

full steam ahead

prosecutors are moving ~

♦ "Steam under high pressure is dangerous, of course. People were killed (140 in a gigantic boiler explosion in Charleston in 1838, for instance). Cassandras denounced what they saw as a troubling new American tendency to recklessness and blind ambition: 'Go Ahead!' seemed to one diarist of the time to be the watchword of the age, 'regardless of the consequences and indifferent to the value of human life.'" (*The Men Who United The States* by Simon Winchester.)

force: train

steam (lose steam)

losing steam

the campaign was ~

ran out of steam

she ~ in the home straight (800-meter race)

force: train / verb

steam (take the steam out, etc.)

take the steam out of the protests

the president is trying to ~ (France)

force: train / verb

amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb

steamroll (verb)

steamrolled to victory

the Americans ~ (sports)

steamrolled into Iraq and Syria

the group ~ in 2014 (Isis)

steamrolled through the playoffs

the Detroit Pistons ~ (basketball)

steamrolled (rival) Bernie Sanders

Joe Biden has ~ in primary elections

steamroll the (traditional studio) system

streaming companies are going to ~

steamrolled his way

he ~ to title in 2014 and 2015 (a wrestler)

steamroll Siberia and the Far East

if the economy doesn't improve, China will ~

destruction / force: tools & technology / verb

steamrolled (and steamrollered)

steamrolled by a (billionaire) bully

I will not allow our food community to be ~

steamrolled by Ovechkin

Luongo is fine after being ~ (hockey collision)

steamrolled (here) by the pandemic

we were ~ but now infection rates are low (NYC)

get steamrollered

people will get hurt, people are going to get ~ (migration)

♦ "The people who come to California are brave, this is a high-risk, high-reward state. There is going to be a lot of road kill, people are going to get hurt, people are going to get steamrollered, but in the end you have some people who are going to succeed..." ("The California Century: From Hollywood to Silicon Valley," BBC, Sounds, 17 June 2020, wonderfully narrated by Stanley Tucci.)

destruction / force: tools & technology

steamy (adjective)

steamy

Bollywood soap operas are not as ~ as Latin ones

steamy (sex) movie

I watched this ~

steamy (Australian) videos

tourists will want to buy ~

got steamy

our phone conversation ~ (sex talk)

sex: temperature

steel (strength)

steel

you have been baptized in fire and come out ~ (combat)

ring of steel

Times Square will be a ~ (New Year's security)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

steep (verb)

steeped myself in classics

at Oxford, I ~

steep myself in the (subject) matter

I try to ~ (a famous film editor)

steeped himself in the theories

at Oxford, he ~ of Richard Dawkins (scientist)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

steeped

steeped in blood

he is so ~ as to be beyond redemption (a Rwandan)

steeped in the (French Revolutionary) heritage

he was ~ (Napoleon)

steeped in history

this rivalry is ~ (Man U vs. Liverpool / soccer)

steeped in turmoil

the team is ~ (sports)

absorption & immersion: water

steer (verb)

steered contracts to cronies

he ~ (political corruption)

steered money to his mistress' husband

he ~ (a politician)

steer money to a program

the tried to ~ that... (controversy)

steer patients towards abortion

counselors may ~ (genetic diseases)

steer them in the right direction

you have to ~ (training elite athletes)

steer mothers in the right direction

we need to ~ (breastfeeding)

steered people into returning

the recession has ~ to school

steer him from bad influences

some who worried did try to ~ (troubled football player)

steered away from describing

he ~ his injury (an athlete)

steer people away from generics

drug companies may hype expensive products to ~

steers the talk away from gay issues

she ~ (marriage)

steer the author away from stereotypes and cliches

the goal is to ~ ("sensitivity readers")

steers us off course

sometimes life ~

steers the conversation

he ~ (group therapy)

steered a middle course

he ~ (Abraham Lincoln)

directing: boat / mechanism / verb

direction: boat / mechanism / verb

steer (steer clear of something)

steered clear of controversy

he has ~ (an ex-politician)

steer clear of drugs

programs to help students ~

steers clear of (clothing) styles

he ~ favored by Hispanic gangs

avoidance & separation: boat / mechanism / verb

steering wheel (control)

steering wheel of the Republican Party

there is a fight to grab control of the ~

at the wheel

the deputy attorney general will be ~ for the final weeks...

put his hand on the wheel at the Justice Department

Trump tried to ~ and control the investigation

grab hold of the industry's steering wheel

Washington can no longer just ~ (auto making)

control & lack of control: mechanism

stellar (adjective)

stellar (boxing) ability

Mayweather is honing De La Hoya's already ~

stellar (young) boxer

Dmitriy Salita is a ~ and an Orthodox Jew

stellar (job) candidate

she seems like a ~

stellar (employment) record

he was denied partnership despite a ~ with the firm

stellar (performance) reviews

he had ~ (a policeman)

stellar views

the house has across the Anacostia to the Capitol

stellar year

the company had a ~ (profits)

stellar body of work

she has a ~ (a biologist)

superlative: astronomy / star

stem (from stem to stern)

from stem to stern

the book is anti-religious ~

extent & scope: boat

stench (noun)

stench of corruption

he has begun to remove the ~ (brave Newark mayor)

survive the stench

will this institution ~ that this creates (US court decision)

evidence: smell

step (shape)

step pyramid

Djoser's ~ at Saqqara (Egypt)

step waterfall

a cascade or ~ isn't steep, doesn't plunge

shape: stair

step (first step, etc.)

good first step

the repeal is a ~ (politics)

first step toward stability

housing is only the ~ (homeless)

first step towards keeping

the measure is a ~ a campaign promise

first step in limiting

EPA takes ~ aircraft emission

first step to repeal

this is the ~ Obamacare (politics)

sequence: walking, running & jumping

starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping

step (step ahead / pursuit)

one step ahead of him

I'm trying to stay ~ (woman being stalked)

one step ahead of them

but every time he was ~ and he got away (hunt for KSM)

one step ahead of us

he was ~ (a criminal)

pursuit, capture & escape: walking, running & jumping

step (a step ahead / competition)

one step ahead of her daughter

she tries to stay ~ (a 13-year-old / dating, etc.)

one step ahead of their teachers

it's easy for students to stay at least ~ (cheating)

one step ahead of our kids

we've got to stay ~

at least one step ahead

cheaters are always going to be ~ of the testers

remained a step ahead

AOL has ~, first with chat and email...

stay one step ahead

she tries to ~ of her daughter (a 13-year-old / dating)

competition: walking, running & jumping

step (a step away)

step away

he's just a ~ from success (a singer)

proximity: walking, running & jumping

step (a step closer)

one step closer to Orwell's 1984
and just like that, we are ~, wow...

one step closer to a second term
he is ~ (Hawaiian politics)

one step closer to being
he is ~ back in the NFL (Kaepernick)

proximity: walking, running & jumping

step (every step of the way)

every step of the way
he was there ~ (supporting us)

allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping

step (a step in the right direction)

step in the right direction
from what I hear, it's a ~
the decision is a small ~
this is a ~, but there is still a long way to go

♦ "Rev Al Sharpton, the civil rights activist, said the decision was 'a step in the right direction but not the end of the walk.'" (President elect Biden nominates Lloyd Austin as his Secretary of Defense.)

♦ A former California State prosecutor, speaking about a legal takedown, said, "This case was a huge *stab* in the right direction." (Step in the right direction? Stab or shot in the dark? Is this an "eggcorn"?)

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

step (a step in the wrong direction)

step in the wrong direction
this is a ~

failure, accident & impairment: direction / journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

step (a step forward)

step forward
they are trying to take things a ~

big step forward
this is an opportunity to take a ~

bold step forward
the commission has taken a ~

tremendous step forward
we think this is a ~ (a conference)

step forward from the ideological dark ages
this is a ~ (education issue)

taken a (giant) step forward
our nation has ~ on the issue of race

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping

step (a step back / backwards)

a step back
the team has taken ~

a step back for us
it's ~ today, but we need to shake it off and go again

a step backwards
this is a ~ to the bad old days (homeless policy)
the game was ~ (disappointed soccer coach)

progress & lack of progress: direction / walking, running & jumping

step (not one step back)

not one step back
the time has come to finish retreating, ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / walking, running & jumping

step (in step)

in step with New Yorkers
her views are more ~ (politician)

in step with the times
he is not ~

in step with voters
she is ~ (a politician)

more in step
his conservatism is ~ with Republicans (politics)

marched in step
his career has ~ with the growth of the field

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity / unanimity & consensus: military / walking, running & jumping

step (out of step)

out of step with his colleagues
he is ~ (a politician)

out of step with the consumers
the company seems ~ (autos)

out of step with the nation's
his priorities are ~ (president)

out of the step with the times
he may be ~, but... (songwriter)

out of step with the values
he is ~ of the modern Democratic Party (Joe Biden 2019)

out of step with the voters
his views are ~ (politics)

out of step with the (state's) values
his views are ~ (politician)

out-of-step, against-the-grain, different-drummer
~ types

stay out of step

politicians can only ~ with their political base for so long

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity / unanimity & consensus: military / walking, running & jumping

step (baby steps, etc.)

baby step in a complex number of steps

this is one ~ (a web site concerning COVID vaccines)

toddler steps towards equality

we have made some ~, and then we fall back

take baby steps

on the ridge leading to the Hillary Step I could only ~
let's ~ without rushing (post-COVID concerts, etc.)

progress & lack of progress: baby / walking, running & jumping

step (watch one's step)

watch their step

foreigners must ~ (Egyptian nationalism)

danger: walking, running & jumping

step aside (verb)

step aside for a younger man

it is better that he ~ (boss)

♦ "[We] saw Chris Harrison, the host, step in that controversy, then step aside, now he has stepped down." (Clever scripting on ABC.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: walking, running & jumping / verb

step away (verb)

stepped away from boxing

he ~ because of the politics of the sport (Quartey)

step away from them

I didn't want to ~ (a film director speaks of themes)

dismissal, removal & resignation: walking, running & jumping / verb

step back (perspective)

step back

it's a good time to ~ and think about the future (NASA)

it's important to ~ and see the big picture

♦ "Some of us must say, 'Let's step back for a moment...and think through the implications of our actions today so that this does not spiral out of control..." (Congresswoman Barbara Lee, the only person to vote against the congressional mandate for the war in Afghanistan following 9/11.)

context: picture / position / verb

perception, perspective & point of view: picture / position / verb

step back (sequence)

step back

we are going to ~ now to explore another issue

sequence: walking, running & jumping / verb

step back (step back from something)

step back

they plan to ~ as senior members of the Royal Family

step back from the brink

they must ~ (rioters battle soldiers)

avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping

stepchild (and stepson, etc.)

stepchild position

the ~ of intelligence officers...

bad stepchild

he portrays Sony management as the ~ (activist investor)

♦ "He was now Fortune's pet instead of her stepson." (Change in fortune to good fortune from awful fortune.)

relationship / person: family

worth & lack of worth: family / person

step down (verb)

step down

protestors are calling on the King to ~

stepping down as the chief executive officer

she is ~

steps down as the coach

Klinsmann ~ of Germany (World Cup soccer)

steps down as (Cuban) leader

Castro ~ (headline)

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dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping

step forward (verb)

step forward

victims are reluctant to ~ in these cases (harassment)

resistance, opposition & defeat: walking, running & jumping

step in (verb)

step in

the grownups must ~ and clean up the mess (finance)

the president could ~ to fire people (politics)

step up and step in

I am begging parents to ~ (school shootings)

♦ "We saw Chris Harrison, the host, step in that controversy, then step aside, now he has stepped down." (Clever scripting on ABC.)

involvement: verb / walking, running & jumping

step into (verb)

stepped into the breach

ordinary citizens have ~ (disaster relief)

stepping into his truth

he is rebooting his life and ~ (gay who had wife, kids)
♦ "he is a man who is basically rebooting his life and stepping into his truth and embracing the fact that he's a gay black man in the South." (Katori Hall.)
♦ Step in / lean in and embrace it...

commitment & determination: gesture / verb / walking, running & jumping

stepmother (cruelty)

heartless stepmother
the EU is a ~ trying to drive Greece out of the family

relationship: family

stepping stone

stepping stone
she characterized the deal as a "~" (to peace)

stepping stone to get
migrants see Italy as a ~ them to France

stepping stone to the EU
they are here to use Belarus as a ~ (refugees)

stepping stone on (South Sudan's) path
the polls are an important ~ to nationhood (2010)

stepping stone event
this is seen as a ~ ahead of next year's event (COP25)

important stepping stone
the negotiations are an ~ on the road to peace

using college basketball as a stepping stone
he went prep to pro, rather than ~ (LeBron James)

saw the job as a stepping stone
she ~ (modeling)

saw it as a stepping stone
Shackleton ~ (job with RSGS)

use Belarus as a stepping stone
they are here to ~ to the EU (refugees)

help & assistance: bridge / journeys & trips / river
division & connection: bridge / journeys & trips / river

step up (increase)

stepped up their courtship
both India and China have ~ of Africa

stepped up their drills
the marines have ~, a Pentagon adviser said

stepping up enforcement
officials are ~ of anti-discrimination laws in education

stepped up our game
we've ~ since 2016 (protecting US elections)

stepped up (naval) patrols
Italy and Libya have ~ to reduce the flow of migrants

stepped up the punishments

he ~ for food theft, which were already draconic

step up the tempo
NASA believes it can ~ of launchings (shuttle)

increase & decrease: electricity / verb

step up (rise to the occasion)

step up
great leaders ~ and take responsibility
be a patriot, ~, do the right thing (Covid mask wearing)

stepped up to help
his colleagues ~ him (sick wife)

step up to their challenge
who among you will ~

step up to the plate
parents have to ~ (having "sex talk" with teen kids)

step up and step in
I am begging parents to ~ (school shootings)

step up and deal with it
we saw law enforcement ~ (Austin serial bomber)

step up or let down
you can ~ your colleagues

♦ "Each and every one of us has to step up, speak up, stand up, do something." (Arnitta Holliman, director of the Milwaukee Office of Violence and Prevention.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / responsibility: walking, running & jumping / verb

steroids (on steroids)

AI on steroids
Amazon can deliver in two days because of ~

hang-glider on steroids
they are a ~ (hypersonic weapons)

Reaganomics on steroids
Trump's policy is ~

Pizzagate on steroids
the theory is kind of a ~ (conspiracy)

put it on steroids
racism didn't start with him, but he ~ (politics)

increase & decrease / power / strength & weakness: health & medicine

stew (mixture)

stew of chemicals
workers breathed a ~ (9/11)

stew of (caustic political) commentary
the documentary film is a ~

stew of (energizing) contradictions
it is a ~ (Game of Thrones)

stew of (inhaled) particles

the burning ~ was composed of many things (9/11)

stew of religion, politics and (anti-immigrant) feeling
the case involved a ~ (attempt to build mosque)

stew of (disappointed) separatists and Islamists
the country is a seething ~

chemical stew
sewers are ~s

toxic stew
the broken well produced a ~ of gas and chemicals

♦ *Roumeli is a stew in which the ingredients, delicious as many are, never quite blend.*" (*Ecstasy And Terror* by Daniel Mendelsohn.)

mixture: food & drink

steward (role)

stewards of the Earth
we are ~

stewards of the environment
native people as ~

stewards of the land
native residents are better ~ than newcomers

help & assistance: boat / person / plane / train

stick (stick by / stick with somebody)

stick by him
we will ~

attachment: materials & substances / verb
allegiance, support & betrayal: materials & substances / verb

stick (adhere to, follow)

stick to the evidence
people in traditional medicine said he did not ~

stick to our plan
let's ~...

stuck to that principle
and he ~ (Abraham Lincoln)

stick to the rules
leaders tell citizens to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

stuck to my story
and I ~ (interviewed by FBI)

sticking to a (proven) strategy
he was ~ (Tour de France)

stick to its (newly aggressive) strategy
how long the US can ~ (in Iraq)

stick to Islamic values and traditions
she urged women to ~ (Saudi royal)

stick with their given names
many immigrants ~ (Takero, Quirino, etc.)

stick with the rules

he must ~ of the game

attachment: materials & substances / verb

stick (persist)

stick

the allegations of child abuse didn't ~ (messy divorce)
there is uncertainty whether the recovery will ~
the deal might not ~ (diplomacy)

stuck

he threw policies at the wall and saw what ~ (FDR)

stuck at it

he ~ (medical experiments)

stuck with me

it has ~ ever since
it was something that has ~ (bad memories from prison)

sticks to you

it is stunning, and it ~ (the movie *A face in the Crowd*)

sticks in your mind

it ~ forever (a combat memory)

attachment: materials & substances / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb

stick (noun)

stick to hit Kennedy with

this is an easy ~ (Chappaquiddick / Mary Jo Kopechne)

♦ "And certainly, if you're a Republican, this is an easy, you know, stick to hit Kennedy with, and he deserves it." (Jon Ward, on Ted Kennedy, Chappaquiddick, and Mary Jo Kopechne.)

coercion & motivation: speech / violence / weapon
oppression: speech / violence / weapon

stick together (verb)

stick together
we women should ~

attachment: materials & substances / verb
allegiance, support & betrayal: materials & substances / verb

sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)

sticky situation
even the most independent women face ~

get sticky

getting involved in the rumor mill at work can ~

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

situation: materials & substances

stifle (verb)

stifled her mother
his father ~

stifle speech

big tech companies continue to ~ (de-platforming, etc.)

oppression: breathing / verb

stifling (adjective)

stifling

the byzantine regulations are ~

oppression: breathing

stigma (noun)

stigma of adoption

we must break down the ~

stigma of AIDS

the ~ is still a heavy burden

rape stigma

TV appearance of teen victims suggests the ~ is fading

severe social stigma

there is a ~ attached to depression

discrimination and stigma

the ~ they could face (coronavirus patients)

prejudice and stigma

why do heroin addicts face so much ~

shame and stigma

he wants to remove ~ around hoarding

stigma is fading

the TV appearance of teen victims suggests the rape ~

break down the stigma

we must ~ of adoption

♦ "Do you know the stigmatism of Alabama education?" (Kayvon Thibodaux, a football player.)

characterization: fire / mark

stigmatize (verb)

stigmatize the mentally ill

people still ~

♦ In the 1600s in England, a thief would be stigmatized, or branded, with the letter T.

characterization: fire / mark / verb

stillborn (adjective)

stillborn

his only ever band was ~ (he refocused as solo artist)

stillborn effort

he documents a ~ to develop new antiviral agents

growth & development: baby / birth / death & life

survival, persistence & endurance: baby / birth / death & life

sting (noun)

take the sting out of giving and getting

five tips to ~ advice

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation

stinging (adjective)

stinging accusations

his ~ about EU institutions ring true

stinging article

she wrote a ~ criticizing...

stinging blow

the jury's decision was a ~

stinging criticism

officials unleashed ~ at the Fed

stinging defeat

it was a ~ for the Democrats (elections)

stinging rebuke

the elections were a ~ to the Democrats

the Vatican delivered a ~ to American nuns

his comments are a ~ of Obama (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation

stink (verb)

stinks

this situation ~

stank

their football team ~ (an NFL team)

stink to high heaven

this thing's gonna ~ (political impeachment)

stinks a mile away

the prejudice ~ (partisanship)

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: smell / verb

stink (noun)

stink

how big of a ~ does he make (a NFL quarterback)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: smell

attention, scrutiny & promotion: smell

stink (raise a stink)

raising a huge big stink

I'm ~ because it's wrong

raising a stink about the article

no one is ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: smell / verb

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: smell / verb

stir (effect)

stir in the (national news) media

it created a ~

stir among the (general) public

the issue has caused little ~

huge stir

a gay student who ran for homecoming queen caused a ~

caused a stir
the antiwar statements of a few Oscar winners ~

causing such a stir
why Beto O'Rourke is ~ in 2020 race

created a stir
it ~ in the national news media

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: cooking

stir (verb)

stirred passions across North Africa
the unrest in Tunisia has ~ (2011)

stirs the drink
he's the straw that ~ in Congress

stirred fears
the attacks ~ that...

stirred the (public) imagination
the killer's ability to avoid capture has ~

initiation: cooking / verb

stir up (resemblance)

stirred up a (great) dust
all of the activity ~ above the village (powwow)

resemblance: cooking / verb

stir up (verb)

stir up controversy
he tries to ~ (college Republican)

stirred up a critical storm
the novel ~ (Thani Al-Suwaidi)

stir up gossip
this will ~

stir up indignation
we hope to ~ and stimulate action (MSF)

stir up (Democratic) turnout
they sent leaders across the country to ~

creation & transformation / initiation: cooking / verb

stitch together (verb)

stitched the dispatches together into a story
he ~ (a journalist)

stitched together a community
we have ~ of nations

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

stitched together

stitched together
it's a plethora of individual mini-storylines ~ (a film)

creation & transformation: cloth

stock (worth)

stock

his ~ is surely set to soar (boxer after fight)
his ~ was high in the early weeks of the season (a coach)
his ~ has fallen so much (boxer loses championship)

stock has risen

his ~ steadily in the West Wing (vice-president)
his ~ even though he lost tonight (a boxer)

stock (in Ubud) shot up

after that, his ~ (*East of Home* by Santha Rama Rau)

worth & lack of worth: money

stoic (adjective)

stoic about the lockdown
she was ~ (a boutique manager in Italy)

stoic (Norwegian immigrant) farmers
he grew up in a family descended from ~

stoic, tough, and American
the pressure to be ~ (an athlete with CTE)

remained stoic
he ~ as the verdict was announced

feeling, emotion & effect: allusion

character & personality: allusion

stoke (verb)

stoke (racial) animosity
the flag issue has helped to ~

stoke a debate
the incident seemed likely to ~ about...

stoked (furious) discussion
the issue has ~ at the Website

stoking fears
the government blames the media for ~ (Sri Lanka)

stoke the fire
increasing his punishment will only ~

stoking the (racial) fires
he is ~ (a politician)

stoked the fires
the issue has ~ of sectarian violence

stoked hysteria
the media have ~ (public health)

stoked (local) outrage
the company's policies have ~ (mining)

stoked protests
the acquittal of the soldiers ~

stoke (racial) resentment
the right is trying to ~

stokes resentment

she ~ of elites (a politician)

stoking their wrath
the state media have been ~

initiation: fire / verb

increase & decrease: fire / verb

stoked (increased)

stoked, fueled, and manipulated
hatred can be ~ (Bosnia)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

stolen

'stolen generation'

her father was part of the ~ (Australian aborigines)

had their childhoods stolen
these young women ~ (abuse of gymnasts)

taking & removing: crime

stomach (accept)

stomach being

I can no longer ~ a part of this (computer engineer quits)

stomach injustice

she could not ~ (Madeleine Albright / Kosovo)

hard to stomach

it's ~ (sudden death of young athlete)

consumption: food & drink / stomach / verb

acceptance & rejection: food & drink / stomach / verb

stomach (food)

stomach

an army marches on its ~

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

stomach (eagerness)

stomach to plunge into endless war
the American people don't have the ~

stomach for battle

an Iraqi Army unit showed little ~

stomach for the (entitlement) fight

the president clearly has no ~

stomach for what's ahead

it's not clear that the American people have the ~ (war)

stomach for boxing

his heart and ~ are no longer there

stomach for fighting

he has no ~

stomach for tackling

politicians have no ~ the issue (immigration)

heart and stomach

his ~ for boxing are no longer there

have the stomach
do the American people ~ for what's ahead (war)

eagerness & reluctance: food & drink / stomach

stomach (turn one's stomach)

turned my stomach

I saw some stuff that ~ (combat in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: stomach / verb
acceptance & rejection: stomach / verb

stomping grounds (and stamping grounds)

stomping ground of icons

Chicago is the formative ~ (Michael Jordan, the Obamas)

stomping ground of South Boston

the FBI brought him back to his old ~ to be tried (mobster)

Whitey Bulger's old stomping ground

South Boston, ~

her dependable stomping ground
the dance floor was ~

his old stomping ground
he returned to Seattle, his ~

his old stamping grounds
this was ~ (a red-light district)

area: animal

stone (throw stones, etc.)

stone throwing

it's time to call a halt to all the ~

casting stones

if all you're doing is ~, you probably won't get that far

throw stones

people in glass houses should not ~

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land

stone (turn over every stone, etc.)

no stone

~ has been left unturned (a criminal investigation)

difficulty, easiness & effort / pursuit, capture & escape /
searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

Stone Age

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the very early days of the internet, Web 1.0, AKA the ~

eolithic in outlook

The Times leaders on 'motor-cars' were ~

take society back to the Stone Age

they want to ~ (suppression of media)

growth & development: history
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history
past & present / time: history

stone-faced (adjective)

stone-faced

he was relatively ~ at the hearing (charged with murder)

appearance: face / materials & substances

concealment & lack of concealment / feeling, emotion & effect: face / materials & substances

stone-hearted

stone-hearted world

this ~

heart: materials & substances

empathy & lack of empathy: heart

stone's throw

stone's throw from the JFK airport

a ~ is a Portuguese neighborhood

proximity: arm

stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)

Operation Stonewall

~ interdicted Axis blockade runners from the Far East

proper name: materials & substances / wall

stonewall (verb)

stonewalled the Swiss

the CIA ~ (investigation)

stonewalling

he was ~ very successfully (expert witness at trial)

the White House is ~ so aggressively

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / wall / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: infrastructure / wall / verb

stoop (behavior)

stooped to

this is something no self-respecting senator has ever ~

stoop to that

why would you ~ (behavior)

I won't call him names, I won't ~ (politics)

stoop to his level

don't ~

stoop to that level

it is not necessary to ~ (racial insults)

stoop so low

who would have thought people could ~ (discrimination)

behavior: direction / height / verb

stop (stop at nothing)

stop at nothing

he will ~ to silence the truth
they are so desperate to win they will ~
they will ~ to destroy the president (politics)

stops at nothing

Candi Station ~ to create

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: distance / verb

stop (pull out all the stops)

pull out all the stops

we're going to ~ to get our arms around this (vaccination roll-out)

pulled out all the stops

we ~ (investigation of child abduction)

♦ This idiom relates to a pipe organ.

commitment & determination: music / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: music / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: music / verb

stopped up

stopped up

the flow of convicts to North America was ~

♦ "As soon as the American outlet was stopped up, English prisons began to overflow." (*The Fatal Shore: The Epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes.)

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / movement / pressure / water

storm (verb)

stormed the (park) gates

the kids ~

stormed back to win

the team ~ (sports)

stormed the barricades

he ~s (to hold church accountable)

amount & effect / force: storm / verb

storm (by storm)

by storm

she took Hollywood ~

she has taken the music world ~ (Lizzo)

what started as a joke has taken the web ~

he took the whole music world ~ ("Sexual Healing")

taken the world by storm

her *Table Manners* podcast seems to have ~ (Jessie Ware)

♦ "The fire from the walls never checked the soldiers of the 3rd division for a moment—they reached them in perfect order, and, rearing their ladders, began to escalade; but for that the foe were fully prepared. Enormous beams of timber, huge stones, loaded shell, cold shot launched from the hand, grenades, and missiles of every kind, were rained upon their devoted heads, crushing to death all who planted foot on the foremost ladders; while a murderous discharge of musketry dealt destruction on the centre and rear of the columns...[O]ur intrepid soldiers still strove to reach the walls. By one ladder at last they were won." (Badajoz, 1812, from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

amount & effect / force: storm

storm (Desert Storm, etc.)

Storm King

the USS ~ was commissioned in 1943 (a ship)

Storm King

14 firefighters died on ~ Mountain (Colorado)

Desert Storm

he participated in direct-action missions during ~

proper name: storm

storm (weather the storm)

weather the storm

it remains to be seen if he can ~ (a politician)

weather this (economic) storm

cities need help to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / storm / verb

storm (in the storm)

in the gathering storm

the hospital is rudderless ~ (deficits)

conflict: storm

storm (eye / center of the storm)

in the eye of the storm

the man ~ is its cofounder, Julian Assange (Wikileaks)

Solskjaer is now the man ~ (Man U / criticism)

at the center of the storm

~ is Ayaan Hirsi Ali (Holland)

at the center of a (diplomatic and political) storm

he was ~

century & periphery / conflict: storm

storm (perfect storm)

perfect storm

it's really a ~ (shortage / online rental-car scams)

perfect storm of challenges

the team is trying to weather a ~ (sports)

perfect storm of events

a ~ caused the die-off (of dolphins in the Gulf)

perfect storm of risks

the world economy faces a ~

perfect storm of screwups

he called the death a ~ (Jeffrey Epstein's suicide in jail)

perfect storm of depression, concussion, overtraining

her father described a ~ (daughter commits suicide)

fiscal perfect storm

states have sailed into a ~ (debt)

created a perfect storm

the pandemic has ~ for eating disorders (children)

looking at the perfect storm

we are ~ (allergies and allergy season)

amount & effect: storm

storm (amount and effect)

storm of accusations

a ~ of sexual abuse (Catholic Church)

storm of controversy

the ~ that has blown up around him over...

storm of criticism

the ~ helped prompt NASCAR to...

the president returned home to a ~

storm of controversy

his solo ascent of Delicate Arch caused a ~ (Dean Potter)

storm of protest

the decision produced a ~ (government)

storm in a teacup

this might sound like a ~ but... (Oxford prof harassed)

oh, dear, another twitter ~...

this small-town saga might seem like a ~

he described the rumors as a ~

Twitter storm

I was right in the middle of the ~ (a writer)

social media storm

he caused a ~ (the Spanish TikTok star Naim Darrechi)

literary, legal and cultural storm

she is causing a ~ in France (tell-all book)

unleashed a storm

congressmen ~ of patriotic rage

♦ A tweetstorm is a great number of tweets in a short period of time.

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

storm (conflict)

Gathering Storm

"Rising above the ~" decries our loss of competitiveness

passing storm

this may be just a ~ (politics)

diplomatic storm

the Prime Minister's stance triggered a ~

economic storm

cities need help to weather this ~

political storm

her decision has set off a ~ in the Netherlands

the report has caused a ~ in Rwanda (genocide)

they are waiting for the ~ to pass over (NRA / shootings)

worst of the storm

the ~ is over (employment rises from historic lows)

storm was brewing

outside, the ~ (protests against the government)

storm is gathering
a ~ (US lack of innovation, competitiveness)

provoked a storm
the article ~

quiet the storm
the league issued a statement to ~ (controversy)

rode out the storm
the punch hurt him, but he ~ (boxing)

set off a (political) storm
her decision has ~ in the Netherlands

weathered (all sorts of) storms
the Catholic Church has ~ across the centuries

conflict: storm

storm (calm before the storm)

calm before the storm
this is likely to be the ~ (lull in computer hacking)
this is still the ~ (pandemic cases)

activity / development: storm

storm (immune-system storm, etc.)

cytokine storm
the virus can ignite a ~ (cytokine release syndrome)

immune-system storm
an ~, anaphylactic shock, which can be fatal

resemblance: storm

stormy (adjective)

stormy marriage
his ~ to...

stormy relations
the Shinnecocks have long had ~ with local authorities

stormy relationship
she divorced and began a ~ with...
he has had a ~ with management (network host)

♦ *The hardy sailor comes from stormy seas.*

flaws & lack of flaws: storm

story (horror story)

horror story
we've all heard ~s (bad landlords)

"horror stories" about methamphetamine
the press is full of ~

horror stories about family breakdown
all the ~

restaurant horror story
~s are on the rise

health-care horror story
a ~

managed-care horror story
another ~

resemblance: books & reading
flaws & lack of flaws: books & reading
story (war story)

their war stories
their podcast focuses on ~ (two heroin junkies)

recounts his war stories
as he ~ (about the film industry)

experience: books & reading / military
story (Just-so story)

'just-so stories' about the present
it appropriates the past to support their ~ (1619 Project)

♦ Wikipedia has two entries. The first entry is "Just So Stories," which describes the *Just So Stories for Little Children* written by Rudyard Kipling and published in 1902. The stories explain animal characteristics, such as how the leopard got its spots, or how the rhino got its skin, or how the camel got its hump. Those are the actual "Just So Stories." The second Wikipedia entry is the figurative "Just-so story," which discusses something called the "anthropological sense."

allusion: books & reading

story (groups)

story
the ~ knits together man threads of Muslim grievances

stories
marginalised voices are telling ~ that need to be heard

story of a young girl
Fierce Little Thing is the ~

stories have been passed down
their ~ (vicarious "race-based trauma")

stories prime us
the ~ for traumatization (race-based)

neglected origin stories
the ~ of Black America (Annette Gordon-Reed)

propaganda story
the ~ feeds into the white manifest destiny thing

'just-so stories' about the present
it appropriates the past to support their ~ (1619 Project)

appetite for stories
the ~ about Black trauma

voices and stories
the antiquated mentality that our ~ aren't profitable enough

stories passed down
the ~ prime us for traumatization (Blacks / race-based)

tell their stories
they have waited years to find their voice and ~ (abuse)

write their own stories
a website for players to ~ with ghost editors (sports)

- ◆ "Dirks lives in Oakland and believes all stories are stories about power." (Sandhya Dirks, Lead Producer of On Our Watch, NPR.)
- ◆ "I think it had a lot to do with me being a Black woman, period. And having seen how historically, you know, if our stories, you know, have been presented to the world, oftentimes they're misrepresented or they're not represented in their fullness or there's just like a sliver of us being presented. And so, I just felt like this is huge responsibility to not only show, like her—I would say ginormous levels of strength and resilience—but also to provide an audience like a window into the vulnerability." (Katori Hall speaking about the great American-born Tina Turner, birth name Anna Mae Bullock, a Swiss citizen since 2013.)
- ◆ "Politics is story-telling, and politics hopefully is about persuasion, about winning people's hearts and minds." (Senator Ted Cruz.)
- ◆ *Stories Are What Save Us: A Survivor's Guide to Writing About Trauma.* (By David Chrsinger, Johns Hopkins University Press.)
- ◆ "There are no sides of a story," Marco says. "There are just different stories. People either believe yours or the other one. Usually the other one." ("My Apology" by Sam Lipsyte, *The New Yorker*, July 5, 2021.)
- ◆ In "Bookshop Memories," George Orwell wrote, "Modern books for children are rather horrible things, especially when you see them in the mass. Personally I would sooner give a child a copy of Petronius Arbiter than *Peter Pan*, but even Barrie seems manly and wholesome compared with some of his later imitators."
- ◆ Classic castaway stories include *Robinson Crusoe* and *The Swiss Family Robinson*. The TV show *Gilligan's Island* ran for 3 seasons. The film *Cast Away* with Tom Hanks was very popular. People remember his companion, Wilson, a soccer ball, and the scene where he removes a rotten tooth with an ice skate.
- ◆ "The Gender Cool Project, a youth-led organization surfacing positive trans stories..."

inclusion & exclusion: society

storybook (storybook romance, etc.)

storybook career
he delivered the biggest throws of his ~ (college football)

storybook ending
Oates simply had to have a ~ (*The Last Place on Earth*)

storybook moment
it was a ~ (glass-carriage royal wedding)

storybook romance
baby, won't you be my sweetheart, we could share a ~

storybook season
it's been a ~ for us (a basketball coach)
Baylor ended Gonzaga's ~ (NCAA basketball)

storybook tale
he came back to win in a ~ (Tiger Woods)

storybook victory
the validity of the ~ was questioned (sports)

- ◆ "T.M. Landry school has become a viral Cinderella story, a small school...whose predominantly black, working-class students have escaped the rural South for the nation's most elite colleges. A video of a 16-year-old student opening his Harvard acceptance letter last year has been viewed more than eight million times." ("Louisiana School Made Headlines for Sending Black Kids to Elite Colleges. Here's the Reality" by Erica L. Green and Katie Benner, *The New York Times*, Nov. 30, 2018.)

resemblance: books & reading

flaws & lack of flaws / superlative: books & reading

straddle (connect)

straddles the line between news and entertainment

he ~ (TV personality)

straddled the worlds

he ~ of mainstream and alternative medicine

division & connection: leg / line / standing, sitting & lying / verb

straddle (configuration)

straddles the border

the community library ~ (between US and Canada)

straddles the border of China and Pakistan

the gleaming, glacial monolith ~ (K2)

straddles West Texas and Southeast New Mexico

the vast Permian that ~ (oil)

configuration / fictive position: horse / leg / line / standing, sitting & lying / verb

straight (honest)

straight story

give us the ~ on how common they are...

morally straight

I want somebody physically fit, culturally astute, ~ (SOF)

set some people straight

he ~

set the record straight

I wish to ~

character & personality: direction

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction

straight (the straight and narrow)

walked the straight and narrow

he has ~ for 14 years (defense asks for bail at trial)

behavior / character & personality: direction

straight arrow (person)

straight arrow

she didn't drink or do drugs, she was a ~

- ◆ A straight arrow is a person who is proper and conventional.

behavior / character & personality: direction / person

straighten out (verb)

straighten out the (financial) mess

the act appointed a trustee to ~

amelioration & renewal: direction / rope / verb

straightforward

straightforward approach

her ~ startles many (on pediatric safety)

Carroll's rah-rah style and Stoop's more ~ vary sharply
we take a ~ to business (honesty, integrity)

straightforward style

others liked his ~ (a coach)

honest, truthful, straightforward, ethical
you can't always expect ~ behavior from recruiters

character & personality: direction

straight shooter (speech)

straight shooter
I'm a ~, very candid

speech: direction / person / weapon

sincerity, insincerity & honesty: direction / person / speech

straight-talking

straight-talking outsider
he was a ~

speech: direction

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction / speech

straightwash (groups)

Straightwashed Queer Lives and AIDS Activism
“How Rent ~” (the article)

inclusion & exclusion: society / verb

strain (type)

strain of Islam

Wahhabism, the rigid and puritanical ~

strains of Islam

with radical ~ percolating through Europe (prisons)

strain of (Sunni) Islam

the mainstream, Turkish-influenced ~ (Balkans)

radical strain

with ~s of Islam percolating through Europe (prisons)

rigid and puritanical strain

Wahhabism, the ~ of Islam

taxonomy & classification: health & medicine

strain (verb)

strained power grids

the heat wave ~

failure, accident & impairment / work & duty: burden / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

strain (pressure)

strains of (military) life

the unique ~ (problems)

strain on our relationship

it put a ~ (husband into motorcycle club)

strains among the (Western) allies

intervention could create ~

under strain

I was ~ at work

feeling, emotion & effect / flaws & lack of flaws: rope / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

strained

strained

his relationship with his parents was ~
the supply chain is ~ (Clorox wipes / pandemic)

strained by demand

logistical elements can be ~ for ammo, etc.

strained relations

the ~ between our two nations (US / France)

strained relationship

he wanted to improve his ~ with his father

strained social compact

an already ~ will grow yet more frayed

badly strained

relations were ~ in March (between 2 countries)

relations are (more) strained

~ than ever (between talent and the studios)

feeling, emotion & effect / flaws & lack of flaws: rope / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

strait (dire straits, etc.)

dire financial straits

contrary to the report, the company was not in ~

♦ “These are the straits that *Ulysses* asks us to navigate.” (Desire and love, control and submission. From a review of a biography of James Joyce.)

♦ The Bab el Mandeb, the Gate of Tears...

♦ According to Wikipedia, *The Aeneid* links Scylla and Charybdis to the Strait of Messina. That strait, with its natural whirlpool and view of Mount Etna and Fata Morgana, and its location between the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Ionian Sea on a great flyway for migratory birds, would be a wonderful place to look over!

♦ “It was in 1888, when in command of a ship loading in Sydney a mixed cargo for Mauritius, that one day, all of a sudden, all the deep-lying historic sense of the exploring adventures in the Pacific surged up to the surface of my being. / I sat down and wrote a letter to my owners, suggesting that, instead of the usual southern route, I should take the ship to Mauritius by way of Torres Strait... / I passed out of Torres Strait before the dusk settled on its waters. Just as a clear sun sank ahead of my ship I took a bearing of a little island..., an insignificant crumb of dark earth, lonely... But to me it was a hallowed spot, for I knew that the *Endeavour* had been hove to off it in the year 1762 for her captain, whose name was James Cook, to go ashore for half an hour. What he could possibly want to do I cannot imagine. Perhaps only to be alone with his thoughts for a moment... It may be that on this dry crumb of the earth's crust.. he had tasted a moment of perfect peace.” (“Geography and Some Explorers” by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ A strait, like a river, can divide, but it also can connect. The land equivalent is an isthmus.

situation: boat / breadth / container / sea

danger: boat / breadth / container / sea

straitjacket (noun)

straitjacket of stress

a ~ shut me down (stuttering)

policy straitjacket

they put themselves in a ~ (euro zone)
chemical straitjacket
psychotropic drugs are a ~ (the mentally ill)
intellectual straitjacket
I began to realize my faith was an ~
absolutist and dogmatic straitjacket
they are confined in an ~ (Supreme Court justices)
escape the straitjacket
he could never ~ of the church
free the museum of the straitjacket
the museum is trying to ~ of ethnicity (MoMA)
puts nations into a straitjacket
targets ~
broken free from a straitjacket
he has ~ of his own making (a leader)

constraint & lack of constraint: mental health

strand (noun)

strands of Christianity
the focus of the day differs within the ~ (Epiphany)
strands of thought
these comments represent two ~

taxonomy & classification: cloth

strand (connection)

strand
the crisis ruined every ~ that knitted the country together

four strands
there are ~ to the novel

division & connection: cloth

strand (strand of hair, etc.)

strand of hair
needles that are smaller than the diameter of a ~

strands of hair
she collects ~ (of famous people)

strands of lights
people decorate their houses with ~ (holidays)

strands of razor ribbon
there are five ~ on the inner fence

miles-long strand
longlines—~s with hundreds of baited hooks

resemblance: cloth / line

stranded (separated)

left stranded
his system of critical judgment was ~ on the far shore

society: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

stranger (and no stranger)

stranger to fear
Joan was a ~
no stranger to death
like most climbers, Anker was ~
no stranger to (difficult legal) disputes
the judge was ~
no stranger to flooding
the Queen of the Adriatic is ~ (Venice)
no stranger to snowfall
the city is ~ (Boston)
no stranger to (catastrophic) storms
the state is ~ (Louisiana and hurricanes, etc.)

no stranger to war
Jaffna is ~ (Sri Lanka)

no stranger to wealth
her family was ~

experience: person

stranger (other)

Strangers in Their Own Land
~: *Anger and Mourning on the American Right* (book)

society: person

person: society

acceptance & rejection: person / society

strangle (verb)

strangling Iraq
the embargo is ~

strangle companies
I've seen government bureaucracy ~ (a politician)

strangle the experiment in its cradle
if nobody watches, it will ~ (TV show)

destruction / oppression: breathing / verb

strangled

strangled in its cradle
Bolshevism must be ~ (Winston Churchill / Russia)

strangled by poverty
they are ~ (Gazans)

destruction / oppression: breathing

stranglehold

stranglehold on America
the monopolies had a ~
stranglehold on the transport
Iraq has a ~ of oil from Iraqi Kurdistan

virtual stranglehold

a ~ on...

break their stranglehold

he set out to ~ (a ruler versus elites)

had a stranglehold

the monopolies ~ on America

oppression: breathing

strangulation

strangulation of Iraq

the ~ (embargo, etc.)

destruction / oppression: breathing

strap yourself in

strap yourself in

get ready, ~ (intro to eventful boxing podcast)

readiness & preparedness: rocket

stratosphere

put his career into the stratosphere

the song ~ (Michael Jackson's Thriller)

extent & scope: atmosphere

stratospheric (adjective)

stratospheric

such profits are ~, over the average (academic publishers)

stratospheric reaches

the ~ of the entertainment world

stratospheric rise

her ~ was brought low by personal tragedies (actor)

stratospheric success

despite her ~, she continues to express her fears (B. Eilish)

stratospheric trajectory

how long can he keep Apple on its ~ (Tim Cook)

went stratospheric

she ~ in America (Miriam Makeba)

extent & scope: atmosphere / direction / height

increase & decrease: atmosphere / direction / height

straw (last straw / final straw)

final straws

he posted two tweets that the company cited as the ~

last straw

the ~ was the hike in the price of electricity (riots)

last straw scenario

all these things have created this ~ (vote to censure)

♦ This probably refers to the straw that broke the camel's back. An inconsequential event, after a series of indignities, causes an extreme reaction.

development: weight

straw man (noun)

"straw man" issues

Ryan assails Obama for ~ (politics)

speech / subterfuge: farming & agriculture

stray (behavior)

strayed

women whose husbands have ~ (been unfaithful)

stray (so far) from the limits

kids will disobey, but they won't ~ you set

behavior: animal / direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction / verb

stray (direction)

strayed into the (restricted) airspace

the small aircraft inadvertently ~

stray out of sector

navigation problems can cause units to ~ (military)

strayed from its (intended) mission

Wall Street has ~ (to raise money, versus betting)

stray from the path

a good Muslim must not ~

stray (too far) from (Saudi Arabia's) path

but Qatar does not ~

strays from its route

we can disable a truck by remote control if it ~

stray from tradition

the younger generation has begun to ~

stray from the tenets and the values

black magic encourages people to ~ of Islam

strayed off course

it appeared the sub had not ~ (hit seamount)

stray even the slightest

his refusal to ~ from the Code of Conduct

stray too far

but Qatar does not ~ from Saudi Arabia's path

refusal to stray

his ~ even the slightest from the Code of Conduct

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction / verb

streak (series)

steak of success

her latest achievement continues a ~ (ballet)

streak of severe weather

a ~ has swept the South and the Midwest

winning streak

Republicans have been on a real ~

occurrence: mark

streak (violent streak, etc.)

streak of intolerance

he had a ~ toward his political foes (a politician)

streak of violence

someone who has a ~ (homeless veterans, etc.)

evil streak

he has an ~ to him (arrested)
she has an ~ through her

mean streak

he's got a ~ an acre wide
you could call it a ~, he'd consider it tough love (a father)

violent streak

he showed a ~ early (murderer)

character & personality / identity & nature: mark

stream (tears stream, etc.)

streamed down her face

tears ~

streamed down his face

blood ~ (a boxer)

resemblance: water / verb

stream (direct)

stream video

what hardware is recommended to ~ on broadband

stream, burn, beam, buy or subscribe

should you ~ (Internet)

transmission: water / verb

stream (move)

streamed to the polls

Iraqis ~ (election)

streamed into Sydney

sex workers who have ~ (for the Olympics)

streamed into the Good Shepherd Chapel

people of all walks of life ~ (to honor Mychal Judge)

stream through town

about 15,000 tourists ~ hoping... (Churchill / bears)

stream (in) through the windows

light would ~ as she...

stream in

light would ~ through the windows as she...

streams in

another picture ~, this one of a Chinese teen (Internet)

movement: water / verb

stream (amount & effect)

stream of casualties

the attacks are causing a steady ~

stream of contributions

fundraisers and a steady ~

stream of customers

a steady ~ (an electronics-repair shop)

stream of pilgrims

a ~ jammed the Via della Conciliazione (Vatican)

stream of preachers

the issue brought a ~ to the mike

stream of reports

a steady ~ that Israel has been providing

stream of residents

a ~ headed out of town (huge Colorado wildfire)

stream of text

one long, continuous ~ (e-book)

stream of tips

police are following up on the steady ~

stream of traffic

a constant ~ (city / vehicles)

steady stream

police are following up on the ~ of tips

the attacks are causing a ~ of casualties

a ~ of customers (an electronics-repair shop)

stream (of jihadists into the country) has been cut
the ~ to a trickle

endless stream

he saw an ~ of wounded and dead (Vietnam War)

♦ "Many different streams of migrants were to make their confluence in the future United States. But the British stream flowed first and remained foremost. From the beginning its leaders were out of sympathy with the Government at home. The creation of towns and settlements from the wilderness, warfare with the Indians, and the remoteness and novelty of the scene widened the breach with the Old World. During the critical years of settlement and consolidation in New England the Mother Country was paralysed by civil war. When the English State again achieved stability it was confronted with self-supporting, self-reliant communities which had evolved traditions and ideas of their own." (A History of the English-Speaking Peoples, Volume 2, "The New World," by Winston S. Churchill.)

♦ The trailhead for the Noland Creek Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is almost at the end of The Road to Nowhere out of Bryson City, western North Carolina. In a little over a mile you will cross four wooden bridges. On the first, look to your left, and the current is going away. On the second, coming towards you. On the third, going away. On the fourth, coming towards you. Now that's twisty! It's a wonderful walk, in every season.

amount & effect / movement: water

stream (resemblance)

streams of excrement

the route to her hut is a path stinking with ~ (Kabul)

stream of fire

he continued his deadly ~ until... (battle)
streams of lava
the volcano sent ~ down the mountain
stream of urine
stopping the ~ is hard for many people (specimen)
urinary stream
difficulty initiating the ~ (medical)
jet stream
the Everest peak is in the ~
the ~, a speeding river of high-altitude air
that river of wind, called the ~
the ~ veered far south
the ~ blows at around 30-36,000 feet
the ~ wanders between 30° and 60° in both hemispheres
commercial airlines often hitch a ride in the ~ (eastward)
the Germans first discovered the ~ in the 1930s
high-altitude winds of the ~ (climate, weather)

resemblance: water

stream (bloodstream, etc.)

arrival stream
a new runway will allow O'Hare three independent ~s
bloodstream
a blood clot can break loose and travel through the ~
funding stream
you've got to put together all of these ~s
mail stream
introduce new technology into the ~ (post office)
the Postal Service is adjusting to a new type of ~
the anthrax letters entered the ~ from a mailbox
revenue stream
another ~ is needed for public schools (state lottery)
ecommerce is tomorrow's ~
online advertising is yesterday's ~
cable TV's dual ~s: subscribers plus advertisers
wastestream
the elimination of mercury from hospital ~s
waste stream
food waste in the residential ~ (recycling)
reporting streams
the quantity of intelligence from multiple ~ (terrorism)
independent (arrival) streams
a new runway will allow O'Hare three ~
multiple (reporting) streams
the quantity of intelligence from ~ (terrorism)

♦ "A great Indian river, at low water, suggests the familiar anatomical picture of a skinned human body, the intricate mesh of interwoven muscles and tendons to stand for water-channels, and the archipelagoes of fat and flesh inclosed by them to stand for the sandbars. Somewhere on this journey we passed such a river, and on a later journey we saw in the Sutlej the duplicate of that river. Curious rivers they are; low shores a dizzy distance apart, with nothing between but an enormous acreage of sand-flats with sluggish like veins of water dribbling around amongst them; Saharas of sand, smallpox pitted with footprints..." (*Following the*

Equator: A Journey Around the World by Mark Twain. Of course, he is talking about a braided river.)

branching system / route: river / water

streamed (digital)

streamed into the kiosks
the music is ~ via the Internet

transmission: water

streaming (digital)

streaming technology
as ~ improves

download or streaming
Walk Away Renee .mp3 is available for ~

transmission: water

streaming (streaming media)

streaming media
~ delivers audio & video over the Internet

streaming media for video conferences & meetings
use ~

streaming media advertisement
a ~ plays before the video

streaming-media division
the Microsoft Corp. ~ division

streaming-media player
ever improving ~s

streaming-media traffic
~ is of growing concern

transmission: water

streamline (speed up)

streamline the (permitting and approval) process
we must also ~ (for building infrastructure)

speed / timeliness & lack of timeliness: shape / verb

street (society)

street
the ~ is not afraid of governments any more (protests)

Arab street
the ~ reacts to rumors
the ~ has risen up (Egyptian protests)
Iran's leaders play to the ~
the ~ sympathizes with the Palestinians

mood on the street
the ~ should be watched (protests in Egypt)

society: infrastructure / sign, signal, symbol

street (cloud street, etc.)

cloud street
~s can indicate thermals (hang gliding)

~s are rows of cumulous clouds

resemblance: infrastructure

street (two-way street)

two-way street
trust is a ~

social interaction: direction / infrastructure

Streisand (Streisand effect)

Streisand Effect

The ~: When censorship backfires (BBC News)

reckoned without the Streisand Effect

they ~, which saw the photo ban make headline news
♦ The Streisand Effect is an attempt to censor that results in greater publicity.

attention, scrutiny & promotion / concealment & lack of concealment: allusion

stretch (verb)

stretch (limited) resources
the costs will ~ (defense budget)

failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

stretch (extent)

stretches from Hollywood to the halls of academe
the scandal ~ (admissions scandal)

stretched away
the immense plain ~ into dim distances

extent & scope: materials & substances / verb
fictive motion: materials & substances / verb

stretched (stretched thin, etc.)

stretched thin in Louisiana
health-care workers are ~ (COVID)

failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

stride (in stride)

take it in my stride
it's no pressure, I just ~ (darts championship)

taking things in stride
most people are ~ (terrorism fears and alerts)

took the high water in stride
residents ~ (a flood)

equilibrium & stability: walking, running & jumping

stride (progress)

great stride forward
the bill is a ~

made giant strides

the city has made ~ in the last decade

made great strides

Blacks have made ~ in all areas (desegregation)

made (giant) strides in the last decade
the city has ~ in the last decade

made (great) strides in all areas
Blacks have ~ (desegregation)

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping

stride (hit one's stride)

hit its stride

it has ~ and keeps on gaining momentum (movie series)

hit his stride

he seemed to ~ when he talked about... (politics)

movement / starting, going, continuing & ending: verb / walking, running & jumping

stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)

knock them off stride

dealing with something just before kickoff didn't ~ (team)

disruption / failure, accident & impairment: equilibrium & stability / horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

strike (preemptive strike, etc.)

called the mandate a "preemptive strike"
the mayor ~ (COVID restrictions)

destruction: military / weapon

strike (his hour had struck, etc.)

his hour had struck
when the job was announced, he knew that ~

my time will come

~ (a defeated boxer, looking to his future)

♦ Zhivago goes on a house call to treat a sick woman. Her husband tells Zhivago that a broken clock had suddenly rung just before his wife collapsed. She was convinced that her last hour had struck, and her husband thinks she is suffering from nervous shock. Zhivago diagnoses typhus. Zhivago returns home, and Tonia tells him a broken clock had suddenly chimed. "My hour for typhus has struck," Zhivago laughs. Four paragraphs later, he is delirious with typhus... (Dr. Zhivago by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ see also *time (the time can arrive or come, etc.)*

fate, fortune & chance: day

strike (affect)

strike you

so how did the two events ~ (politics)

strikes some collaborators as impressive
his dedication ~ (an actor)

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation / verb
effect: force / sensation / verb

strike (strike a deal, etc.)

struck a deal
in 1994, we ~

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

strike (forces of nature)

strike Mexico
the hurricane was expected to ~ early Tuesday (Yucatán)

struck with a (13.9-foot) storm tide
Hurricane Audrey ~ (1957)

struck Monday
the storm ~ with little warning... (tornado)

struck at 1:34 p.m.
the quake ~ local time (Greece)

struck a church
a tornado ~ just as the minister said, "Be prepared..."

struck an (oil storage) tank
lightning ~ and set it on fire

struck (two of the) trees
lightning ~

earthquake struck
a powerful ~ off the Solomon Islands, causing a tsunami
a powerful ~ here Monday night (Afghanistan)

lightning struck
~ two of the trees
they were under a tree when ~, killing them...

monsoon (in 1942) struck
the ~ on the 13th of May (Burma)

quake struck
the ~ at 1:34 p.m. local time (Greece)

storm struck
the ~ Monday with little warning (tornado)

tornado struck
a ~ without any warning siren being sounded
warnings were delivered 11.5 minutes before a ~

tsunamis strike
catastrophic ~ less often (than major earthquakes)

typhoon struck
the ~ the coast at 3:50 p.m. in Fujian Province

landslide struck
the ~ late Saturday in Olongapo city

rainstorm struck
a freak desert ~ (Moltsog Els / Mongolia)

force: fist / storm / verb

occurrence: fist / storm / verb

strike (tragedy, etc.)

adversity strikes

when ~, Mormons roll up their sleeves

catastrophe struck
then, ~ (accident)

disaster strikes
his parents have told him what to do if a ~

disaster struck
~ and the men found themselves drifting... (fishermen)

tragedy struck
~ motor racing hard in 1999

occurrence: fist / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / verb

strike (a road can strike a river, etc.)

struck the Ohio River at Louisville
the road ~ (the Wilderness Road)

fictive motion: verb

strike (three strikes, etc.)

three strikes policy
he violated YouTube's longstanding ~

judgment: baseball / sports & games

strike down (verb)

struck down the law
a judge ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

strike out (verb)

strike out
if you ~ at the source, work the edges (an investigation)

struck out
I ~ (failed to accomplish something)

struck out
law enforcement had ~ (child murder)

failure, accident & impairment / success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb

strike out (start)

striking out on her own
she is ~ with a solo album

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

striking (adjective)

find it striking
I ~ that...

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

string (pull strings)

pull strings

I can't ~ and make them perform (a teacher)

pull the strings

politicians ~ and make the policies
he believes insiders ~ (the so-called deep state)
many believe malevolent powers ~ (conspiracy theories)

pull strings to get

he had his father ~ him out of the draft

pull strings from behind the scenes

they will ~ (politicians)

pulled strings in high places

she ~ to get her access to...

tried to pull strings

he ~ to secure an officer's commission

♦ "The Americans are the ones pulling the strings, and Moreno their puppet dancing to the tune of money." (Kristinn Hrafnsson of WikiLeaks.)

control & lack of control: puppet / verb

string (sequence)

string of murders

he was guilty of a ~

sequence: line / rope

string (attachment)

with strings attached

"free" credit reports often come ~

with no strings attached

there are few "free" deals ~

no-strings-attached

we were both looking for ~ sex
~ handouts sap incentive (welfare)

attachment / involvement: rope

strip (verb)

stripped him of his security clearance
the government ~

stripped him of command
the Navy ~ of the aircraft carrier

strip unions of their (bargaining) rights
he wants to ~ (politics)

taking & removing: clothing & accessories / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories / verb

strip (strip something down)

strip it down to its core
if we ~ (music)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories / verb

stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.)

earn your stripes

you've got to ~ (stock-car racing)

achievement, recognition & praise: military

experience: military

stripe (of all stripes)

politicians of all stripes

~ say they want to lower prescription-drug costs

taxonomy & classification: animal / cloth

strip-mine (verb)

strip-mine public assets

they ~ for their private interests (politicians)

♦ "People at my age don't like to move to a new place. But we have no choice. We have no water. The earth is sinking. The air is poisoned. And there's that big man-made mountain." (An elderly Shanxi Province villager in Shangma Huangtou, which is surrounded now on three sides by the An Tai Bao open-pit coal mine. From "The Not So Good Earth," by David Barboza, *The New York Times*, June 23, 2006.)

taking & removing: crime / mining / verb

stripped

stripped of her rights

she was and wants them back (a conservatorship)

stripped of his titles

he was ~ (for doping)

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories

stroke (stroke of midnight, etc.)

stroke of half-time

he cut the lead to one on the ~ (soccer)

time: clock

stroll (stroll to success, etc.)

stroll to victory

Manchester City looked like they would ~ when...

attainment / difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / verb
/ walking, running & jumping

strong (language, etc.)

strong language

there might also be ~ used in the videos you are about to see

strong words

these are ~ (appalling, makes me physically sick, etc.)

♦ "Human rights are where law and politics meet. It can be an unfriendly meeting. A few years ago the then Prime Minister, speaking to the House of Commons, described a recent Supreme Court judgment about human rights as appalling. The same Prime Minister, on a later occasion, said about another human rights decision, that it made him physically sick. These are strong words." (Jonathan Sumption, Human Rights and Wrongs, *The Reith Lectures*.)

strength & weakness: speech

speech: force

strong-arm (verb)

strong-armed subjects

he ~ to get them to lie (a prosecutor)
strong-arm him into joining
his strict father tried to ~ the family's business
strong-armed members into voting
the leadership ~ with the president
strong-armed rather than cajoled
he ~, he intimidated rather than seduced to get his way
♦ Cajole, compel, force, make, mandate, make mandatory, mandate, nudge, persuade, require... (Language used by vaccine advocates about the vaccine reluctant. Words with like meaning include: "intimidate," "strong-arm," and "seduce.")
♦ See the Wikipedia entry for "Applied behavior analysis."

coercion & motivation: arm / crime / verb / violence

stronghold (noun)

stronghold of apartheid sympathy
the Limpopo Province is a ~
stronghold in (eastern) Saudi Arabia
Qatif, a Shiite ~
stronghold for tigers
India is the world's greatest ~
Ibo stronghold
Nigeria with its Yoruba heartland, ~s and Hausa north
Shiite stronghold
Qatif, a ~ in eastern Saudi Arabia
salmon stronghold
Kamchatka, one of the last ~s on earth
Democratic stronghold
Philadelphia is a ~ (politics)
lost control of (some of) its former strongholds
the party ~ (Mexico)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

strongman (power)

"strongman" image
his ~ many not win him votes (Narendra Modi)
strongman leader
he is a ~ in the mold of Erdogan and Putin (Narendra Modi)
military strongman
Khalifa Haftar is Libya's ~

character & personality: military / person person / power: government

struck (affected)

struck by how long
I was ~ it took him...
effect / feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

struck down

struck down by the lower courts

the travel ban was ~ but upheld by the Supreme Court
dismissal, removal & resignation: direction
stuck (adjective)

stuck
without any other job prospects, he is ~
stuck with (obsolete) equipment
they are ~ (Philippine military)
stuck in a (forgotten) corner
Siberians no longer feel ~ of the globe
stuck in a (vicious) cycle
she's ~ (eating to relieve depression)
stuck in the doldrums
the economy is ~
stuck in the middle
we're ~, so we hide indoors (Afghan civilians)
stuck in the past
we can't be ~, we have to move forward (Middle East)
stuck in place
animals can move, but trees are ~
stuck in the same place
we're all ~, going nowhere (futility)
stuck in the trailers
the refugees may be ~ for years (Katrina)
stuck in the (Vienna) airport
most of his gear got ~ (climber)
stuck in a civil war
the Central African Republic has been ~ (2009)
stuck between adolescence and adulthood
he is ~ (a young snowboarder)
stuck between its past and its future
Haiti is ~
stuck between a rock and a hard place
I'm ~ (too poor to improve situation)
stuck between the underground and the mainstream
he is ~ (a young snowboarder)
stuck between his unit and the enemy
he was ~ (a moral issue)
stuck in aging schools
children ~ without air conditioning
feel stuck
Siberians no longer ~ in a forgotten corner of the globe
get stuck
we all ~ in bad beauty habits (cosmetics)
you don't have to ~ in that cycle (a gang)
got stuck
most of his gear ~ in the Vienna airport (climber)

obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
ground, terrain & land / movement
situation: container / movement

stud (male)

stud

he thinks he's a real ~ with the women

behavior / character & personality / sex: animal / horse / person

study (noun)

study in contrasts

he is, in many ways, a ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: school & education

study (quick study)

quick study

he's a ~, but he has a lot to learn

ability & lack of ability: school & education

stuff (noun)

stuff of headlines

he was the ~ (Nansen returns safe)

stuff of legends

to the outside world, India's riches were always the ~

talk about this stuff

it is traumatic for her to ~ (Ronan Farrow)

content: object

stumble (verb)

stumbled offensively

they have ~ (sports team)

stumbled out of the gate

her campaign ~ but has since found its footing

economy is stumbling

the ~

strategy stumbled

that ~ when the group rejected...

talks have stumbled

~ repeatedly over efforts to... (climate change)

failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws:
equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping

stumble (noun)

stumbles on the road

there have been some ~ to reform

string of stumbles

her ~ changed that calculus~ (that she could win easily)

suffered a stumble

his campaign ~ before it began, when he... (politics)

failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws:
equilibrium & stability / walking, running & jumping

stumble (stumble across / on / upon)

stumbled across (skeletal) remains

a game agent ~ (human)

stumbled across (an amazing) break
we ~ (surfers)

stumbled across something
but then she ~ that would change her life (chat rooms)

stumbled on a (major meth) lab
authorities ~

stumbled on her story
he ~ when he... (a journalist)

stumbled on a (new) way
he ~ to do it

stumbled upon a (major) cache
police ~ of weapons

fictive meeting & seeing / searching & discovery: walking, running & jumping / verb

stumble (stumble into a situation)

stumbled into a civil war
Tajikistan quickly ~

involvement: walking, running & jumping / verb

stumble (stumble over one's words)

stumbling over my words
I tried to explain, but I was ~

speech: verb / walking, running & jumping

flaws & lack of flaws: speech / verb / walking, running & jumping

stumbling block

stumbling block in the negotiations
the issue proved to be a major ~

major stumbling block

the issue proved to be a ~ in the negotiations

proved a stumbling block

immune-enhanced disease ~ in developing a vaccine

obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping

stun (verb)

stunned the (Cardiff City) Stadium into silence
Azerbaijan's goal ~ (soccer)

stunned authorities

some of the incidents have ~ (youth violence)

stunned the nation

the crime ~ (Central Park "wilding")

stunned visitors
the death ~ of the community (animal attack)

stunned (U.S.) delegates
the vote ~

stunned France
when Senegal ~, 1-0 (soccer)

stunned Norfolk
the killings ~

stunned many Russians
the death toll ~ (military crash)

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation / verb

stung (feeling)

stung by their breakup
he was ~ (relationship)

remains stung
she ~ by how she is being portrayed in the press

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation / verb

stunned (feeling)

stunned
the mountaineering world was ~ (by Tomaz Humar)
I stood there, ~ (kayaker after near-death experience)
doctors were ~ (new epidemic disease)

stunned to discover
he was not the only one ~ they were drug traffickers

stunned to hear
he was ~ that...
she was ~ him say... (pedophile)

stunned to learn
he was ~ about the Air Force's use of amphetamines

stunned at the number
they were ~ of jihadists heading overseas

stunned by Cameroon
Argentina was ~ 1-0 (soccer)

stunned by the ferocity
commanders were ~ of the ambush (Afghanistan)

stunned by the hostility
she was ~ (gender discrimination)

stunned by the (general's) murder
he is still ~

stunned by what I saw
I was ~ (effects of windstorm)

stunned bystanders
entire houses floated by ~ (flash flood)

stunned mourners
~ gathered (after Kurt Cobain's suicide)

stunned reporter

the ~ kept repeating, "Oh, my goodness..."

stunned silence
there was a brief, ~ (birders see rare bird)

stunned survivors
he gathered the ~ into a defensive perimeter (combat)

stunned travelers
the airport was thronged by ~ (after Bali bombing)

stunned courtroom
no one in the ~ seemed prepared for...

stunned and helpless
they watched in ~ awe (flash flood)

stunned and hurt
her teammates were ~ (racist chants at sports event)

truly stunned
I was ~ (UN decision to allow genocide to continue)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

stunning (adjective)

stunning news
his arrest was ~ in the NHL (hockey)
he summoned his staff and delivered the ~

stunning performance
his ~ in the Alps and the Pyrenees (Tour de France)

stunning twist
it was a ~

stunning victory
he won a ~ Monday night (elections)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

stunt (noun)

political stunt
the mayor called it a ~ (action by federal government)

PR stunt

critics say it is an unnecessary ~ (politics)

♦ In 2020, the illusionist David Blaine soared four miles above the Arizona desert while holding on to 52 helium-filled balloons.

performance: theater

stunted

stunted as a force
we must not let the Internet be ~ for invention

corruption / growth & development: size

stupendous (adjective)

stupendous victory
it was a ~ (sports)

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation

stupid (as noun)

fix stupid

you can't ~, but you can laugh at it

pay a price for stupid

sometimes you ~

pay for your dumb

did you ~, you seem to have an abundance (snark)

knowledge & intelligence: part of speech

stutter (verb)

stuttered a bit

Liverpool has ~ in terms of scoring goals recently

economy stutters

meanwhile, the pandemic accelerates, while the ~

markets stutter

as global ~ over the trade war between...

failure, accident & impairment: sound / verb

progress & lack of progress: sound / verb

stuttering (adjective)

stuttering career

she has since endured a ~ (MMA)

failure, accident & impairment: sound

progress & lack of progress: sound

succumb (die)

succumbed to his injuries

he was taken to Montefiore Medical Center where he ~

♦ This has the sense of lying down to a superior force.

death & life: euphemism / verb

succumb (verb)

succumbed to neglect and disrepair

the city ~ (Matanzas, Cuba, now revived and vibrant)

♦ This has the sense of lying down to a superior force.

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sucked in / into (involved)

get sucked in

do we want to ~ here even further (Middle East)

get sucked into the (Libyan) quagmire

Egypt might ~

get sucked into the (Fortnite) vortex

kids who ~

get sucked into trends and challenges

children who ~ (girl dies doing TikTok pass out challenge)

involvement: verb / water

suffer (groups)

suffer the most

low income and marginalized students will ~ academically

inclusion & exclusion: society

suck up (verb)

suck up information

the F-35 can ~ and pass it to other aircraft

sucking up all of the political oxygen

impeachment going forward is ~ in Congress

♦ Or, *hoover up...*

absorption & immersion: verb / water

suffocate (verb)

suffocate

the economy will ~ without new-jobs creation

suffocate every (natural) instinct

her parents tried to ~ in her (sex)

oppression: breathing / verb

suffocated

suffocated by this deluge

the coral reefs are slowly ~ of refuse (trash, nets, plastic)

destruction: breathing

suffocating

suffocating

the feeling of isolation is ~ (an island off of Chile)

♦ WARNING: to avoid danger of suffocation, keep this plastic bag away from babies and children. Do not use this bag in cribs, beds, carriages or play pens. This bag is not a toy." (Wantdo.)

feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: breathing

sugarcoat (and candy-coat)

sugarcoat

he would give a sober assessment, he would not ~

candy-coat it

I ain't gonna ~, I deserve to be executed (death row)

sugarcoat history

lawmakers should not ~ or try to rewrite it (Armenians)

sugarcoat that

what she did was a crime, there is no way to ~

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / subterfuge: materials & substances / taste / verb

sugarcoated

non-sugarcoated assessment

the president asked for a ~ of the situation on the ground

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / subterfuge: taste

sugarcoating (noun)

sugarcoating

no ~, no cheerleading, just the truth (a sports report)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / subterfuge: taste

suggest (indicate)

suggest

what it does ~ is that...

suggest that

we don't have any evidence to ~... (investigation)

suggest about how

what does this ~ this position is viewed by the president

suggest one bacterium over another

the character of the sputum may ~

suggest (overt political) bias

these cases ~ at the Department of Justice

suggest another diagnosis

these symptoms are uncharacteristic and should ~

suggests fracture

gingival bleeding at base of tooth ~

suggest the possibility

certain clues ~ of a struggle

suggest violence

pattern injuries ~

suggest abuse or battering

contusions that are circular or linear ~

suggested poisoning

his symptoms ~

advisory suggested

the ~ climbers descend... (bad weather)

analysis has suggested

matched cohort ~ a lower mortality rate in...

analyses suggest

similar ~ that whales evolved from land animals

data suggest

the ~ that mothers who smoke... (study)

new census ~ that there are far more...

~ that insignificant contact with bats may...

recent ~ that captopril may play a unique role in...

edema (also) suggests

the peripheral ~ deep vein thrombosis

estimates suggest

government ~ the strike has cost over...

evidence suggests

that idea is not quite right, ~

anecdotal ~ that most users are males under 40
a growing body of ~ that even brief bedrest is...
but some new ~ this one might be different
the overwhelming ~ that we eat too much salt

experience suggests

his own ~ that a typical corporate network suffers...

findings suggest

the following physical ~ a focal infection
the ~ that...

forecasts suggest

the administration's own economic ~ that... (jobs)

history (of vaginal discharge) suggests

a ~ that... (ED)

injuries suggest

pattern ~ violence (ED)

models (of ARDS) suggest

adult and infant animal ~ that...

profile had suggested

an FBI ~ the kidnapper is a predator, and possibly...

profile (also) suggested

the ~ that the killer... (FBI-created profile)

recommendations suggest

recent ~ treatment for 60 days with... (anthrax)

reconstruction (of this crash) suggests

as a ~, some accidents may be "normal" (plane crash)

reports suggested

preliminary ~ rough seas overwhelmed the boat

research suggests

but new ~ that even...

researchers suggested

some ~ that the study might have understated...

scores suggested

and test ~ that 70% of Fremont's students didn't...

signs suggest

nearly all ~ Armstrong is ready (Tour de France)

statistics suggested

that risk was, ~, far higher than... (shuttle)

studies suggest

some ~ that prolonged bedrest...

although ~ a greater prevalence in developed nations

current ~ that four or five times a week is best;

molecular ~ that SIV entered chimpanzees long after...

other ~ that 3-10% of elders are abused or neglected

surveys suggest

recent ~ that 36% of under-29-year-olds in Britain...

national ~ that 94% of parents acknowledge...

symptoms suggest

contraindicated in children whose ~ Reye syndrome

theory suggests
this ~ that elder abuse is caused by...

common sense suggests
~ that at some point...

vital signs may suggest
the ~ sepsis even if fever is absent

testing suggested
shuttle ~ that the wings were vulnerable...

evidence to suggest
there is no ~ that he informed school officials...

nothing to suggest
there was ~ the action was in any way related to...

reasons to suggest
there are plenty of ~ that...

fair to suggest
it isn't ~ that the Central Asians are...

strongly suggests
the evidence ~ that...

strongly suggest
pink frothy sputum and dyspnea ~ pulmonary edema

evidence / fictive communication: speech / verb
analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb

suggestion (evidence)

suggestion of foul play
there was no ~

evidence: speech

suicide (career suicide, etc.)

suicide by a thousand cuts
the company is committing ~ (failing)

career suicide
they have decided to risk ~
he's committing ~ (prosecutor refused to drop case)

commercial suicide
not to use the engine would have been ~ (Boeing)

political suicide
investigating our own agency would be ~
it's ~ for the Democrats... (politics)
it would be ~ to return to combat operations (Afghanistan)

committed (political) suicide
he ~ by announcing that...

♦ The Yangtze River Bridge (Nanjing); the Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco); the Pancevo Bridge (Belgrade); two main bridges over the Han River (Seoul); the Aurora Bridge (Seattle); the Aokigahara Forest (on the northwestern flank of Mount Fuji); the Hussain Sagar Lake in Hyderabad; The Gap (Sydney); the Vessel (Hudson Yards, New York City)... (Suicide magnets.)

♦ In Dante's *The Inferno*, the souls of suicides are encased within trees and vegetation in the Forest of the Suicides. "[The violent spirit] falls into the wood, and landing there, / wherever fortune flings it, it strikes root, / and there it sprouts..." (From the great translation by John Ciardi.)

destruction: death & life

suit (person)

suits and decision-makers
we walked into the room with all the ~ (two actors)

power: person / sign, signal, symbol

suit (follow suit)

follow suit
states feel pressure to ~ (gambling policy)

uniformity & consensus: cards / verb

suite (suite of tools, etc.)

suite of (terrorism) statutes
there are a ~ in the federal criminal code

suite of tools
the rover has a ~ (Mars Science Lab)

robust suite
the MQ-9 has a ~ of visual sensors for targeting

amount / group, set & collection: infrastructure

suitor (noun)

suitors for Lehman Brothers
the ~ weren't really serious

a lot of suitors
but there are ~... (Sri Lanka and geopolitics, diplomacy)

attract suitors
they will inevitably ~ in the summer (2 soccer players)

seeking suitors
he E.W. Scrips Co. is ~ for the Rocky Mountain News

person: love, courtship & marriage
pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / person

sully (verb)

sullied their relationship
the loan might have ~ (two naval officers)

sullied my reputation
the incident ~

♦ **Dirtied...**

accusation & criticism / flaws & lack of flaws: verb

summit (at the summit)

at the summit of her achievement
the work stands ~ as an artist

at the summit of his fame
he turned his back on Hollywood ~

at the summit of his power
he died ~

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / mountains & hills

sun (currency and obsolescence)

moment in the sun

he had his ~ (rock star)

I think they have had their ~ (team in World Cup)

new day in the sun

the research is having a ~ (on attention)

sun has set

the ~ on the Kennedy era

sun is setting

the ~ on the dirty energy of the past

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day / sun

sunk in

sunk in

it's over, and that hasn't ~ yet

comprehension & incomprehension: water

absorption & immersion: water

sunlight (concealment)

sunlight

behind closed doors, without any ~ whatsoever (hearings)

sunlight of (open) debate

he exposed them to the disinfecting ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / sun

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / sun

sunny (adjective)

sunny side

look on the ~ (advice to parent of toddler with problem)

sunny smile

a ~ seemed the antidote to adversity

danceable, sunny

the group wrote ~ lyrics

♦ SAD stands for seasonal affective disorder. It goes away in the spring.

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / sun

sunset (ride into the sunset)

riding into the sunset

after tomorrow, I'm going to be ~ (vote)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day / film / horse / sun

Super Bowl

Super Bowl of spirit competitions

the annual Cheerleading Worlds—the ~

Super Bowl of the canines

the ~ (Westminster Dog Show)

Superbowl of church suppers
the ~ (Wild Game Supper in Bradford, Vt.)

akin to the Super Bowl

in the mountainous nations, the *Hahnenkamm* is ~ (skiing)

♦ "This is our Super Bowl, absolutely, for entomologists, we've been looking forward to this." (An excited Michael J. Raupp, professor emeritus at the University of Maryland, about an emergence of periodical cicadas, Brood X. He is also known as "the Bug Guy.")

superlative: epithet / football / sports & games

supercharge (verb)

supercharges the storm

climate change ~ (hurricanes)

increase & decrease / power / speed / strength & weakness: engine / mechanism / verb

supercharged

supercharged identity

his background in law enforcement gave him a bit of a ~

increase & decrease / power / speed / strength & weakness: engine / mechanism

superhighway

superhighway

the road to stardom hasn't been a ~ for her (actor)

shipping superhighway

the Strait of Malacca is a ~

information superhighway

popular culture now rides on the ~

he mines the ~

the railroad was the original ~

route: infrastructure

supernova (achievement)

tech supernova

she was a ~ who said she had an amazing invention

pitching supernova

Dwight Gooden was a ~

achievement, recognition & praise / growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superlative: astronomy / light & dark / star

supernova (attention)

went supernova

the conflict ~ in the pages of *The New York Times*

attention, scrutiny & promotion: astronomy / light & dark / star

supersize (verb)

supersized all those policies

the president ~ (border control)

♦ According to Wikipedia, "the phrase was particularly used by McDonald's restaurants to upsize their French fries and soft drinks."

increase & decrease: food & drink / size / verb

supersized (adjective)

supersized (personal) mandate

Boris Johnson's premiership rests on a ~

size: food & drink

supersizing (linguistic supersizing)

linguistic supersizing

~ is everywhere (hyperbole / wretched excess)

♦ Afraid (terrified); agreement (landmark agreement); bad (hideous); all-too-believable (unbelievable); clever (genius); flavour (flavour bomb); hero (superhero); hot (sweltering); hungry (starving); nice (awesome); sad (tragic); storm (Frankenstorm); tired (shattered); tragedy (terrible / horrific tragedy); weather (weather bomb); uber; ova-; mega... ("The extreme language of extroverts," BBC Reel, 13 May 2021, an excellent script and narration by Susie Dent.)

♦ Absolutely anything; absolutely perfect; absolutely palpable, completely awestruck; crazy delicious; extraordinarily brave; ferocious achievements (for a woman at a time when...); fundamentally horrific; incredibly brave; mad funny; particularly heinous; REEEE-ly, REEEE-ly contagious (NPR); truly dire; unspeakable tragedy... (Linguistic supersizing.)

♦ "It takes huge bravery to say what she's saying. (Simon Biles withdraws from Tokyo Olympics event to prioritize her wellbeing.)

♦ Horrific (adjective); horrifically; horrified; horrifying (adjective)... (A group of Black lady golfers were kicked off a golf course for playing too slowly. One of them described it as a "horrific" experience.)

♦ "He has admitted to a huge, horrible mistake." (Watched porn on cellphone.)

♦ "Unimaginable horror has somehow even gotten worse." (A young war correspondent.)

♦ "Our life was running at 150,000 miles an hour" (the husband about his marriage to a pop celebrity, which ended badly); "We as a society refuse to address the 9,000 pound gorilla in the room" (guns); "Maybe you have to look at things from 20 billion miles up to get this kind of perspective"... (Linguistic supersizing with numbers.)

♦ "On March 25, about 2,400 miles away [from Portland, Oregon] in a Tennessee courtroom..." (Portland to Nashville is 2,349 miles driving and 1,970 miles as the crow flies.)

♦ "The crucible of anxiety..." (College admissions.)

♦ "How to see the 'Super Flower Blood Moon'..." (BBC. Uh, look up?)

♦ A person who commented on an ABC article about a "Super Flower Blood Moon" lamented, "Can we please just go back to the days when it was just a 'full moon'?"

♦ "And astronomers tomorrow will witness a clash [dramatic orchestral music]. After creeping towards each other, Venus and Jupiter will seem to touch as they glow in the pre-dawn light... To us on earth, they will align in what is called a planetary conjunction." (BBC Science Reporter Regina Reinhard. Such a conjunction happens every year.)

♦ "The Milky Way devours its neighbors, cannibalizing dwarf galaxies."

♦ "Scientists think they've found a big, weird moon in a far-off star system." (NPR.)

♦ "...dialogue that sounds unpremeditated but has a *neutron-star density* of drama and emotion." ("Sally Rooney Addresses Her Critics" by Caleb Crain, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)

♦ "The heroes saving Ireland's seals... Ireland's inspiring seal sanctuary." (BBC aka the Beeb, Auntie.)

♦ "These forest fires are really really real."

♦ "The Omicron virus is REEEE-ly, REEEE-ly contagious." (Selena Simmons-Duffin of NPR. Type "really really" in the search box at NPR and you get 6,794 hits and counting.)

♦ "Crushing pressure, brutal cold and utter darkness; an epic journey into the unknown; alien worlds; bizarre creatures; extraordinary new behaviours; unendurable pressures; savage hordes of Humboldt squid..." (BBC enters the hype realm for Blue Planet II, The Deep.)

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♦ "It's the biggest myth in the history of myths." (John Madden, the bombastic sports broadcaster, reacting to comments about some little thing that he had allegedly said or done. Sports broadcasters are often bombastic, flamboyant, and known for hyperbole.)

♦ "Ah, the word *genius* is passed around rather generously, isn't it... Russians assign the thinner term *TAL•ant*, talent... It is a bizarre example of semantic discrepancy, the same word [*genius*] being more substantial in one language [Russian] than in another [English]. Although my Russian and my English are practically coeval, I still feel appalled and puzzled at seeing *genius* applied to *any* important storyteller... *Genius* still means to me in my Russian fastidiousness and pride of phrase a unique, dazzling gift, the gift of James Joyce, not the talent of Henry James." (Vladimir Nabokov, BBC Author Archive Collection, "James Mossman talks to Russian writer Vladimir Nabokov in this 1970 interview.")

♦ "WOW! Why do they always call these nor'easters "Dangerous"! Have they never had one before?" (TiredProgrammer.)

♦ Much in our society is and always has been commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, super, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, "throw it all on the wall and see what sticks," *artisanal, craft, custom, heirloom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, verb-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, massive, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, "try this genius hack to..." In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb* to *smart* to *brilliant*.

♦ see also *buzzword (noun)*, *boilerplate (noun)*, *ese (legalese, etc.)*, *funny language, language (of sports, cars, etc.)*, *lip service (pay lip service, etc.)*, *speak (NASA-speak, etc.)*, *talk (mediator talk, etc.)*

hyperbole: food & drink / size

language: speech

super-spreader

super spreaders

“~” perpetuate conspiracy theories on social media

transmission: health & medicine

supine (adjective)

supine relationship

he embodies his party's rather ~ to this president (politics)

supine and silent

Congress has been ~

dominance & submission: standing, sitting & lying

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying

supinely

accepted supinely

physicians ~ this crucial flaw in Galen's material (anatomy)

dominance & submission: standing, sitting & lying

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying

supple (adjective)

supple

artificial intelligence can be as ~ as a human's

supple intelligence

her ~ distinguished her (a political advisor)

supple sensitivity
he performs the songs with ~ (Sinatra)

supple voice
her ~ can caress and shock (a singer)
his ~ constantly transforms itself

supple (pop-jazz) voice
she has a ~

supple and durable
radio is a ~ technology

**ability & lack of ability / constraint & lack of constraint:
materials & substances / movement**

Supreme Court

Supreme Court of (Facebook) enforcement
the Oversight Board is sort of a ~

judgment / punishment & recrimination: justice
judgment: epithet

surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)

surefire investment
I thought it was a ~

surefire recipe
this is a ~ to ruin the economy (politics)

surefire replacement
the team has no ~ for either player (sports)

surefire solution
there is no ~ for this

surefire technique
another ~ is to...

surefire way
it's a ~ to make money
no one has yet found a ~ to do that

seems surefire
a scene that ~ in rehearsal can fall flat

flaws & lack of flaws: weapon
certainty & uncertainty: weapon

sure-footed (adjective)

sure-footed
he came off as defensive, not so ~ (a politician)

**flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / walking,
running & jumping**

surf (computers)

surf the Internet
she likes to ~

♦ Hitting a log the size of a telephone pole (Teahupoo); broken femur, neck, nose, burst eardrum, knee dislocation, getting your thigh ripped open by a surfboard fin; being stripped of your flotation vest, rash guard and trunks in the whitewater and left naked... (Just a few of the many surfing hazards.)

♦ "For the storm to be right here, it should be a lot better." (A disappointed surfer in North Carolina, remarking on the smallish waves generated by Hurricane Earl.)

♦ "They provide themselves with a thin board, on these they swim off shore to meet the Surf... [They] manage so as to get just before it or rather on the Slant or declivity of the Surf & thus they lie...laying hold of the fore part of the board which receives the force of the water on its under side, & by that means keeps before the wave which drives it along with an incredible Swiftness to the shore... We saw with astonishment young boys & Girls about 9 or ten playing amid such tempestuous Waves that the hardiest of our seamen would have trembled to face..." (David Samwell describing the scene at Kealakekua Bay, January 22, 1779.)

♦ "Eddie Aikau, Shane Dorian, Andy Irons, Bruce Irons, Kelly Slater, Sunny Garcia... (The great Makua Rothman listing just some of his influences. "Eddy would go!")

♦ 2009, 2004, 1998, 1983, 1974, and the Big One in 1969... (Years for legendary surf on the North Shore of Oahu.)

computers: sports & games / verb

surface (intransitive)

surface
the truth may never ~ (rumors in the news)

surfaced on (several) gossip blogs
the video clip ~ last week

surfaced in Canada
they disappeared and then ~

surfaced in the Hollywood Reporter
allegations of sexual assault ~

eventually surface
the truth will ~ (disappearance of college coed)

evidence has surfaced
no new ~ in the case

name surfaced
his ~ during the investigation (terrorist)

**appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of
concealment / searching & discovery: verb / water**

surface (transitive)

surfaced (upsetting) footage
he ~ of catastrophe and corruption (Spike Lee / *Epicenters*)

surface the basic, fundamental ideas
they did ~ (a discussion of abortion rights)

surfacing that for them
how are we ~ (good articles on cellphone / NYT editor)

♦ "The Gender Cool Project, a youth-led organization surfacing positive trans stories..."

**appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of
concealment / searching & discovery: part of speech / verb
/ water**

surface (on the surface)

on the surface
~, it looks bad

appearance & reality: water

surface (under the surface)

under the surface

but ~, the sectarian divisions remain (Lebanon)
there is anger ~ ready to erupt at any time

bubbling (just) under the surface

conflict is ~

appearance & reality: water

concealment & lack of concealment: water

surface (scratch the surface)

scratch the surface

these findings just ~

scratches the surface

even this huge number barely ~ (microbes in gut)

extent & scope: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

surface (bring to the surface)

brought the (bitter) rift to the surface

the incident ~ (between military and government)

appearance & disappearance: verb / water

concealment & lack of concealment: verb / water

surge (noun)

surge in violence

there has been a ~ (Chicago gang violence)

amount & effect / movement: tide / water

surge (intransitive verb / increase)

membership surged

gang ~

numbers surging

why are the ~ (for testing accommodations)

increase & decrease: direction / movement / tide / water / verb

surge (intransitive verb / effect)

surged across the Americas

the disease ~ (dengue fever / 2019)

surging across the southern border

migrants are ~

amount & effect: tide / verb / water

movement: tide / verb / water

surge (transitive verb)

surging (more than) 500 officers

the mayor is ~ to fight subway crime (NYC)

surged their (national) resources

the ATF ~ (serial bombings in Austin, Texas)

directing: tide / verb / water

surgery (noun)

drastic surgery

~ seems the only answer (to cure ills of soccer team)

radical surgery

France is resisting such ~ (austerity)

♦ "Drastic surgery seems the only answer, amputate before infection spreads." (A Manchester United fan.)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

surgical (adjective)

surgical approach

for a century, the Supreme Court has used a more ~

surgical clarity

he tells his story with a ~ (short story collection)

surgical fashion

we are fighting this in very ~ (Israel vs. Hamas)
the assassination was carried out in a ~ (M. Fakhrizadeh)

surgical precision

lawmakers wrote the election law with ~ to exclude Blacks

surgical strike

the killing was a ~ (an assassination)
a ~ on a car carrying the commander of...
a brilliantly executed ~ by Israeli jets (in Syria)

surgical way

we are prosecuting this war in the most ~

♦ "Drone strikes are supposed to be precise, *surgical* is the word most often used..." ("U.S. air strikes have killed thousands of civilians, NYT Magazine investigation finds," NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, December 25, 2021.)

♦ BBC "Austria: Doctor fined for amputating wrong leg of patient," Europe, 1 December 2021.

flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine

surreal (adjective)

surreal

what's happening on reality TV is ~

'surreal' dream

Welsh teenager Lewy Williams living his ~ (darts)

surreal (televised) interview

he was forced to confess in a ~

'surreal' (January) wildfire

~ shuts California highway (unseasonable)

♦ Merriam-Webster cites first usage as 1937. It comes from the name of the post-WWI 1924 Surrealism movement, associated with Rene Magritte and the melting clocks of Salvador Dali.

fantasy & reality: allusion

surrender (verb)

surrender their seats to (pregnant) women

some refuse to ~ (New Yorkers)

surrendered his (medical) license

he has ~ and can no longer practice

surrender (unlicensed) firearms
the Interior Ministry appealed to citizens to ~

surrendered its artistic freedom
criticism the opera house had ~

possession: military / verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

survivor (person)

survivor
he's a ~ who always gets back up (a politician)

Survivor Corps
Diana Berrent, Founder, ~ (Long COVID)

COVID-19 survivors
what survivor's guilt looks like for three ~ (NPR)

Hurricane Laura survivor
~ among hundreds of thousands without power

sexual assault survivor
NPR's Ailsa Chang talks with ex-football player and ~

police shooting survivor
the family of a ~ is speaking out...

black survivors
the lack of services for many ~ (crime)

cancer survivor
~ Hayley will be the youngest American to visit space

stroke survivor
she give voice to ~ in debut novel

trauma survivors
her mural explores themes of healing for ~

political survivor
she is a shrewd ~ (German Chancellor)

21 million (male) survivors
the estimated ~ (abuse by Catholic Church, Boy Scouts)

millions of survivors
~ have been living with the impacts (domestic abuse)

♦ "The New Yorker's article on Long covid, in which I was a central subject, was a profound affront to everyone suffering the long-term sequelae of even mild and asymptomatic cases of covid-19." (Diana Berrent.)

♦ "Nassar abuse survivors reach \$380 million deal with USA Gymnastics, Olympic committee" by Joe Hernandez, NPR, updated December 13, 2021.

♦ "For Centenarian Survivor Of 1918 Flu Pandemic, Coronavirus Is Just Another 'Problem,'" NPR, All Things Considered, April 15, 2020. The "survivor," who was five years old at the time, did not actually get the flu but he was alive, along with billions of other survivors, during that pandemic.

♦ "[W]e take a look at why *Survivor* has been a staple of TV conversation for 20 years." ("Idols, Islands, Snakes & Rats: 20 Years Of 'Survivor' by Linda Holmes and Stephen Thompson, NPR, Review, Pop Culture Happy Hour, April 15, 2020.)

♦ "The first Russian patrol came in sight of the camp about midday on 27 January 1945... / They were four young soldiers on horseback... throwing strangely embarrassed glances at the sprawling bodies, at the battered huts and at us few still alive..." (*The Truce* by Primo Levi.)

person: death & life
resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: person
suspended

suspended between modernity and the Middle Ages
Casablanca is ~

configuration: pendulum
division & connection: pendulum
suspended animation

entered suspended animation
the Democratic primary season ~ (pandemic)

stuck in suspended animation
his campaign is ~ (shut down by pandemic)

activity: death & life
starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life
sustenance (noun)

kind of sustenance
words were a ~ (NBA speech)

consumption: food & drink

Svengali (allusion)

Svengali effect
he's got this ~ on people (suicide bombers)

Svengali-like
Vicky Page seemed to be the victim of the ~ Lermontov

character & personality / subterfuge: allusion
allusion: books & reading

swagger (noun)

99% swagger
after *Iron Man* he's ~ (Jill Lepore about Elon Musk)

swagger and hustle
~ are expected (in Silicon Valley / Fake it till you make it)

swagger and (unexpected) sensitivity
Rivera brought ~ to the character (*Glee*'s Santana)

tradition and swagger
the team oozes ~ (Alabama football / Roll Tide!)

put the "swagger" back in the department
he wants to ~ (US government)

♦ "Now, let's show them some good old-fashioned American swagger." (Tommy Lee Jones in the role of General Douglas MacArthur, biting down with an audible click on his long-stemmed corn cob pipe, from the 2012 film *Emperor*.)

character & personality: walking, running & jumping

swagger (verb)

swagger
this culture rewards people who ~, until it doesn't...

character & personality: verb / walking, running & jumping

swallow (accept)

swallow

take as much sovereignty as you can ~ (Yeltsin)
a "conflict" is easier to ~ than a war (terminology)

swallowed his story hook, line and sinker

I ~ (army recruiter)

hard to swallow

the results of such a study are ~

tough (one) to swallow

I'm gutted, it's a ~ (Conor McGregor loses to Poirier)

pill to swallow

getting advice can be a bitter ~
it was a hard ~ having medalled in the past (track loss)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

♦ "I can get it out of my craw, it's stuck in it." (Skip Bayless, about a point of disagreement with Shannon Sharpe, on their wonderful sports show "Skip and Shannon: Undisputed.")

consumption: food & drink / stomach / throat / verb

acceptance & rejection: food & drink / stomach / throat / verb

swallow (disappearance)

swallowed him up

the streets ~ real quick (Detroit crime)
the sea just ~, queer... (*Moby Dick*)

swallowed (two unoccupied) cars

a sinkhole ~ in Seattle (broken main)

swallow huts

sand dunes threatened to ~ (desertification in Niger)

swallowed her life

the cult quickly ~ (a sex cult)

swallowed them

always the jungle rose and ~ (villages, civilizations)

sinkhole swallowed

a ~ a sewer-repair truck (Portland)
a ~ two unoccupied cars in Seattle (broken water main)

appearance & disappearance: bodily reaction / verb

consumption / resemblance: bodily reaction / verb

swallowed

swallowed whole

the company's promises were ~ by the tech press (fraud)

acceptance & rejection: stomach / throat

consumption: food & drink

swamp (verb)

swamp Tibet with (Chinese) migrants

our main concern is that the railway will ~ (Qinghai-Tibet)

swamped the (entire) industry

the economic downturn ~ (journalism and newspapers)

amount & effect: boat / verb / water / wave

movement: boat / verb / water / wave

swamp (fever swamp)

fever swamp of the alt-right

this is sort of the ~ (books of a conspiracy theorist)

online fever swamps

they dredge up wild beliefs from ~ (a podcast)

♦ "This game has all the qualities of a neglected pond, turgid, stagnant and honking." (A disgruntled fan, about a Champions League final.)

environment: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water

corruption: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water

fantasy & reality: health & medicine

swamp (drain the swamp)

drain the swamp

he promised to ~ of Congress

Twitter tries to ~

"drain the swamp" strategy

the Trump's campaign ~

amelioration & renewal / corruption: ground, terrain & land / swamp / verb / water

swamped

swamped by criticism

BP has been ~ as the oil leak gushes (in Gulf of Mexico)

swamped with patients

the VA is ~ with hearing problems

get swamped

you can ~ on every single issue (government)

amount & effect: boat / water

swan (black swan)

black swan of this event

we've got this ~ where we had to... (pandemic)

black-swan candidate

Trump is a one of a kind, a ~ (said in 2016)

"black swan" events

the unexpected ~ posed challenges (election campaign)
~ are rare but unpredictable

black swan event

a US default is such a ~ that it has never happened before
the community suffered a single ~ but is safe (crime)

black-swan event

this is a ~, and... (COVID-19 pandemic)

"Black Swan" possibilities

the reports identifies some ~ that could disrupt...

"Black Swan" theory

the ~ of risk (economics and disasters)

fifty other black swans
we're lucky we haven't seen ~ (markets stable / pandemic)

beware the black swan
you must ~ (a highly unlikely unpredictable event)

♦ "Black swan" events that hurt Bernie Sanders in his bid to be the Democratic nominee for president in 2019-2020 included: (1) his heart attack (2) Trump's impeachment trial, which meant Sanders had to take time off from campaigning and (3) the coronavirus pandemic that made it impossible for him to hold large rallies of his supporters.

♦ You observe 5,000 white swans. You conclude, "All swans are white." Then Captain Cook goes to Australia, and he notices black swans." (A problem with observation and inductive reasoning.)

♦ A "five-sigma event" has only a one-in-3.5 million probability of happening.

fate, fortune & chance: animal / bird / color / sky
occurrence: animal / bird / color / sky

appearance & disappearance: animal / bird / color / sky

swan song

swan song
it was the restaurant's ~ (celebration of bankruptcy)

swansong as James Bond
Daniel Craig's ~ (the film *No Time To Die*)

starting, going, continuing & ending: allusion / theater

swarm (verb)

swarming
lawyers are ~

swarm around foreigners
children and grown men ~ (Cox's Bazar)

swarms with pilgrims
during the week before Christmas Lalibela ~ (Ethiopia)

swarming the city
security guards are ~ (Olympics)

swarmed the playground
the children ~ (opening ceremony)

♦ In a delightful "Talk of the Town" article in *The New Yorker*, Michael Schulman points out that New Yorkers "swarm" for things like "flash mobs, Occupy Wall Street, the cronut line." His article, however, is about *actual* swarms and how New York City's finest deal with them. ("Law and Order: Bee Cops," September 17, 2018.)

activity / behavior: animal / insect / verb
amount & effect: animal / insect / verb

swarm (noun)

swarm of (citizen) complaints
the noise has prompted a ~

swarm of earthquakes
authorities recorded a ~ (Taal Volcano erupts)

swarms of particles
the comet sheds ~ as it nears the sun (Leonids)

swarms of protestors
the meetings of the World Bank have drawn ~

swarms of shoppers

the nation's malls opened to ~ (holiday season)

swarm of tornadoes

a ~ and powerful thunderstorms belted the area
a devastating ~ left four people dead (Texas)

"swarm" of tremors

a ~ were felt last year (earthquakes in Surrey)

"swarm tactics"

~ will be used to overrun the enemy (Iraqi Freedom)

swarm technique

the ~ is where multiple officers use their body weight to...

♦ The wonderful science writer Carol Kaesuk Yoon has reported that in 1875 a swarm of Rocky Mountain locusts formed the largest recorded locust swarm in recorded history, 1,800 miles long and 110 miles wide... Just twenty-eight years later, the Rocky Mountain locust was extinct. The last live locust was collected in 1902, and today the only way scientists can study them is to examine the carcasses of those locusts blown off course and preserved in glaciers.

activity / behavior / amount & effect: animal / insect

sweat (feeling)

made to sweat

the US side was ~ by the French (close US soccer victory)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

sweat (work)

blood, sweat and tears

he gave the franchise 20 years of his ~ (Kobe Bryant)

breaking a sweat

nobody is ~ over this work (progress bars on devices)

work & duty: bodily reaction / sign, signal, symbol

difficulty, easiness & effort: bodily reaction / sign, signal, symbol

sweeping

sweeping change

the report called for ~ (shuttle safety)
there is not yet a groundswell of support for ~

sweeping curve

the ~ directly upstream of the falls (river)

sweeping impact

the ~ of fire on the sagebrush plains

sweeping (U.N.) resolution

a ~ against terrorist financing

extent & scope: movement / pendulum

sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)

temperamental sweepstakes

if you are impervious to self-doubt, you have won the ~

won the (temperamental) sweepstakes

if you are impervious to self-doubt, you have ~

success & failure: gambling

sweet (personality)

sweet personality

her ~ has made her a lot of friends (exchange student)

sweet-charactered

a suitable and ~ girl

sweet-faced

a TV show filled with ~ young men

sweet-tempered

a ~ boy

cute, sophisticated and sweet

fashion to make her feel ~ (adolescents)

character & personality: taste

sweet (sweet dreams, etc.)

sweet dreams

you hug her and kiss her and wish her ~

consumption: food & drink / taste

sweetheart (vocative)

sweetheart

hey, ~

vocative: heart / taste

sweetheart (other)

sweetheart

baby, won't you be my ~

sweetheart couple

they were the media's ~ before they split in 2002

sweetheart deal

China for so many years has had a ~ (politics)

America's sweetheart

in 2012, Taylor Swift was unequivocally ~
she'd become ~ (1972 / the great Carole King)
he was the son of ~ (Terry Melchor / Doris Day)

high school sweetheart

she wed ~ Bobby

high-school sweetheart

they had been ~s

kiss of my sweetheart

the tender ~ on my cheek

attraction & repulsion / heart: person / taste

person: heart

sweet spot

sweet spot on sleep

so how do we hit the ~ (too much, little, etc.)

hit the sweet spot

he ~ with two hits (a writer-director)

hits the sweet spot

Pennsylvania maple ~ (best wood for baseball bats)

looking for a sweet spot

a happy medium, something in between, they are ~

flaw & lack of flaws: taste

swell (verb)

swollen in South Carolina

welfare rolls have ~

swelled enrollment from 1,500 to 2,100

a marketing push that has ~ (school)

swelled to (nearly) 8,000

by the 1940s, the number of fire lookouts had ~

swelled to (more than) 1 million

the population ~ (Everglades alligators)

swelled by (another) 1 million

the capital of 1.3 million had ~ (Kabul)

swelled beyond (official) estimates

struggling to help a group that has ~(immigrants)

numbers swelled

as their ~ to 437,000 (adjuncts)

numbers have swollen

police ~ in Sydney's west and southwest (pandemic)

population swelled

the ~ to more than 1 million (Everglades alligators)

ranks swell

their ~ out of sympathy (radicals)

staff swells

its ~ to 400 with the approach of summer

increase & decrease: health & medicine / size / verb

swept away (emotion)

swept away

he's ~ (drummer on a giant elk-skin drum)

feeling, emotion & effect: river / sea / water

swept away (removal)

swept away

the old order was ~ (Russian revolution)

dismissal, removal & resignation: river / sea / water

destruction: river / sea / water

swim (verb)

swim or sink

we are going to ~ together (revitalizing Detroit / 2010)

survival, persistence & endurance: water / verb

swine (behavior)

absolute swine

he was an ~ to him (a film director to an actor)

♦ You can take a swine to the Rhine, but he'll still be a swine. (Higher education, junior year abroad programs, etc.)

behavior / insult: animal

swing (take a swing)

took a swing at BP

the President ~ (oil slick)

got in one more swing

the Sander's campaign ~ against his opponent (politics)

conflict: boxing / verb

swing (in full swing)

in full swing

the economic recovery is ~

the fire season is ~

the coronavirus crisis is ~

activity / extent & scope: movement / pendulum

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / pendulum

swing (swing around)

swung around

this thing has ~ (losing boxer wins round)

reversal: movement / pendulum

development: direction / movement

swing (development)

swing state

Iowa is a ~

development: movement / pendulum

swing (swing and a miss)

swing and a miss

intelligence reports were a “~” (Afghanistan)

swing and a miss for the Democrats

the hearings were a ~

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

swirl (verb)

swirl

new questions ~ over the downing of the plane

swirling

questions are ~, “What happened” (murder of woman)

swirled around his death

conspiracy theories ~ (Adrian Lamo)

swirl around him

allegations continue to ~ (cheating, etc.)

swirled around Mulholland

those scandals ~, he ducked and dived... (Los Angeles)

swirling for two years

these allegations have been ~ (politics)

swirled for decades

rumors have ~ (assassination)

continue to swirl

questions ~ around Boeing after two deadly air crashes

continues to swirl

the mystery ~ about exactly what happened (crime)

activity / initiation: movement / verb / water

Swiss cheese (noun)

Swiss cheese model

something known as the ~ (epidemiology)

♦ “No single intervention is typically enough to stop an epidemic. And the way I like to think about this and the way many epidemiologists think about this is something known as the Swiss cheese model. So imagine you have pieces of Swiss cheese that you’re stacking up, and each of them have some holes in it, and they’re random pieces of Swiss cheese, like you’re making a sandwich, and you’re piling up pieces of Swiss cheese, if each piece of Swiss cheese represents a defense, a layer of defense, for example, one piece is wearing masks, and another piece is closing schools, and another piece is banning gatherings, and another piece is washing your hands, and another piece is you know restricting travel or something, if each of those pieces represents some intervention, and each of the holes is sort of randomly positioned in each slice, by the time you’ve stacked up two or three or four slices, none of the holes overlap, and so a virus can’t get through. It can’t penetrate all the layers of defenses...” (Nicholas Christakis, “Denial And Lies Are ‘Almost An Intrinsic Part Of An Epidemic,’ Doctor Says,” NPR, Fresh Air, Oct. 29, 2020.)

flaws & lack of flaws: hole

swoon (verb)

swooning over the (new) products

retailers are ~ (trade fair)

swoon over the (artistic) renderings

architects still ~ (an eco-city)

swoon for him

Romney will never get voters to ~ (election)

caused critics to swoon

the band has ~

attraction & repulsion / feeling, emotion & effect: love, courtship & marriage / verb

swoop (verb)

swooped on the men

the R.O.S. ~ in Rome on Tuesday evening (spying)

movement: animal / bird / flying & falling / predation / verb

sword (Sayf Allah, etc.)

bestowed on him the title *Sayf Allah*

Muhammad (PBUH) ~

judgment: epithet

sword (swordfish, etc.)

swordfish

tuna, ~, and marlin are almost gone (overfishing)

resemblance: sword

sword (violence)

sword

the pen is mightier than the ~
he who lives by the ~, dies by the sword

sword and shield

the “~” version of WWII (de Gaulle and Pétain)

- ♦ “Anonymity is often necessary as a shield for victims but opposing counsel has used it as a sword to publicly humiliate our client.” (Statement from a lawyer.)
- ♦ “Live by the sword, die by the sword.” (Trap music, drill music, gangsta rap, etc.)
- ♦ The ink of the scholar is more precious than the blood of the martyr.

violence: sword

sword (cross swords)

crossed swords with the (US) administration on Iraq
he ~ (an Egyptian leader)

crossed swords with rights campaigners
he ~ (a country's leader)

cross swords over this
did you ever ~ (become antagonistic)

conflict: sword / verb

sword (at swords' points)

at swords' points
they are ~

conflict: sword

sword (fall on one's sword)

fell on his sword
he ~ right away (admitted guilt)

fall on our swords
we don't need to ~ for this principle (practicality)

fall on my sword for expressing
if I have to ~ an opinion, so be it (Piers Morgan / ITV)

judgment / responsibility: sword / verb

sword (double-edged sword)

double-edged sword
but early fame proved to be a ~ (Boris Becker / behavior)

double-edged sword of biotechnology
the ~ (germ warfare)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

sword (two-edged sword)

two-edged sword
it's a ~ (injuries during football practices)
freedom of choice can be a ~ (too many choices)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

sword (fate)

sword

the whole agency has a ~ hanging over it (INS)

fate, fortune & chance: blade / sword

Sword of Damocles

Sword of Damocles

it's a ~, and it's hanging over our head
there's a ~ hanging over lawmakers (reform)

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / blade / sword

symphony (noun)

symphony of frogs

the sound of thunder competes with a ~ (Yucatán)

symphony of croaking, grunting, barking, chirping
we listened to a spectacular ~, and squeaking (rain forest)

sound: music

resemblance: music / sound

symptom (noun)

symptom of changing times
another ~

symptom of a (much wider) pathology
he is a ~ infecting the entire system (politics)

evidence: health & medicine / sign, signal, symbol

synch (in sync)

in sync with the president's
his hawkish ideas are ~

unanimity & consensus: tools & technology

syndrome (noun)

Trump derangement syndrome
he accused Democrats of suffering from ~

Paris Syndrome

Dr. Hiroaki coined the term ~ in the 1980s

♦ “I decided to call it Ataxic Neurodegenerative Satiety Deficiency Syndrome. So ataxic, meaning you don't walk that well. And neurodegenerative means your brain stops working so you degenerate neurologically. Satiety is the sense that you're full and that's not working, so it's deficient. (Dr. Steven Schlozman of the Harvard Medical School, a lover of zombie movies.)

♦ Odd syndromes listed in Wikipedia include the Stendhal syndrome and the Jerusalem syndrome.

affliction: health & medicine

system (circulatory system)

circulatory system of the global economy
companies like Maersk underpin the ~ (NotPetya worm)

branching system: blood

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table (on the table)

on the table

is the offer still ~ (employment)
all options are going to be ~ (diplomatic and military)
all of this needs to be ~ and part of the discussion
what kind of deal might be ~ (litigation)
everything is ~ (response to virus)

position, policy & negotiation: table

table (under the table)

pay employees under the table
some employers ~ to escape taxes

subterfuge: direction / table

table (head of the table)

at the head of the table
she has earned her place ~ (daughter controls business)

superiority & inferiority: position / table

hierarchy: position / table

table (bring something to the table)

brings a lot to the table
she ~ (employee)

worth & lack of worth: table / verb

table (bring everything to the table)

brought everything to the table
I ~ (the boxer Bobby Czyz)

commitment & determination: table / verb

table (come back to the table)

back at the table
Biden say ‘America is ~’ as he wraps up G-7 summit

come back to the table
so is your company ready to ~ (negotiate)

position, policy & negotiation: table / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: table / verb

table (loudest seat at the table)

loudest seat at the table
science and data did not have the ~ (pandemic)
we have to give science the ~ (pandemic response)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / table

position, policy & negotiation: sound / table

table (off the table)

off the table
freedom of speech is ~

take it off the table

there are good reasons not to ~ (to not use a chemical)

dismissal, removal & resignation: table

position, policy & negotiation: table

table (set the table)

set the table for you

I’ll be with you for 3 hours to ~ (MMA pre-show)

“set the table” episode

this is the ~ (Mike Tyson Part 1 *Crime in Sports*)

development / sequence: food & drink / table

table (turn the tables)

turned the tables

China ~ and expressed its own complaints (diplomacy)

turn the tables

the book is her way to ~ and have the final word (tell-all)
they used the press to ~ on her (accusations)

turned the tables on her tutor

she ~

disruption / reversal: table / verb

position, policy & negotiation: table / verb

table (groups)

seat at the table

by the ‘80s, the drive was on to claim a ~ (minority poets)
the defense industry should have a ~, but not own the table

table has been extended

the ~ but is still within establishment walls (poetry)

♦ “We must also ensure everyone from all underrepresented communities gets a seat at our table and we are going to make that happen.” (Meher Tatna, about the 2021 Golden Globes.)

♦ “Birmingham was begging for our place at the white man’s table.” (A Black militant.)

♦ “Young people deserve a seat at the table and if you don’t kind of give it to us we’re just going to take it anyway.” (The wonderfully named Poppy, 17, a “youth climate ambassador” at COP26.)

♦ “The facts are clear, our community is growing, and we will take our seat at the table.” (A comment about a poll showing that 21% of Gen Z is LGBTQ+.)

♦ “Invite a beggar into your home and he will put his feet up on your table!”

inclusion & exclusion: society

acceptance & rejection: society / table

table (Table Mountain, etc.)

Table Bay

~ was named after Table Mountain (Cape Town)

Table Island

~ has a flat top

Table Mountain

~ overlooks Cape Town (South Africa)

proper name: shape / table

table (shape)

table

a ~ might not be flat at all (landforms)

table mountains

two ~ can be seen to the north

shape: table

taboo

taboos

he was irreverent and unshocked by ~ (Dirk Bogarde)

taboo of his era

he married a white woman, the ultimate ~ (boxer)

taboos against homosexuality

the ~

taboo against use

a longstanding ~ of nuclear weapons except...

taboo in India

public displays of affection remain largely ~

taboo in Turkey

the subject is still ~ (Armenian genocide)

taboos about (sexual) behavior

strong ~... (in conservative Muslim areas)

taboo practice

~s tend to grow in popularity

taboo site

block access to ~s (Internet)

taboo subject

he found humor in ~s (comedian Richard Pryor)

he addressed such ~s as race and sexuality (Pryor)

taboo topic

raising taxes is a ~ (Republicans)

taboo and mysterious

people are attracted because it's so ~ (a sex act)

longstanding taboo

a ~ against use of nuclear weapons except...

cultural taboo

~s and scientific advancement (autopsies)

rape is a ~ in Sudan

few carry it out because of strong ~s (suicide / Korea)

moral taboos

the ~ associated with germ weapons

social taboo

homosexuality is considered a ~... (US high schools)

she challenged a ~ (Egyptian refused abortion)

strong taboos

~ about sexual behavior (in conservative Muslim areas)

ultimate taboo

he married a white woman, the ~ of his era (boxer)
for many people, anal sex is the ~

a bit of a taboo

asking somebody what they earn is ~ (in US)

carries a taboo

voodoo still ~ (New Orleans)

challenged a (social) taboo

she ~ (refused an abortion and filed a paternity suit)

considered taboo

women work, often alongside men, once ~ (Algeria)

♦ Captain James Cook may have introduced this word to the English language following his visit to Tonga. The Tongan word *tabu* or *tapu* means not allowed, forbidden.

♦ "Taboos can be useful."

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

tack (verb)

tacked to the center

he has charted a new course and ~ (politician)

change tack

he decided to reverse these strikes, to ~ (military decision)

direction: boat / verb

tack (noun)

backward tack

I am embarrassed by the ~ of this administration

different tack

she took a ~ for her next project

took that tack

the tabloids ~ (that Hollywood is sordid)

direction: boat

tackle (verb)

tackle its (drug) gangs

Mexico needs to ~

tackle that issue

the administration will ~

tackle it

soccer must face up to this problem and ~ (fan racism)

tackle our problems

we need to ~ in a practical way (Obama)

tackle (big-ticket) problems

scientists and engineers used to ~

tackle other projects

it sat in a drawer while I went on to ~ (a piece of writing)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

tail (chase one's tail)

chasing our tails
we're just ~

progress & lack of progress: animal / dog / direction / verb

tail (turn tail)

turned tail on the issue
he has ~ (a politician)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat / reversal: animal / dog / verb

tail (tail between one's legs)

with his tail between his legs
he left the company ~
he will come home ~

have their tails between their legs
the Supersymmetricians ~ (physics)

♦ "This is a total tail between the legs kind of getting out of town and leave the field to others." (A pundit talking about US withdrawal from parts of Syria.)

♦ "If a dog can't bark, it licks." (An insult.)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat / reversal / superiority & inferiority: animal / dog

tail (orientation)

logistical tail
a ~ stretching hundreds of miles (war)

long tail
the journal *Nature*'s impact factor carries a ~ (a graph)

orientation: animal / direction

resemblance: animal

tail end (the finish of something)

tail end of my career
I'm at the ~ but... (boxer touting next fight)

tail end of summer
restrictions are being lifted in time for the ~ (COVID)

tail end of the week
temperatures should start to dip by the ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: animal

tailor (verb)

tailors its coverage to support
it ~ Hamas (TV network)

tailor drills to fit
~ the situation and terrain you will encounter (military)

tailor METT-TC to fit
creative leaders ~ each situation (military)

amelioration & renewal / creation & transformation: clothing & accessories / verb

tailored

culturally tailored
menthol cigarette sellers use ~ advertising (to Blacks)

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories

tailor-made (adjective)

tailor-made for toxic groups
Facebook is ~

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories

tailspin (into a tailspin)

sent her into a tailspin
the news ~ (light sentence for her stalker)

throws the project into a tailspin
the vote ~

decline: movement / plane

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / plane

tailspin (in a tailspin)

CNN is in a tailspin
~ (losing viewers)

decline: movement / plane

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / plane

tailwind (noun)

economic tailwind
the president is riding an ~

♦ "The president is riding an economic tailwind. The president is riding that tailwind very well... Any president as a pilot would be riding this tailwind, but for some reason this president can't seem to stay long enough [chuckling] in the jet stream to ride the tailwind that he has in the economy. He goes off on tangent after tangent and doesn't seem able to ride the economic boom that he's sitting under because he just can't maintain the discipline to do that. He does not ride the tailwind that he has." (ABC News Chief Political Analyst Matthew Dowd, Sunday, May 5, 2018.)

force / help & assistance: plane / wind

progress & lack of progress: plane / wind

taint (noun)

taint of a bankruptcy
the ~ can be poisonous

taint of (any serious) crime
the ~ can blight a family (Japan)

corruption / evidence: materials & substances

taint (verb)

tainted his data
his drug company financing ~ (doctor)

taint (a doctor's or researcher's) judgment
drug company ties can ~

taint his legacy
the revelations ~ (informant for FBI)

corruption: materials & substances / verb

tainted

tainted
the election was ~ (missing absentee ballots)

tainted by faulty methodology
scientists say his studies are ~ (autism)

tainted by (government lawyers') misconduct
the verdict was ~

tainted by partisanship
the process was ~ from start to finish (impeachment trial)

tainted by torture
he though evidence was ~ (military lawyer)

evidence was tainted
he thought ~ by torture (military lawyer)

corruption: materials & substances

take (refuse to take)

take it
I'm not going to ~ (abuse from boss)

take it any more
I can't ~

take this lying down
don't think I'll ~
we weren't going to ~ (Tiger Bay)

take the allegations lying down
he was not about to ~

**acceptance & rejection / resistance, opposition & defeat:
verb**

take (take something / endurance)

took it on the chin
he ~ (arrested criminal refuses to snitch)

took a lot of shit from those bastards
I ~ but I warriored through

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

take (take us back / time)

takes me back
that ~ (a song / memories)

take us back to 1965
we pulled on this thread to ~ (old tapes of trial)

take us back to the dark ages
the fundamentalists would ~

transported audiences back in time
he ~ (a singer)

takes you back in time

a trip to Abkhazia ~ to the Soviet past
past & present / fictive transportation / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

take (take somebody somewhere)

takes us
the question is where that then ~ (boxing)

take us where
the investigation will ~ it takes us

take us through
~ what the response has been so far (radio interview)

takes us through
the road ~ a dusty, reddish Martian landscape (Chile)

took me to new heights
he ~ (sex)

take you to intriguing and frightening places
his collection of stories will ~ (Stephen King)

directing: journeys & trips / verb
fictive transportation: journeys & trips / verb
**analysis, interpretation & explanation / development:
journeys & trips / verb**

take (and hot take)

their take
~ of what happened was more sympathetic than mine

hot take (for the tournament) is Turkey
my ~ (Euro 2020 / a spectacularly bad prediction)

rise of the (unreported) hot take
the ~, that maligned instant spin on the news of the day

hype and hot takes
the show was unworthy of all the ~ (an SNL episode)

♦ See the online Merriam-Webster explanation of "hot take" at "Where Do Hot Takes' Come From?" The dictionary entered the word in 2018. Since then its connotation seems to have changed from negative to neutral.

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving,
bringing & returning**

take (destroy)

took the whole crop
in recent times a cyclone ~, as you may say (Mauritius)

destruction: taking & removing

takeaway (noun)

takeaways of this study
one of the biggest ~ is that...

takeaway thoughts
are you left with any preliminary big ~ about what this means

big takeaway
so give me the ~, what did you find (a new poll)

big top-line takeaway
the ~ is what we already know (NPR political pundit)

biggest and most important takeaway
what was the ~ from the report

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving,
bringing & returning

take away (a message, etc.)

take away
the message I hope people ~ is...

took that away
I ~, and it stayed with me for a long time (an insight)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving,
bringing & returning / verb

take back (take back one's life, etc.)

take back his life
whether to try to ~ or fade away

take back my life
I will ~ (Ruby Rose vs. Warner Bros TV)
this is my fight song, ~ song (Rachel Platten)

take back her narrative
she tries to ~ (Monica Lewinsky)

take back her story
she is fighting to ~ (Amanda Knox)

possession: taking & removing / verb

take down (kill)

take down the shooter
officers on patrol managed to ~ (killed him)

death & life: euphemism / verb

take down (verb)

took down a predator
we ~ and put him behind bars (Hollywood mogul)

taken down a who's who
the fallout has ~ of the rich and connected (universities)

take them down
videos are shared before Facebook and YouTube can ~

takes us all down
time is undefeated and ~ (boxing)

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

takedown (noun)

takedown of the marketplace
300 have been arrested following the ~ (dark-web porn)

Thoreau takedown
this is the ~ I have been waiting for my entire life

literary takedown
I love a good ~ (failed fact-checking, plagiarism, etc.)

curtailment / destruction: direction
accusation & criticism: direction / sports & games /
wrestling

take in (comprehend)

take it (all) in
he seemed to ~ (understand what I was saying)

comprehension & incomprehension: container / giving,
receiving, bringing & returning / verb

taken (through death)

taken from us
our beloved daughter was ~ (selfie accident)
she has been ~ too soon (selfie accident)

death & life: euphemism

take off (verb)

take off
I think it's going to ~ great (a new directory)

taken off
none of these websites have ~ and caught fire (filtering)
'Air rage' has really ~ this year (Celia Rivenbark)

took off
for some reason it ~, it exploded (Plague of Justinian)

take off all over the country
his business is starting to ~ (Novosibirsk)

took off in a big way
his business ~

sales (of luxury cars) have taken off
~ (in China)

make e-reading take off
a Windows-compatible system will ~

♦ "That's something that has really taken off, this idea of sleep equity."
(Lauren Whitehouse, an assistant professor of psychology and cognitive neuroscience at the University of Kentucky.)

growth & development / increase & decrease / initiation:
flying & falling / plane / verb

take on (verb)

take on the big banks
she has pledged to ~ (a candidate)

took on the powerful politicians
she was a political gadfly who ~ (Molly Ivins)

take on President Trump
a growing list of Democrats hope to ~ (election)

resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

talent scout (and spotter, etc.)

talent spotter for Iranian intelligence
she began working with a so-called ~ (American)

searching & discovery: person / theater

Tale of Two Cities

tale of 2 cities narrative

the curfew reinforces the ~ (Sydney lockdown / a tweet)

♦ "Please, Liberals: Stop Abusing 'A Tale of Two Cities'" by Reid Cherlin, *The New Republic*, Jan 2, 2014.

allusion: books & reading

talisman (noun)

Arsenal's talisman

~ Aubameyang worked his Wembley magic once again

England's talisman

Raheem Sterling, ~ in this tournament (Euro 2020)

Holland's talisman

Memphis Depay was ~ (Euro championship / Holland)

Portugal and their talisman

~ Cristiano Ronaldo (Euro 2020)

♦ This word seems to be very popular with BBC sportswriters!

amelioration & renewal: magic

talismanic (adjective)

talismanic boss

AstraZeneca and its ~ Pascal Soriot

talismanic captain

Brazil's Neymar, the ~ (Rio 2016 football)

talismanic (young) defender

their ~ (Matthijs de Ligt)

amelioration & renewal: magic

comparison & contrast: affix

talk (talk about something / groups, etc.)

talk about equality

we're still in a place where we have to ~ (female sports)

talk about it

it's a lot of things that went on, no one wants to ~ (racism)

talk about that narrative

Yah, I want to ~ (NPR's Sarah McCammon)

talk about this

should we ~, that's an easy yes for me (racism)

need to talk about

one of the things that we ~ is... (race)

♦ see also conversation (groups, etc.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

talk (mediator talk, etc.)

AA talk

Jake, who is seasoned in ~... (Alcoholics Anonymous)

FAA-speak

nicknamed, in typical ~, "Flow Control" (panes aloft)

♦ see also boilerplate (noun), buzzword (noun), ese (legalese, etc.), funny language, language (of sports, cars, etc.), lip service (pay lip

service, etc.), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), supersizing (linguistic supersizing)

speech: affix

language: speech

talk (money talks, etc.)

talk to us

we developed sensors to listen to the volcano ~

money talks

whether we like it or not, ~

numbers talk

~ (internet journalism and "eyeballs")

♦ "This time he let his tennis do the talking..." (Nick Kyrgios vs. Rafael Nadal.)

♦ "I let my fists do the talking." (The boxer Conor Benn.)

♦ "I will just let my legs do the talking." (A female runner about a Nike kerfuffle.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

talk (sweet talk)

sweet talk

just don't believe the ~ (from bar girls)

speech: taste

talk (trash talk)

see trash talk (verb) and trash talk (noun)

talk (talk somebody through something)

talk us through this

~, why... (explain)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb

talk (talk the talk)

talks the talk

he can ~ but he can't walk the walk

alking the talk

he was better at ~ than of walking the walk (delegation)

alking the talk on democracy

we're ~, I'm not sure we're walking the walk (diplomacy)

♦ This occurs with "walk the walk."

commitment & determination: speech / verb

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech / verb

talk (talk over somebody)

talked over each other and the moderators

the candidates often ~ (electoral debate)

dominance & submission: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / speech

talk down to (somebody)

talk down to kids

these graphic novels don't ~

talk down to someone

if you ~, show disrespect, I will fire you (Joe Biden)

admiration & contempt: direction / height / verb
speech: direction / height / verb

talker (slick talker)

slick talker

he is a ~

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech
speech: materials & substances / person

tame (verb)

tame your social anxiety

tips and techniques to ~

tame a (schoolyard) bully
how to ~

tame the deficit
we need to ~

tame a (rabies) outbreak
the authorities are trying to ~

tame a (great) river
it's impossible to ~ (floods)

tame traffic
efforts to ~ in our towns and cities (rising bollards, etc.)

tame her urge
she can't ~ to go shopping

tamed the Wild West
Google has ~ of copyright infringement

amelioration & renewal / behavior / control & lack of control: animal / verb

tame (adjective)

renders the munition tame
high heat ~ (mustard agent)

seemed tame
by today's standards, the editorial ~ (caused a riot)

attenuation: animal

tangent (on a tangent)

went off on a tangent
he ~ (conversation)

speech: geometry

tangle (noun)

tangle of alliances
the US stepped into this minefield, this ~ (northern Syria)

complexity / involvement: cloth / rope

tangled

tangled in lawsuits

she and the company are ~

complexity / involvement: cloth / rope

tango (verb)

takes two to tango

it ~, and he is a cheater (judgment)

relationship: music / verb

tank (empty the tank, etc.)

energy tank

his ~ looked close to empty (Jones v. Tyson match)

tank was (well) empty

in the 11th round his ~ (a boxer who lost)

tank ran dry

the ~ for Okolie as he held on (vs. Cieslak)

empty the tank

he must ~ now and go for it (a boxing match)

use every last drop of fuel that was still in the tank

he knew he had to ~ (Larry Bird, May 5, 1991 vs. Pacers)

commitment & determination / power: engine / mechanism

tap (verb)

tapped into the well

he ~ of grievance and skepticism (politics)

tap this anger

he wants to ~, feed it and nurture it (politics)

tap your creativity

we want to ~

tap the talent

the agency wants to ~s of people who...

tapped the vein

he has ~ of popular outrage over... (politician)

tap, feed and nurture

he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

access & lack of access: water / verb

tap (noun)

taps turned off

the ~ (money for refinancing loans)

control & lack of control: infrastructure / water

increase & decrease: infrastructure / water

tap (on tap)

on tap

is there currently any legislation ~ that addresses this

on tap for tomorrow

heavy rain is ~ (weather forecast)

on tap for the South

more heavy rain ~

future: container / water

tapestry (noun)

tapestry of laws

the new law is the latest thread in a ~ stigmatizing...

racial tapestry

the loosely woven seams of America's ~

wonderful tapestry

this will add to the ~ we call Minneapolis (Adhan)

thread in a tapestry

the new law is the latest ~ of laws stigmatizing...

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl

is the United States a ~

◆ "This points to a unique understanding of plurality of Indian society—it is more like a *thali* (an Indian meal comprising a selection of separate dishes served on a platter), rather than a melting pot." (Neha Sahgal, a lead author of a Pew study that found Indians support religious tolerance and religious segregation.)

mixture / identity & nature: carpets & rugs / cloth

tap into (verb)

tapped into people's distrust

his ideas ~ of government (vaccinations)

tap into funding

the president will ~ from other government agencies

tap into (new) markets

we are seeking to ~

tap into the reservoir

the militants can ~ of submerged hatred towards the West

tapped into a (long-standing millenarianism) tradition

he ~ (Hong Xiuquan of the Taiping Rebellion)

access & lack of access: water / verb

tap out (verb)

tap out

I'm not ready to ~ yet, I'll hang in there (COVID teacher)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sports & games / verb

tar (tar and feather, etc.)

tar all liberals

they used her essay to ~ (culture wars)

tar people's reputations

reporters ~ based on past poor decisions (cancel culture)

tar Trump as an anti-Semite

many liberal American Jews have tried to ~

tarred his challenger as soft

he ~ on crime (George HW Bush)

tarring Trump with the same brush

she is ~ that Trump used to tar Obama

accusation & criticism / punishment & recrimination /

oppression / speech: history / verb / violence

target (verb)

target them towards children

the government will stockpile flu shots and ~

target the behaviors

rewards should ~ you would like to encourage

target: weapon / verb

target (noun)

target

every policeman is a ~

targets of anger

family, friends and the health team are often ~ (the dying)

target of a bully

being the ~ is not pleasant

target of (barracks) humor

his innocence makes him the ~ (soldiers)

target of an investigation

he was the ~ by the commission (corruption)

targets of jealousy

Native American athletes risk becoming the ~

targets of a (domestic-terrorism) probe

~ by the FBI

targets of revenge

judges sometimes become ~

target of the (war's) supporters

the interview made Arnett a ~ (Iraq War)

target of prejudice or (physical) harm

fear of becoming a ~ (gays in sports)

target of (would-be) illegal immigrants

Melilla is a major ~ (Morocco)

targets of bullying

students who are ~ (grade 6-10)

targets of (last week's) rioting

the ~ included...

target of kidnappings and killings

the family has been the ~ (Colombia)

target on his back

he's going to have a ~ (political debate)

he had a ~, and his opponents took dead aim (politics)

target on your back

when you're leading the pack, everyone can see the ~

targets for (violent) individuals

government agencies are often ~

target for (future human) exploration

asteroids are a tempting ~

targets for (violent) perpetrators
the elderly are easy ~

targets for poachers
panhandler bears become easy ~

targets for (negative) stereotypes
they are easy ~ (Irish Travelers)

targets for (reparations) lawsuits
companies that are potential ~ (US)

target audience
the ~

target date
fund the project to completion by the ~ of 2030

target demographic
its ~ of Jews in their twenties

target disease
tetanus is one of the ~s of the WHO (neonatal)

target genes
he's focusing on ~ for schizophrenia

target populations
~ such as school-age children (public health)

target pressure
pop-off valves set to the ~ (hyperbaric chamber)

tempting target
~s for future human exploration (asteroids)

earnings target
the company announced it would miss its ~

enlistment target
the Navy fell short of its ~

takeover target
smaller companies are easy ~

main target
their ~s were... (looters following eruption)

numerical target
we are not setting ~s for what they should buy

potential targets
companies that are ~ for reparations lawsuits (US)

visible target
he made himself a ~ (arrested)

become targets
judges sometimes ~ of revenge

indicated the target
a yellow arrow ~ (BASE jump / landing zone)

puts a target on your back
standing up for principle ~ (at *The New York Times*)

zoom in on targets
the cameras can ~ 3 miles away (Newark / police)

target: weapon

target (moving target)

moving target
it's a ~ (trying to calculate loss due to plane groundings)
authenticity is a ~ (cultural identity)

difficulty, easiness & effort / success & failure: target

target (hit the target)

hit all its targets
the company has ~

success & failure: target / verb / weapon

target (miss the target, etc.)

fell short of its (enlistment) target
the Navy fell short of its ~

miss its (earnings) target
the company announced it would ~

missing its teacher recruitment targets
the government is ~

success & failure: target / verb / weapon

target (easy target)

easy (takeover) targets
smaller companies are ~

easy target
the elderly are ~ for violent perpetrators
panhandler bears become ~s for poachers
they look at you as an ~ (young men in prison)

difficulty, easiness & effort: target / weapon
protection & lack of protection: target / weapon

target date

target date of 2030
fund the project to completion by the ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: target / weapon

targeted

targeted on social media
they were ~ after the game (Rashford, Sancho, Saka)

targeted in social-media callouts, draggings, pile-ons
some Y.A. books are ~

targeted killing
fears about the repercussions of a ~ persisted

targeted (radiation) treatment
a ~ (for breast cancer)

target: weapon

tarnish (verb)

tarnishes the badge
this ~ we all wear proudly on our chests (bad cop)

tarnished the image
many lawyers believed that he ~ of the profession

tarnished the country's image
the government has ~ abroad

tarnished the (Hernandez) name
they felt she had ~

tarnished his reputation
his massive accumulation of wealth ~ (politician)

tarnishes his reputation
admitting to drug use ~ (an athlete)

tarnished his victory
allegations of fraud ~ (elections)

attenuation / corruption / failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark / verb

tarnished

tarnished by allegations
his legacy is ~ he... (a boxer)

tarnished by (doping) scandals
it is the latest black mark on a sport that has been ~

tarnished honor
a plan to repair Syria's ~ (1973 Yom Kippur War)

tarnished image
they are trying to sportswash their deeply ~ (EPL)

tarnished reputation
this little film cleans the ~ of romantic comedies

burnished and tarnished
reputations were ~ (2021 Trump impeachment trial)

jury pool had been tarnished
his lawyer argued the ~ by the extensive press coverage

reputation is (forever) tarnished
now his ~ (a professional athlete)

looking tarnished
that reputation is ~ (Kenyan runners / doping)

attenuation / corruption / failure, accident & impairment / flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark

tarred

unfairly tarred
progressives acknowledge some have been ~ (canceled)

accusation & criticism / punishment & recrimination / oppression / speech: history / verb / violence

taste (taste freedom, etc.)

taste abuse
she may also ~ (women who work abroad)

taste defeat
it's seven and a half years since he had to ~ (a boxer)

tasted defeat
he has ~ before (a boxer)

taste a freedom
a woman may ~ from familial duties (abroad)

♦ "Revenge tastes sweet. / Revenge is a dish best served cold." "Are there not other alternatives than sending our armies to chew barbed wire in Flanders?" (Winston Churchill, in a letter of advice to Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith. The alternative turned out to be Gallipoli.)

consumption / experience: food & drink / taste / verb

taste (taste of freedom, etc.)

taste of what
get a ~ Native Americans went through... (smallpox)

taste of (hostile) fire
they were getting their first ~ (marines)

taste of freedom
I wanted a ~

taste of home
the meal provided a ~ (Thanksgiving overseas)

taste of (cowboy) life
Americans seeking a ~

taste of regret
the bitter ~ (bad decisions)

taste of (business) success
a ~

taste of winter
western North Carolina gets ~ (snow showers, cold)

taste of acting
he got his first ~ when he was twelve years old

taste of (local) Fijian culture
we got our ~

bitter taste
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

first taste
he got his ~ of acting when he was twelve years old

got our (first) taste
we ~ of local Fijian culture

seeking a taste
Americans ~ of cowboy life

wanted a taste
I ~ of freedom

amount / consumption / experience: food & drink / taste

taste (taste for violence, etc.)

taste for it
you have to have a real ~ (a culinary occupation)

taste for violence
women have developed a ~ (books, films)

taste for flashy cars
he displayed a ~ and elaborate mansions

taste for rice beer
elephants have developed a ~ (Guwahati)

taste for fighting
I've always had a ~ (a gang member)

consumer tastes
a new trend in ~

movie tastes
software to track ~ (Blockbuster)

higher-priced tastes
they seemed to have more money and ~ (Tulane)

acquiring a taste
nomads are ~ for the settled life (Saudi Arabia)

displayed a taste
he ~ for flashy cars and big mansions

developed a taste
elephants have ~ for rice beer (Guwahati);
he ~ for akpeteshie, palm-wine moonshine (Ghana)

had a taste
I've always ~ for fighting (a gang member)

lost its taste
England has not ~ for the fight (boxing)

lose her taste
she seemed to ~ for the game (injured athlete)

cater to all tastes
Sydney can ~ (sex)

consumption / enthusiasm: food & drink / taste
wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink / taste

taste (in good taste, etc.)

in good taste
I think it is ~ (athletes' fashions)

judgment: food & drink / taste

taste (judgment)

taste in décor
weight, wardrobe and ~ (hot-button issues for women)

taste in music
if you're unsure about his ~... (dating advice)

taste in popular culture
African-American girlfriends influenced Mankiller's ~

tastemaker
her authority as a ~

expensive taste
she was style conscious and had ~

personal taste
placement is a matter of ~ and preference (piercing)

events for every taste
there are ~.... (concerts, contests / Sturgis biker rally)

judgment and taste
he revealed questionable ~

cultivate a (less conformist) taste
give her the courage to ~ (teens)

shown much taste
nor has McKenzie ~ in new repertory (A.B.T.)

♦ "The language of aesthetic judgment is gustatory—one has good taste or feels something in one's gut..." ("Black-And-White Thinking" by Anna Shechtman, *The New Yorker*, December 27, 2021.)

judgment: food & drink / taste

taste (a bad taste, etc.)

bitter taste
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

sour taste
this has left a ~ (bad sportsmanship)

erased the (sour-milk) taste
helped by a bullpen that ~ of Friday's loss...

leaves a bad taste in one's mouth
but this ~ especially if...

consumption / corruption / feeling, emotion & effect /
flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste

tasty (adjective)

tasty new TV
~ from Alan Ball and HBO

consumption: food & drink / taste
attraction & repulsion: food & drink / taste

tatters (in tatters)

left in tatters
the party has been ~
he risked seeing his career ~

leave his plans (for the Championships) in tatters
the injury could ~ (manager / player hurt)

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment / flaws
& lack of flaws: cloth / clothing & accessories

taut (nerves, etc.)

taut
nerves were ~, imagination on edge

feeling, emotion & effect: rope / skin, muscle, nerves &
bone

taxing (adjective)

taxing
the job was extremely ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: money

T-bone (verb)

T-boned me

a semi-truck ran through a stop sign and ~

T-boned my mother's car

the teen ran a stop sign and ~

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / letters & characters / shape

T-boned

T-boned by a drunk

I was ~ on Christmas (in a car)

T-boned by a dump truck

five years ago, I was ~

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / letters & characters / shape

tea (gossip)

spill the tea

towards the end, he began to ~, to talk about...

spills some tea

Garcelle Beauvais ~ in her new memoir

spill the tea about her

her friends devotedly refused to ~ (Greta Garbo)

♦ "Spill the tea" is Black-, Gay-, and drag queen-adjacent. (See "Let's Talk 'Tea': Spill it, sip it: just make it hot," *Words We're Watching*, Merriam-Webster.)

gossip: food & drink

teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.)

best teacher

you know the name of a Bolshevik's ~ (experience)

greatest and most powerful teacher

the land itself is the ~ (beauty, power of Bryce Canyon)

♦ "Study from new books but from old teachers." (Turkey.)

♦ "Time teaches more than books." (Po but siklos bersentar sar litlenar / Roma.)

♦ "Clearly Marovo fishers possess a great deal of practical knowledge concerning the fishes of their waters that is unknown to science, putting them in the same league with Palauan fishers (Johannes 1981) and, for that matter, the nearby fishers of Roviana (Hamilton 1999)." ("Traditional Knowledge Possessed by the Fishers of Marovo Lagoon, Solomon Islands, Concerning Fish Aggregating Behaviour," by Robert E. Johannes and Edvard Hvding.)

knowledge & intelligence: person / school & education

teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.)

cop's cop

he was a ~ and mourned by hundreds

dancer's dancer

Ohan-san, who is a geisha, is really a ~ (*East of Home*)

explorer's explorer

he was the ~ (Roald Amundsen)

fighters' fighter

Marvin Hagler, the ~, had a great impact on boxing (BBC)

guy's guy

his dad was a ~ (snakeskin boots, Harley, muscle truck)

journalist's journalist

she is a ~ (a controversial assertion)

judge's judges

they are ~, they have the highest integrity (Supreme Court)

linguist's linguist

Chuck Fillmore is a ~ (teacher's teacher Martin Hilpert)

man's man

he was a ~ (Edmund "Sir Ed" Hillary)

soldier's soldier

he was popular, a ~

he was a ~, a warrior (Alwyn Cashe d. 2005)

teacher's teacher

she was considered a ~ by her colleagues...

veteran's veteran

he has developed into a ~ (boxer Saul "Canelo" Alvarez)

woman's woman

more than Joni and Carole, Carly is a ~ (*Girls Like Us*)

achievement, recognition & praise / identity & nature / superlative: epithet

teacup (person)

teacup

he's a ~ (emotionally fragile student)

♦ A similar term to *teacup* is *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

strength & weakness: hardness & softness / person character & personality: hardness & softness / person

teacup (storm in a teacup)

storm in a teacup

this might sound like a ~ but... (Oxford prof harassed)

oh, dear, another twitter ~...

this small-town saga might seem like a ~

he described the rumors as a ~

importance & significance: size

teak (wood)

teak-tough

Baranchyk, a ~ operator, didn't fall (the boxer)

strength & weakness: materials & substances / tree

tea leaves

political tea leaves

the governor is going to read the ~ and make a decision

♦ “In some way, It’s fair for us to say, okay, the court is giving us an indication of what it thinks about executive power and how far that power can reach, at least in the field of public health. On the other hand, I do think, although it’s so tempting, I do think we need to be careful about reading tea leaves and saying, okay, this is what the court thinks about Biden’s power, because, obviously, as we’ve already talked about...” (Jessica Levinson, law professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. From “Supreme Court to hear cases that will bear on Biden’s workplace vaccine orders,” NPR, Morning Edition, Dec. 24, 2021. Actual tea leaves might be clearer!)

fate, fortune & chance / future: magic

team (dream team)

dream team of civic leaders

he has put together a ~ (a promoter)

dream team of lawyers

he had resources to throw at a ~ (Jeffrey Epstein)

known as the Dream Team

they were members of the Simpson legal defence, ~ (trial)

superlative: epithet / sports & games

group, set & collection: sports & games

team up (verb)

team up

fans ~ to bully and harass people online

unanimity & consensus: sports & games / verb

teapot (internet teapot, etc.)

internet teapots

the tempest of these controversies remains confined to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: food & drink / heating water / sound

tear (Harbor of Tears, etc.)

Bridge of Tears

here was the separation, the ~ (Falcarragh, Ireland)

Gate of Tears

the *Bab-el-Mandeb*, the ~ (the strait)

Harbor of Tears

the ~ (Cobh Harbor / the Irish diaspora)

Highway of Tears

murders and disappearances on the ~ (MMIWG)

Palace of Tears

the *Tranenpalast*, the “~” (divided Berlin)

Spring of Tears

Te Puna Roimata Peak, the ~ (Mt Erebus, Ross Island)

trail of tears

(see *trail of tears*)

Valley of Tears

it became known as the ~ (Golan 1973 battleground)

feeling, emotion & effect: epithet

tear (crying)

a lot of tears

that conversation with them, there were ~ (about race)
there have been ~, a lot of questions (upset teens)
people are very moved, there are ~ (a movie)

a lot of pain, a lot of tears, a lot of grief
that’s ~ (Cuomo speech about the pandemic)

blood, sweat and tears

he gave the franchise 20 years of his ~ (Kobe Bryant)

blood and tears

enough of ~, enough (Palestinian-Israeli conflict)

trail of tears

(see *trail of tears*)

vale of tears

life is a ~ (Christianity)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / sign, signal, symbol

tear apart (verb)

tore apart her (tidy) life

war ~ (a Serb in Kosovo)

tear the social fabric apart

the stress of collapsing economies can ~

tearing United apart

Liverpool were ~ (Liverpool 5, Man U 0)

destruction: verb

tear through (verb)

tearing through (unvaccinated) communities

COVID is ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

tear up (verb)

tear up the treaty

the president wants to ~

destruction: verb

tease out (verb)

tease that out

let’s ~ (talk radio)

tease out what

well, let’s try to ~ that might mean (talk radio)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

tectonic (adjective)

tectonic restructuring

the ~ capped a week of turmoil at *The New York Times*

tectonic plates

the ~ of French politics have shifted (Marine Le Pen)
tectonic (paradigm) shift
this is an enormous, ~
amount & effect / bases / extent & scope: earth & world / earthquake / ground, terrain & land

teddy bear

teddy bear
he's a ~

♦ On a hunting trip in Mississippi, Theodore Roosevelt turned down an opportunity to shoot a captive bear cub. An editorial cartoon of the scene sparked the craze for "teddy" bears.

character & personality: hardness & softness

tee off (start)

teed off an advertising boycott
the tapes have ~ (politics)

initiation: sports & games / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games / verb

tee off on (verb)

tee off on him
it was another chance for his rivals to ~ (politics)

teed off on senators
he ~ who walked out of his testimony

accusation & criticism / speech: sports & games

teeter (verb)

teetering on the brink
the factory is ~ of insolvency
the country is ~ of default (Greece / economy)
the world was ~ of war

teeters on the edge
the air travel network ~ of collapse

teetered on the edge
his campaign ~ of electoral abyss, but it is scrambling back

fate, fortune & chance: equilibrium & stability / verb

teeth (in / into the teeth of)

in the teeth of the (financial) crisis
~, Ireland decided to...

in the teeth of Syrian fire
they crossed 800 meters of open ground ~ (Golan / 1973)

in the teeth of the (current) recession
~, companies have been forced to cut staff and...

in the teeth of these (challenging) times
but ~ (politics, economy)

ran (right) into the teeth of the defense
he ~ (football game)

sailed into the teeth of a storm
the ship ~ they knew was coming (*Viking Sky*)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / danger: animal / teeth

teeth (danger)

showed his teeth
when criticized, he ~

♦ "Buried secrets have teeth." (Ad for *Truth Be Told* TV series.)

♦ "Just because you can see the teeth of the lion, don't think that he is smiling at you!"

conflict / destruction: animal / predation / teeth

teeth (force)

teeth
the regulations must have enough ~ (enforcement)

lack teeth
the so-called reforms ~ and will do little

force / strength & weakness: animal / teeth

teeth (take the teeth out)

taken the teeth out of the law
they have ~ (no mechanism for enforcement)

attenuation / force / strength & weakness: animal / teeth / verb

teeth (to the teeth)

armed to the teeth
they are ~

extent & scope: teeth

teeth (kick in the teeth)

kick in the teeth
it's been a real ~

feeling, emotion & effect: foot / sensation / teeth

teeth (gnash one's teeth)

gnashing their teeth
Democrats are ~ (over third-party candidacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / teeth / verb

teeth (cut one's teeth)

cut her teeth (in politics in the 1980s) interning
she ~ for Wilma Mankiller

growth & development: baby / teeth

teeth (sink one's teeth into something)

sink my teeth into
I wanted a role that I could really ~ (actor)

sinks her teeth into a case
she's a pit bull, she ~ and doesn't let go

sink my teeth into something

I'm a pit bull, I ~ and don't let go (crime investigator)

attachment: animal / dog / teeth

teething

teething issues

there are always new ~ (very young airplanes)
there have been some ~ as businesses get used to... (Brexit)

teething problems

the COVID-19 detecting apps face ~
he described the difficulties as ~ (post Brexit fishing)
disruptions in the fish trade are ~ (Brexit)

teething troubles

the novices were over their ~ (dog driving)
there are reasons to hope that these are ~ only (TV show)

growth & development: baby / teeth

Teflon

Teflon figure

Boris Johnson is a ~, nothing sticks to him until now

**attachment / protection & lack of protection / pursuit,
capture & escape: materials & substances**

telegraph (Daily Telegraph, etc.)

Daily Telegraph

she was the United States Editor for the ~ (a newspaper)

♦ "[The Alpena Evening Echo in Michigan] could not tell why the telegraph company caused it to be sent a full account of a flood in Shanghai, a massacre in Calcutta, a sailor fight in Bombay, hard frosts in Siberia, a missionary banquet in Madagascar, the price of kangaroo leather from Borneo and a lot of nice cheerful news from the Archipelagos—and not a line about the Muskegon fire." (Information overload. Quoted in *Krakatoa* by Simon Winchester. From *The Victorian Internet* by Tom Standage, 1998.)

proper name: tools & technology

telegraph (verb)

telegraph (to the audience) that

expressions of racism are used to ~ a character is terrible

telegraphs his punches

he ~ (boxer)

fictive communication: tools & technology / verb

telegraphed

telegraphed

every character beat, plot point and narrative turn is ~ (film)

♦ "While the Korean expedition must naturally dominate any account of John Rodger's command of the Asiatic Squadron, one other development was to attain greater significance with the passage of time. The extension of a telegraph line from Vladivostok via Nagasaki to Shanghai in 1871 made possible rapid communication between the Navy Department and the most remote of the distant stations. The dispatch reporting that the Koreans had fired on the squadron's surveying boats, which the *Palos* delivered to a Shanghai-bound steamer off Chefoo on 5 June 1871, seems to have been the first to be telegraphed from the station by the U.S. commander in chief." (*Far China Station: The U.S. Navy in Asian Waters, 1800-1898* by Robert Erwin Johnson.)

fictive communication: tools & technology

telescope (noun)

end of the telescope

you can look at this from either ~ (worker vs. CEO)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

tell (data can tell us something, etc.)

tell

a skin test is the only way to ~ if you have TB infection

tells everyone

a tie ~, "I respect you, my job, and myself" (an opinion)

told me

my experience has ~ that...

tell a very different story

the facts ~ (a murder investigation)

tell us

what did the data ~ at the time (investigation)

tell us everything

the next couple of weeks will probably ~ we need to know

tell you something

trust and act when your instincts ~ (I've got a bad feeling)

tell the rest of the story

history will judge this and the future will ~ (Afghan War)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation / evidence / fictive
communication: speech / verb**

tell-all (book)

tell-all

his book is not a ~ (military figure)

**concealment & lack of concealment / gossip / restraint &
lack of restraint: books & reading / part of speech**

telling

telling

the terms used were ~ (G-20 negotiations)

telling sign

that's a ~ (beaten boxer clinches)

evidence: speech

temperature (raise / lower the temperature)

bring down the temperature

the way you bring order is to ~ (protests)

lower the temperature

I want to ~ in America, not raise it (politics)

he is trying to project calm and ~ (contested election)

raise the temperature of (public) debate

questions over rights ~ (gay students)

raise the temperature of the debate

this will ~ (impeachment)

turn down the temperature in the Gulf
the US wants to ~

raised the temperature by threatening
organizers ~ her with expulsion (Naomi Osaka)
♦ "Could you feel this temperature change in the room when there are
these moments of conflict or verbal denial?" (A question about the mood
in a Clubhouse chatroom.)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

temperature (the political temperature, etc.)

political temperature

I've spent the last few days taking the ~ (a reporter)

**condition & status / measurement: health & medicine /
temperature**

tempest (noun)

tempest

this ~ has already swept away governments (economy)

tempest of these controversies

the ~ remains confined to a handful of internet teapots

storm in a teacup

this might sound like a ~ but... (Oxford prof harassed)

international tempest

the report caused an ~

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

tempestuous (adjective)

mutually tempestuous

their relationship was ~

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

temple (noun)

temple of (American) Democracy

the Capitol, our ~ (U.S.)

temple of my profession

that job took me into the ~ (journalist / *New York Times*)

'temple of speed'

Red Bull has struggled at the so-called ~ (Monza / F1)

enthusiasm / reverence: religion

tendril (resemblance)

tendrils of mist

~ were wrapping across the top of Lhotse (Everest)

dark little tendrils

gray-green clouds dropped virga in ~ (mountains)

resemblance: plant

tendril (growth)

tendrils of (international) terror
efforts to find the ~ in the US

**branching system / extent & scope: plant
growth & development: plant**

tenor (noun)

tenor of this conversation

I am distressed and disappointed with the ~

political tenor

there's an undeniable ~ to the debate

evidence / perception, perspective & point of view: sound

tension (noun)

tension (between Russia and the U.S.) builds
~ (over Ukraine)

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

tent (pitch one's tent)

pitch their tents with the Americans or the Russians
Romanian and Bulgarian elites are deciding whether to ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: tent

tent (fold one's tent)

fold our tents

we don't ~ and run... (prosecutors vs. appeals)

fold its tents

many think the football program should quietly ~

commitment & determination: tent / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: tent / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: tent / verb

tent (inclusivity)

big tent

Mr Sanders said his campaign was a 'a ~'

bigger tent

a narrow definition of bluegrass versus a ~ (inclusion)
fighting for the Methodist Church to become a ~ (gays)

big-tent philosophy

we no longer want to espouse a ~ philosophy (politics)

big-tent-theology

the Methodist Church has always been a ~ church

racial and cultural tent

feminism broadened its ~

inside the tent

they were glad to be back "~~" (consulted by government)

outside the tent

better to observe him there than have him ~ (government)

inside or outside the tent

does she want him ~ (government)

drawn into the tent

we want people to get ~ of conservation (Joel Sartore)

expand that tent

let's all make an effort to ~ (Golden Globes)

expand-the-tent

he maintains his base strategy versus an ~ strategy (politics)

♦ "Bring everyone in and shut no one out, take no one for granted, write nobody off. So I'm for everyone." (The politician Beto O'Rourke.)

♦ "We must also ensure everyone from all underrepresented communities gets a seat at our table and we are going to make that happen." (Meher Tatna, about the 2021 Golden Globes.)

♦ "Better to have him inside the tent pissing out, than outside pissing in." (President Lyndon Baines Johnson about J. Edgar Hoover.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

tentacle (noun)

tentacles (all) through Central America

he had ~ (a drug kingpin)

tentacles in California, Arizona, Chicago

he had ~ ("El Chapo" Guzman)

network's tentacles

the ~ reached far (human-organ trafficking)

extend its tentacles

Indians helped imperialism ~ (East Africa)

♦ "The jihadist threat in Africa has many heads and tentacles."

affliction / extent & scope: animal / arm / sign, signal, symbol

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation

tentpole (movies, etc.)

Tentpole Age

we are in the ~ (movies)

tentpole events

~ are cultural, trending and popular (Super Bowl, etc.)

tent pole movies

adult dramatic fare performs less well than branded ~

tent-pole movies

~ can run to \$300 million or more in total costs

tentpoles and their multiple offshoots

superhero ~ have a corporate stranglehold on film culture

two-hour-plus tentpoles

the film is short compared to today's ~

summer tentpole

what more could you want from a ~

typical tentpole

the daily cost for filming was on part with a ~

make only tent poles

a climate of fear pushes studios to ~ (G. Clooney)

♦ "Phoenix and Phillips are satisfied that they've slipped something that feels like auteur cinema under a tentpole usually reserved for blow-'em-

up teenage fare..." (The *Vanity Fair* article about Joaquin Phoenix by Joe Hagan.)

♦ "Everyone on the *Slate* Culture gabfest has suddenly started using [the word *tentpole*] this month, and now the *NYTimes* too." (Liz Schenck Phillips in the "What made you look this word up?" section for the word on the Merriam-Webster website.)

basis / branching system / taxonomy & classification: tent

tepid (adjective)

tepid

support for the proposed center is ~
reaction to the president's speech was ~ at best
public support for it is decidedly ~ (impeachment)

tepid about her candidacy

many members of Congress were ~

tepid response

performers who get a ~ say they died on stage

tepid support

the proposed change won his ~

strangely tepid

he was ~ when asked for a recommendation

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

terminated (killed)

terminated

he should have been ~ long ago (a terrorist)

death & life: euphemism

termite (noun)

termites

he has referred to them as ~ who need to be wiped out

"termites"

he described illegal immigrants as ~ (government official)

insult / violence: animal / insect

terrain (area)

terrain

they have shown themselves adept at navigating the ~

native terrain

his ~ is modern Britain (a filmmaker)

changing terrain

the deal highlights the ~ as investors adjust

master much terrain

a contemporary musician must ~

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)

dangerous terrain

management is stepping into ~ (NPR fires Juan Williams)

difficult terrain

the Midwest, with its job losses, is ~ for Democrats
she explores ~, including her husband's death (a writer)

rocky terrain

she adeptly negotiated the ~ of the NYC publishing world

danger / flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

terrain (known and unknown terrain)

familiar terrain

the farther you travel from the ~ of the legacy world

new terrain

the Emmys have entered ~ (backstage Webcasts)

area / certainty & uncertainty: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map

territory (known and unknown territory)

familiar territory

they are heading into ~, an important division game (sport)

uncharted territory

legally, this is a bit of ~

unfamiliar territory

he tells stories that follow familiar conversations into ~

unknown territory

he was at 62, ~ for a man who'd never won (golf)

in uncharted territory

we're ~ in terms of predicting his recovery... (coma)

heading into familiar territory

they are ~, an important division game (sports)

sent public opinion into uncharted territory

this has ~

area / certainty & uncertainty: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map

territory (come with the territory, etc.)

come with its territory

his book avoids the pitfalls that ~ (a biography)
these things ~ (internet abuse of diplomat)

comes with the territory

getting blamed ~ (a basketball coach)
this ~ when you work in a hospital (long hours)

goes with the territory

some people are skeptical, but that ~ (diplomacy)

presence & absence: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

territory (assigned area)

home territory

cell-phone users outside their ~s

outside their (home) territories

cell-phone users ~

area: ground, terrain & land

territory (stake out territory)

stake out new territory

as Microsoft tries to ~

possession: ground, terrain & land

territory (area)

fringe territory

their most recent article veered into ~ (UFOs / NYT)

vast territory

the ~ between the extremes has been bridged (book retailing)

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

test (test of time)

stands the test of time

what ~ (our favorite books)

stood the test of time

standards of honor that have ~
their marriage has ~ (arranged)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival,
persistence & endurance: school & education**

test (stress test)

stress test

banks must take a ~ (check finances in case of crisis)

stress test of our ideals

this is a ~ (a contentious national election)

condition & status: health & medicine

test (smell test)

go by the smell test

jurors tend to ~ (versus instructions from the judge)

pass the smell test

this is problematic, it doesn't ~ (Catholic misconduct)
it doesn't ~ (a *New York Times* article about UFOs)

pass an ethics smell test

it doesn't ~ (jumping the vaccination line)

♦ "Those instructions [from the judge], I'm a lawyer and I couldn't understand them... They've gotten to be too much. They're legalese. And jurors tend to go by the smell test. Does it seem right? Does it seem wrong. And that's what we wanted the jury to do." (Mark Richards, Kyle Rittenhouse's attorney, speaking to Ailsa Chang. From "Kyle Rittenhouse's defense attorney discusses the trial and acquittal," NPR, All Things Considered, Nov. 19, 2021.)

♦ "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." (Marcellus, from *Hamlet*. The meaning is that something is wrong.)

♦ This stinks!

evidence / suspicion: smell

test-drive (verb)

test drive what

he will ~ his life could be like if he lived in Helsinki

test-drive Helsinki

a practical way to ~ (temporary relocation package)

test-drive life

he and 15 others were selected to ~ in the Finnish capital

analysis, interpretation & explanation: engine / verb

testimony (noun)

testimony that

the ruins are ~ in antiquity this was a thriving city (Trieste)

testimony of our own eyes

do you believe lies over the ~ (politics)

evidence / fictive communication: speech

tethered

tethered to their computers

doctors and nurses are ~ (criticism of healthcare)

tethered to the pandemic

the economy is still ~

attachment: rope

textbook (noun)

textbook

everything they did subsequently was ~ (survival)

textbook case

they are a ~ of radicalization (two brothers)

this is a nearly ~ of discrimination

this is a ~ of racist, dog-whistle politics

knowledge & intelligence: school & education

thanks (thanks to something)

thanks to (two) headers

the Dutch reached the semis ~ in the second half (soccer)

thanks to his seatbelt

he survived the crash, ~

thanks to TikTok

the song's massive blowup is partially ~

♦ "The earth shook thanks to the tunneling action of mammoths, who expired on contact with sunlight." (Anna Reid, *The Shaman's Coat, A Native History of Siberia*.)

♦ This seems to mean "because of" and as such it is one of those two-word prepositions.

help & assistance / relationship: speech

thank you (and thanks)

thank you to Justice Ginzburg, for giving us a life

~ so worthy of celebration (a tribute after her death)

♦ "Thanks to the water, and thanks to the moon. The water provides many things. The water gives us life." (Kay Kimsong, on the meaning of Cambodia's annual Water Festival.)

♦ "We talk to the trees. We say, 'OK, we need some of your bark to help us; we'll make something beautiful,'" Fran James said. "You have to talk to it and thank it for giving you the bark. You have to go with a good heart. You can't be cranky and fussy." (A Lummi speaking of gathering bark from the cedar tree.)

♦ "Her father would have tenderly poured a little fresh water in the seal's mouth, ready for the next life; held its claws and said 'hello again' and 'Kuana' (thank you) before dividing the meat." (An Inuit elder in Paulatuk, Canada.)

achievement, recognition & praise: speech

thaw (verb)

thaw

the freeze began to ~ when... (relations)

amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature / verb

thaw (noun)

thaw in relations

the border will reopen after a ~ (Burma and Thailand)

the 2 leaders promised a ~ (Saudi / Iran)

geopolitical thaw

would there be any sign at all of a ~ (international relations)

♦ "How delighted I was when, for the first time, I saw the breaking up of the ice in the Dwina! Sometimes the immense blocks seemed to assume the shape of a lion, a dog, a swan, and every kind of figure, beautiful or grotesque, according to the fancy of the spectator... [T]he flocks of wild swans; the solitary sea-mew, skimming with snowy pinions the liberated waves—formed a scene altogether strange and beautiful." (*The Englishwoman in Russia: Impressions of the Society and Manners of the Russians At Home by a Lady, Ten Years Resident in That Country*, 1856.)

♦ "While Yurii Andreievich slept his fill, the spring was heating and melting the masses of snow... / Ancient pine trees perched on dizzy heights drank the moisture almost from the clouds, and it foamed and dried a rusty white at their roots like beer foam on a mustache. / Yurii Andreievich woke up, stretched, raised himself on one elbow, and looked and began to listen." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ Weather helped cause the famine (drought), and weather helped delay the relief (thaw), and a return to cold weather helped the relief. (The Great Famine of 1921-22 in Russia. See "America's Gift to Famine Stricken Russia," PBS, American Experience.)

♦ "In the meantime, the thaw we had been fearing for so many days had started, and as the snow slowly disappeared, the camp began to change into a squalid bog. The bodies and the filth made the misty, muggy air impossible to breathe." (*The Truce: A Survivor's Journey Home From Auschwitz* by Primo Levy.)

♦ "No thaw is forever."

amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature

theater (performance)

negotiation theater

it looks serious, but it might just be ~ (trade talks)

diplomatic theater

it provided ~ of the most electrifying kind (UN)

political theater

get out your popcorn, get ready for ~ today (hearing)

the vote was a bit of ~

the candidate debate reprised a piece of ~

♦ "All the world's a stage, / And all the men and women merely players; / They have their exits and their entrances..." (Shakespeare, *As You Like It*.)

performance: theater

theater (appearance)

theater and hot air

many thought him all ~ (national leader)

appearance & reality: theater

theater of the absurd

theater of the absurd

call this what this is, which is a ~ (politics)

fantasy & reality / feeling, emotion & effect: theater

theatrics (noun)

cheap "theatrics"

the ~ (politics)

performance: theater

there (there is no there there, etc.)

there's no there there

~ (articles of impeachment)

there's no 'there' there

it's impossible to have a relationship with a junkie, ~

there was no there there

they had all looked into the allegations and found ~

there is there there or not

there hasn't been any inquiry into whether ~

♦ For an excellent article about this, see "Why Gertrude Stein's 'No There There' Is Everywhere" by Ben Zimmer, *Wall Street Journal*, Feb 2, 2018.

♦ Let's not go there (discuss it). / Why not? / Because there is no there there.

substance & lack of substance: place

presence & absence: place

there (there for me, etc.)

there for me

the community was ~ (in time of grief)

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

there (destination)

not there yet

we're ~ (resolution of trauma)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

there (go there)

go there

let's not ~ (topic of conversation)

I just can't ~ (think about it)

they don't want to discuss that, they don't want to ~

he's comfortable enough to ~ publicly (say it)

he said don't ~ and pulled them off the case (coverup)

♦ Let's not go there (discuss it). / Why not? / Because there is no there there!

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / movement / place

there (out there, etc.)

out there

we focused on her story because his story is ~ (publicized)

there's a lot of information ~ (murder investigation leaks)

there's another world ~, you just can't see it

there is a whole world of gossip and innuendo ~ to explore

there are a lot of loose cannons ~ (crazy people)

it's a jungle ~ (survival of the fittest)

Man, there's a whole Who Dat Nation ~

the noise and confusion that is ~ (getting COVID vaccine)

he didn't want any of this information ~ (an exposé)

we're studying some theories that are ~ (the military)

there are outliers ~ that are preaching nonsense (COVID)

out there on their own

nobody wanted to go first, to be ~ (me too movement)

out there for all to see

what happened behind closed doors may soon be ~

out there in public

today's world is today's world and everything is ~ (online)

get out there

pull your big-girl pants up, ~ and show them what you got

get our information out there

we want to ~ (to media, reporters)

put the theory out there

our strategy has been to ~

♦ The story is out there, in the open...

presence & absence: ground, terrain & land

concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land

there (been there, etc.)

been there

I understood where he was mentally because I'd ~

I haven't ~ myself but I know women who have (abuse)

many of us have ~ before (Irish and overserved at a bar)

he felt he understood better than most, he had ~ (accused)

experience: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / place

there (not all there)

clearly not all there

he's ~, he's all over the place emotionally (troubled)

incompetent and "not all there"

he was cast as ~ (President Donald Trump / politics)

incompetent, over the hill and not all there

they have tried to paint Biden as ~ (politics)

euphemism: mental health

thermometer (noun)

thermometer

a feeling, a ~, a temperature reading of what is happening (a poll)

measurement: temperature / tools & technology

Thermopylae

series of Thermopylae

white blood cells rush to an endless ~ to man the pass

♦ The pass where the great battle of Thermopylae between the Spartans and Persians is gone. The landscape has become flat, but not in our imagination...

allusion: military

resistance, opposition & defeat: allusion / military

thick (in the thick of things)

in the thick of things

she was right ~ (government response to Katrina)

involvement: ground, terrain & land

thick (adjective)

thick

the tension between them was ~ (two film actors)

♦ The opposite of *thick* is *thin*...sometimes!

amount: breadth

thicket (noun)

thicket of bureaucracy

they have created a ~ (a government agency)

dense thicket

Netflix is trying to navigate a ~ of challenges

regulatory thicket

the government wants to set up a ~

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

thick-skinned (adjective)

thick-skinned

I'm ~ so it doesn't bother me

tough and thick-skinned

New Yorkers are thought to be ~

tough, thick-skinned

he is known as a ~ leader

become thick-skinned

making fun of someone helps them build character and ~

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect:

sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

thin (size)

razor-thin

the election was decided by a ~ margin

size: breadth / fatness & thinness

thin (substance)

thin

the add-on could work, but the evidence is ~ (IVF)

thin on whether

the evidence has been ~ convalescent plasma can help

astonishingly thin

the evidence was ~ (a murder conviction)

pretty thin

that argument is ~ right now (that schools are overpoliced)

extent & scope: breadth

substance & lack of substance: breadth

thin (thin on the ground, etc.)

thin on the ground

British artists were ~ (awards show)

police officers are ~ (looting in Minneapolis)

the tourists are ~ (in Mallorca, due to pandemic)

amount / presence & absence: breadth

thing (prior reference)

Reagan-Gorbachev thing

the ~ ultimately fell apart (relationship)

importance & significance: object

thing (a matter, issue)

a thing

we didn't even know that was ~ (trench coats / shootings)

a thing for me

I was black, which wasn't ~ when I was little (immigrant)

a thing for us

work-life balance wasn't really ~ (work consumed them)

a thing for years

hang on, hasn't "post viral fatigue" been ~

a thing all these decades later

sagging might still be ~ because... (the fashion statement)

a thing, after all

polysemy is ~ (Merriam-Webster website)

win-it-for-coach thing

he still sounds worried about the whole ~ (Coach K)

a f***ing thing

we'll talk about this, this car turns into ~, man (podcast)

a big thing

it's a ~ in Hull (East Side vs. West Side / Beverley Rd.)

a huge thing

Donald Trump is off Twitter and that is a ~

a real thing

is "porn addiction" ~

and that's ~ and there's nothing you can do about it

this is an issue, it's ~, we don't want problems (elections)

constant, (almost) around-the-clock thing

it's a ~ (farm chores)

deny that it's a thing

so many people (racist fan abuse)

- ♦ "Hair was always a thing. People would ask, 'Can I touch your hair? How does it stand up like that?' I had to deal with things like that my entire life." (Gymnast Nia Dennis on training with white people in Ohio.)
- ♦ "I started wearing earplugs, and they've now become a thing, I can't go to sleep without them." (BBC, Fortunately...with Fi and Jane, #168.)
- ♦ "Oh, it's not a problem, it's not a thing, stop talking about it..." (Racist fan abuse in soccer.)

importance & significance: object

thing (fad, etc.)

thing

today is bubble wrap appreciation day, yes, it's a ~ (ABC)
I didn't know that was a ~
is that really a ~

still a thing

is steampunk ~ (Google ask and answer)

'in thing'

not long ago Osaka was the latest ~ to blow in (vs. Gauff)

next thing

Dennis was always looking for the ~ (music)

Chubby Bunny was a thing

I started doing it back when that game ~

became quite a thing

that haircut then ~ people wanted after that film

- ♦ This echoes the old cliché, "The next big thing..."

- ♦ If something is "having a moment," then it is a "thing." "X" is having a moment." "Really? I didn't know that was a thing."

- ♦ "Whatever Happened To... That Guy Who wanted to Make Quinoa A 'Thing' in Rwanda?" by Malaka Gharib, GOATS AND SODA, NPR, August 27, 2018.

- ♦ Rachel Martin: "All right, I don't know about you, Noel, but I got a Christmas card in the mail at the end of January, and my son's Valentine card from his grandmother still hasn't shown up." Noel King: "This is such a thing right now." Rachel Martin: "It is such a thing, the mail is very slow, and yesterday Congress..." (NPR, Morning Edition, Feb 25, 2021.)

- ♦ "So, I had no idea that this was a thing that was actually happening." (NPR.)

- ♦ "Do you remember that moment, when amazeballs was a thing?"

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

thing (the next big thing)

the next big thing

he is tipped to be ~ in basketball (Zion Williamson)
apparently, it's the ~ (the metaverse)

Next Big Thing

the suckers who want to get in on the ~ (stocks)

- ♦ see also new (orange is the new black, etc.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

thing (one's thing)

my thing

hockey is ~

enthusiasm: object

thin-skinned (adjective)

thin-skinned

he is ~, prone to ill-advised eruptions
he was abnormally ~ when it came to criticism
writers can be ~

thin-skinned about criticism

he is ~

**character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect:
sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)

quench America's thirst

Canada helps ~ for energy (oil exports)

- ♦ "He quenched the thirst of Los Angeles." (William Mulholland. Los Angeles had a need. That need happened to be, literally, water.)

amelioration & renewal: food & drink / verb / water

thirst (noun)

thirst for energy

Canada helps quench America's ~ (oil exports)

thirst for knowledge

his collection hinted at his ~

thirst for revenge

the suicide bombers are driven by a ~
a ~, religious zeal and dreams of glory (suicide bombers)

thirst for oil and gas

China has a bottomless ~

thirst for the vulgar and obscene

our ~ seems unquenchable (US)

America's thirst

Canada helps quench ~ for energy (oil exports)

ever-increasing thirst

the world's ~ for oil

bottomless thirst

China has a ~ for oil and gas

quench (America's) thirst

Canada helps ~ for energy (oil exports)

consumption / wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink / water

thorn (noun)

thorn of terrorism

the ~ has been removed today (killing of al-Zarqawi)

thorn in (Polish-Soviet) relations

the massacre has been a ~ for decades (Katyn Forests)

thorn in our side

Samarra has been a little bit of a ~ (military)

thorn in Mr. Bush's side

he is a ~ (Al Gore)

thorn in Austria's side
Bavaria was particularly to prove a ~
♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (Arab proverb.)

affliction: plant / sensation

thorny (adjective)

thorny issue
~s remain a source of tension (diplomacy)

thorny problem
curbing online hatred is a ~ (in the US)

thorny topic
the president tackled the ~ of immigration

affliction: plant / sensation
flaws & lack of flaws: plant / sensation

thoroughbred (noun)

performance of (true) thoroughbreds
this was a ~ (Liverpool 5 Man U 0)

worth & lack of worth / superlative: horse

thrall (noun)

in a strange thrall
Machhapuchhare's pinnacle held me in a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

thrash (verb)

thrashed Saudi Arabia
Russia ~ (World Cup soccer)

conflict: verb / violence / whip

thrashed

thrashed
they waved their flags in defiance as their team was ~

conflict: violence / whip

thrashing

handed out a thrashing
Liverpool ~ (Liverpool 5, Manchester United 0)

conflict: violence / whip

thread (connection)

thread
the ~ connecting doctrine and tactics is training

thread in a tapestry
the new law is the latest ~ of laws stigmatizing...

common thread
we found a ~ between the two accidents
in some places, suicides seem to have root causes or ~s

narrative thread
the ~ can get lost (procedure and Congressional hearings)

vivid threads
several ~ run through their narratives (stories of grief)

knits together many threads
the story ~ of Muslim grievances (suicide bomber)

unravel the threads
we can't let them ~ of our democracy (Mazie Hirono)

division & connection: cloth

thread (investigation)

thread
so now there was a ~, and we started pulling on it (murder)

threads to this thing
there are so many ~ (Kent State killings)

dangling thread
the tapes were a ~ to connect us back to 1965 (murder)

followed the thread
we ~ and began to unravel the case (tapes of old trial)
we ~ and unraveled a strange and illuminating story

pulled on this thread
we ~ to take us back to 1965 (old tapes of trial)

pulled on the thread
we ~ and realized it was woven into the fabric of life then

searching & discovery: cloth
analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth

thread (verb)

threaded itself into the fabric
the gang has ~ of the village

division & connection: cloth / verb

thread (a trail can thread, etc.)

thread the Alpine mountains and valleys
hiking trails ~ (Switzerland)

fictive motion: cloth / verb

thread (by a thread)

hanging on by a thread
we were ~ (money problems and bills)

hanging on to my job by a thread
I'm ~

hang by a thread
their hopes of advancing ~ (tournament)

hanging by a thread
his career is ~

♦ Atropos was the Greek goddess of fate and destiny who cut the thread of people's lives, thus ending them. In Dante's *Inferno*, Friar Alberigo explains that "So privileged is this rim / of Ptolomea, that often souls fall to it / before dark Atropos has cut their thread." (Translated by John Ciardi.)

♦ In 1970 the German born Karl Wallenda walked across the Tullulah Gorge in northern Georgia (the US state, not the country) on a high wire. He performed 2 handstands—one in honor of the US troops in

Vietnam—as 30,000 men, women and children looked on. When he reached the end of the walk, his wife handed the 65-year-old Wallenda a martini.

fate, fortune & chance: cloth

threadbare (adjective)

almost threadbare

his campaign is ~ (presidential election)

money / condition & status / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: cloth / clothing & accessories

threaten (verb)

threaten to erode

divisions ~ France's tradition of equality (Muslims)

threatens South with (severe) thunderstorms

Christmas week storm ~

threaten the (economic and cultural) health problems that ~ (reindeer people)

fictive communication: speech / verb

threshold (cross the threshold)

crossed the threshold into a new dimension
Sputnik ~

crossed a threshold to extinction

lizards have already ~ (global warming)

portal: doors & thresholds / verb

threshold (below the threshold)

live below the (poverty) threshold
75 percent of adults ~ of \$1 a day (World Bank)

measurement: doors & thresholds

threshold (on the threshold)

on the threshold of their futures
they were literally ~ (guy kills his girlfriend)

proximity: doors & thresholds

threshold (portal)

threshold to the grave
nursing homes are viewed as the ~

portal: doors & thresholds

threshold (measurement)

threshold for lead poisoning
lead levels in their blood were four times the ~

threshold of old age
typically 60 or 65 years is considered the ~

threshold of \$1 a day
75 percent live below the World Bank's poverty ~

epidemic threshold
the number of weekly cases exceeded the ~ of 237

panic threshold

their ~ is higher... (solo sailors don't panic easily)

poverty threshold

75 percent live below the World Bank's ~ of \$1 a day

below the threshold

help keep tensions between nations ~ of conflict

low (pain) threshold

if you have a ~, don't get a tattoo at the base of your spine

lower threshold

a ~ for admission should be considered (the elderly)

four times the threshold

lead levels in their blood were ~ for lead poisoning

threshold is reached

salt added to water will dissolve until a ~

exceeds a threshold

if the level ~ set by the system...

lower the (seizure) threshold

the drugs ~ and should be used cautiously

measurement: doors & thresholds

thrive (verb)

thrived at the company

he ~

thrive under (enormous) pressure

some people are able to ~ (jobs)

thrives on sensationalism

the media ~

growth & development: plant / verb

throat (Devil's Throat, etc.)

Devil's Throat

~ is a must (Iguazu Falls)

proper name: throat

throat (resemblance)

shredder throat

insert paper into the ~ (paper shredder)

insert paper into the (shredder) throat
~ (paper shredder)

resemblance / shape: throat

throat (ram something down the throat)

ram the reform down our throats

the government tried to ~

consumption / oppression: throat / verb

throat (predation)

been at each other's throats

they had just ten days previously ~

going for your throat
this isn't a joke, she's ~

conflict: animal / predation / throat

throat (jump down someone's throat)

she jumped down my throat
~ when I told her...

♦ "I would probably dump Twitter tomorrow if it weren't a situation where people I work for are just so down-your-throat about social media as a means of promoting your product." (Alec Baldwin.)

accusation & criticism / speech: throat / verb

throe (death throes)

in its death throes
the once-mighty iceberg A68a looks to be ~ (splitting up)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)

Blondie's Throne

~ is a flowstone (Marvel Cave, Missouri)

Devils Throne

~ is a summit in Idaho

Vulcans Throne

~ is a summit in Mohave County, Arizona

Vulcan's Throne

~ is a cinder cone volcano (Grand Canyon)

Great White Throne

the ~ is in Zion National park, Utah

proper name: royalty

throne (power)

contenders to the throne

there are many ~ (to replace sick leader)

power behind the (home-video) throne

he is a ~ (DVD producer)

power: royalty

throne (in line for the throne)

in line for the throne

she is ~ (a fashion designer)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

throne (pretender to the throne)

pretender to the throne of (champion) Jack Dempsey

he is the French heavyweight ~

chief pretender to the throne

he reigns as king, or at least ~ (sportswriter of a horse)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

throne (primacy)

challenger to their throne

the Celtics rebuffed a ~ (sports)

contender for Nadal's throne
he has established himself as a ~ (tennis)

perch atop the throne
he may soon lose his ~ (a baseball pitcher)

regained his throne
Humpty Dumpty has ~ (the egg as a healthy product)

yielded the throne
the old guard has ~ (world soccer)

knocked off the throne
he has been ~ (a tennis player)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

throttle (full throttle, etc.)

full-throttle defense

he has launched a ~ against charges that...

full-throttle dissent
such ~ is unparalleled (Japan and Olympics)

at full throttle
he starts every day ~, slowing only for naps (toddler)

in full throttle
when he's in front of a crowd, he's ~ mode (musician)
the presidential campaigns are ~

campaign full-throttle
candidates ~ before election day

functioning: engine / mechanism

commitment & determination: engine / mechanism

throughout (time)

throughout the day

~ of 24 June 1807...

♦ In every place...

time: place / prep, adv, adj, particle

throw (throw oneself into something)

threw herself into piano lessons
she ~

threw herself into renovating
she ~ the space (art gallery)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination /
involvement: throwing, putting & planting / verb / water

throw (throw it all at the wall, etc.)

threw it all at the wall
I just did it, ~ (Elisabeth Moss' commitment to a role)

throwing everything at it
Shapovalov is still ~ (a tennis match)

commitment & determination: throwing, putting & planting
/ verb

throw (verb)

threw accusations at each other
they ~

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

throwback (noun)

throwback to the past
when he talks about crime, it can sound like a ~

throwback to an earlier time
the carousel is a ~ (Mansfield, Ohio)
he is a ~

throwback to the 1890s
Dawson City is a ~

throwback boxer
Usyk is a proper ~ (praise after victory)

vaudeville throwback
a U.S.O. tour is a raunchy ~ (US military)

past & present / time: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

thrown out (dismissed)

thrown out of court
he is seeing to get the criminal case ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm
throwing, putting & planting: arm

thrown out (cast)

thrown out in the heat of passion
threats are often ~

throwing, putting & planting: arm

throw out (verb)

threw out the (rape) conviction
the court ~ of...

threw him out
her father ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb
throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

thrum (verb)

thrummed with the promise
Shanghai ~ of glamorous, fast-paced living

activity: movement / sound / verb

thrust (verb)

thrust him into the (national) spotlight
his heroics ~

throwing, putting and planting: mechanism / verb

thrust

thrust into the spotlight
I was ~ (Miss USA and the Haiti earthquake)

throwing, putting and planting: mechanism

thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)

Thumb Point
looking south toward ~ (USCG Station, Ft. Pierce, FL)

Devils Thumb

the ~ is a striking summit on the Alaska-BC border
the NW face of the ~ has never been climbed
the NW face of the ~ rises from the Witches Cauldron
the NW face of the ~ is 6,700 feet

Devil's Thumb

are pets allowed at ~ Ranch Resort & Spa (Colorado)

Broken Thumb

the ~ is a vanadium and uranium mine in Colorado

proper name: hand / thumb

thumb (under the thumb)

under the thumb of a Stalinist regime
the people of Basra are ~

under her father's thumb
back ~

oppression: hand / thumb

thumbs-down

thumbs-down on the proposal
stockholders turned ~

judgment: direction / gesture / hand / sign, signal, symbol / thumb

thumbs-up

thumbs-up
the spectacle gets a ~

thumbs-up from a podcast host
he got a ~ with 7 million subscribers (a politician)

thumbs-up reviews
the technology is getting largely ~ (computers)

achievement, recognition & praise / judgment: gesture / hand / sign, signal, symbol / thumb

thunder (sound)

thunder of ice
the ~ going out (spring ice-out)

muffled thunder
the ~ of their horses' hooves

drowned out by the thunder
informed voices were ~ of the partisan lynch mob

resemblance / sound: lightning / storm

thunder (steal thunder, etc.)

steal our thunder

it will ~ (a double wedding)

steal much thunder

it was a tough weekend for a tennis player to ~

stolen so much of baseball's thunder

the NFL has ~ (viewership and interest)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / storm

thunder (speech)

thundered that

he ~ God was the answer (a rally)

resemblance / speech: sound / storm / verb

thunderbolt (noun)

hurled thunderbolts

he ~ at his own party (a politician)

accusation & criticism: lightning / storm

thunderclap (noun)

thunderclap

when a 16-year-old was killed, it was a ~ (gangs)

thunderclap surprise

we shall seize the bridges with ~ (*A Bridge Too Far*)

legal thunderclap

a ~

served as a thunderclap

the new analysis ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / storm

thunderstruck (adjective)

thunderstruck

we were ~ (by Arctic fox's epic trek)

thunderstruck with surprise

I'm sure the Germans will be ~ (Market Garden / WWII)

thunderstruck by what

he was ~ he heard

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / lightning / sound / storm

thunderous (adjective)

thunderous explosion

~s shook buildings (war)

♦ "Your silence is thunderous."

resemblance / sound: storm

comparison & contrast: affix

ticket (noun)

ticket to doing everything

pursuing nursing was my ~ that I want to do

ticket to obscurity

historically the vice presidency has been a ~

ticket to success

the Internet can be your ~ (online degrees)

ticket to the top

it's your ~ (a job offer)

ticket to transition

trainers are the ~ (military trainers to Afghans)

ticket out of the pandemic

the vaccine is their ~, why do they reject it

ticket out of poverty

it was her ~ (new career as technical writer)

ticket home

that pain is your ~, you should be grateful (combat injury)

get our tickets punched

we all hoped to ~ for Germany (instead of Vietnam / war)

handed Tampa a ticket

the penalty ~ to the Super Bowl (NFL)

punched her ticket

she recently ~ to Tokyo (qualified)

see boxing as a ticket

many Indian girls ~ to a middle-class life (India)

seized the (golden) ticket

they have ~ (viruses that hop to humans)

♦ "Now me, I graduated high school in 1988, got my college degree in 1993, and that college degree in '93 did not mean as much, it was not a ticket, it was not a voucher, it was not a free pass go to anything, so I ask the question, what does your college degree mean?" (The great actor Mathew McConaughey from his terrific University of Houston speech, Jan 7, 2016.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ticket

cost & benefit: ticket

tick on (verb)

time ticks on

Brazil are starting to lose hope as the ~ (World Cup)

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: clock / movement / sound / verb

tick-tock (noun)

tick-tock of events

tell us how this all happened, what the ~ was

minute-to-minute tick tock

I don't have the ~ (press briefing on a SOF raid)

tick tick tick

~, the escalation of this crisis continues

♦ "Is there any info about how this all happened, what the tick-tock of events was?" (Heard on National Public Radio.)

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: clock / movement / sound

tidal wave (in a tidal wave)

in a tidal wave of development

their aboriginal rights were swept away ~

swept away in a tidal wave

their aboriginal rights were ~ of development

amount & effect: sea / wave

tidal wave (other)

tidal wave of calls

a ~ to 911 (due to prevalence of cellphones)

tidal wave of (criminal) charges

the ~ and civil lawsuits (priest abuse)

tidal wave of (Muslim) immigrants

the ~ arrive from India (Karachi)

tidal wave of data and information

computers are creating a ~

propaganda tidal wave

the shameless ~ of the mainstream media (culture wars)

face a tidal wave

parents ~ of pressure (from kids for sexualized products)

amount & effect: sea / wave

tide (on a tide)

on a tide of discontent

he was swept into office ~

on a tide of (anti-Washington) sentiment

state lawmakers are capitalizing ~

on a tide of (military) success

he was elected ~

on a tide of goodwill and emotion

the team is riding ~ (Iraqi national soccer team)

amount & effect: sea / tide

tide (turn the tide, etc.)

tide is turning

the ~ in the war

the ~ against insurgents in the province

tide turning

is the ~ towards impeachment for President Trump

turned the tide

in 1943, the Allies ~ (war in Europe)

turn this tide back

we must do whatever we can to ~ (CIA and communism)

turned the tide in the fight

countries that have successfully ~ against HIV

turned the tide of battle

Capt. Rubio's singularly heroic act ~

turned the tide of the war

the Russians had ~ (Kursk, 1943)

trucks and tanks and airplanes ~ (Russian industrialization)

successfully turned the tide

countries that have ~ in the fight against HIV

development / reversal: sea / tide / verb

tide (buck the tide)

buck the tide

he was an iconoclast, willing to ~ (doctor)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sea / tide / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sea / tide / verb

tide (rising tide)

rising tide

~ of Arab and Islam bashing in America

the ~ of Internet retail mania

on Wall Street, though, a ~ lifts many boats

prescription drugs are being linked to a ~ of problems

he claims free trade is a ~ that will lift all boats

the ~ of gentrification (Miami Beach and sea-level rise)

amount & effect / increase & decrease: sea / tide / water / wave

tide (stem the tide, etc.)

slow the tide

what needs to be done to ~ of immigration

resist the tide

few politicians have done more to ~ of progress

stem the tide of junk mail

we must ~

stem the tide of divorce

measures to ~

stem the tide of foreclosures

little can be done to ~

stem the tide of questions

he had struggled to ~ (minister forced to resign)

stem the tide of suicide

how can we ~ (doctors)

stem the tide of scandals

the NCAA wants to ~ (sports)

amelioration & renewal: sea / tide / verb

tide (other)

tide of filth

publication of the letters drenched him in a ~ (a writer)

tide of immigration

what needs to be done to slow the ~

tide of migrants

a swelling ~ is moving into South Africa (Zimbabweans)
tide of optimism
a new ~ was already sweeping across our land
tide of tourism
the ~ cannot be stemmed (the Arctic)
tide of (Arab and Islam) bashing
the rising ~ in America
changing tide
both countries are worried about the ~ of politics (Gulf)
rising (democratic) tide
there is a ~ in the region (for reform)
swelling tide
a ~ of migrants is moving into South Africa
democratic tide
there is a rising ~ in the region (for reform)
populist tide
the ~ is not ebbing (2020 US election)
tide is not ebbing
the populist ~ (2020 US election)
tide is running against him
the political ~
swelled the (pilgrim) tide
a growing population ~ (the Middle Ages)
swept up by the tide
they have been ~ of domestic technology
swept away on a tide
agrarian England was ~ of industrialization
amount & effect / movement: sea / tide / water

tie (verb)

tied him to the gang
police ~
division & connection: rope / verb

tiered (constraint)

tied to his job
he is ~
closely tied
Moldova is ~ to Moscow
attachment / constraint & lack of constraint / division & connection: rope

tier (hierarchy)

top tier
he is in the ~ of Hollywood directors
top tier candidate
this looked like the rally of a ~ (presidential candidate)
third-tier cities

writers are popping up in ~ (China)
third- or fourth-tier
the ~ cities of China are no longer cultural wastelands

hierarchy: direction / position

tie together (verb)

tie the two crashes together
the FAA was waiting to ~

division & connection: rope / verb

tiger (tiger mother, etc.)

tiger on the campaign trail
he was a real ~, you couldn't stop him (a politician)

tiger mother
and you thought the ~ was tough (Amy Chua / strict)

epithet: animal / tiger

character & personality / behavior: epithet

tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.)

Tiger of Mysore
Tipu Sultan, also known as the ~

Arkan's Tigers
~ fought in Croatia and Bosnia (Yugoslav Wars)

Flying Tigers
the ~ of Claire Lee Chennault (US / WW II)

Tamil Tigers
the ~ of Jaffna (LTTE)

military: epithet

tiger (noun)

tiger
Pakistan couldn't get down from the ~ it rode
the street is a ~, you must be careful (children)

paper tiger
see *paper tiger*

tribal tiger
it takes temerity to want to ride the ~ in Yemen
♦ "He who rides the tiger can never dismount."
♦ "Dictators ride to and fro upon tigers which they dare not dismount. And the tigers are getting hungry." (Winston Churchill.)
♦ "To have a tiger by the tail" or to "ride a tiger" is similar in meaning to "hold a wolf by the ears."

♦ "The street is a tiger, you must be careful of it." (Educational materials of the Little Teacher Movement, circa 1947, in Shanghai. Mentioned by Santha Rama Rau in her wonderful book *East of Home*.)

♦ "Well, we're really just getting the first paw swipes of Ida here on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans. Light rain, blustery wind, a big slate-grey sky..." (NPR reports on a hurricane.)

♦ "The majority of tigers are bagged with the aid of elephants... / The call of a tigress in search of a mate cannot be described in words." (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow (Viceroy of India 1936-1943). It is a wonderful account of hunting actual man-eating tigers. The Jim Corbett National Park is in Uttarakhand. Tigers live there.)

- ♦ In the Sundarbans, some who go into the jungle wear the mask of a human face on the back of their heads, to deter a tiger attack from behind.
- ♦ Vladivostok celebrates Amur Tiger Day in late September. Children enjoy dressing up as tigers. However, tigers have been known to venture into the suburbs of the city.
- ♦ "Tigers are gods, who protect ginseng from men." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)
- ♦ "To the Lord Tiger who dwelleth in the Forest and the Mountains. In ancient days, in the time of the Khan dynasty, He saved the state. Today his Spirit brings happiness to man." (An inscription at a shrine in the Sihoté Alin mountains, noticed by Dersu Uzala and V. K. Arseniev.)
- ♦ "There are always a few tigers roaming about Singapore, and they kill on an average a Chinaman every day, principally those who work in the gambir plantations, which are always made in newly-cleared jungle..." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)
- ♦ According to a BBC article, a tiger is able to leap 33 feet forward from a seated position.
- ♦ Tiger Leaping Gorge is 82 feet wide at its narrowest, with a rock in the middle of the river. Legend has it the gorge got its name from a hunted tiger, who leapt across the river, using the rock, to escape his hunters. It is a lovely legend for a spectacular place.
- ♦ "I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through the fire, 'cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar." (Lyrics of the song "Roar" sung by Katy Perry.)

control & lack of control / danger: animal / tiger

tight (money)

tight

things are rather ~ (lack of money to pay bills)
wages are stagnant, jobs scarce, and credit ~

money: sensation

amount: money

tight (relationship)

tight with her family

even friends who were ~ began to shun her

division & connection / feeling, emotion & effect / relationship / social interaction: distance / proximity

tight (constraint)

tighter

space is ~ in ships and submarines (pandemic)

security is tight

~ in Washington, DC (for an inauguration)

constraint & lack of constraint: pressure

tighten (tighten control, etc.)

tightening its control

China is ~ of vital minerals

tightened controls

Germany ~ over livestock feed (dioxin scare)

tighten (immigration) laws

many campaigned to ~ (elections)

tighten oversight

we must ~ of the industry

tighten lending

banks continue to ~

increase & decrease: pressure / verb

tight-knit

tight-knit community
the ~

tight-knit network

a ~ of family and clan protected him (Saddam)

- ♦ "The Perth football community is tight-knitted (BBC.)

division & connection / relationship: cloth

tight-lipped (adjective)

tight-lipped about any leads
police have been ~

tight-lipped about the plan
they remained ~

speech: mouth

concealment & lack of concealment: gesture / speech

tightrope (fate)

tightropes in politics

it's one of the hardest ~ to walk now (abortion issue)

diplomatic tightrope
the US is walking a ~

walk this tightrope

they have to ~ of how much change they can change

- ♦ In 1970 the German-born Karl Wallenda walked across the Tallulah Gorge in northern Georgia (the US state, not the country) on a high wire. He performed 2 handstands—one in honor of the US troops in Vietnam—as 30,000 men, women and children looked on. When he reached the end of the walk, his wife handed the 65-year-old Wallenda a martini.

fate, fortune & chance: circus

difficulty, easiness & effort: circus

tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)

world-title tilt

Benn is a handful of fights away from a ~ (boxing)

competition / conflict: history / Middle Ages

tilt (tilt towards, etc.)

tilting towards the West

once in Moscow's orbit, Moldova has been ~ recently

attraction & repulsion: astronomy

Timbuktu (remoteness)

Asia's Timbuktu

~, Ulan Bator

FSB TIMBUKTU

WELCOME TO ~, HOME OF THE 12TH CAVALRY

from here to Timbuktu

it's a question that has been asked ~ (about women)

♦ "From Here To Timbuktu: Myth And Reality At The World's Edge" by Scott Neuman (NPR, World, January 29, 2013) is a very nice report on a place that is "still a byword for the end of the earth."

♦ "In crossing the desert, I perceived, at a distance, immense tracts, which had the appearance of rivers or lakes, with islands of sand rising in the midst of them; they presented themselves to the eye, in the horizon of the desert, as places where one might quench one's thirst... This illusion only rendered my situation more dreadful, when I was consumed with thirst, and saw the sea receding before me as by enchantment. It is impossible to form any correct idea of a *mirage* without have seen one." (*Travels Through Central Africa To Timbuctoo; and Across The Great Desert, to Morocco; Performed in the Years 1824-1828* by Rene Caillie.)

♦ "60 feet in depth; the water brackish, unwholesome, abundant." "1 foot; water brackish." "3 or 4 feet; water brackish and abundant." "Wells sometimes dry." "7 or 8 feet; water very salt and bad." "7 or 8 feet; water muddy, salt, but not bad." "4 feet; water sweet, but in small quantity." "Excellent water." "Shallow." "Tolerably good water." "4 or 5 feet; water very salt and bad." "7 or 8 feet; water clear and delicious." "From 20 to 25 feet; water good." "The water is taken up by hand; it is abundant and good." ("Depth of the wells, and quality of the water, *Geographical Remarks and Inquiries Concerning the Travels of M. Caillie in Central Africa*, by M. Jomard, Third part of the Travels. These are wells M. Caillie used on his trip from Timbuctoo to Morocco.)

isolation & remoteness: epithet / ground, terrain & land

time (buy time, etc.)

bought us some time

it ~ but we didn't use it wisely (travel ban / pandemic)

buying time

so basically we were ~ (astronauts face death)

buy some time

the Strategic National Stockpile can ~ (pandemic supplies)

time: consumption / money / verb

action, inaction & delay: money / verb

time (have time)

have (much) time

we don't ~ (facing a deadline)

time: consumption / money / verb

possession: verb

time (steal time, etc.)

steal time

I had to ~ away from the daily grind (to go climbing)

time: consumption / money / verb

possession: crime / verb

time (give time)

give her the (space and) time she needs

it's important we ~ (a troubled woman)

time: consumption / money / verb

possession: verb

time (time has passed)

time has passed

it's a tradition whose ~

the person remains, yet his ~ (*Life and Fate*)

time may have (already) passed

it's a gimmick whose ~ (augmented reality phone app)

future / past & present / time: direction / movement / verb
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

time (passage of time)

passage of time

the curve relates forgetting to the ~
the ~ has been on her mind lately (an aging actor)

time: journeys & trips / movement

time (borrowed time)

borrowed time

he was living on ~
the building had been on ~ (collapsed)

time: consumption / money

time (take your time, etc.)

take your time

don't hurry, ~

time: consumption / speed

time (take time, etc.)

take time

this will ~

time: amount / consumption

time (long time / short time)

long time

Biden has been around a ~ and has a lot of baggage
I've been on the Doncic bandwagon for a ~ (basketball)

short time

he arrived a ~ later

♦ see also *long (a long time, etc.)*

time: amount / distance

time (run out of time)

running out of time

we're ~ (press conference)
in the new academic world, she's ~ (adjunct)
my greatest fear is ~ (a filmmaker)

time is running out

~ (negotiations)

♦ "Time was now Scott's most precious commodity, and time was running out." (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford. It tells the story of Scott and Amundsen in Antarctica.)

time: consumption / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb

time (time left)

sixty-four seconds left

there were ~ on the clock (a football game)

time: consumption

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption

time (time where)

see *where (time where)*

time (make time)

making time to be here

thank you for ~

time: money / verb

time (waste time)

wasting (too much) time

we are ~

run the clock down

all the Giants had to do now was ~ (NFL game)

time: consumption / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb
action, inaction & delay: verb

time (lose time, etc.)

losing time

come on, we're ~

♦ "Space we can recover, time never... I may lose a battle, but I shall never lose a minute." (Attributed to Napoleon.)

time: consumption / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb
action, inaction & delay: consumption / verb

time (use time)

use that last minute

he wanted to ~ to score again (NFL football)

use their time

candidates must decide how best to ~

he studies how people ~ (a sociologist)

use their time on the job

the surprising ways Americans ~

use it (very) wisely

it bought us some time but we didn't ~ (mandate / COVID)

use their time wisely

prosecutor want to make sure they ~

time: consumption / verb

time (the time can arrive or come, etc.)

the time has arrived

~ to take a stand

the time has come

~ to finish retreating, not one step back

my time will come

~ (a defeated boxer, looking to his future)

new day has come

a ~ (political optimism)

come and gone

a year has ~ since we heard the news about Billy Joe

♦ see also *strike (his hour had struck, etc.)*

future / past & present / time: direction / movement / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / movement / verb

time (it's time, etc.)

time

if you have things to do, now is the ~ (hurricane)

it's (about) time

~ we started tackling this

it's time to pay

~ student athletes (universities)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: prep, adv, adj, particle

time (space of time)

space of time

how had Napoleon in so short a ~ been able to...

time: place

time (time will tell)

time will tell

whatever happens in the future, who knows, I guess ~

only time will tell

that old journalist canard, ~ (what will happen in the future)

fictive communication / future: speech

fate, fortune & chance: speech

time (in time / future)

in time

we will recover, ~ (politics)

realize that in time

he will come to ~

future / time: container

time (past time)

past time for Americans to set aside myths

it's ~ about the Civil War and its aftermath

past time to stop them

coaches are killing kids and it's ~ (heat stroke, etc.)

past time to confront the realities

it's ~ (Civil War)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (at the time, etc.)

at the time

this was normal ~

♦ At that place...

time: place / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (over time)

over the last few decades
~, Ketchikan has moved from timber to tourism

over time
memories dim ~ (criminal cases)
~, the trail went cold (murder investigation)

♦ Over the last few miles...

time: distance / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (course of time)

in course of time
~ I came to know his sons

time: distance / movement

time (time off)

took some time off
I ~ when I got sick

time: consumption

time (dead time)

dead time
being aware of waiting is the most painful kind of ~

time: death & life / movement

time (down time / activity)

down time
I don't usually do well with ~ (stays busy)

activity / time: direction

time (window of time)

narrow window of time
the ship had a ~ to take out a ballistic missile

small window of time
we only have a ~ (to prosecute rape cases)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: window

time (ahead of his time, etc.)

ahead of his times
he was ~ (a comedian)

ahead of her time
Betty Davis was ~ (the Funk and R&B singer)
she in many ways was so far ~ (Carson McCullers)

ahead of its time
the environmentalism was ~ (in an author's writings)
the anti-consumerism was ~ (Travis McGee character)
it was a horror ~ (the Bath bombing in Michigan)

centuries ahead of its time
the notion was ~ (fiction and the *Tale of Genji*)

♦ "Ahead of his time" and "before his time" have the same meaning,
different conceptions of time. The former seems to represent the time

queue, the latter the idea that "the future is forward" and moving towards us.

future / time: prep, adv, adj, particle / position
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

time (before her time, etc.)

before his time

it makes you feel that Kaufman was slightly ~ (a 1980s TV pilot that was turned down)

♦ "Ahead of his time" and "before his time" have the same meaning,

past & present / time: prep, adv, adj, particle / position
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

time (behind the times)

behind the times

they said I was ~, a dinosaur (early critic of opioids)

past & present / time: prep, adv, adj, particle / position
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

time (a man of his time, etc.)

man of his time

he definitely was a ~ (a writer who objectified women)
of course, he was a ~, slavery was a fact of life...
he was very much a ~ (supported eugenics)
his misogyny and racism were hardly unusual for a ~

women of that time

black ~ just knew they would have to forge on...

♦ Glyn Williams, naval historian: "There is the Cook, which is you say, is one of the great, supreme navigators, and that part of his reputation remains. But there are worries, there is an uneasiness among many I think today, particularly among the Pacific peoples, about the legacy of Cook. I think most white Australians, most white New Zealanders, would still see Cook as a kind of founding father, a hero, almost an iconic figure, but the Maori, Aborigines, Hawaiians, many of those see a very different Cook, a despoiler, a destructive force." / Greg Dyke: "You have to place him in context, you have to place him in time, and what he did at the time was amazing." (Captain James Cook, BBC, Sounds, Great Lives, December 2002.)

identity & nature / time: history

time (a man out of time, etc.)

man out of time

the umpire can already seem a ~

stuck out of time

ghostly voices, ~ (old recording devices, etc.)

♦ "The umpire can already seem a man out of time, like a milkman or a doctor who makes house calls." (Balls and strikes are now determined by technology.)

♦ This suggests time travel: *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's court*, "Rip Van Winkle (1819)," the 1998 film *Pleasantville*, *Back to the Future*, *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*, etc. *Groundhog Day* was about getting stuck in time, and having to repeat the same day.

past & present / time: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

time (in our time, etc.)

in our time

~ the printed best seller speedily reaches across space

time: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

past & present: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (travel in / through time, etc.)

time machine

see *time machine*

time traveller

see *time traveller (person)*

time: journeys & trips

time bomb (person)

time bomb of rage

he was a ticking ~ (member of a hate group)

character & personality: explosion / weapon

time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)

time bomb

the company's debt load is a ~ waiting to go off

time bomb inside your body

you could have a ticking ~ (pancreatic cancer)

time bombs all over the West

wildfire suppression and global warming have created ~

privacy time bomb

it's a ticking ~ (compiling lists of Web searches)

ticking time bomb

Hillary Clinton called Sudan a ~

it's a ~ (San Onofre nuclear-power plant waste)

ticking timebomb

these aging oil platforms are all just a ~ (leak)

environmental time bomb

Central and Eastern Europe our littered with ~s

latent time bomb

a computer command set off the ~ (Mars glitch)

little time bombs

her tweets were ~ she'd unwittingly armed (as a teen)

political timebomb

COVID is a bigger ~ in the short run than anything else

psychological time bomb

reflex-quick killing can be a ~ (the Army)

viral time bombs

hundreds could be ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

zoonotic time bombs

wet markets are ~ (avian flu, SARS, COVID-19, etc.)

made his writings a time bomb

the printing press ~ (Lorenzo Valla)

binding ourselves to a time-bomb

we are ~ (one-year timeline to bring referendum into law)

♦ "You never really want to have any situation described as a ticking time bomb."

danger / initiation / situation: explosion / weapon

time capsule (noun)

time capsule

it's a ~ (an historic building)

his film was a ~ in case he didn't make it back (war)

time capsule of the Chicago of the 1920s

it's a ~ (The Green Mill Jazz Club)

time capsule of the era

the TV show is a ~

time-capsule of manners

the book is a ~

time capsule to archaeologists

the site offers a ~

time capsule to another era

the stories offer a ~

time-capsule details

there's a poignancy in those ~ (Walkman, camcorder / film)

time-capsule charm

the building has ~

cinematic time capsule

the film is a ~

Soviet time capsule

the state is a ~ (Abkhazia)

get out of the time capsule

wake up, ~

unearth a time capsule

to read the book today is to ~, to recall an era when...

♦ see also *frozen (frozen in time)*

♦ "This is a freezer, not a time capsule." (A cute ad for Progressive Home Insurance that makes fun of young homebuyers turning into their parents.)

past & present / time: container

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: container

time machine

time machine

you're in a ~ as you go up the bay (an ecologist)

♦ "The Wayback Machine is a digital archive of the World Wide Web." (Wikipedia.)

future / past & present / time: mechanism

time traveller (person)

time traveller

was Ludwig Bemelmans a ~

♦ The film *Back to the Future* was extremely popular. That's the one with Marty McFly, played by Michael J. Fox, and a crazy scientist, and a DeLorean car.)

time: person

time warp

Soviet time warp

Abkhazia is living in a ~ (frozen in time)

paradisiacal time warp

the forests of Bucovina seemed to exist in a ~

past & present / time: movement

tinderbox (resemblance)

tinderbox

the whole forest is a ~ (wildfires)

turned (much of) the state into a tinderbox

California's severe drought and extreme weather have ~

resemblance: fire

tinderbox (violence, etc.)

tinderbox

the city is a ~ (trouble in Jerusalem)

the country is a ~ just waiting for a match (Bulgaria)

tinderbox forests

crews go into ~ with shovels and axes (wildfires)

volatile tinderbox

in that ~ of a time, Kennedy led with a steady hand

leaving behind a tinderbox

he is ~ in the Middle East for his successor (election)

initiation: fire

tin ear (noun)

showed her tin ear

she again showed her ~ (politics)

flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech

tin-eared (adjective)

tin-eared (political) lines

he still spouts ~ (politics)

flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech

tinker (verb)

tinkering with the rules

they are ~

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

tip (tip one's hand)

tips his hand

under pressure from his audience, the candidate ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games

tire (kick the tires)

kicking the tires, and looking under the hood

Microsoft is ~ of Tik-Tok (possible merger)

♦ And perhaps test-driving...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: gesture / mechanism

tired (condition)

tired categories

we must break out of these ~ (John Searle)

tired narrative

the same ~ gets thrown out there (disgust)

condition & status: health & medicine

tired (feeling)

tired of America being

I'm ~ a babysitter for the world (illegal immigration)

tired of people calling

she's ~ health care workers heroes (a doctor)

tired of being

farmers are ~ collateral damage in trade wars

tired of the finger-pointing

parents are ~ (school issues)

tired of the nonsense and the noise

if you are ~ in our politics... (Amy Klobuchar)

so tired

I'm ~ of this (Ailsa Chang / life's milestones)

sick and tired

see *sick and tired (feeling)*

♦ "Tired of stumbling off curbs or bumping into other pedestrians while consulting a map on your smartphone? When you wear **Lechal Insoles**, a gentle vibration in one shoe or the other will tell you when and in which direction to turn. (\$150, amazon.com.)

feeling, emotion & effect: mental health / sleep

tit-for-tat (adjective)

tit-for-tat relation

this ~ is deteriorating (China-US conflict)

♦ This seems to relate to "a blow for a tap," in other words, reciprocity for getting hit by hitting back.

conflict / revenge / social interaction: fist

Titan (Tennessee Titans, etc.)

Titans

the ~ brushed aside their hosts (NFL football)

proper name: creature

titan (noun)

titan

in an age of romantic giants he was a ~ (Goethe)

titan of Soviet cinema

tributes to a ~ (Andrey Myagkov, *The Irony of Fate*)

titan of the Surrealist movement

this ~ strode on stage (Salvador Dali on Dick Cavett show)

two titans

~ of Silicon valley are in a bitter fight (Facebook v. Apple)

Hollywood titan

the ~ forced his way into her apartment and raped her

corporate titans

~ like the Walton family

economic titans

Asia's ~, China and Japan...

global titans

the Quakers had become ~ of the whaling industry

“Battle of the Titans”

Lennox Lewis vs. Vitali Klitschko, billed as ~

size: allusion / creature

achievement, recognition & praise / importance &

significance: allusion / creature / size

toast (finished)

toast

if you are trying to please them, you're ~ (auditions)

could be toast

wheat farmers ~ if the dams are removed (title of article)

starting, going, continuing & ending: cooking

toast (verb)

toast to Robert Burns' birthday

people around the world ~

toasts a record wine grape harvest

California ~

achievement, recognition & praise: alcohol / gesture / verb

toast (acknowledgment)

Toast To The Montreal International Jazz Festival

A ~ at 40: Jazz, Blues & Much More (title of article)

achievement, recognition & praise: alcohol / gesture

today (the present)

today

he is as committed ~ as he was yesterday & the day before

today's crime

~ is the foundation of tomorrow's virtue (a Nazi)

today's economy

it's tough to stay alive in ~ (a business)

today's potatoes

they are the ancestors of ~ (Peruvian wild potatoes)

today's tech world

~ worships at the altar of disruption

today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow

we are well prepared ~ (German response to pandemic)

past & present / time: day

toe (on one's toes)

on their toes

at this point, everybody is ~

on your toes

you've got to be ~ (a paramedic)

keep them on their toes

he will ~ (the debate moderator)

readiness & preparedness: foot / toe / standing, sitting & lying

toe (step on toes)

stepped on a lot of toes

he ~ with his stories (murdered journalist)

stepping on a few toes

we'll be ~, that's for sure (*Millennium* magazine)

stepped on the toes of old theories and beliefs

his discoveries ~ (Pasteur)

♦ “It was ticklish business. Powerful economic toes in the shoes of pseudo-science had to be stamped on.” (*Men Against Death* by Paul De Kruif. From the chapter “Death in Milk” about Alice Evans and her work on undulant fever.)

♦ [The exile of Stephen Crane's *Red Badge of Courage* from the high-school curriculum] is hard to explain, given that it crosses no pieties, offends no taboos, and steps on no obviously inflamed corn.” (“American Stoic: What Stephen Crane left behind” by Adam Gopnik, *The New Yorker*, October 25, 2021.)

character & personality / disruption / feeling, emotion & effect: foot / sensation / toe / verb / walking, running & jumping

toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)

dipping its toes into digital apps

Mattel is ~

dipping a toe into public life

they are ~ (two sons of celebrity start YouTube channel)

dipping his toe in the (church-as-business) waters
perhaps Kanye West is ~

♦ “When you want to test the depths of a stream, don't use both feet.” (Chinese.)

experimentation / involvement: foot / toe / verb / water

toehold (noun)

toehold within the city

Grbavica gave the Serbs a ~ (war in Bosnia)

toehold on a computer

automated tools get hackers a ~

political toehold

women have been unable to gain a ~ (Massachusetts)

♦ “Julius Caesar had been expanding into Gaul and even putting a toe into Britain.”

presence & absence: foot / mountains & hills / toe

survival, persistence & endurance: foot / mountains & hills / toe

toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)

go toe to toe

the two warriors ~ (*Deadliest Warrior* TV show)
to ~, to fight for that truth (convict claims innocence)

go toe-to-toe with the US military

they certainly can't ~, but...

conflict: boxing / toe / verb

together (as noun)

together awaits

your ~ (ad for Vrbo / holiday bookings / family fun)

division & connection: part of speech

toilet (in the toilet)

in the toilet

morale is ~ (military)

failure, accident & impairment / decline: direction / infrastructure

toll (take a toll, etc.)

exact a (terrible emotional) toll

stuttering can ~

takes its toll

not getting enough sleep day after day ~

taking its toll

the buildup to war, too, was ~

took its toll

the heat and humidity ~ (heat-related deaths)

took their toll

years of graffiti "missions" ~ (arrests, etc.)

cost & benefit: money / verb

toll (other)

toll of the war

he wrote a report on the psychological ~ (on soldiers)

toll on the (entire) family

their condition can take a ~ (autistic kids)

toll on musicians' bodies

hours of practice take their ~

toll on lives and places

war's ~ (Cambodia)

war's toll

the ~ on lives and places (Cambodia)

actual (annual) toll

the ~ might be 10,000 (vs. reported) (mine deaths)

emotional toll

stuttering can exact a terrible ~

heavy toll

rebel resistance was taking a ~
the US raid, while brief, inflicted a ~

huge toll

my job took a ~ (presidential advisor)

human toll

the ~ was high

psychological toll

he wrote a report on the ~ of the war
the ordeal had taken a profound ~ (climbing accident)

unseen toll

researchers confront the ~ of their work (extremism)

cost & benefit: money

tomahawk (Tomahawk cruise missile, etc.)

Tomahawk cruise missiles

the submarine is armed with ~

proper name: weapon

tomorrow (future)

tomorrow

~ is already here

dominant industries today will give way to new industries ~

tomorrows

"I'd trade all my ~, for that one single yesterday"

tomorrow's revenue stream

ecommerce is ~

tomorrow's virtue

today's crime is the foundation of ~ (a Nazi)

better tomorrow

dreams of a ~ for our kids

today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow

we are well prepared ~ (German response to pandemic)

building a (better) tomorrow

we are ~

♦ "Own Your Tomorrow." (A Charles Schwab advertisement.)

future / time: day

ton (amount)

ton of attention

Charlottesville did bring a ~ to these groups (protest)

ton of confusion

the briefings have led to a ~ about what is really going on

ton of football

we've got a ~ for you (TV)

ton of detail

we've heard vague reports, but there's not a ~

amount: weight

tone-deaf (adjective)

tone-deaf

his response to the accusation was ~

tone deaf to the problems

she is ~ that average women face (an executive)

tone-deaf response

his ~ sparked widespread outrage in Germany

tone deaf or blinded

many online accused her of being by privilege (celebrity)

tone deaf and cringe-worthy

the video was criticised as being ~ (the pandemic)

tone deaf and ignorant

she was accused of being ~ to racial sensitivities

tone deaf, insensitive, and insane

it was ~ (2017 Pepsi ad with Kendall Jenner)

flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech

consciousness & awareness: ear / music / speech

tone down (verb)

toning down his rhetoric

he is ~

attenuation: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / sound / speech / verb

tongue (resemblance)

glacier's tongue

a ~ can extend hundreds of miles

resemblance: tongue

tongue (danger)

tongue

your ~ is your horse, protect it and it will protect you
keep the ~ in your mouth a prisoner

punishment of his tongue

what a man suffers in life is the ~ (Turkey)

♦ "A bridle for the tongue is a necessity"

♦ "You can trap an ox by his horns and a man by his words."
(Madagascar.)

♦ "The tongue is but three inches long, yet it can kill a man six feet tall."
(Japanese.)

♦ "Eat when the meal is ready, speak when the time is right." (Ethiopia.)

♦ "The walls have ears."

♦ "Who gossips to you, will gossip of you." (Turkish.)

♦ "Gossiping and lying go together."

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (Turkish.)

♦ "Speech is silver, silence is gold."

danger: speech / tongue

tongue (language)

foreign tongue

he was speaking in a ~

language / speech: tongue

tongue (hold one's tongue)

hold your tongue

I would advise you to ~

held his tongue

he has largely ~, but on Friday he let loose (politics)

held his tongue about the actions

Obama has largely ~ of his successor but...

unable to hold her tongue

she is ~

speech: tongue / verb

control & lack of control: speech / tongue

tongue (bite one's tongue)

bitten my tongue

I have ~ despite feeling I should say something

speech: tongue / verb

tongue (lose one's tongue)

lost your tongue

have you ~

functioning: speech / tongue

speech: tongue / verb

tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)

stick their tongues out at the pieties

writers who ~

insult: gesture / tongue

tongue (slip of the tongue)

slips of the tongue

~ are entirely normal in kids

failure, accident & impairment: speech / tongue

tongue-lashing

tongue lashing

the older player gave her a ~ (teen golfer)

tongue-lashings from the coach

~ (basketball)

tongue-lashing from Kathy

I took a ~ (wife)

speech: tongue / violence / whip

accusation & criticism: tongue / violence / whip

tongue twister

tongue twister

do you know a ~

♦ She sells sea shells by the sea shore.

♦ The sixth sick sheik's sheep's sick.

difficulty, easiness & effort: speech / tongue

tongue-twisting

tongue-twisting name

the ~ eosinophilic esophagitis

difficulty, easiness & effort: speech / tongue

tonic (effect)

tonic

military victory is anticipated as the ~ that will...

tonic for the country

the team's revival has been a ~ that needs it (World Cup)

tonic for the sport

her arrival proved a ~ (Danica Patrick)

♦ "On June 14, 1909, Shackleton returned to London and to a tumultuous welcome, painfully unlike Scott's own muted homecoming from *Discovery*... / While Britain still appeared the greatest power on earth, unease was gnawing just beneath the surface... Into this atmosphere laden with uncertainty and doubt, burst Shackleton, genial, swaggering, breezy, the precise figure of reassurance for a troubled country. / King Edward VII, a shrewd monarch, understood this when he knighted Shackleton, while Scott had to make do with a C.V.O. Scott, with his neurotic worries and suspicion, was too much a mirror of the times for comfort; Shackleton was a tonic." (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

tool (help)

tool

the military is not a ~ well suited for remaking a society

tool to combat

it remains the principal ~ street homelessness

tool to educate

Senior Step is a ~ older amputees (magazine)

tool to save

it's the best ~ lives in avalanches (air bags)

tool of repression

the Iraqi military was a ~ (Kurds)

tool in the toolbox

antibody tests are a ~ that will have some value

tools in our toolbox

I'd like to see more ~ (interrogations of terrorists)

tool for (AIDS) prevention

the classroom as a ~

tool for law enforcement

the antiterrorism law is an essential ~

tools for (consumer) advertising

magazines are ~

tool for analyzing

Microstran, an advanced ~ structures (software)

tools for evaluating

their arsenal of ~ applicants (colleges)

tool for measuring

the CATCS, a new ~ student cynicism (college)

tools menu

on the ~, click mail merge (computers)

assessment tool

the CATCS, a new ~ for measuring student cynicism

communications tool

e-mail is a ~, not an information tool (hoaxes)

hacker tools

Web sites specializing in ~

information tool

e-mail is a communications tool, not an ~ (hoaxes)

management tool

wilderness bonding as a ~

research tool

the M.R.I. and PET are crucial ~s (brain)

cancer-research tool

the virus became a widely used ~

performance evaluation tool

the job description may also be a ~

high tech tool

~s that could help in the war on terrorism

learning tool

computers are kid's toys and ~s

marketing tool

a subtle ~ to get out the message

wine has become a ~ as well (restaurants)

recruiting tool

the parachutists are deployed as a ~

screening tool

there is a need for better ~s for depression

teaching tool

adopted as a standard ~; as a ~ he had a chart made

depression screening tool

a nine question ~ (public health)

fire-fighting tools

a growing arsenal of ~ (wildfires)

advanced tool

Microstran, an ~ for analyzing structures (software)

widely used (cancer-research) tool

the virus became a ~

additional tools

~ to augment deadly force (nonlethal means)

basic tool

education is the most ~ for helping you with diabetes

biometric tools

~ (fingerprinting, facial recognition, iris scans)

diagnostic tool
the CAT scan, a ~ used in hospitals worldwide

essential tool
the antiterrorism law is an ~ for law enforcement

indispensable tool
the typewriter was once an ~ in the writer's life

political tool
forswore the use of violence as a ~

powerful tool
password systems give merchants ~
the technology can be a ~ to help doctors (MRI)

principal tool
it remains the ~ to combat street homelessness

psychiatric tool
brain imaging has been oversold as a ~ (psychiatry)

standard (teaching) tool
adopted as a ~

subtle (marketing) tool
a ~ to get out the message

arsenal of tools
their ~ for evaluating applicants (colleges)

arsenal of (fire-fighting) tools
a growing ~

creator of a (Web publishing) tool
Dave Winer, ~ called... (computers)

repository of (Sybase) tools
a non-commercial ~

access to ("cracking") tools
al Qaeda has ~ (cyberwarfare)

bonding as a (management) tool
wilderness ~

violence as a (political) tool
forswore the use of ~

develop tools
~ for addressing stereotypes when you hear them

oversold as a (psychiatric) tool
brain imaging has been ~

♦ "That's not to say it can do everything, but it is a tool with profound benefits, a great tool." (Dr. James A. Brink, on the importance of CAT scanners.)

♦ "You're realizing your medical tools are inadequate to help." (Ex-NIH head Francis Collins. He was not particularly religious until a dying patient asked him about what he believed in. From "Next chapter: Ex-NIH head Francis Collins works to bridge the country's divides, NPR, Morning Edition, January 24, 2022.)

help & assistance: tools & technology

toolbox (noun)

management toolbox
there are a whole host of tools that are in that ~ (wildfires)

diplomatic toolbox
what are the tools left in the West's ~ (Russia)

tool in the toolbox
antibody tests are a ~ that will have some value

tools in our toolbox
I'd like to see more ~ (interrogations of terrorists)

vaccine in our toolboxes
we have another ~ (COVID)

alternatives & choices: tools & technology

amount / group, set & collection: tools & technology

toolkit (noun)

teacher's toolkit
the techniques and strategies in a ~

alternatives & choices: tools & technology
amount / group, set & collection: tools & technology

toolshed (noun)

in the toolshed
this is another tool ~ to fight that fight (a political app)

alternatives & choices: tools & technology
amount / group, set & collection: tools & technology

tooth (The Tooth, etc.)

The Tooth
the ~ is an Alpine rite of passage just 2 hours from Seattle

Tooth Island
~ is off the coast of Australia in the Coral Sea

♦ The Antarctic iceberg D28 has come to be known as "Molar Berg." It is adjacent to an area that was nicknamed "Loose Tooth." See "How a colossal block of ice became an obsession" by Jonathan Amos, BBC, 15 Jan 2022.)

♦ Address all correspondence to: Tooth Island, Great Sandy Strait, Coral Sea, Southwestern Pacific Ocean, Pacific Ocean. (Sean Connery, formerly of McLeods Publick House Pub, 5540 W Main St #9, Dothan, Alabama.)

proper name: teeth

tooth (a tooth for a tooth)

tooth for a tooth
an eye for an eye, a ~

revenge: Bible / religion / teeth

tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)

tooth and nail
she fought him, ~
they fought ~ to keep the evidence out (trial)

fighting (the effort) tooth and nail
the industry is ~ (regulation)

fight tooth and nail for her power
she has to ~ (the opera character Carmen)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / predation

conflict: animal / predation

toothless (adjective)

toothless resolution

this is yet another ~ from the Security Council (UN)

scorned as toothless

the regulatory agency is widely ~

attenuation / force / strength & weakness / substance & lack of substance: animal / teeth

toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)

put (all) that toothpaste back in the tube

it's very hard to ~ (morality)

putting that toothpaste back in the tube

there's no ~ (history of disputes between athletes on team)

concealment & lack of concealment / pursuit, capture & escape: container

top (blow one's top)

blew his top

he ~ in front of a group of colleagues

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb / volcano

top (hierarchy)

top Republican

~ backpedals on tax pledge

top (tech) companies

the company has catapulted into the ranks of ~

top four

Manchester United is lurking on the margins of the ~

top of the food chain

women at the very ~ at the studios (executives)

top of the (root server) hierarchy

at the ~ is the "A" root server

top of the (corporate) ladder

arrogance and ego at the ~

top of the pyramid

the people at the ~ know exactly what they are doing

top-down chain of command

older workers are used to a ~ (business)

top priority

his ~ is to improve team chemistry (sports)

At The Top

the opinion piece was entitled, "The Rot ~" (corruption)

on top

the people are ~ nowadays (*Doctor Zhivago*)

society is like a layer cake, with the upper class ~

to the top

it's your ticket ~ (a job offer)

finished on top

San Jose ~ last season (soccer)

go out on top

like any other boxer, he wants to ~

motivated to be on top

he was ~ (Jeremy Lusk)

take him to the top

he hoped his right hand would ~ (a boxer)

made it (back) to the top

he ~ (a troubled boxer)

hierarchy: direction / position

top (dominance / winning)

on top

Bucs defence ~ (Super Bowl)

came out on top

it was a crappy situation, but we ~ (Rangers)

superiority & inferiority: animal / direction / position

dominance & submission: animal / direction / position

top (on top / control)

on top of this

we are ~ (an emergency)

get on top of this

we need to ~ (pandemic)

getting on top of this virus

we are nowhere near ~ (pandemic)

stay on top of a project

he will ~ until it is done

stay on top of things

the aim of the game is to ~ (COVID)

control & lack of control: direction / position

top (excellence)

top (talent) incubator

the art gallery has emerged as a ~ (Damascus)

top student

a ~, a star athlete, and a caring girlfriend

top talent

ENA is an incubator for France's ~

top tier

he is in the ~ of Hollywood directors

this looked like the rally of a ~ candidate (for president)

he is vaulting into the ~ of TV interviewers

top-grade

this is ~ political dirt

at the top of his game

he is ~

he was ~ when he was shot and killed (a comic)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / position

top (on top of / at the same time)

on top of the (ongoing) battle

the 500-year flood comes ~ with the coronavirus pandemic

time: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

sequence: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

top (over the top)

over the top

are school proms ~ (US / Yes)

some of the criticism has been ~ (Scottish soccer)

55% of people thought the response was ~ (swine flu)

only 12% thought the response to Covid-19 was ~

over the top and ridiculous

that's just so ~ (tennis penalizes Naomi Osaka)

entertainingly over the top

some fine actors have gone ~ (playing the Joker, Cruella)

♦ The meaning is excessive and exaggerated, like hyperbole. Merriam-Webster gives first use of this meaning to 1984. Many websites claim the phrase somehow relates to World War I soldiers going over the top of trenches.

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

♦ "It's the biggest myth in the history of myths." (John Madden, the bombastic sports broadcaster, reacting to comments about something that he had allegedly done. Sports broadcasters are well known for being bombastic, flamboyant, and for their hyperbole. A great example is the wonderful Steven A. Smith, who is always worth listening to.)

♦ "Basketball can be the greatest game in the world. But when you lose it's like somebody reaches in and grabs your heart and shakes it right in front of you, and just sort of taunts you a little bit." (A crying coach Roy Williams about North Carolina's loss to Wisconsin in the 2021 NCAA tournament. Some were disturbed by such behavior and language. A short time later, the storied coach retired.)

♦ The politician Howard Dean screamed or shrieked (some characterized it as a battle cry) while running for president in 2004, which only helped to ruin his chances. Wikipedia has an entry, "Dean scream." The scream went "viral" in the early days of the internet, and some claim it was the very first political meme.

behavior / performance / restraint & lack of restraint: direction

top dog (hierarchy)

top dog

there was no doubt he was the ~ (young Federal lawyer)

top dogs

they are ~ in the history of the sport (college basketball)

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: animal / direction / dog / person / position

topography (noun)

favorable political topography

this is a ~ for us (the Republican senate)

area: ground, terrain & land

topple (verb)

topple the government

he was charged with attempting to ~ by force and conspiracy

toppled the government

his self-immolation started the riots that ~ (Tunisia)

toppled the (Taliban) government

US troops ~

toppled (entrenched) leaders

the protests have ~ in Egypt and Tunisia

topple the regime

they wish to ~ (rebels)

destruction / dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / equilibrium & stability / ruins / verb

topsy-turvy (upside down)

turned (centuries of medical) dogma topsy-turvy

he ~

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability

torch (carry a torch)

carry the torch for the political allies

judges should not ~

representation: fire / verb

torch (pass the torch)

pass the torch to Andre

now I'll ~ (second speaker at lecture)

♦ "We are an intergenerational torch that is going to burn brighter and we're going to pass it on until the need for Time's Up becomes obsolete." (Ashley Judd, reacting to criticism of that group.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

transmission: fire / verb

torch (other)

torch

the ~ has been passed (from the Kennedys to O'Rourke)

torch of (Syrian contemporary art)

for a long time the ~ was carried by Mustafa Ali

political torch

he passed the ~ to his vice president (Clinton to Gore)

carry on the (family's singular political) torch

there is no one to ~ (Kennedys)

representation: fire / sign, signal, symbol

transmission: fire / sign, signal, symbol

torchbearer (person)

last torchbearer

her generation is perhaps its ~s (Anglo-Indians in India)

representation: fire / person

torn (divided)

torn between past and present
Turkey, ~

torn between modernity and traditionalism
Turkey, ~

torn between the statements and the lack of evidence
both juries were ~

torn between two career directions
are you ~

torn between admiration and annoyance
he was ~

torn over whether
I'm ~ I should...

conflict-torn
~ areas such as Kosovo and the Palestinian territories

violence-torn
~ East Timor

war-torn (m)
drilling for oil in this ~ area (Colombia)
this poor, hungry, ~ backwater

division & connection: destruction

tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)

Tartan Tornado
the win went to the ~ (Scot boxer Josh Taylor)

force: epithet

tornado (force)

tornado
he was a ~ made of chiffon (William Ivey Long, designer)

beautiful tornado
Girl Power was the most ~ that ever hit your town (Lizzo)

economic tornado
people are stuck in the middle of a ~ (a Scot / tax rise)

force: wind

torn up

torn up about it
I was kind of ~

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction

torpedo (verb)

torpedo (congressional) approval
he made an unsuccessful attempt to ~ of the agreement

torpedoed the (entire) company
the Newton nearly ~ (Apple in 1993)

torpedoed a (main EU) initiative
the tariffs have ~ (Kosovo / Serbia)

torpedoing morale
the overhaul of the system is ~ (education)

torpedoes her plea
that ~ for self-defense

torpedoed their season
the loss ~ (football)

torpedo her career and family life
her alcoholism threatened to ~ (Aretha Franklin)

♦ Captain R. L. McClintock invented the Bangalore torpedo in 1912 in India. The weapon was used successfully in World War I to cut paths through trenches six feet deep and 30 feet across filled with coils of barbed wire. Militaries use versions of it to the present day.

♦ An international investigation came to the conclusion that North Korea torpedoed the South Korean warship *Cheonan*, killing 46 sailors. During the Falklands War, the submarine HMS *Conqueror* torpedoed and sank the ARA *General Belgrano*.

♦ "Robert watched people jump from the rails. / The ship continued to move; its stern rose higher. His [heavily pregnant] mother held him close. And then the sea seemed to leap forward, and his mother was gone...The ship disappeared. / Later, a passenger reported seeing a woman giving birth in the water. The idea that this might have been his mother would haunt the boy for the rest of his life." (*Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. Robert was seven years old when the ship was torpedoed by Captain Walther Schwieger in the U-20.)

destruction: boat / sea / verb

torpedo (noun)

torpedo
it was the ~ than sank the prosecution's case (forensics)

fired a torpedo
he has ~ that has blown a hole in the White House

destruction: boat / sea

torpor (noun)

torpor and schlock
he came back from years of ~ (Elvis Presley)

activity: health & medicine

torrent (noun)

torrent of abuse
his remarks unleashed a ~

torrent of criticism
the decision provoked a ~
in the aftermath of the shooting, a ~ (Alec Baldwin)

torrent of data
genomics has released a ~

torrent of (irate and obscene) e-mails
he awoke to a ~

torrent of fury
in the play's scorching final scene, she unleashes a ~ at...

torrent of information
filtering, organizing, and customizing this ~ (Web)

amount & effect / movement: water

tortoise (tortoise and hare, etc.)

tortoise-versus-hare

the history of AI has been a ~ contest between...

competition: allusion / animal

torture (afflict)

tortured me for months

my daughter ~ (potty training)

torturing Alabama

at least 17 reported tornados are ~ (ABC News)

tortured him

the rumors ~

cancer ~

the weeks ~, as he knew people were dying

torturing us

hunger was now ~ (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev)

♦ "Traveling is a form of torture." (Arabic.)

affliction: violence / verb

torture (affliction)

mental torture

it was a form of ~ (soldiers talking about great meals)

became torture

her work life ~ (Me Too movement)

puts his body through the torture

he ~ required to prepare... (a boxer)

affliction: violence

tortured

tortured about his sexuality

a man ~ (closeted gay Republican politician)

tortured by bad weather

this is an area that has been ~ (spring tornadoes)

tortured emotions

such ~ (towards sex)

tortured path

it's been a long ~ for the project (space)

tortured childhood

he cries when he recalls his ~ (homosexual)

tortured, difficult and painful

relations are often ~ (politics)

legal torture

the way we feel is that we are going through ~ (family)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: violence

torturous

slow, torturous

a ~ death by drowning, hypothermia suffocation (sub)

feeling, emotion & effect: violence

comparison & contrast: affix

toss back (verb)

tossed political gerrymandering back to the states
the Supreme Court has ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball / verb

toss out (verb)

tossed his suit out of court
a judge ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

totem (noun)

totem of survival

the gun, not the plough, was the ~ (Tasmania)

totem for (a certain kind of American) bravado
Sinatra was a ~ ("My Way")

familiar totem

the Christmas tree is a ~ of the holiday season

outdated and environmentally irresponsible totems

big dams are seen as ~, wasteful symbols of national pride...

tearing down French totems

by ~ Zemmour is showing.... (about WWII)

used Sinatra as a totem

Anka ~ for a certain kind of American bravado (My Way)

♦ Anthem; emblematic; metaphor; represent; (cultural) figurehead; trademark; influence... ("A Toast to 'My Way,' America's Anthem of Self-Determination" by Sonari Glinton, All Things Considered, Nov 19, 2019.)

representation: picture / religion / sign, signal, symbol

totem pole

low on the totem pole

Flint was apparently ~ (in a company)

hierarchy: direction / position

touch (nobody will touch this, etc.)

touch this

nobody in the mainstream media will ~

attainment: finger / verb

touch (verb / emotion)

touched everyone

the loss ~ (children die in house fire)

touched many lives

throughout his life, he ~

touches so many others

each person's life ~ (the film *It's a Wonderful Life*)

feeling, emotion & effect: finger / verb

touch (lose touch)

lost touch with her
officials said they had ~

loses touch with reality
he ~ (a schizophrenic)

lost touch with firefighters
fire officials ~ trying to... (poor communications)

lost touch with their father
they ~ and Native heritage (Laguna Pueblo)

division & connection: finger / verb

touch (connection)

touch with reality
he loses ~ (a schizophrenic)

human touch
the ~ comes naturally (a lawyer)

division & connection: finger

touching (adjective)

touching story
this was the most ~ I've ever heard

feeling, emotion & effect: finger

touchstone

touchstone of a generation
it was the ~ (Woodstock Music Festival / US)

touchstones of (medical) progress
vaccines and antibiotics are seen as ~ (vs. diagnostic test)

touchstone in (American) culture
her case became a ~ (Terri Schiavo)

touchstone in German Holocaust studies
the book became a ~ (by H. G. Adler)

touchstone for a set
the painting is a ~ of ideals ("Kindred Spirits")

"touchstone" (1960) book
Harper Lee's ~ ("To Kill a Mockingbird")

holiday touchstone
"It's a Wonderful Life" is now a ~ (film)

cultural touchstone
"American Psycho" has become a ~ (US / a book)
it is a ~ (dominoes / Latinos / NYC)
her fourth book is a ~ (*Eat, Pray, Love*)

emotional touchstone
Jerusalem is an ~ for many people in the Middle East

♦ A touchstone was a dark stone such as slate used to determine, or assay, the purity of a precious metal, like gold. It is similar in meaning nowadays to *litmus test*. The word seems to relate to authenticity, genuineness, or shared experience.

representation: mark

touchy (adjective)

touchy subject
abortion is a ~ for some radio programmers

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

touchy (personality)

touchy about his baldness
he's ~

character & personality: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

tough-minded

tough-minded
he is ~ and not afraid to take risks (commander)

nimble, tough-minded and effective
we need government that is ~

mind: materials & substances

tour of duty

tour of duty as James Bond
the film concludes Daniel Craig's ~ (*No Time To Die*)

work & duty: military

tout (person)

tout for the educational-technology industry
he is a ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: person
speech: person / sex

tout (verb)

tout the wonders
Mexican officials ~ of Mexico (tourism)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: verb

towel (throw in the towel)

thrown in the towel
she would be disappointed that he has ~ so quickly

threw in the towel on adding
he ~ a citizenship question (on the census)

ready to throw in the towel
she's not ~

♦ "A lot of people say he quit... But you don't know the pain what he was experiencing. I dunno, I've not been in that position. His eye socket was smashed up... It's things like that when it's through injury, I don't think people got a place to call people quitters..." (The great boxer Josh Taylor on BBC's 5 Live Boxing with Costello & Bunce.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / verb

towering (towering figure, etc.)

towering figure
Jacky Robinson was a ~ in American sports

he was a ~ who rose above party politics (McCain)
Ike was one of the ~s of the 20th century (Eisenhower)

importance & significance: size / height / infrastructure

toxic (adjective)

toxic
rap culture is ~ (Swedish rapper Einar murdered)

toxic atmosphere
political leaders have contributed to a ~ (politics)

toxic doctrine
the ~ of racial superiority (Nazis)

toxic environment
it has been a ~ for 8 years (actor on a TV show)

toxic (political) environment
incumbent politicians are at risk in the ~

toxic (online) environment
Facebook creates a ~ by doing nothing (fake news)

toxic (work) environment
employees complained that he created a ~ (a boss)

toxic masculinity
~ in *The Power of the Dog* (the film)

toxic person
she is a ~

toxic relationship
their ~ ended in murder

toxic political warfare
this will pour fuel on the fire of ~

politically toxic
the subject of climate change is ~

become toxic
the modern culture of the prom has ~ (critics)

growing toxic
the marriage was ~ (husband murders wife)

destruction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / materials & substances

track (on track)

on track to jump
the number of Wi-Fi cards sold is ~ 75 percent

on track to meet
the services are ~ reserve manpower goals (military)

on track for a shot
a win would keep him ~ at the title (boxer)

on an academic track
he is ~ (vs. vocational program) (high school)

on the right track
we are ~ (making progress towards our goal)

back on track
we are ~ (making progress)
they will get ~ today with a new bill (politics)

still on track
US policy there is ~ (Central Asia)

organized and on track
keep your job search ~

stay on track
your script should help you ~ (job interviews)

keep your job search (organized and) on track
how to ~

get back on track
treatment options to help you ~ (depression)
it is possible to ~ (debt in economy)

get us (back) on track
I've got a solution that will ~

get our economy (back) on track
to help ~

direction / progress & lack of progress: train

track (fast track)

on a fast track to a vote
the resolution is ~ on the floor of the senate

haste / speed: train

track (across the tracks, etc.)

lives across the tracks
the horror genre ~ in the literary community

division & connection: train

track (cover one's tracks, etc.)

cover your tracks
you didn't ~ very well, you were easy to find

cover his tracks
people wondered if he disappeared to ~ (crime suspect)
his aides were trying to ~ (a politician)

cover his (digital) tracks
he failed to ~ (an Internet hacker)

covered their tracks
whoever did it was very careful and ~ (unsolved murder)

covered his tracks well
he had assimilated into the upper class and ~ (England)

hide their tracks
they used Iranian access hoping it would ~ (hackers)

throw people off the track
this story was a false narrative to ~

♦ "TOR drags branches behind your digital footsteps so people can't tell where you're going or where you've been."

subterfuge: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb
concealment & lack of concealment: hunting / verb

track (stop something in its tracks)

stopped the (FBI) investigation in its tracks
the plea agreement ~

stopped his meteoric rise in its tracks
a racial slur has ~ (a country singer)

curtailment: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

track (stopped in one's tracks, etc.)

halted in its tracks
the tournament was ~ (Coronavirus)

got stopped in its tracks
the idea ~ (opening a liaison office)

starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping

track (off the beaten track)

off the beaten track
the whirlpools are ~

go off the beaten track
he doesn't hesitate to ~

isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips

track (direction)

career track
I didn't take the traditional ~

traditional (career) track
I didn't take the ~

take the (traditional career) track
I didn't ~

direction: train

track down (verb)

track down John Sergeant
I decided I would ~ and ask him what...

track down a (caller's) location
in order to ~... (police)

track down his (work) phone
it took some effort to ~

tracked down the relatives
Moroccan officials ~ of the man (terrorist)

tracked down the (first) vehicle
authorities ~, a Subaru Outback...

track down victims
early efforts to ~ turned up... (identity theft)

track down water
how hard it can be to ~ in the Mojave

track down (dog-friendly) cafes and hotels
~ (a Web site)

track down (high-school) girlfriends
they ~... (NFL background checks)

track down the financing
our efforts to ~ of al Qaeda

tracked down this sickness
Evans ~ lurking in the milk supply (undulant fever)

tracked him down at a (corner) dice game
she ~

effort to track down
it took some ~ his work phone

searching & discovery: hunting / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

tracked (followed)

tracked all over campus
students are ~ (security systems)

tracked at factories, office parks, stadiums
people are ~ (security systems)

tracked through the system
parts must be ~ (military logistics)

information should be tracked
this ~ in the TOC and the CTCP (military)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

tracker (person)

tracker app
check out our ~ to see the progress of your delivery

♦ "He read the signs like a map." (A "Shadow Wolves" tracker, Tohono O'odham.)

♦ "Bedouin have a remarkable ability to find their way across the desert. There is an Arab saying that a Murra (Al Murrah) tribesman can be taken on a 3-day journey across trackless country, blindfolded, and then told to bury a coin in the sand at night. A decade later he will be able to return and locate his coin." (George B. Cressey.)

♦ "Tigers, lynxes, bears, wolverines, wapiti, deer, roe, pig, all are resident in this rich taiga. / Dersu strode on in silence, serenely seeing everything. I was reveling in the view, but he looked at a twig broken off at the height of a man's arm, and from the way it was hanging knew the direction in which the man had been going. From the freshness of the fracture he judged the time that had elapsed. Whenever I passed by a particularly obvious track, Dersu would chuckle, wag his head, and say: 'H'm! Just like small boy. Go walk, wag head; have eyes, no-can look-see.' / As we went, I trod upon a thorn..." (Dersu Uzala by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "The reconstruction of jungle events from signs on the ground has always held great interest for me." (Man-Eaters of Kumaon by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow (Viceroy of India 1936-1943). It is a wonderful account of hunting actual man-eating tigers. The Jim Corbett National Park is in Uttarakhand. Tigers live there.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / person
person: hunting

tracking

tracking of immigrants
the need for the government to improve its ~

tracking information
for ~, visit us at... (post office)

tracking number
~ 844553785371 (Federal Express)

eye-tracking
usability experts may use ~ software

missile-tracking
Russia has constructed a large, ~ radar

radio tracking
animals fitted with ~ collars

countertracking
backtracking, doglegging or other ~ methods (military)

acquisition and tracking
frequencies of enemy ~ systems

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

track record (good)

track record of accomplishments
years of experience and a ~ (resume)

track record in improving
he has a ~ schools (election)

track record for success
he's got a ~

skills, achievements and track record
your ~ (job hunting)

♦ This usage refers to a runner's time.

achievement, recognition & praise: sports & games
history: sports & games

track record (bad)

track record of these methods
given the ~... (poor)

track record of getting the big issues wrong
he has a ~, time after time (Federal Reserve candidate)

flaws & lack of flaws: sports & games

history: sports & games

traction (gain / build / get traction)

traction with customers
none of their products have gained significant ~

traction on social media
his comments about the movie gained ~

build traction
her campaign is starting to ~ (politics)

gain traction
rumors ~ in an atmosphere of uncertainty

gaining traction
an effort to establish industrywide safety standards is ~

getting traction
the economic recovery was finally ~

struggled to gain traction
her campaign has ~ (elections)

force: movement / verb
progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb

trade (verb)

traded some ideas
we ~ on how we could work collectively (diplomacy)

possession: money / verb

tragedy (noun)

act of the tragedy
the first ~ has been enacted (war)

farce and tragedy
man walks a narrow line in nature between ~ (Antarctic)

ended in tragedy
the hostage drama ~ when...

follow tragedy with farce
this will undermine them, you will ~ (politics)

look at the tragedy from a new angle
these conclusions help us ~

♦ When Marx wrote that history repeats itself, "the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce," he was specifically comparing Napoleon Bonaparte to his nephew, Napoleon III, the ruler Victor Hugo disparaged as Napoleon the Little. Winston Churchill had a somewhat more judicious view of Napoleon III: "For more than twenty years this amiable, dreamy figure was to play a striking and not always ineffective part upon the European scene."

♦ War; violence; catastrophe; sacrifice; betrayal; justice; retribution; horror; suffering; madness; power; fallen kings; family curses; destiny; fate; cycles of carnage; invisible gods pulling strings; dark patterns and connections; secret flaws; "the sins of the fathers and the sufferings of the children"; the devastating relationship of the present to the past; public rites; mourning; dark solace..." (Elements of Greek drama and tragedy mentioned in "JFK, Tragedy, Myth" in *Ecstasy and Terror: From the Greeks to Game of Thrones* by the wonderful classicist and essay writer Daniel Mendelsohn.)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

traffic light (or traffic signal)

"traffic light" regime
operators should observe a ~ (fracking / England)

traffic light system
there is now a ~ in place (pandemic travel to countries)
a ~ sets out rules for entering the UK

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

trail (blaze a trail)

blazed the trail for many young film makers
he ~ (Samuel L. Jackson on death of John Singleton)

blazed a trail between Greeks and Turks

they have ~ with their music
blazed a trail into the workplace
 women like her ~
blazed his own trail
 he ~

importance & significance: journeys & trips / verb
trail (follow)

trailed him
 the accusations have ~ for years (of sexual misconduct)
 the allegations that ~ finally caught up to him

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.)

trail went cold
 over time, the ~ (murder investigation)

throw the police off their trail
 their effort to ~ failed (runaway mom)

subterfuge: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

trail (digital trail, etc.)

trail of blood
 officers followed a ~ to a vacant house

trail of clues
 the murderer left a ~ (arrested)

trail of deceit
 this industry has left a ~ (tobacco)

trail of devastation
 deadly tornadoes leave a ~ in Florida (newspaper)

trail of (blood) drops
 a ~ led away from the bodies

trail of (secret) settlements
 there is a paper ~ (NBC and sex abuse)

accelerant trail
 the ~ led into her bedroom (arson)

blood trails
 the guides have been following ~ (hunting)

data trail
 they followed the ~ to his computer (criminal)

digital trail
 investigators are going through a ~ of text messages

meteor trail
 the ~ persisted for over a minute before disappearing

money trail
 they are following the ~

paper trail
 officials follow extensive ~s
 there is a ~ that exonerates him (State Department)

scent trail
 bloodhounds found no ~ (an abduction)

evidence / pursuit, capture & escape / searching & discovery: hunting

trail (campaign trail, etc.)

campaign trail
 the 2000 presidential ~

comeback trail
 they are on the ~ after serious injuries (skiers)
 the genre is on the ~ (hard rock music)

route: journeys & trips

trail (canoe trail, etc.)

Canoe Trail
 the 740-mile Northern Forest ~ (New York to Maine)

Fly Fishing Trail
 the Western North Carolina ~, created in 2009

Heritage Trail
 the Coal ~ (US 52 and Route 16 in West Virginia)

Historic Trail
 adding routes to the existing Trail of Tears National ~

Mural Trail
 the Appalachian ~ is bringing new energy to small towns

Civil Rights Trail
 the U.S. ~ has over 130 stops across 14 states

Water Trail
 the Hudson River Greenway ~ has a landing every 10 miles

♦ "You know what's good? Instant mashed potatoes mixed with ramen noodles. Now, that's good." (A hiker at the "Fontana Hilton" trail hut on the Appalachian Trail in Graham County, North Carolina, poised to enter the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Hikers generally eat only what they can carry.)

route: journeys & trips

trailblazer (person)

trailblazer
 she was a ~

trailblazer for (African-American) directors
 Singleton was considered a ~ in the 1990s

importance & significance: journeys & trips / person
person: journeys & trips

trailblazing

trailblazing research
 ~ in capital punishment

importance & significance: journeys & trips

trail of tears

trail of tears
 the training can be a ~ (PJs / military)

sort of a trail of tears
it's a ~, it goes on (photos of DC murder victims)

two-mile trail of tears
our walk is a ~ (hot in Austin for SXSW music festival)

made a trail of tears to some other reach of the state
a quarter million people have ~ and country (post-Katrina)

♦ "Trail of Tears" has come to refer to the removal of the Cherokee Indians from the Southeast to Oklahoma, and to the removal and resettlement of other Indian groups.

♦ In a 2013 playoff game in Alabama, the McAdory High School football team played the Pinson Valley High School "Indians." The McAdory cheerleaders prepared a "bust thru" banner which read, "Hey Indians. Get ready to leave in a Trail of Tears. Round 2." Following criticism, school officials later apologized for the banner and sought to deflect responsibility: "The person who would normally be responsible for approving such signs is out on maternity leave" and "The cheerleading squad will be disciplined." Of course, throwing the girls and their pregnant leader under the bus only provoked further criticism.

♦ Similarly, hard, difficult "slogs" are sometimes compared to the Bataan Death March, both in non-trivial and trivial, exaggerated contexts. The phrase is used much like the word "adventure." You might visit the Boundary Waters area and have real adventures with bears, or you might find yourself saying, "My trip to the grocery store turned into a real adventure!"

♦ The "Arduous March..." (An official term used by Kim Jong-il in the 1990s for the famine years.)

♦ Many died during the "Great Leap Forward." (China.)

difficulty, easiness & effort / feeling, emotion & effect / migration / survival, persistence & endurance: history / journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

train (failure)

wheels are coming off the train
the ~ in the mortgage business

failure, accident & impairment: train

train (hype train)

hype train
the ~ was derailed (for Y.A. book, by sensitivity readers)

hype train chugged
the ~ full speed ahead

get off the (hype) train
he is hype, and the sooner people ~ the sooner... (boxing)

halted the (Johnny Walker) hype train
he ~ with a first round TKO (MMA)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: train

train (legal train, etc.)

campaign train
seats on Joe Biden's ~ are starting to fill up (endorsers)

impeachment train
is an ~ beginning to chug out of the station (politics)

legal train
the ~ chugs forward, unperturbed...

operation: mechanism / train

train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)

train is pulling into the station
the ~, he will be acquitted (impeachment trial)

♦ Dan Harris, ABC presenter: "Are there potentially any twists that could come at the end to derail the march towards acquittal?" / Melissa Murray, NYU Law Professor: "I think it would take an absolute political tornado to derail this, this train is pulling into the station, the president is likely to be acquitted as it were on Wednesday."

starting, going, continuing & ending: train
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: train

train (train has left the station, etc.)

train has left the station
that ~, I can't see stopping that (active-shooter drills)

train has (already) left the station
that ~

train was leaving the station without him
he realized the ~ (merger plans)

miss the train
it's important we don't ~

♦ "Your dad loved her very much. If there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed." (Austin Powers to Vanessa Kensington from the film *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement / train / verb

train (future)

train has been coming down the tracks
this ~ for the past 10 years (change in government)

future / time: direction / movement / train

train (runaway train)

runaway train of drug addiction
data show the ~ has slowed down

control & lack of control / force: train

train (in one's train / at a later time)

in their train
the Chinese arrived with disease ~ (eastern Siberia)

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / train

train (get on the Trump train, etc.)

get on the Trump train
Republicans must ~ or else

got on the Trump train
when he ultimately ~, he stuck to it (politics)

boarded the Trump Train
many of the events took place before he ~ (politics)

♦ "Nine out of the last eleven times in Democratic party politics, the person who has won Iowa has gone on to win the nomination... They'll

first have a job uniting the party. And then, further down the track, Donald Trump will be waiting. The Democrats have a fight on their hands, a brutal one." (BBC's North America editor John Sopoli reporting from Iowa on BBC Newshour. What is interesting is that his comments are accompanied by train horns and crossing-track warning signals, at first faint, then rising to a crescendo. This is a rare case of the use of a metaphor with sound effects.)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: train
unanimity & consensus: train**

traitor (person)

traitor to his class

he was a ~

traitor, a backstabber and a fraud

former fans have been waiting to call him a ~ (basketball)

snake and a traitor

Sanders loyalists called Warren a ~ (no endorsement)

♦ Benedict Arnold; Wang Jingwei (died of wounds from an assassination attempt in Japan); Vidkun Quisling (executed by firing squad); Pierre Laval (executed by firing squad); Philippe Pétain (died in the throes of dementia); William Joyce (aka Lord Haw-Haw / hanged)... (Notorious traitors.)

♦ "He's a human being; we should treat him the same as we treat any other G.I. In my opinion, I think the boy deserves it; he just got off on the wrong track. And I know for a fact when he went to Korea, he didn't know whether he was going to come back or he was going to stay there. So, maybe he got a little scared when he was captured. Maybe he was pressured, tortured. I don't think it's the boy's own fault. No doubt at the time—I never seen him or never met him—No doubt he was young and he wasn't trained properly." (Charles E. Kelly, World War Two veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, when he was asked by Mike Wallace, "How do you think that we should treat US Army turncoats?" like Samuel David Hawkins, who had just returned home to the US from China in 1957. Hawkins had been a POW who, at the end of the Korean War, had decided to defect to China instead of returning home immediately. Hawkins was the youngest of only 22 American and British servicemen to defect to China after the war. The oilman M. H. Champion paid for Hawkins' return and gave him a job. In general, Hawkins was accepted on his return to the US.)

♦ "In the old days, deserters were shot... right?" (Donald Trump, campaigning for president, as the crowd cheers and whistles. He was referring to Bo Bergdahl, who walked off his COP in Afghanistan and was held captive by the enemy for five years.)

allegiance, support & betrayal / person: military

trajectory (noun)

trajectory

he started out on another ~ entirely (career)

trajectory of the war

he helped formulate the strategy that reset the ~

epidemic's trajectory

a trial could have slowed the opioid ~

life's (natural) trajectory

sport compresses ~ of ascent, apogee and decline

stalled trajectory

she got depressed at the ~ of her once-promising career

artistic trajectory

the album's single is emblematic of Batiste's ~

alter the trajectory

the caucus could ~ of the race (US election)

followed a (kind of) trajectory

Lenny ~ (Lenny Pozner, Sandy Hook parent)

set the trajectory

the right college will ~ for the rest of your child's life

reset the trajectory

he helped formulate the strategy that ~ of the war

shifted the trajectory

new information has ~ their probe (police)

course / development: journeys & trips / flying & falling / physics / shape

trample (verb)

trample on his rights

that doesn't allow you to ~

destruction / oppression: animal / foot / verb

trampled

trampled underfoot

the rights of victims were effectively ~ (clergy sex abuse)

destruction: animal / foot

tranquil (activity)

tranquil

with the international scene apparently ~, Admiral Davis...

activity: water / wind

transactional (adjective)

transactional

he is totally ~, without honor, courage, integrity

how ~ their relationships have been with him (*Succession*)

this was not ~, rape is rape (Sarah Ransom)

transactional approach

the ~ attaches strings ("vaccine diplomacy")

transactional exchange

this was a ~ of sex for information (a journalist)

transactional marriage

she has a ~ with her husband (tabloid)

transactional mentality

a ~ has led to paradoxical demands (student as customer)

transactional relationship

a strategic partnership has become a largely ~

transactional terms

the president largely sees foreign policy in ~

transactional word

"cancel" is a very ~ (cancel culture)

transactional and contractual

a society based primarily on ~ relations (vs Church, class)

transactional or transformative

it can be ~ (a pundit on national election)

commercial, (rather) transactional
it used to be a strictly ~ relationship with China

tactical, transactional, impulsive
his approach is ~ (not strategic)

♦ “Democracy was never meant to be transactional, ‘You give me your vote, I make everything better.’” It requires an active and informed citizenry.” (Barak Obama, 2020.)

♦ “Gratitude is not a relevant concept in international relations and never has been.”

position, policy and negotiation: money

translate (verb)

translate words into reality
the failure to ~... (diplomacy)

translate the language of science into terms
he can ~ people understand

translate into votes
endorsements don't always ~ (politics)

translate into (operational) safety
design safety does not necessarily ~ (factories)

creation & transformation: speech / verb

transparency (noun)

transparency in (government) procurement
~ (part of WTO agenda)

Transparency measures
Article 7 ~ (UN convention against landmines)

transparency and accountability
the need for financial ~ (PLO)

financial transparency
the need for ~ and accountability (PLO)

a lot of transparency
we don't have ~, a good view into how it decides (Twitter)

transparency turned opaque
the seeming ~ (historical allegation of rape with settlement)

lacks transparency
the process ~

♦ “I know... one of the best things that the prison system is good at doing is hiding behind the walls.” (Paul Taylor, “the man who started the Strangeways Prison riot.” The riot occurred in Manchester, England, in 1990.)

concealment & lack of concealment: eye / light & dark

transparent (adjective)

comprehensive, transparent and independent
the investigation should be ~ (plane crash)

free and transparent (m)
ensuring ~ elections (Kosovo)

concealment & lack of concealment: eye / light & dark

transplant (noun)

Atlanta's transplants
creating a hometown atmosphere for ~ (sports bars)

recent transplant
he mistook Miles for a ~ (vs. a born-and-raised native)

growth & development / migration: plant
dismissal, removal & resignation: plant
identity & nature: plant

transport (in time)

transported audiences back in time
he ~ (a singer)

fictive transportation / time: movement / verb

trap (in a trap)

in a trap
I'm ~, I can't get out of it

situation: container / hunting
pursuit, capture & escape: container / hunting

trap (noun)

trap
his proposal is not a solution but a ~ (diplomacy)

debate traps
Macron avoids ~ (against Le Pen)

Debt Trap
The ~: How Student Loans Became a National Catastrophe

likeability trap
women must stop falling into the ‘~’

speed trap
the State Police set up ~s to catch speeders

thirst trap
I promise this is my last ~ pic (dressed up)

trap is set
the ~ (a stratagem to catch a criminal)

trap is sprung
at the right opportunity, the ~ (politics)

avoid these traps
her new book examines how to ~ (women)

escape (at least one of) the traps
he had managed to ~ Bradley had laid for him

fallen into a trap
the Bush administration has ~ (by invading Iraq)

fallen for the trap
many online personals users have ~ (scam)

lays a trap
it feels good now but it ~ for us later on (Fed decision)

♦ Falling into a pattern is falling into a trap.” (Ex-FBI profiler, speaking of the Washington, D.C.-area sniper.)

danger / pursuit, capture & escape / subterfuge: hunting **trap (Chinese finger trap)**

Chinese finger trap

engaging with Trump is like a ~ (Joe Biden)

♦ Trying hard to remove your fingers only makes the trap tighter.
Sometimes, if you are in a jam, it is better to relax.

situation: container / pressure

trapdoor (computers)

trap door

'~s' allow outsiders access to the system (computers)

computer / subterfuge: doors & thresholds

concealment & lack of concealment: doors & thresholds

trapped

trapped in a (sadomasochist) love affair
he was ~ with a former RAF pilot

trapped in the battle

~ between his warring parents

trapped as a (permanent) adjunct
you could end up ~ forever (colleges)

trapped by dogma

don't be ~ (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

feels trapped

she ~ (in a small town)

got trapped

they ~ in a cycle of drug-taking (prostitutes)

end up trapped

you could ~ as a permanent adjunct forever (colleges)

involvement / situation: hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

trash (verb)

trash each other's work

campaigns by competing studios to ~ (the Oscars)

accusation & criticism: speech / verb / waste

trash (noun)

trash

you're no better than the ~ that shot this little boy
he's nothing but ~ (assault allegations)

TRASH

Boebert is ~ (one US representative about another)

trash talk

see *trash talk (verb)* and *trash talk (noun)*

trailer trash

she went from ~ to rich as sin and back

white trash

Mama persuaded us we were special, not just ~

full of trash

the Internet was ~ that threatened to follow me for life

piece of trash

the book is a filthy ~ (*Lolita* by VN)

sweep the trash off the streets

it's time for NYC law enforcement to ~ (crime)

♦ "She'll be back in the system, trash is trash." (A comment about a woman, convicted of murder as a teen, being released early from prison.)

accusation & criticism / insult / worth & lack of worth:

hygiene / speech / waste

trash talk (verb)

trash talk

they don't have to ~, they talk with their feet (NFL)

they ~ in what they think is a private call

♦ "He was the originator of getting in your face and talking trash." (Orlando Woolridge about the great NBA player Larry Bird, a Hoosier from French Lick, Indiana.)

♦ "Your mouth wrote a check that your ass couldn't cash." (A gleeful trash-talking radio commentator, about a boxer, known for talking trash, who lost.)

♦ "He's a young puppy, I'm a big dog here, whatever I say, goes." (Magic Johnson good naturedly talking trash about Michael Jordan at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The team was famous for its chemistry.)

speech: verb / waste

insult: speech / verb / waste

worth & lack of worth: verb / speech

trash talk (noun)

trash talk

the ~ escalated to violence

trash talking and hype

months of ~ preceded the boxing match

♦ In *Smithsonian* (June 2011) there is a page showing a pretty, smiling young woman sitting behind a pile of trash consisting of empty plastic bottles. The page is titled "TRASH TALK" and points the reader to an article on sustainable development.

speech: waste

insult: speech / waste

worth & lack of worth: speech

trashy (adjective)

trashy

you might think I'm ~ ("Redneck Woman")

♦ "NFL overtime rules are so trash. Which is honestly an insult to trash." (NBC Philadelphia Sports reporter Taryn Hatcher.)

admiration & contempt / behavior / character & personality / insult / worth & lack of worth: waste

trauma (groups, etc.)

trauma

~ can occur, even vicariously... (race-based trauma)

trauma of life

the ~ that makes one want to fight

trauma of being Black

the ~ in America (Kathryn Fink)

trauma industry
as the ~ was building steam and attracting clients...

trauma model
the biggest beneficiaries of the ~ are trauma theorists

trauma and injury
when people don't validate you that's another ~

Racialized Trauma
My Grandmother's Hands: ~ (Resmaa Menakem)

race-based trauma
many Black experience “~” (vicariously)

Black trauma
the appetite for stories about ~

family trauma
we're all fractured with issues, ~, addictions (Halle Berry)

African trauma
the Eurocentric narrative will always discount ~

generational trauma
when I trace it back I realize that this was just ~ (Black)
the ~ First Nations communities feel (suicide, addiction)

intergenerational trauma
the ~ of Black people

microaggression trauma
most of the world doesn't care about your ~

balm for the trauma
her films are a ~ that adolescents feel

fetishization of (Black) trauma
this ~ epitomizes an industry (entertainment)

creating more trauma
closed schools are ~ (pandemic)

navigates (generational) trauma
an immigrant family ~

♦ “The producers of the opera say the story will hopefully inspire white people to confront racism, others, though, worry it depicts Black trauma for white entertainment while masquerading as activism.” (“A new opera about Emmett Till is criticized for being created from a white perspective,” NPR, Morning Edition.)

♦ “The representation of emotion plays to the gallery.” (Humiliation, anguish, distress, etc.)

♦ “The trauma plot flattens, distorts, reduces character to symptom, and, in turn, instructs and insists upon its moral authority.” (“The Key To Me” by Parul Sehgal, *The New Yorker*, January 3 & 10, 2022.)

♦ “The wounds caused by shell high-explosive fragments and by bombs and grenades are so infinitely various that it is not possible to describe a characteristic shell wound as a type...” (From the 1915 Bradshaw Lecture on Wounds in War by Surgeon-General Sir Anthony Bowlby, K.C.M.G., A.M.S., Surgeon in Ordinary to H.M. the King; Consulting Surgeon to the British Expeditionary Force in France; Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

traumatic (groups)

traumatic legacy

Indian boarding schools' ~ (native Americans)

traumatic memories
~ of...

traumatic news
a season of ~ (for Blacks)

traumatic week
Orlando wrestles with a ~ (the Florida city)

traumatic for students
active-shooter drills in schools could be ~

‘traumatic’ (bodycam) video
police release ~

rarely discussed and thus deeply traumatic
queer listeners' ~ human truths...

painful, humiliating and traumatic
this ~ practice must end (WHO / virginity tests)

♦ “[S]ome researchers want to expand the definition of trauma that's fueled by the experience of racism.” (“Coping While Black: A Season Of Traumatic News Takes A Psychological Toll,” Cheryl Corley, NPR, All Things Considered, July 2, 2015.)

♦ “An unfortunate man, especially horribly and hideously mutilated, was being carried on a stretcher. The bottom of an exploded shell, which had split his face open, turning his tongue and teeth into a bloody gruel, but without killing him, was lodged between his jawbones in place of his torn-out cheek...” (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

traumatization (groups)

vicarious traumatization
vivid imagery producing “~” that has been used for...

prime us for traumatization
the stories passed down ~ (Blacks / race-based)

♦ “We're hearing comments from survivors that, similar to Dr. Ford, they're experiencing a retraumatization...” (“Sexual Assault Hotline Callers Report Retraumatization Following Ford Testimony,” WBUR, October 03, 2018.)

♦ Bierce developed an innovative prose style—limpid, severe, restrained, at once offhand and punctilious—that allowed him to take in the most dreadful scenes (a soldier's face with ‘a great red gap’ where his lower jaw ought to have been, wild boars eating the stomachs of still-living battlefield casualties) with a flat precision.” (“Great American Cynic,” by Benjamin Schwarz, the *Atlantic*, October 2011. Bierce was a combat veteran who actually saw what he wrote about.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

traumatize (verb)

traumatize people
law enforcement can ~ in the Black community

traumatize (some) people
the fireworks may ~ (New Year's Eve)

traumatize students
this approach could ~ (lockdown drills)

traumatized (Atlanta) election workers
Trump's lies ~

emotionally and physically traumatize
gym environments continue to ~ young gymnasts

♦ “She didn’t want me to see it because she was afraid it would traumatize me, and it did. In a good way.” (Greg Nicotero, who decided he wanted to “do special effects” after seeing the film *Jaws* as a 12 year old. From “*Jaws’ Shark Gets His Bite Back: A Love Story*” by Cory Turner, NPR, Movies, August 9, 2019.)

♦ Torpedoed by a Jap sub, the USS *Indianapolis* sank in 12 minutes. Of the 1,195 crew, eight hundred and ninety sailors lived to make it into the water. Of those, only 316 survived before rescue. Many of those were killed by sharks. The men in the water clung together, forming little islands, and the marauding sharks savaged those on the outer edges. This was at a time when sailors on boats would poke a lifejacketed man in the water with a stick. If the lifejacket flipped over, it meant the man’s body was gone from the waist down.

inclusion & exclusion: society

traumatized

traumatized by life

a handful of students say they’ve been ~ in Compton

traumatized dogs

~ learn to trust humans again (fearful, undersocialized)

traumatized penguins

the recovery of the ~

shaken, traumatized

survey finds a ~ (the unemployed)

♦ “Twenty-five penguins were in route from the Indianapolis Zoo to a new home in Galveston, Texas, when the refrigerated truck carrying them overturned. Four of them died, but the survivors are squawking and walking and doing remarkably well.” (“The Recovery of the Traumatized Penguins,” Melissa Bloc, NPR, All Things Considered, August 10, 2006.)

♦ “Officers come out of the line presumably for extra study, but mostly for a rest and a good time. And they must have a girl, or girls. They have seen enough of men for a while. So they fall enthusiastically in love with the first girl they meet, and everybody has a gorgeous time. But I wonder, now and then, if they ever really see us as individuals? I doubt it. Anyway, everybody forgets everybody else as soon as they are gone, and that’s that. It’s a fascinating game, this playing at love with people who can’t stay long enough to be serious. One feels so safe. I’m getting to hate long-drawn-out affairs. Once in a while, of course... / John left today... He stayed about an hour, and we finally parted with all the necessary drama. He is the first of the crowd at the school to go. The thought of it makes me sick. The crowd at the school will all be killed. They always are. I don’t see why we aren’t all crazy. Maybe we are. We ought to be.” (*Sister: The War Diary of a Nurse* by Helen Dore Boylston.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

traveller (person)

time traveller

see *time traveller (person)*

traverse (verb)

traverse the two worlds

he is trying to ~ (rural and urban / a comic)

♦ In 1963, in one of the great feats of mountaineering, Tom Hornbein and Willi Unsoeld climbed Mount Everest by the West Ridge and descended by the South Col. It was the first ascent of the West Ridge, and the first traverse of Mount Everest.

division & connection: journeys & trips / mountains & hills / verb

travesty (noun)

travesty

voters will not forget this ~ (Wisconsin)

it was a ~, going nowhere (DOD program in Vietnam)

sham, a travesty, a dark blot
it is a ~ on our country (politics)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

trawl (verb)

trawled through (400,000) documents
the panel ~ (investigation)

trawled (daily) through (student) websites
police ~ run by Muslim student groups at Yale

trawl through his social media history
FBI investigators were able to ~

searching & discovery: boat / fish / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: boat / fish / verb

tread (tread carefully, etc.)

treading a (delicate) line
the government is ~ between...

tread heavily
you ~, but you speak the truth

tread lightly
we have to ~ here (a murder investigation)

tread carefully
they need to ~
I’d advise you to ~ (an investigation)

treading carefully
Republicans up for election are ~ during the pandemic

danger: walking, running & jumping / verb

treadmill (noun)

treadmill
the ~ isn’t likely to stop anytime soon (language change)

treadmill of daily radio
get off the ~ and see what’s next

minimum-wage treadmill
she discusses how people can get off the ~

exhausting treadmill
it’s an ~ (trying to manage time to meet deadlines)

economic treadmill
many are caught on an ~ with no hope of getting ahead

step off the (industry’s promotional) treadmill
by 2010 he was ready to ~ (a country singer)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism
work & duty: mechanism

treason (noun)

cultural treason
rabbits and Jewish leaders accused Roth of ~ (the writer)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

treasure (verb)

treasure our loved ones

it's also a time to ~ and to take stock... (pandemic)

read, treasure and want to share

books that people ~ with their children

worth & lack of worth: money / verb

treasure (money)

treasure and blood

how much more can we give in ~ (foreign wars)

blood and treasure

we have wasted an enormous amount of ~ in Afghanistan

it's a complete waste in terms of ~ (Afghanistan)

President Johnson reflected on the cost in ~ (Vietnam)

we need to pull out and save American ~ (Afghanistan)

blood, treasure and effort

after so many years, and so much ~ (US in Afghanistan)

money: sign, signal, symbol

sign, signal, symbol: money

sacrifice: money / sign, signal, symbol

treasure (worth)

national treasure

National Public Radio is a ~

she's a sort of ~ (Francoise Hardy / France)

Yellowstone is a ~

some consider him a reclusive ~ (actor Bill Murray)

once a ~, the comedian was jailed for sexual assault

worth & lack of worth: money

treasured (worth)

treasured member

she was a ~ of the Georgetown law community (RBG)

treasured novel

it is arguably America's most ~ (*To Kill a Mockingbird*)

as treasured as pistols

typewriters were ~ (revolutionaries pre-W.W.II)

worth & lack of worth: money

treasure house

treasure house of the writings

the library is a ~ at the core of the Western tradition

amount: money

group, set & collection / worth & lack of worth: money

treasure trove (and trove)

trove of documents

a ~ was published by WikiLeaks

trove of (internal) documents

he turned over a ~ to the Wall Street Journal (Facebook)

treasure trove of information

a ~ from a data recorder (space shuttle)

trove of information

intelligence agencies are acting on a ~
soldiers discovered the tape among a ~

treasure-trove of (fossilized) jellyfish

a ~ discovered in Wisconsin

trove of material

the new ~ was being sifted for fresh clues (terrorism)

treasure trove of (grand, poetic) rhetoric

the black church has always been a ~

trove of (bowling) treasure

the Webers' home is a ~

treasure trove of trivia

he has compiled a ~ about every president

treasure trove of plant life

the Appalachians are a ~

treasure trove of (pilfered) military items

a ~

treasure trove for a historian

these materials were a ~

stunning trove

scientists have discovered a ~ of fossils (Qingjiang biota)

geological treasure trove

obtaining rocks from the mantle layer would provide a ~

acting on a trove of information

intelligence agencies are ~ found during...

**amount / group, set & collection / searching & discovery /
worth & lack of worth: money**

treat (in for a treat)

in for a treat

you are ~

experience: food & drink

tree (resemblance)

boot tree

~s can prevent wrinkles and cracking (leather boots)

resemblance: tree

tree (branching system)

decision tree

we're going to develop a ~ for hospitals to use... (COVID)

phone tree

a ~ is a fast way to send a message to many people

a ~ of known international terrorists

he ran ~s for the refugees (US leaves Afghanistan 2021)

branching system: tree

tremor (noun)

created tremors
the article ~ throughout Silicon Valley

amount & effect / effect / evidence / initiation: earthquake / volcano

trench (in the trenches)

in the trenches

he spent 34 years ~ (a teacher)
the game is won ~ (football)
what is your advice for mothers ~ with young children

in the dating trenches

friends of mine ~ have similar tales of woe (ghosted)

get into the trenches

we've got to ~ and figure out... (public health)

went into the trenches

I ~ with him (a boxer about a tough bout)

♦ *The Chiffon Trenches* is a memoir by Andre Leon Talley, a fashion journalist who has had a long relationship with *Vogue* magazine.

♦ "Take it from me, when you're in the trenches, you want Joe Biden right there next to you." (US representative Conor Lamb, Pennsylvania, 2020. Lamb was a Marine lawyer who, according to his Wikipedia entry, "prosecuted cases of rape and sexual assault" at a Marine base on Okinawa.)

♦ "Arriving draftees were shipped up in cattle cars and marched over duckboard to their new homes in the earth, where everything revolved around the trench—you had a trench knife, a trench cane, a rod-shaped trench periscope and, if you were unlucky, trench foot, trench mouth, or trench fever." (*The Arms of Krupp* by William Manchester.)

♦ "There's almost as many men drowned as killed: when they're wounded they fall into the water." (World War I trench warfare in late December on the Western Front.)

♦ "When we dug bunkers we saw how the dead lay in layers one above the other." (*The Storm of Steel* by Lieutenant Ernst Junger, quoted in *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund.)

experience / place: military

trench (other)

update from the trenches
~, keep red-pilling (a QAnon site)

experience / place: military

triage (verb)

triage between (bad and worse) options
they have been forced to ~ (flooding)

judgment: health & medicine / verb

triage (noun)

triage in flight delays
there is no ~ (US airports)

triage mode
aging forces democracies into ~

fiscal triage
they have resorted to ~ (government)

political triage

Democrats plan ~ to retain the House (election funding)

strategy of triage

Democrats have begun a ~ (elections)

doing triage

Theranos was ~ (troubled corporation)

judgment: health & medicine

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: health & medicine

trial (show trial)

"show trial"

the investigation is a ~ (politics)

show trial

we don't see the need for a ~ (political gaffe)
she was betrayed and subjected to a ~ (Edith Cavell)

appearance & reality / performance: theater

judgment / oppression: justice

trial (trial by fire)

faced a trial by fire

she ~ (politics)

experience / survival, persistence & endurance: fire

trial balloon

trial balloon
his office floated a flurry of ~s (baseball)

experimentation: atmosphere / balloon

attention, scrutiny & promotion: atmosphere / balloon

triangle (area)

"triangle of death"
the so-called ~ south of Baghdad

India-Japan-Australia triangle

China sits at the center of the ~ (trade)

Sunni triangle

the so-called ~ (Iraq)

coral triangle

the ~ exhibits astonishing marine biodiversity

Iron Triangle

the ~ was a Viet Minh stronghold (Vietnam War)

three-and-a-half-acre triangle

a ~

♦ "And people get trapped in this iron triangle of apartment, water source—which will be a standpipe or an ice hole in one of the canals or the river—and food shop...where they spend hours and hours and hours queuing." ("Author Anna Reid discusses her book 'Leningrad,' YouTube, 2011.)

area: shape

triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)

Afar Triangle

the ~ is also known as the Danakil Depression

Golden Triangle

a mountainous region known as the ~ (Mexico drugs)
the ~ (Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar)

Iron Triangle

the ~ was a Viet Minh stronghold (Vietnam War)

Ilemi Triangle

the ~ is contested by Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya

Northern Triangle

the ~ is a violent region (Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador)

Polynesian Triangle

they navigated the ~ (New Zealand, Hawaii, Rapa Nui)

Yigra triangle

the dispute centers on the ~ (Eritrea and Ethiopia)
the 250-square-mile piece of rocky land known as the ~

proper name: geometry / shape

geography: proper name

triangle (fire triangle, etc.)

fire triangle

the ~ is fuel, oxygen and heat (wildfires)

relationship: geometry / shape / sign, signal, symbol

triangle (love triangle, etc.)

love triangle

she attacked her romantic rival in the ~
the play portrays a ~

apex of a romantic triangle

she was the ~

relationship: geometry / sign, signal, symbol

tribal (groups)

tribal divisions

Brexit was both a symptom and cause of ~

tribal identity

this alliance has solidified into a ~ (England / elections)

become “tribal”

American politics have ~

become (more and more) tribal

our country has ~ (misinformation / politics)

conflict / identity & nature: society

tribalism (groups)

tribalism

maybe ~ is just in her DNA (politics)

instincts of tribalism

partisan politics are playing to the worst ~ (Britain)

think of political divisions as tribalism

we often ~, and I think that's probably true (the U.S.)

♦ Geoff Nunberg's commentary about this word is interesting. See "As Fissures Between Political Camps Grow, 'Tribalism' Emerges As The Word Of 2017," NPR, Fresh Air, December 6, 2017.)

conflict / identity & nature: society

tribe (group)

tribe

we are a ~, we have our ways of working (a journalist)

girl's "tribe"

he must play up to the ~ (her friends / teen dating)

rainbow tribe

they are a ~, black, Asian, white, biracial (kids at a pool)

gay tribe

going to Fire Island and being with my ~

new tribe

the ~ (politics)

political tribes

the geography of American ~ (Geoff Nunberg)

"gathering of the tribe"

many refer to it as a ~ (Masters / surfing)

opinions of a (particular) tribe

he does not blindly follow the ~ (Joe Rogan podcast)

group, set & collection: person

tribune (person)

Emancipists' tribune

the role of the ~ was less politically useful

representation: government / person

tributary (noun)

numerous tributaries

the main river of human lineage was split into ~
(Denisovans, etc.)

♦ "How do the tributaries of democracy flow down into this one little block in Brooklyn." (Wesley Morris, film critic, about the great Spike Lee film, *Do the Right Thing*)

branching system / taxonomy & classification: river

tribute (pay tribute)

paid tribute to its fallen detective

the NYPD ~ (killed in line of duty)

achievement, recognition & praise / obligation: money

trickle (noun)

trickle of information

the ~ handed out so far (by police)

trickle of (surrendering) soldiers

a ~ became a flood

trickle, flow, gush

we had a theory called, "~~" (to rescue hostages)

slowed to a trickle

the outpouring of generosity has ~ (aid)
the export of Libyan oil has ~
the flow has ~ (migrants)

cut to a trickle

the stream of jihadists into the country has been ~

♦ “Joni had lots of friends—chief among them, a funny, freeloading young, wire-specs-wearing American guitar player named David Rea, who was one of the trickle-turning-into-a-flood of American males coming north to escape the draft during these early months of the Vietnam War...” (*Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller.)

amount & effect / movement: water

trickle (trickle in / out)

trickling in

foreign tourists are ~ (Wakhan)

trickle in at inflated prices

items ~ (Kisangani)

trickle out

yesterday, the news started to ~ (politics)

movement: water / verb

trigger (outrage, etc.)

triggered a hurt

these questions ~ (Cory Booker, politician)

trigger millennials

my ability to ~ is insane (the writer Bret Easton Ellis)

triggered outrage

the online book ~

trigger a panic

the government does not want to ~ (epidemic)

trigger fear and chaos

their aim is to ~ (political assassins)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / weapon

trigger (a war, etc.)

triggered my decision

what ~ was...

triggered a firestorm

he ~ of controversy (a politician's remarks)

trigger a (regional) war

he is willing to ~ (Assad)

initiation / relationship: verb / weapon

trigger (cause)

triggers of asthma

~ include allergens, infections, exercise, anxiety, reflux

trigger for abuse

low income or stress may be a ~ (spousal abuse)

trigger for the accident

the failure of the heat shielding may have been a ~

trigger for conflict

water can be a ~ (world's rivers)

allergy trigger

asthma and the effect of pets or other ~

heartburn trigger

there are many ~s (food, cigarettes, drugs, etc.)

mass trigger

the pandemic acted as kind of a ~ for them (eating disorders)

viral trigger

identifying a potential ~ is helpful, but... (AFM)

pets or other (allergy) triggers

asthma and the effect of ~

initiation / relationship: weapon

trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)

memory triggers

~ lurk in wait all around (war and suffering)

♦ “Memory triggers lurk in wait all around—a particular outdoor tap or fire hydrant, the drone of an aeroplane or the squeak of sled runners, the smell of joiner’s glue or just the sight of untrodden snow on a city pavement. One man never puts up a New Year’s tree, because it reminds him of the one underneath which his father lay dying of hunger; others always detour round particular streets or bridges. For Grechina, one day in 1978, it was the smell of a bonfire, drifting in at her window. Having for years given the conventional version of the siege in talks to students, she sat down at her desk and wept and wrote for two days and nights, releasing a torrent of long-pent-up grief and anger.” (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

♦ “A few boys were playing in the yard when I got there, but I waited until they had run down to the other end before I went in the door. The same smell of chalk, that I hate to this day, and quiet... / ‘Well,’ [Mr. Motshill] said. ‘What is it?’ / ‘I have come to join school,’ I said. / ‘Speak English,’ he said...” (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn.)

♦ “One of the girls she was very sick. I let her come into my bed one morning, she was very ill. They brought me down to the shoe room, they stripped me off, they threw cold water over me... (prior to severe beating)...It was the shoe room you know where all the shoes were, even now if I get the smell of shoe polish, the feeling of enclosure, it was awful...” (The long-term effects of physical and emotional abuse. From the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (CICA / Ryan Commission), the record of abuse (female witnesses), Chapter 9, 2009, Ireland.)

♦ “Another survivor, a boy of nine at the time, realized long after settling with his family in the Midwest that he couldn’t bring himself to go to the Detroit Tigers games because the noise that greeted home runs reminded him of the cries of the dying.” (“Unsinkable, Why We Can’t Let Go of the Titanic” by Daniel Mendelsohn, the *New Yorker*, April 16, 2012.)

♦ “Those were dreadful days and nights after that—the bombing and the fires. Even now I can never listen to the sound of dried autumn leaves blowing along the roads because that was the sound the fires made in the wooden houses near the hospital.” (Sakiko, speaking about having her baby during air raids in wartime Japan. From *East of Home* by Santha Rama Rau.)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation / relationship: weapon

trigger (pull the trigger)

pull the trigger

nobody wanted to ~ and do a deal (publishing houses)
they have been a little slower to ~ (cancel sports season)
we don’t want to ~ until we have to (sanctions)

pulled the trigger

finally, finally, he finally ~, a little late (he took action)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: verb / weapon

triggered (groups)

triggered and traumatized

Amy Schumer says she's ~ by Will Smith's slap

inclusion & exclusion: society

trilogy (noun)

trilogy of fights

he lost for the second straight fight in their ~ (McGregor)

amount: books & reading / number

trim (verb)

trim money from the (defense) budget

he proposed to ~

trim (state) spending

he has been able to ~ (politician)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife / verb

trinity (Holy Trinity)

holy trinity of the Asian spice trade

pepper, clove, and nutmeg were the original ~

holy trinity for tabloid culture

they formed a ~ (Britney, Lindsay, and Paris)

importance & significance: number / religion

triple threat

triple threat

he was a ~, he could dance, sing and act (Patrick Swayze)

faces a triple threat

the nation ~ (storms, heat, hurricane)

♦ According to the excellent online Merriam-Webster site, this phrase appeared in 1920 to describe a football player who was exceptional at running, kicking, and passing.

ability & lack of ability: football / sports & games

trip up (verb)

trip up the president

this could ~

disruption / failure, accident & impairment: equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping

tripwire (warning)

geopolitical tripwire

Russian military advisers in Venezuela act as a ~

warning: explosion / military / weapon

tripwire (initiation)

tripwire event

The Sopranos was the ~ that set off the golden age of TV

♦ "The murder of a female officer is the trip wire that causes an explosion that rocks the Army to its foundations." (*The General's Daughter* by Nelson DeMille, with a new foreword by the author.)

initiation: explosion / military / weapon

tripwire (danger)

legal tripwires

she avoided ~ (Supreme Court confirmation hearing)

♦ "I found a piece of red detonating cord between my legs. That's when I knew I was screwed." (Gunnery Sgt. Michael Burghardt, aka "Iron Mike" and "Gunny," just before getting blown up by a trap while investigating an IED in Ramadi. Incredibly, he was not too badly wounded. A photo of him "flipping off" whoever detonated the trap became famous on the Internet.)

danger: explosion / military / weapon

triumvirate (noun)

triumvirate of the great mountains

the ~ would be Everest, K2 and Nanga Parbat (Joe Simpson)

♦ The First Triumvirate in 60 B.C. consisted of Julius Caesar, Pompey, and Crassus.

importance & significance: allusion / history / number

Trojan horse (computers)

viruses, worms and Trojan Horses

~ (computers)

computer: Iliad & Odyssey

Trojan Horse (subterfuge)

Trojan Horses of the 21st century

cargo containers are the ~ (terrorism)

Trojan Horse in our midst

the INS may be a ~ (editorial in state paper)

Trojan Horse for the Chinese Communist Party

Huawei has been accused of being a ~

♦ Dante put Ulysses in hell for being an evil counselor. Ulysses convinced Achilles to sign up for the war, breaking his mother's heart, and causing his girlfriend, Deidamia, with whom he had had a child, to commit suicide. He stole the sacred statue of Pallas, on which the security of Troy depended, from the Palladium. And, of course, he came up with the ruse of the Wooden Horse. According to Dante, Ulysses never made it home to Ithaca to be reunited with his old dog. Instead, he sailed through the Strait of Gibraltar into the Atlantic and headed south. His ship went down in a storm near Tristan da Cunha.

subterfuge: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

troll (verb)

trolling for votes

he is a cynical politician ~

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

troll (computers)

troll

~s ask stupid questions and see who rises to the bait

~s provoke strangers online

~s love a vicious group hunt

~s push peoples' buttons

~s have caused people to commit suicide

~s posted flashing images to a Web site for epileptics

troll-wrestling

he calls this ~, trolling the trolls (internet feud)

Web Troll

Prolific ~ Arrested (headline)

♦ In the old days, trolls lurked under bridges or in dark forests and caught and ate unsuspecting people. Nowadays, trolls are provocateurs who lurk online. They identify a person they consider to be a "blowhard" or "full of it" and provoke and attack him. While the person who is attacked goes nuts, the trolls sit back and laugh!

♦ "I was a troll, full stop. And I am so sorry." (Someone named Chrissy Teigen, who is apparently married to a singer named John Legend, which sounds like a made-up name.)

person: creature

behavior / character & personality / computer: creature

troll (Troll Wall, etc.)

Troll Wall

the ~ is the tallest rock face in Europe (Norway)

proper name: creature

troops (supporters)

rallying their troops

conservative luminaries are ~ against Obama (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal / work & duty: military

trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)

trophy boyfriend

Asian boyfriends are the next "~-s"

trophy girlfriend

she's found herself a young, hot ~

pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage

trot (on the trot)

on the trot

the Azzurri made it 10 wins ~ (Euro soccer)

movement: animal / horse

difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / horse / movement

trotted out

trotted out

it's a charge that is often ~ (sportswashing)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: animal / horse

trouble (in trouble)

in trouble

the magazine is ~ (libel)

situation: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

troubled

troubled company

the ~ is in bankruptcy

condition & status: mental health

trough (noun)

in a trough

we're ~ (technology seems to have slowed down)

peaks and troughs

the regional patterns of ~ could change (rising sea levels)

decline / progress & lack of progress: shape

shape: direction

trounce (verb)

trounced Bush

John Major backed the wrong horse, Clinton ~

conflict: fist / verb

trounced

trounced 4-0 at Everton on Sunday

they were ~ (Manchester United)

conflict: fist

trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)

wore the trousers

it was madame who ~

dominance & submission / role / superiority & inferiority:

clothing & accessories

trove

see *treasure trove (and trove)*

truce (noun)

call a truce

let's ~ (interpersonal problem)

reached a (shaky) truce

they have ~ in their trade dispute

conflict / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: military

truck (control)

my truck

this is ~, and in my truck we go by my rules

♦ This is like the person who said, "You're either on the bus or not on the bus, and I'm driving the bus."

allegiance, support & betrayal: mechanism

unanimity & consensus: mechanism

control & lack of control: mechanism

truckload (amount)

truckloads of money

they have spent ~ (Manchester United)

♦ Bucketful, truckload, container ship-load...

amount: container

Trump (Trump of the Tropics, etc.)

Trump of the Tropics

he is often called the ~ (Jair Bolsonaro)

British Trump

Boris Johnson has been described as the ~

behavior: epithet

trumpet (blow one's own trumpet)

blow her own trumpet

she was unashamed to ~ (the great Nancy Hargreaves)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb

trumpet (verb)

trumpeted the drug

he ~ as a potential treatment

trumpeting its own product

the company is ~

trumpeting their victory

conservative groups were ~ (court)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: military / sound / verb

trunk (branching system)

trunk road

we drove along France's old ~ (N7)

Grand Trunk Road

I drove along the ~ to the Khyber Pass

♦ Route Nationale 7 has been called France's Route 66. It links Paris to the Côte d'Azur. Like Route 66, it has been superseded by expressways, but still preserves its charm and history.

branching system: tree

truth (speak one's truth, etc. / groups)

truth is that

her ~ she's transgender (black drag queen Chablis)

truth of this moment

dive into the ~ (*Love in the Time of Corona*)

truth to power

we are speaking ~ (protestors)

the "Cronkite Moment" has it the anchorman told ~ (myth)
where was ~ (criticism of a politician)

people do not have to risk their jobs to speak ~ (tenure)
but then she started speaking ~ (the latest Glennon Doyle)
Mexico's journalists hold ~

truth about the past

we can't understand the problems without speaking ~

truth tellers

~, sharing their experiences and their opinions...

truth telling

now is a time for ~, listening, and for action

shared truth

they want to articulate the ~ of their experience (a female professor who teaches a feminism class, about females)

'Own Truth'

Poet Encourages Others To Find ~ In Poetry

her truth

it's incredibly brave that she has revealed ~ (mental illness)

his truth

I'm a person who spoke ~ and I spoke about what I felt

our truth

all of ~ is out there for the world to see (2016 Hillsborough)

in your truth

when you come to people ~, 'Yo, this is me...'

Woman Truth

her large dose of ~ (feminist-speak / *Rolling Stone* / 1972)

sharing his truth

the NFL family is proud of Carl for courageously ~ (gay)

live their truth

Olympians unable to ~ because of this world (trans)

live their truths

the cast chose to ~ (*Jagged Little Pill*)

reveals his truth

"The Bachelor" star ~ (comes out as gay)

sang their truth

he ~ (Michael K. Williams / *The Wire*)

sharing her truth

radiating joy after ~ (JoJo Siwa / her label)

speak truth

it is important to ~ about the role of racism in the US

we must "~~" about history of racism

speaks truth

when one person ~, it gives license for all of us...

speaks his truth

former "Bachelor" ~ and comes out as gay

speak their truth

students ~ in winning podcast

speak your truth

how do you feel about the palace hearing you ~ (Oprah)

speaking his truth

but now he is ~ (came out as gay)

spoke truth

he ~, how is that pushing an 'agenda'

stepping into his truth

he is rebooting his life and ~ (gay after having wife, kids)

tell your truth

what does it mean to be a woman and to ~ (music)

take control of their own truth

social media lets celebrities ~ and rebut claims to followers

- ◆ This version of *truth* is characterized by the absence of the definite article “*the truth*” and its replacement with a possessive adjective: *my truth, our truth, your truth, his truth, her truth, their truth...*
- ◆ “I reiterate that our top priority is to serve younger and more diverse audiences... Now is a time for truth telling, for listening, and for action. As a news organization, we act by bearing witness and elevating voices...” (A message to staff from John Lansing, President and CEO of National Public Radio. NPR is doing absolutely everything it can to attract younger listeners.)
- ◆ “He’s someone who is looking for truth—truth from the world, and truth from himself. [His latest album is] so full of truth he originally wasn’t sure if he should release it at all.” (“*Hiss Golden Messenger Is Looking For Truth On ‘Terms Of Surrender,’*” heard on NPR, World Café WXPN, January 15, 2020.)
- ◆ “He is a man who is basically rebooting his life and stepping into his truth and embracing the fact that he’s a gay black man in the South. And so, I’ve always been that type of person who uses the truth, umm, and it’s inspired by just what I’ve gone through, my folks go through, and people who are close to me go through, and then I weave it into fiction...” (Katori Hall.)
- ◆ “We’ve been silenced and misrepresented. And so, any time you get an opportunity to tell your truth, you are pushing back against so many lies and falsehoods...And being an artist and in demanding that the world just looks at you, you oddly are being an activist.” (Katori Hall.)
- ◆ *The Truths We Hold: An American Journey.* (A memoir by Kamala Harris. With a young reader edition.)
- ◆ “I am with you. I stand by you. People forget you’re paid for your opinion and that you’re just speaking your truth.” (Sharon Osbourne defends Piers Morgan in a tweet after the latter criticized Meghan Markle, saying, “I don’t believe a word she says... I wouldn’t believe her if she read me a weather report.” He was commenting on an Oprah Winfrey-Meghan Markle interview.)
- ◆ “Alana Thompson is no longer ‘Honey Boo Boo,’ and is speaking her truth.” (ABC News.)
- ◆ “My man at @X is tweeting some truth dis’ mornin’!”

inclusion & exclusion: society

tsunami (noun)

tsunami of cases

Germany hopes to avoid the ~ seen in Italy (pandemic)

tsunami of (omicron) cases

due to the ~, hospitals... (January, 2022)

tsunami of lawsuits

the company faces a ~ (opioid epidemic)

tsunami of fake news

Brazilian voters faced a ~ before the election
disinformation, partisan news, and social media’s ~

tsunami of problems

the ~ that the government confronts (UK)

tsunami of traffic

the Web site experienced a ~ (celebrity gossip)

tsunami warning

Democrats face a ~ (elections)

cicada tsunami

brace yourself for a ~ (Brood X)

refugee tsunami

the world has not seen a ~ like this since World War II

steroid tsunami

the ~ nearly washed out Major League Baseball

digital tsunami

it will be a challenge to keep up with the ~ (power)

electoral tsunami

we will see an ~ on Nov. 2 (elections)

green tsunami

voters turned out for her in a “~” (Brazil)

slow-motion tsunami

all we can do is watch this ~ (elections)

survive the (economic) tsunami

companies are struggling to ~ (downturn)

- ◆ “There is no dearth of prose describing the mass of humanity that made its way to the feet of the Great Emancipator that day; no metaphor that has slipped through the cracks waiting to be discovered, dusted off, and injected into the discourse a half century on. The March on Washington has been compared to a tsunami, a shockwave, a wall, a living monument, a human mosaic, an outright miracle. / It was all of those things...” (*Behind the Dream: The Making of the Speech that Transformed a Nation* by Clarence B. Jones.)

◆ “I am not afraid of it, ghosts or something. If a ghost comes to haunt me, I will just ask where his body is so I can pick him up.” (Muzahar, 26, an Indonesian, paid to collect dead bodies following the 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami, which killed up to 230,000 people.)

◆ “It was fate. If you were meant to die, you died. People visiting here to see friends, or foreigners here on holiday, all were here because their time had come to die. I’ve lived here all my life but I was spared. How do you explain that? My time had not yet come. When I think like this, it makes me feel better. Nature decides. Things come and things disappear. If you don’t just let go, it can make you crazy.” (Am Changkrai-Chok, 68, Thai fisherman, talking about who and who didn’t survive the 2004 Tsunami.)

amount & effect: sea / tsunami / wave

tube (go down the tubes)

goes down the tubes

this is what happens when a corporation ~

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb
destruction: infrastructure / verb

tucked

tucked between Australia and Fiji

Vanuatu, ~

configuration: cloth

tug of war

tug-of-war

it’s a ~ which ideology will control the party

tug-of-war over the house

a post-divorce ~

tug-of-war between the airlines and FAA

part of a familiar ~

tug of war between the aircraft and the crew

the false reading created a ~ (MCAS / airline disasters)

tug of war between Congress and the administration

the ~ over (border wall) funding took a new turn today

post-divorce tug-of-war

a ~ over the house

constitutional tug-of-war
the ~ between Moscow and the regions

legal tug-of-war
he has been the subject of a long ~ between...

conflict: sports & games

tumble (decline)

Dow tumbled
the ~ more than 500 points (2008 financial crisis)

prices have tumbled
gas ~

increase & decrease: number

decline / failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb /
walking, running & jumping

tumble (take a tumble)

took a tumble
the financial markets ~ today

decline / failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb /
walking, running & jumping

tumble down (verb)

came tumbling down
but it all ~ when... (a happy life)

destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins / verb

tumor (noun)

cancerous tumor
he described the country as a ~ (leader)

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

tumult (disruption)

political tumult
the ~ of the 1960s

conflict / disruption / resistance, opposition & defeat:

sound

tune (in tune, etc.)

in tune with his teammates
on Thursday he was ~ (soccer game)

in tune with the views
he is not ~ of his constituents (a politician)

in tune with (Bush's) view
he is more ~ of North Korea (a leader)

dance to the tune
many politicians ~ of the latest opinion poll or tweet

♦ "The old hurdy-gurdy is once again playing the tune about Russian doping. Someone is diligently turning the handle." (The Russian Olympic Committee, after disgruntled losers at the Tokyo Olympics suggested that Russian winners were doping.)

♦ "I imagine they'll sing in tune *after* the revolution." (Viktor Komarovskiy, at a restaurant where he is feting Lara, about the singing of demonstrators on the street outside. He receives a standing ovation from the other diners. It is a wonderful moment in the great 1965 David Lean film *Doctor Zhivago*.)

unanimity & consensus: music

tune (out of tune)

out of tune with the needs
education is ~ of the economy

flaws & lack of flaws / unanimity & consensus: music

tune (different tune)

singing a different tune
but he is ~

unanimity & consensus: music

tune (change one's tune)

changed his tune
in May he ~ and confessed to doping (Tour de France)

changed their tune
it doesn't mean the bad guys have ~ (Baghdad)

reversal: music / verb

tune (change in tune)

change in tune
this is a ~ (US will leave troops in Syria after all)

reversal: music / verb

tune (dance to the tune)

dances to the tune of a different drummer
she says her state "~~" (South Carolina)

unanimity & consensus: music / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: music / verb

tune (and tune up)

tune up for the World Cup
friendly matches will help them to ~ (soccer)

tune up my (50-something) brain
I want to ~ (brain exercises)

tune up your relationship
need to ~ (advice)

tune up the vaccine
we can use new genetic information to ~ (pertussis)

amelioration & renewal / readiness & preparedness:
engine / mechanism / music / verb

tuned (stay tuned)

stay tuned
he urges people to ~ (to an ongoing issue)

stay tuned to find out
~ (a politically motivated lawsuit)

♦ "The others... were deeply confused and afraid, and most of them wished that the emir would cover the radio up again and put it away, because 'anything can happen in this world.' Most of them were not ready to hear any explanation or comment, because the strange device could talk, sing, tell stories and perhaps do many other things as well, in spite of its tiny size. The people inside it might be strange enchanted creatures, probably badly deformed as well. The only one to dare ask a question was Ibn Naffeh, though he was apprehensive and a little afraid. / 'Who made this calamity?'" (*Cities of Salt* by Abdelrahman Munif.)

consciousness & awareness: radio / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: radio / verb

development: radio / verb

tune-up (noun)

tune-up for the playoffs

the game was a good ~ (sports)

in need of a tuneup

the program is badly ~ (state monitoring of pollution)

getting a tune up

the painting is ~ (restoration of old master)

amelioration & renewal: engine / mechanism / music

readiness & preparedness: engine / mechanism / music

tuning fork (noun)

tuning fork for writing

his nearly infallible ~ allowed him to appreciate...

♦ "William Dean Howells, the good guy of American letters in his day, whose nearly infallible tuning fork for writing, which had allowed him to appreciate Emily Dickinson before almost anyone else did, also enabled him to respond to Crane." ("American Stoic: What Stephen Crane left behind" by Adam Gopnik, *The New Yorker*, October 25, 2021.)

♦ "I am classically trained in music theory and music performance, so I have an innate ear and actually a highly skilled ear when it comes to frequency and harmony and dissonance and melody. So for me, it's this thing that I can feel in my body. I'm almost like a tuning fork where if I hear the beat and I vibrate at the level that I'm supposed to, I know that that's what I want to get on." ("Lizzo on Feminism, Self-Love And Bringing 'Hallelujah Moments' To Stage," Fresh Air, May 23, 2019. Prince was a Lizzo fan. Nuff said.)

judgment: sound / tools & technology

tunnel (resemblance)

tunnel of (mature) rhododendron

a long arched ~

resemblance: infrastructure

tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)

light at the end of the tunnel

sometimes it doesn't seem like there's a ~ (troubles)
it's not the end of the pandemic, but certainly a bright ~

♦ "I think I see the light at the end of the tunnel. And this time, it is not a freight train." (A restaurateur, about the end of COVID restrictions.)

♦ "It seemed like there was light at the end of the tunnel, and then... (The Omicron variant / pandemic.)

♦ "You can only go halfway into the darkest forest, then you are coming out the other side." (Chinese.)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: infrastructure / light & dark

tunnel vision

tunnel vision

a kind of ~ dominates his perspective
tension tends to induce instant ~
I had ~ (an athlete who drove, shot, scored, won game)
detectives are looking at all angles to avoid getting ~

tunnel vision thing

it was just kind of like a ~ (rescuer didn't hear screams of bystanders)

tunnel vision versus an open mind

~ (criminal investigations)

♦ "He's got target fixation." (A military pilot.)

♦ "I've been looking through a cardboard tube." (A comment on narrowness of vision due to work.)

♦ GOOD ADVICE. When you see a 300-pound bear walk near your picnic table, look for its trailing twin brother.

perception, perspective & point of view: infrastructure

turbocharge (verb)

turbocharged this (global social-media) ecosystem
the alt-right has ~ of hatred

turbocharged the movement

the military escalation of the war in Vietnam ~ (New Left)

turbocharge that process

#booktok can ~ (word-of-mouth recommendations)

turbocharge the early-warning system

we need to ~ (COVID variants)

increase & decrease / power / speed / strength & weakness: engine / mechanism / verb

turbulence

political turbulence

the ~ in the Palestinian Authority

conflict: air / atmosphere / water

turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)

turbulent relationship

they had a ~

turbulent childhood

he emerged from a ~ emotionally brittle

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere / water

turf (control)

enemy turf

treading on ~

home turf

bring it to his ~

area / control & lack of control: ground, terrain & land

turf (turf war, etc.)

turf battles

~ likely to ensue (federal agencies)
turf wars between the C.I.A. and F.B.I.
~ (9/11)

alcohol turf war
allegations of an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

absurd turf wars
a series of ~ between the C.I.A. and F.B.I. (9/11)

bloody turf wars
the gang endured ~s

fights over turf
~ for distributing the drugs (gangs)

series of (absurd) turf wars
a ~ between the C.I.A. and F.B.I. (9/11)

competition / conflict: ground, terrain & land

turkey shoot

turkey shoot
this was an armed retreat, not a ~ (Highway of Death)

called it a turkey shoot
newspapers called it a (Highway of Death / Kuwait)

difficulty, easiness & effort: hunting / weapon

turn (transform)

turns from a hobby into an obsession
it ~ after a while (yo-yoing)

turn him from a criminal into a martyr
the Arabs will ~

turns into real action
it will be a long process before the talk ~

turn into (physical) confrontations
verbal confrontations that ~ (police)

turned into a love affair
their friendship ~

turned into something more
it ~ (a relationship)

turned him into an advocate
his accident ~ for spinal cord research (Reeve)

turned (former) foes into allies
he has ~ (leader of Mexican drug cartel)

turned the telegraph into an antique
the telephone ~

turns a poem into a companion
memorization ~ (Billy Collins)

turns any meal into a feast
a good piece of fry bread ~

turns global into globalization
the kind of intercourse that ~ (Silk Road)

turned Yakutat into a (surfing) hotspot
they have ~ (Alaska)

turn the discussion into a lecture
don't ~ (advice to teachers)

turned Patteson into a (Christian) martyr
the murder ~ (Melanesia)

turned his (difficult) childhood into music
50 Cent ~ (rapper)

turned the dream into a nightmare
the loans have ~ (home ownership)

turn a cult activity into a mainstream sport
he helped ~ (surfing)

turned to grief
but euphoria ~... (all miners but one actually dead)

turned to panic
fear ~ (1918 flu pandemic)

turns to trust
distrust ~ when people get to know you

turned it to his advantage
he ~

turned angry
the march ~

turned fatal
his good deed ~ when...

turn tragic
a relatively minor mistake can ~ (climbing)

turned from bad to worse
the situation in Somalia has ~

creation & transformation: direction / verb

turn (turn to something, etc.)

turn
I didn't know which way to ~

turned to the Internet to get
she ~ information on how to...

turn to plastic surgery to look
they ~ young

turned to Sununu to strike back
he ~ (politics)

turn to Crazy Horse for answers
I ~

turn to God for forgiveness
we must constantly ~

turn to traditional healers for help
8 in 10 South Africans ~ (sangomas)

turn to (school) officials for help
young lesbians will not ~ when...

turns to the I.M.F. for a loan
the next time it ~

turning to Islam
they are ~

turns to Allah
if a person sincerely ~, seeking His help...

turned to his allies
Zhou ~ in the local police (labor problems)

turn to anybody
when there's no one else to listen to you, you'll ~ (gay)

turn to drugs
youth who ~ in an effort to escape their circumstances

turned to drugs
they ~ as a way of dealing with isolation and... (gay students)

turn to faith
to cope with combat, soldiers often ~

turned to poetry
he ~, his source of solace in times of difficulty

turning to sources
Western scientists are ~ they once disparaged...

turned to sports
they ~ to boost sagging morale (soldiers in war zone)

turn to terrorism
enemies who cannot compete conventionally often ~

turned to the (Wyoming) can-do spirit
but talk at the meeting ~

turned to the Adult Friend Finder
he ~ dating service...

turn to traditional healers
8 in 10 South Africans ~ for help (sangomas);
undocumented workers ~ (Mexicans in US)

no one (there for me) to turn to
there was ~

alternatives & choices / help & assistance: direction

turn (turn against / on something)

turned on her
her friends ~

turned on each other
two of the main rebel factions have ~ (Darfur)

turned on him
the public quickly ~ (Richard Jewell)

turn on the president
he won't ~

turned on us
the tools we use have ~ (technology)

turned on Tom Brady and Alex Guerrero
and what got me the most was that Antonio Brown ~

turned (ruthlessly) against e-mail
Mr. Ferriss ~ (author of "The 4-Hour Workweek")

turned against the war
he was a Vietnam veteran who later ~

♦ "The enraged elephant then turned on the tourists, charging the crowd."
♦ "The performing elephant turned on its handler and then charged..."

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / direction / verb

turn (take a turn)

taken a turn
the case for the missing teen has ~

took a turn for the better
their marriage ~
our luck ~...

took a turn for the worse
at nightfall, Jason ~ (injured Ranger / combat)
her condition has taken a ~

took a dark turn
their relationship ~ (boyfriend murders girlfriend)

took a devastating turn
and then the case ~ (missing woman found murdered)

took another dramatic turn
the case ~ when... (murder)

took a grim turn
his troubled life ~ when he was shot... (bipolar)

taken a new turn
the investigation has ~

took a romantic turn
their friendship ~

took a sharp turn
his uncertain health ~ for the worse

took a sour turn
the day ~ when... (fight at park)

took a tragic turn
events ~ (student party)

took an unexpected turn
the case ~ (murder trial)

taken an ugly turn
things have ~ (awkward moment)

path took an (unexpected) turn
her life's ~ (serious injury)

development: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

turn (development)

turn of events

parishioners expressed their sadness over the ~ (abuse)

turns of events

stunned by ~ you never saw coming

plot turn

~s, notable scenes, acting performances

upturn

our management team is focusing on the ~ (business)

180-degree turn

a ~ of public opinion

twists and turns

the plot has many ~ (movie)

his career has taken many ~

development: direction / movement / journeys & trips

turn (wrong turn)

historical wrong turns

like a lot of ~, *LGBTQ* means well (the term)

wrong turns and dead ends

the series had some ~ (a TV show)

failure, accident & impairment: direction / movement / journeys & trips

turnabout (reversal)

turnabout

for the computer industry this is a ~

turnabout reflects

the ~ a recognition that... (diplomacy)

reversal: direction / movement / trips & journeys

turn around (turn things around, etc.)

turned around CBS

he ~ (an executive)

turn around the economy

he will help Republicans ~

turned (Manchester United's) fortunes around

he has ~ (the manager)

turn his life around

he is trying to ~ (a troubled athlete)

turned his life around

he had ~ and learned from his mistakes (re-arrested)

turn things around

we can ~

we can still ~ (a crisis)

turn this thing around

we're going to ~ (improve schools)

amelioration & renewal / reversal: direction / movement / verb

turnaround

turnaround plan

the ~ has not worked (hospital in debt)

abrupt turnaround

the decline in his fortunes represents an ~ since autumn

dramatic turnaround

in another ~ (football coach's fortunes)

reversal: direction

turn back (verb)

turn back

we can't ~ now... (plan)

we've gone too far to ~ now (politics)

we are in this fight for our lives, and we will not ~ (candidate)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / verb

turn down (verb)

turn down clients

they were not allowed to ~ (sex slaves)

turn down an invitation

never ~ to go out... (dating)

turn down an offer

it's tempting to verbally ~ and skip writing a letter

turned down the part

he ~ (in a film)

turned down the (immigrants') requests

Italy has ~ for political asylum

turned down their requests

Germany ~ for political asylum

turned down his (zoning) request

Ann Arbor officials ~

turned down an (athletic) scholarship

he ~ from Villanova because...

turn down (extra) work

pilots invoked their contract right to ~

turn this offer down

few ~ ("john" school instead of court)

turned them down twice

school officials ~ (students request gay club)

acceptance & rejection: direction / verb

turned down

turned down for a job

if you are ~ because of credit problems...

no one is turned down

get a degree without tests, ~ (diploma mill)

get turned down

so many things that are very good ~ (screenplays)

acceptance & rejection: direction

turned off

turned off by (e-tailers') customer service
consumers are ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

turned on (sex)

turned on by her
I was ~

really turned on
I was ~ by him

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / sex

sex: mechanism

turned up (discovered)

turned up by the FBI
based on information ~

searching & discovery: direction / ground, terrain & land

turn in (give)

turn in (uninspiring, half-hearted) performances
boxers content to ~ (vs. Ward and Gatti)

turned in a performance
if the US team ~ that was better than... (soccer)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: direction / verb

turning point (noun)

turning point in World War II
the battle of El Alamein was a ~

turning point in the battle
a ~ against entertainment violence

turning point of her career
it was the ~

turning point in my life
this was the ~

turning point in the history of the world
it was a major ~ (gas attack at Ypres in 1915)

major turning point
it was a ~ in the history of the world (gas attack at Ypres)

marked the turning point
the battle ~

development: direction / mechanism / movement
importance & significance: mechanism / movement

turn-off (disgust)

turn-off for (most) women
a lack of humor is a major ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

turn on (verb)

turns me on

it ~ (risk of getting caught / adolescent lesbian)

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb

turn-on

turn-on for men

the pursuit of revenge is a ~ (brain studies)

major turn-on

her scent is a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

turn out (create)

turn out 10 times the amount

super labs ~ of drugs (methamphetamine)

turned out hits

they ~ which included "Midnight Train to Georgia"

creation & transformation: direction / manufacturing / verb

turn out (develop)

turned out

I was surprised by how it ~
it makes sense the way it ~

turn out that

it may ~ some anxiety disorders are caused by...

turns out that

it ~ his girlfriend has already seen a lawyer

turn out to be the case

that didn't ~

turn out to be nothing

it may ~

turn out (quite) the way

the next months did not ~ Scott had hoped

turn out to be easy

that second goal didn't ~

turned out to be flawed

the studies ~ (education)

turns out to be true

it's a rare event when an Army rumor ~

turn out as advertised

in Russia, things rarely ~ (Siberian adventure)

turned out OK

my child ~ and I spanked him...

turn out best

things ~ for people who make the best of things

turn out well

when you make a decision and it doesn't ~ (regret)
they can turn out to be heroes if things ~ (doctors)

turned out a lot worse
the swim could have ~ considering... (kayaking)

development: direction / verb

turn out (rally)

turn out in force
activists will ~ to back those who stood up... (gays)

turned out in (record) numbers
rural voters ~ to vote out...

turned out in (far greater) numbers
demonstrators ~ than predicted

turn out in droves
democrats predicted minority voters would ~

turn out for revival
thousands ~, river baptisms (Cane River, NC)

fans turn out
only a few thousand ~ at RFK to watch (women's soccer)

appearance & disappearance: direction / verb

turnout (people)

turnout at the polls
the election is expected to hang on ~

voter turnout
~ was less than 20 percent
there was a surge in ~ (Iraq election)

low turnout
the election was marred by ~

surge in (voter) turnout
there was a ~ (Iraq election)

stir up (Democratic) turnout
they sent leaders across the country to ~

appearance & disappearance: direction

turnover (work)

turnover rate
nursing aides and their high ~ rate

staff turnover
~ has been high (English school in Qatar)

teacher turnover
~ has also been high

nursing staff turnover
~ has been harmful

high turnover
a teaching corps marked by ~ (middle school / NYC)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction

turnup (Turnup Rock, etc.)

Turnup Rock
the sun rises over ~ (Michigan)

proper name: fruits & vegetables / shape

turn up (increase)

turned up the heat
then he really ~ by starting a Web site accusing...

turning up the volume
the democratic candidates are ~ against the president

increase & decrease: mechanism / verb

turn up (appear)

turned up at (local) parades
he ~ (a politician)

turn up at (gun) shows
blowguns also ~

turned up in (Robert's) bedroom
the knives later ~, bearing traces of blood

turn up in dormitories, co-ops, bookstores
Flugennock posters ~

turn up in a few days
it'll ~ (a lost shoe)

turn up within a few weeks
most are found or ~ (the missing)

turn up during (road) construction
old bombs ~ (Germany)

turned up for the pig roast
around 2,000 people ~ (Indonesian Papua)

turn up next
where it might ~ (anthrax)

turned up next
the school rash ~ in northern Virginia

turned up well armed
Belgian troops ~ and ready to perform (UN force)

turned up dead
one more gangbanger who ~ beside a ditch;
Lina disappeared in 2000 and ~

turn up (here) regularly
now prominent foreigners ~ (Afghanistan)

virus has turned up
the dreaded West Nile ~ in New York City again...

body turned up
her ~ four days later with the corpse of...

nothing turned up
but ~ (search for missing woman)

something turns up
if ~, you're terminated (criminal background checks)

appearance & disappearance: ground / verb

turn up (discover)

turned up anything
we never ~ in that case (a detective)

turned up the drugs
a search of the car ~ (busted)

turned up (other) evidence
their inquiries ~ (murder investigation)

turned up (39) incidents
a computer check ~ over 15 years (crime)

turns up (unanticipated) information
sometimes an investigation ~

turn up problems
renovation at the high school did ~ with asbestos

turned up proof
intelligence services had never ~ of wrongdoing

failed to turn up
the schools ~ evidence of hazards (mystery rash)

investigation turned up
an ~ no criminal activity...

search (of her apartment) turned up
a ~ her packed luggage, jewelry...

search (of the car) turned up
a ~ drugs (busted)

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

tweak (noun)

small tweaks
the administration has made ~ to regulation and policy

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / tools & technology

twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)

twilight of his (political) career
now the 78-year-old senator is approaching the ~

in the twilight of the Soviet Union
they came of age ~ (a generation)

in the twilight of his career
now, ~ (a minister)

in the twilight of democracy
we are ~ (authoritarianism)

in the twilight of their lives
recognition has come ~ (Kinkaseki POWs)

in the twilight of the republic
we are in the ~ (US)

into the twilight of his career
Federer is well ~ (the great tennis player)

time: day

decline: day / death & life / light & dark

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day / light & dark

twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)

legal twilight
the ruling leaves her in a ~ (immigrant)

twilight zone
the school has been caught in the ~ of “orphan” academies

certainty & uncertainty / situation: light & dark

Twilight Zone

from the Twilight Zone
the latest accusation is ~

♦ The “contempo-speak” equivalent is *Black Mirror* (see *Black Mirror*).

fantasy & reality: allusion

twin (two)

Twin Cities
the Somali community in the ~ (Minneapolis-St. Paul)

twin failures
the ~ of 1999 forced NASA to... (Mars missions)

twin (suicide) bombings
Istanbul suffered ~ (terrorism)

twin lakes
the ~ of Ohrid and Prespa (Balkans)

twin relics
polygamy and slavery, the ~ of barbarism

amount: family

twin (relationship)

twin masters
bow to their ~: the ratings and advertisers (network TV)

twin threats
~ face Russia's polar bears—global warming and poaching

South's (familiar) twins
the ~, temperature and humidity

deadly twin
TB has become AIDS' ~

evil twin
September is the ~ of spring fever

familiar twins
the South's ~, temperature and humidity

scientific twins
forecast and evolution were ~ (FitzRoy and Darwin)

division & connection / relationship: family

twin (the Twins, etc.)

the Twins
we visited ~ (Marshall Islands)

Twin Rocks
we sailed around ~ (Kemps Bay, the Bahamas)

Twin Peaks
I hiked to ~ (Australia)

Twin Lakes
she has a cabin on ~ (Ontario)

proper name: family

twist (twist the truth, etc.)

twisted the facts
the magazine ~

twist the truth
his lawyers tried to ~ during the trial

twist our words
they will change our words, they ~

speech: direction / verb

corruption: direction / verb

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech / direction / verb

twist (noun)

twist in the case
it was a sad ~

twist in the trial
this was a dramatic ~ (Trump's second impeachment)

latest twist
he will speak about the ~ (diplomacy)
EFPs are the ~ in a lethal game of measure, countermeasure

sad twist
it was a ~ in the case

stunning twist
it was a ~

development: direction

twist (twist and turn / twists and turns)

twists and turns
the plot has many ~ (movie)

twist and turn of this case
he has been following every ~ since the very beginning

twist and turn in the story
he has covered every ~ (a reporter)

development: direction

twisted (corruption)

twisted for (political) gain
in Washington, anything can be ~

twisted into a web
his death has been ~ of disinformation and paranoia

twisted logic

genocide followed a ~
this is an example of ~

twisted psychology
the trial has been a showcase of ~ (murder)

perverted, twisted (m)
he is a man with a ~ mind

twisted world
she lives in a ~

mentally twisted
he is ~ (animal abuser)

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: direction

twisted (character)

twisted killer
he is a ~

twisted soul
he is a ~

strange, twisted
it takes a ~ person do what she did

character & personality: direction

twitch (quick-twitch)

quick-twitch media
a ~, desperate to get it out, amplified flaws in the reporting

control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

twitter-lashing (noun)

twitter-lashing by President Trump
this ~ towards the Kochs

speech: violence / whip

accusation & criticism: violence / whip

Twitterverse (noun)

in the Twitterverse
she has a lot of love ~ (a liberal)

Twitterverse went crazy
and the ~ (about something or other)

computer: astronomy

area / environment: astronomy

two point zero, two point oh (2.0)

Globalization 1.0
how Vikings launched ~

GOP 2.0

he is focusing on what he calls ~ (politics)

JCPOA 2.0

there needs to be a ~ (a new nuclear deal)

Johnny Appleseed (of Agriculture) 2.0

she is the ~ (brings together entrepreneurs, investors)

lockdown 2.0
~ is here (second surge of coronavirus pandemic)

NAFTA 2.0
it's ~, a modest tweak, an updating (USMCA)

progress & lack of progress: number

computer: number

tyrant (noun)

tyrant
he's a ~, micromanages, appreciates only himself

household tyrant
he was a terrible ~

ogre and a tyrant
his employees describe him as an ~

called him a tyrant
Republicans ~ for imposing mask restrictions

oppression / power: government / history / person

domestic violence is an ~ of the culture of machismo

ugly cousin
sarcasm is anger's ~

ugly cry
Love Story was an ~ (the movie)

ugly detail
do I have to spell it out in every ~

ugly divorce
the UK and the EU are having an ~

ugly picture
she painted an ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

ugly scenes
there have been ~ in some places (panic buying)

ugly sister
eugenics and its ~, eugenic euthanasia (Nazis)

ugly specter
the deal raises the ~ of conflict of interest

ugly turn
things have taken an ~

ugly underside
the ~ of America's most popular sport (football)

get ugly
late at night, the protests ~ (street protests)

♦ "Of course I litter the public highway. Every chance I get. After all, it's not the beer cans that are ugly; it's the highway that is ugly." (Edward Abbey, author of the *Monkey Wrench Gang* and a Godfather of Earth First.)

♦ "This sofa is ugly. The other sofa is beautiful." (The American Language Course, Defense Language Institute—ALC / DLI.)

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

ulcer (noun)

Napoleon's "Spanish ulcer"
the Peninsular War was ~

bleeding ulcer
Commander Stanley McChrystal called Marjah "a ~"

affliction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

umbilical (connection)

curly umbilical
you can see the ~ from the descent stage to the rover

configuration / division & connection / resemblance: birth

umbrella (protection)

air defense umbrella
air cover or an ~ is necessary
the passes lay outside the Egyptians' ~ (Sinai / 1973)

protective umbrella
the Saudis did not want a U.S. ~

nuclear umbrella

superlative: affix

Uber (the Uber of towing, etc.)

aimed to be "the Uber of towing"
his former startup ~ (Domm Holland)

size: epithet

ugly (adjective)

ugly blemish
the Charlottesville tragedy was "an ~" on the US (2017)

ugly byproduct

the US could extend its ~ to Israel, Egypt, and the Gulf under the (American national security) umbrella
any number of countries ~ have done quite well

♦ Umbrellas were originally designed as sun shades for protection against the sun.

protection & lack of protection: umbrella **umbrella (under an umbrella)**

under the Taliban's umbrella
it is one of the main groups fighting ~

under the social studies umbrella
disciplines ~

work under the U.N. umbrella
7,000 de-miners are at ~ (Afghanistan)

cover: umbrella

umbrella (umbrella group, etc.)

umbrella agencies
get in touch with the ~ below...

umbrella term
"transgender" is an ~ to describe people who...

taxonomy & classification: umbrella

un (undo this hurt, etc.)

undo this hurt
~, unbreak my heart... (Toni Braxton)

reversal: affix

unblemished

unblemished record
he came to Glasgow with the title and an ~ (boxer)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark

unbridled

unbridled ambition
Qatar has leveraged its oil wealth and ~
he is a man of ~

unbridled authority
state's attorneys don't have ~ to appoint special prosecutors

unbridled capitalism
~ undermines traditional social relations

unbridled enthusiasm
he has the ~ of his party (a politician)
there are problems with ~

unbridled expression
the Internet allows ~

unbridled greed
our ~ caused the economic crisis
good for the company for saying no to ~ (a publisher)

unbridled (economic) growth

pollution has been one of the downsides of China's ~

unbridled imagination
musicians admired him for his ~ (a fellow musician)

unbridled optimism
people praised his ~ in the face of his illness

unbridled optimist
she is an ~

unbridled passion
he has energy, enthusiasm and ~ of what's possible

restraint & lack of restraint: horse
constraint & lack of constraint: horse
control & lack of control: horse

uncharted (adjective)

uncharted territory
we're in ~ in terms of predicting his recovery... (coma)
sending public opinion into ~

uncharted water
the NCAA is wading into ~

uncharted waters
this was ~ for us (youthful sex)

uncharted (legal) waters
the charges have led the country into ~ (soldiers)

uncharted wilderness
new routes into the ~ of the 21-century economy

certainty & uncertainty / direction: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map / sea

unclear (adjective)

unclear
facts are scarce and sources are ~ (news rumors)
it's very ~ what happened (school shooting)

certainty & uncertainty: light & dark
perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark
comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark

uncomfortable (groups)

uncomfortable
it's going to be ~ (a dialogue on racism)

Uncomfortable Conversations
he created "~- With a Black Man" (Emmanuel Acho)

uncomfortable moments
how to handle ~ (being misgendered)

made them uncomfortable
close, physical interactions with Joe Biden ~ (women)

made the grownups uncomfortable
hip-hop that ~ ("WAP" / Cardi B & Megan Thee Stallion)

♦ "People with disabilities can share the ways that encounters with non-disabled people make them uncomfortable." (#AbleIsWeird.)

♦ "How To Survive Uncomfortable Holiday Conversations," NPR, All Things Considered, November 22, 2017.

♦ "...and those hormones have no place to go." ("The Wedge' Explores How Being Uncomfortable Builds Human Resilience," wbur, Here & Now, May 28, 2020. Jeremy Hobson interviews author Scott Carney.)

♦ "When they tried to sleep, the heat of their own bodies would melt the mush snow beneath their rubber blankets, and soon they would be lying in puddles of cold water. Dr. Ambler wrote that 'sleeping in wet clothes in a wet bag on wet ice makes every bone and separate muscle ache in the morning. To-day I have not been able to draw a breath without pain.' (*In the Kingdom of Ice: the Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette* by Hampton Sides.)

♦ "Hunger was now torturing us. The Cossacks sat gloomily round the fire and hardly spoke. Several times I asked Dersu how we had taken the wrong trail, and were we on the right road. He answered that he had never been in this district before, that he had nothing to go by and, like me, could only guess. Hoping to forget their hunger a little, the men tried to sleep. I lay down too, but could not sleep. Anxiety and doubt tormented me. If we did not manage to kill something tomorrow, or reach the Iman, things would be desperate indeed. In the summer a man can carry on without food for several days, but in the winter hunger kills quickly." (*Dersu* by V. K. Arseniev.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

uncork (verb)

uncorked a declamation

he ~ on why America is no longer the greatest (TV show)

uncorked (long-suppressed) public opinion
the riots have ~

initiation: bottle / pressure

uncover (verb)

uncover

she would be surprised at the information she would ~

uncovered (more) bodies from a canal
rescue efforts ~ (Nigeria)

uncovered crimes

investigators dug into actions and ~

uncover explosives

troops conduct raids to carry out arrests and ~

uncover the (true) extent

he worked to ~ of bullying (schools)

uncovered an (unnerving) fact

he ~ (scientist / about influenza)

uncovered evidence

scientists digging south of Denver say they have ~ of....
well, we've ~ that points in a different direction (crime)

uncover any links

as federal agents work to ~ to terrorists

uncovered a (solid) motive

the investigation has not yet ~ (rap-star shooting)

uncovered a plot

police ~ to blow up commercial jetliners (terrorists)

uncovered the (Sept. 11) plot

the FBI mishandled info that could have ~

uncovered a (growing muti-smuggling) racket

a newspaper has ~ (Swaziland)

uncovered (one or two more of the) terrorists
we could have ~.... (9/11)

police uncovered

~ thousands (tapes by militant Islamists)

investigations can uncover

~ things that result in lawsuits

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

under (hierarchy)

under him

but because I was ~... (a company)

hierarchy: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / position

under (affix)

underdeliver

hopefully, the storm will ~, but it could overdeliver

under-resourced

so, we're over-policed and ~ (a black woman)

underserved

~ communities (black, brown, etc.)
historically ~ (Black, brown communities)

underprotecting

the imbalance of overpolicing and ~ (groups)

flaws & lack of flaws: affix / direction

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix / direction

underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)

soft underbelly

Liverpool knew where the ~ lay (victory against City)

protection & lack of protection: animal / orientation / stomach

underbelly (concealment)

underbelly of globalization

this is the ~ (toxic dumping in third world)

underbelly of that protection

the ~ is physical and sexual violence (homeless women
under wing of homeless veterans)

underbelly of drugs, violence and fear

the investigation uncovered a dark ~ (a small town)

Glasgow's (dark) underbelly

~ of vulnerability and danger (murdered prostitutes)

corrupt underbelly

did he know too much about boxing's ~ (Sonny Listen)

dark underbelly

the ~ of just how far parents are willing to go (college
admissions scandal)

grim underbelly

ballet has a ~

seedy underbelly

Hollywood's ~, the casting couch...

violent underbelly

this city is beautiful with a very real and very ~ (cop)

orientation: stomach

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / flaws & lack of flaws: orientation / stomach

undercurrent (noun)

undercurrent of extremism

there is a serious ~ (in a country)

constant undercurrent

the quest for identity is a ~ in the Middle East

concealment & lack of concealment / force: river

undercut (verb)

undercut her

she stood her ground and didn't let the defense ~ (trial)

failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb

underdog (competition)

underdog

we don't consider ourselves ~s (basketball team)

we're the ~s (sports team)

he is an ~ (politics)

underdog candidates

~ gulped much-needed political oxygen (TV debate)

underdog potential

who has that ~ (NCAA tournament)

underdog status

Dillian Whyte will relish the ~ (vs. Tyson Fury / boxing)

front-runners and underdogs

~ loved him (a race car driver)

consider ourselves underdogs

we don't ~ (member of a basketball team)

♦ **The underdog has nothing to lose and everything to gain. (Boxing.)**

♦ **"Who doesn't love an underdog?" (Sports.)**

competition / strength & weakness / superiority & inferiority: animal / dog / position

underdog (hierarchy)

underdog

she was an ~ some cheered for (Anna Nicole)

underdog story

it's an ~ set during the Depression (a film)

people love an ~ (footballer Jamie Vardy)

bias towards the underdog

journalists have a ~, all kinds of biases...

hierarchy: animal / dog / position

underground (noun)

underground church

millions of Chinese Catholics worship in ~s

underground (extremist) group

the ~ Army of God

underground magazine

an ~ about dog fighting (illegal in US)

underground market

drugs available on the ~

underground (anti-slavery) movement

an ~

underground music

acid-house was ~

underground rock scene

an ~ in the city's shadows (the Leningrad Rock Club)

underground churches and sects

the spread of ~

underground and the mainstream

he is stuck between the ~ (Shaun White in 2010)

cyber underground

the ~ was abuzz with rumors

drives it underground

cracking down on sex trafficking just ~

drive sex offenders underground

Iowa's residency rules ~

society: center & periphery / direction

concealment & lack of concealment / environment: direction

underground railroad

underground railroad

an ~ to get workers across the border (from Mexico)

pursuit, capture & escape / resistance, opposition & defeat: history

underhanded (or underhand)

underhand tactics

his side was subjected to ~ (sports)

underhanded tricks

protect yourself from ~

underhanded ways

she employs ~ to get ahead

covert and underhanded

racism can be ~ (versus in your face)

subterfuge: direction / hand

underlie (verb)

underlie the (chronic) inflammation

allergic symptoms may ~
underlie the insurgency
we must address the problems that ~
underlie mating games
she is testing out the social skills that ~ (a teen girl)
♦ Geological basins and basement rocks underlie the Nullarbor Plain.
(Geology.)

bases: direction / ground, terrain & land / verb

underline (attention)

double underline
we need to ~ the conclusion (of a report)
underline, highlight
the Soviets did not ~ the tragedy of the Jews (WWII)
attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb
underlying (adjective)
underlying causes
an understanding of the ~
underlying concept
the approach and its ~s
underlying condition
does not help the ~
underlying explanation
no one challenged the ~ for the sudden death
underlying factors
the ~ that contributed to the disaster (NASA)
underlying felony
armed robbery was the ~ in the murders
underlying infrastructure
a deep flaw in the ~ (Microsoft security flaw)
underlying injuries
the diagnosis of ~
underlying issues
~ include emotional immaturity, feelings of inferiority
underlying message
understand their ~ (autistic behaviors)
underlying principle
a world in which modesty is the ~ (Muslim girl)
underlying (Buddhist) principles
a draft constitution based on ~ (Bhutan)
underlying (psychological) problems
were there ~
underlying question
imaging research has not answered the ~ (psychiatry)
underlying theme
CBS stuck to the ~ of the report (expose)
underlying unity

our quest for some elusive ~
underlying medical condition
regardless of their ~
bases: direction / ground, terrain & land
relationship: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
undermine (verb)
undermine assumptions
the finding, if upheld, would ~ that... (migration)
undermine cohesion
disparities in compensation ~ among troops
undermined confidence
fear has ~ in the food supply (avian flu)
undermines (investor) confidence
corruption ~ in new ventures
undermine cooperation
selfish, exploitative people quickly ~
undermine (U.S.) credibility
deliberate lies ~ (foreign policy)
undermine the (Eritrean) government
Sudan's government tried to ~ (1990s)
undermined the law
religious fanaticism has ~ (Pakistan)
undermine morale
inefficient distribution of mail can ~ (military)
undermine relationships
you can ~ with insecurity and jealousy
undermines their (own academic) reputation
reviewers may react harshly to research that ~
undermine security
they use terrorism to sow fear and ~
undermine (global) security
a missile-defense system will ~
undermined (fundamental) values
popular culture has ~
undermines his sex drive
his performance anxiety ~
undermined his self-confidence
the rejections ~ (job hunting)
threatens to undermine
lawlessness ~ investor confidence
failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb
underneath (basis)
underneath the bravado
~ there is fear
appearance & reality / bases / relationship: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

underscore (attention)

underscores the importance
this breakdown in talks ~ of negotiations (with Iran)

underscores the need
the report ~ for better data

underscore the pressure-cooker atmosphere
the accusations ~ in the region

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb

underside (noun)

underside of the miracle
but the ~ is... (booming economy but problems)

ugly underside
the ~ of America's most popular sport (football)

orientation: stomach

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / flaws & lack of flaws: orientation / stomach

undertone (noun)

veiled undertones
his irritation can be detected in ~ in his diary

racial undertones
the media's coverage of Sterling has ~ (Great Britain)

concealment & lack of concealment / evidence: music / sound

underwater (adjective)

\$20.5 billion underwater
the federal flood insurance program is currently ~

survival, persistence & endurance: water

underway

underway
an economic recovery is ~
efforts ~ to develop job opportunities for those...

underway in Azerbaijan
the alphabet reform ~

underway on the dam
construction is ~

already underway
a disaster accelerates economic changes that are ~
an improvement plan is ~

currently underway
a second, larger study is ~ (rehab therapy)

now underway
an NIH-sponsored double-blind study is ~ to evaluate...

well underway
construction is ~ on the dam

buzz was underway

the water cooler ~ (Olympic controversy)

coup was underway
one of the rogue officers denied a ~ (Philippines)

work is underway
construction ~ on Ethiopia's huge Gibe III dam

trials are underway
randomized controlled ~ (medicine)

gets underway
the next big federal trial ~ next month (opioid suits)

got underway
as the trial ~, prosecutors knew they had an uphill climb

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips

underworld (noun)

underworld figures
the bar is a favorite for ~ (crime)

Kyrgyzstan's (powerful criminal) underworld
the government may be trying to rein in ~

♦ "The signs were there that it could flow over from the underworld to the upper world, and now that has happened." (Wouter Loumans, author of *Macro Mafia*.)

concealment & lack of concealment / environment:

direction / earth & world / society

center & periphery: direction / society

society: center & periphery / direction

undoing (destruction)

its (final) undoing
this summer's warmth has been ~ (ice-shelf breaks up)

your undoing
you are going down a road that will be ~

laid the groundwork for his own undoing
he had ~

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: cloth / rope

undone (destruction)

coming undone
behind all the glitter of the 1970s, Iran was ~

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: cloth / rope

unearth (verb)

unearth documents
the unit can ~ erased from hard drives (police)

unearthed evidence
FBI investigators ~ to show his involvement in IS
the podcast claimed it had ~ that corroborated his alibi
he also ~ of contact between... (politics)

♦ Workmen recently unearthed a 500-pound World War II bomb at Portsmouth Naval Base. It was detonated by bomb-disposal experts.

analysis, interpretation & explanation / appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment /

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

unearthed

unearthed experiment

a recently ~ prompted US authorities to apologize

analysis, interpretation & explanation / appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining

unfathomable (adjective)

unfathomable

this murder is so senseless, it's ~

unfathomable to him

the decision was ~ (business)

unfathomable stupidity

he survived due to the ~s of the regime (W.W. II)

heartbreaking and unfathomable

his murder was ~ (a rapper)

seem unfathomable

falsely admitting to a crime may ~ to many

comprehension & incomprehension: sea / depth / water

unfettered

unfettered

they can buy weapons ~ (in US)

unfettered access

she has ~ to files (an investigator)

the church will give ~ to documents (sex abuse)

unfettered press

people paid attention to their increasingly ~ (change)

live unfettered

he was determined to ~ by excessive obligations (a writer)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: chain / crime / leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

unfold (discover)

unfolding details

investigators are rapidly ~ of the plot (terrorism)

searching & discovery: cloth / verb

unfold (develop)

unfolding in chapters

the mystery is ~ (missing plane)

still unfolding

the story is ~

crisis unfolds

as the coronavirus ~...

events will unfold

agility requires an ability to visualize how ~ (military)

watched their own drama unfold
passengers ~ on satellite TV sets (JetBlue Flight 292)

development: cloth / verb

unfolding (developing)

unfolding in Japan

a catastrophe has been ~ (nuclear problem)

unfolding disaster

a Greek chorus comments on the ~

still-unfolding

a chapter in the ~ story

development: cloth

unfolding (opening)

unfolding blossoms

the ~ of the fruit trees

resemblance: cloth

unglued (adjective)

came unglued

she ~ in the courtroom

control & lack of control / failure, accident & impairment / feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / mental health

unhealthy (condition)

unhealthy focus

the internet's ~ on opinion (Jia Tolentino)

something unhealthy at Manchester United
there is ~

condition & status: health & medicine

unhinged (adjective)

unhinged

he seemed like a guy who was ~

unhinged mind

the gloriously ~ of James Gunn (film *The Suicide Squad*)

unhinged partisans

shame on these ugly ~, deranged by their hatred (politics)

become so unhinged that...

liberal activists and social justice warriors have ~

fantasy & reality: doors & thresholds

failure, accident & impairment: mental health

euphemism: mental health

unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.)

"unicorns of the sea"

narwhals are the ~

epithet: creature

resemblance: epithet

unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.)

tech “Unicorns”

Clipper was one of the UK’s ~

quite a unicorn

that is ~ (a person to fit job requirements)

♦ A tech unicorn is a start-up worth \$1 billion or more.

♦ “That is quite a unicorn.” (A fluent speaker of Mandarin, with a background in artificial intelligence, willing to work as a spy for the CIA.)

epithet / worth & lack of worth: creature

computer: creature

worth & lack of worth: epithet

unicorn (Scotland, etc.)

unicorn

~s are ubiquitous in Scotland

Lion and the Unicorn

the ~ appear on the UK royal coat of arms

♦ See the excellent article, “What unicorns mean to Scottish identity” by Mike MacEacheran, BBC Travel, 9th April 2019. It includes very nice pictures of unicorns.

identity & nature: creature / sign, signal, symbol

universe (noun)

surfer's (turquoise) universe

the ~ (tubes, barrels, pipelines, etc.)

yachting universe

Cape Horn is regarded as the Mount Everest of the ~

basketball universe

Indiana is the center of the ~

board-sport universe

in the ~

academic universe

more settled fields in the ~ (vs. black studies)

new universe

he told of the mysterious world of microbes as a ~

center of the (basketball) universe

Indiana is the ~

♦ see also *verse (metaverse, etc.)*

area / environment: astronomy

university (experience)

real university

the Arctic was his ~, the Inuit his professors (Amundsen)

♦ “A whale-ship was my Yale College and my Harvard.” (*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.)

“The Eskimos were right!” (An excited scientist in a helicopter in 1994, noticing a bow whale swimming with a group of beluga whales. The native peoples had told him bow whales did that, something he didn't know.)

experience / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

unleash (verb)

unleashed a (\$350 million) campaign to persuade Microsoft ~... (ad)

unleash (even more) oil into the Gulf
it could ~ (a plan to stop oil spill)

unleashed a (powerful) shot from 20 meters
he ~ (soccer)

unleashed a (mortar) barrage
the Wa ~ and the Thais responded with...

unleashed his blows
Tyson charged up to Lewis and ~... (boxing)

unleashed the demons
WWI ~ of political disorder, extremism, and cruelty

unleashed feelings
Donald Trump ~ that were not expressed publicly before

unleash a flood
Tibetans fear the rail line will ~ of Han immigrants
defeat of the bill will ~ of negative advertising (politics)

unleashes forces
war ~ that cannot be predicted or controlled

unleashed its fury
the massive storm ~ (tornadoes)

unleash a monster
that's what happens when you ~ (violence)

unleashed (additional rocket) salvos
Palestinians have ~ (from Gaza)

unleashed a storm
congressmen ~ of patriotic rage

unleashed (heavy) rain and (strong) winds
thunderstorms ~ across parts of the Midwest

unleashes a torrent
in the play's final scene, she unleashes a ~ of fury at...

unleashed a wave
they ~ of protest

unleashed a bloodbath
the bombing of the Mosque of the Gold Dome ~

unleashed a whirlwind
the dictator's ouster ~ of pent-up civic forces (Suharto)

unleash a civil war
then Mr. Taylor returned to Liberia to ~

constraint & lack of constraint / initiation: dog / verb

unleashed

unleashed against dissidents
the repression ~

unleashed by (fanatical) terrorists
the violence ~

unleashed by (emotional) trauma
hysteria as a nervous-system disorder ~

genie (of racial hatred) has been unleashed
the ~ (Ivory Coast)

constraint & lack of constraint / initiation: dog

unlock (verb)

unlocks the mystery
this could be the key that ~

amelioration & renewal / concealment & lack of
concealment / searching & discovery: key / verb

unmaking (destruction)

making and unmaking
the book describes her ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment:
manufacturing

unmask (verb)

unmask (vile and prolific) abusers
the technology is there to ~ (on social media)

unmask this individual
Republicans are trying to ~ (a whistleblower)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories
/ verb

unmoored

unmoored from its stated purpose
Congress allowed the mission to become ~ of... (war)

attachment / division & connection / movement / progress
& lack of progress: boat

unpack (verb)

unpack
there's a lot to ~ in this scene, it's confusing (a film)

unpacking (implicit racial) bias
for two decades she has been ~

unpack the idea
the way I ~ is that...

unpack it
you got to explain it, ~

unpack that
let me ~...

◆ This is similar to *unpick*, which literally means to remove sewing
stitches.

◆ Hosts and pundits *break down*, *unpack*, *unpick*, *discuss*, *walk us through*, *give us an overview of*, and *help us with* their respective topics.
In the past, this might have been expressed with the word "analyze."

analysis, interpretation & explanation: container / verb

unpalatable (adjective)

unpalatable options
in Syria, the US weighs a range of ~

uncomfortable and unpalatable
ideas that are ~ (the comic Dave Chappelle)

consumption: food & drink / taste

unpick (verb)

unpick one or two of those things
let's ~ (discussion of Hapsburg Monarchy on BBC)

unpick this chain of events
we sought to ~ in our film

unpicking the mechanics of hatred
in this series I'll be ~ (a history of hate)

◆ This literally means to remove sewing stitches.

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

unpolished

unpolished charm
the movie's ~ dissolves into predictability

◆ It is good to know there is an opposite for *lapidary*.

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

unravel (fail)

unraveling
the system that has controlled her life is ~ (Britney)

unraveled at an accelerating pace
those norms have ~

unraveling in Iraq
with no criminal or psychiatric history, he had started ~

started unraveling
with no criminal or psychiatric history, he had ~ in Iraq

began to unravel
her life ~ when...
Swallow's story ~ (an escaped convict)

case (against him) may be unravelling
the ~

harmony (of Russia's nationalities) is unravelling
the enforced ~

meeting (quickly) unraveled
the ~ (diplomacy)

narrative (of deceit) unraveled
after her ~ (the Australian influencer Belle Gibson)

norms unraveled
those ~, replaced by an ethos of "anything goes"

pact unraveled
the power-sharing ~ (Sierra Leone)

failure, accident & impairment: cloth / rope / verb

unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)

unravel the case

we followed the thread and began to ~ (tapes of old trial)
looking for a clue that would ~

unravel the mystery

they are trying to ~ of tornadoes (storm chasers)

unraveled the mystery

satellites have ~ of Mars' geological patterns ("spiders")

unraveled a (strange and illuminating) story

we followed the thread and ~

searching & discovery: cloth / verb

amelioration & renewal: rope / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

unraveled (explained)

unraveled

there are mysteries yet to be ~ (crop circles)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth

unsavory (adjective)

unsavory connections

he has ~ (a tribal leader)

unsavory means

he became rich through ~

unsavory methods

he is known for his ~ (politician)

unsavory past

he is a loose cannon with an ~ (politician)

unsavory reality

using a famous last name is an ~ of power and politics

unsavory reputation

he has an ~

unsavory side

he showed his ~

illegal or unsavory

he engaged in practices that were ~ (businessman)

♦ Something may taste or smell savory. Stews and goulashes can have a savory smell. Savory is related to palatable.

consumption / corruption / feeling, emotion & effect / flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste

unscathed (adjective)

left the debate unscathed

his main rival ~ (politics)

condition & status: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

unseat (verb)

unseats our idea

this idea ~ that lesbianism equals female masculinity

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / failure, accident & impairment: equilibrium & stability / horse / verb

unstable (adjective)

unstable

the regime is ~

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

unshackle (verb)

unshackle itself from the past

hopefully, the sport can ~ (cycling and doping)

constraint & lack of constraint: chain / crime / verb

unspool (verb)

unspool what

fans and music critics have been trying to ~ it all means

unspool the history

he joins us to ~ that led up to...

unspool the (song's multiple) layers

to help us ~ of meaning...

unspool his role

investigators are working to ~ in the affair (politics)

unspool the (sordid) story

we ~ and talk with survivor families

unspool slowly

the reasons for her alienation ~ (a book)

unspool as Iraq did

the great fear is that Afghanistan could ~

development: cloth / film / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / film / verb

unsung (praise)

unsung hero

the ~ for me was... (a championship soccer game)

he is a bit of an ~ (the remarkable Martyn Stewart)

achievement, recognition & praise: music

untangle (verb)

untangled the history from the mythology

we ~ to get the true story of what happened (podcast)

untangle the supply snarls

it could take a while to ~ (economy)

amelioration & renewal: cloth / rope / verb

analysis & interpretation: cloth / rope / verb

untouchable (person)

untouchables of academia

it's a caste system, and we are the ~ (an adjunct)

acceptance & rejection / hierarchy / person: society

society: person

unvarnished (adjective)

unvarnished advice
he had some ~ for him

unvarnished and emotional
their stories are ~ (not sensationalized or trivialized)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment:
materials & substances

unveil (make public)

unveiled a new approach
the government ~ to...

unveiled its (welfare) reforms
the government ~

inauguration: clothing & accessories / verb

unwavering (adjective)

unwavering
his support is ~

total and unwavering
our amazing veterans deserve our ~ support

commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability / movement

unwind (relax)

unwind
he watched TV and tried to ~ after work
crime documentaries have become my default way to ~
how does he ~ (Anthony Fauci, a workaholic)

feeling, emotion & effect / amelioration & renewal:
mechanism / mental health / verb

unwind (reverse)

unwind them
Joe Biden has taken steps to ~ (2 Trump policies)

reversal: mechanism / verb

unwind (analyze)

unwind the scandal
it won't be easy to ~ (doping allegation / Olympics)

development: cloth / film / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / film / verb

up (increase / verb)

up our game
we need to ~

up their game
companies need to ~ in cybersecurity

upped the tariffs
the Trump administration has ~

increase & decrease: direction / verb

up (science up, etc.)

amp up
see *amp up* (verb)

armor themselves up
distrustful people ~ to feel safe

level up
see *level up* (as verb)

network up
don't just ~, do it with your peers (networking)

science things up
we'd love for Joe Biden to really ~

skill up
~, level up (an ad for the University of Montreal)

amped up
the dish is ~ with plenty of chilies

angered up
oh my, the bigots are all ~ (snark on discussion board)

sexed-up
why stars have ~ (clickbait)

“teched-up”
mindfulness can help you in a 24/7 ~ world

♦ If someone talks about *managing up*, they are referring to a set of common-sense ways of dealing with the boss. There have been articles about this, even in *The Wall Street Journal*.

increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

up (higher)

up
employment is ~
suicide rates are ~

increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (time is finished, etc.)

time is up
my ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (up to now, up to date, etc.)

up to date
the students keep us young, ~ (Darryl “Pepe” Diaz)

led up to the French Revolution
in the years that ~...

bring us up to date
~, where are we now, exactly (Ailsa Chang, NPR)

♦ This is an instance of up-down metaphors for time and contrasts with *down (down through the centuries)*. Time seems to come down from the past and then up to the present. Perhaps this reflects a cyclical view of time, or simply a hilly topography.

**past & present / time: direction / height / history /
mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle**

up (feeling)

up

keep your hopes ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (what's up, etc.)

up with you

I know something's ~ (a mother about a troubled child)

occurrence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (ups and downs)

ups and downs

there's going to be a lot of ~ in the months to come

~ are simply a part of life (self-compassion)

she had her ~ (an athlete)

development: direction

up (up for something)

up for the challenge

people wonder if he is ~ (running for president)

♦ You can be down for something or up for something with similar meaning! English is crazy.

**allegiance, support & betrayal / commitment &
determination: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

up-and-coming

up-and-coming

seaweed farming is ~

up-and-coming rapper

an ~ who went the way of Pop Smoke (both murdered)

♦ See comer (up-and-comer, etc.), arrive (attainment)

future / time: direction / movement

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction /
movement**

upbeat (adjective)

remained upbeat

she ~, taking the positives out of the day's events

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

upcoming (adjective)

upcoming (boxing) match

his ~ with Apinun Khongsong (Josh Taylor)

upcoming trial

he was back in court ahead of his ~ (Markeith Loyd)

future / time: direction / movement

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction /
movement**

upend (verb)

upended his career
the scandal ~ (Hollywood)

upend the (financial) industry
looming challenges will ~

upended (entire) industries
Amazon, Netflix and Uber ~ (technology)

upended the (presidential) race
he ~ this week by picking...

upended the game table
he ~ of politics in 2016

upended conventional wisdom
this really ~ (a "natural" experiment / economics)

upend and destabilize
sports podcasts often ~ stereotypes about black athletes

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb

upheaval (disruption)

upheaval
the miners' action has opened the floodgates to more ~

upheaval of Ruiz's shock win
a few weeks of calm after the ~ over Joshua (boxing)

great upheavals
periods that precede ~ such as Europe on the eve of 1914

political upheavals
the last few years have seen a series of ~ (England)

**disruption / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake /
equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land**

uphill (difficult)

uphill battle

passage of the monumental law was an ~
education on overfishing is an ~ (sharks, etc.)

uphill climb

as the trial got underway, prosecutors knew they had an ~

uphill fight

it will be an ~ (to win an election)

uphill struggle

a difficult and ~

difficult and uphill

a ~ struggle

♦ see *downhill* (*go downhill*, etc.) for why *downhill* can mean to decline.

**difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills /
walking, running & jumping**

upper (river, etc.)

upper reach

this is what one might call the ~ of the Lower Yangtze

orientation: direction / river / height

uppercutting

upper-cutting guests with a sharp line of questioning
she was known for her tough interviewing style, ~

conflict: boxing

upright (upright man, etc.)

upright man
he was an ~ of starchy integrity (law and government)

behavior / character & personality: direction / height

uprising (resistance)

wave of (democratic) uprisings
a ~ is transforming the Islamic world

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction

uproar (controversy)

ensuing uproar
in the ~, scientists battled over the risks and benefits...

political uproar
the politics of mother's milk has created a ~

uproar (eventually) died down
the ~ (dismissal of coach)

caused an uproar
the sanitized edition of 'Huckleberry Finn' has ~

provoked uproar
the case has ~ (guns versus domestic violence)

sparked an uproar
his dismissal ~ on campus (popular coach Bobby Knight)
her transgender talk ~ (a Canadian feminist)
the sisters' case ~ (abuse)

triggered the uproar
what ~ was an incendiary post at a Website

♦ "At sunrise, Sunday morning, May 3, 1863, the battle opened with terrific cannonading. Simultaneously commenced the bursting shells and the harsh, crashing sound of musketry, reminding one of a dreadful storm, the coming of mighty, angry winds, driving the dark and threatening clouds, sweeping everything material in their path, the rolling reverberations of great thunder-bolts that seem to give fitting expression to the thoughts of an offended God." (The Battle of Chancellorsville.
From *Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby.)

amount & effect / conflict: sound

uproot (verb)

uproot the system
we're going to need to ~ (Greta Thunberg, climate activist)

destruction: plant / tree / verb

uprooted

uprooted from rebel-held east Aleppo
thousands have been ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree

upside (noun)

upside

the ~ is things could be worse

has an upside

the financial system has an ~
depression ~

have an upside

the predicament could ~

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / orientation

upside down

upside down
I wasn't expecting this, my whole world is ~ (health)

turned upside down

then her life ~ (World War II)

turned our lives upside down
his illness ~

turn the system upside down
the proposed new tests will ~ (education)

turning the town upside down
the mystery is ~ (missing children)

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability

upstage (verb)

upstaged them on their home snow
he ~ (an Olympic skier)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb
orientation: direction / theater / verb

upstanding (adjective)

upstanding member
he is an ~ of the community

character & personality: direction / height
behavior: direction / height

upstream (swim upstream)

swimming upstream
modern women are ~ (juggling various duties)

orientation: direction / orientation / river
difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / orientation / river

upsurge (noun)

upsurge in (volcanic) activity
there is no suggestion the ~ is related

increase & decrease: direction / movement

uptick (noun)

uptick in attacks
there has been an ~ (war)

dramatic uptick

there has been a ~ in the time it takes...

increase & decrease: direction

upturn (noun)

upturn in exports
there has been an ~

upturn in the market
the company will profit from any ~

economic upturn
there are hopes for an ~ in the spring or summer

sharp upturn
the political unrest has caused a ~ in oil prices

upturn is under way
experts believe an ~ (economy)

derail this (vulnerable economic) upturn
a conflict with Iran could yet ~ (in US)

signal an upturn
the numbers ~ in the economy

increase & decrease: direction

upvote (and downvote)

282 upvotes
~, 30 downvotes...

judgment: direction / sign, signal, symbol / thumb

usher in (verb)

usher in a new age
the Republicans seek to ~ of limited government

ushered in the Age
the Age of Columbus ~ of Copernicus (celestial navigation)

usher in a more socially conservative approach
democrats warn Trump's choice will ~ to abortion

usher in change
much blood has been shed to ~

ushered in a second sexual revolution
the digital revolution has ~

usher in the sixties
he helped to ~ with a new style of journalism (Tom Wolfe)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning /
inauguration: doors & thresholds / theater / verb**

usurp (verb)

usurping Serbian heritage
they are ~ (Croatia creates Tesla coins)

usurp her mark
four rivals failed to ~ (Charlotte Worthington / Olympics)

usurp the (congressional) power
his plan will ~ of the purse (politics)

usurp her teammate

can Chenchen Guan ~ Xijing Tang (for gold medal)

**control & lack of control / possession / taking & removing:
crime / royalty / verb**

U-turn (noun)

U-turn on (school) reform
scholar's ~ shakes up debate

scholar's U-turn
~ on school reform shakes up debate

made a U-turn
they ~ and admitted it was their fault (shot down plane)

forced into a U-turn
the government was ~ (French labor strike)

reversal / shape: direction / letters & characters

V

vacuum (noun)

vacuum of power
there is a ~ developing in the Middle East

policy vacuum
there was a ~ in Washington (government)

creating a vacuum
we're ~ that will be filled by bad elements (withdrawal)

presence & absence: air / atmosphere

valedictory (farewell)

valedictory salute
it's a moving ~ to the actor (*No Time To Die* / Daniel Craig)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exclamation /
speech**

valence (attraction)

hateful valence
the ~ of that gesture is an open question (okay sign)

attraction & repulsion: chemistry

Valhalla (noun)

Valhalla of men
they have earned their places in the ~ against death (microbe hunters)

superlative: allusion / place / religion

**importance & significance / sanctioning, authority & non-
conformity: religion**

valley (noun)

Silicon Valley
see *Silicon Valley*

peaks and valleys
it's a long season, you're going to have ~

progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills
shape: direction / mountains & hills

vampire (noun)

vampire devices
so-called ~ raise your electrical bill
~ include electronics left on standby

affliction / taking & removing: creature

vandal (noun)

army of vandals
Rome's art heritage is under attack by an ~

destruction: allusion / history / person

vanguard (in the vanguard)

in the vanguard of (iceboat) design
the company is ~

driving force: military

vanguard (other)

vanguard of change
young people are acknowledged as the ~

acknowledged as the vanguard
young people are ~ of change

♦ Palsars serve in the vanguard of the Israeli military forces.

driving force: military

vanishing (disappearance)

vanishing plants
save the genetic legacy of ~ (seed vault on Svalbard)

vanishing species
he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

appearance & disappearance: death & life

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life

vantage point (from a vantage point)

from our vantage point
it's difficult to believe ~ (now)

from the vantage point of the victims
~, justice was not done

perception, perspective & point of view: position

vapor (noun)

vapor
centering people's humanity, blah-blah-blah-blah-blah, it
was ~ (a politician)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

varsity (noun)

varsity
this is not the JV team, this is the ~ (a gang)

experience / group, set & collection: sports & games

vaudeville (noun)

vaudeville series
18th-century Europe saw a ~ of priority disputes (science)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

vault (verb)

vaulting into the top tier
he is ~ of TV interviewers

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping
progress & lack of progress: verb / walking, running & jumping

vector (noun)

one vector
that was ~ that there might be extremism (Facebook)

source / transmission: biology

vegetable (consciousness)

vegetable
if she makes it she'll probably be a ~ (head injuries)
♦ *Cabbage* is sometimes used with this meaning.

consciousness & awareness: fruits & vegetables

veil (covering)

veil of (glowing) clouds
an hour after sunset a ~ appears (noctilucent)

veil of (limestone) dust
a slab resting on the dirt floor under a ~

cover / resemblance: clothing & accessories

veil (under a veil)

under the veil of darkness
the rustlers steal cattle ~ (Dakota)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

veil (concealment)

veil of mystery
the desert "wears a ~" (Edward Abbey)

veil of secrecy
sky watchers have pierced the ~ (spaceplane)
the ~ was finally lifted over the weekend...

parted the veil
US officials have ~ of secrecy to reveal...

pierced the veil
sky watchers have ~ of secrecy (spaceplane)

ripped that veil from my eyes
the pandemic ~ (that schools care about teachers, students)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

veiled

veiled in secrecy
how money was disbursed was ~ (US aid to Pakistan)

veiled references
the song has ~ to the shooting (rap feuds)

veiled threats
direct or ~ of harm

thinly veiled
~ contempt
reporters used ~ racist terms—gorilla, beast (Liston)

not-so-veiled
a ~ reference to his homosexuality

direct or veiled
~ threats of harm

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

vein (source)

vein of pain
there's a pretty deep ~ that runs through these songs

rich vein
Lukaku is enjoying a ~ of form (the soccer player)

feel for the main vein
he had a ~ of popular sentiment (politics)

source: blood / mining

vein (tap a vein)

tapped the vein
he has ~ of popular outrage over... (politician)

tapping that vein of American sentiment
he is ~ (nativism and anti-immigrants)

access & lack of access / identity & nature: blood

vein (in that vein, etc.)

in that vein
~, the campaign released an online ad on Monday...

in a similar vein
~, what do you think is the greatest failure...

starting, going, continuing & ending: mining

vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)

ice in his veins
he has ~

courses through their veins
partisan rage ~ (Democrats)

running through his veins

he has aviation fuel ~ (a pilot)
character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

velvet (Velvet Revolution)

Velvet Revolution
the ~ ended communist rule (Czechoslovakia / 1989)

conflict: cloth / hardness & softness

vendetta (noun)

vendetta against him
he believes the group has a ~

academic feud
this ~ began to poison the project (undersea mapping)

partisan vendetta
they are wasting time on ~ (politics)

political vendetta
he has called the case a ~ (convicted politician)

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. "None of this research would have been possible without all the bitter professional vendettas that kept me going.." (This funny cartoon in *The New Yorker*, December 13, 2021, shows a happy academic with a goatee in the spotlight on a stage behind a podium at an awards ceremony in a great hall, addressing a packed audience.)

♦ "Hey, what's the strongest force in the universe? It's not gravity. It's jealousy." (Robert P. Kirshner of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, on controversies in the field.)

♦ "Jumbo shrimp, mud bath, military intelligence, academic fellowship... (Oxymorons.)

♦ see also *feud (noun)*

revenge / conflict: violence

veneer (appearance)

veneer of officialdom
the presentation at the UN gave the accusations the ~

democratic veneer
despite a ~, the government retains oppressive control

religious veneer
they offer a ~ but they are ruthless and corrupt

appearance & reality / extent & scope / substance & lack of substance / subterfuge: breadth / materials & substances

venerate (verb)

venerate Ronald Reagan
Republicans ~

venerated him
everyone ~ (an Ethiopian leader who died)

venerates its pathfinders and pacesetters
jazz ~ (its elders)

importance & significance: religion / verb
reverence: religion / verb

venerated

venerated as one of the all-time comedy greats
Dave Chappelle, ~, is facing criticism (from Dahlia Belle)

importance & significance / reverence: religion

Venice (Venice of the North, etc.)

“Venice of Africa”

Makoko, known as the ~, is built on stilts (Lagos)

Venice of the Middle East

Basra was once called the ~ (for its canals)

Venice of the North

St. Petersburg, the ~

Amsterdam claims to be the true “~”

Venice of the East

Alappuzha on the Arabian Sea, often called “the ~”

geography: epithet

venom (noun)

social venom

they are sowing hatred and ~ (politics)

with venom

Benn had already been landing ~ (boxing)

rhetoric, the venom, the demagoguery

after witnessing the inflamed ~

spewed venom

she ~ (neurotic woman)

accusation & criticism / feeling, emotion & effect / speech: animal / snake

venomous (adjective)

venomous

the debate is becoming increasingly ~

venomous creatures

women were these ~ (a teen girl bullied by other girls)

accusation & criticism / feeling, emotion & effect / speech: animal / snake

vent (verb)

vent about the issues

he wanted to do more than just ~ (a terrorist)

vented their anger

voters ~ by voting him out of office

vented their disdain

fans ~ through chants

vent frustration

it offers her a safe place to ~ (New Teacher Institute)

vented frustration

the president ~ with his own party

vent their anger with stones
they ~ (angry Palestinian kids)

vent for a while

take her someplace calm and let her ~ (crying kid)

amelioration & renewal / feeling, emotion & effect: mental health / pressure / verb / volcano

verdict (noun)

verdict on how

what was the ~ she did (a politician’s speech)

verdict is (still) out on that

the ~ (a policy)

judgment: justice

verge (on the verge)

on the verge of being sent
she is ~ to jail

on the verge of a catastrophe
the country is ~ (AIDS)

on the verge of collapse

the provincial government is ~ (Iraq)

on the verge of combat

troops ~

on the verge of elimination

now the Jazz are ~ (NBA playoffs)

on the verge of eradication

the disease had been ~ (polio)

on the verge of extinction

some languages are ~ (few speakers left);
to others we are the "noble savages" ~ (Canada)
bluefin tuna are ~ in the Mediterranean

on the verge of orgasm

she was ~

on the verge of sex

being ~ and discovering you've got no birth control

on the verge of tears

he seemed ~ as the verdict was read

on the verge of war

with the US ~ with Iraq

on the verge of a (nervous) breakdown

I'm ~

on the verge of overrunning

when they again seemed ~ the small force

on the verge of passing out

14-year-olds vomiting, ~ (high-school dance)

on the verge of losing consciousness

he doesn't inhale until ~ (drowning)

proximity: ground, terrain & land

verge (to the verge)

to the verge of war

Kashmir has pushed them to the ~ (Pakistan and India)

pushed them to the verge

Kashmir has ~ of war (Pakistan and India)

proximity: ground, terrain & land

Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.)

“Russian Versailles”

Peter the Great’s ~ (Peterhof / the Grand Palace)

epithet: royalty

geography: epithet

verse (metaverse, etc.)

Bataverse

in the ~... (a review of the film *The Batman*)

metaverse

see *metaverse*

multiverse

see *multiverse*

pedoverse

concerns about the ~ (grooming on social media)

Spider-Verse

Spider-Man: Into the ~ (an animated film)

Twitterverse

see *Twitterverse*

universe

see *universe*

area / environment: affix

vest (close to the vest, etc.)

keep that evidence very close to the vest

we tried to ~ but it was leaked (police)

plays that close to his vest

as to whether he is a socialist, he ~ (a politician)

concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / hand / sports & games

veteran (noun)

crafty veteran

he is a ~ of Middle East negotiating

♦ “Forget everything you learned in the academy.” (The standard greeting a rookie police officer receives from his veteran partner.)

♦ “In training camp they filled you full of fancy information on how to be a soldier. We’re going to work hard to forget all that.” (Ernest Borgnine in *All Quiet on the Western Front*.)

♦ “There’s no fool like an old fool.”

experience: military

veteran (adjective)

veteran roster

the US must add young blood to its ~ (women's soccer)

experience: military

via dolorosa

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for Oates, it was a ~ (he couldn't pull, frostbitten feet)

difficulty, easiness & effort / feeling, emotion & effect / survival, persistence & endurance: history / journeys & trips / religion

viable (adjective)

viable campaign

most do not think he can mount a ~ (election)

viable challenger

it is doubtful there will be a ~ to the President (election)

viable solution

there is still no ~ in sight

stay viable

rural schools are working to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: baby / birth / death & life

viability (political viability, etc.)

political viability

many like his ideas, but his ~ has been questioned

survival, persistence & endurance: baby / birth / death & life

vicious circle

vicious circle

it's in the nature of ~s that they're hard to stop

reverse a vicious circle

people of good will can ~

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / relationship / sequence: shape

victim (fall victim to something)

fell victim to a (common human) failing

he ~ (padding his resume)

fall victim to the (cheap) hashish

the young easily ~ (Arab immigrants in France)

fall victim to the stress

but there are ways to not ~ (sports psychology)

fell victim to accident or illness

whether someone simply ~ (vs. crime)

falling victim to black magicians

more and more hapless people have been ~ (in the UAE)

fallen victim to human trafficking
thousands of Moldovan women have ~

fell victim to a rush to judgment
she ~ by police following the murder

predation: animal / verb

victim (other)

victims

we are all ~ (two campus police murdered)

♦ Harmed, injured or killed.

♦ "the shooter is now the victim, shaking my head and rolling my eyes."
(A comment board.)

♦ "I am a stupid girl from a little village." (An Eastern European girl,
forced to work in an Israeli brothel.)

characterization: health & medicine

victimization (noun)

grievance and victimization

NPR has worked hard to be the national voice of ~

characterization: health & medicine

Vietnam (Egypt's Vietnam, etc.)

Egypt's Vietnam

Nasser lamented war in Yemen had become ~ (1967)

Britain's Vietnam

"the War in Afghanistan, ~" (Daily Mail, 2006)

Sri Lanka's Vietnam

the fight against the Tamils was ~

"Nasser's Vietnam"

the North Yemen Civil War was widely described as ~

♦ In Vietnam the Vietnam War is called the American War.

military: epithet

view (verb)

view stress as a challenge

some workers ~ rather than a burden

view drownings as avoidable accidents

juries tend to ~

view drugs as part of their social lives

they ~ (young people)

view it as their main job

high school is demanding, and kids need to ~

view the computer as another toy

a tot under age 3 will ~ at his disposal

view this as a case of doping

we don't ~ (competitive bicycling)

view the other members as competition

people often ~ for jobs (networking)

view the problem as (pretty) serious

I ~

view things through an ethnic lens
he refused to ~ (Afghan military man)

view conflict through a theological lens
he does not ~ (Middle East)

view both with skepticism
we should ~ (explanations and prophecies)

view him with deep suspicion
we should ~ (a pastor)

view these programs skeptically
many judges ~ (for batterers)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / verb

view (in view of)

in view of the changes

~ e-commerce is bringing, can book stores survive

in view of yesterday's action

~, what's your position on that...

in view of lack of concealment

close-air support is more important in desert warfare ~

♦ This is a 3-word preposition, and it seems to mean the same as 'in light of' or "because of" or "considering."

relationship: eye / prep, adv, adj, particle

view (in somebody's view)

in the view of (tobacco) critics

~, label warnings are not enough

in the view of specialists

~, the situation...

in the view of the Special Representative

~, there is no doubt... (UN)

in Morison's view

~ there is a 1-in-5,000 chance that...

in his view

~, the Cherokee culture is in danger because...

in my view

~, interpretation has an important role to play in...

in your view

which of the five Central Asian nations, ~, can we trust...

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

view (opinion)

view that

scientists challenged the ~...

view of abortion

whenever I asked what the local ~ was...

view of the (Jack the Ripper) story

a revisionist ~

view of sin, marriage and human nature

a more tolerant ~ (adultery)

views on children
we both have the same ~

views on the issue
her ~ changed (Ann Landers / divorce)

view on (social) issues
the mainstream Saudi ~ (women in sports, etc.)

views on race
whatever his ~

views on politics and religion
his complex ~

views on intelligence and genetics
he holds controversial ~

views on how
indigenous peoples have ~ the land should be utilized

views on whether
he called in to offer his ~ Arab nationalism was dead

views on Islam
the mosque attracted worshippers with militant ~

view on Wall Street
the consensus ~ is...

views on stoning
she tried to avoid stating her ~ (Iranian official)

views and opinions
we encourage individuals to express their ~

President's view
what's the ~ on that (press question)

administration's view
what is the ~ how the talks stand right now

outsider's view
an ~

consensus view
the ~ on Wall Street is...

establishment view
the BBC tended to take an ~

minority view
the Hippocratic Oath represented the ~

mainstream (Saudi) view
the ~ on social issues (women in sports, etc.)

anti-establishment view
prison terms strengthen ~s

opposing views
to justify their ~s....

accepted views
his studies were controversial and challenged ~

distorted view
the media has presented a ~ of the case

widely held view
the books debunk the ~ that...

Saudi view
the mainstream ~ on social issues (women and sports)

Western and Arab views
the difference in perspective between the ~ of Hezbollah

complex views
his ~ on politics and religion

controversial views
he holds ~ on intelligence and genetics

conventional view
scientists said their findings challenged the ~ that...

different views
there were a number of ~ on this

dim view
lawmakers took a ~ of people who...

local view
whenever I asked what the ~ of abortion was...

militant views
the mosque attracted worshippers with ~ on Islam

optimistic view
whites hold a more ~ than minorities about race relations

pessimistic view
those holding this ~

racist views
~ have influenced his decisions (politics)

revisionist view
a ~ of the Jack the Ripper story

same views
we both have the ~ on children

strong views
this article includes some ~
indigenous peoples have ~ about the land

tolerant view
a more ~ of sin, marriage and human nature (adultery)

unpopular views
speakers with ~

politically correct views
Abraham-Santos had all the appropriate ~

more optimistic view
whites generally hold a ~ about race relations

number of (different) views
there were a ~ on this

speakers with (unpopular) views

worshippers with (militant) views
the mosque attracted ~ on Islam

view (on the issue) changed
her ~ (Ann Landers / divorce)

views evolved
yet she was not rigid, and her ~ (Ann Landers)

view is echoed
his ~ by many Central Asians... (a university professor's)

debunk the (widely held) view
the books ~ that...

express their views
we encourage individuals to ~ and opinions

heard a different view
I ~ from Dr. Muhammad al-Musfir

make your views known
~ (elections, democracy)

denounced the view as hypocritical
he ~

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

view (perspective)

helicopter view
sometimes you have to take the ~

warped views
he denigrates ideas that don't dovetail with his ~

long view
see *view (long view)*

strategic view
they are taking the ~ (terrorists chose not to fight)

bird's-eye view
drones give commanders a ~ of the battlefield
you get a ~ from a plane

fisheye view
a ~ from Spirit's navigation camera shows... (Mars)

wider-angle view
if you take a ~, what comes in focus is... (historian)

point of view
(see *point of view*)

colors his views
his vegetarianism ~ of certain countries

taking the strategic view
they are ~ (terrorists chose not to fight, wait US out)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / position

view (out of view)

dropped out of (public) view
he ~ (politician)

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion / consciousness & awareness: eye

view (attention)

public view
wall off some things from ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

view (long view)

long view
India has always taken the ~

consciousness & awareness / future / perception, perspective & point of view: distance / eye

viewed (perceived)

viewed as apostasy
conversions from Islam are ~ (Egypt)

viewed (by many Estonians) as a symbol
the monument is ~ of... (USSR)

viewed as a tradition
the practice is ~ (polygamy / eastern Turkey)

viewed as the will of God
in the Philippines, pain is ~

viewed with suspicion
Mormonism is ~ by Christian conservatives (politics)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

vigilante (person)

online vigilantes
~ unearthed his parents' address and threatened his family

♦ Lynchings and running people out of town on a rail after having tarred and feathered them have been replaced by doxing, swatting, pile ons, and cancellation.

person: justice

village (online village, etc.)

your little online village
you just have to find a Reddit chat and you find ~

society: infrastructure

villain (character)

villain in the plot
there's always an other, somebody who is the ~

most prominent villain
Facebook is broadly seen as the ~ (tech companies)

named as the villain
the tourism industry will be ~ again (if COVID returns)

cast your boss as a villain
try not to ~ (a *Wall Street Journal* "managing" up article)

recast as a villain
a guard cast as a hero was ~ (Richard Jewell)

♦ "Should we avoid the controversy or should we dive right into it? I say of course we dive right into it, we confront this thing head on." (Adrian Lamo and "Informants: villains or heroes?")

♦ "There's always an other, somebody who is the villain in the plot."
(Believers of conspiracy theories.)

character & personality: film / person / theater

vintage (similar vintage, etc.)

similar vintage

imperialists who were themselves of a ~ to Churchill

taxonomy & classification: food & drink

viral (computers)

viral firestorm

the wrongly edited footage set off a ~

viral video

what to release in an age of ~ (reporting school massacre)
he's watching a ~ of a drunk cat (party)

go viral

she saw a video of herself ~ on YouTube (a celebrity)

gone viral

in a TV interview that has ~...

went viral

the pictures ~ on the Internet

♦ "Yellow fever belongs to a group of illnesses called viral hemorrhagic fevers (VHFs). VHFs, which also include dengue fever and Ebola, are viruses that affect multiple organ systems in the human body and cause severe bleeding..."

computer / transmission: health & medicine

virgin (noun)

virgin market

the Arab markets are a ~ for local TV (Afghanistan)

virgin wilderness

Kekexili, the last ~ of China... (*Mountain Patrol Kekexili*)

gambling virgin

we're ~s (two young women at Las Vegas)

♦ "Virginity is a very real issue for Egyptian women, as illustrated in the popular film "The Wedding." It tells the story of Abdullah and Gamila, a young couple who signed their marriage contracts years ago but couldn't afford the marriage ceremony that would, by tradition, allow the union to be consummated. But the couple has been having sex all along..." ("Artificial Virginity Device Sparks Backlash In Egypt," by Peter Kenyon, NPR, Oct. 13, 2009.)

♦ "If they think they can get a pure-hearted girl this way they are really mistaken. To me, the way people are taking virginity as a commodity these days is such a sad thing." (A Chinese woman, on the practice of very rich Chinese businessmen advertising for virgin brides, and then interviewing them.)

♦ Purity applies to women, but not men.

♦ The boto is a dolphin that can transform itself into a human to impregnate impressionable young virgins. (The Amazon.)

experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex

virulent (adjective)

virulent form

our social ailments include a ~ of stupidity (elections)

virulent hatred

they espouse a ~

virulent opposition

the statement provoked ~ from the Communists

♦ "Roux injected virulent stuff from rabid rabbits into the brains of other healthy dogs." (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif.)

transmission: health & medicine

virus (computers)

computer virus

a ~ is spreading

♦ "If a mosquito bites a person with dengue, the mosquito can pass the virus to the next person it bites. If that person flies to another country with mosquitoes, he or she can unknowingly spread the virus even further. Complicating prevention, 90 percent of those infected develop only mild symptoms or no symptoms, inadvertently serving as a reservoir for the virus. Even those who do fall ill become infectious days earlier, making any potential quarantine useless, experts say." (Wayne Arnold, *The New York Times*, October 1, 2005.)

♦ "Amazon has banned more than one million products which claim to protect against the coronavirus—or even cure it. / The online retailer told Reuters it had also removed 'tens of thousands' of overpriced health products from unscrupulous sellers." ("Coronavirus outbreak 'getting bigger'—Who," BBC Live, Feb 29, 2020.)

♦ The Ebola virus is named after the Ebola River.

computer: biology / health & medicine

vise (pressure)

vise is closing

a ~ on Saddam's regime (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

caught in the (same) vise

middle-class teenagers ~ (police interrogation)

held in a vice

the citadel of Ulm was now ~ on three sides (Napoleon)

put Baghdad in a vise

troops attacking from the north and south would ~

pressure / situation: tools & technology

oppression: pressure

visibility (groups)

visibility, representation and equality

thanks to increases in ~, more LGBTQ folks can come out

transgender visibility

~ at the Olympics (Tokyo)

commitment to visibility

the series reflects her lifelong ~ (Lola Flash)

improve visibility

they take risks to ~ (groups)

sing a community into visibility

they ~ (L.G.B.T.)

♦ "A choir of L.G.B.T. Catholics, protesting their exclusion from a meeting of church leaders, perform 'We Are Family' outside the event, singing a community into visibility." (Deep Cuts: How 'Soul Man' gets to the heart of a song" by Hua Hsu, *The New Yorker*, December 13, 2021.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

visible (groups, etc.)

visible, courageous and present
folks have been so ~ (a group)

inclusion & exclusion: society

vision (noun)

vision of an editor
the power of a writer and the ~

vision of the founder
staying true to the ~ (J.C. Penney)

vision of the future
his dark, sadistic and medieval ~ (al-Zarqawi)

vision of the world and the universe
the Maya, Toltec and Iztec ~ (Chichen Itza)

vision for space travel
his most lasting legacy is his ~ (Von Braun)

America's vision
~ of personal reinvention and hope (vs. Europe)

Maya, Toltec and Iztec vision
the ~ of the world and the universe (Chichen Itza)

television
village elders say ~ is a particularly disturbing force

medieval vision
his dark, sadistic and ~ of the future (al-Zarqawi)

sphere of vision
there is a much bigger picture than your immediate ~

dream, fantasy, or vision
the only way to keep a ~ intact or rosy is never...

voices and visions
she claims ~ led her to drown her five children

pursues his vision
Wangurri clan Elder Timothy Buthimang ~

takes vision
it ~ to involve the common good (versus profit)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
consciousness & awareness / future: eye

visionary (adjective)

visionary plan
he had a ~ to digitalize the library's collection

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
future: eye

visionary (person)

tech visionary
~s have, unfortunately, made the future come true

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
future: eye / person

vitriol (noun)

anti-American vitriol
Iran's leaders escalated their ~

subjected to yet more vitriol
he was ~ from the fans (Raheem Sterling)

accusation & criticism / feeling, emotion & effect / speech:
chemistry / materials & substances

vivisection (noun)

vivisection of Michael Bloomberg
her strongest effort was her ~ (election debate)

accusation & criticism / speech: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

voice (one voice, etc.)

one voice united
this could work if we are ~ on this problem

spoke with one voice
7 expert witnesses ~ that it was not an accident (trial)

speak with a single voice on this issue
we must ~

speak with one voice on this issue
Democrats don't ~ (impeachment)

speaking with one voice on the topic
they seem very much to be ~

unanimity & consensus: speech

voice (voice of reason)

listen to the voice of reason
I was in no reason to ~

sound like the voice of reason
he is beginning to ~

welcomed as a voice of reason
he was ~

message: speech

voice (groups)

voice
the poor and the powerless don't have a ~
they want to make sure their ~s are heard

voice of Eastern European Jewry
he was the ~ (Sholem Aleichem / Sholem Rabinovich)

voice of millennials
he positioned himself as the ~ (candidate)

Voice of the Mountains
the ~ (the *Asheville Citizen-Times* newspaper)

voice of the people
the ~ will be heard

voice of grievance and victimization
 NPR has worked hard to be the national ~

voice for change
 does it get tiring being a ~ in the comics community

voice for the needy
 colleagues praised him as a ~ (a politician)

voice for our people
 we must keep being a ~ (*Koori Mail* newspaper)

voice in that conversation
 he has been a crucial ~, too (sports and race)

tennis' (most powerful) voices
 she has become one of ~ with her activism (Naomi Osaka)

voices and stories
 the antiquated mentality that our ~ aren't profitable enough

no voice
 populations that have ~ (MSF)

anti-immigration voice
 he's the leading ~ in town (Arkansas town)

leading voice
 she has become a ~ for action on climate change (Thunberg)

marginalised voices
 ~ are telling stories that need to be heard

Himalayan voices
 here the ~ called me (Tomaz Humar in Slovenia)

additional voice
 there's room and a need for an ~ (new newspaper)

crucial voice
 he has been a ~ in that conversation, too (sports and race)

inner voice
 just follow your ~

louder voice
 her power gives her a ~ than we can hope for (critics of the choreographer Rosie Kay)

national voice
 it's the national ~ of grievance and victimization (NPR)

necessary voice
 hers is a ~ (creator of the 1619 Project)

political voice
 Americans who found their ~ during last summer's activism

"powerful voice"
 she was a ~ in the Black Lives Matter movement (UK)

strong, powerful voice
 Johnson is a ~ for our people and our community

using my voice
 ~ has been very empowering to me (an elite athlete)

voices are heard
 they want to make sure their ~

empower voices
 these teams ~ the world needs to hear (MacKenzie Scott)

find their voice
 they have waited years to ~ and tell their stories (abuse)

found my voice
 I couldn't fight back because I hadn't yet ~ (sex abuse)

found her voice
 how a shy introvert has ~ (Naomi Osaka / tennis)

found their (political) voice
 Americans who ~ during last summer's activism

given voice
 she has ~ to the aching despair many feel (politician)

given people a voice
 social media is a powerful tool, it has ~, a way to organize

have a voice
 I sympathize with the poor who don't ~

make our voices heard
 if we make a stand, if we ~ (athletes)

make their voices heard
 protestors are using the delay to ~

raise my voice
 I started thinking and I had to ~ (about AIDS)

speak their voices
 different races and gender identities can ~ more clearly

taking my voice back
 I'm ~, it's mine, not theirs (rape victim vilified)

use her voice
 she is stepping out of the shadows to ~ to fight hate

using her voice
 I'm so proud of her for ~ (Britney Spears' sister)

♦ "Hip-hop is a voice for people who don't have another voice."

♦ "NPR 50 Hear Every Voice."

♦ "The industry caught up to my ambitions and created space for me to have my voice." ("Faces of NPR HBCU Edition: Kia Miakka Natisse," Sommer Hill, NPR, February 16, 2022.)

♦ "I couldn't fight back when Jeffrey Epstein sexually abused me, because I hadn't yet found my voice. Well, I found my voice now, and while Jeffrey may no longer be here to hear it, I will not stop fighting and I will not be silenced anymore."

♦ "It took me a while to find my voice, but I have found it, and I am going to use it." (Rape victim.)

♦ "Watts (2001) has made the argument that to have a voice an agent must find a space where the voice can be concretized... The connection between voice and space becomes particularly critical when such a space is denied in the real world through marginalizing forces and a new space needs to be carved out." ("Voices of the Marginalized on the Internet" by Ananda Mitra.)

♦ "The deceased must be protected and given a voice." (The motto of 1-800-Autopsy, in Los Angeles.)

inclusion & exclusion: society
void (noun)

fill the void

nobody will be able to ~ (death of politician)

presence & absence: air / atmosphere

volatile

volatile atmosphere

it's a ~ (national outrage over child abuse by clergy)

volatile behavior

despite his ~ on the court (basketball)

volatile border

fighting along the ~ (Kashmir)

volatile crises

he was sent in to defuse ~ (FBI hostage negotiator)

volatile markets

shaky banks, ~...

volatile relationship

they had a ~

volatile temper

she has a ~

volatile Persian Gulf

ease China's reliance on a ~ for its energy needs

volatile West Africa

its reputation as an oasis of peace in ~ (Ivory Coast)

volatile Horn of Africa

terrorists in the ~... (Somalia, Eritrea)

extremely volatile

their marriage was ~

highly volatile

we live in ~ times (English politics in 2019)

politically volatile

the tiny nation is among the most ~ in the Gulf

tense and volatile

Basra remained ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

prices will be volatile

~ for the foreseeable future

becomes (a little more) volatile

have you been in a situation where the crowd ~ (policing)

initiation: explosion / fire

volcanic (adjective)

volcanic temper

his ~ led to his firing (a coach)

he has gotten a pass for his ~ (Hollywood producer)

feeling, emotion & effect: volcano

comparison & contrast: affix

volcano (pressure)

volcano

it's a ~ and it's now starting to erupt (a scandal)

volcano of revenge

a ~ has built up inside him (Shiite in Baghdad)

amount & effect / pressure: volcano

Voldemort

called him Voldemort

she ~, you know, the Harry Potter villain (politics)

♦ Neera Tanden was forced to withdraw her nomination to become budget director, partly because of her social-media posts, some of which disparaged politicians. In one of them, she referred to the Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell, as Voldemort.

oppression: allusion / books & reading / film

allusion: books & reading

volley (volley of abuse, etc.)

volley of abuse

she has faced a ~ from critics

volley of questions

when she does speak, it is often in a ~

accusation & criticism: boat / military / weapon

speech: boat / military / weapon

volume (turn up the volume, etc.)

turning up the volume

the democratic candidates are ~ against the president

accusation & criticism / conflict: sound

voracious (adjective)

voracious appetite

our ~ for scores that we can use to rank our kids (education)

for the last few years, China has had a ~ for bauxite

China's ~ for timber is deforesting Siberia

voracious audience

TV allowed the market soothsayers to reach a ~

voracious reader

a ~, he donated 20,000 books... (PM Gladstone)

he was a ~ and autodidact, a lover of knowledge

I was a ~, I could read a book a day, sometimes two

voracious sun

eight fell prey to the ~ (stranded whales)

consumption: food & drink

voraciously

voraciously interested

he was a farmer, but ~ in the news...

voraciously follow

those who ~ this stuff... (politics)

read voraciously

she ~ as a child in Nigeria

I ~ in prison

consumption: food & drink

vortex (noun)

vortex of all this fury and hatred
he was at the ~ (an Israeli leader)

plunging into a vortex
South Sudan, born in great jubilation, is ~ of violence

get sucked into the (Fortnite) vortex
kids who ~

attraction & repulsion: movement

vote (vote with one's feet, etc.)

vote with their feet
without some straight answers, fans may ~ (Ibrox)

voted with their feet
fans ~ (Newcastle United fans give up on team)

voting with their feet
the population is ~ (refugees leave camps)
the result sees Texas parents ~ (home schooling)

vote with their wallets
people ~ (support of bistros in France)

allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping / verb

vote (noun)

vote of confidence
he has my ~

got my vote
he's ~ for the most improved player

allegiance, support & betrayal: government

vow (verb)

vowed to find
he ~ a solution to the problem

commitment & determination: religion / verb

vow (noun)

vow of loyalty
the song is a ~ ("You've Got A Friend")

commitment & determination: religion

vulture (culture vulture)

culture vulture
let's make it more difficult for ~s to appropriate AAVE

called out as a "culture vulture"
Miles is ~ by a black man (*Blindsight*)

♦ "Every step I've taken has gaslighted those whom I love... I am not a culture vulture. I am a culture leech. You should absolutely cancel me, and I absolutely cancel myself." (An academic who claimed "identities of color," including Black Caribbean, North African Blackness, US rooted Blackness, Caribbean rooted Bronx Blackness, *Boricua...*)

behavior: bird / person

vulture (behavior)

vultures

critics are ~ whose gnawing at the entrails...

Vulture Club

he's a member of the "~" (journalists who follow conflict)

vulture fund

agreement was reached with two ~s (Liberian debt relief)
every ~ on Wall Street (private-equity firm closes hospital)

vultures are (already) circling

the ~ on the web (gossip about Chancellor's health)

feed that kind of vulture

we shouldn't ~ (by showing failed TikTok stunts)

♦ "Hagfish are the vultures of the abyss, feeding on carcasses of dead fish."

♦ "In this great city (Calcutta)...vast areas were dark with ruin and black with the wings of vultures that hovered impartially over the Hindu and Muslim dead..." (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

♦ "The deceased was an eleven-year-old girl who had died from a ruptured liver after being thrown from a horse. A priest in an apron laid the corpse on a stone and began cutting away. Now standing, now squatting, he wielded hatchet and knives with practiced hands... [The] birds swarmed to their dinner table. The feast began... This was the sky burial... To Tibetans this is natural and right." (An eyewitness account by the great photojournalist Kazuyoshi Momachi of a sky burial, from his wonderful book *Pilgrimage*.)

♦ In the film *Mountain Patrol: Kekexili*, the reporter Ga Yu and Ritai first notice one another and lock eyes at the sky burial for a patrolman murdered by poachers. It is an unforgettable moment in a great film.

♦ "Towers of Silence, such as this one in Chilpyk, Uzbekistan, are where Zoroastrians would leave the bodies of the dead to be consumed by birds."

♦ "We have an unusual method of disposal of the dead. The Parsi corpse is exposed to the rays of the sun and the corpse is consumed or devoured by birds of prey: vultures, kites and crows." (Khojeste Mistree, a Parsi in Mumbai.)

♦ "There were far-going Arab dhows on the pearly waters, and gaily dressed Parsees wading out to worship the sunset. Of their creed I knew nothing, nor did I know that near our little house on the Bombay Esplanade were the Towers of Silence, where their Dead are exposed to the waiting vultures on the rim of the towers, who scuffle and spread wings when they see the bearers of the Dead below. I did not understand my mother's distress when she found 'a child's hand' in our garden, and said I was not to ask questions about it. I wanted to see that child's hand." (*Something of Myself* by Rudyard Kipling, which he wrote "Looking back from this my seventieth year." At the time, he was a boy of perhaps four, in 1869.)

♦ "After being properly necklaced, according to custom, with great garlands made of yellow flowers, and provided with betel-nut to chew, this pleasant visit closed, and we passed then to a scene of a different sort: from this glow of color and this sunny life to those grim receptacles of the Parsee dead, the Towers of Silence. There is something stately about that name, and an impressiveness which sinks deep; the hush of death is in it. We have the Grave, the Tomb, the Mausoleum, God's Acre, the Cemetery; and association has made them eloquent with solemn meaning; but we have no name that is so majestic as that one, or lingers up on the ear with such deep and haunting pathos. / On lofty ground, in the midst of a paradise of tropical foliage and flowers, remote from the world and its turmoil and noise, they stood—the Towers of Silence; and away below was spread the wide groves of cocoa palms, then the city, mile on mile, then the ocean with its fleets of creeping ships all steeped in a stillness as deep as the hush that hallowed this high place of the dead. The vultures were there..." (*Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World* by Mark Twain. When he visited Bombay in 1895, he was an old man of 60.)

behavior: animal / bird / death & life

person: animal / bird / death & life

affliction: animal / bird / sign, signal, symbol

W

wade (wade in / wade into)

waded into war

lessons from the last time Cairo ~ in Yemen (1960s)

wading into uncharted water

the NCAA is ~

waded into (treacherous political) waters

he has ~ (taking sides in controversy)

absorption & immersion / involvement: walking, running & jumping / water / verb

wagon (circle the wagons)

circle the wagons

they ~ in a time of crisis (universities, church)

they began to ~ trying to protect the vice president

"circle-the-wagons mentality" backfired

the ~

wagons were circled

the ~ (opposition to desegregation in Mississippi)

close ranks, (they) circle the wagons

the groups ~ (bands, sororities, fraternities / hazing)

♦ "We're seeing them close the wagon so to speak..." (Michele Steele, ESPN, on NPR.)

conflict / protection & lack of protection: film / history / military / verb

wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)

hitched his wagon to Donald Trump

he ~ and saw his life unravel

hitching his wagon to (complete) flops

he is always ~ (a celebrity)

hitched our wagons to (a variety of) warlords

we ~ (US in Afghanistan)

allegiance, support & betrayal: history / horse / verb

wail (sirens, etc.)

sirens wailed

~ on the campus (school shooting)

resemblance / warning: sound

wail (verb)

wail and moan

they'll ~ and write outraged editorials...

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

waist (noun)

joined by a narrow waist

the Mediterranean, divided like a butterfly into 2 halves ~

♦ The "narrow waist" of the Mediterranean is the Strait of Sicily, guarded on its eastern side by Malta. The Siege of Malta during World War II was a crucial struggle to control the Mediterranean. Operation Pedestal in August 1942 may have saved the island for the Allies. That operation was a "very close-run thing."

division & connection / configuration: stomach

wait (in wait)

lurk in wait

memory triggers ~ all around (war and suffering)

lying in wait

the hackers created back doors to come and go and are ~

♦ The Sutton-Taylor feud was the longest and bloodiest in Texas. (According to the Texas State Historical Association Handbook of Texas, in an article written by C. L. Sonnichsen: "Persons who wished to live in the area had to take sides, there was constant pursuing and lying in wait...")

presence & absence: animal / predation

waiting game

waiting game

for us, it's a ~ (police investigation of serial killings)

played a waiting game with the weather

they ~ (military operation)

action, inaction & delay / strategy: sports & games

wake (resemblance)

wakes

while man sleeps, the jungle ~ (animal activity)

activity / resemblance: sleep / verb

wake (in the wake of / at a later time)

in the wake of disaster

how strong we can be ~ (terrorism)

in the wake of (terrorist) hijackings

new security measures ~

in the wake of the invasion

the potential for chaos ~ (Iraq)

in the wake of another (accounting) scandal

~ hitting a US giant...

in the wake of a (sleet) storm

in Mid-December, ~

in the wake of Sept. 11

flag-waving ~

♦ NO WAKE ZONE (A sign directed at boaters in a channel.)

♦ This seems to represent one conception of time, "Earlier events are in front of later events." "In the wake of" might just as easily be stated as "after" or "following."

sequence / time: boat / direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / water

wake (in a wake)

in his wake

he left his rivals ~ (Olympic swimming)

superiority & inferiority: movement / water

competition: movement / water

wake up (verb)

wake up

people are starting to ~ (a public-health issue)

woke up

an Arab nation ~, and said enough (Tunisia / 2011)

woken up

I was one of the sleeping majority, but now I have ~

wake up to the dangers

West African states have begun to ~ of the drug trade

waking up to the reality

now we're ~ and the question is... (Afghanistan War)

people have woken up

the Baluch ~ (Brahmandagh, a rebel leader)

♦ "Hey, wake up, what's going on?" (Marvin Gaye's great album of 1971.)

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb

walk (walk the walk)

walking the walk

he was better at talking the talk than of ~ (delegation)
we're talking the talk on democracy but not ~ (diplomacy)

walk the walk

I want her and other actresses to ~ (vs lip service / Me Too)

walked the walk

you knew he ~ (a biker outlaw)

♦ This occurs with "talk the talk."

commitment & determination: walking, running & jumping / verb

walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)

walk and chew gum

Democrats can ~ (work with Trump and impeach him)

♦ The insult "He can't walk and chew gum at the same time" is an old one, meaning he is too clumsy (or stupid) to do two perfectly natural things at once. It is also a rebuke against those who have "tunnel vision" and can focus on one thing only, to the neglect of everything else. The ability to "walk and chew gum at the same time" may also indicate a wise tactic or strategy: tax cuts now, while advocating for the raising of taxes at a later and better time. For a puerile insult, it has become a favorite of our so-called "politicians"!

ability / insult: verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (walk somebody through something)

walk us through how

~ this unfolded, did you know how...

walks us through how

she ~ white nationalists are using live-streaming to...

walk me through why

~ somebody would be afraid to participate (census)

walk me through what

but first ~ you have heard from people about...

walk us through what

can you ~ police are doing right now (breaking news)

so can you just ~ the president is saying now...

walk us through (exactly) what

~ happened here (tell us what happened)

walk us through the data

so ~, what did you find (talk radio)

walk us through that moment

can you ~ that you found out... (TV interview)

walk us through the procedure

could you ~ (explain)

walk us through the results

and here to ~ is our lead political editor (new poll)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: walking, running & jumping / verb

walk (walk somebody back)

walk us back a bit

could you ~ (speak about what happened before)

past & present / time: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (crawl, walk, run)

crawl, walk, run

instruction should follow a ~ sequence (military)

sequence: walking, running & jumping

walk (slow-walk)

slow-walked to confirm

they ~ the test, it took them a month... (horse's doping test)

slow-walked his investigation

NBC ~ and then shut it down (Ronan Farrow)

♦ "Democrats accuse him of slow-rolling requests for the whistleblower's complaint or just blocking it altogether." (Politics.)

speed: verb / walking, running & jumping

action, inaction & delay: verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (walk away from something)

walk away

mining companies ~ without paying for cleanups (gold)

walked away

he spoke to the BBC about why he ~ (quit Royal Ballet)
his sponsors all ~ (sportsman and racial slur)

walked away from a (potential) deal

the president ~ (negotiations)

walked away from an exclusive trading club
Britain ~ (Brexit)

walk away from it
why didn't you just ~ (a scam)

walk away from the European Union
should the United Kingdom ~

walk away or try to hang on
you can ~ (aging NFL players)

throw up our hands and walk away
we can't just ~

allegiance, support & betrayal / avoidance & separation / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (walk on by)

walk on by
~, the tears and sadness you gave me (Dionne Warrick)

avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping / verb

walk back (noun)

walk back
let's talk about the ~ (reversal)

reversal: walking, running & jumping

walk back (verb)

walk back his (previous) comments
he tried to ~ (a politician)

walked back his earlier statement
the witness ~

walked back from earlier pledges
he has ~ to overturn reforms

walked the advisor's assertion back
his campaign manager ~

walk that back
I don't know how you ~ (statement by official)

reversal: walking, running & jumping / verb

walkover (noun)

walkover
the campaign won't be a ~
the war won't be a ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: walking, running & jumping

wall (blue wall, etc.)

blue wall
Frank Serpico pierced the ~ of silence (police)

epithet: wall

division & connection: epithet

wall (red wall, etc.)

Red Wall

passionate Wales fans, the ~ (Euro 2020)

epithet: wall

amount & effect: epithet

wall (emotions)

put up a wall

he ~, he wouldn't get close to anyone (Navy corpsman)

feeling, emotion & effect: wall

wall (brick wall)

electoral brick wall

in 2016 Sanders hit an ~ after New Hampshire (primaries)

run into a brick wall

law enforcement has ~

hit a brick wall

this new bill is expected to ~ in the Senate (politics)

obstacles & impedance: wall

wall (obstacle)

wall of (Republican) opposition

President Obama ran into a stone ~

wall of privacy

biographers ran up against a ~

wall of silence

breaking down the famous "blue ~" (NYC police)
our biggest challenge is the ~ (Shasha Johnson shooting)

brick wall

see *wall (brick wall)*

firewall (computers)

see *firewall (computers)*

paywall

see *paywall (obstacle)*

stone wall

President Obama ran into a ~ of opposition

bureaucratic wall

it felt like I had hit a ~

cultural walls

the ~ that keep the rest of the world out (reservation)

broke the wall

she ~ of silence on the issue (protection rackets)

set up (high) walls

kings ~ of etiquette to keep the world out

♦ "All in all you're just another brick in the wall." (Pink Floyd.)

♦ "Something there is that doesn't love a wall..." (The first line of "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost. Twice his neighbor says, "Good fences make good neighbors.")

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / wall

division & connection: infrastructure / wall

wall (hit a wall, etc.)

hitting a wall

some heretics argue that deep learning is ~ (AI)

hit a (bureaucratic) wall

he sought police help but initially ~

run into a (brick) wall

law enforcement has ~

ran into a (stone) wall

President Obama ~ of Republican opposition

run into (stone) walls

journalists have ~ with the administration

ran up against a wall

biographers ~ of privacy

progress & lack of progress / obstacles & impedance:

crashes & collisions / movement / verb / wall

wall (wall of flames, etc.)

wall of fire

a ~ came down over the Rumanian positions (WWII)

wall of flames

fleeing a ~ (wildfire firefighters)

wall of sound

he transformed pop with his “~” recordings (Phil Spector)

wall of water

the dam failure sent a ~ downstream

the ~ destroyed everything in its path (tsunami)

a ~ that can move onshore (storm surge / hurricane)

amount & effect / resemblance: wall

wall (constraint)

walls come down

this is where the ~ (Las Vegas partying)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: wall

wall (ricochet off the wall)

ricocheting off the wall

she's going to be ~ (surprised / upset / unhappy)

behavior / feeling, emotion & effect: mental health / movement / verb

wall (the walls have ears)

wall

the ~s have ears

surveillance: wall

wall (walls close in)

walls may be closing in on him

the ~ (manhunt)

pressure: wall / verb

wall (wall-to-wall)

wall-to-wall coverage

despite the ~ that his previous trial had generated...

extent & scope: wall

wallet (money)

implications on your wallets

what is the ~

worried about their wallets

they're more ~ than moral issues

open their wallets

they have inspired millions to ~ (aid to Haiti)

watch their wallets

retirees need to ~ (US)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

wallow (verb)

wallow

rather than wallow, she decided to make the best of it

wallows in nostalgia

the show ~

wallow in self-pity

my job means that I can't ~

wallow (so happily) in stories

why do we ~ of violence (media, entertainment)

wallows in victimhood

it ~ (NPR)

♦ “Sambar (Sambar) and other game used this pool as a drinking place and wallow.” (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett.)

♦ “He found a mud hole, let out a tremendous cry, and rolled and wallowed.” (An elk during rut.)

absorption & immersion / involvement: animal / verb
behavior: animal / verb

Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)

Wall Street of the South

Charlotte, North Carolina, the ~ (Bank of America)

Wall Street of fish

Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market was the ~ (set prices, etc.)

Black Wall Street

the Greenwood area of Tulsa was referred to as the ~

money: epithet / place / sign, signal, symbol

Walter Mitty

Walter Mitty of the war

Juan Pujol Garcia was the ~ (British double agent)

Walter Mittys with Everest dreams

~ need to keep in mind... (climbing)

♦ "Not so fast! You're driving too fast! What are you driving so fast for? You were up to fifty-five. You know I don't like to go more than forty. You were up to fifty-five. You're tensed up again. It's one of your days. I wish you'd let Dr. Renshaw look you over... Remember to get those overshoes while I'm having my hair done." (The harridan Mrs. Mitty. From the short story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" by James Thurber.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person
allusion: books & reading

waltz (last waltz)

last waltz
and so, there was a ~ (dinner at bankrupt restaurant)

starting, going, continuing & ending: music

waltz (waltz to success, etc.)

waltz to gold
US men ~ in basketball

waltzed to re-election
he should have ~ but is now in a fight (politics)

waltz to victory
a tough fight might allow the opposition to ~ (politics)

attainment: movement / music / verb
difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / music / verb

waltz in (verb)

waltz (right) in
we shouldn't let them just ~ (terrorists return to England)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / music / verb

wand (magic wand)

imaginary magic wand
programmers don't have an ~ that prevents ALL attacks

had a magic wand
it I ~, I would change...

amelioration & renewal: magic

wander (mind, attention, etc.)

wander
where did you mind ~ (during pandemic lockdowns)

mind: movement

wane (on the wane)

on the wane
his once promising ability is ~ (athlete)
summer is ~ and autumn on the way
tolerance is ~ and extremism is thriving
support for the climate bill is ~
empathy is ~
America's power and influence is ~

decline: astronomy / moon

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon

wane (verb)

wanes a bit
my new-found euphoria ~ (for new hobby)

career waned
his ~ after his "Airwolf" heyday (actor)

epidemic is (now)waning
the cholera ~, having run its natural, devastating course

influence (in Iraq) is waning
the American's ~

popularity has waned
since then, however, its ~... (barbiturate abuse)

sense of urgency wanes
people forget and the ~... (wildfires)

star had (also) waned
in America, however, his ~ (Amundsen lecture tour)

starts to wane
the fight's urgency ~ (pit bulls)

tendency (for the effect) to wane
there is a ~ after... (a medication)

wax and wane
see *wax and wane*

♦ **Immunity wanes over a period of time (pandemic).**

decline / development / increase & decrease / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon / verb

war (epithet / figurative)

War on Drugs
the collateral damage due to the ~ was horrible

epithet: military
conflict: epithet

war (the war to end all wars, etc.)

"War to end all wars"
World War I, the ~

"Madeleine's War"
critics dubbed it ~ (Kosovo 1998-9)

Egypt's Vietnam
see *Vietnam (Egypt's Vietnam, etc.)*

military: epithet

war (at war)

at war with her (nagging) fears
her hopes were ~ (health of child)

at war with a virus
we need to remember, we're ~, not one another (COVID)

conflict: military

war (flame war)

flame war
spam, ~s, dumb jokes...

burst into flame wars
Web sites ~

sparked a flame war
he ~ by writing that... (Internet)

computer: fire / military

war (conflict)

war
this is ~ (attempts to repeal the death tax)

war to make the Internet safe
the ~ was lost long ago

war of attrition
he turns football into a ~

war of nerves
see *war of nerves*

war of (racially charged) slurs
they fought a ~ (high schoolers)

war of words
an interesting ~ develops between... (politics)
the arrests provoked a ~ between the two countries
the two men have been engaged in a ~ (boxers)

war of insults and namecalling
a virtual ~ between Turks and Greeks on YouTube

war on Islam
what he called the West's ~

war on their bosses
Corps officials quietly declared ~, skipping meetings

war on cancer
Richard Nixon began America's ~

War on Drugs
the ~

war on meth
in 2003 Thailand launched an all-out ~ (Yaba)

war on piracy
~ bears fruit (pirated music, software in Dubai)

War on Poverty
the 1960s produced the ~

war on poverty
finding a drug for black hypertension is cheaper than a ~

war on smallpox
Dr. Donald A. Henderson led the successful ~

war with the European Union
the banana ~ over imports

war with multiple fronts

China and the US are locked in an escalating ~ (media, etc.)

war against doctors
the D.E.A.'s ~ (drugs-for-sex cases)

war against the environment
the ~ is also a war against traditional people

war against the people
Macron and the elites are ~ (COVID mandates)

war against traditional people
the war against the environment is also a ~

war against cybercafes
Beijing declares ~

war (with the European Union) over imports
the banana ~

war over (union) representation
sparked a labor ~

war between the two
it's not a ~ (sales and marketing)

war between consumers and record labels
the file-sharing ~ (burning)

war between theorists and engineers
the ~ (over artificial intelligence)

wars among (Ecstasy) dealers
turf ~

war on Black history
he has declared ~ (a critic / politics)

war chant
fans and players intoned their ~ (football)

war-simulation
a ~ game (console game)

war stories
as he recounts his ~ (about the film industry)

war-gaming
civilian ~ spread...

war or battle
we're not in a ~ with Facebook (government official)

"banana war"
the ~ with the European Union over imports

banana war
the ~ has been the world's longest running trade dispute

culture war
"~s" that have wracked universities

drug war
Colombia's ~
the ~ became a bipartisan effort

gang war
this was the beginning of a full-blown ~ (LA)

labor war
 a ~ over union representation

lightning war
 this ~ on public education (billionaires support charters)

price war
 fierce ~s have reduced profits
 a ~ broke out (illegal drugs)

proxy war
 debates about language are always ~s (Geoff Nunberg)

taxi war
 the ~s are a national problem in South Africa (rival cartels)

trade war
 sanctions could set off a ~

Twitter war
 Warren and Musk are in the middle of a full-scale ~

vaccine war
 maybe the UK wants to start a ~ (EU Justice Commissioner)

one-man war
 he was waged a ~ against the bill (government)

all-out war
 it had become an ~ (Egypt and US issue)

full-scale (Twitter) war
 Warren and Musk are in the middle of a ~

reading wars
 the so-called ~—the battle over the best method

file-sharing war
 the ~ between consumers and record labels (burning)

bidding war
 a ~ had begun for exclusive photo rights

full-blown (gang) war
 this was the beginning of a ~ (LA)

civil war
 see *civil war (noun)*

diplomatic war
 he has won the ~

forever war
 he has waged a cultural ~ against the media (Ishmael Reed)

"virtual war"
 a ~ of insults and namecalling between Turks and Greeks

public opinion war
 they would lose the ~ (educational vouchers)

PR war
 it lost a significant battle in the ~ (Facebook v. Australia)

12-round war
 a ~ that was one of the year's best fights (boxing)

in the midst of a (culture) war
 America is ~

front line of the (culture) war
 the judiciary committee is the ~ (U.S. politics)

language of war
 its language is the ~ (US football)

battle in the (culture) war
 these bills are the latest ~ waged over the rights of...

soldier in the (culture) wars
 if you are a ~

war broke out
 a price ~ (illegal drugs)

war continues and escalates
 the ~ (Internet popup ads)

declared war
 Corps officials quietly ~ on their bosses

declares war
 Beijing ~ against cybercafes

engaged in a war
 the two men have been ~ of words (boxers)

go to war
 Usyk was fresh and ready to ~ (boxing)

launched an (all-out) war
 in 2003 Thailand ~ on meth (Yaba)

lose the (public opinion) war
 they would ~ (educational vouchers)

prepare for (a long) war
 the right must ~ (against Critical Race Theory)

set off a (trade) war
 by imposing sanctions, the administration could ~

sparked a (flame) war
 he ~ by writing that... (Internet)

wage war
 communities in this state ~ on their youth

♦ "He's waging total jihad against 'comprised of' across five million English language Wikipedia articles and he's vowed not to stop until he's driven it into the sea." ("Don't You Dare Use 'Comprised Of' On Wikipedia: One Editor Will Take It Out" by Geoff Nunberg, NPR, Fresh Air, March 12, 2015.)

conflict: military

war chest

war chest
 his ~ is below the poverty line (a politician)

war chest of \$200,000
 armed with a ~ that they'd raised...

war chest and grassroots army
 his ~ make him an unstoppable juggernaut (politics)

campaign war chest
 he has a much larger ~

bulging war chest

the Southern Poverty Law Center has a ~ (endowment, etc.)
money: military / sign, signal, symbol

warehouse (neglect)

Dickensian warehouses
it's orphanages became famous as ~ (Romania)
Europe's refugee warehouse
Turkey will not be ~ (President Recep Tayyip Erdogan)
environment: infrastructure / mental health / warehouse

warehouse (amount)

viral warehouses
monkeys are ~
amount: infrastructure / warehouse

warehousing (data)

data warehousing
~ and consumer information
data-warehousing
he develops ~ software
computer: infrastructure / warehouse

warfare (noun)

warfare against Democrats
there is likely to be a session of trench ~ (politics)
trench warfare
this has become political ~ (politics)
it will be paralysis, partisan ~ (politics)

conflict: military

warm (verb)

warmed up to California
in time, he ~
feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb
acceptance & rejection: temperature / verb

warm (adjective)

warm
the relationship between them has never been ~ (politics)
warm heart
he praised her for her ~ can concern for others
warm reception
we got a ~ everywhere we went
warm welcome
they gave us a ~
warm 28-year-old
she is a ~ with big brown eyes
warm and receptive
the audience was ~ (for a folksinger)

warm and sympathetic
voters perceive her as ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

warmed-up

getting warmed-up
I'm just ~

readiness & preparedness: engine / temperature
starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / temperature

warmhearted (adjective)

warmhearted person
she is a ~

character & personality / heart: temperature

warmly

greeted us warmly
he ~

received us warmly
she ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

warmth

support, encouragement, and warmth
she provides ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

warn (a sign can warn, etc.)

sign warns
a road ~, "Watch for children and dogs"

signs warn
~ visitors to stay clear of the falls

sign warned
a ~, "Danger Do Not Enter Steep Drops" (cliffs)

fictive communication: speech / verb

war of nerves

war of nerves
how soldiers cope with the ~ (waiting for combat)

conflict: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

warp (verb)

warped and narrowed
what they consumed online ~ their vision of the world

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / materials & substances / shape / verb

warped

warped view
he denigrates ideas that don't dovetail with his ~

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / materials & substances / shape

warpath (on the warpath)

on the warpath

but the admirals were no match for Sir Clements ~
President Biden is ~ (against Big Tech)

on the warpath against cutbacks

labor leaders are ~ (pensions, health care)

on the warpath with Wall Street

his finer days were as attorney general ~

back on the warpath

nativists are ~

gone on the warpath

they have ~

conflict: history / violence

warren (noun)

warren of rooms

inside, beyond the entrance hall, lay a ~

warren of tenements

East London was a ~, a "rookery" of the poor

warren of step stairs and cramped corridors

the ship is a ~ (*Polarstern*)

rabbit warren

the building is a ~ of cubicles (Merriam-Webster)

♦ Warrens were built for rabbits and were traditionally surrounded by a moat, as rabbits don't like to swim and avoid water. Warrens are also associated with prairie dogs, people living in slums, and office workers in cubicles. The raising of rabbits for fur and meat is called cuniculture, from the Latin word for rabbit, *cuniculus*.

complexity: animal / infrastructure

warrior (ironic)

armchair warriors

I have zero tolerance for ~ (a veteran)
some shameful ~ on here (BBC HYS / boxing)

keyboard warriors

some brave ~ on here tonight (BBC HYS boxing)
they are ~ having a pop at people (twitter)

♦ "Some brave keyboard warriors on here tonight." (Sarcastic comment on BBC HYS boxing.)

♦ "I want to get more politically involved, I'm tired of being a keyboard warrior, it's time to make my face known."

appearance & reality: military / person

warrior (girls and women)

warrior for the Democrats

she was seen as a party ~

Warrior Girls

"~" is about the injury epidemic of young female athletes

mental-health warrior

leader, role model, ~ (Nastia Liukin about Simon Biles)

♦ "Carry On, Warrior honors women committed to slogging through the muck of domesticity." (The book by Glennon Doyle.)

♦ *Warrior Girls* is about the injury epidemic of young female athletes. (Michael Sokolove.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

warrior (other)

warrior

he is extremely ill but still fighting like the ~ that he is

warrior spirit

he has no ~ (criticism of a boxer who lost)

"wolf warrior"

China's ~ diplomat, Zhao Lijian

person: military

character & personality: history / military / person

warrior through (verb)

warriored through

the cut was serious, but he ~, so much heart (Tyson Fury)

survival, persistence & endurance: military / verb

commitment & determination / courage & lack of courage: military / verb

war zone

mean war zone

Twitter is a ~

♦ "I mean, I've been in the Twitter war zone for a while, it takes a lot to phase me at this point. You can't take it personally, none of these people actually know you. It's like if you're fighting a war and there's some opposing soldier that shoots at you, it's not like they hate you. They don't even know you. So, just think of it like that. They're firing bullets, whatever, but they don't know you, so don't take it personally." (Elon Musk talking to Joe Rogan.)

conflict / environment: military

wash (greenwash, etc.)

artwash

see *artwash*

greenwash

see *greenwash*

sportswash

see *sportswash*

straightwash

see *straightwash*

whitewash

see *whitewash (groups)*

inclusion & exclusion: affix

washboard (bumpy)

washboard road

driving down a ~

shape: clothing & accessories

washed-up (adjective)

washed up

at age 50, I found myself ~
a woman was all ~ after 21

decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sea / water / wave

wash in (verb)

washed into Germany

millions of migrants have ~

migration / movement: verb / water / wave

washing machine

referred to (locally) as the ‘washing machine’
Pillsbury Sound is ~ for its rip currents (Virgin Islands)

resemblance: epithet

wash up (verb)

washed (back) up

when was the next time the picture ~ in your life

washed up

his dishonesty had finally ~ at his brother’s feet

appearance & disappearance / coming, arriving, staying,
leaving & returning: sea / verb / water / wave

waste (lay waste)

lay waste to the myths

it is time to ~ of Soviet propaganda (Katyn)

destruction: military / ruins / verb

wasteland (environment)

wastelands of everyday existence

men who saw in Polar deserts an escape from the ~

wasteland of (vapid, consumerist) content
the video service is a ~ (YouTube kids)

cultural wastelands

the third- or fourth-tier cities are no longer ~ (China)

emotional wasteland

in this ~, new romance bloomed (divorce)

environment: ground, terrain & land

watch (on one's watch)

on my watch

not ~

it will not happen ~ (constitutional sheriff)

on his watch

Bush was haunted by a replay of 9/11 ~

on our watch

~, hope can now be spotted across the seas and oceans

happened on your watch
these problems ~ (investigation)

♦ A full-page advertisement for the “Oyster Perpetual Sea-Dweller” Rolex watch on the back cover of *The New Yorker* magazine says, “ON OUR WATCH. Hope can now be spotted across all our planet’s seas and oceans.” In small print at the bottom it reads, “Rolex supports Mission Blue in its commitment to protecting 30% of the oceans by 2030.”

responsibility: military

watchdog (noun)

watchdog

every industry needs a ~

Watchdog Journalism
the Murrey Marder Nieman Fellow in ~

watchdog organization
a national ~

public's watchdog
the media is supposed to be the ~

drug industry watchdog
his self-appointed role as the ~

protection & lack of protection / surveillance / warning:
animal / dog

water (deep water)

found himself in deep water
he ~ (a boxer during match)

involvement / situation: water

water (blow something out of the water)

blows your theory out of the water
this ~

blew Phelps out of the water
Lochte ~ (Olympics)

blown out of the water
that theory was ~ (criminal trial)

destruction: boat / military / sea / verb

water (keep one's head above water)

keep our heads above water
we are struggling to ~ (financial woes)

situation / survival, persistence & endurance: verb / water

water (tread water)

treading water
the middle class is still ~, and trying not to drown

survival, persistence & endurance: water / verb

water (hold water)

hold water
the theory doesn’t ~
the idea you can add adversity to the SAT doesn’t really ~

flaws & lack of flaws: water / verb

water (throw cold water on something)

poured cold water on the theory

Biden ~ that the Taliban could swiftly take Afghanistan

pour cold water on (earlier) theory

scientists ~ about...

threw cold water on the idea

he ~ that... (an investigation)

eagerness & reluctance: temperature / verb / water

enthusiasm: temperature / verb / water

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb / water

water (poison the water / waters)

poisoned the waters

his statement ~ for anyone seeking an honest answer

corruption: verb / water

waterboarding (noun)

fiscal waterboarding

the country is being subjected to a ~ (austerity)

affliction / coercion & motivation / oppression: violence

water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)

water cooler buzz

the ~ was underway (Olympic controversy)

watercooler shows

Succession, and other ~

digital water cooler

the Website is a sort of ~ for the tech industry

computer / gossip / social interaction: place

society: infrastructure

water down (verb)

water down the program

the government wants to ~

attenuation / strength & weakness: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb / water

watered down

get watered down

most reform bills ~ (US)

attenuation / strength & weakness: prep, adv, adj, particle / water

Waterloo (figurative)

Waterloo for Mr. Brown

the debates could be a ~ (politics)

Obama's Waterloo

the Republicans hope to turn health care into ~

mayor's Waterloo

failure to clear snow can be a ~ (Chicago, etc.)

a kind of Waterloo

it was a bad defeat for me, a ~ (an argument)

allusion / epithet: military

success & failure: military

waters (uncharted waters, etc.)

uncertain waters

Egypt has sailed into freer but more ~

uncharted water

the NCAA is wading into ~

uncharted waters

we're in ~ here, or very little charted waters (legal issue)

uncharted (legal) waters

the charges have led the country into ~ (soldiers)

area: boat / direction / journeys & trips / map / sea

certainty & uncertainty: boat / direction / journeys & trips / map / sea

waters (dangerous waters, etc.)

dangerous waters

you are in ~, Mr. Starbuck (*Moby Dick*)

choppy waters

the cruising industry is still in ~ (COVID cases)

rough waters

UN climate talks hit ~

treacherous (political) waters

he has waded into ~

in troubled (political) waters

Biden is already in ~ (over Afghanistan)

perilous and uncharted waters

we are entering ~ here (Bolivian politics)

pour (lower tariff) oil on troubled waters

an offer to ~ (the US and the EU)

♦ "The *Marion* was hove to under storm canvas, and boiler fires were lighted; but she labored so violently in mountainous seas that several boilers began to work loose in their saddles and all leaked badly. Water was pouring into the vessel through deck and side seams, while waves breaking on board carried away a boat and several gunport covers... But the *Marion* and her men were equal to this occasion... Oil streamed from the weather bow exerted its calming effect on the troubled waters, lessening the impact of the waves. The gale diminished markedly the next day..." (*Far China Station: The U.S. Navy in Asian Waters 1800-1898* by Robert Erwin Johnson.)

danger: boat / sea / water

waters (muddy the waters)

muddy the waters about salt and health

the Salt Institute has done nothing but ~

muddy the (legal) waters

the case did nothing but ~

**certainty & uncertainty / comprehension & incomprehension / perception, perspective & point of view:
light & dark / verb / water**

waters (test the waters)

testing the waters
they are ~

♦ "When you want to test the depths of a stream, don't use both feet." (Chinese.)

experimentation: verb / water

watershed (noun)

watershed
the death of Tom Simpson was a ~ (athletes doping)

watershed in the history
it was a ~ of British policing (Stephen Lawrence murder)

watershed in (American) politics
the 1968 presidential election was a ~

watershed in that (fractious) relationship
this day could be a ~ between fans (Liverpool / Man U)

watershed event
it was a ~ for the company

watershed moment
the arrival of the drones will be a ~ (war)
the affair was a ~ for British Muslims (Rushdie book)
this is a ~ for China to lead (pandemic)
the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is at a ~

historic watershed
the violence was a ~ (Sri Lanka / 1983)

political watershed
it is a ~ (Citizens United Supreme Court decision)

♦ "This is a watershed. This is a Rubicon. And I'm worried this could be just a starter. More draconian bans in the name of the law could be lurking around the corner." (A protester.)

♦ "A couple of days later we came to the watershed. Both ascent and descent were steep. On the far side we came on to a path at once, which brought us to the cabin of a Chinese sable-trapper... Towards evening that day we managed to reach the Noro. / The upper reaches of the Noro are regarded as the most remote and wildest parts of Ussuria." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

**development / direction / division & connection /
importance & significance / source: mountains & hills /
river**

watertight (adjective)

legally watertight
they will ensure their position is ~

flaws & lack of flaws: water

wave (Wave Rock, etc.)

Wave Rock
natural wonders like ~ in western Australia

proper name: sea / shape / water / wave

wave (shape)

waves of (wind-hardened) snow
~ called "sastrugi" (Antarctic)

stony wave
Half Dome looms over Yosemite Valley like a ~

shape: sea / water / wave

wave (crest of a wave)

crest of a wave of public popularity
he was on the ~ (a politician)

♦ Never turn your back on the sea.

♦ "If you want to learn how to pray, go to sea." (Portuguese.)

♦ Rag-doll wipeouts on massive faces; getting sucked / swept over the falls; getting nailed by your surfboard or somebody else's; getting struck square on the head by the lip of a wave; traveling 500 yards underwater (Teahupoo); taking a five-wave set on the head; three-wave hold-downs; getting blown off a Jet Ski; colliding with an upside-down Jet Ski; getting rammed in the groin by a Jet Ski; Jet Skis cavitating in foam... (Some of the hazards of surfing.)

♦ "If you want to ride the ultimate wave, you have to be willing to pay the ultimate price." (Mark Foo.)

force: height / sea / sports & games / water / wave

wave (ride a wave, etc.)

wave of the future
online banking is the ~

next big wave
the ~ was cloud computing

catch the wave
some companies were too big to ~

ride the wave
I'm not going to be short of options, we'll just ~ (boxer)

riding on a new artistic wave
he is ~ which has captured the public's imagination

surf this wave
those who failed to ~ will have to wait (weather / Everest)

take advantage of this wave
Pablo was perfectly positioned to ~ (cocaine)

development: force / sea / water / wave

wave (make waves, etc.)

making waves
he is ~ here in the US (a Chinese billionaire)

♦ Audi Cornish: Looking back at the way that the virus moved across the U.S., early on we heard about different waves. Is this actually a good way to think about it? / Will Stone: A wave does not quite capture it, because the pandemic has not crashed across the country all at once and then gone away. This is how Dr. Roger Shapiro at Harvard describes the U.S. coronavirus outbreak. / Dr. Robert Shapiro: A better way of thinking about it is a wave that went into a pool and in that pool it's sloshing around. Wherever it hasn't been yet, it's gonna go, to places where it has already been, it could go back. / Will Stone: So what we have now is this constant reservoir of disease sloshing around, infecting people at different times in different places. ("Tracing The Course Of The U.S. Pandemic," All Things Considered, October 9, 2020.)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: sea / verb / water / wave

wave (in a wave)

in a wave of dissention

the team dissolved ~, losing all 3 matches (soccer)

in a wave of kidnappings

dozens of foreigners have been abducted ~ (Iraq)

in the (first) wave of infections

hospital workers infected ~ (SARS)

in a (weeklong) wave of violence

more than 100 were killed ~

in the first wave

hospital workers infected ~ of infections (SARS)

in a great wave

engulfed ~ of hate and anger (mob)

in a weeklong wave

more than 100 were killed ~ of violence

dissolved in a wave

the team ~ of dissension, losing all 3 matches (soccer)

abducted in a wave

dozens of foreigners have been ~ of kidnappings (Iraq)

engulfed in a (great) wave

~ of hate and anger (mob)

infected in the (first) wave

hospital workers ~ of infections (SARS)

amount & effect: sea / water / wave

wave (amount and effect)

wave

this ~ is going to build and grow (flexible workplace)

wave of (neo-Nazi) activity

we must combat a ~

wave of (cigarette) advertising

the new ~

wave of (new) applications

a ~ for accommodations (SAT disability)

wave of arrests

this summer, there was a further ~ in Saudi Arabia

wave of (Palestinian) attacks

a ~ killed five Israelis

wave of (HIV-positive) babies

a ~ still to be born

wave of (commercial space) cameras

the new ~

wave of criticism

the slow response has brought a ~

wave of emigration

the ~ that followed (the fall of Soviet Union)

wave of emotions

the resignations set off a ~ from sadness to relief

wave of euphoria

the South Korean ~ (World Cup)

wave of explosions

a ~ marred Algeria's independence celebration

wave of fury

the nominee list set off a ~

waves of grief

the wreck is sending ~ across the mountains

waves of immigrants

the cold war's end has brought ~

~ who have crossed the sea to live in France

wave of immigration

the latest ~ threatens to change...

a ~ that has changed schools and neighborhoods

he came here as part of a ~ from Uzbekistan (to Israel)

waves of immigration

the ~ to the US over the past 20 years

wave of (national) indignation

a ~

wave of popularity

she had been riding an even bigger ~ when...

wave of pride

his success has set off a ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

wave of self-criticism

a ~ swept the press

wave of (reported) sightings

a ~ in 1993 (UFOs)

wave of sympathy

setting in motion a fast-rolling ~ (psychogenic illness)

wave of (national) unity

the ~ following 9/11

wave of unrest

the ~ has toppled two presidents (Middle East)

wave of (democratic) uprisings

a ~ is transforming the Islamic world

wave of (sectarian) vengeance

a ~ is sweeping the capital (Baghdad)

waves of arrivals and departures

orchestrated ~ (busy airport)

wave of (criminal) charges

the ~ and civil lawsuits (church sex abuse)

wave of (corporate) divestitures

the next ~ and spin-offs

wave of car bombs

a ~ against westerners (Saudi Arabia)

wave of kidnappings
victims of a ~ (Lebanon)

waves of killing and ethnic cleansing
subjected to ~ (Hutu-Tutsi)

Republican wave
a ~ swamped them (elections)

attack wave
the main ~

crime wave
unassimilated immigrants have set off ~s in Europe

enemy wave
slowed the on-coming ~ with machine gun fire

heat wave
a killer ~ claimed an estimated 10,000 lives (France)

immigration wave
the US is in an ~ that rivals the start of 20th century

murder wave
a ~ engulfed the U.S. around 1960

technology wave
you're riding on a ~ that's going to crash

on-coming (enemy) wave
slowed the ~ with machine gun fire

fast-rolling wave
setting in motion a ~ of sympathy (psychogenic illness)

orchestrated wave
~s of arrivals and departures (airport)

first wave
he was part of the ~ of immigrants from Laos (Hmong)

second wave
this is the ~ of climate-change suits against oil companies

big wave
there is a ~ coming (demand for non-alcoholic drinks)

further wave
this summer, there was a ~ of arrests in Saudi Arabia

great wave
engulfed in a ~ of hate and anger (mob)

human wave (m)
the determined enemy launched ~ assaults (war)

latest wave
the ~ of immigration threatens to change... (France)
experts hope this ~ of the pandemic will recede

main (attack) wave
the ~ (military)

new wave
the ~ of commercial space cameras
the ~ of cigarette advertising

New Wave

the French ~, especially Truffaut and Goddard

next wave
the ~ will be "semantic web" applications

previous waves
~ of US immigrants

successive wave
each ~ of (U.S.) strikes (military)

consequences of a wave
one of the many ~ of immigration (schools)

victims of a wave
~ of kidnappings (Lebanon)

wave has crested (and the waters receded)
the ~ to reveal a changed landscape (refugee tsunami)

wave (of the pandemic) will (continue to) recede
experts hope this latest ~

wave has begun to recede
the Omicron ~ (pandemic / January 2022)

wave has spread
the revolution ~ from Egypt to Libya

wave (of sectarian vengeance) is sweeping
a ~ the capital (Baghdad)

wave (of self-criticism) swept
a ~ the press

wave (of immigration) threatens
the latest ~ to change...

waves are washing
the ~ over other parts of the region (Ethiopia-Eritrea peace)

brought a wave
the slow response has ~ of criticism

combat a wave
we must ~ of neo-Nazi activity

riding the wave
but today he was ~ of his success (and feeling confident)

riding an (even bigger) wave
she had been ~ of popularity when...

rode that wave
two years later she ~ of attention to a seat in the US Senate

sending waves
the wreck is ~ of grief across the mountains

set off a wave
the resignations ~ of emotions from sadness to relief
the nominee list ~ of fury
his success has ~ of pride (Japanese ballplayer in US)

subjected to waves
~ of killing and ethnic cleansing (Hutu-Tutsi)

♦ Rogue waves, also known as freak or monster waves, have sunk ships and snatched people from coastlines.

♦ When the wave height reaches three quarters of the water depth, the wave breaks.

amount & effect: sea / water / wave
movement: sea / water / wave

waver (verb)

wavering over what to do
the city has been ~

give up or waver
are we going to ~ when things get tough (a protest)

commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability / movement / verb

wavelength (on the same wavelength)

on the same wavelength
his two most threatening players are clearly ~ (soccer)
politically they're ~

on the same wavelength as his teammates
he has not been ~ (a soccer striker)

unanimity & consensus: tools & technology

wax and wane

wax and wane
separation anxiety tends to ~ (toddlers)

waxed and waned
anti-American protests have ~ in South Korea
their grip on the area ~

waxes and wanes
her apparent awareness ~ (GHB rape on video)

♦ It's always a treat to see a very young moon, such as one that is 24 hours old or less. It takes clear skies and good eyesight or binoculars.

development / increase & decrease / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon / verb

way (along the way)

along the way
so many friends we've lost ~

death & life / course: journeys & trips

way (in harm's way)

in harm's way
people and homes are ~ (wildfire)

go in harm's way
I intend to ~ (combat)

puts volunteers in harm's way
the Peace Corp commonly ~

danger / situation: route

way (out of harm's way)

out of harm's way
I directed myself toward river right, ~ (kayaking)

dragged him out of harm's way
he ~ (combat)

danger / situation: route

way (know one's way around)

knows his way around the European Union
he ~ (a British politician)

ability / direction / knowledge & intelligence: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

way (out of the way / remote)

geographically out of the way
Siberia may be ~, but...

isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips

way (in the way)

unwanted, in the way, and useless
some old people feel ~

get in the way
don't let anger or prejudice ~ of peace
the Washington Democrats are the ones who ~

gets in the way
all this stuff ~ of instruction (adolescent problems)

gets in his own way
the president constantly ~ on these things (by his tweets)

stand in your way
let nothing ~ (dreams)

stands in her way
she will hurt anyone who ~

stood in her way
she didn't care who ~

stand in the way
just a few contract details ~ (boxing)
if you want to quit, I won't ~

stand in their way
and nothing is going to ~

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips
progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

way (get out of the way)

get out of my way
people were smart enough to ~ and let me handle it
♦ Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way!

obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping / verb

way (out of the way / obstacles)

out of the way
Americans praise Indian enemies once they are ~

got their jitters out of the way
our guys finally ~ (sports)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

way (go out of one's way)

go out of their way

 moray eels do not ~ to attack humans

go out of the way to explain

 they don't ~

goes out of its way

 it ~ to be out of the ordinary (a HBO series)

went out of his way to meet

 the President ~ with opposition leaders

gone out of his way to woo

 he has ~ friends in the other party

 Gates has ~ to woo Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / verb

way (way out / escape)

way out

 there is simply no other ~ (a Palestinian State)

way out of the abyss

 he worked his ~ of crime and hopelessness

way out of the (poor) neighborhood

 the Army was a ~

way out of this pandemic

 vaccines are the ~ (COVID)

way out of a (dire) situation

 she sought a ~

way out of (criminal) trouble

 you can often buy your ~ (police corruption)

way out for the UAW

 I don't see a real ~ (corruption probe of union)

easy way out

 teens will take the ~ (cheating)

 I took the ~ (didn't graduate from high school)

only way out

 she saw suicide as her ~

no way out

 there was ~ (hopelessness)

buy your way out

 you can often ~ of trouble (corruption)

dig his way out

 he found a way to ~ of his problems

find some way out

 we must try to ~ of it (world economies)

found a way out

 he ~ of his own wreckage with the therapist's help

lie her way out

 she tried to ~ of it, but she got caught

look for a way out

 teen suspects often ~ (false confessions)

looked for a way out

 and so he ~ (of a bad situation)

sought a way out

 she ~ of a dire situation

take the (easy) way out

 teens will ~ (cheating)

worked his way out

 he ~ of the abyss of crime and hopelessness

saw suicide as her (only) way out

 she ~

♦ "Oh, wait, it's upside-down." (A member of a group of people lost in a corn maze, referring to their map of the maze.)

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: container

way (get one's way)

gets its way

 as an arm of the Kremlin, Gazprom usually ~

get her way

 she schemes and plans and manipulates to ~

wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb

way (autumn is on the way, etc.)

autumn is on the way

 summer is on the wane and ~

future / time: direction / movement

way (on the way out)

on its way out

 the fastest way down is ~ (firehouse poles)

 gun control is ~ (US attempts to regulate guns)

on their way out

 the network anchor and evening news are ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips / prep, adv, adj, particle

way (give way to something)

giving way to diesel

 by the nineteen-seventies, steam was ~ (India / trains)

gives way to knowledge

 what happens when innocence ~

gives way to the new

 the old order ~

give way to the lit stage

 the fading daylight began to ~ (concert)

gave way to a (gentler) slope

 the steep shale ~ of snow (South Col)

give way to new industries

dominant industries of today will ~ tomorrow
gave way to palaces and villas
during the Renaissance, castles ~ (Italy)
gives way to clear-cutting
selective logging often ~ (Amazon)
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / sequence:
journeys & trips / verb**

way (go the way of something)

going the way of the phone booth
street-corner mailboxes are ~ (email)
going the way of the corset
the push-up bra may be finally ~ (Victoria's Secret)
going the way of the rotary dial
common courtesy is ~
go the way of the dinosaur
frats and sororities should ~ (yet another hazing death)
go the way of buggy whip manufacturers
they are going to ~ (non-green corporations)
go the way of the rotary-dialed phone
residential white-page phone books may ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips
/ movement / verb**

way (go a long way)

go a long way
American dollars ~ in Canada
goes a long way
a little humiliation ~ (resistance)
go a long way towards improving
this will ~ things

cost & benefit / extent & scope: distance

way (lead the way)

leading the way
the Democrats are ~ on this (vote of disapproval)

direction / driving force: journeys & trips / verb

way (lose one's way)

lost our way
we've ~
we have all ~ from time to time
we have ~ and it's time that we get back on track (politics)

lost its way
Manchester United has ~ (2018-19)
Bearley's obsession with race must stop, the school has ~

direction: journeys & trips / verb

failure, accident & impedance: journeys & trips / verb

way (the wrong way)

going the wrong way
we're ~
direction / failure, accident & impedance: journeys & trips

way (find one's way)

find my way
it was easy to ~ (a difficult job)

find our way
but we'll ~ (out of a problem)

find his own way
I'm not trying to force the boy, I know he will ~

finding our way
we are ~ (how to teach during pandemic)

direction: journeys & trips / verb

way (pave the way)

pave the way for the (surfing) boom
Hoffman helped ~

pave the way for (new) drugs
the landmark discovery could ~ to beat viruses

paves the way for gays
the bill ~ to serve openly in the military

paved the way for an recovery
the government program ~ (economy)

paved the way for (better) relations
the treaty has ~ between the two countries

paved the way for the rise
repeal of the Fairness Doctrine ~ of Fox News

paved the way for an (economic) comeback
the government program ~

amelioration & renewal: journeys & trips / verb

way (come a long way, etc.)

long way to climb
the people of Africa have a ~

long way to go
we've got a ~, but we've had some success
there is still a ~ (a legal process)
Liverpool looks good, but there is still a ~ (soccer season)

long way towards meeting
we've come a ~ that goal

long way from throwing
we're a ~ in the towel

come a long way
we've ~ towards meeting that goal
the city has ~ (Warsaw / improvement)
the field has ~ but still has far to go (AI)

go a long way
she will ~ (a young singer)

gone a long way
we have ~

have a long way
the people of Africa ~ to climb

progress & lack of progress: distance / journeys & trips / movement

way (a long way off)

a long way off
the 2024 election is ~

future / time: distance

way (a long way from, etc.)

long way from where
I'm a ~ I want and need to be (mental health)

♦ see also *far (far from, etc.)*

proximity: distance

way (go the other way, etc.)

gone the other way
events could have ~

development: direction / journeys & trips

way (part ways)

parted ways
she and NPR have ~

direction / division & connection: journeys & trips / verb

way (every step of the way)

every step of the way
they've helped us ~
her mother had approved the relationship ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

extent & scope: walking, running & jumping

way (all the way)

all the way
a suit won't get them ~ they need to go to stop the president

success & failure / attainment: journeys & trips

way (route)

way to (anyone's) heart
the quickest ~ is with an MCL gift card

quickest way
the ~ to anyone's heart is with an MCL gift card

route: journeys & trips

wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)

fallen by the wayside

the US has ~ (competitive weightlifting)

pushed to the wayside
free speech has been ~ for political correctness (campus)

went (quickly) by the wayside
the idea ~ by the onslaught of events

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / success & failure / survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips

weak (fragile)

fragile and weak
the caretaker government is ~

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness: materials & substances

weak-minded (adjective)

weak-minded man
he was a ~

mind: materials & substances

wealth (amount)

wealth of (forensic) evidence
police have a ~

wealth of experience
he's bringing a ~ into the classroom

wealth of (allosaurus) fossils
the area is known for its ~ (Jurassic Monument in Utah)

wealth of information
the flight data recorder provided a ~ (crash)

wealth of (company) information
the ~ held by the government

wealth of materials
he uncovered a ~ (sunken boat)

wealth of (educational) options
giving parents a ~

wealth of talent
the team has a ~

wealth of titles
producing a ~ (publishing houses)

wealth of information, perspective, opportunities
we provide you with a ~ (ad for Fidelity Wealth)

amount / worth & lack of worth: money

wean (verb)

wean itself off coal
the US cannot ~ quickly

wean countries off coal
the European Commission seeks to ~

wean yourself off cigarettes
it's a bad idea to ~ with smokeless tobacco

wean himself off heroin
he was able to ~ with the help of his family

wean the nation off fossil fuels
we must ~

wean ourselves off of fossil fuels
we must ~ (energy independence)

wean itself from ad revenues
the magazine wants to ~ (vs. subscriptions, online fees)

wean the US from (messy and expensive) heating oil
while federal officials try to ~, Main remains addicted

wean the planet from the burning
we must ~ of fossil fuels

dependency / growth & development: baby / verb

weapon (help)

weapons of the weak
~ include foot-dragging and feigned ignorance

weapon in the arsenal
the googly is a major ~ of a leg spin bowler

weapon in the (COVID) fight
it is the third ~ (third vaccine approved)

weapon in solving
seamless teamwork can be a potent ~ disease outbreaks

weapon against prejudice
black and gay comedians have wielded jokes as a ~

potent weapon
teamwork can be a ~ in solving disease outbreaks

make it a weapon
I'm always trying to ~ (her service game / Ashleigh Barty)

♦ "So it was that in these three days at Breslau this Koch put a sword Excalibur into the hands of men, with which to begin the fight against their enemies the microbes, their fight against lurking death; so it was that he began to change the whole business of doctors from a foolish hocus-pocus with pills and leeches into an intelligent fight where science instead of superstition was the weapon." (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif. The 34-year-old Koch exhibited the anthrax bacillus at the university.)

help & assistance: weapon / military

weapon (political weapon, etc.)

political weapon
Sadat gained diplomatic leverage using oil as a ~ (1973)

denies using energy as a weapon
the Kremlin ~ (Moldova)

become weapons
memes ~ in Ukraine-Russia conflict

destruction; military / weapon

weapon (secret weapon)

secret weapon of diplomacy
cultural exchanges are the ~

secret weapon for Nokia
better developer tools could be a ~

secret weapon in fighting
women are his ~ lawlessness

campaign's secret weapon
she has been the ~ (politician's wife)

group's secret weapon
technology has been the group's ~

virus's secret weapon
evolution is a ~

unleashed a secret weapon
supporters of reform have ~ (clerical support)

♦ "Say hello to your holiday shopping secret weapon. Price comparison gives power to find the best deals, without any of the hassle. Microsoft Edge is not only the best browser for shopping, its brings you the best of the web every day."

concealment & lack of concealment / strength & weakness: weapon

weaponization (noun)

weaponization of social media
the ~ to influence elections and sow discord

♦ "Weaponization: Metaphorical Ubiquity and the Contemporary Rejection of Politics" by Gregg Mattson, an associate professor of Sociology at Oberlin College, is the final word on this word and "metaphor emergence from coinage to conventionality."

creation & transformation / destruction: weapon

weaponize (verb)

weaponize children
the Democrats are happy to ~ (immigration)

weaponize the virus
they are trying to ~ politically (Democrats)

♦ This means, "illegitimate politicization." Merriam-Webster dates this to 1957, and interestingly provides no synonyms. An obvious one is "politicize." Or "instrumentalize." And compare with *operationalize*: "The North's foreign and military policies *operationalize* those core precepts of state."

creation & transformation: verb / weapon

weaponized

weaponized to round up
RICO was ~ groups of black men (gangs)

weaponized as a tool
the Eucharist is being ~ in political warfare (communion)

♦ What can't be weaponized? (See "Weaponization: Metaphorical Ubiquity and the Contemporary Rejection of Politics" by Gregg Mattson.)

creation & transformation: weapon

wear on (verb)

winter wears on
as the ~, he tries to act like everything is normal

week wore on

but as the ~...

1950s wore on
as the ~...

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: verb

weary (feeling)

weary of England

~, hungry for adventure, he found himself in Bratislava

weary of war

the public is ~ (US)

feeling, emotion & effect: mental health / sleep

weather (survive)

weather the (15-month) closure

she was able to ~ with the help of grants (pandemic)

weather their (financial) crisis

the extra income allowed them to ~

weathered the storm

he ~ until the 11th round (Plant vs. Saul “Canelo” Alvarez)

weather this (economic) storm

cities need help to ~

weathered (all sorts of) storms

the Catholic Church has ~ across the centuries

survival, persistence & endurance: storm / verb

weather (environment)

weather

it's as good as an example as any given the ~

weather had changed

but this week the ~ (*Financial Times* / crypto down)

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

weather vane (noun)

weather vane of the hip-hop world

the show, a longtime ~, now attracts politicians (The Breakfast Club)

weathervane for where

Biden is a ~ the Democratic center is going

political weathervane

she's a ~, shifting with the winds

♦ “You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows.”
("Subterranean Homesick Blues" by Bob Dylan.)

direction: air / sign, signal, symbol / tools & technology / weather & climate / wind

weave (creation)

weaves a tale of first contract

she ~ (author)

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

weave (a trail can weave, etc.)

trail weaved

the ~ downhill... (mountain biking)

fictive motion: cloth / verb

weave (move)

weaves in and out of (Indian) stereotypes

he ~ (Native American writer)

weave to his right

Tyson would take a short step and ~ (boxer)

movement: cloth / direction / verb

weave (mixture)

weave of information

the Web's tangled ~ and misinformation (hoaxes)

tangled weave

the Web's ~ of information and misinformation

mixture: cloth

weave together (verb)

weave together what

I wanted to ~ life is like in the city (a book)

division & connection: cloth / verb

web (entanglement)

web of lies

he has created and spread a ~ about the election (politics)

web of lawsuits

a thick ~

web of bribery

a ~, kickbacks, theft and conspiracy (war contracts)

thick web

a ~ of lawsuits

caught up in a web

~ of drug addiction and crime

involvement: animal / cloth / insect / movement / spider

web (situation)

web of (drug) addiction and crime

caught up in a ~

situation: animal / container / insect / spider

web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)

cobweb of crevasses

he was enmeshed in a ~ and fogbound (Antarctica)

spiderweb of canals

between the ponds is a ~ (a beaver complex)

spider web of (mountain biking) trails

there is a ~ (in a state park)

spider-web cracks
if there are ~ leading from the bolt hole... (climbing)

shape: animal / insect / spider

web (spin a web)

spinning a web
they are accused of ~ of lies (murder)

twisted into a web
his death has been ~ of disinformation and paranoia

♦ "...Lady Macbeth's arachnid schemes."

creation & transformation: animal / insect / spider
subterfuge: animal / insect / spider

wedded

wedded to the past
FitzRoy was a pioneer, but he was also ~

attachment / division & connection / relationship: love,
courtship & marriage

wedge (edge of the wedge)

thin edge of the wedge
politicians fear this is the ~ (sending a few troops)

driving force: tools & technology / wedge

wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)

wedge issue
it's becoming a major ~ among Democrats (Israel)
they have turned it into a very effective ~ (politics)

drive a wedge between Muslims, Christians
a sinister attempt to ~

♦ A British negotiator being interviewed on NPR about sanctions against a country used the verb wedge-drive: "They will see this as an opportunity to wedge-drive between the EU and the United States' allies in Europe."

division & connection: tools & technology / wedge / verb

wedged

wedged between the DRC and Republic of Congo
Cabinda is ~ (enclave of Angola)

wedged between Switzerland and Austria
Liechtenstein, ~

wedged between Ukraine and Romania
Moldova is ~

wedged between the Gulf and the Gulf of Oman
the UAE, ~

configuration: wedge

weed (in the weeds)

deep in the weeds
we are ~ of Machiavellian machinations (politics)

get in the weeds
it's not my job to ~ (lack of knowledge of details)

get into the weeds
streaming video is available for anyone who wants to ~

get (more) into the weeds
we can get ~ during the question-answer period

got into the weeds
this was the shocking fact when I ~ on it (sports issue)

dive into the weeds
he would ~ and explore the most detailed elements

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain &
land / height

weed out (verb)

weed out bad products
her agent helps ~ (a social-media influencer)

weed out the rebels
we will ~, but they are dug in

weed out the slackers
it's time to ~ who aren't pulling their weight

weeds out (struggling) soldiers
the course ~ (Green Berets)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / farming &
agriculture / verb

weigh (analyze)

weigh the merits against the risks
we ~ (the press and the publishing of secrets)

weighed whether
parents ~ to send their kids to school or... (sniper)

weigh the benefits
commanders must ~ of a rigid versus a flexible plan

weighing bids
the Coast Guard is ~ from three companies (for boats)

weigh the credibility
they must ~ or various threats (police)

weigh all the evidence
a decision-maker will ~

weigh his fate
it will be up to jurors to ~

weigh the merits
we ~ of publishing against the risks (press / secrets)

weighing the offer
she is ~ (of employment)

weigh my options
I have to ~

weighed plans
Rumsfeld ~ to deploy up to 200,000 troops in the Gulf

weighed the price
weary but optimistic, he ~ of success (a rapper)

weighs response

India ~ after Kashmir attack

weigh the risks

your doctor can help you ~ and potential benefits

weigh the value

registrars must ~ of transfer credits

weigh the pros and cons

you must ~ (job offers)

weighed the pros and cons

~ of joining in the condemnation

weigh the successes and inadequacies

they ~ of the criminal-justice-dominated approach

judgment: scale / verb / weight

analysis, interpretation & explanation: scale / verb / weight

weigh (weigh heavily)

weighed heavily

Beijing's opposition ~

weighs heavily on the city

the bank's decline ~

weighing heavily on their conscience

the events must be ~ (a hit and run)

weighed heavily on my mind

those experiences ~ (wildfires)

the decision ~

weighed heavily on her mind

the bombings ~ (Northern Ireland)

weighing (quite) heavily on the players

the responsibility was ~

affliction: burden / verb / weight

oppression: burden / verb / weight

weigh (oppress)

weigh (down) on me

it's all starting to ~ (pressure)

weighs on you

it ~ like a ton of bricks (harassment / gay students)

weighed on my conscience

it ~ (terrorism)

weigh on your conscience

if you have any sense of decency it will ~ so much (terror)

weighing on her mind

that's still ~ as she sits... (no classes for adjunct)

let grief weigh him down

he didn't ~

affliction: burden / verb / weight

oppression: burden / verb / weight

weighed down

weighed down by debts and deficits
the nation is ~

affliction: burden / weight

oppression: burden / weight

weigh in (verb)

weighing in

now his mother is ~ (expressing her opinion)

weigh in on (major strategic) decisions
he will still ~ (executive takes sick leave)

weighing in on the issue

women are ~

weigh in (more heavily) on the issue
Congress has begun to ~ of...

weighed in on the (newspaper's) Web site
hundreds of readers ~

weighed in with concerns

groups ~ about the FBI's use of...

weighed in with a national study
JAMA ~ asserting that...

weighed in against the project

Sen. Barbara Boxer ~

♦ *Boxers weigh in before a fight.*

involvement: boxing / sports & games / verb / weight

weight (under the weight)

under the weight of so many laws

the people are ~

caved in under the weight

the regime finally ~ of its impossible contradictions

♦ "There is no question that the donkeys are damnably treated... / This kind of thing makes one's blood boil, whereas—on the whole—the plight of the human beings does not. I am not commenting, merely pointing to a fact. People with brown skins are next door to invisible. Anyone can be sorry for the donkey with its galled back, but it is generally owing to some kind of accident if one even notices the old woman under her load of sticks." ("Marrakech" by George Orwell, *New Writing*, Christmas 1939.)

♦ "A woman without a donkey is a donkey herself." (Debre Zeit, Ethiopia. Ethiopian women are extraordinarily fond of their donkeys.)

affliction / oppression: burden / weight

weight (pull one's weight)

pulling their weight

we need to weed out the slackers who aren't ~

♦ Were the blocks of stones that comprise the great pyramids pulled or lifted into place? Either way, it must have entailed great effort.

work & duty: burden / verb / weight

weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)

throw its weight behind the (democracy) movement

the US did not ~ (diplomacy)
throwing their weight behind the opposition
they are ~ (an organization)
put all of their weight behind trying
the government ~ to prevent us from publishing
allegiance, support & betrayal: weight / verb
power: weight / verb
weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)

punches above its weight in math
Hungary ~, it has produced many mathematicians
fight above our weight
we're going to have to ~ (politics)
punch above our weight
we are a small nation but we ~ (Wales at Euro 2020)
power: boxing / verb / weight
substance & lack of substance: boxing / verb / weight

weight (effect)

weight of the law
he needs to feel the full ~ (a school shooter)
feel the weight
they ~ every day (White House scandal)
cope with the weight
she is still learning to ~ of international celebrity (athlete)
oppression: burden / weight

weight (substance)

weight of the data
the ~ would suggest that... (inconsistent studies)
weight of the tragedy
as the full ~ fell over the neighborhood (AIDS)
weight with listeners
her apology didn't carry much ~ (a singer)
weight and attention
these fears are given too much ~ (of AI)
full weight
as the ~ of the tragedy fell over the neighborhood (AIDS)
great weight
his words and opinions carry ~
moral weight
his being a Catholic helped give ~ to his speech
carry (much) weight
her apology didn't ~ with listeners (a singer)
gives more weight
the ranking system ~ to selectivity than efficacy
substance & lack of substance: weight

weighted

weighted variables
his methodology relies on 7 ~ (college rankings)

weighted equally
the three criteria were all ~ (a rating survey)

substance & lack of substance: weight

weighty (substance)

weighty decision
it was a ~
what to do was a ~ (war)

weighty issue
Congress has taken up a series of ~s

weighty step
renouncing one's citizenship is a ~

weighty topic
she writes about ~s

weighty (literary) works
he was known for filming ~ (Joseph Strick)

importance & significance: weight
substance & lack of substance: weight

welcome (welcome news, etc.)

welcome news
the new economic data is ~
not welcome
but the negative publicity was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / house / speech

welcome (verb)

welcomed Disney with open arms
Orlando and Florida ~ (Magic Kingdom)
welcomes change
the Democratic Party ~, not as an enemy but as an ally
welcomed the Confucius Institute
many universities have ~ with open arms
welcome an investigation
we ~
happy to welcome
but local companies have been ~ whoever signs up (Everest)

acceptance & rejection: house / speech / verb
welcome: exclamation / house / speech / verb
fictive communication / fictive meeting & seeing: house / speech / verb

welcome (noun)

wore out his welcome
the talented but troubled diva ~ (NFL football player)

acceptance & rejection: house / speech

welcome: house

welcome (noun / groups)

safe and welcome

it was important to create a space where we felt ~

inclusion & exclusion: society

welcoming (groups)

welcoming environment

issue that make NPR a less than ~ for people of Color

welcoming place

a more ~ for others who look like them (music industry)

inclusion & exclusion: society

welcoming (other)

welcoming place

Antarctica is not a ~

welcome: house / speech

well (poison the well)

poison the well of information

establish a false persona, then ~ (Facebook)

poison the well for bipartisanship

if he goes that route, he could ~ (politics)

poison the well for cooperation and bipartisan progress

that would really ~ (rules change in Senate / politics)

well was poisoned

the ~ between them even before... (bad relations)
from that point on the ~ (prosecutorial misconduct)

♦ Perhaps the worst mass poisoning of a population in history has taken place in Bangladesh. Around 25 million people have been exposed to arsenic through runoff from agriculture and industry into man-made ponds and the water table. Ironically, many of the contaminated ponds and boreholes were dug with the help of international relief organizations to protect villagers from unclean water.

corruption: water

well (source)

well of outrage

the ~ is bottomless (fundamentalists)

well of resistance

there is still a deep ~ to a woman president

well of (wifely) goodwill and loyalty

her ~, which had overflowed for so long, was drained dry

well of grievance and skepticism

he tapped into the ~ (politics)

content well

everybody is just dipping their bucket into this ~ (media)

deep well

there is still a ~ of resistance to a woman president
he has a ~ of institutional knowledge (foreign policy)

well that never runs dry

it is the ~ (excitement for heavyweight boxing division)

dipping their bucket into this (content) well

everybody is just ~ every day (post-game athlete interviews)

tapped into the well

he ~ of grievance and skepticism (politics)

♦ "The Well was the world's first online community." (The Whole Earth Electronic Link / 1985.)

amount / source: water

well (health)

get well

we're sorry this happened, ~ soon (Treaty Oak in Austin)

♦ In 1989, Paul Stedman Cullen tried to kill the Treaty Oak in Austin, Texas. Thousands of kids addressed letters to the Treaty Oak, hoping it would get well.

condition & status: health & medicine

well-being

Boeing's well-being

Renton is very dependent on ~ (Washington State)

condition & status: health & medicine

wellness (noun)

health and wellness

those pumps were so critical to the ~ of the experiment

condition & status: health & medicine

wellspring

wellspring of pride

a ~ in the gym (Sequoia High's women's basketball)

wellsprings of our society

sacrifice and self-reliance are the ~

♦ "You use your own humanity, that's your source, that's your wellspring." (BJ Miller, a doctor who is also a triple amputee.)

source: water

west (go west / obsolete)

'goes west'

a one-pounder ~ (destroyed by tank in WW I)

gone west

in ten days McCray had ~ to join McClintic (both died)

gone West in the cause of science

guinea-pigs ~ (died / killed)

♦ This expression is out of favor. See *direction (symbol)* for quotations about the cardinal directions as metaphors.

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

death & life: euphemism

West Point (epithet)

Thailand's West Point

Chulachomklao Military Academy is considered to be ~

Australian West Point

he studied counterinsurgency at Duntroon, the ~

military: epithet

epithet: school & education

wet (the wet, the dry, etc.)

Big Dry

the ~, also known as the Millennium Drought (Oz)
the ~ was a nine-year drought (Australia)

in the wet

he took a brilliant maiden pole position ~ (F1 / rain)

wind and wet

as we drove through ~ (sailing ship at Cape Horn)

epithet: part of speech

whack-a-mole (and whack a mole)

whack-a-mole

the whole affair is just ~ (online content moderation)

whack-a-mole with the virus

we are in for a long, protracted game of ~

whack-a-mole over and over again

it's ~ (defending abortion rights against opponents)

whack-a-mole situation

you are almost facing a ~ where... (misinformation)

game of whack-a-mole

it's a macabre ~ (resurgences of COVID)

go to whack-a-mole

they could dismantle a group, instead they ~ (underlings)

♦ Many Americans associate this idea with the film *Caddyshack* and the character played by the great actor Bill Murray.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

whale (epithet / obsolete)

whales of (psychiatric) science

the assembled great ~ (1909 medical congress / Budapest)

♦ This epithet is not used nowadays; the modern term might be "old white men." But in the *New York Magazine*, a writer recently referred to two competing Hollywood and Broadway producers as "silverbacks." A silverback is a mature male mountain gorilla.

epithet: animal

size: epithet / fish / animal

importance & significance: animal / fish / size

whale (White Whale)

second white whale

last season he got a yacht, Italy is the ~ (a showrunner)

focus on that White Whale

if he continues to ~, it's going to bring him down (politics)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: allusion / animal

allusion: books & reading

whataboutism, etc.

whataboutism

"~,," a strategy of false moral equivalences

context: part of speech

wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff)

separate the wheat from the chaff

we need to ~ (real cases vs. imagined of a syndrome)

separating the wheat from the chaff

G-2 had great difficulty ~ (military intelligence)

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / wheat

wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)

wheel of Gladstone's sanctimony

thus he was at last broken on the iron ~ (politics)

destruction: justice / Middle Ages / violence

wheel (grease the wheels)

grease the wheels

the government is trying to ~ of growth (economy)

flattery and civility ~ of all human dealings

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

social interaction: mechanism / verb

wheel (control)

at the wheel

the deputy attorney general will be ~ for the final weeks...

put his hand on the wheel at the Justice Department

Trump tried to ~ and control the investigation

grab hold of the industry's steering wheel

Washington can no longer just ~ (auto making)

take the wheel

the state legislature should ~ and tweak the law (parole)

control & lack of control: mechanism

wheel (training wheels)

remove the training wheels

we're going to ~

♦ The Vice President of the US, Joe Biden, explained the 2012 withdrawal of US troops in Afghanistan as removing the training wheels from a bicycle.

dependency / help & assistance: mechanism

wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.)

Wheels Are Falling Off

City fans responded to chants of "Ole's At The Wheel" with "The ~"

wheels are starting to come off the bus

I do think the ~ (US Congress / democracy)

wheels are coming off the train
the ~ in the mortgage business

wheels are (well and truly) off at Manchester United
well, the ~ (disgruntled fan)

♦ "Nurses are the linchpins of hospitals, and when we lose them the wheels of medicine fall off."

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism

condition & status: mechanism

wheel (spin one's wheels)

spinning our wheels
we're in a rut and are ~ (financial reform)

spinning our wheels in Iraq and Afghanistan
we're just ~

spinning our wheels on too many important issues
we've been ~ (government politics)

just spinning our wheels
we're ~, hoping to get out of the ditch

condition & status / progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / movement

wheel (hamster wheel)

hamster wheel of social media
we spend our time on this ~ and our newsfeeds

hamster wheel of technology and productivity
knitting draws people way from the ~ (the hobby)

♦ The Rat Race is for Rats! (A bumper sticker.)

♦ Even if you win the rat race, you're still a rat. (A bumper sticker.)

progress & lack of progress: direction / mechanism / movement

wheel (wheel of fate or fortune, etc.)

wheels of fate
the ~ had started to turn, and for me there was no way out

wheels of fate were starting to turn
but the ~, for me there was no way out ("Fancy" / Reba)

♦ "No mortal power may stay her spinning wheel. / The nations rise and fall by her decree. / She passes, and things pass... / ...Season by season / her changes change her changes endlessly." (Dante's *Purgatory*, translated by John Ciardi. In medieval times she was known as Dame Fortune, to the Romans she was Fortuna, to the Greeks she was Tyche. Today she might be referred to as Lady Luck.)

♦ "A lady doesn't leave her escort: / It isn't fair, it isn't nice. / A lady doesn't wander all over the room / And blow on some other guy's dice." (Frank Sinatra sings "Luck Be A Lady.")

fate, fortune & chance: mechanism

wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)

wheels of capital
they want us to keep oiling the big ~ (US)

wheels of the European economy
they keep the ~ turning (truckers held up at border)

wheels of government

the ~ turn slowly

wheels of justice

the ~ must now turn (Hillsborough disaster / soccer)
the ~ in Atlanta move slowly

operation: government / justice / mechanism

wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)

wheels (of justice) operate slowly
the ~ (grand-jury investigation)

wheels (of government) turn slowly
the ~

wheels (many feel) turn (too) slowly
a justice system whose ~

operation / speed: mechanism

wheel (asleep at the wheel)

asleep at the wheel

several Republican incumbents have been ~ (election)
many states have been ~ (girls marrying too young in US)
the World Health Organization was ~ (response to epidemic)

consciousness & awareness: mechanism

control & lack of control: mechanism

wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)

turn of the wheel, the spin of the wheel
federal judges are assigned the case by the ~

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

wheel (set the wheels in motion)

set (all) the wheels in motion
he ~ (for a trip)

initiation: mechanism

wheelhouse (noun)

in my wheelhouse
it's not exactly ~

in his wheelhouse
the issue is scientific and technical, not really ~ (politician)

in the executive branch's wheelhouse
things that are clearly ~ (rules, regulations)

outside the city's wheelhouse
he believes the huge undertaking falls ~

so far outside his wheelhouse
why he devoted years to a subject ~ (an academic)

experience / responsibility: boat

wheezing (condition)

wheezing businesses

a landscape dominated by abandoned street fronts and ~

condition & status: breathing / health & medicine

where (conversations where, etc.)

where you realize

it's like a real chilling reveal moment ~ that... (a film)

conversations where

we're having these dishonest ~ children... (race)

have these ~ people can you know choose mental health...

future where

a dystopian ~ children are homeless castaways

moment where

we're in this ~ there's so much fakery (media)

place where

see *place (place where)*

point where

the war plan got baroque, insane, to the ~... (nukes)

situation where

you could find yourself in a ~ you keep boosting (Covid)

there is no ~ you go to the media (chain of command)

we can be a David in a ~ there's a Goliath (politics)

world where

we live in a digital ~ many get their news from the internet

♦ Traditionally, "where" would be "in which" or "at which," or "when." It seems that, for the younger generation, situation, time, and development have become places.

location: place

where (time where)

time where

at a point in ~ contracts extension talks would start...

in this pandemic ~ everything's so fragile

this is our ~ we need to stand up (politics)

that was really the first ~ I was using my camera to...

this app came into my life right at a ~ I... (Clubhouse)

a ~ a skinny black girl can dream of...

it helped me get closer to my mom during a ~ she...

reimagining my life at a ~ I thought it was over

but there was a ~ bold political ideas flourished

they lived in a ~ gay people were made to feel like...

this is all coming at a ~ China is a touch subject (NPR)

♦ "Ishiguro's latest novel, *Klara and the Sun*, is set in a future time, where children no longer go to school..."

♦ "There are periods in time where we really need rest and we really need to heal. And I think we're in a time where that's certainly the case." (A doctor and the director of psychiatry at a concierge-style health care start-up with offices in New York, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.)

♦ "We're moving toward a time when COVID won't disrupt our daily lives, where COVID won't be a constant crisis." (White House Covid Advisor Jeff Zients.)

♦ The "time when" and "place where" distinction, like so much grammar nowadays, seems no longer to apply.

time: place

where (situation / development)

where are we

bring us up to date, ~ now, exactly (Ailsa Chang, NPR)

where we ended up

I'm super happy with ~ (=the results)

where we are

catch us up on ~ (about the Britney Spears story)

this is ~ now (Martin Luther King)

where we are today

we will need to have a conversation as to ~ (power failure)

where they are

we have to meet people ~ (addiction treatment)

where they are at

sometimes you have to meet people ~ (psychologically)

where we need to be

that's not how we're gonna get to ~ (a better place)

we're still so far from ~ (testing for COVID)

where we want to be

the vaccines are going to get us ~ (COVID pandemic)

where I plan on being

to be on ~, world champion, I should win this fight

where we wanted to be

we are basically two months behind ~ (vaccine production)

where the Lions and Matt Safford were last year

by next January, they could be in a place similar to ~

where it all began

let's go back to ~ (a podcast)

where things go

~ from here is quite honestly up in the air

where we are headed

there is so much fear about ~ (Covid Delta strain)

where we are and where we're going

the general will address ~ (Afghan evacuation / bombing)

right back where

they will be ~ they are now (next season / sports)

♦ "When this is over, we'll need to have a conversation, a serious conversation, as to why we are where we are today." (Houston mayor Sylvester Turner about why the Texas power grid experienced difficulties during cold weather in February 2021.)

♦ "Where we are today" equals "the situation now."

♦ see also *place (situation)* and *place (place where)*

development: movement / place

past & present / future / time: movement / place

condition & status / situation: place

whet (whet the appetite)

whet audiences' appetites for films

movie trailers ~

whet people's appetite for spending

museums try to ~

whet the appetites of fans

the ad campaign is designed to ~ (TV)

whet the appetites of investors
the company's performance will not ~

whet appetites for a rematch
their fight ~ (boxing)

increase & decrease: blade / knife

whiff (noun)

whiff of anxiety
there's a ~ in the Asian air (various issues)

whiff of bias
journalists must be free of any ~

whiff of corruption
the organization is tainted by the ~

whiff of incompetence
the government's handling of the crisis has the ~

whiff of insolvency
the ~ had reached the sensitive noses of his creditors

whiff of insurrection
the ~ is in the air (street protests)

whiff of opportunism
behind his good intentions is a ~

whiff of scandal
only one ~ has tainted the casino (Cherokee)

whiff of (Western) supremacy
some critics detect a ~ in his book

"**There's something dead up the branch.**" (A Southern Appalachians expression. A branch is a watercourse like a creek or a stream.)

evidence: smell

whiner (person)

hand wringers, worriers and whiners
~ (foreign policy)

character & personality: animal / person / sound

whining

whining
her ~ is rubbing fans the wrong way (auto racer)

sound / speech: animal

whip (violence)

whipped them into shape
it took a while, but I ~ (a coach)

coercion & motivation / directing / oppression: verb / violence / whip

whip (crack the whip)

crack the whip
he taught his deputy how to ~ (politician)

cracking the whip on them
he is ~ (President against BP for oil spill)

coercion & motivation: verb / violence / whip
oppression: verb / violence / whip

whip (resemblance)

whipped the snow into a frenzy
the winds ~ (ground blizzard)

resemblance: whip

whip (movement)

whipped around
she ~ and said...

movement: verb / whip

whip hand (noun)

whip hand in the bidding process
Tahiti had the ~ (a surfing competition)

has the whip hand
Iran ~ (in the Gulf)

♦ "Major Sleeman reveals the fact that the trade union and the boycott are antiquities in India. India seems to have originated everything. The 'sweeper' belongs to the bottom caste; he is the lowest of the low—all other castes despise him and scorn his office. But that does not trouble him. His caste is a caste, and that is sufficient for him, and so he is proud of it, not ashamed... A footnote by Major Sleeman's editor, Mr. Vincent Arthur Smith, says... 'The sweepers cannot be readily coerced, because no Hindoo or Mussulman would do their work to save his life, nor will he pollute himself by beating the refractory scavenger.' They certainly do seem to have the whip-hand... Just like a milk-route; or like a London crossing-sweepership." (*Following the Equator: A Journey Around the World* by Mark Twain.)

coercion & motivation: hand / violence / whip
oppression: hand / verb / violence / whip

whiplash (noun)

legal whiplash
the ~ voters are experiencing this year (rules go to court)

feeling whiplash
many Americans are ~ from the changes (COVID rules)

feeling, emotion & effect: crashes & collisions / sensation / whip

whipping boy (person)

whipping boy
China is used as a ~ in the campaign (politics)

♦ **The whipping boy was punished in the prince's stead at school.**

punishment & recrimination: person / royalty / whip
person: royalty / whip

whirl (noun)

whirl of activities
he was in a ~ (very busy and engaged)

activity: movement

whirlpool (in a whirlpool)

in a whirlpool of thought and bewilderment
they were lost ~ (Bedouins)

stuck in a whirlpool
we are ~ of violence and extremism

amount & effect: sea / water

whirlpool (other)

whirlpool of (religious) violence and extremism
his murder laid bare the ~

entering the whirlpool
the film was made as the Greek economy was ~

amount & effect: sea / water

whirlwind (noun)

whirlwind
for the two women, the next few days would be a ~
we've had wild travel schedules lately, it's been a ~

whirlwind of attention
he has been at the center of a ~ (Nobel Prize)

whirlwind of controversy
a ~ surrounds him

whirlwind of (pent-up) civic forces
the dictator's ouster unleashed a ~

whirlwind of impeachment enquiry
Kurt Volker caught up in ~

whirlwind for the (production) company
the past 36 hours have been a ~ (chaotic moves)

whirlwind existence
she lived at a totally different pace from her husband's ~

whirlwind romance
they got married after a ~

whirlwind relationship
they had a ~ and got married

whirlwind tour
a ~ ensued (of a factory)

whirlwind (first foreign) trip
Biden is back in Washington after his ~

whirlwind visit
he made a ~ to Afghanistan (Obama)

whirlwind 12 months
it has been a ~ since he returned to the sport (a boxer)

multitasking whirlwind
she was a ~ (sports, school, etc.)

romantic whirlwind
throughout the ~, Carly continued to write new songs

viral whirlwind
the ~ he created in 2014 (Bobby Shmurda "Hot Boy")

released the whirlwind
you have ~ and you will pay the price (politics)

unleashed a whirlwind
the dictator's ouster ~ of pent-up civic forces (Suharto)

reap the whirlwind

he who sows the wind shall ~ (Bible)

♦ In the US, people speak of dust devils. Dust whirlwinds are called *zawabi* in Arabic. In Australia, a whirlwind is called a willy willy.

♦ "Just on the stroke of seven o'clock we heard a shrill whistling in the north-east, and, two or three minutes later, down came a black buran. Shagdur set out to return to his own sleeping-place. Half an hour later...he [re-] appeared at the opening of the yurt. He had lost his way, although his sleeping-place was only 15 paces from mine...It was pitch dark [and] impossible for any man to stand. Shagdur had been on his hands and knees the whole time. Only those who have been out in such a storm can form any conception of what it is like. You get bewildered, and want to keep going, without knowing where...and it affects the brain. Next morning, the effects of this grim desert tempest were very easy to see; the sand was heaped up all round my yurt, and there were little mounds on the sheltered side of the camels." (A windstorm on the salt desert of Lop Nur in Xinjiang. From *Central Asia and Tibet* by Sven Hedin.)

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)

riding the whirlwind
he's ~

control & lack of control: atmosphere / storm / wind

whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)

got within a whisker of the South Pole
he ~ in 1909 (Shackleton)

passed by a whisker
the referendum ~ (Switzerland)

proximity: breadth / hair

whisper (sound)

whisper of a (distant) waterfall
the ~

sound: speech

resemblance: sound

whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)

Adele-whisperer
jazz pianist and repeat ~ Greg Kurstin (producer)

"baby whisperer"
called the ~, Brazelton... (a noted pediatrician)

"brand whisperer"
Forbes declared him a ~ (singer Travis Scott)

customer whisperer
a ~ with tips on how to defuse a patron... (on airlines, etc.)

elk whisperer
the ~ speaks English, Spanish and elk (Mark Casillas)

horse whisperer
the ~ feels the horse's childlike skittishness and fear
the ~ sees and hears himself through its eyes and ears

quarterback whisperer
he is known to be a ~ (coach Jim Harbaugh)

race whisperer
the latest pop-cultural ~ (Charlamagne tha God)

'swim whisperer'
the ~ teaches kids to be water-safe (Conrad Cooper)

"vegetable whisperer"
some people call Jeremy Fox the ~ (Californian chef)

"whale whisperer"
he refers to himself as a ~ (sued for defrauding investors)

whistleblower whisperer
the ~ (the whistleblower lawyer Jordan Thomas)

♦ "In a chapter about 'vaccine whisperers' in Quebec..." ("Beyond The Vaccine" by Jerome Groopman, *The New Yorker*, April 5, 2021.)

ability / knowledge & intelligence: sound

whistle (blow the whistle)

blow the whistle on corruption
~, bribery, or abuse

blow the whistle on them
maybe they were afraid he might ~

warning: sound / verb

whistle (dog whistle)

dog whistle
it's not even a ~, it's so blatant (anti-Latin sentiment)

dog whistles
these are ~, Islamophobic tactics (politics)

dog whistle from a losing politician
this is a desperate ~ (politics)

dog-whistle comment
some people are calling that a ~ against Muslims

dog whistle crap
he called concerns about Afghan refugees "~~"

dog whistles and race
he used ~ in his campaign (a president)

racist dog whistles
he is launching his election campaign with ~

racist, dog-whistle
critics say this is a textbook case of ~ politics

♦ "The nature of a dog whistle is that I can't definitively prove what was in somebody's mind or heart when they said it, but the echoes are very strong." (Andrew Marantz, author of *Antisocial: Online Extremists, Techno-Utopians, and the Hijacking of the American Conversation*.)

♦ In the US, a white politician claimed a black politician would "monkey things up." The black politician replied, "He's not using a (racist dog) whistle, he's using a bullhorn."

♦ "It occurred to me that, because the world media establishment had ignored the Balkans for so long..., these people never had to learn, as the Israelis and Arabs did, how to talk in code, so as not to offend Western sensibilities with their racial hatred. In the Balkans, people spoke more honestly than in the Middle East, and therefore more

brutally." (*Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* by the superb writer and correspondent Robert D. Kaplan.)

message / speech: sound

whistleblower (noun)

whistle-blower
he's a ~
a ~ has filed a complaint

whistleblower complaint
the charges, contained in a ~ (against FAA)

drawn criticism from whistle-blowers
the company has ~

message / warning: person / sound

white (White Sea, etc.)

White Nile
the Blue Nile and the ~ come together in Khartoum

White Revolution
to placate Kennedy, the shah launched the so-called ~

White Sea
the Solovetsky Islands are in the ~

White Volta
the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

♦ The White Volta's main tributaries are the Black Volta and the Red Volta.

proper name: color

geography: color / proper noun

white elephant

white elephant
in English a ~ is simply a useless extravagance
Glasgow's £10m ~ (Glasgow Science Centre tower)

sports cathedral or white elephant
is the Tokyo Olympic stadium a ~

vanity project, a white elephant
the rail link between London and Birmingham is a ~

worth & lack of worth: animal / color

white knight

white knight
they needed a ~ to save the hospital

help & assistance: Middle Ages / person

whitewash (noun)

whitewash
it's a ~, they're brushing it under the carpet (PS752)

whitewash of justice
the mayor, police Superintendent railed against it as a ~

branded a whitewash
a public inquiry was ~ by victims' families

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances**

whitewash (verb)

whitewashed its review

UKA ~ and turned a blind eye to the concerns (doping)

textbooks whitewash

a number of ~ Japan's wartime conduct (in Japan)

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances /
verb**

whitewash (groups)

whitewashes the role

the film completely ~ south Asians played in WWI

♦ Merriam-Webster only added this sense in September 2019. The 2019 film *The Aeronauts* with Felicity Jones and Eddie Redmayne is a good example of a film that isn't whitewashed. Himesh Patel plays John Trew, and many crowd scenes are enlivened with black and oriental faces.

♦ "Think about what that means. They didn't even cast a Black gay actor, or a Black gay character. It's played by a straight (laughing) Italian American man. So just like process that... that erasure." ("Bonus: Remembering the iconic, complicated Andre Leon Talley," NPR, Code Switch, Jan. 23, 2022. The commentators are discussing the idea that Stanley Tucci's character in the 2006 film *The Devil Wears Prada* represents Andre Leon Talley.)

inclusion & exclusion: society / verb

whittled

whittled away

his control has been ~ (a ruler facing protests)

decline: blade / knife

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife

whittling (whittling down)

task of whittling down

he will leave the ~ the embassy to his successor (in Iraq)

decline: blade / knife

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife

whoa (exclamation)

like whoa

people are ~ (surprise, delight, acknowledgment)

♦ "People are like whoa, real badass over here!" (An approving reaction to a surprising idea. The speaker leans back, with both hands up in the air, palms facing outward.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / gesture / hand /
horse**

Who's Who

Who's Who of (left-leaning) economists
they hosted a brunch for a ~, including...

who's-who of ('80s musical) legends
the artist lineup was a ~ (1984 Olympics)

who's who of (big) names
a ~ were present (the funeral of the great Aretha Franklin)

who's-who of (WNBA) stars
the team's players are a ~ including... (Olympic gold)

who's who of (comedy) talent
the magazine is known for producing a ~ (*The Lampoon*)

'Who's Who' of virologists
the ~ meet to talk bird flu in Geneva

who's who in health policy
he has enlisted a veritable ~ to come up with standards

who's who list
his economic team is a ~ of Democratic veterans
the ushers were a ~ of titans (funeral of Cokie Roberts)

♦ The title is now in the public domain.

importance & significance: books & reading / person

wild (behavior)

wild beast

those ~s shot you in the back (said at funeral)

wild celebration

the victory set off a ~ at the finish line (Olympics)

wild child

he was always mature for his age, he wasn't a ~

wild look

she burst through the door, a ~ in her eyes

wild melee

a ~ broke out (soccer riot in Kabul)

wild (tailgate) parties

the ~ outside Arrowhead Stadium

wild rampage

dozens of teenage boys set off on a ~ (Central Park)

wild revelry

feasting accompanied by ~ (Mardi Gras)

wild side

I love to show my ~ every now and then (sex)

wild streak

he must have brought out some ~ in me

wild youth

whether to remember his ~ or forget it

wild rite of passage

Las Vegas becomes a ~ for new 21-year-olds (booze)

wild and crazy

he was ~, young and dumb

wild and crazy

the NFL has its ~ side

wild and reckless

I was at times ~ (gang member)

crazy and wild

it was ~ (wedding in non-traditional location)

“Girls Gone Wild”

the creator of the “~” video series (spring break)

dudes-gone-wild

such ~ comedies as *Pineapple Express* and *The Hangover*

went wild

the 100,000 fans at the Camp Nou stadium ~ (soccer)

social media ~ (over Anna Sorokin)

drives scientists wild

this is the kind of thing that ~ (political interference)

behavior / feeling, emotion & effect / restraint & lack of restraint: animal

wild (control)

wild ending

in a ~ to the regular season (basketball)

wild guess

the ‘~’ is that 100,000...

wild hunch

she acted on a ~ (an inventor)

wild rumor

another ~ going around was...

wild shot

he flung up a ~ that missed horribly (basketball)

wild swings

protect consumers from ~ in energy prices

wild (conspiracy) theories

his death became the subject of ~

♦ “The novelist is ferociously untame.” (Lydia Millet.)

control & lack of control: animal

restraint & lack of restraint: animal

wild (run wild)

run wild

I will not ~ when my teacher is away

“running wild” in care homes

coronavirus is ~ for elderly people

running wild in Australia

Omicron is ~, it’s raging through this country

let their imaginations run wild

painters in the 18th Century ~ in the ruins (Piranesi, etc.)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: animal / verb

wildcard (computers)

wildcard

you can fine-tune a search by using ~s (computers)

wildcard character

type the ~ and other text in the Find What box

word combinations, wildcards, part-of-speech tags

~ (searching)

computers: cards

wild card (person)

wild card

Saddam Hussein is a ~

behavior: cards / person

character & personality: cards / person

wilderness (voice in the wilderness)

voice in the wilderness

I am a ~, but history will vindicate me (politics)

some voices in the wilderness

there are ~ calling for a digital Geneva Convention

voice in the wilderness of (intellectual) life

Chomsky is an important ~ in America

society: ground, terrain & land

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

wilderness (in / into the wilderness)

in (history’s) wilderness

his spell ~ is at an end (Alfred Russel Wallace)

in the (international) wilderness

he spent 3 years ~ (player left off national team)

in the (musical) wilderness

she managed to record her album after a painful period ~

quarter of a century in the wilderness

the team hopes to reach the Super Bowl after a ~

30 years in the wilderness

maybe ~ is long enough (Liverpool fail to win EPL)

on their own in the wilderness

they felt as if they were ~ (public investigators)

wondering in the wilderness

formerly in charge of the city, now ~ (a leader)

spent 30 months in the wilderness

he was suspended from the sport and ~ (a boxer)

led him into the political wilderness

his campaign ~ (against self-government for India)

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation: society

isolation & remoteness / society: ground, terrain & land

wilderness (society)

wilderness years

the play was written during his ~ (while struggling)
the “~” when he was not in power (1930s / Churchill)

society: ground, terrain & land

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation: society

wilderness (area)

uncharted wilderness

new routes into the ~ of the 21-century economy

online wilderness

international students are often in an ~ (universities)

♦ "It is rough, steep, mountainous country where we were trekking, covered with dense virgin forest, the famous taigá of Siberia, in places almost impenetrable, especially where the ground is littered with fallen giants smashed down by storms." (*Dersu the Trapper* by V.K. Arseniev. The country Arseniev describes lies between the Amur and Ussuri Rivers and the Sea of Japan, north of Vladivostok, and includes the Sihoté-Alin mountain range.)

♦ "Midway in our life's journey, I went astray / from the straight road and woke to find myself / alone in a dark wood. How shall I say // what wood that was! I never saw so drear, / so rank, so arduous a wilderness! / Its very memory gives a shape to fear." (*The Inferno*, from the wonderful translation by John Ciardi.)

♦ "You can only go halfway into the darkest forest, then you are coming out the other side." (Chinese.)

area: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

wild West

Wild West

this is the ~, there's a lot of things to figure out (venture)
it's like the ~, there are no rules (Instagram)
it really is a ~ in terms of facial recognition (no rules)

wild west

it's the ~ with automatic weapons (Afghanistan)

'wild wild west'

why Oklahoma is a cannabis ~ (hands-off approach)

"Wild West" of unregulated tests

the current ~ is creating confusion (antibody tests)

Wild West-ish

the Mani, the ~ tip of the southern Peloponnese

digital-era Wild West

Silk Road was the new frontier of crime, a ~ (drugs)

in a Wild West

we are left ~ of antibody testing (unregulated)

tamed the Wild West

Google has ~ of copyright infringement

behavior / control & lack of control / environment: ground, terrain & land / history

wilt (verb)

wilted in his (first Grand Slam) final
he ~ (tennis / lost)

wilt in the face of threats
we will not ~

wilted in the second half
the team ~

wilted in the heat
the city's residents ~

wilted in theaters
the film ~

wilted under cross-examination
he ~ (convicted)

wilted under pressure
the offense ~ (sports)

wilted under his successor
the investigation ~

wilted sales
the sweltering heat ~ (retail)

efforts have wilted
legislative ~ (climate action)

stocks (also) wilted
European ~ (downturn)

decline / resemblance: plant / verb

win (verb)

hunger won
but the next morning, ~ (Alexander Pearce story)

success & failure: sports & games / verb

wind (get / catch wind of something)

caught wind of this
she first ~ in March (press investigation)

caught wind of Ulven's music
the Web site called NRK Urort ~

gotten wind of an attack
a few days earlier, US intelligence had ~

got wind of some improprieties
he ~ (fraud)

get wind of the war
the Israelis did not ~ (1973)

♦ "There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression for something suspicious. A branch is a watercourse like a creek or a stream.)

evidence: smell / verb / wind

wind (throw something to the wind)

threw caution to the wind
I just ~ and went for it

throwing civil liberties to the wind
we are ~

dismissal, removal & resignation / restraint & lack of restraint: atmosphere / verb / wind

wind (dangle in the wind)

left dangling in the wind
the prosecutor was ~ (not supported by others)

allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / verb / wind

wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

wind is at their back
unions feel like the ~

put wind in Biden's sail
these results will ~ (primary election victory)

force / help & assistance / progress & lack of progress:
boat / plane / wind

wind (wind of change, etc.)

wind of change
but the ~ is blowing (rural areas)
there is a ~ blowing (state politics)

new wind
~s were whipping on the political stage (history)

political winds
anticipate the ~ blowing in Washington
the shifting ~ on campuses these days (Title IX)

buffeted by the (political) winds
the Hmong were ~ that blew through Vietnam

winds have changed
the political ~ (more people support gun control)
♦ Arabian horse are called "drinkers of the wind" because of their flaring nostrils.

force / driving force: atmosphere / wind

wind (wind its way)

winding their way through the courts
their cases are ~ (migrants)

fictive motion: direction / verb
direction: movement / river / verb
movement: river / snake
progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

wind back (verb)

wind back to the spring
to understand, ~ of 2014

past & present / time: clock / mechanism / verb

wind down (verb)

winding down
the murder trial is ~
the party was ~ anyway

wound down
as 2010 ~...

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: clock / mechanism / verb

wind down (relax)

wind down
after a performance, it takes him a long time to ~

he took a sleeping pill to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb
amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

windfall (noun)

windfall of \$1.7 billion
higher commodity prices contributed to a ~ (BHP)

windfall for local governments
it was a ~ (a COVID relief bill)

oil windfall
elites use their ~ to ensconce themselves in power

financial windfall
rising oil prices have brought them a ~

investigative windfall
finding the server was an ~ (cybercrime)

political windfall
she accused him of seeking a ~ from the aid package

♦ You can collect dead limbs that the wind has blown down and use them to start a fire. Or, you can collect fruit that the wind has blown down and eat it. A windfall can "falls into your lap" and is an unanticipated benefit.

fate, fortune & chance: money / tree / wind
worth & lack of worth: money / tree / wind

windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.)

windmills of 'inequity'
tilting at the ~ (criticism of liberal academics)

tilting at windmills
he suggested that Trump is ~ (attributed to Xi Jinping)

♦ see also *Quixote (Don Quixote)*

♦ Eric Drooker's November 15, 2021 cover of *The New Yorker* is superb, and I have taped it to the wall in my apartment. In the foreground is Don Quixote on his horse, on a bit of barren ground. His lance is pointed downward and he is looking up at four Brobdingnagian wind turbines in the midground. In the background is the edge of a great city with skyscrapers and a suspension bridge. The colors are industrial orange and yellow.

fantasy & reality: allusion
allusion: books & reading

window (window of opportunity)

window of opportunity
there was a little, little ~ (to win an Olympic medal)

small window of opportunity
there is a ~ for the motor system (peak performance)

window of opportunity to solve
the ~ the crimes is closing (passage of time)

window of opportunity is closing
the US's ~ fast (diplomacy)

window of opportunity could slam shut
the ~ (stopping AIDS in India)

missed our window of opportunity
we've ~

target / timeliness & lack of timeliness: window

window (launch window, etc.)

window

the ~ for doing a deal is small and closing
people don't realize how close or narrow that ~ is (climate
change)

window of time

we only have a small ~ (to prosecute rape cases)

window of good weather

the climbers had been waiting for a ~

windows between the (guard's) rounds

the 15-minute ~ (prison suicide)

application window

a second ~ will be opened (computer)

launch window

we don't think we can make the ~ for March (NASA)
the ~ for Wednesday's mission opens at 0900 (space)
the ~ runs for 3 hours and 22 minutes (space)

summit window

weather forecasts show a potential ~ (Everest)
more and more are climbing during the same good ~s

weather window

Nasa had a ~ of 65 minutes to launch
everyone tries to reach the summit in the same 12-hour ~
climbers wait for the right ~ for the summit climb

clear-weather window

the first feasible ~ was 19 and 20 May (Mount Everest)

legal window

the eight-year ~ when a suit could be filed

narrow window

the ship had a ~ of time to take out a ballistic missile

small window

the ~ between the end of the night and beginning of the day
(birdsong)

15-minute windows

the ~ between the guard's rounds (prison suicide)

eight-year (legal) window

the ~ when a suit could be filed

lookback window

the ~ lasts a year (suspension of state of limitations / abuse)

window is closing

that ~, we need to act now (global warming)

window would close

there was a risk the weather ~ (Mount Everest)

make the (launch) window

we don't think we can ~ for March (NASA)

target / timeliness & lack of timeliness: window

window (window to the West, etc.)

window to the capital

the Gare du Nord acts as a ~ (needs renovation)

window to the West

'Dallas' in Finnish was our ~ (a 37-year-old Estonian)

window to the world

the computer screen is his ~ (homeless man)

window on Europe

the city allowed Russia to open a ~ (St. Petersburg)

window on a nervous planet

the Diplomatic Security Daily is a ~

window on relations

the leaked cables are a ~ with the world (diplomacy)

"window on the West"

St. Petersburg was Russia's ~ (Peter the Great)

window into the dark corners

conspiracy theories are a ~ of our political soul

window into mammoth evolution

the DNA gave the scientists a unique ~

window into his mind

his letters to his wife were a ~ (a politician)
this statement is a ~ (politician's gaffe about rape)

windows into (other) worlds

they were ~ and landscapes (museum dioramas)

window onto the wonders

his narrow focus opens a larger ~ of natural science

world's window

the ~ to Thailand (the Bangkok Post)

illuminating window

the case is an ~ into the pitfalls of capital punishment

opens a window

she ~ on Cape Verde's music (a singer)

♦ "The media sometimes serves as a window and sometimes as a mirror.
Shows and characters that resonate the most are actually both. You see
yourself reflected in them, but you also get to learn about other things
through them." (Mariana Diaz-Wioczek. From "Kids need to see
themselves reflected in media. Here are some recommendations,"
Elizabeth Blair, NPR, December 26, 2021.)

portal: window

window (out the window)

window

gender goes out the ~ (female sports broadcaster)

go out the window

those best practices can mostly ~

gone out the window

common sense has ~ (soccer and VAR)

went out the window

his game plan ~ (a boxer)

the idea this was terrorism got shot down and ~
threw it out the window
we took the entire model and ~ (Andrei Doroshin)
throw that gut feeling out the window
~ (a defense lawyer during final argument)

thrown the law out the window
the judge has ~
dismissal, removal & resignation: window
appearance & disappearance: window

window dressing

window dressing
I was ~ (hired to fix problems, but ignored)
this was a farce, ~ (the Savoy plebiscite)
the referendum was ~ (rigged results)

window dressing on a coup
some wonder if this new prime minister is simply ~
window-dressing public relations
he took a ~ stand on the coronavirus crisis (EU official)

substance & lack of substance: window

wing (wing it)

winging it
the president is just kind of ~ (pardons)

haste / readiness & preparedness: bird

wing (division)

right wing
in the US, the ~ is adamantly opposed to abortion
"political" and "military" wings
no difference between ~ (terrorists)

division: bird

wing (building)

amputee wing
Ward 57, the ~ at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

branching system: bird

wing (under one's wing)

took her under his wing
Clark Terry noticed Reeves' abilities and ~ (jazz)
took her under its wing
the Lawn Tennis Association ~ from an early age
took Liston under his wing
Father Alois Stevens ~ (Missouri State Penitentiary)
took me under his wing
he ~ (a film mentor)
took the teacher under his wing
he ~ (mentor / first-year teacher)

took Tommy under his wing
so Andy ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

got you under our wing
we have ~ (support)

help & assistance: animal / bird

wing (in the wings)

in the wings
there are extremists ~

waiting in the wings
many fine musicians are ~

readiness & preparedness: theater

center & periphery: theater

wing (clip / stretch one's wings)

roots and wings
the only thing you can give your children is ~

stretch my wings
my fans have allowed me to ~

clipped his wings
his bosses had ~ (cop assigned to desk)

constraint & lack of constraint: bird / verb

wingman (person)

Congressman's wingman
he acted as the Florida ~ (friend, associate, procurer, etc.)

help & assistance: military / person / plane

protection & lack of protection: military / person / plane

wink (noun)

wink
there's a bit of a ~, it's a joke (the subtitle of a book)
there's a bit of a ~, we're all in on it (subtitle of book)
this sort of ~, which the meme is...

wink-wink
they've just gone ~ and done the research anyway (viruses)

wink and nod
he is playing a risky game of ~

♦ "PEN15, write out the title, you'll get it, has begun its second season on Hulu..." (A well-briefed Scott Simon of NPR. This is an example of leetspeak.)

♦ maryann 03: From CA: Welcome. I highly (wink wink nudge nudge) recommend online ordering and home delivery. Always tip your delivery person. They are your friend. (An ABC "Join the Discussion" comment on "New York legalizes recreational marijuana...")

♦ "Showing these struggles is important and necessary because they are very rarely told from this Black and brown perspective, and so much history about queer life has been and continues to be erased. (I don't recall ever studying LGBTQ issues in my history classes at school; like many kids growing up in the United States in the 1990s, my textbooks came from Texas. And well...you know.) (The last sentence is the "wink wink, nudge nudge." From "Farewell To 'Pose,' Which Fused Grief And Joy, Right Up To The Finale" by Aisha Harris, NPR, June 6, 2021.)

♦ Be careful! Overseas a wink might mean something entirely different!

fictive communication / subterfuge: eye / gesture

winking (adjective)

winking acknowledgment
beyond his ~, he said he would address the matter later

fictive communication / subterfuge: eye / gesture

winner (noun)

winner
I don't think there are any ~s (politics)

competition / success & failure: sports & games

winnow (verb)

winnows (preparatory) info to a concise packet
his staff ~

winnowed away many social services
the government has ~

♦ Traditionally farmers still winnow the chaff from grain by throwing grain into the air. The wind blows away the lighter chaff from the heavier grains. "Winnow out" can mean both "remove" and "select." You can winnow out something undesirable or unwanted. But you can also "winnow out" what is desirable.

♦ "My sister midwifed their winnowing while I sifted through family history, embodied in our belongings." (Helping aged parents move out of their home of 54 years. Many older people refer to this as "decluttering.")

dismissal, removal & resignation / searching & discovery / worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat

win over (verb)

win over Brexiteers
can she ~ (English Prime Minister)

win over Hispanics
they are trying to ~ (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: sports & games / verb

winter (decline)

winter of his life
he didn't complain at the inexorable arrival of the ~
what he describes as the ~ (Paul Auster)

in the winter of my life
now ~, it was a great honor to... (explorer Don Walsh)

A.I. winter
the seventies proved to be the so-called "~~"

winter has (finally) come
~ to *Game of Thrones* (final two episodes)

♦ "I salute Victor Vescovo and his outstanding team for the successful completion of their historic explorations into the Mariana Trench. Six decades ago, Jacques Piccard and I were the first to visit that deepest place in the world's oceans. Now in the winter of my life, it was a great honour to be invited on this expedition to a place of my youth." ("Mariana Trench: Deepest-ever sub dive finds plastic bag" by Rebecca Morelle, BBC, May 13, 2019.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: season
death & life / decline / growth & development: season

winter (resemblance)

winter sleep
nature is awakening from its ~

resemblance: season

winter (nuclear winter, etc.)

impact winter
debris from a comet strike could produce an ~

nuclear winter
a full-blown nuclear war would be followed by a ~

destruction: season

wire (down to the wire)

going down to the wire
business leaders are furious because the new change is ~ (Brexit)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: horse / sports & games

wired (and hardwired)

hardwired into the nation's DNA
confrontation and conflict are ~ (US)

hardwired to find myself

I knew I was ~ in that situation (an abusive relationship)

hardwired for that

I was ~, drawn to it, or I drew that to me (female abuse)

wired to worry

we're ~, it's a survival mechanism

identity & nature / operation: electricity / mechanism

witch (noun)

witch
she's a ~ (disliked or feared woman)

character & personality: creature / person

witch hunt

witch hunt
the campaign has sparked a ~ (for pedophiles)

witch hunts of the late 1940s
the anti-Communist ~ and early '50s

"witch-hunt" on Wikileaks
Assange urges the US to end its ~

"witch-hunt" against Wikileaks
Assange has urged the US to renounce its ~

witch hunt tactics
I will not be subjected to your ~

celebrity witch-hunt
police denied a ~ (sex offenses against boys)

Democratic witch hunt
this is a ~, everyone knows it (politics)

political witch hunt
the administration claims this is just a ~

anti-Communist witch hunts
the ~ of the late 1940s and early '50s

victim of a (political) witch hunt
many Zulus believe Mr Zuma to be the ~

end witch-hunt
~, Assange urges US (on Wikileaks)

renounce its "witch-hunt"
Assange has urged the US to ~

turned into a hysterical witch-hunt
the Tailhook scandal ~

judgment: justice

oppression: allusion / creature / history / justice / violence

with (support)

with you
I am ~

with him all the way
I am ~ (politics)

with you shoulder to shoulder
we are ~ (US troops withdrawn from Afghanistan)

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

withdrawal (feeling)

withdrawal symptoms
when you're not around them, do you get ~ (a birder)

going through withdrawal
sports fans are ~ because of coronavirus lockdowns

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

feeling, emotion & effect: addiction / health & medicine

wither (verb)

withered
his faith in the government ~

wither in our (education) system
children ~ (rote learning)

decline: plant / verb

withering (adjective)

withering barrage
their report came under a ~ of criticism (education)

withering criticism
he has faced ~

withering questioning
he faced ~ from upset lawmakers (Boeing exec)

feeling, emotion & effect: plant

with us (no longer with us)

no longer with us

unfortunately, he was found in a pond and he is ~ (body)
we've located them and they're ~ (Delphi murders)

death & life: euphemism / presence & absence

with us (with us forever, etc.)

with us always
clickbait will be ~

remain with us

the costs of Vietnam ~ (troubled vets, sons, etc.)

♦ "I don't feel any guilt or blame about it. I think my view really is if we hadn't done it someone else would have. And it would be with us in any case." (Lilli S. Hornig, who worked on the Manhattan Project. From "The Bomb," PBS, 2015.)

presence & absence / survival, persistence & endurance:
prep, adv, adj, particle

witness (verb)

witnessed two cataclysmic events
the 15th century ~

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

Wizards (Washington Wizards, etc.)

Washington Wizards
~ point guard Russell Westbrook

proper name: creature

wizard (person)

math wizard
only gifted ~s understand it (Poincare Conjecture)

dot-com wizard
~s becoming billionaires

Wall Street wizard
he had a reputation as a ~ (Bernie Madoff)

marketing wizard
a ~ who hopes he had found the path to riches

financial wizard
he is regarded as a ~ and bankruptcy expert

♦ Reporters, editors, and digital whizzes...

♦ "They resemble humans, but their mouths are wider and their legs are much longer than ours, with the feet facing backward. They have wings to fly through the air, and are clad in green robes." (Mashraf Khan, the royally appointed wizard of Hunza, speaking of the snow fairies that, in Hunza tradition, inhabit the surrounding mountains in northwest Pakistan. Mashraf says that they have a king and a queen, and the queen makes prophecies, such as 'A girl will die a month from now, falling into the river to the north.' Mashraf says he dances with the fairies. People watch him dancing, but the fairies are invisible.)

♦ Ian Brackenbury Channell was a winner pf the Queen's Service Medal and was also considered "a living work of art." ("New Zealand council ends contract with wizard after two decades of service" by Eva Corlett, *The Guardian*, Friday 15 October 2021.)

ability & lack of ability: creature / magic / person

person: creature / magic

wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)

Wizard of Menlo Park

Edison was known as "The ~"

ability & lack of ability: creature / epithet

epithet: creature / magic

Wizard of Oz

Wizard of Oz defense

he is using the ~ (pay no attention to that man behind...)

Wizard of Oz curtain

when normal standards get applied, the ~ comes open

♦ "When normal standards get applied, the Wizard of Oz curtain comes open." (A scandal at CNN involving ethics and sex, resulting in three high-level dismissals.)

allusion: film

subterfuge: allusion / cloth / film

wizardry (noun)

high-tech wizardry

the new weapon is a bit of ~

technological wizardry

in an age of ~...

knowledge & intelligence: creature / magic

ability & lack of ability: creature / magic

wobbly (condition)

wobbly on policy

we have seen her sometimes ~ (politics)

wobbly state

City Opera has been in a ~ since 2008

looking (slightly) wobbly

it was perceived Britain was in decline and ~ (history)

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

wobbly (commitment)

went wobbly

he ~ but she stiffened his spine (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying

commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability / movement

woke (groups)

"woker" than their Black classmates

it is white students who are "~" (academia)

"woke" capitalism

~ waters down the left (David Brooks)

'woke' content

who is reaping the benefits of all the ~ that we produce

woke culture

~ is threatening Western values (Oliver Dowden, Tory)

woke definition

so by ~ literally everything is racist

woke incarnation

Teen Vogue, in its current ~...

woke interpretation

~ is heavy on self-flagellation (v. self-congratulation)

woke left

those who dissent with the tenets of the ~

woke liberals

~ see "racism" in everything

woke mob

I realize I'm in the crosshairs of the ~ (QB Aaron Rodgers)

woke orthodoxy

I've been outspoken about my disagreements with the ~

woke people

the cancel culture people, the ~ (the beloved John Cleese)

woke playbook

their opinions are incompatible with the current ~

woke police

the ~ is out there (Chris Harrison)

Woke Racism

~: *How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*

woke worldview

I've seen how the ~ trivializes actual bigotry (student)

woke zombies

where do these ~ come from (PACBs)

super woke

she's like ~, you know, she's like policing me (a father)

tediously woke

it's ~ and needlessly bitchy (*And Just Like That*)

became woke

a prejudiced white character who ~ (a book)

♦ Get Woke. Stay woke.

♦ "You really could have inserted the word *accountable* or *accountability* instead of *woke police*... You don't get to say what you want. That's just not how it works." (The former Bachelorette Rachel Lindsay, calling out Chris Harrison, longtime host of *The Bachelor* TV show.)

♦ "Should the Lincoln Memorial come with a spoiler alert? Should schoolchildren be taught to question the very name of the nation's capital?" ("Once the future, US now captive to its past" by Nick Bryant, BBC New York, 18 June 2021.)

♦ "It's a cruel woke world out there..." (Jake, from BBC's hilarious *Ed Reardon's Week*, Series 14, "You're Cancelled.")

♦ "Some people are so 'woke' they are delirious from lack of sleep." (Online discussion board shade / snark.)

♦ Sam Sanders ("Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018) argues that the term *woke* has had its day and should be retired.

♦ A FUNNY CARTOON. "The microwave is smart, but the refrigerator is woke." (A funny cartoon of a real-estate lady showing a kitchen to two potential customers. From *The New Yorker*, March 6, 2017.)

♦ "The Hutu extremist magazine *Kangura* (Wake Them Up) promoted hatred of Tutsis before the genocide." ("Roots of Rwanda's Genocide" by

Helen Epstein and Claude Gatebuke, *The New York Review*, June 10, 2021.)

- ♦ "Get Lit, Stay Lit." (The name of a solar power project that seeks to "put solar panels on one restaurant in every New Orleans neighborhood.")
- ♦ see also *awake* (adjective)

inclusion & exclusion: society

wokeness (groups)

wokeness

I realized ~ was different from my liberal values (student)

♦ "Wokeness is not just a social philosophy, but an elite status marker, a strategy for personal advancement. You have to possess copious amounts of cultural capital to feel comfortable using words like *intersectionality, heteronormativity, cisgender, problematize, triggering, and Latinx...* Wokeness becomes a way to intimidate Boomer administrators and wrest power from them." ("How The Bobos Broke America" by David Brooks, *The Atlantic*, September 2021.)

♦ "It was possible to interpret [Macron's] emphasis on her embrace of universalism as a rebuke of the 'wokisme' that some members of the government believe is eroding national cohesion." ("Paris Postcard: Maman at the Pantheon," The Talk of the Town, *The New Yorker* magazine, December 13, 2021, about Josephine Baker, originally from St. Louis, who became a French citizen in 1937.)

inclusion & exclusion: society

wolf (predation)

wolf

a ~ can wear scrubs or doctor's clothing or be a woman

wolves

Smurf was one of the "~~" (Jamaica Queens via Trinidad)

wolves in here

there are a lot of ~ who will prey on the sheep (prison)

wolf in sheep's clothing

see *wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)*

- ♦ If you are not a wolf, a wolf will eat you. (Said in Saudi Arabia.)
- ♦ "That period confirmed the ancient proverb, 'man is a wolf to man.' Traveler turned off the road at the sight of traveler, stranger meeting stranger killed for fear of being killed. There were isolated cases of cannibalism. The laws of human civilization were suspended. The jungle law was in force. Man dreamed the prehistoric dreams of the cave dweller..." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ "It is better for your mother to be crying than for my mother to be crying." (A Romanian saying, about killing or being killed.)

♦ "It is the choice between the coffin or the suitcase." (The Algerian Civil War.)

♦ He's a wolf in sheep's clothing.

♦ "We are holding a wolf by the ears, and we can neither hold him, nor safely let him go." (Similar to holding a tiger by the tail, or riding a tiger.)

♦ "Forgive me. I was raised by wolves." (A bumper sticker seen in Asheville, North Carolina, U.S.)

behavior / danger / character & personality: animal / predation / wolf

affliction: animal / predation / sign, signal, symbol / wolf

wolf (wolf at the door)

keep the wolf away from the door

my streaming earnings are not significant enough to ~

protection & lack of protection: animal / wolf

wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

wolf in sheep's clothing

we've all heard of a ~ (district attorney)
two Middle East scholars portray him as a ~
a ~, Huckle fooled people into believing... (a pedophile)

appearance & reality / subterfuge: animal / clothing & accessories / predation / wolf

wolf (cry wolf)

cry wolf

we certainly don't want to ~
we can't ~ every time we suspect something (the Wave)

warning: allusion / animal / verb / wolf

allusion: books & reading

wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)

throw him to the wolves

I'm not going to ~

threw me to the wolves

my bosses ~

throwing them to the wolves

America is ~ (Afghans / US flees Afghanistan / 2021)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / verb / violence / wolf

wolf (thrown to the wolves)

thrown to the wolves

they are about to get ~ (Me To movement)

thrown to the (financial) wolves

the city will be ~ (bankruptcy)

thrown to the wolves and blamed

somebody who could be ~ for what happened (stockholders)

effectively thrown to the wolves

we were ~ (Antifa and counter protesters, no police)

♦ "If they don't [restructure]... the city will be thrown to the financial wolves... Everyone will want their scrap of what money is left." (Detroit.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / violence / wolf

wolf down (food)

wolfed down his meal

he ~

behavior: animal / food & drink / verb / wolf

woo (verb)

wooed doctors with free trips

the company aggressively ~ to seminars

woo the masses with (new) spending

he could attempt to ~ (a politician)

woo students to enroll

they're still trying to ~ (universities during pandemic)

woos far-right voters

Sarkozy ~ after losing narrowly (elections)

attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / verb

Woodstock (whitewater Woodstock, etc.)

Whitewater Woodstock

it's a ~ (Green River Narrows Race / North Carolina)

enthusiasm: music

comparison & contrast: epithet

woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)

came out of the woodwork

they ~ for whatever reason (people falsely confessing)

coming out of the woodwork

people are ~ (survivors of wildfire thought dead)

come streaming out of the woodwork

first dull Super Bowl in years and the whingers ~

appearance & disappearance: animal / house / insect

wooed

wooed to aerial skiing by the US Ski Team

she was ~

attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escaped: love, courtship & marriage

woods (out of the woods)

out of the woods

she was not ~ after the operation (transplant)

we are not in any way ~ (hurricane)

firefighters are not ~ yet (wildfires)

we're not ~ yet (Iran crisis)

we're making progress but we're not ~ yet (pandemic)

out of the woods and into the clear

we are not ~ yet (pandemic)

♦ An ABC news reader, speaking about a resurgence of COVID, warned, "Another reminder that we are not out of the clear just yet." Surely, she meant, "out of the woods and *into* the clear."

♦ "Every time I enter a forest which stretches for several miles I have an involuntary feeling of something like humility. Such a primitive forest is a kind of elemental force, and it is not to be wondered that even the aborigines, these simple nomads of the forest, before crossing its threshold which separates it from the inhabited world, first utter prayers to their gods and beg protection against the evil spirits which haunt the wooded wastes." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ "Midway in our life's journey, I went astray / from the straight road and woke to find myself / alone in a dark wood..." Dante's *The Inferno*, translated by John Ciardi.)

♦ "You can only go halfway into the darkest forest, then you are coming out the other side." (Chinese.)

danger / obstacles & impedance / survival, persistence & endurance: forest / journeys & trips

woods (neck of the woods)

neck of the woods

someone from our ~ (Western North Carolina)

happening in your neck of the woods

here's what's ~ (national TV weather report)

make its way to our neck of the woods

the storm will ~ (weather report / North Carolina)

area / location: forest

word (the last word)

the last word

it's phase 1, so this might not be ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: books & reading / writing & spelling

work (work one's way up)

worked her way up in Hollywood

she ~ (Halyna Hutchins)

hierarchy: prep, adv, adj, particle

workhorse (noun)

workhorse

he's a ~

workhorse of an airplane

the 767 is a ~ (flying since 1981, also used for cargo)

workhorses of the aviation world

the 737 and A320 are the ~

strength & weakness / work & duty: animal / horse

workings (noun)

inner workings

she started to get involved in the ~ of the party
they are like black boxes whose ~ are mysterious (brains)

inner workings of the party

she started to get involved in the ~ (DNC)

bases / operation: mechanism

world (exploration)

totally different world

I was taken by the ~ down there (caving)

♦ "I was taken by the totally different world down there. I began to go caving every weekend." (David Bunnell.)

♦ "Under the earth's crust there exists such an enormously great world, in absolute darkness, that we can with some justice speak of a new continent." (Alfred Bogil.)

♦ "You can't really say very much, if anything at all, about below the surface." (David E. Smith, chief of NASA's Laboratory for Terrestrial Physics.)

♦ "After the Roc Noir, I had the feeling of closing a door behind me. I was entering another world. I was far from the world of the living. I had never had this feeling on any other mountain." (Jean-Christophe Lafaille on the east ridge of Annapurna in 2002.)

♦ "The deep sea is full of surprises. We may find species unlike any seen before. The Cayman Trough may be like Arthur Conan Doyle's 'Lost World.'" (From the Web site of Britain's National Oceanography Center.)

area / environment: earth & world

world (on top of the world)

on top of the world

he was ~ again (happy)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / earth & world

world (fantasy)

dream world

it was her ~

the curious Occupation ~ (Japan, 1947)

live in a fantasy world

people think I ~

you can't ~

lived in a make-believe world

I ~ that afforded me great comfort (abused)

retreated into a fantasy world

she ~ (9-year-old, father jailed)

fantasy & reality: earth & world / mental health

world (the whole world, etc.)

whole world

the anger broke out into the open for the ~ to see

whole world of gossip and innuendo

there is a ~ out there to explore

extent & scope: earth & world

world (a world of difference, etc.)

world of difference

listening can make a ~

world of good

it did me a ~

extent & scope: earth & world

world (means the world to me, etc.)

means the world to them

it ~ (care packages to military abroad)

meant the world to me

she ~ (a kind person)

Archie blessed the ground, it just ~ (an online powwow)

feeling, emotion & effect: earth & world

world (Disney World, etc.)

World of Warcraft

he spent a lot of time online playing ~

Disney World

live entertainment in all four ~ parks

proper name: earth & world

world (in the world, in her world, etc.)

in the (fickle) world of (New York) restaurants
he did what he could to survive ~

in the (staid) world of sumo
a rare event ~

in the (tempestuous) world of boxing
nothing is impossible ~

in the world of (horse) racing
he is a force ~

in the world of mountain biking
North Shore riding is legendary ~ (BC)

in the (murky) world of the (Japanese) bar trade
foreign women working ~

in today's world
it is risky, ~, to go to work (workplace violence)

in her world
it doesn't count ~ (snark about a judge)

in their own world
they're ~ (females having party-within-party at party)

in the design world
people ~ think...

in the bowling world
~, he is perceived as a...

in the surfing world
there have been a number of movies set ~

in a simulated world
influencing events and characters ~ (computers)

in the academic world
a debate that's currently going on ~

in the ancient world
the temple, a pilgrimage site ~

in both worlds
unlike some relatives, he lives ~ (Hispanic in US school)

in different worlds
experimentalists and theorists live ~s

in a digital world
we live ~ where many get their news from the internet

in a perfect world
~ we would be able to...

in the non-Indian world
~ (Native Americans)

force in the world
he is a ~ of horse racing

live in (different) worlds
experimentalists and theorists ~

set in the (surfing) world

there have been a number of movies ~

survive in the (fickle) world

he did what he could to ~ of New York restaurants

environment: earth & world

world (other)

world of (midtown) Manhattan
the ~

world of Washington
the ~ and the business world

world of ghosts
the ~ that blankets Southeast Asia (fortunetellers, etc.)

world of (branded) goods
the competitive ~

world of (academic) medicine
the publish-or-perish ~

world of (dive) travel
the ~

world of tomorrow
fixed-wing aircraft will still exist in the ~ (military)

world of black magic and voodoo
a bizarre ~ (muti murders)

world of street life
the twilight ~ and girls for hire

world of cyberdrugstores
the new ~

world of boxing
welcome to the ~ (a Web site)

world of (extreme) kayaking
the ~

world of haves and have-nots
a Dickensian ~

world of rock and roll
the sex-and-drug-filled ~

today's world
~ offers us more choices but, ironically, less satisfaction

nomad's world
the Tibetan Plateau is a ~ (over 13,000 feet)

art world
the ~

art-world
a comment on ~ politics

aviation world
the ~ uses nautical miles (vs. statute miles)

blog world
some restaurants have embraced the ~ (instant marketing)

business world

does the ~ really need Harvard
the world of Washington and the ~
the ~ he inhabits

chess world

young Soviet-trained players dazzled the ~

entertainment world

the stratospheric reaches of the ~

hockey world

the news of his arrest shocked the ~

magazine world

the New York ~

rave world

he opened the door to the ~ for us

spirit world

long journeys to the ~ (Inuit)
West African Islam maintains ties to the African ~

twilight world

the ~ of street life and women for hire

plant, animal and insect worlds
how electrification has affected the ~

dog show world

Mick is the Michael Jordan of the ~ (a blue terrier)

music-business world
the ~ of midtown Manhattan

high-tech world

he's striking alliances throughout the ~

celebrity-mad world
a ~

3-D world

players roam around a ~

online world

the ~ has its perils (pro-ana, suicide sites, etc.)

boxing world

Foreman astounded the ~ by returning to the ring

collecting world

the ~ (artifacts of pop culture)

sportscasting world

open up the ~ for women

sex-and-drug-filled world
the ~ of rock and roll

Muslim world

the Kaaba is literally the center of the ~

Arab world

the anger and humiliation emanating from the ~
he is a folk hero in much of the ~ (Muntader al-Zaidi)

Islamic world

the Jews who came to Israel from the ~
the troubled ~

when Baghdad was capital of the ~ (9th century);
Iran wants to be a leader in the ~

Dickensian world
a ~ of haves and have-nots

academic world
the close-knit Polish ~
the sentences sent a chill through the ~
following the war and his return to the ~
the ~ has started a self-examination

avian world
the ~ is known for its great migrations (tern, albatross)

bizarre world
a ~ of black magic and voodoo (muti murders)

different world
it was a ~ when he started (coaching)

literary world
the ~ of Belfast

natural world
people and the ~ are on a collision course

new world
the ~ of cyberdrugstores

tribal worlds
the mountains shelter ~ lost in time (Caucasus)

virtual worlds
computer games that create ~ onscreen

leave-me-alone world
she retreats into her own ~ (athlete on game day)

Michael Jordan of the dog-show world
Mick is the ~ (a blue terrier)

reaches of the (entertainment) world
the stratospheric ~ of the ~

lives in both worlds
unlike some relatives, he ~ (Hispanic in US school)

opened up a (whole new) world
it ~ (radio)

open up the (sportscasting) world
~ for women

see the world
people who from a different perspective ~ (autism)

shocked the (hockey) world
the news of his arrest ~

maintains ties to the (African) spirit world
West African Islam ~

opened the door to the (rave) world
he ~ for us

♦ "I'd rather live in his world / than live without him in mine." (Gladys Knight and the Pips.)

♦ "Do you not see it, the little things that keep this wooden world together, the hard work, the discipline... (Capt. Jack Aubrey, played by Russell Crowe, in the film *Master and Commander*.)

environment: earth & world

world (into a world)

stroll into another world
Wright Creek Trailhead— ~

environment: earth & world

world (lost world)

celebrate that lost world
I'm going to ~ (rock journalism)

♦ *The Lost World*, written by Arthur Conan Doyle, was published in 1912.
See the excellent Wikipedia article, "Lost world."

past & present / time: earth & world

allusion: books & reading

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: earth & world

worm (verb)

wormed into Pakistan's military
have militant groups ~

wormed its way into my heart
this book ~

wormed its way into our culture and language
paper has ~ ("paper things over," etc.)

attachment: animal / verb

worm (insult)

"worms"
she frequently referred to her millions of subjects as ~

insult: animal / insect

worm (can of worms)

open up a can of worms
an investigation will ~

♦ This seems to mean "a tangled mess." The worms lack the sense of affliction that "Pandora's box" entails. I never met a worm I didn't like! And birds like them, too.

complexity / initiation: creature

worm (computers)

worm
he took an existing ~ and tweaked it (a variant)

worm's code
it required only a few changes to the original ~

worms and pop-ups
spam, spyware, viruses, ~ (Internet)

Code Red worm
protect themselves from the ~ (computers)

Slammer worm
the ~ that downed corporate networks in January

network worm
the ~ struck many corporations and compromised data

Internet worm
a new ~, "Goner," spread across the globe via e-mail

e-mail worm
the ~ can send itself to all addresses in Outlook
the ~ attempts to shut down anti-virus products

authors of (viruses and) worms
~ and viruses (computers)

viruses and worms
authors of ~ (computers)

computer: animal

wormhole (noun)

entered a strange wormhole
we ~ relevant to now (Oklahoma bombing podcast)

follows its protagonist down an Internet wormhole
the book ~

get drawn down these wormholes into strange worlds
people ~ (conspiracy theories)

fantasy & reality / portal: hole / physics

worm's-eye (adjective)

worm's-eye charm
the book has a ~ (about a lowly adjunct)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / ground, terrain & land / height / insect / position

worship (verb)

worship Snowbird Creek
trout fishing devotees ~ (Graham County, NC)

enthusiasm / importance & significance / reverence: religion / verb

worth (benefit)

worth it
it's not ~

worth (far) more than compulsion
voluntary discipline is ~

cost & benefit: money

wound (self-inflicted wound)

self-inflicted wounds
he also suffered politically from ~, like when he...

unforced error and a self-inflicted wound
he described it as an ~

left him with self-inflicted wounds
the pandemic has ~ (a politician)

♦ "...the constant danger of attack from Bolshevik forces caused a number of soldiers to intentionally wound themselves for the purpose of

evading service at the front; these men were court-martialed, as was a soldier guilty of 'misconduct before the enemy.' Apparently, self-inflicted gunshot wounds were not the only method used to avoid combat: Pvt. Charles F. Kingan was convicted of contracting 'a venereal disease through neglect thereby unfitting himself for active military duty against the enemy.' Some seventy men were convicted of this last offense; almost all received three months confinement at hard labor to discourage such behavior in the future." ("Bolsheviks, Polar Bears, and Military Law: The Experiences of Army Lawyers in North Russia and Siberia in World War I," by Fred L. Borch III.)

failure, accident & impairment: military / weapon

wound (salt in a wound)

salt on the wounds
it's ~ of the family (a tragic family accident)

pouring salt on their wounds
the arrest is only ~ (a tragic family accident)

rubs salt in the wounds
it ~ to find that...

rub salt into Saints' wound
to ~, Liverpool immediately scored (YNWA)

rub (some kind of) salt in the wound
does that ~ that... (injustice on top of injustice)

affliction: sensation / materials & substances

wound (lick one's wounds)

lick their wounds
the battered Anglo-French forces retired to Shanghai to ~
Man U flew home to ~ after their Europa League trauma

licking their wounds
a lot of stock market investors are ~

behavior / conflict: animal / predation

wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

wounds of Vietnam
healing the ~ (dissent vs. service)

wound of an unresolved conflict
the open ~

wounds of the past
cold cases rip open the ~ (crime investigations)

wounds of war
and with the ~ all but healed... (US / Vietnam)

wounds of the war
the center addresses both the invisible and visible ~

war wounds
the ~ are still raw (between Japan and its neighbors)

childhood wound
real healing of our ~s

long-standing wounds
the report could heal ~ (Hillsborough disaster)

deep wounds
the racist taunts opened ~ (Indonesian West Papua)

emotional wounds
people use drugs or sex to medicate ~

invisible wound
soldiers suffer from ~s (combat)
trying to heal the ~s caused by gunfire (gang violence)

old wounds
talking with me opened ~ (World War II vets)

open wound
this is an ~ in Swedish society (murder of Olof Palme)
because it is still an open case it is an ~ (manhunt)

racial wounds
help heal old ~

invisible and visible wounds
the center addresses both the ~ of the war

carry those wounds into adulthood
those who ~ (sexual abuse)

heal (old racial) wounds
help ~

heal the wounds
a ceremony of reconciliation meant to ~ (Nez Perce War)

licking their wounds
a lot of stock market investors are ~

open (old) wounds
these pictures will ~ (prisoner abuse repeated)

opens (old) wounds
today's decision ~ (results of a Swiss referendum)

reopen (old) wounds
trials would ~ (Bloody Sunday)

reopen (these old) wounds
why ~ (historic civil rights crimes)

♦ "You've got to open the wound and clean it before it can heal. It's as if we've had this open gash on the arm for 40 years and have done nothing but put a bandage on it." (James E. Prince III, on the arraignment of Edgar Ray Killen for the murders of 3 civil-rights workers 40 years earlier in Mississippi.)

♦ "Afghanistan is my sucking chest wound... wars do not end with a withdrawal or retreat or retrograde or the signing of a peace treaty. / Instead, they ebb and flow within the memories of those who were there and the ones who received an unfortunate knock on the door one day from people in uniforms." ("A U.S. Marine, A Curious Boy And An Unfathomable Moment" by AP investigative reporter James LaPorta, at NPR, September 9, 2021.)

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (A Turkish proverb.)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

wound (tightly wound)

tightly wound
he was bright, hardworking, but he seemed ~

character & personality: mechanism
feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

wounded (adjective)

wounded
the only candidate he trails is ~, perhaps mortally so

wounded nation
we were proud of our ~ (directly after 9/11)

fatally wounded
the campaign is ~ (politics / election)

remains (badly) wounded
the economy ~

condition & status: health & medicine

woven

woven into the fabric
cheating is ~ of accepted conduct
Arab Americans are deeply ~ of America
Mexico is deeply ~ of the US economy

woven through the fabric
their legacy is ~ of our nation today (WW II generation)

division & connection: cloth

wow (verb)

wowing audiences
he has been ~ for decades (a singer)

wow him
I did everything I could to ~ (an actor about his director)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / verb

wow (as noun)

wow moment
it creates a really ~ ("Deep Nostalgia" at MyHeritage)

stop at wow
his curiosity tended to ~ without getting to why (interview)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / part of speech

wrangle (verb)

wrangles over health care
GOP ~ (politics)

wrangle over debt limit
lawmakers continue to ~

wrangle over visas
U.S. and Cuba ~

wrangle for water
farmers and frackers ~ in shadow of drought (California)

wrangles his girls
Richard ~ (an overbearing tennis father)

wrangles Texas Longhorns
Alabama Crimson Tide ~ (American football)

wrangle those votes

he's using the full power of his office to ~ (politics)

♦ "Movin', movin', movin', / Though they're disapprovin' / Keep them dogies movin', rawhide! / Don't try to understand 'em, / Just rope 'em, throw, and brand 'em, / Soon we'll be livin' high and wide... / My heart's calculatin' / My true love will be waitin' / Be waitin' at the end of my ride..." (The song "Rawhide.")

conflict / control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse / verb

wrangler (person)

Data Wranglers

Online Editor, ~, VFX Artists... (job categories / films)

political wrangler

to get things done you needed a ~ (James Baker)

press wrangler

she started on the campaign as a ~ (press office)

snake wrangler

Pinyo is Bangkok's chief ~ (snake removal)

♦ "Once the ice blocks are lined up, they're pushed into a wooden chute and lifted, by pulley, into the ice house. A group of young, energetic 'wranglers' takes over from there. The ice blocks glide in like giant, high-speed hockey pucks. The crew inside has to be capable of dodging the blocks, hooking them with an ice pick and then stacking the 250-300-lb blocks one layer at a time until the ice house is nearly full." ("In Maine, Residents Slice Through Thick Ice To Keep A tradition From Melting Away" by Susan Sharon, NPR, All Things Considered, February 26, 2020. It's a slippery business!)

♦ "No, no, no, we don't need a coat wrangler." (A cute cartoon from Progressive Insurance. A man is trying to de-program first-home buyers from acting like their parents in a movie theater. The word's appearance in advertising is telling. It is the final stage of acceptance and sanctioning. And the ubiquity of advertising in the lives of most Americans will ensure the usage will spread.)

♦ "By 1830, nearly 20,000 wild cattle...roamed the main island alone, pillaging gardens, hiding in forests and ravines, and posing a serious threat to the locals. As the authors casually remind us, 'longhorns were the same breed of cattle that wranglers in Alta California would sometimes pit against grizzly bears for sport.'" ('Aloha Rodeo' Offers Alternative To The Cowboy Cliché" by Carson Vaughan, NPR, Book reviews, June 27, 2019. The book is by David Wolman and Julian Smith. It focuses on the cattle trade and the *paniolos*, the cowboys, of Hawaii.)

conflict / control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse / person

person: animal / cows & cattle / horse

wrangling

wrangling

after weeks of ~, an Israeli government takes shape

wrangling over subpoenas

the legal ~ (politics)

backstage wrangling

after weeks of ~, the Party has decided...

political wrangling

Constitution reading sparks ~ (Congress)

aggravating procedural wrangling

~ has wasted valuable time (climate change)

years of wrangling

after ~, the VA will provide vets with housing on...

rancor and wrangling

the election will cause much ~ (politics)

wrangling (over Yellowstone snowmobiles) ends
15 years of ~ (new rules)

conflict / control & lack of control: animal / cows & cattle / horse

wrap (under wraps)

kept the book under wraps

government pressure ~

kept his debt under wraps
he ~ (financial infidelity)

keep it under wraps

if they know something, they ~ (cops)

keep their wedding under wraps
the couple tried to ~

kept under wraps

terms of the agreement were ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)

took the wraps off its (latest) project

on Monday, Microsoft ~

inauguration: cloth / verb

wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)

takes the wraps off a (top-secret) mission
the book ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb

wraparound

wraparound porch

on the west side of its ~ porch

wraparound (double) deck
its ~ of stands

wraparound (NASCAR) sunglasses
they've got ~ and mullets

configuration: cloth

wrapped (covered)

wrapped with (thick) clouds
the upper mountain was ~ (Everest)

♦ "The living glow of the desert dawn wrapped a blue turban around the mountain's lofty peak." (Ibrahim al-Koni.)

cover / resemblance: cloth

wrapped (wrapped up in something)

wrapped up in the sex trade

middle-class kids also get ~

wrapped up in being

my identity had been ~ an athlete

get wrapped up in the sex trade

middle-class kids also ~

involvement: cloth

wrap up (verb)

wrap up within a few weeks
the work might ~ (investigation)

wrap up in 2020

the construction project was expected to ~

wrap up in May or June

that investigation is expected to ~ (government)

wraps on April 15

the session ~ (state legislature)

wrapped up the case

we ~ (an investigation)

wrap up a deal

is that possible that this week they could ~

wrap up the demonstration

activists agreed to ~ if the police...

wrapped up his report

he ~ on the president's address by... (newscaster)

wraps up today's show

that ~, thanks to everyone...

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: cloth / verb

wreck (verb)

wrecked his career

a throwing problem ~ (catcher can't throw to pitcher)

wrecking the markets

his wildly irresponsible comments are ~ (politics)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / ruins / verb

wreck (train wreck)

train wreck

that interview with those NALF women was a real ~
he is a ~ waiting to happen (job)

fiscal train wreck

a ~ looms ahead (deficit government spending)

extent of the train wreck

the diplomats don't fully comprehend the ~ (UN)

headed for a train wreck

we are ~ (a politician about budget proposal)

destruction: crashes & collisions / train

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / train

wreck (person)

wreck

emotionally, he was a ~

coke-sniffing wreck

he was a ~

nervous wreck

I was a ~ at the job interview

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / person / ruins

feeling, emotion & effect: crashes & collisions / destruction / ruins

wreckage (noun)

wreckage of misfortune

money to salvage a decent life from the ~

social wreckage

she describes the ~ of her bipolar episodes

salvage a (decent) life from the wreckage

money to ~ of misfortune

found a way out of his own wreckage

he ~ with the therapist's help

destruction: crashes & collisions / ruins

wrecked

wrecked by (phone) hacking

her life was ~

destruction: crashes & collisions / ruins

wrecking ball (noun)

wrecking ball to the status quo

the Black Panther Party promised radical action, a ~

wrecking-ball agenda

they have a ~ that is rooted in nationalism (politics)

5ft 10in wrecking ball

there was nowhere to hide against the ~ (Tyson vs. Bruno)

anti-globalist wrecking ball

she has done much to protect the UN from Trump's ~

take a wrecking ball to the organization

are you going to ~ (an financial official)

taken a wrecking ball to reform

they have ~ (Supreme Court)

takes a wrecking ball to its past

a danger of excess if the country ~ (cancel culture)

destruction / force: tools & technology

wrench (throw a wrench into something)

wrench in the gears

antiviral drugs are a ~ of the genetic machinery

throw a wrench into (contract) talks
the investigation could really ~ (union)

throw a wrench into the works
this could ~

throw a wrench in the works
does this ~ (negotiations)

disruption: engine / mechanism / verb
wrenching (adjective)

wrenching climax
the novel reaches a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

wrestle (verb)

wrestling over her emotions
she is ~ (a celebrity)

wrestles over whether
he ~ he should have moved to Atlanta

wrestle with
that's one of the issues we have to ~ (terrorism)

wrestle with (tough) decisions
as you ~

wrestling with these issues
the government is ~ (info in wartime)

wrestle with its (economic) problems
Uzbekistan is now free to ~

wrestle with changing
they ~ the system

♦ In "A Photographer's Pilgrimage," the great Kazuyoshi Nomachi has wonderful pictures and text relating to the actual annual wrestling matches in the Nuba Mountains in southern Sudan. A victor might win a wife.

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb / wrestling

wring (create)

wring a (big) profit from his restaurant
he hopes to ~

wring art out of the rubble
in Kosovo, artists ~

wring (more) water from (existing) supplies
conservation can ~

creation & transformation: pressure / verb
taking & removing: pressure / verb

wring (coerce)

wring concessions from banks
the government hopes to ~

wring (pay) concessions from the union
the city wants to ~

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / verb

wringer (through the wringer)

through the wringer

Nooo, this is terrible, that poor family has been ~

social-media wringer

Y.A. titles that passed through the ~ (books)

gone through the wringer

she has ~ with assorted investigations (a politician)

going through the wringer

you been ~ with all this shit going on (Bob Menery)

put contestants through the wringer

they ~ (a quiz show)

put the FAA through the wringer

the congressman ~ (congressional hearings)

put his (approval) rating through the wringer

the government shutdown ~ (politics)

put through the wringer

a black comedy about a weakling being ~

he has been ~ this week and deserves it (a sports doper)

Jolie is ~ in the film (*Those Who Wish Me Dead*)

♦ Younger teachers might not know what the washboard in a *washboard road* refers to. But I can remember my mother using one, as well as an electric wringer, and a clothes line.

♦ see also mill (through the mill)

experience: mechanism

accusation & criticism / affliction / oppression: clothing & accessories / mechanism / pressure

wrinkle (noun)

another wrinkle

~ in the trans-Atlantic relationship concerns Moscow

some wrinkles

there are some ~ to be ironed out

iron out wrinkles

they still need to ~ in their new contract

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth

wrist (slap on the wrist)

slap on the wrist

he needs more than just a ~ (justice / sentencing)

this ~ is an absolute miscarriage of justice

he served 13 years, not exactly a ~ (prison)

slap on the wrist for a pedophile

a ~ (title of article)

financial slap on the wrist

the FTC's fine will be more than just a ~ (on Facebook)

punishment & recrimination: hand

write (create)

write more chapters

it's been a storybook season, hopefully we can ~ (team)
write a (new) chapter
the protests could ~ in Arab politics

write his most glorious chapter
on Sunday he could ~ (Raheem Sterling, Euro 2020)

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

write (write out / off)

write you out
don't let anybody ~ (dwarf plays basketball)

wrote him off
people ~, said he had no heart, he quit... (a boxer)

wrote me off
my last fight everybody ~ (a boxer)

dismissal, removal & resignation: writing & spelling

writing (writing on the wall)

the writing on the wall for his campaign
with ~, he announced his withdrawal (election)

saw the writing on the wall
I don't think anyone ~ (private-equity firm shuts hospital)

future / time: religion / writing & spelling

fate, fortune & chance: Bible / religion / writing & spelling

written (written on it, etc.)

written all over it
the attack has Iran ~

written all over this
this has got upset ~

evidence: writing & spelling

written (fate)

written
it was ~ (said by a Muslim)

written in the stars
Neymar struck the winning penalty, it was ~, perhaps
♦ Auda: (To a stricken-looking Lawrence) Well, Lawrence... (Lawrence, distraught, rushes away, and Auda addresses Ali.) What ails the Englishman? / Ali: That that he killed was the man he brought out of the Nefud. / Auda: It was written, then... Better to have left him. (From the great David Lean film *Lawrence of Arabia*.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion / writing & spelling

future / time: religion / writing & spelling

written off

basically written off
he was ~, but he defied all his critics (Marvin Gaye)

dismissal, removal & resignation: writing & spelling

Y

y (pulpy, etc.)

animal-y
the samples were very ~ (a male evolutionary biologist)

angsty
~ music genre with roots in D.C. (crossword clue)

awards-y
some of his performances have felt ~

buzzy
see *buzzy (adjective)*

cheesy
it was super ~

corny
the ~ aspects of my personality

Etsy
~ sellers launch strike over increased fees

flirties
this girl's gonna have the ~ rollin' in (online dating)

insidery
I squeezed in as much ~ gay-culture stuff as I could...

mathy high
it can be a really ~ (solving crosswords)

Muckety
~ creates maps showing paths of influence (website)

Ozy
~ Media shuts down after reports of...

performancy
she had tattoos down her arms and was very ~, dramatic...

Poppy
~, a youth climate ambassador at COP26

pulpy
~ filmmaking at its entertaining best
I can read a bit faster if the book is ~ (Molly Young)

punchy
really ~ powerful moments (a queer LatinX youth poet)

radio-producery
and you approached this in a very ~ way (podcaster)

rapey behavior
Choc described engaging in “~” in 2014 (on a podcast)

selfie
are you ready to pout for your next ~ sesh
she fell off a cliff while taking a ~

sexy
see *sexy (adjective)*

sweary

Strong language, A ~ blog about swearing
thingies
I'm just trying to get more of these ~ (female)
see those yellow sparkly ~ right behind Dr. Strange
a pleather tunic with shoulder ~ (Glen Weldon)

thingy
and that glitter spray ~ (Glen Weldon)
a metal glove-thingy called the Infinity Gauntlet

troll-y
it seemed more than a bit ~ (Dahlia Lithwick)

'Who-y' thing
this is a very ~ for a Them to have done (*Who Weekly*)

◆ "This message comes from NPR sponsor Yogi Tea. For a delicious way to start your day, steep a citrusy cup of Yogi Sweet Tangerine Positive Energy Tea, blended with invigorating Yerba Mate..."

inclusion & exclusion: affix

yardstick (noun)

yardstick to measure
we need to know the actual distance so we have a ~

yardstick for measuring
the real ~ probability is "How surprised should we be?"

China's yardstick
India measures its economic development against ~

celestial yardstick
certain stars could serve as ~s to measure distances

most important yardstick
it is the ~ of their skill and achievement (birders' lists)

view money as a yardstick
I ~ for how much I've accomplished (versus greed)

use it as a yardstick
once you have an initial bracket, ~ for correction (artillery)

serve as (celestial) yardsticks
certain stars could ~ to measure larger distances

measurement: tools & technology

yawn (verb)

yawn (wide) open
the ship's hatches ~ (container ship full of cocoa)

resemblance: bodily reaction / verb

yawn (noun)

yawn
~, stop boring us ("Join the Discussion" snark)

big yawn
high school quickly became a ~ (bored teen)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

yawning (adjective)

yawning chasm

the ~ between city and countryside (China)

yawning deficit
government spending is to blame for the ~

yawning gap
the ~ is now wider (cultural and economic inequality)

yawning inequality
widespread poverty and ~

extent & scope: bodily reaction

year (year has come and gone)

year has come and gone
a ~ since we heard the news about Billy Joe

future / past & present / time: movement / verb

yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)

Yellow River
the ~ is known as the cradle of Chinese civilization

Yellow Sea
the ~ lies between China and the Korean Peninsula

proper name: color

geography: color / proper name

yesterday (the past)

one single yesterday
"I'd trade all my tomorrows, for that ~" (Pink)

yesterday and the day before
he is just as committed today as he was ~ (anti-terrorism)

happened yesterday
it has the feeling that it just ~ (9/11)

past & present / time: day

yesterday (I need it yesterday, etc.)

yesterday
this should have happened ~
moving US forces should have happened ~ (a hawk)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

yesteryear

standards of yesteryear
can Russia maintain the ~ (Soyuz rocket malfunction)

past & present / time: day

yoke (under the yoke)

under the yoke of corruption
the people have suffered for too long ~

under a yoke of hatred
~, prejudice and bigotry (Armenians in 1915)

oppression: animal

yoke (from the yoke)

from the yoke of (Arab) domination
we must liberate them ~ (Darfur)

free themselves from the yoke
they seek to ~ of the federal government

liberate the people from his yoke
we will ~ (Churchill / Hitler)

rescued them from the yoke
we ~ of dictatorship

wrest itself from the dollar yoke
China is seeking ways to ~ (SWIFT)

oppression: animal

yoke (other)

take up the yoke
more people must ~ of responsibility

threw off the yoke
they ~ of British colonial rule

throwing off the yoke
South American leaders are ~ of US imperialism

♦ The three types of yokes are: the head yoke, the neck yoke, and the withers yoke. India has the largest number of working oxen or cattle in the world.

oppression: animal

Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.)

Yosemite of Central Asia
people were calling the Ak-Su Valley the ~ (Kyrgyzstan)

referred to as the Yosemite of the East
Panther Valley, ~ (western North Carolina)

comparison & contrast / geography: epithet

young (adjective)

young
we'll see, the day is ~... (if government votes on bill)

young aircraft
very ~ also carry a high risk (of crashing)

young country
Macedonia is a ~

young (autumn) ice
Scott insisted on crossing to Cape Evans over the ~

young moon
a ~, just 24 hours old (astronomy)

young sea
the Mediterranean itself is a ~

young storm
a ~ of this type is called a tropical depression (38 mph)

young, thin

the ~ sea ice (*Polarstern*)

too young
the French wines had been drunk ~
he says the data is ~ to be sure (increase in fire tornadoes)

growth & development: baby / death & life

youngster (noun)

relative youngster
Ellison's Orange is a ~ (apple originated 1911)

growth & development: death & life

Young Turk

no Young Turk
Churchill was ~ daringly challenging received orthodoxy

♦ "The very first cell is in fact said to have been formed by army medical students as early as 1889—and though its members were by no means all military, nearly all were from the young officer class. They were not, in these early stages, dedicated to the overthrow of the Ottoman Empire; all they wanted was reform, and in particular westernisation. They remained, nonetheless, a potentially dangerous threat, and as time went on gave ever-increasing anxiety to Abdul-Hamid's secret police." (*The Middle Sea: A History of the Mediterranean* by the great historian John Julius Norwich.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: allusion / history
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: allusion / history

youth (development)

rowdy youth
he personified the American West in the days of its ~ (Pete Marker)

growth & development: death & life

yo-yo (verb)

yo-yoed between Academia.edu and the Borscht Belt
the prose ~ (*The Silence of the Girls*)

movement: direction / sports & games / verb

yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)

yo-yo dieting
~ is not good

yo-yo team
why the Tigers are such a ~ (Bangladeshi cricket)

♦ The World Yo-Yo Championship is held each year and has its own website.

♦ "Figure 7.13. (a) The modern yo-yo, basic version, which gives every indication of being the same as the (b) 480 BCE version from ancient Greece." (*Why the Wheel Is Round: Muscles, Technology, and How We Make Things Move* by Steven Vogel.)

movement: direction / sports & games

increase & decrease: direction / movement / sports & games

Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)

Asian Yugoslavia
Indonesia could have become an ~ (after Suharto)

division & connection: allusion / epithet / history

Z

zenith (at the zenith)

at its zenith

the fall marathon season is ~
Portugal then was ~ (history)

at the zenith of influence
he is ~ in Washington

**achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun**

zenith (during the zenith)

during its (commercial) zenith
the division sold millions ~ (cars)

**achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun**

zenith (other)

zenith of (judicial) restraint
the decision is the ~

zenith of splendor
under those Mogul emperors, Lahore reached a ~

zenith of wealth and power
Djenne and Timbuktu reached their ~ in the 16th century

glow of its zenith
the band has tried to capture the ~ (music)

zenith comes
the ~ on July 12 (Protestant marching in N. Ireland)

passed its zenith
liberal democracy has ~ (opinion)

reached its zenith
opera ~ during the romantic period

**achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun**

zero (place and time, etc.)

ground zero

Miami is ~ for climate change

patient zero

~, the first documented patient... (epidemiology)

Year Zero

this was the US version of ~ (9/11)

‘year zeros’

1485 is taken by historians to be one of the great ~ of history

♦ “In 1485 Henry Tudor slew Richard III and routed his army at the Battle of Bosworth Field. It was a decisive victory which founded a bold new dynasty; and this date like 1789 and 1066 has been taken by historians to be one of the great ‘year zeros’ of history. Suddenly the muddled Medieval World with its robber barons, feudal barbarism and bloody Wars of the Roses was banished, and the modern age of centralised

government and King’s Justice was ushered in.” (“The Tudor State,” BBC, In Our Time with the great Melvyn Bragg.)

♦ “I said, ‘No, the history begins today.’” (Richard Armitage, cutting off General Mahmood Ahmed, who was trying to explain to the former who the Taliban were. From “The Lie of Nation Building” by Fintan O’Toole, *The New York Review of Books*, October 7, 2021.)

♦ When the Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia in 1975, Pol Pot declared Year Zero. Everything before was to be eradicated.

origin: number

zero (from hero to zero, etc.)

gone from hero to zero
he has ~ (a politician)

went from pandemic hero to a political pariah
he ~ (Gov. Andrew Cuomo)

♦ “It’s been six years of trying times—so strange when one day you’re Cinderella, so to speak, and then in 0.6 seconds, you’re Quasimodo.” (The actor Johnny Depp, about how people’s attitudes towards him have changed. What he said also has an echo of go (*go from zero to one hundred, etc.*) in it.)

development / speed: number

zero hour (noun)

at the zero hour
the plot has been nipped in the bud ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour / military / number

zero in on (verb)

zeroing in on his location
police are ~

zero in on a suspect
investigators have been unable to ~ (Delphi IN murders)

zero in on the suspects
hundreds of tips helped them ~

target: weapon / verb

zig-zag (verb)

zig-zag
people ~ to avoid one another (social distancing / Covid)

shape: direction / letters & characters / verb

movement: direction / letters & characters / verb

zig-zag (noun)

zig-zag economy
Britain’s ~ (ups and downs)

zig-zag line
drivers are baffled by a double yellow ~ in the busy road

zig-zag lines
the yellow ~ mean stopping or waiting is prohibited

“zig-zag” path
the ~ connects Highcliffe Castle with the beach (Dorset)

shape: letters & characters

zilla (bridezilla, etc.)

BOSS-ZILLA!

~ (WSJ article about a Hollywood / Broadway producer)

Bridezilla

the ~ was hauled off from her reception to jail

guinea-zilla

meet ~, a guinea pig the size of a buffalo (Venezuela)

'Squawkzilla'

scientists discover prehistoric giant ~ parrot (New Zealand)

♦ "Bridal magazines were thick, and brides were zilla'd." (In the 1990s. A nice usage from "TOTN Summer Movie Series: Agony, Ecstasy, Felony—It Must be Matrimony" by Barrie Hardymon, NPR, Blog Of The Nation, August 7, 2008.)

♦ "Scientists Discover Prehistoric Giant 'Squawkzilla' Parrot, As Big As Small Child" by Vanessa Romo, NPR, Science, August 7, 2019.)

♦ "Put on the mask, we'll call you dwarfzilla." (Logan Paul to his good buddy Evan Eckenrode, aka "Dwarf Mamba.")

affliction: affix / allusion

allusion: film

size: allusion

zip (verb)

zipped through (many) witnesses

we ~ today (a trial)

speed: sound / verb

zombie (computers)

zombie

computers recruited as ~s need to be on when called

zombie attack

~s have tried to block access to Web sites

zombie computer

the user of a ~ is unaware it has been commandeered
~s can be used for denial-of-service attacks
one case involves as many as 300,000 ~s
the use of ~s to launch attacks is not new

zombie network

those seeking to create ~s, known as botnets

army of zombies

they band these computers together into an ~ (botnets)

ranks of zombies

hundreds of thousands of computers belong to the ~

computer: creature

zombie (control)

zombie satellites

~ are no longer under human control

~ have failed to some degree

beacons can still operate on ~

♦ Similar to ghost ships that drift with no control.

control & lack of control: creature

zombie (behavior)

mindless zombies

we are becoming ~ (reliance on smart phones, etc.)

woke zombies

where do these ~ come from (PACBs)

♦ "I decided to call it Ataxic Neurodegenerative Satiety Deficiency Syndrome. So ataxic, meaning you don't walk that well. And neurodegenerative means your brain stops working so you degenerate neurologically. Satiety is the sense that you're full and that's not working, so it's deficient. (Dr. Steven Schlozman of the Harvard Medical School, a lover of zombie movies.)

behavior / consciousness & awareness / feeling, emotion & effect: creature

zone (combat zone)

combat zone of massage parlors

the seedy, neon-drenched ~

known then as the 'Combat Zone'

Boston's red-light district, ~ (1979)

♦ "Our children are trained to operate in a combat zone, in a hostile environment." (School shootings.)

conflict / environment: military

zone (target zone)

"target zone" for your heart rate
exercising in a ~

target: weapon

zone (red zone, etc.)

red zone

that area is considered a ~, where you should not go

danger: color / sign, signal, symbol

zone (dead zone, etc.)

dead zone

the courthouse was a ~, as far as communication went

activity: death & life

zone (one's comfort zone)

get out of your comfort zone

~, we have to challenge ourselves (Simon Reeve)

disruption: place

zoo (environment)

zoo

it's a kind of ~ (social scene at Newport mansion)

♦ "We know who's who in the zoo, and we know how to find it out if we need to." (A member of the Metro Gang Unit about Salt Lake City and County. Law enforcement personnel must deal with Asian, Latino, and white supremacist gangs, not to mention the Tongan Crip Gang.)

environment: animal / zoo

zoo (group)

menagerie of (unruly and curiously assorted) ships
an admiral called it a ~ (British Navy in the 1880s)

zoo of (subatomic) particles
the Standard Model includes a ~ (physics)

group, set & collection: animal / zoo

zoom out (noun)

zoom-out of the larger war
the role of the US and the ~ on drugs

perception, perspective & point of view: film / position

zoom out (verb)

zoom out
I think we have to ~ and see some of the context here
I want to ~ a bit and get your sense of how... (NPR)

perception, perspective & point of view: film / position / verb

Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark

Zuckerberg, etc.)

known as the Russian Mark Zuckerberg
Telegram was found in 2013 by Pavel Durov, ~

comparison & contrast / importance & significance: epithet

The thesaurus / categories

ABILITY & LACK OF ABILITY (1) (see also knowledge & intelligence)

- affix: craft (ringcraft, etc.)
- animal: pony (one-trick pony)
- blade: edge (lose one's edge)
- books & reading: illiteracy (n), illiterate (adj), literacy (n), literate (adj)
- circus: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj), juggle (v), juggling
- creature: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), wizard (person), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.), wizardry (n)
- depth: depth (out of one's depth)
- epithet: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- football: triple threat
- gift: gift (gift for languages, etc.), gifted
- ground, terrain & land: way (know one's way around)
- health & medicine: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), handicapped, lean (size)
- horse: pony (one-trick pony)
- journeys & trips: way (know one's way around)
- knife: edge (lose one's edge)
- magic: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), wizard (person), wizardry (n)
- materials & substances: brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), flexible (adj), flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- mechanism: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology)
- mountains & hills: Sherpa (n)
- movement: acrobatic (adj), agile (adj), agility (n), clumsy (adj), flexible (adj), flexible (character), footwork (n), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), handicapped, inflexible (character), nimble (adj), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- music: chops (expertise), maestro (person)
- nose: nose (ability)
- person: acrobat (person), black belt (person), genie (knowledge), maestro (person), ninja (person), Sherpa (n), wizard (person)
- school & education: IQ (ability), study (quick study)
- sound: whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)
- speech: fluent (ability)
- sports & games: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), black belt (person), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), juggle (v), juggling, triple threat
- theater: pony (one-trick pony)
- tools & technology: bandwidth (n)
- verb: juggle (v), walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- walking, running & jumping: walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- water: depth (out of one's depth)

ABSORPTION & IMMERSION (1)

- air: permeate (v)
- animal: lap up (v), sponge (n), wallow (v)
- breathing: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- burial: bury (bury oneself in something, etc.)
- death & life: live (live and breathe, live to)

- depth: end (deep end)
- food & drink: drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), imbibe (v), ingest (v), lap up (v)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- smell: permeate (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something)
- tongue: lap up (v)
- verb: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), bury (bury oneself in something, etc.), dive (analyze), dive in (v), drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), etc.), imbibe (v), immerse (v), ingest (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe, live to), marinate (v), permeate (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), steep (v), suck up (v), throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / wade into), wallow (v)
- walking, running & jumping: wade (wade in / wade into)
- water: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), absorbed, bathing (forest bathing, etc.), dive (analyze), dive in (v), drenched, end (deep end), feet (get one's feet wet), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, marinate (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), soaked, sponge (n), steep (v), steeped, suck up (v), sunk in, throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / wade into)

ACCEPTANCE & REJECTION (1) (see also inclusion & exclusion)

- arm: arm (open arms), embrace (v), embraced
- back: back (turn one's back)
- bodily reaction: choke (v), retch (v)
- breathing: choke (v)
- color: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- container: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- direction: turn down (v)
- doors & thresholds: shut out (adj), shut out (v)
- family: adopt (v), adopted (adopted state, etc.), adopted
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- food & drink: choke (v), go down (digestion), hook (hook, line and sinker), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), retch (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- health & medicine: leper (person), quarantine (v)
- house: room (inclusivity), welcome (v), welcome (n)
- love, courtship & marriage: spurn (v), spurned
- mark: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- money: buy (buy into something), buy (accept), buy-in (n)
- part of speech: other (verb / groups, etc.), othered, othering, otherism (n)
- party: floor (dance floor), party (invited to the party, etc.)
- person: heretic (person), hermit (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), pariah (n), stranger (other)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- religion: heretic (person)
- sheep: fold (to / into the fold)
- snow & ice: freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- society: banish (v), banished, banishment (n), blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted, Brahmin (person), cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), inhospitable (adj), leper (person), non-person, ostracized (society), outcast (person), shun (v), shunned, Siberia (exile), stranger (other), table (groups), untouchable (person), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)

- speech: welcome (v), welcome (n)
- stomach: retch (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), swallowed
- table: table (groups)
- temperature: cold shoulder, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), warm (v)
- throat: choke (v), swallow (accept), swallowed
- throwing, putting & planting: outcast (person)
- verb: adopt (v), back (turn one's back), banish (v), blackball (v), buy (accept), choke (v), embrace (v), freeze out (v), go down (digestion), other (verb / groups, etc.), quarantine (v), retch (v), shun (v), shut out (v), spurn (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), take (refuse to take), turn down (v), warm (v), welcome (v)

ACCESS & LACK OF ACCESS (1)

- astronomy: black hole
- blood: vein (tap a vein)
- bottle: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something)
- color: black box (n), black hole, black site (national security)
- container: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access)
- crime: door (back door / illegality)
- doors & thresholds: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (back door / front door), door (and doorway / access), foot (foot in the door), gatekeeper (person), key (access), shut out (v), shut out (adj)
- epithet: gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)
- foot: foot (foot in the door)
- gate: gateway (gateway to India, etc.), gate (society), gatekeeper (person)
- key: key (access)
- light & dark: black hole, black site (national security)
- person: gatekeeper (person)
- society: gatekeeper (person)
- tent: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.)
- tools & technology: black box (n)
- verb: bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access), shut out (v), tap (v), tap into (v)
- water: tap (v), tap into (v)

ACCUSATION & CRITICISM (1) (see also punishment & recrimination)

- allusion: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- animal: savage (v), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- Bible: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- blade: hatchet job (n)
- boat: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- boxing: come (come out swinging), jab (n), pummel (v), punching bag (n)
- chemistry: vitriol (n)
- color: pot (pot calls the kettle black)
- cooking: grill (v), grilled, pot (pot calls the kettle black), skewer (v), skewered
- creature: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- crime: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hot seat (n), job (hit job, etc.)
- death & life: drive-by (conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.)
- direction: come down on (v), takedown (n)
- electricity: hot seat (n)
- explosion: blast (criticize), incoming (criticism)
- family: scold (v)
- finger: finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging

- fire: grill (v), grilled
- fist: bash (v), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), pummel (v)
- force: backhand (v), blast (criticize), hammer (criticize), lay (lay into), slam (v)
- gesture: finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (political dirt, etc.), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud), mudslinging (n), stone (throw stones, etc.), sully (v)
- hammer: hammer (criticize)
- health & medicine: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- history: tar and feather, etc.)
- hunting: go after (attack)
- hygiene: trash (n)
- justice: firing squad, hot seat (n)
- light & dark: shade (throw shade)
- lightning: thunderbolt (n)
- materials & substances: vitriol (n)
- mechanism: wringer (through the wringer)
- military: ammunition (and ammo), attack (under attack, etc.), blast (criticize), broadside (n), dressing down (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), firing squad, flak (criticism), fusillade (n), incoming (criticism), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- pile: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- predation: savage (v)
- pressure: wringer (through the wringer)
- religion: jeremiad (bitter lament), crucified, crucify (v)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- sound: rail (v), volume (turn up the volume, etc.)
- speech: assassination (character assassination), call out (v), callout (criticism), hammer (criticize), mudslinging (n), pilloried, pillory (v), potshot (n), rail (v), trash (v), trash (n)
- sports & games: cheap shot, game (blame game), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), takedown (n), tee off on (v)
- storm: thunderbolt (n)
- temperature: heat (criticism), hot seat (n)
- throat: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- tongue: tongue-lashing
- verb: backhand (v), bash (v), blast (criticize), call out (v), come down on (v), crucify (v), demonize (v), eviscerate (v), finger (point a finger), go after (attack), grill (v), hammer (criticize), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mud (drag something through the mud), pile on (gang up on), pillory (v), pummel (v), rail (v), scold (v), shade (throw shade), skewer (v), skewered, slam (v), snipe (v), sully (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), trash (v)
- violence: assassination (character assassination), backhand (v), bash (v), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), cheap shot, crucified, crucify (v), drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.), lash out (v), pillory (v), pilloried, pummel (v), savage (v), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- weapon: ammunition (and ammo), attack (under attack, etc.), attack (n), blast (criticize), broadside (noun), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), gun (criticism), gun (with guns blazing), hatchet job (n), incoming (criticism), potshot (n), salvo (n), shot (criticism), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- waste: trash (v), trash (n)
- whip: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)

- wrestling: takedown (n)

ACHIEVEMENT, RECOGNITION & PRAISE (1) (see also superlative)

- alcohol: toast (v), toast (acknowledgment)
- allusion: laurels (praise), titan (n)
- animal: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lionized
- apple: apple (Golden Apple / education)
- astronomy: rising (rising star, etc.), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), supernova (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- back: back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun)
- bird: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- boxing: Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.)
- creature: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- day: heyday (n)
- direction: apex (achievement), elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), summit (at the summit), top (excellence)
- dog: head (pat on the head)
- epithet: Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), dean (person), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), Elvis (Afghanistan's Elvis, etc.), Harvard (epithet), Hollywood (Hollywood of Africa, etc.), Michael Jordan (Michael Jordan of the dog-show world, etc.), Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.), Nobel (Nobel Prize of the Arab World, etc.), Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), savior (the savior of mothers, etc.), Springsteen (epithet), teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.)
- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son
- film: Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- fist: fist bump (n)
- gesture: applaud (v), applauded, back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun), cap (tip one's cap), fist bump (n), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), head (pat on the head), nod (acknowledge), nod (acknowledgement), salute (v), toast (v), toast (acknowledgment), thumbs-up
- government: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.), statesman (elder statesman, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.)
- hair: scalp (n)
- hand: thumbs-up
- hat: cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.)
- head: head (pat on the head)
- height: elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), lofty (adj), peak (at the peak), pinnacle (achievement), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), summit (at the summit), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- history: belt (notch in a belt), laurels (praise), scalp (n)
- horse: spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- infrastructure: milestone (n), pinnacle (achievement)
- journeys & trips: milestone (n)
- light & dark: leading light (person), luminary (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- lion: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lionized
- mark: belt (notch in a belt)
- military: badge (badge of honor), coup (achievement), medal (n), salute (v), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.)
- money: earn (v), tribute (pay tribute)

- mountains & hills: peak (at the peak), summit (at the summit)
- music: hymn (n), Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.), paean (n), praise (sing someone's praises), unsung (praise)
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), boy (golden boy), dean (person), favorite son, girl (golden girl), leading light (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), luminary (person), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), statesman (elder statesman, etc.)
- picture: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- position: top (excellence)
- proper name: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- religion: hymn (n)
- royalty: coronation (n)
- school & education: dean (person)
- sign, signal, symbol: apple (Golden Apple / education), badge (badge of honor), laurels (praise), lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), medal (n), milestone (n), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), thumbs-up
- size: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- sound: applaud (v), applauded, boo (v), boo (n), cheer (v), cheer (n), hurrah (and hoorah, etc.)
- speech: ode (praise), thank you (and thanks)
- sports & games: lap (victory lap), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), track record (good)
- star: rising (rising star, etc.), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), supernova (achievement)
- sun: zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- theater: gallery (cheering gallery)
- thumb: thumbs-up
- tree: laurels (praise)
- verb: applaud (v), boo (v), cap (tip one's cap), cheer (v), earn (v), elevate (v), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), nod (acknowledge), praise (sing someone's praises), rise (achieve), salute (v), toast (v)
- violence: belt (notch in a belt), coup (achievement), scalp (n)
- writing & spelling: letter (love letter)

ACTION, INACTION & DELAY (1) (see also confronting, dealing with & ignoring things)

- allusion: fabius (Fabius Maximus), Gordian knot
- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), roll (slow-roll)
- cards: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- clock: clock (run the clock, etc.)
- consumption: time (lose time, etc.)
- foot: feet (drag one's feet), foot-dragging
- football: clock (run the clock, etc.), tackle (v)
- gambling: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- gesture: hand (throw up one's hands), shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- government: red tape
- ground, terrain & land: dust (collect dust)
- hand: hand (throw up one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handwringing (n), hold (on hold), holdup (n)
- justice: stay (stay of execution)
- mechanism: button (push a button / action), button (pause button), pause (v), pause (n)
- military: fabius (Fabius Maximus), stand down (v)
- money: time (buy time, etc.)

- movement: can (kick the can down the road), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), inertia (n), move (take action), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), sit (sit on one's hands), slow (adj), stand by (v)
- part of speech: fabius (Fabius Maximus)
- plane: pattern (holding pattern)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (all in)
- religion: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- rope: Gordian knot
- shoulder: shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- sleep: nap (noun)
- snow & ice: ice (put on ice / delayed)
- sports & games: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), clock (run the clock, etc.), gun (jump the gun), tackle (v), waiting game
- standing, sitting & lying: sit (sit on something), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v)
- temperature: ice (put on ice)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- verb: button (push a button / action), can (kick the can down the road), clock (run the clock, etc.), double down (v), feet (drag one's feet), fire (hang fire), hand (sit on one's hands), gun (jump the gun), hand (throw up one's hands), handle (deal with), move (take action), needle (move the needle, etc.), pass (cards), pause (v), put off (v), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), shoot (shoot first), shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), sit (sit on something), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v), tackle (v), time (waste time), time (buy time, etc.), time (lose time, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger), walk (slow-walk)
- walking, running & jumping: can (kick the can down the road), foot-dragging, road (push something down the road), tackle (v), walk (slow-walk)
- weapon: draw (late / early on the draw), fire (hang fire), shoot (shoot first), trigger (pull the trigger)

ACTIVITY (1)

- air: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- alcohol: ferment (v), ferment (n)
- animal: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), crawl (activity), dormant (adj), fly (activity), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), hornet's nest, hum (n), lie low (and lay low), roar (activity), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- atmosphere: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- bird: fly (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- bubble: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- chemistry: ferment (v), ferment (n)
- creature: ghost town
- death & life: alive (activity), alive (come alive), dead (activity), dormant (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), life (spring to life), suspended animation, zone (dead zone, etc.)
- direction: time (down time / activity)
- engine: gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (hum along), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- explosion: boom (jade boom, etc.), boom (increase), burst (activity), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- fire: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burning (slow-burning), smolder (v)
- flying & falling: flurry (activity), fly (activity)
- force: rage (v), raging (adj)
- health & medicine: comatose (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch (n), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), lethargic (adj), paroxysm (other), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), torpor (n)

- heating water: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- history: gold rush
- insect: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), beehive (activity), buzz (activity), crawl (activity), hive (n), hornet's nest, hum (n), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- light & dark: alight (activity), light up (activity)
- mechanism: comatose (adj), gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (hum along), hum (n), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- mental health: frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rage (v), raging (adj)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: bonanza (n), gold rush
- movement: astir (adj), busy (active), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), feverish (adj), feverishly, hop (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), paroxysm (other), rage (v), raging (adj), rush (oil rush, etc.), scramble (v), spasm (n), swing (in full swing), swirl (v), thrum (v), whirl (n)
- pendulum: swing (in full swing)
- predation: frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bubble up (v)
- rain: flurry (activity)
- sleep: astir (adj), awaken (nature, etc.), comatose (adj), dormant (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), restlessness, sleepy (activity), wake (resemblance)
- snow & ice: freeze (v), freeze (activity), frozen (activity)
- sound: abuzz, boom (increase), buzz (activity), chatter (signals intelligence, etc.), hum (n), hum (hum along), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), quiet (adj), roar (activity), static (n), thrum (v)
- speech: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- sports & games: scrum (reporters)
- standing, sitting & lying: lie low (and lay low)
- storm: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), storm (calm before the storm), whirlwind (n)
- temperature: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), cold (cold case, etc.), cool (cool off / activity), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch, frozen (activity), heat up (v), hot (adj), hotspot (place), lukewarm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- verb: boom (increase), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), convulse (v), cool (cool off / activity), crawl (activity), dart (dart about), ferment (v), fly (activity), freeze (v), heat up (v), hop (v), hum (hum along), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), lie low (and lay low), life (spring to life), light up (activity), percolate (v), rage (v), simmer (v), scramble (v), swirl (v), smolder (v), swarm (v), thrum (v), wake (resemblance)
- walking, running & jumping: hop (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), scramble (v)
- water: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble (activity), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), calm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), swirl (v), tranquil (activity)
- weapon: dart (dart about)
- wind: calm (activity), cyclone (n), flurry (activity), hurricane (n), tranquil (activity), whirlwind (n)

ADDICTION (2) (see also health & medicine)

- behavior: addictive (adj), holic (shopaholic, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: opiate (n), opium (n)
- dependency: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- enthusiasm: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), addictive (adj), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), fix (daily fix, etc.), habit (enthusiasm), high (enthusiasm), hooked, junkie (game junkie, etc.), withdrawal (feeling)
- fantasy & reality: pipe dream, rabbit hole (fantasy)
- feeling, emotion & effect: addictive (adj), narcotic (n), withdrawal (feeling)

- person: addict (chess addict, etc.), junkie (game junkie, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overdose (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: brain (on the brain)

ADMIRATION & CONTEMPT (1)

- bodily reaction: laughed out (of court, etc.)
- direction: below (behavior), beneath (behavior), high (noble), look down on (something), look up to (somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), talk down to (somebody)
- doors & thresholds: doormat (person)
- eye: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), nose (look down one's nose)
- gesture: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), nose (look down one's nose)
- height: high (noble), look up to (somebody), look down (look down on somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), pedestal (on a pedestal), pedestaled, talk down to (somebody)
- nose: nose (look down one's nose)
- person: doormat (person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- sound: laughed out (of court, etc.)
- statue: pedestaled
- verb: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), talk down to (somebody)
- waste: trashy (adj)

AFFIX (2)

- ability & lack of ability: craft (ringcraft, etc.)
- affliction: Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- area: scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (blogosphere, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: forward (future forward, etc.)
- behavior: holic (shopaholic, etc.), overboard (behavior), overreach (v)
- comparison & contrast: acrobatic (adj), anthemic (adj), Arthurian (adj), bestial (adj), Caligulan, cavernous (adj), chameleonic (adj), cherubic (adj), Churchillian (adj), Cromwellian (adj), Dantesque (adj), Darwinian (adj), demonic (adj), Dickensian (adj), diplomatic (adj), draconian (adj), elegiac (adj), encyclopedic (adj), Faustian (adj), fetishistic (adj), foundational (adj), funereal (adj), Gandhian (adj), Homeric (adj), herculean (adj), iconic (adj), Kafkaesque (adj), Lawrence of Arabia-esque, like (Svengali-like, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), magnetic (adj), Manichean (adj), Martian (adj), meteoric (adj), mountainous (adj), murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.), Napoleonic (adj), nightmarish (adj), nomadic (adj), O. Henry-esque, Orwellian (adj), palatial (adj), Panglossian (adj), paradisiacal (and paradisal), piratical (adj), procrustean (adj), promethean (adj), quixotic (adj), Shakespearean (adj), Sisyphean (adj), size (and sized / affix), Solomonic (adj), spartan (adj), talismanic, torturous, thunderous (adj), volcanic
- constraint & lack of constraint: overreach (v)
- destruction: breaker (deal-breaker, etc.)
- disruption: breaker (deal-breaker, etc.)
- enthusiasm: head (Deadhead, etc.), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)
- environment: scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (blogosphere, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: mis (misbehave, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: over (affix), under (affix)
- identity & nature: ness (Asian-ness, etc.)
- inclusion & exclusion: adjacent (rich-adjacent, etc.), ery (badassery, etc.), ification (memeification, etc.), ified (Principified, etc.), ify (mainstreamify, etc.), ism (racism, etc.), ization (marginalization, etc.), ize (racialize, etc.), ized (invisibilized, etc.), ness (Asian-ness, etc.), wash (greenwash, etc.), y (pulpy, etc.)

- increase & decrease: besity (infobesity, etc.)
- restraint & lack of restraint: overboard (behavior)
- reversal: un (undo this hurt, etc.)
- restraint & lack of restraint: overboard (behavior), overreach (v)
- searching & discovery: naut (Argonaut, etc.)
- size: besity (infobesity, etc.)
- speech: ese (legalese, etc.), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), talk (mediator talk, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: over (affix), overdose (n), overheated (adj), overinflated (adj), under (affix)
- superiority & inferiority: out (outpace, etc.)
- superlative: uber (uber-interesting, etc.)

AFFLICTION (1)

- affix: Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- allusion: albatross (n), dog (dogs of war), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), fury (creature), hector (v), Minotaur, monster (create a monster, etc.), nemesis (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- animal: albatross (n), animal (insult), back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person), badger (v), barnacle (affliction), bete noire (black beast), bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dog (dogs of war), dogged (hounded), eat (destroy), encrustation (affliction), gadfly (person), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), hound (v), hounded (dogged), leech (person), octopus (n), parasite (person), pest (person), pester (v), piranha (predation), pursue (afflict), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), shark (predation), tentacle (n), vulture (behavior), wolf (predation)
- arm: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- atmosphere: fallout (effect)
- back: back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person)
- bird: albatross, vulture (behavior)
- blade: cut (a thousand cuts)
- boat: barnacle (affliction), encrustation (affliction)
- bodily reaction: choke (v)
- breathing: choke (v)
- burden: bear (a weight, etc.), barnacle (affliction), burden (v), burden (n), encrustation (affliction), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- color: bete noire (black beast)
- container: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- cooking: skewer (v), skewered
- creature: bedevil (v), bedeviled, bogeyman (and boogeyman), demon (affliction), devil (evil), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), fury (creature), genie (initiation), ghost (memory), gremlin (n), haunt (v), haunted, Minotaur, monster (create a monster, etc.), monster (affliction), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pursue (afflict), specter (n), vampire (n)
- dog: bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dog (dogs of war), dogged (hounded), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- finger: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched
- fish: piranha (predation)
- fist: smitten (afflicted)
- food & drink: choke (v), eat (destroy)
- health & medicine: boil (affliction), cancer (n), cancerous (adj), contagion (n), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), disease (affliction), epidemic (n), fester (v), festering (adj), gall (v), growth (cancerous, etc.), headache (n), hives (n), infection (corruption), ill (ills of society, etc.), malignant (adj), metastasize (v),

metastasizing (adj), migraine (n), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), paroxysm (other), pathology (n), patient zero, plague (v), plague (n), plagued, pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, rash (affliction), scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), sore (affliction), sickness (n), smitten afflicted), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), syndrome (n), tumor (n), ulcer (n), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

- hole: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- horse: gadfly (person), pester (v), saddle (a burr in the saddle)
- hunting: bird-dog (v), follow (afflict), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- Iliad & Odyssey: hector (v)
- insect: gadfly (person), infest (v), infested, pest (person), pester (v), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- justice: nemesis (n)
- knife: cut (a thousand cuts)
- magic: curse (n), cursed
- mark: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- materials & substances: wound salt in a wound)
- mechanism: mill (through the mill), put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- movement: convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), paroxysm (other), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj)
- neck: neck (pain in the neck), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect)
- person: backbiter (person), gadfly (person), leech (person), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), parasite (person), pest (person)
- plant: bane (n), thorn (n), thorny (adj)
- predation: backbiter (person), eat (destroy), piranha (predation), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- pressure: wringer (through the wringer)
- religion: bedevil (v), bedeviled, curse (n), cursed, devil (evil), fury (creature), nemesis (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- sea: barnacle (affliction), encrustation (affliction)
- sensation: gall (v), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), irritant (n), irritated, needle (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, saddle (a burr in the saddle), shoe (a stone in the shoe), thorn (n), thorny (adj), wound (salt in a wound)
- shark: shark (predation)
- sign, signal, symbol: octopus (n), tentacle (n), shark (predation), vulture (behavior), wolf (predation)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: boil (affliction), ulcer (n)
- speech: nag (v), nagging (adj)
- teeth: gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.)
- throat: choke (v)
- verb: badger (v), bear (a weight, etc.), bedevil (v), burden (v), choke (v), convulse (v), dog (afflict), eat (destroy), fester (v), follow (afflict), gall (v), gnaw (v), haunt (v), hector (v), hound (v), infest (v), metastasize (v), nag (v), needle (v), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pester (v), plague (v), pockmark (v), pursue (afflict), scar (psychologically scar), skewer (v), torture (afflict), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress)
- violence: scourge (n), torture (afflict), torture (affliction), tortured, waterboarding (n)
- weapon: shrapnel (n), smitten (afflicted)
- weight: bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- whip: scourge (n)
- wolf: wolf (predation)
- wounds & scars: scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

AIR (2) (see also atmosphere; sky; wind)

- absorption & immersion: permeate (v)
- activity: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- amelioration & renewal: air (breath of fresh air), air (clear the air)
- amount & effect: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- appearance: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- attenuation: deflate (pressure)
- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air)
- concealment & lack of concealment: air (expose)
- conflict: turbulence
- corruption: miasma (n)
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- direction: weather vane (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: filter (v)
- environment: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: sky (the sky can fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), climate (work climate, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- force: downdraft (n)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- identity & nature: air (environment)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n), overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v)
- initiation: oxygen (fuel)
- origin: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- presence & absence: air (anger in the air, etc.), vacuum (n), void (n)
- speech: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (speech), vapor (n)
- substance & lack of substance: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), vapor (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: oxygen (life)

ALCOHOL (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: toast (v), toast (acknowledgment)
- activity: ferment (v), ferment (n)
- behavior: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), holic (shopaholic, etc.), inebriate (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bootleg (adj), bootlegger
- consciousness & awareness: black out (v)
- control & lack of control: drunk (adj)
- enthusiasm: intoxicating (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: drunk (adj), hangover (alcohol), intoxicate (v), intoxicated, intoxicating (adj), sober (v), sober (adj), sobering (adj)

- mixture: cocktail (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- subterfuge: bootleg (adj)

ALLEGIANCE, SUPPORT & BETRAYAL (1) (see also help & assistance; sanctioning, authority & non-conformity; unanimity & consensus)

- allusion: believer (true believer)
- animal: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), rat (betray), rat (a snitch), shark (thrown to the sharks), turn (turn against / on something), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced, pull (pull for someone)
- atmosphere: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry), wind (dangle in the wind)
- back: back (support / verb), back (behind somebody's back), backed, backing (support), backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- baseball: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.)
- Bible: Judas (betrayal)
- blade: cutthroat (competition)
- boat: board (on board), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n), overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship (abandon / jump ship)
- boxing: corner (in one's corner)
- bullet: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- burden: pull (pull for someone)
- cards: in (all in)
- carpets & rugs: rug (pull the rug out)
- clothing & accessories: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry)
- container: out (want out)
- corner: corner (in one's corner)
- direction: back (support / verb), bring around (v), down (down for something), lean towards (v), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person), turn (turn against / on something), up (up for something)
- epithet: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- fence: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-straddling)
- flags & banners: banner (under the banner), banner (behind the banner), banner (banner of Islam, etc.), flag (rally around the flag), rally (v)
- food & drink: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- fortification: insider (insider attack, etc.)
- gambling: horse (back the wrong horse), in (all in)
- gesture: embrace (v), hand (raise one's hand)
- government: vote (n)
- hand: hand (raise one's hand)
- heart: heart (allegiance), heart (change of heart), hearts and minds
- history: fealty (n), river (sell somebody down the river), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- horse: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- infrastructure: prop (n), prop up (v)
- knife: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- line: rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- love, courtship & marriage: bed (jump into bed with someone), infidelity (n)
- materials & substances: stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick together (v)
- mechanism: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- Middle Ages: champion (v), champion (n), championed, fealty (n), ring (kiss the ring)

- military: AWOL, desert (v), insurrection, post (abandon one's post), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), soldier (n), traitor (person), treason (n), troops (supporters)
- mining: prop (n), prop up (v)
- money: buy (buy into something), buy-in (n), sell out (v)
- number: count on (count on me, etc.)
- person: backstabber (person), rat (a snitch), renegade (person)
- position: back (support / verb), backed, backing (support), beside (support), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (opposition), behind (support), beside (support), down (down for something), for (support), in (all in), out (want out), stand (stand behind something, etc.), there (there for me, etc.), up (up for something), with (support)
- rat: rat (betray), rat (a snitch)
- religion: faith (n), Judas (betrayal), recant (v), renegade (person), ring (kiss the ring)
- river: river (sell somebody down the river)
- royalty: fealty (n)
- shark: shark (thrown to the sharks)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- speech: betrayed
- sports & games: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), win over (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by (support), stand up (stand up for something), stand with (support)
- temperature: lukewarm (feeling)
- tent: tent (pitch one's tent)
- train: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- verb: back (support / verb), bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), bed (jump into bed with someone), bring around (v), bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bus (throw somebody under the bus), champion (v), count on (count on me, etc.), desert (v), embrace (v), fence (straddle the fence), hand (raise one's hand), hang (hang somebody out to dry), horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), jump (leave), lean towards (v), lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.), overboard (thru somebody overboard), post (abandon one's post), prop up (v), pull (pull for someone), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rat (betray), recant (v), river (sell somebody down the river), rug (pull the rug out), sell out (v), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stab (stab somebody in the back), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by (support), stand up (stand up for something), stand with (support), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick together (v), turn (turn against / on something), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something), walk (walk away from something), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), win over (v), wind (dangle in the wind), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- violence: bus (throw somebody under the bus), cutthroat (competition), lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), jump (leave), step (every step of the way), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), walk (walk away from something)
- weapon: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- weight: weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)
- wind: wind (dangle in the wind)
- wolf: wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)

ALLUSION (1)

- books & reading: Arthurian (adj), Big Brother (oppression), brave new world, Brobdingnagian (adj), Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Catch-22, Cinderella, Colonel Blimp, curioser and curioser, Cyclops (creature), Dantesque (adj), Darwinian (adj), Dickensian (adj), Don Juan, Faust (n), Faustian (adj),

- Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), gargantuan (size), Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Good Earth (Pearl Buck), Great Gatsby, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Kafkaesque (adj), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lawrence (T.E.), Lilliputian (adj), lily (gild the lily), Looking Glass, Lord of the Flies, love (love that dare not speak its name), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.), monster (create a monster, etc.), nineteen eighty four (and 1984), O. Henry, Orwell, Orwellian (adj), Panglossian (adj), pied piper, pitchfork (oppression), Pollyanna, Pollyannaish, profile (profile in courage), Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Robin Hood, Robinson Crusoe, Romeo and Juliet (epithet), Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.), Shakespearean (adj), Shangri-la, Sherlock Holmes, Sisyphean (adj), shot (shot heard round the world), sleeping beauty, story (Just-so story), Svengali (allusion), Tale of Two Cities, Voldemort, Walter Mitty, whale (White Whale), windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.), wolf (cry wolf), world (lost world)
- film: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), Chinatown (the film), Groundhog Day (film) Hunger Games (film), Mini-Me, Rashomon (point of view), Star Wars (film), Wizard of Oz, zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
 - military: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), ersatz (substitute), fabius (Fabius Maximus), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), Geneva Convention, Maginot Line, Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), Thermopylae, Waterloo (figurative)

ALLUSION (2)

- accusation & criticism: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- achievement, recognition & praise: laurels (praise), titan (n)
- action, inaction & delay: fabius (Fabius Maximus), Gordian knot
- affliction: albatross (n), dog (dogs of war), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), fury (creature), hector (v), Minotaur, monster (create a monster, etc.), nemesis (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: believer (true believer)
- alternatives & choices: cornucopia (variety), Hobson's choice, Scylla and Charybdis
- amelioration & renewal: Fountain of Youth, Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n)
- amount: cornucopia (variety), Lucullan (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: Rosetta Stone
- appearance: Adonis (handsome)
- appearance & reality: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum, it girl (and it drug, etc.), shot (shot heard round the world), Streisand (Streisand effect)
- attraction & repulsion: pied piper, siren (siren call / siren song), siren (other)
- behavior: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.)
- Bible: Lazarus (Bible)
- biodiversity: Noah's Ark
- certainty & uncertainty: Bermuda Triangle
- character & personality: Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Colonel Blimp, Don Juan, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), Panglossian (adj), Pollyanna, Pollyannaish (adj), stoic (adj), Svengali (allusion)
- coercion & motivation: hector (v)
- commitment & determination: believer (true believer), boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- competition: Darwinian (adj), Hunger Games (film), race (arms race)
- complexity: Gordian knot, labyrinth (n)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Delphic (adj), eureka (moment, etc.), Rosetta Stone

- concealment & lack of concealment: love (love that dare not speak its name), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), Streisand (Streisand effect)
- conflict: cold war, Gandhian (adj)
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), road (road to Damascus)
- constraint & lack of constraint: envelope (push the envelope)
- control & lack of control: King Canute, Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- cost & benefit: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose), Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- creation & transformation: muse (person), Phoenix (myth), procrustean (adj)
- danger: kryptonite (n), Scylla and Charybdis
- dependency: banana republic
- destruction: apocalypse (n), Armageddon, heart (stake through the heart, etc.), holocaust (n), kiss of death, kryptonite (n), Phoenix (myth), vandal (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: herculean (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, promethean (adj), Sisyphean (adj)
- direction: breadcrumb (evidence)
- disruption: Bolshevik, Che Guevara, Danton, Jacobin
- division & connection: apartheid (separation), iron curtain, Maginot Line, Paradise Lost (allusion), Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)
- environment: Dantesque (adj), Dickensian (adj), frog (frog in boiling water), never-never land, Promised Land
- evidence: breadcrumb (evidence)
- fantasy & reality: Arthurian (adj), Bermuda Triangle, Black Mirror, curiouser and curiouser, El Dorado, Groundhog Day (film), heffalump (creature), Kafkaesque (adj), never-never land, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Star Wars (film), surreal (adj), Twilight Zone, Walter Mitty, windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: boat (burn one's boats), chalice (poisoned chalice), Chinatown (the film), devil (deal with the devil), Faust (n), Faustian (adj), kiss of death, midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: Chinatown (the film), stoic (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Panglossian (adj)
- geography: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- group, set & collection: cornucopia (variety), Noah's Ark
- help & assistance: Marshall Plan
- hierarchy: patrician
- identity & nature: believer (true believer), no (no Jack Kennedy, etc.), patrician
- importance & significance: titan (n), triumvirate (n)
- initiation: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), ship (launched a thousand ships)
- judgment: draconian (adj), nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
- knowledge & intelligence: Einstein (intelligence)
- message: Cassandra, jeremiad (bitter lament), messenger (shoot the messenger)
- migration: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), migration (the Great Migration, etc.)
- military: Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.)
- money: Great Gatsby, Lucullan (adj), Lucullus (epithet), Midas (Midas touch)
- oppression: Big Brother (oppression), brave new world, Cinderella, Cromwellian (adj), Cyclops (creature), Dark Star, draconian (adj), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), Hunger Games (film), inquisition (n), Lord of the Flies, McCarthy, McCarthyism, McCarthyite, nineteen eighty four (and 1984), Orwell, Orwellian (adj), pitchfork (oppression), procrustean (adj), reign of terror / fear, etc., Voldemort, witch hunt
- origin: Phoenix (myth)
- past & present: ancien regime
- perception, perspective & point of view: Rashomon (point of view), Rorschach (test)

- power: complex (military-industrial complex, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ancien regime, it girl (and it drug, etc.), Methuselah, old guard
- product: Frankenstein (product)
- proper name: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Achilles' heel (n), Great Wall of China
- punishment & recrimination: nemesis (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: Houdini, Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- relationship: Mini-Me, muse (person)
- repetition: Groundhog Day (film)
- resemblance: Mini-Me, proverbial (adj)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Thermopylae, Young Turk
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), envelope (push the envelope)
- revenge: nemesis (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: promethean (adj), shibboleth (n), Young Turk
- searching & discovery: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), rabbit hole (exploration), rainbow (searching and discovery), Sherlock Holmes
- sex: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan
- situation: Dantesque (adj), frog (frog in boiling water)
- size: behemoth (n), Brobdingnagian, colossal (adj), David (David and Goliath, etc.), gargantuan (size), Goliath (Bible), jumbo (large), Krakatoan (adj), Leviathan, Lilliputian (adj), Olympian (size), Pharaonic (adj), spartan (adj), titan (n), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- speech: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: swan song
- strength & weakness: Achilles' heel (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- substance & lack of substance: clothes (the emperor has no clothes)
- subterfuge: breadcrumb (v), breadcrumbed, breadcrumbing, curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), Svengali (allusion), Trojan Horse (subterfuge), Wizard of Oz
- success & failure: Cinderella, Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: cornucopia (variety)
- superlative: Homeric (adj), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Promised Land, Valhalla (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: Lazarus (Bible), legend (n), Methuselah, Phoenix (myth)
- taking & removing: Robin Hood
- time: ancien regime, legend (n)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- transmission: Johnny Appleseed
- violence: Lord of the Flies
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), whale (White Whale)
- warning: wolf (cry wolf)
- worth & lack of worth: egg (golden egg), fool's errand, goose (golden goose), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)

ALTERNATIVES & CHOICES (1)

- allusion: cornucopia (variety), Hobson's choice, Scylla and Charybdis
- books & reading: Catch-22
- color: palette (n)
- direction: turn (turn to something, etc.)
- food & drink: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (computer), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)

- hand: hand (on the one / other hand)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Scylla and Charybdis
- journeys & trips: crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), path (alternatives and choices), road (fork in the road, etc.)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- path: path (alternatives & choices)
- tools & technology: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- verb: choose (chose me, found me, etc.)

AMELIORATION & RENEWAL (1)

- air: air (breath of fresh air), air (clear the air)
- allusion: Fountain of Youth, Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n)
- animal: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), calm (v), tame (v)
- atmosphere: air (clear the air), air (breath of fresh air)
- baby: newborn
- ball: rebound (on the rebound)
- Bible: Lazarus (Bible)
- birth: newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- blade: hack (fix), hack (a fix), hacking (fixing), hone (v), sharpen (v)
- boat: bailout (n), bail out (save), barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), damage control, righted, salvage (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- breathing: breathing space (and breathing room), life (breathe life)
- bridge: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- bullet: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)
- burden: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), get out (get out from under)
- burial: ghost (bury the ghost)
- cloth: iron out (v), patch (and patch up), patched, untangle (v)
- cows & cattle: beefed up, beef up (v)
- creature: exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost)
- death & life: alive (come alive), Fountain of Youth, invigorate (v), Lazarus (Bible), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), newborn, reinvigorate (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v)
- destruction: piece (pick up the pieces)
- direction: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), straighten out (v), turn around (turn things around, etc.)
- document: lease (lease on life)
- doors & thresholds: open (after lockdown, etc.)
- electricity: battery (recharge one's batteries, etc.)
- engine: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- epithet: spring (Arab Spring, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), right (right a wrong, etc.), stabilize (v)
- explosion: defuse (v)
- face: facelift (n)
- fence: fence (mend fences)
- fire: ashes (from the ashes), burn off (v)
- food & drink: beefed up, beef up (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), spice up (v), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)
- foot: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- fountain: Fountain of Youth
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring back (restore)

- ground, terrain & land: swamp (drain the swamp)
- history: renaissance (n)
- hardness & softness: cushion (v), cushion (n), smooth (v), soften (speech)
- health & medicine: anodyne (adj), antidote (n), balm (n), Band-Aid (n), bromide (n), cure (n), cure (v), cure-all, disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), heal (v), inject (fresh blood, etc.), invigorate (v), lance (v), lanced, life (breathe life), mend (on the mend), nostrum (n), panacea (n), pill (miracle pill), prescription (n), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), remedy (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), salve (n), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), soothe (sensation), surgery (n), tonic (effect)
- house: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (a house in order), house (clean house)
- hygiene: act (clean up one's act), broom (broom of reform, etc.), clean (come clean), clean (v), clean up (improve), cleanse (make clean), disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), house (clean house), order (get something in order, etc.)
- infrastructure: bolster (v), bolstered, buttress (v), outlet (n), put (put something back together), prop (n), prop up, rebuild (v), reinforce (v), scaffolding, shored up, shore up (v), smooth (smooth the road, etc.)
- journeys & trips: path (clear a path), smooth (smooth the road, etc.), way (pave the way)
- key: unlock (v)
- knife: hone (v), sharpen (v)
- light & dark: clear up (v), polish (v)
- magic: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.), dust (fairy dust, etc.), magic (magic bullet, etc.), talisman (n), talismanic (adj), wand (magic wand)
- manufacturing: recycle (v), salvage (v)
- meat: beefed up, beef up (v)
- mechanism: fix (v), lubricant (social lubricant, etc.), mend (on the mend), mend (v), put (put something back together), repair (v), repair (n), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), tweak (n), unwind (relax), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- mental health: pull (pull yourself together, etc.), unwind (relax), vent (v)
- military: damage control
- mining: buttress (v), prop (n), prop up (v), shored up, shore up (v)
- movement: outlet (n), turn around (turn things around, etc.)
- music: fine-tune (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- orientation: right (right a wrong, etc.)
- path: path (clear a path)
- pressure: decompression (n), outlet (n), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), vent (v)
- religion: dead (rise from the dead), exorcise (v), Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n), resurrect (v), resurrection (n)
- river: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- rope: loosen up (feelings), straighten out (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), untangle (v)
- scale: counterbalance (v)
- sea: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- sensation: smooth (v), soothe (sensation)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: loosen up (feelings)
- snow & ice: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- sports & games: playing field (level the playing field)
- standing, sitting & lying: crutch (n), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- swamp: swamp (drain the swamp)
- temperature: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- tide: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- tools & technology: calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), plug (v), plugged (fixed), tweak (n)
- verb: act (clean up one's act), air (clear the air), bail out (save), bailed out, battery (recharge one's batteries, etc.), beef up (v), bolster (v), bridge (v), bring back (restore), burn off (v), buttress (v), calibrate (adjust), calm

- (v), clean (v), clean (come clean), cleanse (make clean), clean up (improve), clear up (v), counterbalance (v), cure (v), cushion (v), dead (rise from the dead), defuse (v), disinfect (v), exorcise (v), fence (mend fences), fine-tune (v), fix (v), get out (get out from under), ghost (bury the ghost), hack (fix), heal (v), hone (v), house (clean house), ice (break the ice), invigorate (v), iron out (v), lance (v), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), loosen up (feelings), mend (v), patch (and patch up), path (clear a path), piece (pick up the pieces), playing field (level the playing field), plug (v), polish (v), prop up (v), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), recycle (v), reinforce (v), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), repair (v), resurrect (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), right (right a wrong, etc.), salvage (v), scaffold (v), sharpen (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), shore up (v), smooth (v), soothe (sensation), spice up (v), stabilize (v), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), straighten out (v), swamp (drain the swamp), tame (v), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.), tide (stem the tide, etc.), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), turn around (turn things around, etc.), unlock (v), untangle (v), unwind (relax), vent (v), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- volcano: vent (v)
 - water: cleanse (make clean), Fountain of Youth, plug (v), plugged (fixed), outlet (n), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)
 - weapon: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)
 - weight: get out (get out from under), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), tailor (v), tailored, tailor-made, thaw (v), way (pave the way)
 - wind: air (breath of fresh air)

AMOUNT (1)

- allusion: cornucopia (variety), Lucullan (adj)
- animal: drove (herd or flock), lion's share
- atmosphere: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- blade: sliver (piece)
- boat: armada (n), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.), raft (amount)
- books & reading: encyclopedia (amount), library (amount), trilogy (n)
- boundary: boundless
- breadth: thick (adj), thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- container: bag (collection), bottomless (adj), brim (v), full (adj), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial), truckload (amount)
- cloth: shred (shred of hope, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: laundry (laundry list)
- color: palette (n)
- crime: mob (group)
- dam: reservoir (amount)
- day: Christmas (Christmas list)
- depth: bottomless (adj)
- direction: bottomless (adj), low (low on food, etc.)
- distance: few and far between
- ear: earful (amount)
- epithet: Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- family: twin (two)
- farming & agriculture: bumper (bumper crop)
- fire: scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- food & drink: bellyful (amount), buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), crumb (amount), dollop (n), fed up (adj), helping (amount), lion's share, menu (other), morsel (amount), pie (piece of the pie, etc.), plate (full plate), scrap (n), smorgasbord (n), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)

- forest: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- hand: handful (amount)
- health & medicine: dose (amount), rash (affliction)
- height: low (low on food, etc.)
- history: horde (people)
- hygiene: laundry (laundry list)
- infrastructure: suite (suite of tools, etc.), warehouse (amount)
- knife: slice (piece), sliver (piece)
- light & dark: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.), scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- lion: lion's share
- military: armada (n), army (a large group), arsenal (amount), battalion (a large group), battery (amount), host (host of questions, etc.), legion (n), panoply (n)
- mining: nugget (n)
- mixture: slurry (n)
- mountains & hills: mountain (amount)
- money: catalogue (list), rich (plentiful), tight (money), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- number: trilogy (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: full (adj)
- pile: backlog (amount), pile (pile of money, etc.)
- plant: kernel (amount)
- religion: litany (n)
- river: reservoir (amount)
- sea: abundance (amount), armada (n), ocean (amount), sea (amount)
- size: grain (grain of truth), kernel (amount)
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- space: space (space of time)
- speech: earful (amount)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj)
- taste: taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- theater: repertoire (n)
- tools & technology: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- verb: brim (v)
- warehouse: warehouse (amount)
- water: abundance (amount), aquifer (n), drop (drop in the bucket), reservoir (amount), well (source)
- wave: abundance (amount)
- weapon: arsenal (amount), battery (amount), quiver (n)
- weight: groan (amount), heavy (amount), ounce (amount), pound (amount), ton (amount)

AMOUNT (2)

- time: light year (a long time), long (a long time, etc.), minute (for a minute, etc.), space (space of time), time (take time, etc.), time (long time / short time)

AMOUNT & EFFECT (1)

- air: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- animal: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- atmosphere: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- boat: swamp (v), swamped
- breathing: smother (amount & effect)

- dam: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- earth & world: tectonic (adj)
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), seismically, tectonic (adj), tremor (n)
- epithet: wall (red wall, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect)
- explosion: blockbuster (n), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n), firebomb (n), Krakatoan (adj)
- fire: conflagration (n), fire (n), fire (flash fire), firestorm (n)
- flood: deluge (n), deluged, flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flood (amount / verb), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated
- flying & falling: flurry (activity)
- fortification: besiege (v), besieged, siege (under siege), siege (other)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other), tectonic (adj)
- head: head (come down on one's head, etc.)
- health & medicine: epidemic (n), plague (n), rash (affliction)
- history: gold rush
- insect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- mechanism: full on (adj), full out (adj)
- military: barrage (n), besiege (v), besieged, blitz (campaign), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n), invade (v), invasion (n), onslaught (n), siege (under siege), siege (other)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: bonanza (n), gold rush
- mountains & hills: landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other)
- music: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), crescendo (n)
- pile: heap (v), heaped
- rain: flurry (activity), rain (amount & effect), rain (rain down), shower (v)
- religion: juggernaut (n)
- river: flood (amount / verb), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, Niagara (the river and falls), river (river of hogs, etc.)
- sea: change (sea change), floodtide (n), groundswell (n), maelstrom (in a maelstrom), maelstrom (other), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other), tsunami (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount and effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- snow & ice: avalanche (n), blizzard (n), hail (in a hail), hail (n)
- sound: bombshell (n), crescendo (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), full-throated (adj), Krakatoan (adj), uproar (controversy)
- speech: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.)
- storm: blizzard (n), cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hail (n), hail (in a hail), hurricane (n), nature (force of nature), storm (v), storm (by storm), storm (perfect storm), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- tide: floodtide (n), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other)
- tsunami: tsunami (n)
- verb: besiege (v), blow up (attention /verb), bombard (v), erupt (v), flood (amount / verb), gush (v), heap (v), inundate (v), invade (v), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), shower (v), smother (amount and effect), spill (and spill out, etc.), storm (v), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swarm (v)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption, Krakatoan (adj), tremor (n), volcano (pressure)
- wall: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- water: awash, cascade (n), clogged, deluge (n), deluged, drenched, drip (and drip-drop, etc.), flood (amount / verb), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other),

- floodtide (n), floodwaters, gush (v), inundate (v), inundated, Niagara (the river and falls), outpouring, pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), river (river of hogs, etc.), spill (and spill out, etc.), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swamped, tide (rising tide), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount and effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- wave: groundswell (n), swamp (v), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tsunami (n), wave (in a wave)
 - weapon: barrage (n), blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), firebomb (n)
 - wind: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), flurry (activity), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)

ANALYSIS, INTERPRETATION & EXPLANATION (1) (see also context; picture)

- allusion: Rosetta Stone
- books & reading: biography (non-human), misread (v), read (read something into something), read (analyze)
- chemistry: distill (v), essence (n)
- cloth: pick apart (analyze), tease out (v), thread (investigation), unpick (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unraveled (explained), unspool (v), untangle (v), unwind (analyze)
- clothing & accessories: strip (strip something down)
- color: black box (n)
- container: unpack (v)
- day: day (at the end of the day)
- death & life: autopsy (analysis), biopsy (analysis), dissect (v), post-mortem (analysis)
- direction: bottom (get to the bottom of something), drill (analysis), follow (it follows that, etc.), follow (the facts, etc.)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.), test-drive (v)
- eye: look at (analysis), look into (v), look like (analysis), microscope (under a microscope)
- film: unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- food & drink: nutshell (in a nutshell)
- fruits & vegetables: layer (analysis), onion (n), peel (peel back the layers, etc.)
- geometry: angle (from an angle), curve (behind / ahead of the curve)
- gesture: tire (kick the tires)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: come away with (v), get across (v), take (and hot take), takeaway (n), take away (a message, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: contour (n), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), drill (drill down, etc.), excavate (v), lay of the land, unearth (v), unearthened
- head: head (reason)
- health & medicine: autopsy (analysis), biopsy (analysis), diagnosis (n), dissect (v), misdiagnose (v), post-mortem (analysis)
- heating water: boil (boil down to something)
- history: Rosetta Stone
- hunting: find (discover), sign (evidence)
- infrastructure: deconstruct (v), deconstruction (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), reframe (characterize)
- journeys & trips: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come from (analysis), come to (come to an answer, etc.), exploration (n), explore (analyze), follow (argument), get (get somewhere), go (argument), reach (reach an answer, etc.), take (take somebody somewhere)
- letters & characters: spelled out, spell out (v)
- light & dark: illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (shed light), lighthouse (illumination), opacity (n), opaque (adj)

- mechanism: break down (explain), sort out (analyze), tire (kick the tires)
- military: interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogating (questioning), interrogation (questioning)
- mining: dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), drill (analysis), excavate (v), layer (analysis), unearth (v), unearthened
- mirror: mirror (n)
- money: bottom line
- movement: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come to (come to an answer, etc.), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), go (argument), reach (reach an answer, etc.)
- number: add up (v), arithmetic, calculus, equation (n)
- part of speech: picture (big picture / verb)
- picture: backdrop (against a backdrop), dot (connect the dots), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), illustration (n), mosaic (analysis), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), picture (view), portrait (view), puzzle (problem), reframe (characterize), show (the data show, etc.)
- plant: root (root cause)
- puzzle: fall (fall into place), puzzle (problem), put (put something together), piece (missing pieces), piece together (v)
- religion: navel gazing (omphaloskepsis), sign (evidence), soul-searching
- rope: untangle (v)
- scale: weigh (analyze)
- school & education: blank (fill in the blanks), study (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: shorthand (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: dissect (v)
- sound: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), signal (signal and noise), static (n)
- speech: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.), interrogate (v), parse (v), suggest (indicate), talk (talk somebody through something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.)
- sports & games: play (play with data, etc.)
- stomach: gut (n)
- surveying: baseline (n)
- temperature: boil (boil down to something)
- tools & technology: black box (n), microscope (under a microscope)
- tree: root (root cause)
- verb: arrive at (an answer, etc.), biopsy (analysis), boil (boil down to something), break down (explain), chase down (v), come away with (v), come from (analysis), come to (come to an answer, etc.), crunch (crunch the data), decode (v), deconstruct (v), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), dissect (v), dive (analyze), dot (connect the dots), drill (analysis), excavate (v), explore (analyze), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), follow (the facts, etc.), frame (characterize), get (get somewhere), get across (v), go (argument), illuminate (v), interrogate (v), light (shed light), look at (analysis), look into (v), make (make of something), misdiagnose (v), misread (v), parse (v), peel (peel back the layers, etc.), pick apart (analyze), piece together (v), play (play with data, etc.), put (put something together), read (read something into something), reach (reach an answer, etc.), read (analyze), reframe (characterize), show (the data show, etc.), spell out (v), strip (strip something down), suggest (indicate), take (take somebody somewhere), take away (a message, etc.), talk (talk somebody through something), tease out (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), test-drive (v), unearth (v), unpack (v), unpick (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unspool (v), untangle (v), unwind (analyze), walk (walk somebody through something), weigh (analyze)
- walking, running & jumping: chase down (v), walk (walk somebody through something)
- waste: garbage (data)
- water: boil (boil down to something), dive (analyze), dive (deep dive)
- weight: weigh (analyze)

- writing & spelling: shorthand (n), spelled out, spell out (v)

ANIMAL (2) (see also bird; cat; cows & cattle; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; predation; rat; sheep; snake; tiger; wolf)

- ability & lack of ability: pony (one-trick pony)
- absorption & immersion: lap up (v), sponge (n), wallow (v)
- activity: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), crawl (activity), dormant (adj), fly (activity), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), hornet's nest, hum (n), lie low (and lay low), roar (activity), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- accusation & criticism: savage (v), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- achievement, recognition & praise: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lionized
- affliction: albatross (n), animal (insult), back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person), badger (v), barnacle (affliction), bete noire (black beast), bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dog (dogs of war), dogged (hounded), eat (destroy), encrustation (affliction), gadfly (person), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), hound (v), hounded (dogged), leech (person), octopus (n), parasite (person), pest (person), pester (v), piranha (predation), pursue (afflict), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), shark (predation), tentacle (n), vulture (behavior), wolf (predation)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), rat (betray), rat (a snitch), shark (thrown to the sharks), turn (turn against / on something), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- amelioration & renewal: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), calm (v), tame (v)
- amount: drove (herd or flock), lion's share
- amount & effect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- appearance: ruffled (feathers)
- appearance & disappearance: blue whale, ground (go to ground), swan (black swan), woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- appearance & reality: chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), paper tiger, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- area: stomping grounds (and stamping grounds)
- assembling: call (cattle call), rounded up, round up (assemble)
- attachment: barnacled, earworm (n), encrustation (affliction), pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), worm (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), low (lie low), trotted out
- attenuation: defang (v), tame (adj), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- avoidance & separation: duck (avoid)
- behavior: animal (party animal, etc.), ape (v), astray (direction), backbiting, badger (v), bask (v), bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beaver (v), bee (busy as a bee), bloodthirsty (adj), circle (predation), claw (v), crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), deer (deer in the headlights), dog (mad dog / epithet), donkey (insult), drove (herd or flock), feather (ruffle feathers), feral (behavior), ferret out (v), flock (v), fox (subterfuge), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), hog (v), hyena (person), lemming (consciousness), lone wolf (person), magpie (bird), mole (n), night owl (person), outfox (v), pack rat (person), pecking order, pig (insult), pit bull (person), predator (people), prey (prey on something), prowl (on the prowl), rabid (behavior), rabidly, rear (v), rogue (n), savage (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), shark (predation), sheep (consciousness), squirreled away, stampede (n), stray (behavior), stud (male), swarm (v), swarm (n), swine (behavior), tame (v), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), vulture (behavior), wallow (v), wild (behavior), wild (run wild), wolf (predation), wolf down (food), wound (lick one's wounds)
- person: magpie (bird)
- branching system: multipronged, prong (river), prong (part)
- character & personality: animal (party animal, etc.), beast (power), black sheep, bloodthirsty (adj), chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), coyote (predation), creature (creature of habit, etc.), donkey (insult), dove

- (person), feather (ruffle feathers), feisty (adj), ferocious (other), fierceness (n), gadfly (person), grub (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), hyena (person), jackal (n), jackass, leech (person), lone wolf (person), maneater (female), maverick (person), mule-headed, pack rat (person), piranha (predation), predator (people), rogue (n), shark (predation), snake (insult), stud (male), whiner (person), wolf (predation)
- characterization: pigeonhole (n), pigeonholed
 - coercion & motivation: bone (throw a bone to someone), dog (attack dog), goad (v), herd (ride herd), herded, pit bull (person)
 - coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
 - commitment & determination: badger (v), dogged (determined), pit bull (person)
 - comparison & contrast: bestial (adj)
 - competition: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), dog-eat-dog, game (game of cat and mouse), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jockey (v), law (law of the jungle, etc.), minnow (n), pack (competition), rat race, underdog (competition)
 - complexity: warren (n)
 - computer: worm (computers)
 - concealment & lack of concealment: burrow (burrow into), ground (go to ground), mole (n)
 - condition & status: belly-up (adj)
 - configuration: dovetail (v), honeycomb (v), honeycombed, nestled, perch (v), perched, piggyback (v), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), sardined
 - conflict: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v), bearbaiting, blink (conflict), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), bone (bone of contention), chest (beat one's chest, etc.), claw (v), corral (v), dogfight (n), game (game of chicken), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns), hornet's nest, jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit), rear (v), roll over (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), snake pit, teeth (danger), throat (predation), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.), wound (lick one's wounds), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
 - confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: blink (conflict), duck (avoid), head-on, sand (stick one's head in the sand), teeth (in / into the teeth of)
 - consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), sheep
 - constraint & lack of constraint: cage (a gilded cage), choke chain (n), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, hogtie (v), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), muzzle (v), penned (penned into, etc.), rein (free rein), shackle (n), wild (run wild)
 - consumption: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), food (meat), ground (feeding ground), lap up (v), meat (fresh meat)
 - content: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
 - control & lack of control: calm (v), corral (v), corralled, harness (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), horse (hold your horses), lead (restraint), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rope in (v), rogue, runaway (control), run away (v), tame (v), tiger (n), wild (control), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
 - cost & benefit: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
 - courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, chicken out (v), game (game of chicken), lion (courage)
 - creation & transformation: breed (create), breeding ground, chameleon (change), calve (v), calving, chameleonic (adj), rookery (n), spawn (v), spawned, web (spin a web)
 - danger: hornet's nest, lurking (lurking danger, etc.), predation (n), predatory (adj), sitting duck, snake pit, teeth (in / into the teeth of), tiger (n), wolf (predation)
 - decline: breed (dying breed, etc.)
 - destruction: carcass (n), devour (destroy), eat (destroy), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), gored, nibble (nibble at, etc.), roadkill (n), sheep (predation), slaughtered, snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.), teeth (danger), trample (v), trampled
 - difficulty, easiness & effort: beaver (v), claw (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), trot (on the trot)

- directing: drive (v), goad (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), herded, husband (v), shepherd (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cull (n), cull (v), factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), perch (knock something off its perch)
- disruption: feather (ruffle feathers), rattle (disrupt), ruffled (feathers)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), blink (conflict), dog (big dog), game (game of chicken), ground (hold / stand one's ground), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance / winning)
- eagerness & reluctance: bay (bay for blood, etc.), chops (lick one's chops), dog (dog won't hunt), horse (hold your horses), lips (lick one's lips), pounce (v)
- empathy & lack of empathy: ruthless (sun, etc.)
- enthusiasm: bookworm (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), pet (pet cause, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- environment: frog (frog in boiling water), hornet's nest, snake pit, zoo (environment)
- epithet: badger ("The Badger, etc.), beast ('The Beast' Mugabi, etc.), dog (mad dog / epithet), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), savage (Savage Mountain, etc.), tiger (tiger mother, etc.), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave), fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- experience: cub (n), greenhorn (person), rodeo (first rodeo)
- experimentation: guinea pig
- extent & scope: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: astray (direction), belly-up (adj), stray (behavior), stray (direction)
- fantasy & reality: rabbit hole (fantasy)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue whale, chicken (come home to roost), jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), snake (snake-bit), swan (black swan)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), biting (adj), bristle (emotional arousal), calm (v), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), gnaw (v), hackles (raise hackles), ruffled (feathers), venom (n), venomous (adj), wild (behavior)
- fictive motion: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fly (fly in the ointment), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- force: bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beast (power), bull (bull in a china shop), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), paper tiger, roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.), savage (adj), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- functioning: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- geography: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- gossip: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- group, set & collection: covey (group), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd immunity, etc.), menagerie (group), nest (of vipers, etc.), pack (group), stable (n), zoo (group)
- growth & development: fledgling (adj), fry (small fry), full-fledged (adj), lamb (n), rookery (n)
- haste: gallop (haste)
- help & assistance: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- hierarchy: bee (queen bee), food chain, lion (liberal lion, etc.), pecking order, top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- history: pedigree (n)
- idea: sacred cow
- identity & nature: animal (political animal, etc.), breed (type), chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), creature (creature of habit, etc.), feral (behavior), pedigree (n), shape (form)
- importance & significance: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), mole hill (and molehill), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- insult: animal (insult), beast (insult), cockroach (n), dog (insult), donkey (insult), grub (person), hyena (person), jackal (n), jackass (n), leech (person), monkey (insult), parasite (person), pig (insult), snake (insult), swine (behavior), termite (n), worm (insult)

- involvement: dog (dog in the fight), horse (horse in the race), wallow (v), web (entanglement)
- isolation & remoteness: carapace (protection), shell (protection)
- judgment: chicken (come home to roost), kangaroo court
- military: cannon fodder (military)
- money: nest egg
- movement: canter (n), canter (v), duck (v), fishtail (v), flock (v), gallop (v), hop (v), leapfrog (v), lurk (v), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), slink (slink in, etc.), sluggish (adj), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stalk (v), stampede (n), swoop (v), trot (on the trot)
- occurrence: blue whale, swan (black swan)
- oppression: back (get off my back, etc.), cage (jail, prison), goad (v), kangaroo court, lighten (v), scapegoat (n), shackle (n), trample (v), yoke (under the yoke), yoke (from the yoke), yoke (other)
- orientation: flank (side), nose (orientation), snout (orientation), tail (orientation)
- past & present: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized
- perception: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)
- performance: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), dog-and-pony show (n), pony (one-trick pony)
- person: backbiter (person), cowboy (person), dog (big dog), dog (mad dog / epithet), dog (attack dog), dog (insult), dove (person), gadfly (person), greenhorn (person), grub (person), hawk (person), hyena (person), leech (person), lion (courage), magpie (bird), maneater (female), maverick (person), night owl (person), piranha (predation), shark (predation), snake (insult), vulture (behavior), wolf (predation), wrangler (person)
- place: den (den of thieves, etc.), nest (empty nest), rookery (n)
- power: beast (power), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats)
- presence & absence: elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fly (fly on the wall), gorilla (800-pound gorilla), lurk (v), lurking (lurking danger, etc.), wait (in wait)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized, species (vanishing species)
- progress & lack of progress: leapfrog (v), tail (chase one's tail)
- proper name: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), lioness (Lioness.co, etc.), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bolt-hole (and bolthole), bristle (with security, etc.), carapace (protection), ground (go to ground), hedgehog (protection), holed up, hole up (v), shell (protection), sitting duck, underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.), watchdog (n), wolf (wolf at the door)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood), doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.), scapegoat (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), claw (n), dragnet (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), expedition (fishing expedition), game (game of cat and mouse), ground (go to ground), hound (v), hounded (dogged), jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), land (land a job, etc.), low (lie low), octopus (n), pincer (n), pincered, poach (v), poached, prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (prey and predator, etc.), stalk (v), tentacle (n), victim (fall victim to something)
- readiness & preparedness: groom (prepare)
- relationship: breed (create), pet (pet cause, etc.)
- repetition: ape (v), parrot (v)
- resemblance: barnacle (resemblance), bite (resemblance), carcass (n), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (resemblance), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), tail (orientation)
- resiliency: horse (get back on the horse), saddle (get back in the saddle)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), blink (conflict), buck (v), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), howl (n), howl (v), roll over (v), squeal (protest), stare down (v), stare-down (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)
- responsibility: chicken (come home to roost)
- restraint & lack of restraint: animal (party animal, etc.), wild (behavior), wild (control), wild (run wild)

- reversal: chicken (come home to roost), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- role: mother (den mother, etc.)
- route: alley (Bat Alley, etc.)
- sacrifice: lamb (sacrificial lamb), scapegoat (n)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: black sheep, buck (v), crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), maverick (person), rogue (n), sacred cow
- searching & discovery: bloodhound (n), expedition (fishing expedition), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), ferret out (v)
- sex: man-eater (female), stud (male)
- shape: butterfly (shape), dogleg (shape), honeycomb (shape), horn (shape), nest (shape), plume (shape), web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- situation: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.), frog (frog in boiling water), web (situation)
- size: beast (power), elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), jumbo (large), mammoth (size), minnow, mouse (size), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- society: herd (herd mentality, etc.), lemming (consciousness), lone wolf (person), rogue (n), sheep (consciousness)
- sound: bark (v), gallop (sound), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), roar (n), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), whining
- speech: badger (v), bark (v), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), savage (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), venom (n), venomous (adj), whining
- speed: breakneck (adj), canter (n), canter (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), galloping (speed), sluggish (adj), snail (at a snail's pace), snail (snail's pace / other)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: tail end (the finish of something)
- strength & weakness: defang (v), eggshell (n), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), paper tiger, sheep (predation), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out) toothless (adj), underdog (competition)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), paper tiger, toothless (adj)
- subterfuge: burrow (burrow into), fox (n), mole (n), outfox (v), slink (slink in, etc.), web (spin a web), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)
- superiority & inferiority: horse (high horse), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- surveillance: eagle eye, fly (fly on the wall), watchdog (n)
- suspicion: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- taking & removing: fleeced, poach (v), poached
- taxonomy & classification: animal (different animal, etc.), beast (different beast, etc.), bestiary (n), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.), fish (different kettle of fish), species (type), stripe (of all stripes)
- time: dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized
- transmission: slink (slink in, etc.)
- transportation: cart (cart off), drag, haul (v), hauled in, hauled off, mule (drug mule, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), lemming (consciousness), sheep (consciousness)
- violence: cockroach (n), dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), termite (n)
- vocative: pet (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: whale (White Whale)
- warning: watchdog (n), wolf (cry wolf)
- wolf: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- work & duty: beaver (v), harness (in harness), horse (the willing horse, etc.), rat race, workhorse (n)

- worth & lack of worth: cow (cash cow), egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose), snake oil (n), spoils (of war, etc.), white elephant

ANTIQUES (2)

- past & present: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- time: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)

APPEAL (1)

- heart: cri de coeur
- military: call (call to arms), cry (rallying cry)
- sound: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call (call of duty, etc.), call (appeal), call (call to arms), cri de coeur
- speech: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call (call of duty, etc.), call (appeal), call for (appeal), cri de coeur, cry (cry for help), cry (v), cry out (v)
- verb: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (appeal), cry out (v)

APPEARANCE (1) (see also resemblance)

- air: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- allusion: Adonis (handsome)
- animal: ruffled (feathers)
- atmosphere: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- baby: baby (baby face, etc.)
- bird: ruffled (feathers)
- books & reading: book (books and covers)
- cards: poker-faced (adj)
- clothing & accessories: robe (n)
- creature: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- eye: eye (for the eyes), eye (eye candy), eye (on the eyes), eyesore (n), look like (resemble)
- face: baby (baby face, etc.), face (appearance), game (game face), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- gambling: poker-faced (adj)
- health & medicine: eyesore (n), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (resemblance / verb)
- hole: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked
- infrastructure: street (cloud street, etc.)
- light & dark: bedazzled (decorated), gloss (appearance)
- mark: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (resemblance / verb)
- materials & substances: gloss (appearance), stone-faced (adj)
- moon: moonscape (n)
- object: Barbie (and Barbie Doll)
- religion: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- sports & games: game (game face)
- verb: pockmark (v), scar (resemblance / verb)
- wounds & scars: scar (resemblance / verb)

APPEARANCE & DISAPPEARANCE (1) (see also occurrence; presence & absence; searching & discovery)

- air: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- animal: blue whale, ground (go to ground), swan (black swan), woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky)
- baseball: left field (out of left field, etc.)

- bird: swan (black swan)
- boat: dredge up (v), sink (disappearance)
- bodily reaction: swallow (disappearance)
- bubble: bubble up (v)
- burial: exhume (v)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- color: blue (out of the blue, etc.), blue whale, swan (black swan)
- creature: ghost (verb), ghost (abandoned, etc.), ghosted, phantom
- death & life: disappear (extinction), exhume (v), lose (extinction), lost (extinction), vanishing (disappearance)
- direction: arise (v), come (development), come forward (v), come up (appear), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), pop up (v), turn out (rally), turnout
- eye: disappear (from the scene, etc.), peek (v), view (out of view)
- face: face (in the face of)
- farming & agriculture: crop up (v)
- fox: ground (go to ground)
- ground, terrain & land: dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), ground (go to ground), turn up (appear), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthened
- head: head (rear its head, etc.)
- heating water: bubble up (v)
- hole: ground (go to ground)
- house: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- hunting: ground (go to ground)
- insect: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- light & dark: fade (v), fade away, light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- map: map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mining: dig up (v), excavate (v), unearth (v), unearthened
- movement: come (development), come along (appearance), go away (v0)
- part of speech: surface (transitive)
- picture: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v)
- plane: parachute (v)
- plant: bud (nipped in the bud), budding, crop up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), mushroom (v), pop up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v)
- position: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bubble up (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dredge up (v), pop up (v), show up (v), spring up (v)
- sea: blue whale, sink (disappearance), wash up (v)
- sky: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.), swan (black swan)
- snow & ice: melt away
- sports & games: left field (out of left field, etc.)
- temperature: bubble up (v)
- theater: curtain call, scene (come onto the scene)
- tools & technology: radar (drop off the radar)
- verb: arise (v), background (fade into the background), bubble up (v), come (development), come along (appearance), come forward (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dig up (v), disappear (from the scene, etc.), disappear (extinction), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dredge up (v), dry up (v), emerge (v), evaporate (v), excavate (v), exhume (v), fade (v), fade away (v), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), ghost (verb), go away (v), ground (go to ground), head (rear its head, etc.), light (come to light), light (bring

- something to light), light (see the light), lose (extinction), map (drop off the map, etc.), melt (v), melt away (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), radar (drop off the radar), resurface (v), show up (v), sink (disappearance), spring up (v), sprout (v), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), surface (bring to the surface), swallow (disappearance), turn out (rally), turn up (appear), uncover (v), unearth (v), wash up (v)
- water: bubble up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dry up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), evaporate (v), resurface (v), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), sink (disappearance), surface (intransitive), surface (bring to the surface), wash up (v)
 - wave: wash up (v)
 - window: window (out the window)

APPEARANCE & REALITY (1) (see also concealment & lack of concealment)

- allusion: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- animal: chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), paper tiger, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- books & reading: book (books and covers)
- breadth: patina (appearance), veneer (appearance)
- clothing & accessories: clothes (deception), dressed (dressed up, etc.), dress up (v), fashion (n), naked (unadorned), nakedly, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- direction: underneath (basis)
- eye: eye (more than meets the eye), see (see through something)
- face: face (brave face, etc.), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- finger: manicured
- food & drink: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- ground, terrain & land: fool's gold
- hygiene: artwash (v), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- infrastructure: airbrushed, astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- light & dark: gloss (appearance)
- materials & substances: airbrushed, ersatz (substitute), gilded (other), gloss (appearance), imposter (n), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), patina (appearance), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), unvarnished (adj), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- military: ersatz (substitute), warrior (ironic)
- mining: fool's gold
- orientation: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- part of speech: look (a bad look, etc.)
- person: imposter (n), warrior (ironic)
- predation: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: underneath (basis)
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- stomach: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- taste: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- tiger: paper tiger
- theater: theater (appearance), trial (show trial)
- verb: artwash (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), see (see through something), sportswash (v), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), whitewash (v)
- water: surface (on the surface), surface (under the surface)
- wolf: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

APPLE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: apple (Golden Apple / education)
- character & personality: apple (bad / rotten apple)

- corruption: apple (bad / rotten apple)
- perception, perspective & point of view: apple (proverb)
- product: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- relationship: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- transmission: Johnny Appleseed

AREA (1) (see also environment; location; place)

- affix: scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (blogosphere, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.)
- astronomy: metaverse (n), multiverse (n), Twitterverse (n), universe (n)
- animal: stomping grounds (and stamping grounds)
- boat: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- center & periphery: corner (in remote corners, etc.), corner (other)
- clothing & accessories: belt (area)
- corner: corner (in remote corners, etc.)
- direction: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- earth & world: sphere (in the sphere), world (exploration)
- forest: woods (neck of the woods)
- ground, terrain & land: area (territory), borderland (n), contour (n), demesne (control), ecosystem (n), fiefdom (control), ground (area), land (place), landscape (n), lay of the land, scape (threatscape, etc.), terrain (known and unknown terrain), terrain (area), territory (area), territory (assigned area), topography (n), turf (control), wilderness (area)
- health & medicine: alley (Cancer Alley, etc.)
- house: neighborhood (area)
- journeys & trips: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.), wilderness (area)
- map: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- Middle Ages: fiefdom (control)
- military: no man's land (danger)
- picture: scape (threatscape, etc.)
- place: place (internet, etc.)
- royalty: kingdom (control), realm (area)
- shape: beak (area), belt (area), boot (area), corridor (area), horn, neck (area), panhandle (area), triangle (area)
- sea: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- storm: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)
- weather & climate: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)

ARM (2)

- acceptance & rejection: arm (open arms), embrace (v), embraced
- affliction: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: embrace (v), embraced, pull (pull for someone)
- attachment: embrace (v), embraced
- attainment: push (a number), reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: push (promote)
- attraction & repulsion: embrace (v), embraced
- avoidance & separation: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), push (push somebody away, etc.)
- behavior: overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), pushy (people)
- character & personality: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), pushy (people)

- coercion & motivation: arm (twist arms, etc.), arm (long arm), arm-twisting, dangle (v), nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people), shove (n), strong-arm (v)
- commitment & determination: embrace (v), pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: arm (get one's arms around something)
- configuration: arm (configuration), hug (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hold back (obstacle), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cast aside (v), pushed out, throw out (v), toss out (v)
- division: arm (arm of an organization)
- division & connection: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), embrace (v), embraced, reach out (v)
- epithet: elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.)
- extent & scope: arm (long arm), far-reaching, octopus (n), reach (extent and scope), tentacle (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), hold back (restraint)
- force: elbow (force), nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (force), push (push comes to shove), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- geography: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- importance & significance: arm (right arm)
- obstacles & impedance: drag down (v), hold back (obstacle), hold off (v)
- possession: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- proper name: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- proximity: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach), stone's throw
- resemblance: arm (configuration)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: hold off (v), push (push comes to shove), push (push against, etc.), pushback (n), push back (v), pushed around
- restraint & lack of restraint: hold back (restraint), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- searching & discovery: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- throwing, putting & planting: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), hurl (v), hurled, throw (v), thrown out (cast), throw out (v), toss out (v)
- unanimity & consensus: pull together (v)
- welcome: arm (open arms), embrace (v)
- work & duty: pull together (v)

ASSEMBLING (1) (see also group, set & collection)

- animal: call (cattle call), rounded up, round up (assemble)
- flags & banners: rally (v)
- military: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v)
- theater: call (cattle call)
- verb: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v), round up (assemble)

ASTRONOMY (2) (see also moon; star; sun)

- access & lack of access: black hole
- achievement, recognition & praise: rising (rising star, etc.), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), supernova (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- area: metaverse (n), multiverse (n), Twitterverse (n), universe (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: big bang (in a big bang), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), supernova (attention)
- attraction & repulsion: center of gravity, drawn in, drawn into, gravitate (v), orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), pulled in, pulled into, revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n), tilt (tilt towards, etc.)
- bases: center of gravity, orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)

- character & personality: eye (stars in the eyes)
- comparison & contrast: astronomical (adj)
- competition: outshine (v)
- computer: metaverse (n), Twitterverse (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black hole
- configuration: constellation (n), orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- consciousness & awareness: black hole
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), star (decline), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- development: wane (v), wax and wane
- difficulty, easiness & effort: moonshot (n)
- direction: lodestar (n), lodestone (n), star (north star)
- division & connection: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- environment: firmament (n), metaverse (n), multiverse (n), Twitterverse (n), universe (n)
- epithet: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- geography: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- group, set & collection: constellation (n), galaxy (n)
- growth & development: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), supernova (achievement)
- importance & significance: planet (n)
- increase & decrease: wane (v), wax and wane
- involvement: drawn in, drawn into, pulled in, pulled into
- isolation & remoteness: black hole
- judgment: star (five stars, etc.)
- movement: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- oppression: Dark Star
- origin: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.)
- person: star (rock star), star (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), outshine (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax and wane, zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- proper name: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- proximity: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)
- relationship: orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n)
- resemblance: Martian (adj)
- shape: moon (shape), star (shape)
- size: astronomical (adj)
- speed: meteoric (adj), meteorically (adverb)
- success & failure: star-crossed (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v)
- superlative: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)
- time: light year (a long time)

ATMOSPHERE (2) (see also air; sky; wind)

- activity: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- affliction: fallout (effect)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry), wind (dangle in the wind)

- amelioration & renewal: air (clear the air), air (breath of fresh air)
- amount: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- amount & effect: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- appearance: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), trial balloon
- behavior: bask (v)
- biodiversity: lung (atmosphere)
- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air)
- comparison & contrast: sky-high
- concealment & lack of concealment: air (expose)
- conflict: turbulence
- consciousness & awareness: cloud (consciousness), cloud (v), clouded, cloudy (consciousness), drift (consciousness)
- control & lack of control: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- corruption: miasma (n)
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- direction: drift (control)
- dismissal: wind (throw something to the wind)
- division & connection: drift (drift apart)
- driving force: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- effect: fallout (effect)
- environment: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- evidence: cloud (sign), glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- experimentation: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- extent & scope: sky-high, stratosphere, stratospheric (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: sky (the sky can fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other), air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), bask (v), climate (work climate, etc.), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, fallout (effect), pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- force: downdraft (n), headwind (n), wind (wind of change, etc.)
- geography: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- identity & nature: air (environment)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n), overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v), stratospheric (adj)
- initiation: oxygen (fuel)
- journeys & trips: skyway
- mixture: rainbow (mixture)
- movement: drift (move)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), cloud (cast a cloud)
- origin: air (out of thing air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)

- presence & absence: air (anger in the air, etc.), vacuum (n), void (n)
- progress & lack of progress: headwind (n)
- proper name: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- resemblance: cloud (resemblance), rainbow (color)
- restraint & lack of restraint: wind (throw something to the wind)
- searching & discovery: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- size: skyscraper
- speech: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (adj), vapor (n)
- substance & lack of substance: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), gravity (n), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), vapor (n)

ATTACHMENT (1) (see also division & connection)

- animal: earworm (n), encrustation (affliction), barnacled, pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), worm (v)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced
- boat: anchored, barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- burden: barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- chemistry: bond (n)
- cloth: entwined, ingrained, pin (attach), pinned, pinned (pinned down)
- clothing & accessories: buckle (attachment)
- color: ingrained
- cooking: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- dog: pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- ear: earworm (n)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- ground, terrain & land: embed (v), embedded
- hand: cling (v), clingy (adj), hold on to (v)
- infrastructure: built in
- journeys & trips: accompany (attachment), attend (v), come with (and come along with / attachment)
- love, courtship & marriage: married, wedded
- magic: spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj)
- materials & substances: adhere (adhere to something), attached (attributed), attachment (n), cement (v), cemented, encrusted, glued, mortar (n), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist), stick together (v), Teflon
- mechanism: linchpin (n)
- movement: accompany (attachment), attend (v), come with (and come along with / attachment)
- rope: bind (connect), entwined, string (attachment), tethered, tied
- sea: barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- teeth: pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- tools & technology: riveted
- verb: accompany (attachment), adhere (adhere to something), attend (v), bind (connect), cement (v), cling (v), come with (and come along with / attachment), embed (v), embrace (v), fold in (v), hold on to (v), pin (attach), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist), stick together (v), worm (v)

ATTAINMENT (1) (see also success & failure)

- arm: push (a number), reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- baseball: big league (and big leagues)
- boat: sail (sail to victory, etc.)

- direction: climb (scale), mountain (at the top of the mountain), scale (climb), sights (lower one's sights)
- distance: far (progress), mile (the last mile)
- finger: finger (slip through one's fingers), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.)
- food & drink: cakewalk (dance)
- hand: empty-handed, finger (slip through one's fingers), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (attainment), palm (in the palm of one's hand)
- height: peak (peak sexy, etc.), sights (lower one's sights)
- infrastructure: milestone (n)
- journeys & trips: arrive at (an answer, etc.), far (progress), get (get somewhere), mile (the last mile), milestone (n), reach (a place on a journey), way (all the way)
- line: line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line)
- money: deal (close the deal)
- mountains & hills: climb (scale), mountain (at the top of the mountain), Mount Everest (and Everest), scale (climb), sights (lower one's sights)
- movement: arrive at (an answer, etc.), climb (scale), coast (coast to victory), far (progress), reach (secure), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scale (climb), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- music: waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- number: approach (a number, etc.), hit (hit \$30, etc.), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (a number)
- part of speech: peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- position: mountain (at the top of the mountain)
- sign, signal, symbol: milestone (n)
- size: big league (and big leagues)
- sports & games: big league (and big leagues), line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line)
- verb: arrive at (an answer, etc.), climb (scale), coast (coast to victory), deal (close the deal), finger (slip through one's fingers), get (get somewhere), hit (hit \$30, etc.), meet (attain), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (secure), reach (a number), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scale (climb), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: stroll (stroll to success, etc.)

ATTEMPT (1)

- direction: go for it (and go for broke, etc.)
- hand: hand (try one's hand)
- knife: stab (attempt)
- movement: go for it (and go for broke, etc.), go (have a go at something)
- sound: crack (attempt)
- verb: go for it (and go for broke, etc.), hand (try one's hand)
- weapon: shot (attempt), shot (best shot)

ATTENTION, SCRUTINY & PROMOTION (1)

- affix: forward (future forward, etc.)
- allusion: Barnum, it girl (and it drug, etc.), shot (shot heard round the world), Streisand (Streisand effect)
- animal: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), low (lie low), trotted out
- arm: push (promote)
- astronomy: big bang (in a big bang), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), supernova (attention)
- atmosphere: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), trial balloon
- ball: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- balloon: trial balloon
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- boat: showboat (v)

- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), center (v), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center)
- circus: Barnum, carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.)
- container: showcase (v), showcase (n)
- crime: steal (steal the show, etc.)
- direction: fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), forward (bring something forward, etc.), forwardness (n), front (front and center), heighten (v), raise (attention), skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: door (behind closed doors)
- ear: ear (have somebody's ear), ear (attention), listen (as noun)
- epithet: Barnum
- exclamation: exclamation point
- explosion: blockbuster (n), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), burst on / onto the scene, etc., dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), firebomb (n), Krakatoan (adj)
- eye: disappear (from the scene, etc.), eye (catch one's eyes), eye (public eye), eye (attention), eye (eyes and ears / attention), eyeball (attention), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eye-catching, focus (v), focus (n), lens (through a lens), lens (other), look at (analysis), look into (v), microscope (under a microscope), view (out of view), view (attention)
- film: it girl (and it drug, etc.), marquee (attention), screen (split screen)
- finger: point out (v)
- fire: blaze (in a blaze of glory), flare (n)
- flags & banners: flag (raise a flag, etc.), flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- food & drink: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- game: ball (related to attention)
- gesture: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), eyeball (eyeball-popping), head (turn heads), point out (v)
- government: ambassador (role)
- hand: grabbing (attention-grabbing)
- head: head (turn heads)
- heating water: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- height: heighten (v), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), profile (low profile), profile (high profile), profile (attention), raise (attention), relief (in bold relief)
- horse: trotted out
- house: house (hype house), room (back room, etc.)
- hunting: catchy (attention), low (lie low)
- insect: buzz (attention), buzzed (buzzed about, etc.)
- letters & characters: asterisk (attention), exclamation point, footnote (n), full stop, punctuate (v), underline (attention), underscore (attention)
- light & dark: blaze (in a blaze of glory), dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), flare (n), glare (attention), highlight (v), light (shine a light), limelight (in the limelight), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), sunlight (concealment), supernova (attention)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- Middle Ages: champion (v), champion (n), championed
- military: blitz (campaign), bombshell (n), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), shot (shot heard round the world), trumpet (v)
- mixture: blend in (v)
- money: sell (promote)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)

- music: bandwagon (n), fanfare (attention)
- nose: nose (attention)
- object: it girl (and it drug, etc.), moment (have a moment / attention), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- part of speech: listen (as noun), platform (as verb)
- person: ambassador (role), cheerleader (person), namecheck (and name-check), pusher (drug pusher, etc.), showman (person), tout (person)
- picture: background (fade into the background), billboard (n), foreground (n), foreground (v), photobomb (v)
- plane: barnstorm (v)
- position: background (fade into the background), center (v), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), forward (bring something forward, etc.), forward (future forward, etc.), front (front and center)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: drum up (v), forward (bring something forward, etc.), play down (v)
- radio: tuned (stay tuned)
- rocket: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- royalty: herald (v), herald (n)
- school & education: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- shadow: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- sign, signal, symbol: billboard (n), eyeball (attention)
- sky: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- smell: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- society: scene (behind the scenes), room (back room, etc.)
- sound: bang (with a bang), bell (bells and whistles), big bang (in a big bang), blaring (headlines, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), buzz (attention), buzzed (buzzed about, etc.), buzzy (adj), clamor (v), din (attention), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), full-throated (adj), hailed, Krakatoan (adj), loud (attention), noise (attention and conflict), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), shot (shot heard round the world), shout (v), shout-out (n), table (loudest seat at the table), teapot (internet teapot, etc.), thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)
- speech: dialogue (global dialogue, etc.), ear (attention), pitch (promote), statement (statement victory, etc.)
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- standing, sitting & lying: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), lie low (and lay low), low (lie low), stand out (attention), standout (n)
- star: supernova (attention)
- storm: thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sunlight (concealment)
- table: table (loudest seat at the table)
- target: profile (low profile)
- temperature: hot (popularity, attention, etc.)
- theater: backstage (adj), downplay (v), limelight (in the limelight), marquee (attention), photobomb (v), platform (as verb), platform (n), play down (v), scene (behind the scenes), scene (come onto the scene), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showman (person), stage (center stage), stage (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), upstage (v)
- tools & technology: lens (through a lens), lens (other), magnifying glass (under a magnifying glass), microscope (under a microscope), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- train: bell (bells and whistles), express (Biden express, etc.), train (hype train)
- verb: background (fade into the background), ball (take one's eye off the ball), barnstorm (v), blend in (v), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), burst on / onto the scene, etc., center (v), champion (v), cheerlead (v), clamor (v),

dim (overshadow), disappear (from the scene, etc.), downplay (v), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drum up (v), eclipse (v), explode (onto the scene, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), focus (v), forward (bring something forward, etc.), heighten (v), herald (v), herald (n), highlight (v), jump out (v), lie low (and lay low), light (shine a light), look at (analysis), look into (v), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), map (drop off the map, etc.), namecheck (and name-check), outshine (v), overshadow (v), photobomb (v), pitch (promote), play down (v), point out (v), punctuate (v), push (promote), radar (drop off the radar), raise (attention), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), sell (promote), shout (v), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showcase (v), skyrocket (to attention, etc.), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), stand out (attention), steal (steal the show, etc.), stink (raise a stink), tout (v), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), tuned (stay tuned), underline (attention), underscore (attention), upstage (verb)

- volcano: Krakatoan adj)
- walking, running & jumping: jump out (v)
- water: splash (effect), splashy (effect)
- wave: splash (effect), splashy (effect)
- weapon: blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), dynamite (n), firebomb (n), photobomb (v), shot (shot heard round the world)
- writing & spelling: signature (signature issue, etc.)

ATTENUATION (1) (see also strength & weakness)

- air: deflate (pressure)
- animal: defang (v), tame (adj), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- direction: tone down (v)
- hardness & softness: cushion (v), soften (v)
- health & medicine: atrophy (v), emasculated (adj), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized), tarnish (v), tarnished
- mechanism: dampening (adj), damper (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: play down (v), tone down (v), water down (v)
- pressure: deflate (pressure)
- shadow: shadow (devitalized)
- skin, muscle & bone: atrophy (v)
- snake: defang (v)
- sound: tone down (v)
- speech: tone down (v)
- teeth: teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- theater: downplay (v), play down (v)
- tree: hollowed out, hollow out (v)
- verb: dampen (v), defang (v), deflate (pressure), downplay (v), hollow out (v), play down (v), soften (v), tarnish (v), teeth (take the teeth out), tone down (v), water down (v)
- walking, running & jumping: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- water: dampen (v), diluted (water), drained (attenuation), water down (v), watered down

ATTRACTION & REPULSION (1)

- allusion: pied piper, siren (siren call / siren song), siren (other)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced
- astronomy: center of gravity, drawn in, drawn into, gravitate (v), orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), pulled in, pulled into, revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n), tilt (tilt towards, etc.)
- chemistry: valence (attraction)
- color: pasture (greener pastures)
- crashes & collisions: hit it off (v)

- electricity: lightning rod
- epithet: pied piper
- farming & agriculture: pasture (greener pastures)
- fire: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- fish: bait (v), bait (n), chum (n), lure (n), lure (v)
- food & drink: candy (n), delicious (adj), juicy (adj), marmite (n), mouthwatering (adj), tasty (adj)
- gesture: beckon (v), embrace (v)
- hand: beckon (v)
- health & medicine: antibody (n)
- hunting: bait (v), bait (n), chum (n), clickbait (n), dangle (v), lure (n), lure (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: siren (siren call / siren song), siren (other)
- insect: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- light & dark: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- lightning: lightning rod
- love, courtship & marriage: alluring (adj), court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), flirt (v), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj), swoon (v), woo (v), wooed
- magic: charm (v), charm (n), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), charming (people), pied piper, spell (under a spell)
- movement: draw (attract), draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, drawn to, orbit (n), pulled in, pulled into, recoil (v), revolve (revolve around something), vortex (n)
- person: boy (golden boy), darling (n), girl (golden girl), sweetheart (other)
- place: mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- religion: charisma (attraction), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- sea: pull (tidal pull)
- sex: alluring (adj), lust (n), porn (food porn, etc.), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj)
- sound: call (call of duty, etc.)
- speech: call (call of duty, etc.), invite (v), invitation (n), inviting
- taste: candy (n), delicious (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), sweetheart (other), tasty (adj)
- tide: pull (tidal pull)
- tools & technology: magnet (attraction), magnetic (adj) magnetism (n), recoil (v)
- verb: bait (v), beckon (v), charm (v), court (v), dangle (v), draw (attract), draw in (v), embrace (v), flirt (v), gravitate (v), hit it off (v), invite (v), lure (v), recoil (v), revolve (revolve around something), swoon (v), woo (v)

AVOIDANCE & SEPARATION (1) (see also division & connection)

- animal: duck (avoid)
- arm: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), push (push somebody away, etc.)
- bird: duck (avoid)
- blade: parry (v), parry (n)
- boat: berth (a wide berth), steer (steer clear of something)
- bubble: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- clothing & accessories: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- container: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), out (want out), stay out (v)
- direction: inward (turn inward, etc.)
- distance: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), distance (v)
- dog: bay (at bay)
- electricity: insulated
- football: end run (n)
- gesture: shrug off (v)

- hand: hands-on, hands-off
- health & medicine: allergic (adj), allergy (n), quarantine (v)
- horse: shy (shy away)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- mechanism: steer (steer clear of something)
- mental health: escape (mental health / verb), escape (mental health / noun)
- movement: bypass (v), dodge (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- nuclear energy: radioactive (adj)
- person: hermit (person)
- place: cloistered
- prep, adv, adj, particle: apart (division), hands-off, hands-on, inward (turn inward, etc.)
- proximity: distance (v)
- religion: cloistered
- shoulder: shrug off (v)
- sound: bay (at bay)
- sports & games: end run (n)
- sword: parry (v), parry (n)
- verb: back away (v), bypass (v), cocoon (v), dance (dance around something), distance (v), dodge (v), duck (avoid), escape (mental health / verb), flee (v), go around (v), out (want out), parry (v), pull back (v), push (push somebody away, etc.), quarantine (v), shrug off (v), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stay away (v), stay out (v), steer (steer clear of something), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk (walk on by)
- walking, running & jumping: back away (v), bypass (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), flee (v), go around (v), sidestep (v), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk (walk on by)
- water: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- weapon: parry (v), parry (n)

AX (2) (see also blade; knife; sword; weapon)

- curtailment: axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), slash (v), slash-and-burn (adj), trim (v)
- division & connection: sever (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: ax (ax to fall, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: ax (ax to grind), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)

BABY (2) (see also birth)

- amelioration & renewal: newborn
- appearance: baby (baby face, etc.)
- behavior: crybaby (person)
- curtailment: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- dependency: babysit (v), babysitter (role), nanny (person), wean (v)
- destruction: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- enthusiasm: baby (relationship)
- epithet: baby: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- experience: baby (novice), grownup (person)

- failure, accident & impairment: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: baby (relationship)
- growth & development: baby (development), baby (younger), crybaby (person), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), nascent (beginning), newborn, nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, stillborn (adj), teeth (cut one's teeth), teething, wean (v), young (adj)
- origin: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- person: adult (development), babysitter (role), boy (big boy, etc.), crybaby (person), grownup (person), nanny (person)
- progress & lack of progress: step (baby steps, etc.)
- relationship: baby (relationship)
- size: baby (size)
- survival, persistence & endurance: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- vocative: baby (vocative)

BACK (2)

- acceptance & rejection: back (turn one's back)
- achievement, recognition & praise: back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun)
- affliction: back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), back (behind somebody's back), backed, backing (support), backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- bases: backbone (basis), central nervous system (basis), nerve center (basis), spine (branching)
- behavior: backbiting, backstabber (person), backstabbing (n)
- branching system: backbone (branching system), spine (branching)
- character & personality: backstabber (person)
- conflict: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v)
- courage & lack of courage: back (courage), backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- destruction: back (break the back)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), backbreaking (adj)
- dominance & submission: back down (v)
- help & assistance: back (carry something on one's back)
- person: backbiter (person), backstabber (person)
- protection & lack of protection: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (back to the wall), back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v)
- social interaction: back (scratch somebody's back)
- strength & weakness: back (courage), backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- subterfuge: back (behind somebody's back)
- survival, persistence & endurance: back (back to the wall)

BALL (2)

- action, inaction & delay: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), roll (slow-roll)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: rebound (rebound headache, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), toss back (v)
- consciousness & awareness: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- failure, accident & impairment: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), caught out, curveball (n), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- flaws & lack of flaws: roll (on a roll)
- increase & decrease: rebound (numbers)

- movement: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), pinball (v), ping-pong (n), rebound (recover), rebound (v), roll (move), roll in (v), rolling (moving)
- position, policy & negotiation: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- progress & lack of progress: roll (v), roll (on a roll)
- resiliency: bounce back (v), bounce back (n), rebound (recover), rebound (on the rebound)
- responsibility: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- reversal: roll back (v)
- social interaction: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v)

BALLOON (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: trial balloon
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- experimentation: float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n)

BASES (1)

- astronomy: center of gravity, orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- back: backbone (basis), central nervous system (basis), nerve center (basis), spine (branching)
- blood: lifeblood (n)
- boat: anchor (n), boat (boat of science, etc.), mainstay (n), ship (ship of state, etc.)
- body: body (body of the plane, etc.), body (body economic, etc.), body (body of literacy, etc.), body politic
- center & periphery: core (basis)
- chemistry: essence (n)
- cloth: fabric (fabric of society, etc.)
- death & life: lifeblood (n)
- depth: deep-rooted (adj)
- direction: behind (basis), bottom (get to the bottom of something), underlie, underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- earth & world: tectonic (adj)
- earthquake: tectonic (adj)
- epithet: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- family: mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- food & drink: bread and butter (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk)
- foot: footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- fortification: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- government: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: bedrock (n), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (prepare the ground), grounded, groundwork (n), monolith (n), monolithic (adj), outcrop (and outcropping), rock (support), rooted, tectonic (adj), underlie (v), underlying (adj)
- heart: heart (basis), heart (beating heart), heart and soul
- heating water: boil (boil down to something)
- house: edifice (n), foundation (n), foundational (adj)
- infrastructure: building block, cornerstone, infrastructure (n), keystone, pillar (basis), plank (n), plumbing (n)
- leg: leg (leg to stand on)
- mechanism: kingpin (person), linchpin (n), nuts and bolts, workings (n)
- military: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- mountains & hills: monolith (n), monolithic (adj), outcrop (and outcropping), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- movement: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)

- plant: deep-rooted (adj), root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- position: behind (basis)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (basis), underneath (basis)
- religion: heart and soul, mythology (n)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- sign, signal, symbol: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: backbone (basis), central nervous system (basis), nerve center (basis)
- standing, sitting & lying: leg (leg to stand on), stand on (v)
- statue: plinth (n)
- stomach: guts (insides)
- temperature: boil (boil down to something)
- tent: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- tree: root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- verb: boil (boil down to something), ground (prepare the ground), revolve (revolve around something), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders), stand on (v), underlie (v)
- walking, running & jumping: footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- water: boil (boil down to something)

BASEBALL (2) (see also sports & games)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: left field (out of left field, etc.)
- attainment: big league (and big leagues)
- commitment & determination: home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- development: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: bat (batting zero), curveball (n), error (unforced error), strike out (v)
- judgment: call (close call / judgment), call (the right call), scorecard (n), strike (three strikes, etc.)
- position, policy & negotiation: hardball (n)
- punishment & recrimination: one-strike-and-you're-out
- responsibility: plate (step up to the plate)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: inning (extra innings)
- success & failure: bat (batting zero), big league (and big leagues), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), swing (swing and a miss)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)

BASKETBALL (2) (see also sports & games)

- certainty & uncertainty: jump ball (n), layup (n), slam-dunk
- commitment & determination: full-court press
- difficulty, easiness & effort: full-court press, layup (n), slam-dunk

BEHAVIOR (1) (see also character & personality; identity & nature)

- activity: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- addiction: addictive (adj), holic (shopaholic, etc.)
- affix: holic (shopaholic, etc.), overboard (behavior), overreach (v)
- alcohol: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), holic (shopaholic, etc.), inebriate (v)
- allusion: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.)
- animal: animal (party animal, etc.), ape (v), astray (direction), backbiting, badger (v), bask (v), bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beaver (v), bee (busy as a bee), bloodthirsty (adj), circle (predation), claw (v), crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), deer (deer in the headlights), dog (mad dog / epithet), donkey (insult), drove (herd or flock),

feather (ruffle feathers), feral (behavior), ferret out (v), flock (v), fox (subterfuge), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), hog (v), hyena (person), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), lemming (consciousness), lone wolf (person), magpie (bird), mole (n), night owl (person), outfox (v), pack rat (person), pecking order, pig (insult), pit bull (person), predator (people), prey (prey on something), prowl (on the prowl), rabid (behavior), rabidly, rear (v), rogue (n), savage (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), shark (predation), sheep (consciousness), squirreled away, stampede (n), stray (behavior), stud (male), swarm (v), swarm (n), swine (behavior), tame (v), vulture (behavior), wallow (v), wild (behavior), wild (run wild), wolf (predation), wolf down (food), wound (lick one's wounds)

- arm: overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), pushy (people)
- atmosphere: bask (v)
- baby: crybaby (person)
- back: backbiting, backstabber (person), backstabbing (n)
- bird: circle (predation), feather (ruffle feathers), flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), magpie (bird), pecking order, vulture (behavior)
- blade: cutthroat (competition)
- blood: bloodthirsty (adj), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)
- boat: overboard (behavior), showboat (v)
- boundary: backstop (n), belt (below the belt), boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), edge (over the edge), guardrail (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (out of line), line (over the line / behavior), line (behavior), line (cross the line), line (red line), line (line in the sand), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v)
- boxing: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- cards: wild card (person)
- circus: circus (media circus, etc.), clown (v)
- control & lack of control: control (behavior)
- cows & cattle: stampede (n)
- creature: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), fiend (behavior), troll (computers), zombie (behavior)
- crime: mob (group), riot (run riot), riot (other)
- death & life: vulture (behavior)
- direction: above (above the fray, etc.), astray (direction), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), crooked (adj), descend (v), fall down (v), fray (above the fray), go (behavior), ground (moral high ground, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road / the low road), shifty (adj), sink (behavior), standard (higher standard), stoop (behavior), straight (the straight and narrow), straight arrow (person), stray (behavior), top (over the top), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- distance: far (too far), go (behavior), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), ski (over one's skis, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- dog: dog (mad dog / epithet), pit bull (person), rabid (behavior), rabidly
- epithet: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), tiger (tiger mother, etc.), Trump (Trump of the Tropics, etc.)
- explosion: self-destructive (adj)
- family: child (spoiled child)
- food & drink: spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), wolf down (food)
- force: pushy (people), rage (v), raging (adj)
- fox: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)
- fruits & vegetables: nuts (crazy)
- government: diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: badlands (environment), edge (over the edge), mud (in the mud), wild West

- head: hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- health & medicine: addictive (adj), delirious (adj), delirium (n), demented, fever (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), mania (n), panic (n), rabid (behavior), rabidly, schizophrenic (adj)
- height: above (above the fray, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), mud (in the mud), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road / the low road), stoop (behavior), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- history: badlands (environment), barbaric (behavior), Caligulan, cowboy (person), Roaring Twenties, wild West
- horse: rear (v), skittish (adj), stampede (n), stud (male)
- hunting: deer (deer in the headlights), hotshot (person)
- hygiene: act (clean up one's act), dirty (behavior)
- infrastructure: guardrail (behavior), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- insect: bee (busy as a bee), descend (descend on), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- knife: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition)
- line: edge (over the edge), line (out of line), line (over the line / behavior), line (behavior), line (cross the line), line (red line), line (line in the sand)
- love, courtship & marriage: infidelity (n)
- manufacturing: mold (n)
- materials & substances: brazen (adj)
- mental health: amok (run amok), bedlam (n), berserk, craze (n), crazed (crazed fans, etc.), crazy (behavior), crazy (enthusiasm), demented, fiend (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy, mania (n), nuts (crazy), rage (v), raging (adj), schizophrenic (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), hostile (adj)
- mining: gold-digging
- mountains & hills: edge (over the edge)
- movement: go (behavior), rage (v), raging (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- person: backstabber (person), boy (bad boy), cannon (loose cannon), cowboy (person), child (spoiled child), choirboy (behavior), diva (person), hell-raiser (person), hothead (person), hotshot (person), predator (people), straight arrow (person), stud (male), vulture (culture vulture), wild card (person)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot), helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)
- predation: backbiting, bloodthirsty (adj), circle (predation), frenzy (feeding frenzy), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), lone wolf (person), predator (people), prey (prey on something), prowl (on the prowl), savage (v), shark (predation), wolf (predation), wound (lick one's wounds)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: above (above the fray, etc.), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), line (over the line / behavior)
- religion: angel (behavior), choirboy (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), hagiographic (superlative), halo (n), hell (raise hell), hell-raiser (person), hell-raising, picnic (church picnic), religiously, ritual (n), saint (superlative)
- ruins: self-destructive (adj)
- school & education: fight (food fight), lesson (n), slip (permission slip)
- shark: circle (predation), shark (predation)
- sheep: flock (v), sheep (consciousness)
- sign, signal, symbol: halo (n)
- sleep: night owl (person)
- society: hostile (adj), mob (society)
- sports & games: cheap shot, free-for-all (control), game (social interaction / life), scrum (reporters)
- temperature: bask (v), hothead (person)
- theater: diva (person), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), on (performing), showboat (v)
- throat: jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)

- tools & technology: compass (moral compass)
- train: rail (off the rails)
- verb: act (clean up one's act), ape (v), badger (v), bask (v), beaver (v), circle (predation), claw (v), clown (v), descend (v), end (go off the deep end), fall down (v), feather (ruffle feathers), ferret out (v), flock (v), go (behavior), helicopter (v), hell (raise hell), hog (v), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (cross the line), outfox (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), prey (prey on something), rage (v), raise (your image, etc.), rear (v), rise (rise above something), savage (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), showboat (v), sink (behavior), stoop (behavior), stop (stop at nothing), stray (behavior), swarm (v), tame (v), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), wall (ricochet off the wall), wallow (v), wild (run wild), wolf down (food)
- violence: cheap shot, cutthroat (competition)
- walking, running & jumping: overstep (v)
- wall: wall (constraint)
- waste: trashy (adj)
- water: end (go off the deep end)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), cheap shot, hotshot (person)
- wolf: lone wolf (person), rabid (behavior), rabidly, wolf (predation), wolf down (food)

BELL (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: bell (ring a bell)
- curtailment: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- destruction: knell (death knell / destruction)
- inauguration: ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- reversal: bell (unring a bell)
- shape: bell curve (shape)
- sound: ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)
- speech: ring out (voice)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- warning: bell (warning)

BIBLE (2) (see also religion)

- accusation & criticism: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: Judas (betrayal)
- amelioration & renewal: Lazarus (Bible)
- biodiversity: Eden, Noah's Ark
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exodus (n)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)
- destruction: apocalypse (n), Armageddon, kiss of death
- enthusiasm: bible (enthusiasm)
- environment: Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- fate, fortune & chance: handwriting (on the wall), kiss of death, writing (writing on the wall)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Garden of Eden
- group, set & collection: Noah's Ark
- judgment: Solomonic (adj)
- message: gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), jeremiad (bitter lament), messiah (n), messianic (adj), prophet (person), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)
- past & present: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)

- revenge: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Bible (authority)
- searching & discovery: grail (holy grail)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bible (hand on the bible, etc.)
- size: behemoth (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible), leviathan (n)
- strength & weakness: David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- superlative: Promised Land
- survival, persistence & endurance: Lazarus (Bible), Methuselah
- time: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)

BIODIVERSITY (1)

- allusion: Noah's Ark
- atmosphere: lung (atmosphere)
- breathing: lung (atmosphere)
- Bible: Eden, Noah's Ark
- color: green (environment)
- epithet: Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.), lung (atmosphere), mother (Mother Nature), Noah's Ark, rainforest (rainforests of the sea, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- family: mother (Mother Nature)
- ground, terrain & land: biodiversity (n)
- island: Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.)
- place: Eden, Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- religion: Eden, Noah's Ark

BIOLOGY (2)

- computer: virus (computers)
- creation & transformation: mutate (v)
- growth & development: embryo (n), embryonic (adj), evolve (evolve the sport, etc.), evolution, petri dish
- identity & nature: DNA (in the DNA), DNA (other), gene (in one's genes), gene (other)
- presence & absence: endemic (adj)
- transmission: vector (n)
- source: vector (n)

BIRD (2) (see also animal)

- achievement, recognition & praise: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- activity: fly (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- affliction: albatross (n), vulture (behavior),
- appearance: ruffled (feathers)
- appearance & disappearance: swan (black swan)
- avoidance & separation: duck (avoid)
- behavior: circle (predation), feather (ruffle feathers), flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), magpie (bird), pecking order, vulture (behavior)
- branching system: wing (building)
- character & personality: dove (person), feather (ruffle feathers), hawk (person), hawkish (adj)
- characterization: pigeonhole (n), pigeonholed
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: blow-in (n)
- complexity: nest (mare's nest)
- configuration: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v), perched
- conflict: game (game of chicken)

- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: duck (avoid), sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fly (constraint), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- cost & benefit: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
- courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, chicken out (v), game (game of chicken)
- creation & transformation: incubator (n), rookery (n)
- danger: sitting duck
- dismissal, removal & resignation: perch (knock something off its perch)
- disruption: feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- division: wing (division)
- dominance & submission: game (game of chicken)
- environment: incubator (n)
- evidence: auger (v), auspicious (adj), canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- fate, fortune & chance: auger (v), auspicious (adj), chicken (come home to roost), swan (black swan)
- feeling, emotion & effect: eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- geography: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)
- group, set & collection: covey (group), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (of vipers, etc.)
- growth & development: fledgling (adj), full-fledged (adj), incubator (n), rookery (n)
- haste: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- heart: chicken-hearted
- help & assistance: mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- hierarchy: pecking order
- initiation: hatch (v), hatched
- isolation & remoteness: cooped up
- judgment: chicken (come home to roost)
- migration: blow-in (n)
- mixture: cocktail (n)
- money: nest egg
- movement: duck (v), flock (v), swoop (v)
- occurrence: swan (black swan)
- perception, perspective & point of view: bird's eye (bird's-eye view)
- person: dove (person), hawk (person), magpie (bird), vulture (behavior)
- place: nest (empty nest), rookery (n)
- proper name: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: sitting duck
- readiness & preparedness: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- relationship: chicken (chicken and egg)
- repetition: parrot (v)
- resemblance: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: face (fly in the face), game (game of chicken)
- responsibility: chicken (come home to roost)
- reversal: chicken (come home to roost)
- shape: beak (area), nest (shape), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), plume (shape)
- speech: crow (v), parrot (v)
- speed: fly (activity)
- strength & weakness: eggshell (n)
- superlative: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- surveillance: eagle eye
- violence: dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj)
- worth & lack of worth: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)

BIRTH (2) (see also baby)

- amelioration & renewal: newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- configuration: umbilical (connection)
- creation & transformation: beget (v), birth (creation), birthday (creation), birthed (created), born (creation), born-on (adj), calve (v), calving, conceived, germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), labor pains, midwife (person), midwife (as verb), pregnant (adj), seminal (adj), spawn (v), spawned
- division & connection: umbilical (connection)
- epithet: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- growth & development: embryo (n), embryonic (adj), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), nascent (beginning), newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n), stillborn (adj)
- identity & nature: born (born teacher, etc.)
- importance & significance: seminal (adj)
- origin: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- relationship: beget (v)
- resemblance: umbilical (connection)
- survival, persistence & endurance: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.)

BLADE (2) (see also ax; knife; sword; weapon)

- ability & lack of ability: edge (lose one's edge)
- accusation & criticism: hatchet job (n)
- affliction: cut (a thousand cuts)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: cutthroat (competition)
- amelioration & renewal: hack (fix), hack (a fix), hacking (fixing), hone (v), sharpen (v)
- amount: slice (piece), sliver (piece)
- avoidance & separation: parry (v), parry (n)
- behavior: cutthroat (competition)
- coercion & motivation: hatchet man (person)
- competition: cutthroat (competition)
- computer: hack (break into), hack (fix), hack (a fix), scrape (v)
- conflict: hatchet job (n), stab (v)
- condition & status: honed, sharp
- creation & transformation: carved out, carve out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- curtailment: axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- danger: close shave
- decline: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), decapitate (v), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), head (heads will roll, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), scrape (v), shave (removal), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- division & connection: sever (v)
- driving force: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- effect: sword (double-edged sword)
- extent & scope: hilt (to the hilt)

- fate, fortune & chance: ax (ax to fall, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), shave (removal), stab (stab in the dark), sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), double-edged (sword), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- fictive motion: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- functioning: honed, sharp (skills, etc.)
- help & assistance: hack (a fix), hacking (fixing)
- increase & decrease: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- movement: scissor (resemblance)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- protection & lack of protection: hack (break into)
- proximity: edge (at the edge)
- punishment & recrimination: ax (ax to grind), hatchet job (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- relationship: double-edged (sword)
- resemblance: scissor (resemblance), slice (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: parry (v), parry (n)
- searching & discovery: scrape (v)
- shape: knife-edged, sickle (shape)
- speech: barbed (speech), blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- survival, persistence & endurance: scrape by (v)
- taking & removing: chip away (v), scrape (v)
- verb: hack (get inside)

BLANKET (2)

- configuration: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- cover: blanket (v), blanket (cover), blanketed
- extent & scope: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)

BLOOD (2)

- access & lack of access: vein (tap a vein)
- bases: lifeblood (n)
- behavior: bloodthirsty (adj), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)
- branching system: artery (route), system (circulatory system)
- character & personality: bloodthirsty (adj), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), hot-blooded (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- coercion & motivation: nose (bloody nose)
- condition & status: hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n), pulse (n)
- conflict: blood (bad blood), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), bloodbath (n), blood sport (n), bloody (conflict), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit)
- death & life: blood (blood represents life), red (blood)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: blood (effort)
- division & connection: blood brother (connection)
- experience: blood (young blood, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), blush (embarrassment), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), hot-blooded (adj), livid (adj), mist (red mist), red (see red), sanguine (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)

- guilt: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hierarchy: blue blood
- identity & nature: blood (in one's blood), blood (identity), vein (tap a vein)
- involvement: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- journeys & trips: artery (route)
- leaking: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n)
- measurement: pulse (n)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood), nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- relationship: blood brother (connection)
- responsibility: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- sacrifice: blood (effort)
- source: vein (source)
- superiority & inferiority: blue blood
- violence: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist), red (see red)

BOAT (2)

- accusation & criticism: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- affliction: barnacle (affliction), encrustation (affliction)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: board (on board), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n), overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship (abandon / jump ship)
- amelioration & renewal: bailout (n), bail out (save), barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), damage control, righted, salvage (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- amount: armada (n), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.), raft (amount)
- amount & effect: swamp (v), swamped
- appearance & disappearance: dredge up (v), sink (disappearance)
- area: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attachment: barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- attainment: sail (sail to victory, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: showboat (v)
- avoidance & separation: berth (a wide berth), steer (steer clear of something)
- bases: anchor (n), boat (boat of science, etc.), mainstay (n), ship (ship of state, etc.)
- behavior: overboard (behavior), showboat (v)
- certainty & uncertainty: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- character & personality: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), showboat (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ship (abandon / jump ship)
- commitment & determination: hand (all hands on deck)
- computer: navigation (cyberspace)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dredge up (v)
- condition & status: dead (dead in the water)
- conflict: broadside (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: leeway (n)
- control & lack of control: adrift (adj), drift (control), helm (at the helm), helm (v), helm (n), rudderless, ship (tight ship, etc.)
- danger: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), Scylla and Charybdis, shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: ship (a sinking ship)
- destruction: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shipwreck (n), shoal (n), sink (destroy), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sail (sail to victory, etc.), sailing (smooth sailing)

- directing: pilot (v), steer (v)
- direction: adrift (adj), chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), drift (control), jibe (v), lighthouse (protection), navigate (v), navigating, navigation, rudderless, sea (at sea), steer (v), tack (v), tack (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: jettison (v), jettisoned, overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship out (remove)
- disruption: boat (rock the boat)
- division & connection: adrift (adj), anchored, drift (drift apart), unmoored
- driving force: figurehead (n)
- empathy & lack of empathy: boat (in the same boat)
- equilibrium & stability: boat (rock the boat), keel (even keel), righted, ship (right the ship, etc.)
- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), sea legs, wheelhouse (n)
- extent & scope: leeway (n), stem (from stem to stern)
- failure, accident & impairment: aground (run aground), founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shipwreck (n), shoal (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: stack (blow one's stack)
- force: headwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- group, set & collection: armada (n), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- help & assistance: steward (role), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- initiation: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- knowledge & intelligence: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- movement: anchored, swamp (v)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n), shoal (n)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- progress & lack of progress: adrift (adj), anchored, dead (dead in the water), doldrums (n), headway (n), headwind (n), moored, wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety), lighthouse (protection)
- pursuit, capture & escape: trawl (v)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- representation: figurehead (n), flag (flag of convenience)
- resemblance: barnacle (resemblance), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: mutinous (adj), mutiny (n)
- responsibility: wheelhouse (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: overboard (behavior)
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), course (reverse course), row (row back), ship (turn the ship, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boat (rock the boat)
- searching & discovery: dredge up (v), naut (Argonaut, etc.), trawl (v)
- sequence: wake (in the wake of)
- situation: boat (in the same boat), strait (dire straits, etc.)
- society: boat (rock the boat)
- speech: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- speed: boat (slow boat to China), speed (full speed ahead)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), set sail (v), underway
- superlative: flagship (superlative)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bailout (n), bail out (save), bailed out, batten (batten down), hand (all hands on deck), lifeline (n), life raft, ride out (v), storm (weather the storm)

- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- time: wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: boat (slow boat to China), ship (ship has sailed, etc.)
- transportation: ship (ship of the desert)
- unanimity & consensus: board (on board), boat (in the same boat), boat (rock the boat), row (row in the same direction, etc.)
- warning: shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: bilge (n)

BODILY REACTION (2) (see also breathing; gesture)

- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), retch (v)
- admiration & contempt: laughed out (of court, etc.)
- affliction: choke (v)
- appearance & disappearance: swallow (disappearance)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: flinch (v)
- consumption: choke (v), retch (v), swallow (disappearance)
- courage & lack of courage: cower (v), flinch (v)
- creation & transformation: spit out (v)
- danger: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sweat (work)
- eagerness & reluctance: chops (lick one's chops), drool (v), juicy (adj), lips (lick one's lips), mouthwatering (adj), salivate (v)
- extent & scope: yawning (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: hiccup (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: breath (hold one's breath), laugh (last laugh)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ASMR, blush (embarrassment), breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), cringe (and cringe-worthy), exhale (v), face (red face, red-faced, etc.), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), goosebumps, juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), retch (v), shiver (n), sigh (sigh of relief), startling (adj), sweat (feeling), tear (crying), teeth (gnash one's teeth), yawn (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: hiccup (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: cough up (v)
- hyperbole: horrific (adj), horrifically, horrified, horrifying (adj), retch (v)
- obstacles & impedance: choke (v)
- relationship: sneeze (v)
- resemblance: belch (v), breathe (caves breathe, etc.), spit (spit down), spit (v), swallow (disappearance), yawn (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: gasp (last gasp)
- revenge: laugh (last laugh)
- speech: spew (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: gasp (last gasp)
- throwing, putting & planting: spew (speech), spit out (v)
- transmission: sneeze (v)
- work & duty: sweat (work)

BODY (2)

- bases: body (body of the plane, etc.), body (body economic, etc.), body (body of literacy, etc.), body politic

BOOKS & READING (2) (see also letters & characters; writing & spelling)

- ability & lack of ability: illiteracy (n), illiterate (adj), literacy (n), literate (adj)

- allusion: Arthurian (adj), Big Brother (oppression), brave new world, Brobdingnagian (adj), Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Catch-22, Cinderella, Colonel Blimp, curiouser and curiouser, Dantesque (adj), Darwinian (adj), Dickensian (adj), Don Juan, Faust (n), Faustian (adj), Frankenstein (product), Frankenstein (a monster), gargantuan (size), Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Good Earth (Pearl Buck), Great Gatsby, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Kafkaesque (adj), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lawrence (T.E.), Lilliputian (adj), lily (gild the lily), Looking Glass, love (love that dare not speak its name), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.), monster (create a monster, etc.), nineteen eighty four (and 1984), O. Henry, Orwell, Orwellian (adj), Panglossian (adj), pied piper, pitchfork (oppression), Pollyanna, Pollyannaish, profile (profile in courage), Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Robin Hood, Robinson Crusoe, Romeo and Juliet (epithet), Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.), Shakespearean (adj), Shangri-la, Sherlock Holmes, Sisyphean (adj), shot (shot heard round the world), sleeping beauty, story (Just-so story), Svengali (allusion), Tale of Two Cities, Voldemort, Walter Mitty, whale (White Whale), windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.), wolf (cry wolf), world (lost world)
- alternatives & choices: Catch-22
- amount: encyclopedia (amount), library (amount), trilogy (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: biography (non-human), misread (v), read (read something into something), read (analyze)
- appearance: book (books and covers)
- appearance & reality: book (books and covers)
- certainty & uncertainty: open-and-shut (adj)
- character & personality: book (open book), book (by the book), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), profile (profile in courage)
- concealment & lack of concealment: love (love that dare not speak its name), tell-all (book)
- consciousness & awareness: sleeping beauty
- constraint & lack of constraint: book (rule book), book (by the book)
- creation & transformation: author (person)
- curtailment: book (close the book)
- development: book (close the book), book (development), chapter (other), page (development)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shelve (v)
- enthusiasm: bookworm (person)
- experience: story (war story)
- extent & scope: encyclopedic (adj)
- fantasy & reality: curiouser and curiouser, fairy tale (fantasy, delusion), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), Looking Glass, never-never land, rabbit hole (fantasy)
- fictive communication: read (the sign read don't enter, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- gossip: tell-all (book)
- importance & significance: Who's Who
- judgment: book (books and covers)
- knowledge & intelligence: encyclopedia (knowledge), encyclopedic (adj)
- message: manifesto (n)
- oppression: brave new world, Cyclops (creature), nineteen eighty four (and 1984), Voldemort
- person: author (person), bookworm (person), character (non-human)
- punishment & recrimination: book (throw the book at somebody)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: book (close the book), chapter (close a chapter, etc.), page (turn the page), slate (a clean slate, etc.), word (the last word)
- resemblance: fairy tale (happy), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)

- restraint & lack of restraint: tell-all (book)
- reversal: O. Henry
- script: book (by the book), book (rule book), playbook (n)
- sex: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: book (open book)
- situation: Catch-22
- starting, going, continuing & ending: book (close the book), chapter (close a chapter, etc.), word (the last word)
- superlative: Shakespeare (“hillbilly Shakespeare,” etc.), Shakespearean (adj), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: page (on the same page)

BOTTLE (2)

- access & lack of access: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions)
- geography: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- initiation: uncork (v)
- obstacles & impedance: bottled up (emotions), bottleneck (n), bottle up (emotions)
- proper name: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- shape: bottleneck (n)

BOUNDARY (2) (see also line)

- amount: boundless
- behavior: backstop (n), belt (below the belt), boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), edge (over the edge), guardrail (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (out of line), line (over the line / behavior), line (behavior), line (cross the line), line (red line), line (line in the sand), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v)
- configuration: border (proximity), bounded
- constraint & lack of constraint: backstop (n), boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), guardrail (behavior), limits (push something to its limits), line (line in the sand), open (open marriage, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v), space (personal space)
- destruction: edge (push something over the edge)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: limits (push something to its limits)
- division & connection: borderland (n), boundary (division), corner (corner cases, etc.), edge (edge cases, etc.), fuzzy (adj), intersect (v), intersection (n), line (n), line (division), line (categories)
- extent & scope: boundless (adj), bounds (no bounds, etc.), compass (within / outside the compass)
- fate, fortune & chance: line (tread a line, etc.)
- possession: claim (stake a claim), reclaim (other)
- proximity: border (proximity), borderland (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: belt (below the belt), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v)
- speech: fuzzy (adj)
- survival, persistence & endurance: limits (push something to its limits)

BOXING (2) (see also sports & games)

- accusation & criticism: come (come out swinging), jab (n), pummel (v), punching bag (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: corner (in one's corner)
- behavior: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- conflict: bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), come (come out swinging), glove (the gloves are off), jab (n), punch (punch back), rumble (v), spar (v), square off (v), swing (take a swing, etc.), slug (slug something out), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), uppercutting

- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- curtailment: knock out (v)
- development: round (boxing)
- effect: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blow (body blow, etc.), chin (take something on the chin), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- force: chin (take something on the chin), hitter (heavy hitter), knockout (knockout blow, etc.)
- help & assistance: sparring partner (role)
- involvement: weigh in (v)
- power: heavyweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: guard (keep one's guard up)
- punishment & recrimination: punching bag (n)
- readiness & preparedness: guard (keep one's guard up), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- resiliency: punch (roll with the punches)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: come (come out swinging), counted out (boxing), punch (punch back), towel (throw in the towel)
- restraint & lack of restraint: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- sequence: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- speech: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), come (come out swinging), jab (n), punch (pull a punch)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: counted out (boxing)
- strength & weakness: glass jaw
- substance & lack of substance: heavyweight (n), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- subterfuge: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- superlative: Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: punch (roll with the punches), rope (on the ropes)
- time: round (boxing)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: round (boxing)

BRANCHING SYSTEM (1) (see also division; taxonomy & classification)

- animal: multipronged, prong (river), prong (part)
- back: backbone (branching system), spine (branching)
- bird: wing (building)
- blood: artery (route), system (circulatory system)
- family: family tree
- horn: multipronged, prong (part)
- horse: spur (shape)
- mechanism: hub (branching system)
- plant: offshoot, tendril (growth)
- river: confluence (n), feed (feed into), prong (river), stream (bloodstream, etc.), tributary (n)
- shape: fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.)
- tent: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- tree: branch (taxonomy), branch out (v), family tree, tree (branching system), trunk (branching system)
- verb: branch out (v), feed (feed into)
- water: stream (bloodstream, etc.)

BREADTH (2) (see also fatness & thinness)

- amount: thick (adj), thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- appearance & reality: patina (appearance), veneer (appearance)
- comparison & contrast: razor (razor-thin), skin-deep
- danger: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- extent & scope: broad (adj), patina (appearance), thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- mind: narrow-minded (adj), narrowness (n)
- presence & absence: thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- proximity: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- size: narrow (breadth), razor (razor-thin), slim (small), thin (size)
- situation: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: patina (appearance), thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- subterfuge: patina (appearance), veneer (appearance)

BREATHING (2) (see also bodily reaction; gesture) (throat)

- absorption & immersion: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- acceptance & rejection: choke (v)
- affliction: choke (v)
- amelioration & renewal: breathing space (and breathing room), life (breathe life)
- amount & effect: smother (amount & effect)
- biodiversity: lung (atmosphere)
- commitment & determination: eat (eat and breathe, etc.)
- condition & status: wheezing (condition)
- constraint & lack of constraint: choke chain (n)
- consumption: choke (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- cover: smother (cover)
- danger: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- destruction: strangle (v), strangled, strangulation, suffocated
- dismissal, removal & resignation: blow off (v)
- enthusiasm: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- fate, fortune & chance: breath (hold one's breath)
- feeling, emotion & effect: breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), exhale (v), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), hyperventilation (n), sigh (sigh of relief), suffocating
- identity & nature: live (live and breathe, live to)
- obstacles & impedance: choke (v), choked, chokepoint (n)
- oppression: smother (oppress), stifle (v), stifling (adj), strangle (v), strangled, stranglehold, strangulation, strangled, suffocate (v), suffocating
- resemblance: breathe (caves breathe, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: gasp (last gasp)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: gasp (last gasp)
- success & failure: choke (fail)
- survival, persistence & endurance: life (breathe life), oxygen (life)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: aspirational (adj)

BRIDGE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- confronting, dealing with & avoiding things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- division & connection: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone

- fate, fortune & chance: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- future: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge)
- presence & absence: bridgehead (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge)
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- route: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bridge (a bridge to sell)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bridgehead (n)
- time: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- timeliness & lack of timelessness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- transportation: bridge (air bridge, etc.)

BUBBLE (2)

- activity: bubble (v), bubble (activity), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- avoidance & separation: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- character & personality: bubbly (personality), effervescent (personality)
- initiation: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- protection & lack of protection: bubble (quarantine)
- substance & lack of substance: bubble (activity)

BULLET (2) (see also military; weapon)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- amelioration & renewal: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)
- commitment & determination: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet)
- fate, fortune & chance: bullet (dodge a bullet)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bulletproof (adj)
- shape: bullet (shape)
- speed: bullet (velocity)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bullet (bite the bullet)

BURDEN (2) (see also weight)

- affliction: barnacle (affliction), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), encrustation (affliction), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: pull (pull for someone)
- amelioration & renewal: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), get out (get out from under)
- attachment: barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), drag (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: pull out (v)
- eagerness & reluctance: drag (drag somebody into something)
- failure, accident & impairment: strain (v)
- flaws & lack of flaws: overload (n), overloaded
- help & assistance: back (carry something on one's back), carry (assist)
- history: baggage (n), freighted, loaded
- involvement: drag (drag somebody into something)
- obstacles & impedance: drag (drag on the economy, etc.)

- oppression: baggage (n), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), loaded, overload (n), overloaded, weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- resemblance: barnacle (resemblance)
- resiliency: carry on (v)
- speech: freighted, loaded
- starting, going, continuing & ending: carry on (v), drag on (v), pull out (v)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overload (n), overloaded
- survival, persistence & endurance: carry on (v)
- time: drag on (v), haul (long haul)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: drag on (v)
- unanimity & consensus: pull together (v)
- work & duty: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), pull together (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)

BURIAL (2)

- absorption & immersion: bury (bury oneself in something, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: ghost (bury the ghost)
- appearance & disappearance: exhume (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bury (conceal), exhume (v)
- condition & status: buried (dead and buried, etc.)
- curtailment: bury (kill), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- destruction: buried (dead and buried, etc.), bury (kill), coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), epitaph (n), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.), knell (death knell / destruction)
- fate, fortune & chance: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave)
- feeling, emotion & effect: funereal (adj), lament (v), pall (cast a pall)
- involvement: buried (buried in debt, etc.)
- oppression: pall (cast a pall)
- place: cemetery (place), grave (place), graveyard (things), place (resting place)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ghost (bury the ghost), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- searching & discovery: exhume (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: grave (end point), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)

CAMPAIGN (1)

- Middle Ages: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- military: blitz (campaign)
- person: crusader (role)
- religion: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- sound: drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.)
- weapon: blitz (campaign)

CANAL (2)

- route: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- shape: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- transportation: canal (birth canal, etc.)

CARDS (2) (see also gambling; sports & games)

- action, inaction & delay: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: in (all in)

- appearance: poker-faced (adj)
- behavior: wild card (person)
- certainty & uncertainty: bet (all bets are off)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close), wild card (person)
- commitment & determination: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- computer: wildcard (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- curtailment: fold (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: discard (v), fold (v)
- disruption: deck (re-shuffle the deck)
- failure, accident & impairment: hand (overplay one's hand), overplay (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), hand (dealt a hand), odds (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced (adj)
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (v), bluff (n), hand (overplay one's hand)
- power: hand (strengthen one's hand)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: fold (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hand (overplay one's hand)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- strategy: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (guilt card, etc.), card (play one's cards), move (chess move, etc.), poker (game)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fold (v)
- strength & weakness: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- substance & lack of substance: house of cards
- subterfuge: aboveboard (adj), bluff (v), bluff (n)
- success & failure: hand (hot hand)
- unanimity & consensus: suit (follow suit)

CARPETS & RUGS (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rug (pull the rug out)
- concealment & lack of concealment: carpet (under the carpet, etc.), rug (under the rug)
- configuration: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- cover: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- identity & nature: tapestry (n)
- mixture: tapestry (n)
- proper name: carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.)
- resemblance: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- superiority & inferiority: red carpet (treatment)
- transportation: carpet (magic carpet / other)
- welcome: mat (welcome mat), red carpet (treatment)

CAT (2) (see also animal)

- competition: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse)
- concealment & lack of concealment: cat (cat out of the bag, etc.)
- money: fat cat
- pursuit, capture & escape: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse)
- repetition: copycat (n)

CENTER & PERIPHERY (1)

- cloth: fringe (edge), fringe (versus mainstream), fringe (on the fringe)
- container: outside (outside world, etc.)
- direction: background (fade into the background), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), foreground (n), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- earth & world: outside (outside world, etc.)
- earthquake: epicenter (n)
- ground, terrain & land: coast (n)
- heart: heart (center), heartland (n), heartwood
- mechanism: hub (center)
- picture: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- position: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), front (front and center), middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader
- prep, adv, adj, particle: outside (outside world, etc.)
- river: backwater (n), mainstream (society)
- society: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), mainstream (society), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- sports & games: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), sidelined (adj)
- storm: storm (eye / center of the storm)
- theater: stage (attention), stage (center stage), wing (in the wings)

CENTER & PERIPHERY (2)

- appearance & disappearance: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- area: corner (in remote corners, etc.), corner (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), center (v), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center)
- bases: core (basis)
- importance & significance: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (fade into the background), burner (front burner), centerpiece (n), central (adj), foreground (n), sideshow (n)
- involvement: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), outside (perspective)
- power: inner circle (n), insider (person), outsider (person)
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: outlier (n)
- society: center (society), fit in (v), fringe (on the fringes), fringe (versus mainstream), inner circle (n), insider (person), mainstream (society), margin (on the margins), netherworld (n), outlier (n), outsider (person), underground (n), underworld (n)
- situation: middle (in the middle)
- superiority & inferiority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)

CERTAINTY & UNCERTAINTY (1)

- air: air (up in the air)
- allusion: Bermuda Triangle
- atmosphere: air (up in the air)
- basketball: jump ball (n), layup (n), slam-dunk
- boat: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- books & reading: open-and-shut (adj)
- cards: bet (all bets are off)

- cloud: cloudy (certainty)
- color: gray (gray area)
- container: bag (in the bag)
- direction: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- eye: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj)
- gambling: bet (all bets are off)
- ground, terrain & land: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (in uncharted territory), uncharted (adj)
- hand: grab (up for grabs)
- head: no-brainer (n)
- history: Bermuda Triangle
- horse: hands down (certainty)
- journeys & trips: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- justice: jury (the jury is out)
- letters & characters: question mark
- light & dark: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), cloudy (certainty), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), open-and-shut (adj), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- map: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- money: deal (done deal)
- picture: sketchy (adj)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: air (up in the air)
- religion: agnostic (adj), limbo (in limbo)
- sea: uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- shadow: shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- speech: riddle (n)
- sports & games: bet (all bets are off), game (guessing game), jump ball (n), layup (n), slam-dunk
- verb: waters (muddy the waters)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- weapon: surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)

CHAIN (2)

- configuration: chain (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: chain (oppression), choke chain (n), fetter (n), fettered, unfettered, unshackle (v)
- functioning: fetter (n), fettered, unfettered
- hierarchy: chain of command (and chain)
- oppression: chain (oppression)
- sequence: chain (chain of events), chain (other), chain reaction
- strength & weakness: link (weak link)

CHARACTER & PERSONALITY (1) (see also behavior; identity & nature)

- allusion: Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Colonel Blimp, Don Juan, Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), Panglossian (adj), Pollyanna, Pollyannaish (adj), stoic (adj), Svengali (allusion)
- animal: animal (party animal, etc.), beast (power), black sheep, bloodthirsty (adj), chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), coyote (predation), creature (creature of habit, etc.), donkey (insult), dove (person), feather (ruffle feathers), feisty (adj), ferocious (other), gadfly (person), grub (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), hyena (person), jackal (n), jackass, leech (person), lone wolf (person), man-eater (female), maverick (person),

- mule-headed, pack rat (person), piranha (predation), pit bull (person), predator (people), rogue (n), shark (predation), snake (insult), stud (male), whiner (person), wolf (predation)
- arm: pushy (people), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.)
 - astronomy: eye (stars in the eyes)
 - back: backstabber (person)
 - bird: dove (person), feather ruffle feathers, hawk (person), hawkish (adj)
 - blood: bloodthirsty (adj), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), hot-blooded (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
 - boat: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), showboat (v)
 - books & reading: book (open book), book (by the book), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, profile (profile in courage), Hamlet (Hamlet on the Hudson, etc.)
 - bubble: bubbly (personality), effervescent (personality)
 - cards: card (hold one's cards close), wild card (person)
 - circus: clown (person), daredevil (person)
 - cloth: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.)
 - color: black sheep, colorful (politician, etc.), plain (plain people, etc.)
 - cows & cattle: maverick (person)
 - creature: angel (behavior), creature (creature of habit, etc.), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), giant (gentle giant), monster (affliction), nerd (word nerd, etc.), ogre (person), sphinx (n), troll (computers), witch (n)
 - crime: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
 - direction: buoyant (personality), crooked (adj), ground (moral high ground, etc.), high-minded (adj), shifty (adj), straight (honest), straight (the straight and narrow), straightforward, straight arrow, twisted (character), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
 - dog: feisty (adj), hot dog (person)
 - earth & world: down to earth (adj), earthiness (character), eye (stars in one's eyes), mother (earth mother)
 - electricity: incandescent (character), live wire (person)
 - engine: driven (adj)
 - epithet: British (British of South America, etc.), bulldozer (epithet), Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Harvey Weinstein (epithet), iron (Iron Lady, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), tiger (tiger mother, etc.)
 - equilibrium & stability: levelheaded
 - explosion: grenade (person), self-destructive (v), time bomb (person)
 - eye: eye (stars in one's eyes)
 - family: mother (earth mother)
 - feeling, emotion & effect: irritating
 - film: guy (character), hero (character), villain (character)
 - fire: fiery (character), fire (through the fire, etc.), incandescent (character)
 - fish: piranha (predation)
 - fist: fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)
 - food & drink: bitter (personality), marmite (n), sour (personality), spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), sweet (personality)
 - foot: toe (step on toes)
 - force: bulldozer (epithet), pushy (people)
 - fruits & vegetables: apple (bad / rotten apple), nut (person)
 - gambling: card (hold one's cards close)
 - gesture: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), handwringer (person)
 - ground, terrain & land: ground (both feet on the ground), grounded
 - hand: clingy (adj), handwringer (person)
 - hardness & softness: hard (character), hardheaded (and hard-headed), hard man (character), hard-nosed, snowflake (person), softheaded (and soft-headed), teacup (person), teddy bear

- head: coolheaded (and cool-headed), hardheaded (and hard-headed), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), softheaded (and soft-headed)
- health & medicine: incurable (adj), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- heart: bighearted (and big-hearted), good-hearted, hardhearted (and hard-hearted), heart (young at heart, etc.), kindhearted (and kind-hearted), softhearted (and soft-hearted)
- height: cavalier (adj), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- history: Caligulan, carpetbagger (person), Colonel Blimp, cowboy (person), gladiator (n), helmet (pith helmet), warrior (other)
- horse: cavalier (adj), gadfly (person), hard-charging (adj), maverick (person), stud (noun)
- hunting: hotshot (person)
- hygiene: hot mess (person), mess (person)
- insect: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (person)
- journeys & trips: easygoing (adj)
- knife: backstabber (person)
- light & dark: brilliant (superlative), incandescent (character), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), scintillating (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: odd couple
- magic: charming
- mark: streak (violent streak, etc.)
- materials & substances: behavior (fire, etc.), clay (n), flexible (character), hard (character), hard man (character), inflexible (character), made of (character), mercurial (adj), putty (n), rigid (character), slippery (character), smooth (character)
- mechanism: full on (personality), wound (tightly wound)
- mental health: Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), nut (person)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), gladiator (n), strongman (power), warrior (other)
- mining: gold digger (person)
- money: mercenary
- mouth: loudmouth (person)
- movement: flexible (character) / inflexible (character), rigid (character)
- neck: pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- nose: hard-nosed (adj)
- part of speech: crazy (as noun), rugged (as noun)
- person: backstabber (person), badass (power), boy (golden boy), boy (blue-eyed boy), boy (big boy, etc.), boy (bad boy), buccaneer (person), butterfly (social butterfly), cannon (loose cannon), carpetbagger (person), clown (person), cowboy (person), coyote (predation), cruel (adj), dandelion (character), daredevil (person), diva (person), dove (person), firebrand (person), flower (wilting flower, etc.), gadfly (person), girl (golden girl), girl (big girl, etc.), gladiator (n), gold digger (person), goods (damaged goods), grub (person), guy (character), handwringer (person), hawk (person), hero (character), hot dog (person), hothead (person), hot mess (person), ingenue (person), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), killjoy (person), leech (person), live wire (person), maneater (female), maverick (person), mercenary (person), nerd (word nerd, etc.), nut (person), orchid (character), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pirate (person), predator (people), scold (person), shrinking violet (person), snake (insult), snowflake (person), straight arrow (person), strongman (power), stud (male), teacup (person), villain (character), warrior (other), whiner (person), wild card (person), witch (n)
- plane: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.)
- plant: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), shrinking violet (person)
- predation: coyote (predation), dove (person), ferocious (other), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), lone wolf (person), maneater (female), piranha (predation), predator (people), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- product: goods (damaged goods)
- religion: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), evil (non-human), public-spirited

- ruins: self-destructive (adj)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- sensation: abrasive (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), irritating, nerveless (adj), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), sensitive (feelings), smooth (character), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (personality)
- shark: piranha (predation), shark (predation)
- sheep: black sheep
- sign, signal, symbol: Barbie (and Barbie Doll)
- size: giant (gentle giant)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerveless (adj), sensitive (feelings), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (personality)
- snake: snake (insult)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- sound: whiner (person)
- speech: loudmouth (person)
- sports & games: card (hold one's cards close)
- statue: sphinx (n)
- storm: nature (force of nature)
- taste: bitter (personality), flavor (regional flavor, etc.), salt (flavor), sour (personality), sweet (personality)
- temperature: cold (feeling), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), coolheaded (and cool-headed), fiery (character), firebrand (person), hot-blooded (adj), hot dog (person), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), hot mess (person), incandescent (character), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warmhearted (adj)
- theater: diva (person), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), hero (character), on (performing), showboat (v), villain (character)
- tools & technology: bulldozer (epithet)
- verb: card (hold one's cards close), feather (ruffle feathers), light up (a room, etc.), swagger (v), toe (step on toes)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), swagger (n), swagger (v), toe (step on toes)
- waste: trashy (adj)
- water: bubbly (personality), buoyant (personality), effervescent (personality)
- weapon: time bomb (person), cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (person)
- wolf: ferocious (other), lone wolf (person), wolf (predation)

CHARACTERIZATION (1)

- animal: pigeonhole (n), pigeonholed
- bird: pigeonhole (n), pigeonholed
- clothing & accessories: cameo (n)
- color: mark (black mark)
- container: box (labeling)
- creature: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- fire: brand (v), stigma (n), stigmatize (v)
- health & medicine: victim (other), victimization (n)
- infrastructure: frame (characterize)
- manufacturing: cast (characterize), cast (characterized), recast (v), recast
- mark: brand (v), mark (black mark), stigma (n), stigmatize (v)
- part of speech: special (as noun)
- picture: brush (characterization), cameo (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), illustrate (v), illustration (n), paint (characterize), painted (characterized), picture (view), portrait (view), profile, reframe (characterize), snapshot (picture)

- religion: christen (v)
- verb: brand (v), cast (characterize), christen (v), demonize (v), frame (characterize), illustrate (v), paint (characterize), recast (v), reframe (characterize), stigmatize (v)

CHEMISTRY (2)

- accusation & chemistry: vitriol (n)
- activity: ferment (v), ferment (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: distill (v), essence (n)
- attachment: bond (n)
- attraction & repulsion: valence (attraction)
- bases: essence (n)
- creation & transformation: alchemist (n)
- division & connection: bond (n)
- evidence: litmus test
- experimentation: experiment (n), litmus test
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), vitriol (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- functioning: chemistry, rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- increase & decrease: oxygen (fuel)
- initiation: catalyst (n), catalyze (v), oxygen (fuel), precursor (n)
- mixture: chemistry
- person: alchemist (n)
- resemblance: rust (resemblance)
- speech: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, vitriol (n)

CHESS (2) (see also sports & games)

- control & lack of control: check (in check)
- power: pawn (n)
- progress & lack of progress: stalemate (n)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: checkmate (v), checkmate (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: endgame (n)
- strategy: chess (n), chessboard (n), chess match (n), endgame (n), gambit (n), game (chess game), move (chess move, etc.)
- strength & weakness: pawn (n)

CIRCUS (2) (see also theater)

- ability & lack of ability: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj), juggle (v), juggling
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum, carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.)
- behavior: circus (media circus, etc.), clown (v)
- character & personality: clown (person), daredevil (person)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), tightrope (fate)
- directing: ringmaster (person)
- fate, fortune & chance: daredevil (person), tightrope (fate)
- importance & significance: sideshow (n)
- insult: clown (person)
- obstacles & impedance: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.)
- performance: carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)
- person: acrobat (person), clown (person), ringmaster (role)

- protection & lack of protection: safety net
- resemblance: carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.)

CITY (2) (see place)

CLOCK (2)

- action, inaction & delay: clock (run the clock, etc.)
- competition: clock (race with the clock)
- direction: clock (around the clock)
- fate, fortune & chance: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- past & present: clock (turn back the clock), moment (this moment), moment (that moment), moment (other), wind back (v)
- shape: hourglass (shape)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: tick on (v), tick-tock (n), wind down (v)
- time: clock (turn back the clock), clock (types), clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), clock (run the clock, etc.), moment (this moment), moment (that moment), moment (other), stroke (stroke of midnight, etc.), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), wind back (v), wind down (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), countdown (n), hourglass (time), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), minute (last minute)

CLOTH (2) (see also clothing & accessories)

- amelioration & renewal: iron out (v), patch (and patch up), patched, untangle (v)
- amount: shred (shred of hope, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: pick apart (analyze), tease out (v), thread (investigation), unpick (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unraveled (explained), unspool (v), untangle (v), unwind (analyze)
- attachment: entwined, ingrained, pin (attach), pinned, pinned (pinned down)
- avoidance & separation: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- basis: fabric (fabric of society)
- center & periphery: fringe (edge), fringe (versus mainstream), fringe (on the fringe)
- character & personality: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.)
- complexity: skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled
- concealment & lack of concealment: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.), cloaked (concealed), come out (v), cover (under cover), covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back), shrouded (concealment), wrap (under wraps), wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)
- condition & status: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- configuration: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, fringe (configuration), fringed, laced (adj), overlapped, shrouded (covered), tucked, wraparound
- conflict: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- cover: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, shroud (n), shrouded (covered), wrapped (covered)
- creation & transformation: embroider (v), patch (patch together), patchwork (n), stitch together (v), stitched together, weave (creation)
- destruction: shred (v), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction)
- development: unfold (develop), unfolding (developing), unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: needle (thread the needle, etc.)
- division & connection: entwined, intertwined, interwoven, knit (knit together), knit (tightly knit), seamless, seamlessly, strand (connection), thread (connection), thread (v), tight-knit, weave together (v), woven

- environment: fabric (fabric of society, etc.)
- extent & scope: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: thread (by a thread)
- failure, accident & impairment: fray (v), frayed (degraded), tatters (in tatters), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction), unravel (fail)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pall (cast a pall)
- fictive motion: weave (a trail can weave, etc.), thread (a trail can thread, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fray (v), frayed (degraded), ragged (adj), seamless (adj), tatters (in tatters), wrinkle (n)
- identity & nature: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), dyed-in-the-wool, tapestry (n)
- impression: ingrained
- inauguration: wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)
- involvement: entwined, skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled, web (entanglement), wrapped (wrapped up in something)
- mixture: lace (v), tapestry (n), weave (mixture)
- money: threadbare (adj)
- movement: weave (move)
- oppression: pall (cast a pall)
- proper name: needle (the Needles, etc.), ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: curtain (curtain wall, etc.)
- relationship: entwined, tight-knit
- resemblance: curtain (curtain wall, etc.), strand (strand of hair, etc.), unfolding (opening), wrapped (covered)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: done and dusted, sewn up, sew up (v), wrap up (v)
- searching & discovery: thread (investigation), unfold (discover), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)
- shape: needle (shape), ribbon (ribbon of moonlight, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: done and dusted, wrap up (v)
- subterfuge: covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), Wizard of Oz
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: threadbare (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: rope (velvet rope)
- taxonomy & classification: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), strand (n), stripe (of all stripes)

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES (2) (see also cloth)

- affliction: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry)
- amount: laundry (laundry list)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: strip (strip something down)
- appearance: robe (n)
- appearance & reality: dressed (dressed up, etc.), dress up (v), clothes (deception), fashion (n), naked (unadorned), nakedly, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- area: belt (area)
- attachment: buckle (attachment)
- characterization: cameo (n)
- computer: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: aired (and aired out), bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), bootleg (adj), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.), cloaked (concealed), dirty laundry, dress up (v), fig leaf, launder (v), lay (lay bare), naked (unadorned), nakedly, sleeve (on one's sleeve), sleeve (up one's sleeve), unmask (v), veil (concealment), veil (under a veil), veiled
- condition & status: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- configuration: belt (area), buckle (attachment), cloaked (covered), girdled, necklace (configuration), skirt (configuration)

- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- cover: cloaked (covered), veil (covering)
- creation & transformation: cobble together (v), one-size-fits-all, procrustean (adj), size (one size fits all), tailor (v), tailored, tailor-made (adj)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: boot (get the boot), boot out (v)
- dominance & submission: trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- empathy & lack of empathy: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- experience: belt (under one's belt), hat (old hat)
- failure, accident & impairment: clotheslined, shirt (lose one's shirt), tatters (in tatters)
- fate, fortune & chance: shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boot (shake in one's boots), pearl (clutch one's pearls), shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- flaws & lack of flaws: ragged (adj), tatters (in tatters)
- help & assistance: eye (naked eye)
- hyperbole: pants (scare the pants off somebody)
- inauguration: unveil (make public)
- money: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj), rags-to-riches
- oppression: boot (oppression), procrustean (adj), size (one size fits all), wringer (through the wringer)
- perception, perspective & point of view: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: fashion (out of fashion), hat (old hat)
- proper name: Necklace (Necklace Nebula, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: naked (protection)
- readiness & preparedness: pants (caught with one's pants down)
- removal: strip (v), stripped
- representation: hat (role), mantle (n)
- resemblance: robe (n), veil (covering)
- reversal: shoe (the shoe is on the other foot)
- role: mantle (n), pants (big girl pants, etc.), hat (role), trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mantle (n)
- searching & discovery: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- sex: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- shape: boot (area), washboard (bumpy)
- size: seam (burst at the seams)
- substance & lack of substance: clothes (the emperor has no clothes), dress up (v), fashion (n), fig leaf, naked (substance), strip (strip something down)
- subterfuge: bootleg (adj), cloak-and-dagger, clothes (deception), dressed (dressed up, etc.), launder (v), sleeve (up one's sleeve), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: shoe (big shoes), trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- taking & removing: strip (v)
- work & duty: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

CLOUD (2)

- certainty & uncertainty: cloudy (certainty)
- consciousness & awareness: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness)
- evidence: cloud (sign)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- resemblance: cloud (resemblance), nimbus (cloud)

COERCION & MOTIVATION (1)

- allusion: hector (v)
- animal: bone (throw a bone to someone), dog (attack dog), goad (v), herd (ride herd), herded, pit bull (person)
- arm: arm (twist arms, etc.), arm (long arm), arm-twisting, dangle (v), nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people), shove (n), strong-arm (v)
- blade: hatchet man (person)
- blood: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- cooking: grill (v), grilled
- courtship & marriage: marriage (shotgun marriage)
- crime: kneecap (v), kneecapped, strong-arm (v)
- dog: dog (attack dog), pit bull (person)
- finger: prod (v)
- fire: feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire up (v), grill (v), grilled
- food & drink: bone (throw a bone to someone)
- force: push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people), press (v), prod (v)
- fruits & vegetables: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- gesture: nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- hand: hand (force someone's hand), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), whip hand (n), wring (coerce)
- head: head (hold something over one's head)
- history: hatchet man (person)
- horse: spur (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: hector (v)
- knee: kneecap (v), kneecapped
- nose: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- person: bully (person), bully (v), hatchet man (n)
- plant: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- pressure: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), press (v), pressure (under pressure), pressured, screw (tighten / loosen the screws), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), wring (coerce)
- school & education: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- sign, signal, symbol: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- speech: cudgel (n), goad (v), stick (n)
- temperature: heat (turn up the heat, etc.)
- tools & technology: screw (tighten / loosen the screws)
- train: railroad (v), railroaded
- verb: arm (twist arms, etc.), bully (v), clamp down (v), crack down (v), dangle (v), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire up (v), goad (v), grill (v), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hand (force someone's hand), head (hold something over one's head), hector (v), herd (ride herd), kneecap (v), lean on (coercion), nudge (v), press (v), prod (v), push (coercion and motivation), railroad (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), spur (v), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), strong-arm (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), wring (coerce)
- violence: arm-twisting, billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), goad (v), hatchet man (person), kneecap (v), kneecapped, stick (n), strong-arm (v), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

- weapon: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hatchet man (person), stick (n)
- weight: lean on (coercion)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

COLOR (2)

- acceptance & rejection: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- access & lack of access: black box (n), black hole, black site (national security)
- accusation & criticism: pot (pot calls the kettle black)
- affliction: bete noire (black beast)
- alternatives & choices: palette (n)
- amount: palette (n)
- appearance & disappearance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), blue whale, swan (black swan)
- attachment: ingrained
- attraction & repulsion: pasture (greener pastures)
- biodiversity: green (environment)
- certainty & uncertainty: gray (gray area)
- character & personality: black sheep, colorful (politician, etc.), plain (plain people, etc.)
- characterization: mark (black mark)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black box (n), black hole, black site (national security)
- consciousness & awareness: black hole, black out (v), black site (national security)
- constraint & lack of constraint: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- danger: zone (red zone, etc.)
- death & life: evergreen (adj), red (blood)
- epithet: eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.), gold (black gold, etc.)
- experience: green (experience), greenhorn (person)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), blue whale, swan (black swan)
- feeling, emotion & effect: black (feeling), black (black day, etc.), blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), blue (feeling), blues (the blues), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dog (black dog / mental health), face (red face, red-faced, etc.), green (green with envy), livid (adj), mist (red mist), red (see red), sanguine (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: black eye
- geography: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- group, set & collection: palette (n)
- hierarchy: blue blood
- identity & nature: blue (politics), chocolate (African Americans), red (politics)
- impression: ingrained
- isolation & remoteness: black hole, black site (national security)
- occurrence: blue whale, swan (black swan)
- oppression: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- origin: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- person: greenhorn (person)
- proper name: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: red alert (on red alert)
- reputation: black eye, mark (black mark)
- resemblance: rainbow (color)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: amber (traffic light), black sheep, green (green list, etc.), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red (red list, etc.), traffic light (or traffic signal)
- speech: colorful (language)

- subterfuge: greenwash (n), greenwashing (n)
- superiority & inferiority: blue blood, red carpet (treatment)
- violence: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist), red (see red)
- warning: black (warning), red flag
- welcome: red carpet (treatment)
- worth & lack of worth: white elephant

COMING, ARRIVING, STAYING, LEAVING & RETURNING (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)

- animal: roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
- ball: rebound (rebound headache, etc.)
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- Bible: exodus (n)
- bird: blow-in (n)
- boat: ship (abandon / jump ship)
- bridge: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- day: day (day has arrived, etc.), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- direction: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (development), come back (resiliency), comeback (n), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (come and go), go back (and get back), intervening (adj), return (and return to), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), turnover (work), upcoming (adj)
- doors & thresholds: exit (n), revolving door, usher in (v)
- engine: parked (movement)
- explosion: burst on / onto the scene, etc.
- film: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- foot: footprint (retrace one's footsteps)
- government: vote (vote with one's feet)
- head: head (rear its head, etc.)
- horse: cavalcade (n), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- infrastructure: ramp (on ramp and off ramp, etc.)
- insect: descend (descend on)
- journeys & trips: bag (pack one's bags), circle back (return), get (get somewhere), reach (the news reached him, etc.)
- light & dark: fade away (v)
- mechanism: conveyor belt, parked (movement)
- military: last hurrah
- movement: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), cavalcade (n), circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (development), come back (resiliency), conga line, conveyor belt, day (day has arrived, etc.), footprint (retrace one's footsteps), go (come and go), go (not go anywhere, etc.), coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: go away (v), go back (and get back), here (here to stay, etc.), hover (other), intervening (adj), linger (v), lingering, loiter (v), musical chairs, pageant (n), parade (n), parked (movement), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (and return to), return (n), revisit (v), revolving door, time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), upcoming (adj), waltz in (v)
- music: musical chairs, waltz in (v)
- place: here (here to stay, etc.)
- plane: bail out (leave), land (arrive, affect, decide), parachute (drop in), parachute (golden parachute), parachute (v), parachuted
- prep, adv, adj, particle: back (return)
- religion: exodus (n)

- river: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- royalty: herald (v), herald (n)
- sea: wash up (v)
- sound: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
- sports & games: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, musical chairs
- sun: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- surveying: stake (pull up stakes)
- table: table (come back to the table)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- theater: bow out (v), curtain call, encore (n), exit (n), usher in (v)
- verb: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), bag (pack one's bags), bail out (leave), bow out (v), burst on / onto the scene, etc., circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (development), come back (resiliency), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descend (descend on), fade away (v), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), get (get somewhere), go (not go anywhere, etc.), go (come and go), go away (v), go back (and get back), head (rear its head, etc.), herald (v), hit (arrive), hover (other), jump (leave), land (arrive, affect, decide), linger (v), loiter (v), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (and return to), revisit (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), stake (pull up stakes), stay around (v), table (come back to the table), tent (fold one's tent), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), usher in (v), walk (walk away from something), waltz in (v), wash up (v)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (leave), pageant (n), parade (n)
- water: bridge (burn one's bridges), wash up (v)
- wave: wash up (v)
- weapon: boomerang (n)
- wind: blow-in (n)

COMMITMENT & DETERMINATION (1)

- allusion: believer (true believer), boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- animal: badger (v), dogged (determined), pit bull (person)
- arm: embrace (v), pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- baseball: home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- basketball: full-court press
- boat: hand (all hands on deck)
- breathing: eat (eat and breathe, etc.)
- bullet: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet)
- cards: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- container: out (all out, etc.)
- depth: dig deep (determination)
- death & life: live (live and die / commitment)
- direction: down (down for something), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), live up to (something), up (up for something)
- dog: dogged (determined), pit bull (person)
- engine: gas (step on the gas / step off the gas), pedal (pedal to the metal), tank (empty the tank, etc.), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- epithet: badger (The Badger, etc.), iron (Iron Lady, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- eye: blind (disregarding evidence, logic), blindly
- face: game (game face)

- fire: fire (fire and desire, etc.)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag)
- food & drink: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- force: pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- gambling: double down (v), in (all in)
- gesture: embrace (v), lean into (v), step into (v)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (bring it), leave it somewhere (commitment)
- ground, terrain & land: dig deep (determination), flag (plant one's flag), last-ditch (adj)
- hand: hand (all hands on deck)
- hardness & softness: hard (hard "no," etc.)
- heart: half-hearted, heart (commitment), heart and soul
- history: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- horse: bit (bit between its teeth), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)
- journeys & trips: boat (burn one's boats), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- materials & substances: grit (political grit, etc.), hard (hard "no," etc.)
- mechanism: full on (adj), full out (adj), gas (step on the gas / step off the gas), pedal (pedal to the metal), tank (empty the tank, etc.), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- military: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), flag (plant one's flag), last-ditch (adj), locked in (target), mission (on a mission), mission (other), shield (on one's shield), warrior through (v)
- mining: dig deep (determination)
- money: buy-in (n), cost (at all costs, etc.), invest (v), investment (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- movement: budge (v), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), immovable (adj), leap (leap into action, etc.), waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops)
- number: percent (one hundred and ten percent)
- person: hand (all hands on deck)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (down for something), in (all in), out (all out, etc.), up (up for something)
- religion: agnostic (adj), born-again, heart and soul, heaven (move heaven and earth), hellbent, vow (v), vow (n)
- river: boat (burn one's boats), heart and soul, Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- size: go big (v)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- speech: hard (hard "no," etc.), talk (talk the talk)
- sports & games: full-court press, game (game face), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean into (v), stand (stand firm)
- stomach: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- table: table (bring everything to the table)
- target: locked in (target)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something), throw (throw it all at the wall, etc.)
- verb: all (give something one's all, etc.), badger (v), bit (bit between its teeth), bring (bring it), budge (v), bullet (bite the bullet), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), dig deep (determination), double down (v), dive in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), embrace (v), go big (v), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), invest (v), lean into (v), leap (leap into action, etc.), leave it somewhere (commitment), live up to (something), pass (cards), plate (step up to the plate), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stand (stand firm), step into (v), stop (pull out all the stops), table (bring everything to the table), talk (talk the talk), tent (fold one's tent), throw (throw oneself into something), throw (throw it all at the wall, etc.), vow (v), walk (walk the walk), warrior through (v), waver (v)

- walking, running & jumping: leap (leap into action, etc.), leap (leap of faith, etc.), step into (v), walk (walk the walk)
- water: dive in (v), throw (throw oneself into something)
- weapon: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet), gun (stick to one's guns), locked in (target)

COMPARISON & CONTRAST (1)

- affix: acrobatic (adj), anthemic (adj), Arthurian (adj), astronomical (adj), bestial (adj), Caligulan, cavernous (adj), chameleonic (adj), cherubic (adj), Churchillian (adj), Cromwellian (adj), Dantesque (adj), Darwinian (adj), demonic (adj), Dickensian (adj), diplomatic (adj), draconian (adj), elegiac (adj), encyclopedic (adj), Faustian (adj), fetishistic (adj), foundational (adj), funereal (adj), Gandhian (adj), glacial (adj), Homeric (adj), herculean (adj), iconic (adj), Kafkaesque (adj), Krakatoan (adj), Lawrence of Arabia-esque, like (Svengali-like, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), magnetic (adj), Manichean (adj), Martian (adj), meteoric (adj), mountainous (adj), murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.), Napoleonic (adj), nightmarish (adj), nomadic (adj), O. Henry-esque (adj), Orwellian (adj), palatial (adj), Panglossian (adj), paradisiacal (and paradisal), piratical (adj), procrustean (adj), promethean (adj), quixotic (adj), Shakespearean (adj), Sisyphean (adj), size (and sized / affix), Solomonic (adj), spartan (adj), talismanic (adj), thunderous (adj), torturous, volcanic
- animal: bestial (adj)
- atmosphere: sky-high
- breadth: razor (razor-thin), skin-deep
- epithet: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.), Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Amazon (epithet / the company), answer (Britain's answer to Bill Gates, etc.), Chicago (China's Chicago, etc.), Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.), "El Chapo" (Asia's El Chapo, etc.), Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.), Jerusalem (Jerusalem of the North, etc.), Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Leonardo da Vinci, Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.), *Mayflower* (*Mayflower* of the Third Aliyah, etc.), Pablo Escobar (of the Middle East, etc.), Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.), Romeo and Juliet (epithet), Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.), Sicily (Mexico's Sicily, etc.), Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.), Woodstock (whitewater Woodstock, etc.), Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.), Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)
- film: screen (split screen)
- hand: hand (on the one / other hand)
- light & dark: night (night and day and day and night)
- materials & substances: rock (rock-solid)
- number: equate (v), equivalent (n)
- object: postage stamp (size), size (and sized / affix)
- royalty: queen-size (and queen sized)
- size: queen-size (and queen sized), size (and sized / affix)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin-deep
- sky: sky-high
- verb: equate (v)

COMPETITION (1) (see also hierarchy; society; superiority & inferiority)

- allusion: Darwinian (adj), Hunger Games (film), race (arms race)
- animal: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), dog-eat-dog, game (game of cat and mouse), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jockey (v), law (law of the jungle, etc.), minnow (n), pack (competition), rat race, underdog (competition)
- astronomy: outshine (v)
- blade: cutthroat (competition)
- cat: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse)
- clock: clock (race with the clock)

- direction: ahead (competition), behind (competition), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), outrun (v), slipstream (in a slipstream)
- distance: further (further along, etc.), light year (light years ahead)
- dog: dog-eat-dog, pack (competition), heel (nip at somebody's heels), underdog (competition)
- film: Hunger Games (film)
- fish: minnow (n)
- football: football (conflict)
- ground, terrain & land: turf (turf war, etc.)
- government: race (elections)
- ground, terrain & land: jungle (competition)
- history: joust (v), jousting (conflict), race (arms race), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- horse: close (and close-run), dead heat, dust (leave somebody in the dust), jockey (v), neck and neck (adj)
- hunting: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse)
- journeys & trips: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress)
- jungle: himself (every man for himself), jungle (competition), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- knife: cutthroat (competition)
- light & dark: outshine (v), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- Middle Ages: joust (v), jousting (conflict), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- military: race (arms race)
- money: marketplace (n)
- movement: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress), race (competition), race (hurry), slipstream (in a slipstream), wake (in a wake)
- neck: neck and neck (adj)
- person: front-runner (n), pace-setter (n)
- plane: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- position: ahead (competition), behind (competition), front (in front / competition), outrun (v), slipstream (in a slipstream), underdog (competition)
- predation: dog-eat-dog, heel (nip at somebody's heels), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (competition), behind (competition), outgunned, outrun (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power)
- proximity: light year (light years ahead)
- rat: rat race
- shadow: overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- sports & games: ahead (competition), behind (competition), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), catch up (catch up to something), contest (n), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), football (conflict), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), game (game of cat and mouse), jockey (v), keep up (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field), race (politics), race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), right (bragging rights), winner (n)
- verb: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jockey (v), joust (v), keep up (progress), lag (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), pass (progress), playing field (level the playing field), race (hurry)
- violence: cutthroat (competition)
- walking, running & jumping: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), jump (get the jump), keep up (progress), lag (progress), outpace (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj), race (arms race), race

(politics), race (competition), race (hurry), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), step (a step ahead / competition)

- water: wake (in a wake)
- weapon: duel (n), dueling (adj)
- wind: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- wolf: heel (nip at somebody's heels), pack (competition)

COMPLEXITY (1)

- allusion: Gordian knot, labyrinth (n)
- animal: warren (n)
- bird: nest (mare's nest)
- cloth: skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled
- creature: worm (can of worms)
- food & drink: spaghetti (snarl)
- ground, terrain & land: morass (n)
- history: baroque (adj), byzantine
- horse: nest (mare's nest)
- infrastructure: labyrinth (n), maze (terrain), maze (structures), maze (bureaucracy, etc.), warren (n)
- mechanism: part (moving parts)
- music: note (one note)
- picture: puzzle (problem)
- puzzle: puzzle (problem)
- rope: Gordian knot, tangle (n), tangled
- sound: note (one note)
- sports & games: jigsaw puzzle (n)

COMPREHENSION & INCOMPREHENSION (1) (see also consciousness & awareness)

- allusion: Delphic (adjective), eureka (moment, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- arm: arm (get one's arms around something)
- container: take in (comprehend)
- day: dawn (verb / comprehension)
- depth: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- electricity: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- exclamation: Aha! (Aha! moment), eureka (moment, etc.)
- eye: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), eye (believe one's eyes), eye (roll one's eyes), eye-roll (dismissal), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), see (comprehension)
- fist: hit (comprehension)
- food & drink: digest (v), digestible (adj)
- force: hit (comprehension)
- gesture: eye (roll one's eyes), eye-roll (dismissal), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head-scratching
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: get (understand), take in (comprehend)
- hand: grasp (comprehend)
- head: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), head-scratching, mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), mind-bending (adj)
- history: Latin (Latin of Korea, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- journeys & trips: follow (argument), go (argument)

- light & dark: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), clear (unambiguous), dark (in the dark), dawn (verb / comprehension), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb), lighthouse (illumination), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), opacity (n), opaque (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- lightning: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- manufacturing: process (v)
- movement: follow (argument), go (argument)
- physics: dark (Dark Matter, etc.)
- picture: puzzle (problem)
- puzzle: puzzle (problem), puzzling (adj)
- religion: Delphic (adj)
- sea: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- speech: Aha! (Aha! moment), joke (you must be joking, etc.)
- storm: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- verb: arm (get one's arms around something), dawn (verb / comprehension), digest (v), eye (roll one's eyes), follow (argument), get (understand), go (argument), grasp (comprehend), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), hit (comprehension), illuminate (v), mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), process (v), see (comprehension), sink in (v), take in (comprehend), waters (muddy the waters)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), sink in (v), sunk in, unfathomable (adj), waters (muddy the waters)

COMPUTER (1)

- animal: worm (computers)
- astronomy: metaverse (n), Twitterverse (n)
- blade: hack (break into), hack (fix), hack (a fix), scrape (v)
- biology: virus (computers)
- boat: navigation (cyberspace)
- cards: wildcard (computers)
- clothing & accessories: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- container: locker (computer)
- creature: troll (computers), unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.), zombie (computers)
- doors & thresholds: door (back door / computer), trapdoor (computers)
- earth & world: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other)
- explosion: bomb (review-bomb), bomb (code bomb)
- farming & agriculture: farm (computers), harvest (data, etc.)
- fire: firewall (computers), war (flame war)
- food & drink: menu
- force: hit (computer)
- health & medicine: disinfect (v), infect (computers), quarantine (v), viral (computers), virus (computers)
- hunting: clickbait (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Trojan horse (computers)
- infrastructure: warehousing (data)
- knife: scrape (v)
- light & dark: darknet
- military: bomb (review-bomb), war (flame war)
- mining: mine (bitcoin mine, etc.)
- money: paywall (obstacle)
- number: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)

- place: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other), Silicon Valley, etc., water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- plant: root (root server)
- puppet: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- sports & games: surf (computers)
- tree: hole (tree hole)
- verb: disinfect (v), hack (break into), hack (fix), harvest (data, etc.), infect (computers), quarantine (v), scrape (v), surf (computers)
- wall: firewall (computers), paywall (obstacle)
- warehouse: warehousing (data)
- weapon: bomb (review-bomb), bomb (code bomb)

CONCEALMENT & LACK OF CONCEALMENT (1) (see also appearance & reality)

- air: air (expose)
- alcohol: bootleg (adj), bootlegger
- allusion: love (love that dare not speak its name), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), Streisand (Streisand effect)
- animal: burrow (burrow into), ground (go to ground), mole (n)
- astronomy: black hole
- atmosphere: air (expose)
- boat: dredge up (verb)
- books & reading: love (love that dare not speak its name), tell-all (book)
- burial: bury (conceal), exhume (v)
- cards: card (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (under the carpet, etc.), rug (under the rug)
- cat: cat (cat out of the bag, etc.)
- cloth: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.), cloaked (concealed), come out (v), cover (under cover), covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back), shrouded (concealment), wrap (under wraps), wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)
- clothing & accessories: aired (and aired out), bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), bootleg (adj), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (cloak of secrecy, etc.), cloaked (concealed), dirty laundry, dress up (v), fig leaf, launder (v), lay (lay bare), naked (unadorned), nakedly, sleeve (on one's sleeve), sleeve (up one's sleeve), unmask (v), veil (concealment), veil (under a veil), veiled
- color: black box (n), black hole, black site (national security)
- container: cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), genie (initiation), open (honest), out (reveal), outing (concealment), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- creature: genie (initiation), ghostwriter (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- crime: omerta (n)
- death & life: exhume (v)
- direction: basement (concealment), hide (hide behind something), netherworld, underground (n), underworld (n)
- doors & thresholds: door (behind closed doors), trapdoor (computers)
- earth & world: netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- eye: clarity (adjective), hidden, see (see through something), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), sight (in plain sight), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- face: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- fire: smoke out (v), smokescreen (concealment)

- fox: ground (go to ground)
- gambling: card (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- gesture: tight-lipped (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: bury (conceal), buried (concealment), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), ground (go to ground), open (in the open / into the open), out (and out there), there (out there, etc.), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthened
- hand: hold (close held, etc.), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- hole: ground (go to ground)
- house: basement (concealment), closet (secret), room (back room, etc.), skeleton (secret)
- hunting: Easter egg, footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), ground (go to ground), track (cover one's tracks, etc.)
- hygiene: aired (and aired out), artwash (v), clean (come clean), dirty laundry, launder (v), pasteurized, sanitize (v), sanitized, sanitizing, scrub (remove), scrubbed (removed), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- infrastructure: airbrushed, astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, ceiling (glass ceiling), facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- key: lock (lock something away), lock (under lock and key), unlock (v)
- light & dark: black hole, black site (national security), bury (conceal), clarity (adj), dark (in the dark), dark (concealment), day (the light of day), gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), light (shed light), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), shadow (concealment), shadowy, sunlight (concealment), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- love, courtship and marriage: infidelity (n)
- magic: sleight of hand
- materials & substances: airbrushed, gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), stone-faced (adj), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), unvarnished (adj), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- military: black operations (and black ops), camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), infiltrate (v), smokescreen (concealment)
- mining: dig up (v), excavate (v), unearth (v), unearthened
- mixture: blend in (v)
- music: undertone (n)
- orientation: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- part of speech: air (expose), reveal (big reveal, etc.), tell-all (book)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: dredge up (v)
- puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- religion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), soul (bare one's soul)
- river: undercurrent (n)
- shadow: shadow (concealment), shadowy
- skeleton: skeleton (secret)
- society: room (back room, etc.), netherworld (n), scene (behind the scenes), underworld (n)
- sound: undertone (n)
- speech: omerta (n), tight-lipped (adj)
- sports & games: cards (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: sit (sit on something)
- stomach: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- sun: sunlight (concealment)
- taste: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- theater: backstage (adj), behind-the-scenes, curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back), scene (behind the scenes)

- tools & technology: black box (n)
- tree: hole (tree hole)
- verb: artwash (v), bare (lay bare), bare (v), betray (v), blend in (v), bury (conceal), camouflage (v), card (hold one's cards close), clean (come clean), cloak (conceal), come out (v), cover up (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), gloss over (v), ground (go to ground), exhume (v), hide (hide behind something), infiltrate (v), launder (v), lay (lay bare), light (shed light), lock (lock something away), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), out (reveal), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), reveal (v), sanitize (v), scrub (remove), see (see through something), sit (sit on something), smoke out (v), sportswash (v), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), surface (bring to the surface), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), uncover (v), unearth (v), unlock (v), unmask (v), whitewash (v), wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), surface (under the surface), surface (bring to the surface)
- weapon: weapon (secret weapon)

CONDITION & STATUS (1)

- animal: belly-up (adj)
- blade: honed, sharp
- blood: hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n), pulse (n)
- boat: dead (dead in the water)
- breathing: wheezing (condition)
- burial: buried (dead and buried, etc.)
- cloth: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- clothing & accessories: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- death & life: alive (status), alive (alive and well), belly-up (adj), brain-dead (adj), buried (dead and buried, etc.), dead (status), dead (dead on arrival), deathbed (n), die (non-human), dying (dying industry, etc.), last rites (n), life support (on life support), live (alive / non-human), moribund (adj), obituary (n), pulse (n), spiral (death spiral), throe (death throes)
- direction: down (functioning), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), spiral (death spiral)
- engine: hum (hum along), neutral (in neutral), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- fish: belly-up (adj)
- flying & falling: spiral (death spiral)
- health & medicine: ailing (adj), anemic (adj), atrophy (v), basket case, bill of health, brain-dead (adj), brain death (n), comatose (adj), dead (dead on arrival), deathbed (n), diseased, exhausted (condition), exhaustion (other), fatigue (n), fit (adj), handicapped, health (in good health / in bad health), health (condition), healthy (condition), hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n), hurt (other), hurting, last rites (n), life support (on life support), malaise (decline), moribund (adj), prognosis (n), pulse (n), robust (adj), sclerotic (adj), shape (condition), sick (condition), sluggish (adj), temperature (the political temperature, etc.), test (stress test), throe (death throes), tired (condition), unhealthy (condition), unscathed (adj), well (health), well-being, wellness (n), wheezing (condition), wounded (adj)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- knife: honed, sharp
- mark: unscathed (adj)
- materials & substances: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other)
- mechanism: broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), hum (hum along), neutral (in neutral), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- mental health: troubled

- military: AWOL, hors de combat, missing in action (MIA)
- movement: dead (dead in the water), handicapped, limp (v), ongoing (investigation, etc.), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), spiral (death spiral), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- place: place (situation), place (place where), where (situation / development)
- plane: spiral (death spiral)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (functioning)
- religion: last rites (n)
- shape: spiral (death spiral)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: atrophy (v)
- sleep: comatose (adj)
- sound: hum (hum along), sputter (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- temperature: temperature (the political temperature, etc.)
- verb: die (non-human), hemorrhage (v), hum (hum along), knee (bring to one's knees), limp (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
- walking, running & jumping: limp (v)
- wounds & scars: unscathed (adj)

CONFIGURATION (1)

- animal: dovetail (v), honeycomb (v), honeycombed, nestled, perch (v), perched, piggyback (v), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), sardined
- arm: arm (configuration), hug (configuration)
- astronomy: constellation (n), orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- bird: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v), perched
- birth: umbilical (connection)
- blanket: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- boundary: border (proximity), bounded
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- chain: chain (configuration)
- cloth: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, fringe (configuration), fringed, laced (adj), overlapped, shrouded (covered), tucked, wraparound
- clothing & accessories: belt (area), buckle (attachment), cloaked (covered), girdled, necklace (configuration), skirt (configuration)
- cooking: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- container: package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- epithet: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- fish: sardined
- flying & falling: hover (numbers)
- food & drink: pancake (v), pancake (n), pancaked, sandwiched, spaghetti (snarl)
- health & medicine: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked
- hole: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- horse: astride (position), bridle (mechanical bridle, etc.), saddle (support), straddle (configuration)
- house: neighbor (v), neighbor (n), neighboring (adj)
- infrastructure: built, built in, built-in
- insect: honeycomb (v), honeycombed, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- island: archipelago (n)

- key: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- leg: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- letters & characters: punctuate (configuration)
- light & dark: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- line: straddle (configuration)
- mark: dot (v), dotted (arrangement), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, speckled (configuration)
- materials & substances: encrusted, marbled
- movement: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- pendulum: suspended
- person: neighbor (n)
- picture: mosaic (configuration)
- plant: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- pressure: sardined, squeeze (fit), squeezed (fitted)
- rain: sprinkle (v), sprinkled (configuration)
- sea: archipelago (n), pearl (string of pearls)
- shadow: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- shape: belt (area), girdled, ringed (circled)
- sports & games: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: astride (position), sprawl (n), sprawling (adj), straddle (configuration)
- stomach: waist (n)
- verb: blanket (v), dot (v), dovetail (v), fold in (v), honeycomb (v), hover (numbers), hug (configuration), neighbor (v), pancake (v), perch (v), piggyback (v), pockmark (v), punctuate (v), revolve (revolve around something), skirt (configuration), sprinkle (v), squeeze (fit), straddle (configuration)
- weapon: scattershot (adj)
- wedge: wedged
- waste: littered

CONFLICT (1) (see also resistance, opposition & defeat; predation)

- air: turbulence
- allusion: cold war, Gandhian (adj)
- animal: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v), bearbaiting, blink (conflict), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), bone (bone of contention), chest (beat one's chest, etc.), claw (v), corral (v), dogfight (n), game (game of chicken), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns), hornet's nest, jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit), rear (v), roll over (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), snake pit, teeth (danger), throat (predation), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.), wound (lick one's wounds), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- atmosphere: turbulence
- back: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v)
- bird: game (game of chicken)
- blade: hatchet job (n), stab (v)
- blood: blood (bad blood), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), bloodbath (n), blood sport (n), bloody (conflict), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit)
- boat: broadside (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- boxing: bare-knuckled (adj), come (come out swinging), glove (the gloves are off), jab (n), punch (punch back), rumble (v), spar (v), square off (v), swing (take a swing, etc.), slug (slug something out), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), uppercutting
- cows & cattle: beef (conflict)
- cloth: velvet (Velvet Revolution)

- cows & cattle: corral (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- crashes & collisions: collide (v), collision (n), course (on a collision course), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- crime: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.)
- day: day (win the day)
- death & life: drive-by (conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.)
- direction: side (conflict)
- dog: back (get one's back up, etc.), dogfight (n), hackles (raise hackles), roll over (v)
- epithet: war (epithet / figurative)
- explosion: blowup (conflict), fireworks (conflict)
- eye: blink (conflict)
- face: face (conflict), face (in one's face)
- farming & agriculture: slash-and-burn (adj)
- film: match (death match), wagon (circle the wagons)
- fire: fire (conflict), flame (conflict), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj)
- fist: bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), tit-for-tat (adj), trounce (v), trounced
- football: football (conflict)
- fortification: battering ram, parapet (n), siege (under siege)
- gesture: blink (conflict), chest (beat one's chest, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: last-ditch (adj), turf (turf war, etc.)
- hair: hackles (raise hackles)
- hardness & softness: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- head: head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- history: arena (in / inside the arena), cold war, joust (v), jousting (conflict), match (death match), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.), wagon (circle the wagons), warpath (on the warpath)
- hole: pit (bear pit), snake pit
- horn: head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- horse: corral (v), rear (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- infrastructure: arena (in / inside the arena)
- insect: hornet's nest
- light & dark: Manichean (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: honeymoon (n)
- Middle Ages: gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), joust (v), jousting (conflict), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- military: ally (other), attack (v), attack (under attack, etc.), battering ram, battle (v), battle (n), battle cry, battleground (conflict), broadside (n), ceasefire (n), civil war (n), combat (v), combat (n), combative (adj), counterattack (n), day (win the day), embattled, enemy (conflict), fight (n), fight (v), firefight (and fire fight), force (show of force), fray (above the fray), fray (conflict), front (conflict), hostile (adjective), last-ditch (adj), line (battle lines, etc.), outgunned, rebellion (n), reprisal (n), scorched-earth, shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), siege (under siege), skirmish (n), truce (n), wagon (circle the wagons), war (at war), war (conflict), warfare (n), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- person: black belt (person), enemy (conflict), gun (hired gun), wrangler (person)
- physics: friction (conflict)
- predation: backbiting, blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit), teeth (danger), throat (predation), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.), wound (lick one's wounds)
- pressure: blowup (conflict)
- religion: Manichean (adj), picnic (church picnic)
- school & education: fight (food fight)
- shape: vicious circle

- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: war of nerves
- smell: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- snake: snake pit
- society: hostile (adj), tribal (groups), tribalism (groups)
- sound: bewail (v), clamor (v), clash (n), clash (v), din (attention), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), moan (v), moaning, noisy (debate, etc.), noise (attention and conflict), outcry (n), quiet (adj), scream (scream for action, etc.), tumult (disruption), uproar (controversy), volume (turn up the volume, etc.), wail (v)
- speech: fireworks (conflict)
- sports & games: arena (in / inside the arena), beat (defeat), black belt (person), blood sport (n), football (conflict), game (game of chicken), match (death match), pit (bear pit), rumble (v), tug of war
- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), chest (beat one's chest, etc.), standoff (n)
- storm: storm (eye / center of the storm), storm (in the storm), storm (conflict)
- sword: sword (cross swords), sword (at swords' points)
- teeth: teeth (danger)
- temperature: cold war
- throat: jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), throat (predation)
- toe: toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)
- verb: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), barb (trade barbs, etc.), battle (v), beat (defeat), bewail (v), blink (conflict), blood (smell blood), clamor (v), clash (v), claw (v), collide (v), combat (v), corral (v), feud (v), fight (v), gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), growl (v), howl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), horn (lock horns), joust (v), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), moan (v), punch (punch back), rear (v), roll over (v), rumble (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), scream (scream for action, etc.), slug (slug something out), spar (v), square off (v), stink (raise a stink), swing (take a swing, etc.), sword (cross swords), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), thrash (v), trounce (v), wagon (circle the wagons), wail (v), wrangle (v)
- violence: bearbaiting, bloodbath (n), blood sport (n), brawl (n), drive-by (conflict), feud (v), feud (n), fighter (fighter), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.), pit (bear pit), reprisal (n), thrash (v), thrashed, thrashing, vendetta (n), warpath (on the warpath)
- water: turbulence
- weapon: arm (up in arms), attack (under attack, etc.), barb (trade barbs, etc.), blowup (conflict), broadside (n), crossfire (n), duel (n), dueling (adj), gun (hired gun), hatchet job (n), outduel (v), outgunned, shoot-out (n), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- whip: thrash (v), thrashed, thrashing

CONFRONTING, DEALING WITH & IGNORING THINGS (1) (see also action, inaction & delay)

- animal: blink (conflict), duck (avoid), head-on, sand (stick one's head in the sand), teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), toss back (v)
- bird: duck (avoid), sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- bodily reaction: flinch (v)
- bridge: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- clothing & accessories: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- crashes & collisions: head-on
- desert: sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- direction: come forward (v), face up (face up to something), man up (v), retreat (withdraw), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- ear: ear (turn a deaf ear), dear (fall on deaf ears)
- eye: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blind spot, blink (conflict), eye (turn a blind eye), look (look the other way / look away), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)

- face: face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face (in the face of), face (in one's face), face up (face up to something)
- football: punt (v), punt (n), tackle (v)
- gesture: blink (conflict), lean in (v), shrug (gesture)
- hand: go (let something go), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (wash one's hands of something), handle (deal with), handled, handling
- head: head-on
- health & medicine: triage (n)
- height: rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- horn: head-on
- horse: shy (shy away)
- hygiene: hand (wash one's hands)
- journeys & trips: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), road (go down that road, etc.), there (go there)
- light & dark: gloss over (v)
- military: retreat (withdraw)
- movement: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), hand (sit on one's hands), road (go down that road, etc.), sidestep (v), there (go there)
- place: there (go there)
- river: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- shoulder: shrug (gesture)
- speech: address (v)
- sports & games: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), field (v), grapple (v), tackle (v), wrestle (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean in (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v)
- teeth: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- verb: address (v), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), blink (conflict), can (kick the can down the road), come forward (v), dance (dance around something), duck (avoid), eye (turn a blind eye), face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face up (face up to something), flinch (v), gloss over (v), go (let something go), grapple (v), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (wash one's hands of something), handle (deal with), lean in (v), look (look the other way / look away), meet (meet the moment, etc.), put up with (v), punt (v), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.), road (push something down the road), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v), toss back (v), wrestle (v)
- walking, running & jumping: can (kick the can down the road), dance (dance around something), road (push something down the road), sidestep (v), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v)
- wrestling: grapple (v), wrestle (v)

CONSCIOUSNESS & AWARENESS (1) (see also comprehension & incomprehension)

- addiction: opiate (n), opium (n)
- alcohol: black out (v)
- allusion: frog (frog in boiling water), road (road to Damascus)
- animal: frog (frog in boiling water), lemming (consciousness), sheep (consciousness)
- astronomy: black hole
- atmosphere: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness), drift (consciousness)
- ball: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- bell: bell (ring a bell)
- Bible: road (road to Damascus)

- books & reading: sleeping beauty
- cloud: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness)
- color: black hole, black out (v), black site (national security)
- creature: giant (sleeping giant), zombie (behavior)
- day: dawn (verb / comprehension)
- direction: come (see something coming), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- door: open up (consciousness)
- ear: deaf (adj), ear (fall on deaf ears), tone-deaf (adj)
- exclamation: Aha! (Aha! moment)
- eye: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blinded, blinder (n), blindfold (n), blindsided, blind spot, clear-eyed (adj), come (see something coming), envision (envision the future, etc.), eye (open eyes, etc.), eye (closed eyes, etc.), eye-opening, eye-opener, eye-opening, farsighted (adj), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), view (out of view), view (long view), vision (n)
- face: slap (awareness)
- fog: fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- fruits & vegetables: vegetable (consciousness)
- gesture: slap (awareness)
- ground, terrain & land: open (in the open / into the open)
- hand: hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)
- head: head (clear head), mindful (adj), mindfully, mindfulness (n)
- health & medicine: amnesia (n), brain-dead (adj), chloroform (n), comatose (adj), conscious (aware), dream (fever dream, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), opiate (n), opium (n)
- horse: blinder (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)
- journeys & trips: find (find oneself in a place, etc.), road (road to Damascus)
- light & dark: black hole, black site (national security), dark (in the dark), dawn (verb / comprehension), haze (perception), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb), opaque (adj)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mechanism: automata (n), comatose (adj), metronomic (operation), robot (n), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- military: fog (fog of war, etc.)
- mirror: mirror (n)
- movement: drift (consciousness), come (see something coming), see (see something coming)
- music: tone-deaf (adj)
- nose: nose (under somebody's nose)
- part of speech: know (in the know)
- place: find (find oneself in a place, etc.)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot), blind (fly blind)
- proximity: nose (under somebody's nose)
- radio: tune (stayed tuned)
- religion: road (road to Damascus)
- sensation: daze (in a daze), numb (adj), slap (awareness)
- sheep: sheep (consciousness)
- size: giant (sleeping giant)
- sleep: arouse (v), asleep (adj), asleep (at the switch, etc.), awake (adj), awaken (awareness), awakened (adj), awakening, call (wake-up call), comatose (adj), dream (fever dream, etc.), giant (sleeping giant), nap (n), sleeping (consciousness), sleepwalk (v), slumber (n), wake up (v)
- snow & ice: blizzard (consciousness)

- sound: bell (ring a bell)
- speech: Aha! (“Aha” moment), tone-deaf (adj)
- sports & games: ball (take one’s eye off the ball), game (get one’s head into the game)
- temperature: frog (frog in boiling water), shower (cold shower)
- tools & technology: antenna (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen), radar (other)
- train: asleep (asleep at the switch)
- verb: arouse (v), awaken (awareness), ball (take one’s eye off the ball), bell (ring a bell), black out (v), cloud (verb), come (see something coming), dawn (verb / comprehension), drift (consciousness), envision (envision the future, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), illuminate (v), keep up (awareness), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), map (drop off the map, etc.), open up (consciousness), radar (drop off the radar), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), sink (sink into a coma, etc.), slap (awareness), sleepwalk (v), tuned (stay tuned), wake up (v)
- walking, running & jumping: keep up (awareness), sleepwalk (v)
- warning: wake-up call
- water: frog (frog in boiling water), shower (cold shower), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- weather: blizzard (consciousness), fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)

CONSTRAINT & LACK OF CONSTRAINT (1) (see also control & lack of control; restraint & lack of restraint)

- affix: overreach (v)
- allusion: envelope (push the envelope)
- animal: cage (a gilded cage), choke chain (n), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, hogtie (v), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), muzzle (v), penned (penned into, etc.), rein (free rein), shackle (n), wild (run wild)
- arm: hold back (obstacle), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- bird: fly (constraint), wing (clip / stretch one’s wings)
- boat: leeway (n)
- books & reading: book (rule book), book (by the book)
- boundary: backstop (n), boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), guardrail (behavior), limits (push something to its limits), line (line in the sand), open (open marriage, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v), space (personal space)
- boxing: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- breathing: choke chain (n)
- chain: chain (oppression), choke chain (n), fetter (n), fettered, unfettered, unshackle (v)
- color: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- container: box (in / out / outside the box), boxed in (v), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), open-minded (adj), openness (n), penned (penned into, etc.), pent-up (constrained), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- corner: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- crime: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), fetter (n), fettered, Geneva Convention, handcuff (v), handcuffed, hostage (held hostage), hostage (other), manacle (n), prison (constraint), prisoner (constraint), riot (run riot), riot (other), shackle (n), unfettered, unshackle (v)
- dam: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- distance: overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- dog: choke chain (n), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), unleash (v), unleashed
- doors & thresholds: lockdown (n)
- farming & agriculture: siloed
- flood: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- flying & falling: fly (constraint)
- ground, terrain & land: room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)

- hand: hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed
- health & medicine: hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled
- history: Geneva Convention
- horse: bit (bit between its teeth), bridle (v), rein (free rein), unbridled
- infrastructure: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), guardrail (behavior), lane (experience), outlet (n), road (rules of the road)
- justice: Geneva Convention
- key: lockdown (n)
- leg: fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- line: color (color outside the lines, etc.), line (line in the sand)
- manufacturing: mold (fit a mold, etc.)
- map: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- materials & substances: elastic (adj), flexible (adj), rigid (constraint), supple (adj)
- mental health: straitjacket (n)
- military: Geneva Convention
- money: budget (attention budget, etc.)
- movement: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), fetter (n), fettered, flexible (adj), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (transmission), outlet (n), rigid (constraint), spot (tight spot, etc.), supple (adj), unfettered
- picture: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- place: spot (tight spot, etc.)
- plane: envelope (push the envelope)
- pressure: choke chain (n), outlet (n), tight (constraint)
- river: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- rope: bind (constraint), bind (constrain), binding (adj), bound (constraint), hand (tie one's hands, etc.), loose (get looser, etc.), slack (n), tied (constraint)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: hidebound (adj)
- sky: sky (blue sky thinking)
- snow & ice: ice (put on ice)
- space: room (opportunity), room (space)
- speech: gag (gag order, etc.), muffled
- sports & games: book (rule book), box (box somebody into a corner), no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)
- temperature: ice (put on ice)
- verb: bind (constraint), bit (bit between its teeth), box (box somebody into a corner), bridle (v), color (color outside the lines, etc.), envelope (push the envelope), fly (constraint), hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), hobble (v), hogtie (v), hold back (obstacle), jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (lines), jump (transmission), limits (push something to its limits), muzzle (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), unleash (v), unshackle (v), wild (run wild), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- violence: choke chain (n)
- walking, running & jumping: fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (lines), overstep (v), unfettered
- wall: wall (constraint)
- walking, running & jumping: hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (transmission), jump (lines)
- water: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), outlet (n), outpouring, spigot (open / close, etc.)
- wrestling: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)

CONSUMPTION (1)

- animal: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), food (meat), ground feeding ground), lap up (v), meat (fresh meat)
- bodily reaction: choke (v), retch (v), swallow (disappearance)
- breathing: choke (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- death & life: live (live and breathe, live to)
- farming & agriculture: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), commodity (n)
- fire: burn through (v)
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- food & drink: appetite (appetite for fur, etc.), bellyful (amount), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), candy (n), chew (and chew up), chew over (v), choke (v), consume (consumption), consumption (n), delicious (adj), devour (devour the classics, etc.), diet (n), digest (v), digestible (adj), drink in (v), eat (endure), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), eat up (v), famine (n), feast (v), feast (n), fed up (adj), feed (fuel), feed (supply), feed (satisfy), feed (feed on / off something), food (food for thought), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), glutton (person), glutinous (adj), gorge (gorge on), hook (hook, line and sinker), hunger (n), hungry (adj), imbibe (v), ingest (v), insatiable (adj), juicy (adj), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), lap up (v), mouthwatering (adj), omnivorous (adj), palatable (adj), piquancy (n), potato chip, ravenous (adj), ravenously, regurgitate (v), retch (v), serve up (v), sour (adj), spicy (adj), stomach (accept), sustenance (n), swallow (accept), swallowed, sweet (sweet dreams, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), taste (taste for violence, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), tasty (adj), thirst (n), unpalatable (adj), unsavory (adj), voracious (adj), voraciously
- health & medicine: pill (bitter pill, etc.)
- meat: food (meat), meat (fresh meat), meat (piece of meat)
- military: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), food (meat)
- person: glutton (person), glutinous (adj)
- plant: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- predation: food (meat), ground (feeding ground), meat (fresh meat)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- speech: saccharine (adj)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj), retch (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- taste: bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), candy (n), delicious (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), palatable (adj), piquancy (n), saccharine (adj), sour (adj), spicy (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), tasty (adj), unpalatable (adj), unsavory (adj)
- throat: choke (v), swallow (accept), sweet (sweet dreams, etc.), throat (ram something down the throat)
- tongue: lap up (v)
- verb: burn through (v), chew (and chew up), chew over (v), choke (v), consume (consumption), devour (devour the classics, etc.), digest (v), eat (endure), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), eat up (v), feed (fuel), feed (supply), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), gorge (gorge on), imbibe (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe, live to), regurgitate (v), retch (v), run out (of gas, etc.), serve up (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), swallow (disappearance), throat (ram something down the throat)
- walking, running & jumping: run out (of gas, etc.)
- water: thirst (n)

CONSUMPTION (2)

- action, inaction & delay: time (lose time, etc.)
- military: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), cannon fodder (military), grinder (meat grinder), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.)
- speech: eat (eat one's words, etc.)
- time: spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (borrowed time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (have time), time (give time), time (run out of time), time (time left), time (waste time), time (use time), time (time off), time (take your time), time (take time, etc.), time (lose time)

- timeliness & lack of timeliness: time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (time left), time (lose time)

CONTAINER (2)

- acceptance & rejection: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- access & lack of access: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access)
- affliction: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: out (want out)
- amount: bag (collection), bottomless (adj), brim (v), full (adj), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial), truckload (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: unpack (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: showcase (v), showcase (n)
- avoidance & separation: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), out (want out), stay out (v)
- center & periphery: outside (outside world, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: bag (in the bag)
- characterization: box (labeling)
- commitment & determination: out (all out, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: take in (comprehend)
- computer: locker (computer)
- concealment & lack of concealment: cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), genie (initiation), open (honest), out (reveal), outed (concealment), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- configuration: package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (in / out / outside the box), boxed in (v), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), open-minded (adj), openness (n), penned (penned into, etc.), pent up (constrained), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- danger: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- death & life: life (container)
- enthusiasm: into (be into something)
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), oven (the Oven, etc.), pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.), pressure cooker (other)
- fate, fortune & chance: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), drained (feeling), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), hold in (emotions), in (in pain, in anger, etc.), inside (emotions), open (honest), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pent-up (constrained), place (feelings and emotions), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- future: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), tap (on tap), time (in time / future)
- group, set & collection: bag (collection), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- heart: heart (container)
- idea: box (in / out / outside the box)
- identity & nature: in (the cowboy in me, etc.), melting pot (n)
- initiation: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- involvement: get in / get into (involvement), hole (situation), in (involvement), into (involvement)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- mind: close-minded (adj), mind (container), mind (open mind), open-minded
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- money: coffer (n)
- obstacles & impedance: bottle up (impede)
- past & present: past (in the past), time (in our time, etc.), time capsule

- perception, perspective & point of view: outside (perspective)
- possession: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: time capsule
- protection & lack of protection: bubble (quarantine)
- pursuit, capture & escape: cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), exit (n), genie (initiation), get out (and get out of), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), trap (in a trap), way (way out / escape), toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- responsibility: lap (responsibility)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: open (honest)
- situation: bind (in a bind), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, exit (n), get out (and get out of), hole (situation), in (situation), jam (situation), lap (lap of luxury), limbo (in limbo), out (want out), pulled in, pulled into, room (wiggle room), space (in a space, etc.), spot (tight spot, etc.), stay out (v), stuck (adj), trap (in a trap), trap (Chinese finger trap), trouble (in trouble), way (way out / escape)
- speech: open up (emotions, speech, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: brim (v)
- taxonomy & classification: basket (category), bucket (category)
- time: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), past (in the past), time (in our time, etc.), time (in time / future), time capsule (n)
- worth & lack of worth: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)

CONTENT (1)

- animal: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- food & drink: filling (content), food (food for thought)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (political dirt, etc.)
- house: furniture (contents)
- manufacturing: mill (grist for the mill), mill (gossip / rumor mill)
- object: stuff (n)
- plant: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- wheat: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

CONTEXT (1) (see also analysis, interpretation & explanation; picture)

- part of speech: picture (big picture / verb), whataboutism, etc.
- picture: backdrop (against a backdrop), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), step back (perspective)
- position: step back (perspective)
- theater: backdrop (against a backdrop)
- verb: step back (perspective)

CONTROL & LACK OF CONTROL (1) (see also constraint & lack of constraint; restraint & lack of restraint)

- alcohol: drunk (adj)
- allusion: King Canute, Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- animal: calm (v), corral (v), corralled, harness (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), horse (hold your horses), lead (restraint), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rogue, rope in (v), runaway (control), run away (v), tame (v), tiger (n), wild (control), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- arm: arm (get one's arms around something)
- atmosphere: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- boat: adrift (adj), drift (control), helm (at the helm), helm (v), helm (n), rudderless, ship (tight ship, etc.)

- chess: check (in check)
- cows & cattle: corral (v), corralled, herd (v), rope in (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- creature: zombie (control)
- crime: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), hijack (v), hijacked, usurp (v)
- death & life: hand (dead hand)
- direction: adrift (adj), hand (upper hand), helm (at the helm), helm (v), helm (n), top (on top / control)
- dog: leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: gatekeeper (person)
- electricity: circuit breaker (n)
- engine: seat (in the driver's seat)
- epithet: general (Bobby Knight, "The General," etc., helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet))
- equilibrium & stability: lurch (v)
- film: sheriff (new sheriff in town)
- fist: fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)
- force: rage (v), raging (adj)
- gate: gatekeeper (person)
- ground, terrain & land: badlands (environment), colonialism (n), colonize (v), colonized, demesne (control), turf (control), wild West
- hand: grip (v), grip (in the grip), grip (control), hand (dead hand), hand (get out of hand), hand (upper hand), hand (in hand), hand (control), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), handled, handling, hands-off, hands-on
- head: head (keep / lose one's head), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- history: badlands (environment), cowboy (person), wild West
- horse: bit (bit between its teeth), bridle (v), corral (v), corralled, harness (v), horse (hold your horses), lead (restraint), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rope in (v), runaway (control), run away (v), saddle (in the saddle), unbridled, wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- infrastructure: faucet (n), tap (n)
- justice: police (v)
- magic: hypnotize (v)
- materials & substances: putty (n), unglued (adj)
- mechanism: brake (control), lever (levers of power, etc.), steering wheel (control), wheel (control), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- mental health: amok (run amok), berserk, crazy (behavior), flow (go with the flow, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj), unglued (adj)
- Middle Ages: fiefdom (control)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), no man's land (danger), no man's land (regulatory, etc.)
- movement: brake (control), carried away, check (in check), rage (v), raging (adj), spin (out of control), spiral (out of control)
- person: cannon (loose cannon), chaperon (person), cowboy (person), gatekeeper (person), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), police (thought police, etc.)
- plane: spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: hands-off, hands-on
- puppet: puppet (control), puppeteer (n), string (pull strings)
- purses & wallets: pocket (in the pocket)
- religion: god (play god, etc.)
- royalty: kingdom (control), rule (v), ruled, usurp (v)
- sea: King Canute
- society: gatekeeper (person)

- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: knee-jerk (adj), reflex (n), twitch (quick-twitch)
- sleep: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- speech: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- sports & games: check (in check), free-for-all (control)
- storm: whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- temperature: hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- theater: puppet (control)
- tide: King Canute
- tiger: tiger (n)
- tongue: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- tools & technology: circuit breaker (n)
- train: rail (off the rails), train (runaway train)
- verb: arm (get one's arms around something), bit (bit between its teeth), calm (v), colonize (v), corral (v), grip (v), hand (get out of hand), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), harness (v), head (keep / lose one's head), helm (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), hijack (v), horse (hold your horses), lurch (v), police (v), rage (v), rein (rein in), rope in (v), run away (v), rule (v), shot (call the shots), spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.), string (pull strings), tame (v), usurp (v), wrangle (v)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), lurch (v), runaway (control), run away (v)
- water: faucet (n), fluid (adj), tap (n)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), shot (call the shots)
- wind: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)

CONTROL & LACK OF CONTROL (2)

- behavior: control (behavior)
- fate, fortune & chance: control (out of one's control)
- feeling, emotion & effect: control (in control)
- restraint & lack of restraint: control (out of control), control (in control), control (under control)

COOKING (2) (see also food & drink; fruits & vegetables; meat; taste)

- accusation & criticism: grill (v), grilled, pot (pot calls the kettle black), skewer (v), skewered
- affliction: skewer (v), skewered
- attachment: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- coercion & motivation: grill (v), grilled
- configuration: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- creation & transformation: concoct (v), concoction (n), cook up (v), cooked up, kitchen (creation), stir up (v)
- effect: stir (effect)
- fate, fortune & chance: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- feeling, emotion & effect: stir (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: half-baked (adj)
- identity & nature: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- initiation: stir (v), stir up (v)
- insult: skewer (v), skewered
- mixture: concoction (n), fold in (v)
- relationship: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- resemblance: stir up (resemblance)

- situation: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- speech: grill (v), grilled, mince (v), roast (v), skewer (v), skewered
- starting, going, continuing & ending: toast (finished)

CORNER (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: corner (in one's corner)
- area: corner (in remote corners, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- development: corner (turn the corner)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners)
- future: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- movement: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: corner (turn the corner)
- proximity: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- time: corner (spring is just around the corner)

CORRUPTION (1)

- air: miasma (n)
- apple: apple (bad / rotten apple)
- atmosphere: miasma (n)
- direction: twist (twist the truth, etc.), twisted (corruption)
- environment: cesspool
- food & drink: apple (bad / rotten apple), curdle (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), rancid (adj), rot (v), rot (n), rotten (adj), sour (adj), sour (v), spoil (v), spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- health & medicine: contagion (n), corrupting, corruption (n), fester (v), festering (adj), ill (ills of society, etc.), infect (corrupt), infected, infection (corruption), malignant (adj), sickness (n)
- hygiene: filthy (corruption)
- light & dark: shady (adj), tarnish (v), tarnished
- materials & substances: contaminate (v), contaminated, contamination, poison (v), taint (n), taint (v), tainted
- plant: blight (v), blight (n), blighted
- shadow: shady (adj)
- size: stunted
- smell: cesspit (n), cesspool (n), miasma (n), noxious (adj), reek (v), stink (v)
- swamp: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- taste: sour (v), sour (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- verb: blight (v), contaminate (v), curdle (corruption), fester (v), infect (corrupt), poison (v), pollute (v), reek (v), rot (v), sour (v), spoil (v), stink (v), swamp (drain the swamp), taint (v), tarnish (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.), water (poison the water / waters)
- water: pollute (v), polluted, pollution (n), swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp), water (poison the water / waters), well (poison the well)

COST & BENEFIT (1) (see also worth & lack of worth)

- allusion: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose), Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- animal: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
- bird: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
- distance: mileage, way (go a long way)
- explosion: boom (jade boom, etc.), bust (oil bust, etc.)

- food & drink: gravy (n), gravy train, meal ticket (n)
- gift: gift (benefit)
- history: gold rush, Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- letters & characters: box (tick a box, etc.), plus (benefit)
- military: Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: afford (v), bonanza (n), bottom line, capital (value), cash in (v), cost (v), cost (at a cost), cost (at all costs, etc.), costly (adj), dividend (pay dividends), expense (at the expense), gold rush, pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off, payoff, price (n), price tag, prize (n), prized, profit (v), reward (v), reward (n), rewarding, spend (energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.), toll (other), worth (benefit)
- religion: blessed, blessing (benefit), graced, miracle (other)
- scale: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- sound: bang (bang for the buck, etc.)
- ticket: meal ticket (n), pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- train: gravy train
- verb: afford (v), cash in (v), cost (v), outweigh (cost and benefit), pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off (v), profit (v), reward (v), spend (spend energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.)
- weight: outweigh (cost and benefit)

COUNTRY (see place)

COURAGE & LACK OF COURAGE (1)

- animal: chicken-hearted, chicken out (v), game (game of chicken), lion (courage)
- back: back (courage), backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- bird: chicken-hearted, chicken out (v), game (game of chicken)
- bodily reaction: cower (v), flinch (v)
- epithet: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)
- heart: chicken-hearted, faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- lion: lion (courage)
- military: fierce (girls and women / groups, etc.), warrior through (v)
- person: lion (courage)
- proper name: lioness (Lioness.co, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerve (courage)
- sports & games: game (game of chicken)
- stomach: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- verb: brave (v), chicken out (v), cower (v), flinch (v), gut out (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody), warrior through (v)

COURSE (1) (see also direction; route)

- direction: adrift (adj), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), direction (a new direction, etc.), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), direction (symbol)
- flying & falling: trajectory (n)
- infrastructure: road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road)
- journeys & trips: adrift (adj), detour (n), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), direction (symbol), journey (in one's journey), journey (on a journey), journey (n), passage (journey), path (path of peace, etc.), road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road), road (long road), route (course), trajectory (n), way (along the way)
- movement: journey (n), passage (journey)
- path: path (path of peace, etc.)
- physics: trajectory (n)

- shape: trajectory (n)

COVER (1)

- blanket: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- breathing: smother (cover)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- cloth: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, shroud (n), shrouded (covered), wrapped (covered)
- clothing & accessories: cloaked (covered), veil (covering)
- materials & substances: encrusted
- umbrella: umbrella (under an umbrella)
- verb: blanket (v), carpet (v), smother (cover)

COWS & CATTLE (2) (see also animal)

- amelioration & renewal: beefed up, beef up (v)
- behavior: stampede (n)
- character & personality: maverick (person)
- conflict: beef (conflict), corral (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- control & lack of control: corral (v), corralled, herd (v), rope in (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- directing: herd (v)
- force: bull (bull in a china shop)
- idea: sacred cow
- movement: stampede (n)
- person: cowboy (person), wrangler (person)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: maverick (person), sacred cow
- strength & weakness: beefed up, beef up (v)
- taking & removing: milk (v)
- worth & lack of worth: cow (cash cow)

CRASHES & COLLISIONS (2)

- attraction & repulsion: hit it off (v)
- conflict: collide (v), collision (n), course (on a collision course), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: head-on
- destruction: crash (crash and burn), crash (car crash), shipwreck (n), wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person), wreckage (n), wrecked
- failure, accident & impairment: crash (population crash, etc.), crash (car crash), crash-land (v), shipwreck (n), T-bone (v), T-boned, wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- feeling, emotion & effect: whiplash (n), wreck (person)
- functioning: crash (population crash, etc.)
- haste: crash (crash course, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: run (run into something), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- relationship: knock-on (effect, etc.)

CREATION & TRANSFORMATION (1)

- allusion: muse (person), Phoenix (myth), procrustean (adj)
- animal: breed (create), breeding ground, calve (v), calving, chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), rookery (n), spawn (v), spawned, web (spin a web)
- biology: mutate (v)
- bird: incubator (n), rookery (n)

- birth: beget (v), birth (creation), birthday (creation), birthed (created), born (creation), born-on (adj), calve (v), calving, conceived, germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), labor pains, midwife (person), midwife (as verb), pregnant (adj), seminal (adj), spawn (v), spawned
- blade: carved out, carve out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- bodily reaction: spit out (v)
- books & reading: author (person)
- chemistry: alchemist (n)
- cloth: embroider (v), patch (patch together), patchwork (n), stitch together (v), stitched together, weave (creation)
- clothing & accessories: cobble together (v), one-size-fits-all, procrustean (adj), size (one size fits all), tailor (v), tailored, tailor-made (adj)
- cooking: concoct (v), concoction (n), cook up (v), cooked up, kitchen (creation), stir up (v)
- cows & cattle: calve (v), calving
- direction: turn (transform), turn out (create)
- epithet: Edison (Edison of the Internet, etc.), Elon Musk (epithet), father (father of India, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), Gutenberg, mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- family: brainchild (n), father (v), father (father of India, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create), pruned, seed (n), sow (v)
- finger: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- fire: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- fish: spawn (v), spawned
- food & drink: concoction (n), hash out (v)
- gesture: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- glacier: calve (v), calving
- hammer: hammer out (v), hammered out
- hand: artisanal (adj), fashion (v), shape (v), shape (form), shaped, reshape (v)
- head: brainchild (n)
- health & medicine: doctored
- infrastructure: architect (as verb), architect (creator), architected, build (create), construct (artificial construct, etc.), drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other), engineered, engineering (n)
- insect: web (spin a web)
- knife: carved out, carve out (v)
- magic: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- manufacturing: artisanal (adj), assembly line (n), byproduct (n), churn out (v), conveyor belt, fabricate (v), fabricated, fabrication, factory (creation), forge (v), forged, grind out (v), hammered out, hammer out (v), industry (n), machine (publicity machine, etc.), making (creation), manufacture (v), manufactured, mill (n), mold (v), product (n), recast (v), recast, reshape (v), shape (v), shape (form), shaped, strike (strike a deal, etc.), turn out (create)
- materials & substances: clay (n), putty (n)
- mechanism: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- military: drum up (v)
- money: coin (v), coined, mint (v), minted
- movement: spin-off (n)
- nuclear energy: breeder reactor (n)
- part of speech: architect (as verb), Frankenstein (as verb), midwife (as verb)
- person: alchemist (n), architect (creator), author (person), midwife (person), muse (person)
- picture: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- plant: germinate (v), hothouse (n), kernel (n), nursery (n), planted (create), pruned, seed (n), shoot (plant), sow (v)

- prep, adv, adj, particle: cook up (v), drum up (v), make up (v)
- pressure: squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), wring (create)
- religion: born-again, muse (person), reincarnation (n)
- sea: change (sea change)
- sign, signal, symbol: Phoenix (myth)
- snow & ice: calve (v), calving
- sound: drum up (v)
- speech: translate (v)
- spider: web (spin a web)
- tools & technology: churn out (v), grind out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- tree: pruned
- verb: architect (as verb), beget (v), breed (create), build (create), calve (v), carve out (v), churn out (v), cobble together (v), coin (v), concoct (v), cook up (v), drum up (v), edit (v), embroider (v), excite (v), fabricate (v), father (v), forge (v), Frankenstein (as verb), germinate (v), gestate (v), grind out (v), hammer out (verb), hash out (v), make up (v), manufacture (v), midwife (as verb), mint (v), mold (v), mutate (v), patch (patch together), plant (create), recast (v), reshape (v), shape (v), sow (v), spawn (v), spit out (v), squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), stitch together (v), strike (strike a deal, etc.), tailor (v), translate (v), turn (transform), turn out (create), weaponize (v), weave (creation), wring (create)
- weapon: weaponization (n), weaponize (v), weaponized
- writing & spelling: edit (v), edited (genes, etc.), editing (n), rewritten (changed), write (create)

CREATURE (2)

- ability & lack of ability: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), wizard (person), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.), wizardry (n)
- affliction: devil (evil), Frankenstein (product), Minotaur, monster (create a monster, etc.), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- achievement, recognition & praise: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- activity: ghost town
- affliction: bedevil (v), bedeviled, bogeyman (and boogeyman), demon (affliction), Franken (Frankenfoods, etc.), Frankenstein (a monster), fury (creature), genie (initiation), ghost (memory), gremlin (n), haunt (v), haunted, monster (affliction), pursue (afflict), specter (n), vampire (n)
- amelioration & renewal: exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost)
- appearance: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: ghost (verb), ghost (abandoned, etc.), ghosted, phantom
- behavior: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), fiend (behavior), nerd (word nerd, etc.), troll (computers), zombie (behavior)
- character & personality: angel, creature (creature of habit, etc.), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), giant (gentle giant), monster (affliction), ogre (person), sphinx (n), troll (computers), witch (n)
- characterization: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- complexity: worm (can of worms)
- computer: troll (computers), unicorn (tech "Unicorn," etc.), zombie (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: genie (initiation), ghostwriter (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: giant (sleeping giant), zombie (behavior)
- control & lack of control: zombie (control)
- destruction: heart (stake through the heart, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: exorcise (v)
- enthusiasm: nerd (word nerd, etc.)

- epithet: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), angel (Angel of Death, etc.), devil (Lady Devils, etc.), unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.), unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: ghost (fantasy and delusion), heffalump (creature), phantom
- feeling, emotion & effect: demonic (adj), haunt (v), haunted, haunting (adj), spook (v), spooked (feeling), zombie (behavior)
- force: Godzilla (force)
- geography: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- group, set & collection: devil (Lady Devils, etc.)
- help & assistance: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.), angel (help and assistance), godmother (fairy godmother)
- identity & nature: creature (creature of habit, etc.), unicorn (Scotland, etc.)
- importance & significance: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- initiation: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), worm (can of worms)
- insult: devil (evil), monster (affliction)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- oppression: Cyclops (creature), pitchfork (oppression)
- oppression: pitchfork (oppression), witch hunt
- person: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), ogre (person), troll (computers), wizard (person)
- power: giant (sleeping giant)
- presence & absence: ghost town, phantom
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ghost (ghost signs, etc.)
- product: Frankenstein (product)
- proper name: angel (the Los Angeles Angels, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), elf (Elves Chamber, etc.), fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), giant (Giants Causeway, etc.), monster (Monster.com, etc.), Titan (Tennessee Titans, etc.), troll (Troll Wall, etc.), Wizards (Washington Wizards, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: angel (guardian angel)
- pursuit, capture & escape: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bury (bury the ghosts, etc.), exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost), haunt (v)
- resemblance: dragon (resemblance)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ghost (unregistered, etc.)
- shape: angel (snow angel)
- size: behemoth (n), giant (size), Godzilla (force), leviathan (n), monster (size), titan (n)
- society: ghost (unregistered, etc.)
- subterfuge: ghostwriter (n)
- superlative: angel (superlative)
- taking & removing: vampire (n)
- taxonomy & classification: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: creature comfort
- worth & lack of worth: unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.)

CRIME (2)

- access & lack of access: door (back door / illegality)
- accusation & criticism: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hot seat (n), job (hit job, etc.)
- amount: mob (group)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: steal (steal the show, etc.)
- behavior: mob (group), riot (run riot), riot (other)
- character & personality: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)

- coercion & motivation: kneecap (v), kneecapped, strong-arm (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: omerta (n)
- conflict: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), fetter (n), fettered, Geneva Convention, handcuff (v), handcuffed, hostage (held hostage), hostage (other), manacle (n), prison (constraint), prisoner (constraint), riot (run riot), riot (other), shackle (n), unfettered, unshackle (v)
- control & lack of control: hijack (v), usurp (v)
- death & life: murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)
- functioning: fetter (n), fettered, unfettered
- group, set & collection: mafia (group), mob (group), posse (group)
- hyperbole: murder (v), murderer (person)
- judgment: crime (fashion crime, etc.), hot seat (n)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), police (thought police, etc.)
- possession: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), time (steal time, etc.), usurp (v)
- punishment & recrimination: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), job (hit job, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: poach (v)
- resemblance: riot (riot of color, etc.)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), heist (n), hijack (v), hijacked, hold up (rob), loot (v), piracy (n), pirate (person), piratical (adj), plunder (v), plundered, poach (v), poached, rob (v), robbed, robbery (n), Robin Hood, steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), stolen, strip-mine (v), usurp (v)

CURTAILMENT (1) (see also dismissal, removal & resignation; starting, going, continuing & ending)

- ax: axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.)
- baby: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- bell: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- blade: axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- books & reading: book (close the book)
- boxing: knock out (v)
- burial: bury (kill), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- cards: fold (v)
- death & life: bury (kill), kill (v), kill off (v), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- doors & thresholds: door (closure), lockdown (n)
- electricity: circuit breaker (n)
- farming & agriculture: cut short (v)
- fire: snuff (v)
- fist: knock out (v)
- hand: break off (v)
- infrastructure: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- journeys & trips: track (stop something in its tracks)
- key: lockdown (n)
- knife: cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- light & dark: dark (go dark, etc.)
- mechanism: shut down (v), shut off (v)
- movement: end (come to an end, etc.), track (stop something in its tracks)
- plant: bud (nipped in the bud), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- sound: knell (death knell / obsolescence), silent (fall silent)

- sports & games: sidelined (adj)
- tools & technology: circuit breaker (n)
- tree: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- verb: book (close the book), break off (v), bury (kill), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v), dark (go dark, etc.), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), fold (v), kill (v), kill off (v), plug (pull the plug), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), shut down (v), shut off (v), snuff (v), track (stop something in its tracks)
- walking, running & jumping: track (stop something in its tracks)
- water: dissolve (terminate), dissolved (ended), plug (pull the plug)
- window: shuttered (adj)

DAM (2)

- amount: reservoir (amount)
- amount & effect: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgates (other)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- driving force: powerhouse (n)
- obstacles & impedance: dam (psychological dam, etc.)
- past & present: dam (water over the dam)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: dam (water over the dam)
- source: reservoir (source)
- strength & weakness: powerhouse (n)
- time: dam (water over the dam)

DANGER (1)

- allusion: kryptonite (n), Scylla and Charybdis
- animal: hornet's nest, lurking (lurking danger, etc.), predation (n), predatory (adj), sitting duck, snake pit, teeth (in / into the teeth of), tiger (n), wolf (predation)
- back: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- bird: sitting duck
- blade: close shave
- boat: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), Scylla and Charybdis, shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- bodily reaction: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- breadth: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- breathing: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- color: zone (red zone, etc.)
- container: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- direction: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- electricity: rail (third rail)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest), savage (Savage Mountain, etc.)
- explosion: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine (and land mine), minefield, powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- eye: evil eye
- forest: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- ground, terrain & land: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), jungle (competition), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- hair: close shave
- hole: pitfall (n)
- hunting: pitfall (n), sitting duck, trap (n)

- Iliad & Odyssey: Scylla and Charybdis
- insect: hornet's nest
- journeys & trips: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- jungle: jungle (competition)
- knife: back (stab in the back)
- military: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine (and land mine), line of fire, milk run (n), minefield, no man's land (danger), powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- mountains & hills: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- position: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- predation: lurking (lurking danger, etc.), predation (n), predatory (adj), wolf (predation)
- proximity: close call (danger), close shave
- route: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- sea: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), Scylla and Charybdis, waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: zone (red zone, etc.)
- snake: snake pit
- speech: tongue (danger)
- teeth: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- tiger: tiger (n)
- tongue: tongue (danger)
- train: rail (third rail)
- verb: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), exhale (v), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: landmine (and land mine), minefield, pitfall (n), step (watch one's step), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- water: waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- weapon: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, kryptonite (n), landmine (and land mine), line of fire, minefield, powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- wolf: wolf (predation)

DAY (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: heyday (n)
- amount: Christmas (Christmas list)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: day (at the end of the day)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day (day has arrived, etc.), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- comprehension & lack of comprehension: dawn (verb / comprehension)
- conflict: day (win the day)
- death & life: night (death / actual)
- decline: evening (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- epithet: Christmas
- fantasy & reality: Groundhog Day (film)
- fate, fortune & chance: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), noon (high noon), strike (his hour had struck, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: day (dark day)
- future: dawn (verb / start), day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (day after tomorrow), tomorrow (future)
- growth & development: day (early days), evening (decline)
- past & present: day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (day has arrived, etc.), day

- (modern day), day (latter-day), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), minute (at this minute), old (of old), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), today (the present), yesterday (the past), yesteryear
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (those days), day (have one's day), day (glory days, etc.), day (modern day), evening (decline), future (the future), future (of the future), heyday (n), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), latest (the latest / most recent), moment (have a moment / attention), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), sun (currency and obsolescence), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
 - proximity: eve (on the eve)
 - repetition: Groundhog Day (film)
 - speed: overnight
 - starting, going, continuing & ending: dawn (verb / start), dawn (from / since the dawn), dawn (n), day (a new day), day (early days), day (call it a day)
 - success & failure: day (win the day)
 - superlative: Christmas
 - time: dawn (n), dawn (verb / start), day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (day after tomorrow), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (latter-day), evening (decline), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), minute (at this minute), old (of old), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), today (the present), tomorrow (future), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.), yesterday (the past), yesteryear
 - timeliness and lack of timeliness: day (early / late in the day), day (early days), early (timeliness), eve (on the eve), late (timeliness), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), morning (early in the morning), noon (high noon), yesterday (I need it yesterday, etc.)
 - wants, needs, hopes & goals: Christmas (Christmas list)

DEATH & LIFE (1)

- blood: blood (blood represents life), red (blood)
- color: evergreen (adj), red (blood)
- container: life (container)
- crime: murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)
- day: night (death / actual)
- direction: fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen)
- epithet: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), angel (Angel of Death, etc.), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.), graveyard (people), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- euphemism: board (off the board / euphemism), carried off (died), claim (kill), demise (death), disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), encounter (kill), ended (his life was ended, etc.), fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen), feet (feet first), gone (dead), leave (death), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (give one's life, etc.), liquidate (kill), liquidated (killed), lose (through death), loss (death), lost (death), make it (didn't make it), neutralize (kill), neutralized (killed), pass (die), pass away (v), passing (death), remove (kill), succumb (die), take down (kill), taken (through death), terminated (killed), west (go west / obsolete), with us (no longer with us)
- farming & agriculture: reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- fire: flame (life is a flame)
- infrastructure: life (life is a building)
- journeys & trips: dead (dead and gone), way (along the way)
- justice: death (death sentence / literal), death warrant (literal)
- military: body count (actual)
- movement: dead (dead and gone), gone (dead), leave (death), pass (die), pass away (v), passing (death)
- presence & absence: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), gone (dead), leave (death), with us (no longer with us)

- proper name: Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- religion: Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.)
- season: winter (decline)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (blood represents life), coffin (death / actual), cradle (symbol), grave (symbol), night (death / actual), red (blood)
- sports & games: game (social interaction / life)
- theater: stage (life is a stage)
- tree: evergreen (adj)
- verb: encounter (kill), killed (by disease, etc.), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (give one's life, etc.), lose (through death), pass (die), pass away (v), remove (kill), succumb (die), take down (kill)
- violence: murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)

DEATH & LIFE (2) (see also destruction)

- absorption & immersion: live (live and breathe, live to)
- accusation & criticism: drive-by (conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.)
- activity: alive (activity), alive (come alive), dead (activity), dormant (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), life (spring to life), suspended animation, zone (dead zone, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: alive (come alive), Fountain of Youth, invigorate (v), Lazarus (Bible), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), newborn, reinvigorate (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: autopsy (analysis), biopsy (analysis), dissect (v), post-mortem (analysis)
- appearance & disappearance: disappear (extinction), exhume (v), lose (extinction), lost (extinction), vanishing (disappearance)
- bases: lifeblood (n)
- behavior: vulture (behavior)
- commitment & determination: live (live and die / commitment)
- concealment & lack of concealment: exhume (v)
- condition & status: alive (status), alive (alive and well), belly-up (adj), brain-dead (adj), buried (dead and buried, etc.), dead (status), dead (dead on arrival), deathbed (n), die (non-human), dying (dying industry, etc.), last rites (n), life support (on life support), live (alive / non-human), moribund (adj), obituary (n), pulse (n), spiral (death spiral), throe (death throes)
- conflict: drive-by (conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.)
- consumption: live (live and breathe, live to)
- control & lack of control: hand (dead hand)
- curtailment: bury (kill), kill (v), kill off (v), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- death & life: dead (feeling)
- decline: death (decline and death), die down (v), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), gasp (last gasp), life support (on life support), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- destruction: buried (dead and buried, etc.), bury (kill), coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deadly (adj), death (decline and death), deathblow (n), epitaph (n), fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), gasp (last gasp), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kill (v), kill off (v), kiss of death, knell (death knell / destruction), knife (knife in the heart), martyrdom (n), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), noose (fate), roadkill (n), spiral (death spiral), suicide (career suicide, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: body count (figurative)
- enthusiasm: live (live and breathe, live to)
- experience: grownup (person), grow up (grow up! etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly-up (adj), casualty (n), dust (bite the dust)

- fate, fortune & chance: death (cheat death), doomed, funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), kiss of death, live (live and die / fate), noose (fate), stand (stand and fall / fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deadening (effect), funereal (adj), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), killjoy (person), knife (knife in the heart)
- functioning: dead (functioning)
- growth & development: adolescence (n), age (come of age), baby (development), bloomer (late bloomer), boy (big boy, etc.), brought up, career (n), crisis (mid-life crisis), crybaby (person), dowager (old), embryo (n), embryonic (adj), feet (stand on one's own two feet), girl (big girl, etc.), grande dame (old), grow (develop), growing pains, grownup (person), grow up (grow up together, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), innocence (n), life (begin life), life span (n), mature (v), maturity, newborn, old (a year old, etc.), pants (big girl pants, etc.), raised (reared), reared (raised), stillborn (adj), youngster (n), youth (development)
- help & assistance: rescue (v), rescue (n)
- hyperbole: death (to death), death (death by PowerPoint, etc.), die (hyperbole), executed, murder (v), murderer (person)
- identity & nature: live (live and breathe, live to)
- initiation: life (spring to life)
- neck: neck (save one's neck)
- oppression: disappear (oppression), disappearance (oppression)
- person: survivor (person), vulture (behavior)
- place: cemetery (place), dwell (location), grave (place), graveyard (things), live (location), reside (v), residence (n), place (resting place)
- presence & absence: exist (v), live (location), reside (v), residence (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell / obsolescence), live on (v), living (adj), old (traditional), vanishing (disappearance)
- punishment & recrimination: drive-by (conflict), job (hit job, etc.)
- relationship: grow up (grow up together, etc.)
- searching & discovery: exhume (v)
- speech: elegy (n), eulogy (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: alive (status), die (non-human), die out (end), dying (dying industry, etc.), grave (end point), life (begin life), life (spring to life), life (things), live (alive / non-human), live on (v), suspended animation
- substance & lack of substance: flesh and blood, life (bring to life)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment), flatline (v), kill (verb / accomplishment), killer (killer story, etc.)
- superlative: killer (killer story, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: alive (keep something alive), die (non-human), Lazarus (Bible), life (survival), life (give life), life (breathe life), life (life of its own), lifeline (n), life raft, live (live and die / fate), live (live with something), live on (v), perish (v), rescue (v), rescue (n), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), save (v), shelf life, stand (stand and fall / fate), stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- time: time (dead time)

DECLINE (1) (see also increase & decrease)

- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.)
- astronomy: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), star (decline), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- blade: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- boat: ship (a sinking ship)

- day: evening (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- death & life: death (decline and death), die down (v), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), gasp (last gasp), life support (on life support), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- direction: basement (basement price, etc.), bottom (hit bottom), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), descend (v), descent (decline), dip (decrease), dip (n), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), dive (n), down (decline), downfall (n), downhill (go downhill, etc.), downturn (n), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (n), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall on / upon), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), falloff (n), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), go down (decrease), grace (fall from grace), gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), race (race to the bottom), rock-bottom (adj), sag (v), sink (decline), slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), slip (fail), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- erosion: crumble (v), erode, eroding, erosion (n)
- farming & agriculture: haywire (go haywire, etc.)
- fire: burn out (v), burnout (n), die (die down), flame (life is a flame)
- flying & falling: crater (v), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other)
- ground, terrain & land: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rock-bottom (adj)
- health & medicine: fall (fall ill, etc.), life support (on life support)
- history: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other)
- infrastructure: gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- journeys & trips: direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.)
- knife: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- ground, terrain & land: precipitous (adj), sinkhole (n)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- light & dark: dim (decline), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), star (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- mountains & hills: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), downhill (go downhill, etc.), hill (over the hill), precipitous (adj)
- movement: slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), stagnant (adj), stagnate (v) tailspin (in a tailspin)
- plane: crater (v), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- plant: bloom (bloom has faded, etc.), shrivel (v), wilt (v), wither (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (decline), go down (decrease)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: fall (n)
- ruins: crumble (v)
- sea: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb), ship (a sinking ship), washed-up (adj)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- shadow: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- shape: trough (n)
- size: shrink (decline), shrivel (v)
- sports & games: race (race to the bottom)
- standing, sitting & lying: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- star: star (decline)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- tide: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb)

- verb: burn out (v), crater (v), crumble (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), descend (v), die down (v), dim (decline), dip (decrease), ebb (decline), eclipse (v), erode (v), fade (v), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), go down (decrease), haywire (go haywire, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), nosedive (verb / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), sag (v), shrink (decline), shrivel (v), sink (decline), slide (v), slip (fail), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), stagnate (v), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), wane (v), wilt (v)
- walking, running & jumping: race (race to the bottom), slip (fail), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- water: stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), washed-up (adjective)
- wave: washed-up (adj)

DEPENDENCY (1)

- addiction: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- allusion: banana republic
- baby: babysit (v), babysitter (role), nanny (person), wean (v)
- family: babysit (v), babysitter (role), nanny (person)
- health & medicine: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- history: banana republic
- mechanism: wheel (training wheels)
- person: babysitter (role), nanny (person), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- riding: ride (ride on something)
- standing, sitting & lying: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- verb: babysit (v), lean on (support), ride (ride on something), wean (v)

DEPTH (2)

- ability & lack of ability: depth (out of one's depth)
- absorption & immersion: end (deep end)
- amount: bottomless (adj)
- bases: deep-rooted (adj)
- commitment & determination: dig deep (determination)
- comprehension & incomprehension: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- experience: depth (out of one's depth)
- extent & scope: bottom (no bottom), bottomless (adj), deep (extent & scope), deepen (v), deeply, depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure)
- feeling, emotion & effect: deep (emotion)
- involvement: deep (in deep), end (deep end), head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: depth (out of one's depth)
- measurement: sound (measure)
- situation: deep (in deep), depth (out of one's depth), head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: deep (extent and scope), depth (substance), shallow (adj)
- time: depth (depths of winter, etc.)

DESERT (2)

- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- environment: desert (environment), oasis (environment), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.), sand (political sands, etc.)
- epithet: ship (ship of the desert)
- fantasy & reality: mirage (n)
- proper name: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- resemblance: desert (environment), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: mirage (n)

- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert (food desert, etc.)

DESTRUCTION (1) (see also failure, accident & impairment)

- affix: breaker (deal-breaker, etc.)
- air: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- allusion: apocalypse (n), Armageddon, heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kiss of death, kryptonite (n), holocaust (n), Phoenix (myth), vandal (n)
- animal: carcass (n), devour (destroy), eat (destroy), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), gored, nibble (nibble at, etc.), roadkill (n), sheep (predation), slaughtered, snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.), teeth (danger), trample (v), trampled
- atmosphere: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- ax: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- baby: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- back: back (break the back)
- balloon: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- bell: knell (death knell / destruction)
- Bible: apocalypse (n), Armageddon, kiss of death
- blade: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), decapitate (v), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), head (heads will roll, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- boat: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shipwreck (n), shoal (n), sink (destroy), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- boundary: edge (push something over the edge)
- breathing: strangle (v), strangled, strangulation, suffocated
- burial: buried (dead and buried, etc.), bury (kill), coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), epitaph (n), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.), knell (death knell / destruction)
- cloth: shred (v), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction)
- crashes & collisions: crash (crash and burn), crash (car crash), shipwreck (n), wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person), wreckage (n), wrecked
- creature: heart (stake through the heart, etc.)
- death & life: buried (dead and buried, etc.), bury (kill), coup de grace (deathblow), death (decline and death), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deadly (adj), deathblow (n), epitaph (n), fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), gasp (last gasp), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (of diplomacy, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kill (v), kill off (v), kiss of death, knell (death knell / destruction), knife (knife in the heart), martyrdom (n), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), noose (fate), roadkill (n), spiral (death spiral), suicide (career suicide, etc.)
- direction: bring down (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crash (crash down), downfall (n), fell (v), grind down (v), spiral (death spiral), takedown (n), topple (v)
- epithet: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.), Hiroshima (epithet), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: topple (v)
- erosion: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration
- explosion: atomic bomb, blasted apart, blow up (destroy / disrupt), explode (destroy / disrupt), implode (v), implosion (n), self-destructive (adj)
- farming & agriculture: rake (destroy), slash-and-burn (adj)
- fire: ashes, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), crash (crash and burn), extinguish (v), extinguished, flame (in flames), Phoenix (myth), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj), snuff (v)
- fist: crush (destroy), pound (pound targets, etc.)
- flying & falling: crash (crash and burn), shot down (and shot down in flames), spiral (death spiral)

- food & drink: cannibalize (v), cannibalized, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., nibble (nibble at, etc.)
- foot: stamp out (v), trample (v), trampled
- force: crushed (destroyed), crushing (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: abyss (n), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge)
- hand: crush (destroy)
- head: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- health & medicine: chalice (poisoned chalice), dismember (v), dismembered, dismemberment (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), lacerate (v), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), pill (poison pill), poisonous (adj), toxic (adj)
- heart: heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- history: Chernobyl, genocide (n), Hiroshima (epithet), holocaust (n), vandal (n)
- hole: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- horse: founder (v)
- house: roof (a roof can cave in)
- hunting: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- infrastructure: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), crash (crash down), demolition (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), roadkill (n), ruin (verb), ruin (in ruins, etc.), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- justice: death (death sentence / figurative), death warrant (figurative), wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- knife: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- line: edge (push something over the edge)
- manufacturing: unmaking (destruction)
- materials & substances: meltdown (failure), poison (n), poison (v), radioactive (adj), shatter (destroy), shattered, shattering (adj), toxic (adj)
- mechanism: break (destroy / disrupt), break down (destroy), breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), grind down (v)
- Middle Ages: wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- military: attacked, damage (collateral damage), sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, saboteur (person), scorched-earth, shot down (and shot down in flames), strike (preemptive strike, etc.), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), weapon (political weapon, etc.)
- mountains & hills: abyss (n), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge)
- movement: spiral (death spiral)
- neck: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck)
- nuclear energy: atomic bomb, Chernobyl, Hiroshima (epithet), meltdown (failure), radioactive (adj)
- person: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), vandal (n), wreck (person)
- physics: implode (v), implosion (n)
- place: Chernobyl, Hiroshima (epithet)
- plane: crash (crash and burn), shoot down (v), shot down (and shot down in flames), spiral (death spiral)
- plant: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uproot (v)
- predation: consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), sheep (predation), nibble (nibble at, etc.), teeth (danger)
- religion: kiss of death, martyrdom (n)
- river: swept away (removal)
- roof: roof (a roof can cave in)

- rope: undoing (destruction), undone (destruction)
- ruins: bring down (v), buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), crash (crash down), crumble (v), damage (collateral damage), damage (n), debris (n), demolition (n), destruction (n), flatten (v), roof (a roof can cave in), rubble (in the rubble), rubble (other), ruin (v), ruin (financial ruin, etc.), ruin (in ruins, etc.), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, self-destructive (adj), smash (smash a record, etc.), topple (v), tumble down (v), waste (lay waste), wreck (v), wreck (persons), wreckage (n), wrecked
- sea: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shoal (n), sink (destroy), swept away (removal), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- season: winter (nuclear winter, etc.)
- shape: spiral (death spiral)
- sheep: sheep (predation)
- sign, signal, symbol: Phoenix (myth)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: dismember (v), dismembered, dismemberment (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v)
- snake: snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- sound: knell (death knell / destruction)
- speech: shoot down (v)
- stomach: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- taking & removing: take (destroy)
- teeth: teeth (danger)
- tools & technology: bulldoze (v), bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), demolition (n), rake (destroy), run over (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled (and steamrollered), wrecking ball (n)
- train: wreck (train wreck)
- tree: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uproot (v)
- verb: back (break the back), blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), brink down (v), buckle (give way), break down (destroy), bury (kill), bulldoze (v), cannibalize (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), collapse (v), consume (destroy), crash (crash and burn), crash (crash down), crumble (v), crush (destroy), decapitate (v), devour (destroy), disintegrate (v), dismember (v), drain (go down the drain), eat (destroy), eviscerate (v), extinguish (v), fell (v), flatten (v), grave (dig one's grave), grind down (v), gut (destroy), implode (v), kill (v), kill off (v), lacerate (v), nibble (nibble at, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), poison (v), pound (pound targets, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), rake (destroy), root out (v), ruin (v), run over (v), sabotage (v), scupper (v), scuttle (v), shatter (destroy), shoot down (v), shred (v), sink (destroy), smash (smash a record, etc.), snuff (v), squash (v), stamp out (v), steamroll (v), strangle (v), tear apart (v), tear up (v), topple (v), torpedo (v), trample (v), tube (go down the tubes), uproot (v), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), wreck (v)
- violence: coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), genocide (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), pound (pound targets, etc.), rape (v), rape (n), slaughtered, wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- water: swept away (removal)
- weapon: attacked, coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deathblow (n), kryptonite (n), shoot down (v), shot down (and shot down in flames), strike (preemptive strike, etc.), weapon (political weapon, etc.), weaponization (n)
- weight: squash (v)
- wolf: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)

DESTRUCTION (2) (see also death & life)

- amelioration & renewal: piece (pick up the pieces)
- division & connection: torn (divided)
- feeling, emotion & effect: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), shatter (emotions), shattering (adj), torn up, wreck (person)

- oppression: crush (confidence, spirit, etc.)
- resiliency: piece (pick up the pieces)

DEVELOPMENT (1)

- astronomy: wane (v), wax and wane
- baseball: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- books & reading: book (close the book), book (development), chapter (other), page (development)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- cloth: unfold (develop), unfolding (developing), unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- corner: corner (turn the corner)
- direction: come (development), come (see something coming), follow (it follows that, etc.), fulcrum (n), go (develop), head (development), hinge (n), inflection point, lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (n), pivot (v), pivotal (adj), point (inflection point, etc.), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), swing (swing around), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), turn out (develop), twist (n), twist (twist and turn / twists and turns), ups and downs, way (go the other way, etc.)
- distance: along (further along)
- eye: come (see something coming), see (see something coming)
- film: unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- flying & falling: trajectory (n)
- food & drink: appetizer (n), main course, table (set the table)
- force: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- geometry: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle)
- health & medicine: head (come to a head)
- horse: homestretch (n)
- journeys & trips: come (come a long way), course (development), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), get (get somewhere), go (where are we going, etc.), journey (n), odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other), passage (journey), path (a path can turn / development), reach (a place on a journey), return (point of no return), road (turn in the road, etc.), saga (n), take (take somebody somewhere), trajectory (n), turn (take a turn), turn (development), way (to the other way, etc.)
- mechanism: fulcrum (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), turning point (n)
- military: shot (warning shot)
- moon: wane (v), wax and wane
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)
- movement: along (further along), come (development), come (see something coming), come (come a long way), come to (development), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (not get anywhere, get nowhere), go (go wrong, etc.), go (go right, etc.), go (not go anywhere, go nowhere), go (develop), go (where are we going, etc.), head (development), here (go from here), journey (n), lead (one thing leads to another), move on (development), pendulum (reversal), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), roller coaster (development), see (see something coming), seesaw (n), stand still (progress), swing (swing around), swing (development), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), where (situation / development)
- music: crescendo (n)
- number: point (inflection point, etc.), zero (from hero to zero, etc.)
- odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other)
- path: path (a path can turn / development)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal), swing (development)
- physics: trajectory (n)
- place: here (situation), here (go from here), place (situation), place (place where), point (point where), point (at a point), where (situation / development)
- radio: tuned (stay tuned)

- religion: hejira (and hejira)
- river: watershed (n)
- rope: play (play / play out)
- route: course (development)
- scale: scale (tip the scales)
- sea: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.), wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- season: season (time)
- shape: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle), trajectory (n)
- snow & ice: frozen (development)
- sound: crescendo (n)
- sports & games: game (game-changer), homestretch (n), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), roller coaster (development), round (boxing), seesaw (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand still (development)
- storm: storm (calm before the storm)
- table: table (set the table)
- theater: act (development), anticlimax (n), climax (n), finale (n), intermission (n), script (to script), script (off script, etc.), stage (set the stage, etc.)
- tide: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- verb: come (development), come (see something coming), come to (development), corner (turn the corner), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (get somewhere), go (develop), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), play (play out), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), scale (tip the scales), see (see something coming), stage (set the stage, etc.), take (take somebody somewhere), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), turn (take a turn), turn out (develop), unfold (develop), unspool (v), unwind (analyze), wane (v), wax and wane
- water: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- wave: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- weapon: shot (warning shot), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)
- weight: scale (tip the scales), stand still (development), straw (last straw / final straw)

DIFFICULTY, EASINESS & EFFORT (1) (see also work & duty)

- allusion: herculean (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, promethean (adj), Sisyphean (adj)
- animal: beaver (v), claw (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), trot (on the trot)
- arm: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- astronomy: moonshot (n)
- back: back (carry something on one's back), backbreaking (adj)
- baseball: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- basketball: full-court press, layup (n), slam-dunk
- blood: blood (effort)
- boat: hand (all hands on deck), sail (sail to victory, etc.), sailing (smooth sailing)
- bodily reaction: sweat (work)
- boundary: limits (push something to its limits)
- burden: back (carry something on one's back), drag (v)
- circus: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), juggling, tightrope (fate)
- cloth: needle (thread the needle, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- corner: corner (cut corners)
- direction: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), uphill (difficult), upstream (swim upstream)

- distance: corner (cut corners), length (go to any lengths, etc.), marathon (effort and time), mile (go the extra mile), shortcut (v), shortcut (n)
- engine: gear up (v)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- farming & agriculture: plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- finger: finger (lift a finger)
- food & drink: cakewalk (dance), picnic (no picnic), picnic (other)
- force: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- forest: patch (rough patch)
- fruits & vegetables: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- gesture: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- ground, terrain & land: last-ditch (adj), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- hand: finger (lift a finger), hand (have one's hands full), hand (all hands on deck)
- head: no-brainer (n)
- history: Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, slave (v), trail of tears, via dolorosa
- horse: hands down (easily), trot (on the trot)
- hunting: turkey shoot
- journeys & trips: corner (cut corners), mile (go the extra mile), patch (rough patch), path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path), road (long road), road (tough / easy road, etc.), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), trail of tears, via dolorosa, way (go out of one's way)
- materials & substances: slippery (difficult)
- mechanism: gear up (v), grind (daily grind, etc.), grind away (v), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), maintenance (high maintenance, etc.)
- military: battle (uphill battle, etc.), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), last-ditch (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, milk run (n), slog (lang hard slog, etc.)
- money: taxing (adj)
- moon: moonshot (n)
- mountains & hills: downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), mountain (difficulty), Mount Everest (and Everest), uphill (difficult)
- movement: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), trot (on the trot), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- orientation: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- party: party (garden party)
- path: path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path)
- person: acrobat (person), hand (all hands on deck)
- pressure: hard-pressed (adj)
- religion: heaven (move heaven and earth), promethean (adj), via dolorosa
- river: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (effort), sweat (work)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: sinew (effort)
- snow & ice: sledding (tough sledding)
- sports & games: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), bar (bar is set high, etc.), eight ball (behind the eight ball, etc.), full-court press, gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), juggling, layup (n), marathon (effort and time), slam-dunk, softball (n), whack-a-mole (and whack a mole)
- speech: tongue twister, tongue-twisting

- standing, sitting & lying: bend (bend over backwards)
- stomach: gut out (v)
- target: target (moving target), target (easy target)
- tongue: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- tree: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- verb: beaver (v), bend (bend over backwards), claw (v), coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), finger (lift a finger), gear up (v), grind away (v), gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), limits (push something to its limits), path (clear a path), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), shortcut (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), slave (v), slog (v), stop (pull out all the stops), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.), way (go out of one's way)
- walking, running & jumping: downhill (easy), marathon (effort and time), park (walk in the park), scramble (v), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), trail of tears, uphill (difficult), walkover (n)
- weapon: shot (best shot), target (easy target), turkey shoot
- weight: back (carry something on one's back), lift (heavy lift)

DIRECTION (1) (see also course; route)

- air: weather vane (n)
- allusion: breadcrumb (evidence)
- astronomy: lodestar (n), lodestone (n), star (north star)
- atmosphere: drift (control)
- boat: adrift (adj), chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), drift (control), jibe (v), lighthouse (protection), navigate (v), navigating, navigation, sea (at sea), rudderless, steer (v), tack (v), tack (n)
- clock: clock (around the clock)
- fire: beacon (n)
- foot: footprint (in the footsteps)
- ground, terrain & land: landmark (n), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (know one's way around)
- infrastructure: lighthouse (protection)
- journeys & trips: beacon (n), bearing (direction), bound (destination), chart (v), course (on course), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (course of action, etc.), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), detour (n), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footprint (in the footsteps), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), guide (person), guide (nonperson), head (development), headed, landmark (n), lead (one thing leads to another), light (guiding light), lodestar (n), lodestone (n), lost (direction), mislead (v), misleading (adj), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.) plot (v), road (turn in the road, etc.), stray (direction), uncharted (adj), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (the wrong way), way (know one's way around), way (part ways)
- light & dark: beacon (n), light (guiding light), lighthouse (protection)
- map: chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), navigate (v), plot (v), uncharted (adj)
- mechanism: steer (v)
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)
- movement: approach (a better approach, etc.), bound (destination), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footprint (in the footsteps), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), move (direction), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), stray (direction), wind (wind its way)
- number: neighborhood (numbers), north (numbers), south (numbers)
- person: guide (person)
- river: meander (v), watershed (n), wind (wind its way)

- sea: lighthouse (protection), sea (at sea), uncharted (adj)
- shape: corkscrew (v), corkscrew (shape)
- sheep: bellwether (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: weather vane (n)
- star: star (north star)
- tools & technology: bearing (direction), compass (moral compass), lodestone (n), weather vane (n)
- train: track (direction), track (on track)
- verb: chart (v), corkscrew (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), head (development), jibe (v), meander (v), mislead (v), move (direction), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), plot (v), steer (v), stray (direction), tack (v), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (part ways), wind (wind its way)
- weather & climate: weather vane (n)
- wind: drift (control), weather vane (n)

DIRECTION (2) (see also height; position)

- acceptance & rejection: turn down (v)
- accusation & criticism: come down on (v), takedown (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: apex (achievement), elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), top (excellence)
- activity: time (down time / activity)
- admiration & contempt: below (behavior), beneath (behavior), high (noble), look down on (something), look up to (somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), talk down to somebody)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), bring around (v), down (down for something), lean towards (v), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person), turn (turn against / on something), up (up for something)
- alternatives & choices: turn (turn to something, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), straighten out (v), turn around (turn things around, etc.)
- amount: bottomless (adj), low (low on food, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: bottom (get to the bottom of something), drill (analysis), follow (it follows that, etc.), follow (the facts, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: arise (v), come (development), come forward (v), come up (appear), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), pop up (v), turn out (rally), turnout
- appearance & reality: underneath (basis)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attainment: climb (scale), scale (climb), sights (lower one's sights)
- attempt: go for it (and go for broke, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), forward (bring something forward, etc.), forwardness (n), front (front and center), heighten (v), raise (attention), skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- attenuation: tone down (v)
- avoidance & separation: inward (turn inward, etc.)
- bases: behind (basis), bottom (get to the bottom of something), underlie, underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- behavior: above (above the fray, etc.), astray (direction), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), crooked (adj), descend (v), fall down (v), fray (above the fray), go (behavior), ground (moral high ground, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road / the low road), shifty

- (adj), sink (behavior), standard (higher standard), stoop (behavior), straight (the straight and narrow), straight arrow (person), stray (behavior), top (over the top), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
 - certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
 - character & personality: buoyant (personality), crooked (adj), ground (moral high ground, etc.), high-minded (adj), shifty (adj), straight (honest), straight (the straight and narrow), straightforward, straight arrow, twisted (character), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
 - cloth: weave (move)
 - coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (development), come back (resiliency), comeback (n), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (come and go), go back (and get back), intervening (adj), return (and return to), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), turnover (work), upcoming (adj)
 - commitment & determination: down (down for something), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), live up to (something), up (up for something)
 - competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), outrun (v), slipstream (in a slipstream)
 - concealment & lack of concealment: basement (concealment), hide (hide behind something), netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
 - condition & status: down (functioning), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), spiral (death spiral)
 - conflict: side (conflict)
 - confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: come forward (v), face up (face up to something), man up (v), retreat (withdraw), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
 - consciousness & awareness: come (see something coming), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
 - control & lack of control: adrift (adj), hand (upper hand), helm (at the helm), helm (v), helm (n), top (on top / control)
 - corruption: twist (twist the truth, etc.), twisted (corruption)
 - course: adrift (adj), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), direction (a new direction, etc.), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), direction (symbol)
 - creation & transformation: turn (transform), turn out (create)
 - danger: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
 - death & life: fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen)
 - decline: basement (basement price, etc.), bottom (hit bottom), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), descend (v), descent (decline), dip (decrease), dip (n), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), dive (n), down (decline), downfall (n), downhill (go downhill, etc.), downturn (n), drop, fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (n), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall on / upon), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), falloff (n), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), go down (decrease), grace (fall from grace), gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), race (race to the bottom), rock-bottom (adj), sag (v), sink (decline), slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), slip (fail), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
 - destruction: bring down (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crash (crash down), downfall (n), fell (v), grind down (v), spiral (death spiral), takedown (n), topple (v)
 - development: come (development), come (see something coming), follow (it follows that, etc.), fulcrum (n), go (develop), head (development), hinge (n), inflection point, lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (n), pivot (v),

- pivotal (adj), point (inflection point, etc.), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), swing (swing around), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), turn out (develop), twist (n), twist (twist and turn / twists and turns), ups and downs, way (go the other way, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), uphill (difficult), upstream (swim upstream)
 - dismissal, removal & resignation: drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, step down (v), strike down (v), struck down, take down (v), topple (v)
 - disruption: flipped, head (turn something on its head, etc.), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), topsy-turvy (upside down), upend (v), upside down
 - division & connection: polarizing (adj), side (conflict)
 - dominance & submission: bow (and bow down), hand (upper hand), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), talk (talk over somebody), top (dominance / winning)
 - eagerness & reluctance: look forward to (v)
 - environment: netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
 - extent & scope: bottomless (adj), direction (in every direction), roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
 - failure, accident & impairment: astray (direction), circle (go in circles), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), downhill (go downhill, etc.), fall through (v), let down (fail), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), south (go south, etc.), step (a step in the wrong direction), stray (behavior), stray (direction), toilet (in the toilet), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), turn (wrong turn), west (go west / obsolete)
 - fate, fortune & chance: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rise (rise and fall / verb)
 - feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyant (personality), buoyed, depression, descent (decline), down (feeling), downhearted, fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall (an emotion can fall), fall (fall in love), feeling (sinking feeling), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), heart (heart sank), high (on a high), high (emotion), high-spirited, lift (feeling), lift (v), low (emotion), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling), soar (a heart can soar), retreat (withdraw), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), slide (v), up (feeling), upbeat (adj), world (on top of the world)
 - fictive motion: dip (a route can dip), wind (wind its way)
 - fictive transportation: back (in time), take (take us back / time)
 - flaws & lack of flaws: downside (n), over (affix), sag (v), slump (v), twisted (corruption), under (affix), upside (n), warp (v), warped
 - force: march (march ahead, etc.)
 - functioning: down (functioning)
 - future: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching, arrive (a time can arrive), before (we have hard work before us), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), foresight (n), forward (look forward, etc.), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, lie (lie ahead), look forward to (v), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (future), up-and-coming, way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
 - giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), turn in (give)
 - growth & development: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arise (v), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the ascent), ascent, fall behind (competition and progress), rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise (on the rise)
 - heart: downhearted, heart (heart sank), soar (a heart can soar)
 - help & assistance: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.), turn (turn to something, etc.)

- hierarchy: above (hierarchy), apex (apex animal, etc.), basement (hierarchy), bottom (at the bottom), chain of command (and chain), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), highbrow (and lowbrow, middlebrow), higher-up (person), ladder (hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), move (move up), pyramid (hierarchy), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy)
- importance & significance: burner (front burner), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), breakthrough (n), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind)
- increase & decrease: boost (v), boost (n), ceiling (high point), climb (increase), dial (dial down), dip (decrease), dip (n), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), elevated, fall off (v), falloff (n), floor (low point), free-fall (in free-fall), go down (decrease), go up (increase), heighten (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), ladder (increase), level (take something to a higher level), level off (v), level up (as verb), nosedive (noun / decrease), notch (take something up a notch), pick up (v), pile up (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), ratchet up (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rise (increase / noun), rise (on the rise), rocket (increase), roller coaster (development), roof (through the roof), sag (v), shoot up (v), soar (v), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), spiral (downward or upward), spiraling (increase), stratospheric (adj), surge (intransitive verb / increase), up (increase / verb), up (science up, etc.), up (higher), upsurge (n), uptick (n), upturn (n), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- involvement: get in / get into (involvement), leave (leave something alone)
- judgment: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), thumbs-down, upvote (and downvote)
- mind: high-minded (adj)
- movement: bounce (v), cascade (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), retreat (glaciers, etc.), roll (move), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), weave (move), yo-yo (v), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.), zig-zag (v)
- obstacles & impedance: breakthrough (n), hump (n), sink (sink into the mud, etc.)
- occurrence: arise (v), fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), fall (silence fell, etc.), go down (happen), up (what's up, etc.)
- oppression: come down on (v), fall (weight)
- orientation: belly (orientation), current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), floor (pelvic floor, etc.), foot (orientation), head (orientation), lower (river, etc.), nose (orientation), snout (orientation), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.), tail (orientation), upper (river, etc.), upstage (v), upstream (swim upstream)
- past & present: ancestor (go before), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), behind (in the past), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), look back (v), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), predecessor (go away before), present (up to the present), revisit (v), take (take us back / time), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (a man out of time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- perception, perspective & point of view: forward-looking, slanted (news, etc.)
- performance: top (over the top)
- person: guide (person)
- position, policy & negotiation: back (back and forth), give-and-take
- possession: fall (fall into the hands, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: accession (n), apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arrive (attainment), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the descent), ascent (other), bottom (hit bottom), bring down (v), comer (up-and-comer, etc.), downfall (n), fall (fall from power, etc.), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), grace (fall from grace), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), in (and in thing, etc.), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), out (currency), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, pass (its time has passed, etc.), peak (careers, etc. / verb), plunge (noun / decline), return (animals, etc.), rise (rise

- and fall / noun), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rising (upcoming), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (a man out of time, etc.), topple (v), up (time is finished, etc.), up-and-coming
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), front burner, line (at the front / back of the line), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind)
 - progress & lack of progress: adrift (adj), advance (v), advance (n), ahead (progress), ahead (adv), backwards (progress), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), left (left behind), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (move up), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), runaround, scale (climb), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), tail (chase one's tail), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
 - protection: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
 - proximity: front (in front / proximity)
 - punishment & recrimination: hand down / out (punishment, etc.)
 - reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: behind (put something behind), bottom (get to the bottom of something)
 - relationship: behind (basis), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), guide (person), lead (one thing leads to another), underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
 - reputation: raise (your image, etc.)
 - resiliency: behind (put something behind), comeback (n), come back (resiliency), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), pick (pick oneself up)
 - resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash (n), bow (and bow down), fall (defeat), heel (on one's heels), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), retreat (reverse / verb), step (not one step back), uprising (resistance)
 - responsibility: behind (responsibility), fall (devolve), live up to (something), man up (v)
 - restraint & lack of restraint: over-the-top (adj), top (over the top)
 - reversal: about-face (in an about-face), about-face, about-turn, back (no way back, etc.), backlash (n), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), boomerang (v), climb down (v), course (reverse course), flip (v), flip-flop (v), flip-flop (v), flip-flopping (reversal), flipped, hinge (n), overturn (v), overturned, pivot (n), pivot (v), retreat (reverse / verb), retreat (reverse / noun), row (row back), turnabout (reversal), turn around (turn things around, etc.), turnaround, U-turn (n)
 - route: climb (roads, etc.)
 - sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: high (from on high)
 - searching & discovery: bottom (get to the bottom of something), come up with (discovery), turned up (discovered)
 - sequence: after (at a later time), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), descendant (come after / down), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
 - shape: bell curve (shape), dogleg (shape), elbow (shape), hairpin (shape), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), trough (n), valley (n), U-turn (n), zig-zag (v)
 - sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: crooked (adj), straight (honest), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, twist (twist the truth, etc.)
 - situation: go back (and get back), return (and return to)
 - social interaction: get along (v), go along (v), give-and-take, street (two-way street)
 - society: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
 - sound: fall (silence fell, etc.)
 - speech: straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk down to (somebody), twist (twist the truth, etc.)

- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), drop out, level off (v), march (march ahead, etc.), step down (v)
- strength & weakness: sag (v), slump (v)
- subterfuge: aboveboard (adj), shifty (adj), table (under the table), underhanded (or underhand)
- success & failure: fall (fall short), fall down (v), fall through (v), let down (fail), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), rise (rise and fall / verb)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: over (affix), under (affix)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), highbrow (and lowbrow, middlebrow), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind), slipstream (in a slipstream), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy)
- survival, persistence & endurance: buoyed, come back (resiliency), comeback (n), return (animals, etc.), sink (sink into debt, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: fall (fall into a category, etc.)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), advance (a day can advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ancestor (go before), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), clock (turn back the clock), come (to come), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), foresight (n), forward (look forward, etc.), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), lie (lie ahead), look back (v), look forward to (v), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (v), next (at a later time), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), take (take us back / time), throwback (n), time (down time / activity), time (a man out of time, etc.), side (on one's side / time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), up-and-coming, wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), yesterday
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (past time), up (time finished, etc.)
- transmission: handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: sights (lower one's sights)
- warning: heads-up (warning)

DIRECTING (1) (see also supplying)

- animal: drive (v), goad (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), herded, husband (v), shepherd (v)
- boat: pilot (v), steer (v)
- circus: ringmaster (role)
- cows & cattle: herd (v)
- food & drink: fed (supplied), feed (direct)
- health & medicine: inject (put), injection (n)
- infrastructure: pipe (n), pipeline (other)
- journeys & trips: guide (v), shepherd (v), take (take somebody somewhere)
- mechanism: steer (v)

- music: orchestrate (v), orchestrated
- person: ringmaster (role)
- pumped: pumped (directed)
- sea: lighthouse (protection)
- sheep: shepherd (v)
- speech: goad (v)
- sports & games: coach (v)
- theater: parade (v), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stage-managed
- tide: surge (transitive verb)
- verb: channel (direct), drive (v), feed (direct), funnel (v), goad (v), guide (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v), inject (put), orchestrate (v), parade (v), pilot (v), plow (put), pour (put), pump (direct), shepherd (v), steer (v), shot (call the shots), siphon (v), stage (v), stage-manage (v), surge (transitive verb), take (take somebody somewhere), whip (violence)
- violence: goad (v), whip (violence)
- water: channel (direct), channeled, drip-fed, funnel (direct), funneled (directed), infusion (n), pipe (n), pipeline (other), pour (put), pump (direct), pumped (directed), siphon (v), surge (transitive verb)
- weapon: shot (call the shots)
- whip: whip (violence)

DISMISSAL, REMOVAL & RESIGNATION (1) (see also curtailment; starting, gong, continuing & ending)

- air: filter (v)
- animal: cull (n), cull (v), factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), perch (knock something off its perch)
- arm: cast aside (v), pushed out, throw out (v), toss out (v)
- atmosphere: wind (throw something to the wind)
- ax: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), slash (v), slash-and-burn (adj), trim (v)
- bird: perch (knock something off its perch)
- blade: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), scrape (v), shave (removal), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- boat: jettison (v), jettisoned, overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship out (remove)
- books & reading: shelve (v)
- breathing: blow off (v)
- burden: pull out (v)
- cards: discard (v), fold (v)
- clothing & accessories: boot (get the boot), boot out (v), strip (v), stripped
- creature: exorcise (v)
- death & life: body count (figurative)
- direction: drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, step down (v), strike down (v), struck down, take down (v), topple (v)
- disruption: overturned
- doors & thresholds: door (shown the door, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), unseat (v)
- farming & agriculture: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), prune (v), weed out (v), slash-and-burn (adj), winnow (v)
- fire: slash-and-burn (adj)
- foot: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)

- force: pushed out
- government: oust (v), ousted (removed)
- hair: shave (removal), shed (v)
- hand: brush aside (v), brush off (v), brush-off
- head: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- health & medicine: amputate (remove)
- horse: factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), unseat (v)
- hygiene: clean out (v), cleanse (make clean), filter (v), flush (remove), scrub (remove), scrubbed
- infrastructure: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- insect: mothball (v), mothballed
- knife: bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), pare (v), pared (pared to the bone), scrape (v), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- leg: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- manufacturing: factory (glue factory), scrap (v), scrapped
- military: body count (figurative), coup (power), drummed out, guard (changing of the guard)
- movement: shake (remove)
- neck: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- person: outcast (person)
- pile: dump (v), dumped
- plane: bail out (leave)
- plant: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), transplant (n), weed out (v), uprooted
- prep, adv, adj, particle: kick out (v)
- religion: exorcise (v)
- river: swept away (removal)
- royalty: dethrone (v), dethroned
- ruins: topple (v)
- sea: swept away (removal)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: amputate (remove), bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone)
- society: banish (v), banished, banishment (n), cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, outcast (person), Siberia (exile), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- sports & games: bench (v), sidelined (adj)
- table: table (off the table)
- theater: bow out (v), curtain (lower the curtain, etc.)
- throwing, putting & planting: eject (v), outcast (person)
- tools & technology: ax (n)
- tree: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uprooted
- verb: amputate (remove), bail out (leave), banish (v), bow out (v), bench (v), blow off (v), boot out (v), brush aside (v), brush off (v), cast aside (v), chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), clean out (v), cleanse (make clean), cull (v), cut off (v), decapitate (v), dethrone (v), discard (v), dismantle (v), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), dump (v), eject (v), exorcise (v), flush (remove), fold (v), jettison (v), kick out (v), leach (v), lift (amelioration), mothball (v), oust (v), overboard (throw somebody overboard), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pare (v), plug (pull the plug), pull out (v), prune (v), retire (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), scrap (v), scrape (v), scrub (remove), shake (remove), shave (removal), shed (v), shelve (v), ship out (remove), slash (v), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v), strike down (v), strip (v), take down (v), throw

- out (v), topple (v), toss out (v), trim (v), unseat (v), weed out (v), wind (throw something to the wind), winnow (v)
- violence: head (heads will roll, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard)
- walking, running & jumping: run out (of town, etc.), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v)
- waste: curb (kick something to the curb)
- water: cleanse (make clean), dissolve (terminate), filter (v), flush (remove), leach (v), plug (pull the plug), swept away (removal)
- weight: lift (amelioration)
- wheat: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- wind: wind (throw something to the wind)
- window: window (out the window)
- work & duty: retire (v), retired
- writing & spelling: write (write out / off), written off

DISRUPTION (1)

- affix: breaker (deal-breaker, etc.)
- allusion: Bolshevik, Che Guevara, Danton, Jacobin
- animal: feather (ruffle feathers), rattle (disrupt), ruffled (feathers)
- area: zone (one's comfort zone)
- bird: feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- cards: deck (re-shuffle the deck)
- direction: flipped, head (turn something on its head, etc.), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), topsy-turvy (upside down), upend (v), upside down
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- engine: gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), destabilize (v), destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), head (turn something on its head, etc.), imbalanced, overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, rattle (disrupt), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), shake-up (n), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), topple (v), topsy-turvy (upside down), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), upheaval (disruption), upside down
- explosion: blow up (destroy / disrupt), grenade (disruption), Molotov cocktail
- fire: Molotov cocktail
- foot: toe (step on toes)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- head: head (turn something on its head, etc.)
- history: Bolshevik, Che Guevara, Danton, Jacobin, revolution (n), revolutionary (person), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v)
- horse: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- house: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (clean house)
- hygiene: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (clean house)
- mechanism: break (destroy / disrupt), breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something), gum up (v), misbehave (machine)
- military: sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, saboteur (person)
- mixture: scramble (disrupt)
- movement: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- music: discordant (adj), dissonance (n)
- person: revolutionary (person)
- ruins: smash (smash a record, etc.), topple (v)

- scale: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), imbalanced
- sensation: toe (step on toes)
- sound: discordant (adj), dissonance (n), rattle (disrupt), tumult (disruption)
- sports & games: game (throw somebody off their game), game (game-changer)
- table: table (turn the tables)
- theater: script (off script, etc.)
- toe: toe (step on toes)
- verb: blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), destabilize (v), feather (ruffle feathers), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), head (turn something on its head, etc.), house (clean house), misbehave (machine), overthrow (v), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), revolutionize (v), rock (v), roil (v), sabotage (v), scramble (disrupt), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), smash (smash a record, etc.), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), table (turn the tables), toe (step on toes), topple (v), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- violence: Bolshevik, Danton, Jacobin
- walking, running & jumping: reel (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), toe (step on toes), trip up (v)
- water: roil (v)

DISTANCE (2) (see also proximity)

- amount: few and far between
- attainment: far (progress), mile (the last mile)
- avoidance & separation: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), distance (v)
- behavior: far (too far), go (behavior), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), ski (over one's skis, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- competition: further (further along, etc.), light year (light years ahead)
- constraint & lack of constraint: overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- cost & benefit: mileage, way (go a long way)
- development: along (further along)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners), length (go to any lengths, etc.), marathon (effort and time), mile (go the extra mile), shortcut (v), shortcut (n)
- division & connection: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), close (feeling), distance (v), distance (n), distant (separation), tight (relationship)
- extent & scope: distant (a distant second, etc.), far-flung (adj), far-reaching, length (go to any lengths, etc.), mile (by a mile), mile (go the extra mile), span (v), way (go a long way)
- failure, accident & impairment: far (too far), ski (over one's skis, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: close (feeling), detached (emotions), tight (relationship)
- future: away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), horizon (on the horizon), near (near future, etc.), near (v), remote (future), road (down the road, etc.), run (in / over the long run), sight (in sight), way (a long way off)
- measurement: span (lifespan, etc.), span (v)
- past & present: distance (time), distant (past), far (farther on / time), far-off (time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), remote (past)
- perception, perspective & point of view: farsighted (adj), myopic (adj), view (long view)
- progress & lack of progress: far (progress), go (a distance to go, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.)
- proximity: away (a week away, etc.), close (feeling), close (close to, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), far (far from, etc.), light year (light years away, etc.), near (near future, etc.), way (a long way from, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- relationship: close (feeling), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)

- restraint & lack of restraint: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), ski (over one's skis, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- social interaction: close (feeling), tight (relationship)
- starting, gong, continuing & ending: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: distance (go the distance)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), dim (the dim past, etc.), distance (time), distant (past), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), far (farther on / time), far (far from, etc.), far-off (time), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), haul (long haul), horizon (on the horizon), long (a long time, etc.), long-run (adj), longtime (adj), marathon (effort and time), near (near future, etc.), near (v), passage (passage of time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), remote (past), remote (future), road (down the road, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), short (a short time, etc.), sight (in sight), span (lifespan, etc.), time (over time), time (course of time), time (long time / short time), way (a long way off)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance)

DIVISION (1) (see also branching system; taxonomy & classification)

- arm: arm (arm of an organization)
- bird: wing (division)
- family: parent (parent company, etc.)
- military: camp (n)

DIVISION & CONNECTION (1) (see also attachment; avoidance & separation)

- allusion: apartheid (separation), iron curtain, Maginot Line, Paradise Lost (allusion), Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)
- arm: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), embrace (v), embraced, reach out (v)
- astronomy: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- atmosphere: drift (drift apart)
- ax: sever (v)
- birth: umbilical (connection)
- blade: sever (v)
- blood: blood brother (connection)
- boat: adrift (adj), anchored, drift (drift apart), unmoored
- boundary: borderland (n), boundary (division), corner (corner cases, etc.), edge (edge cases, etc.), fuzzy (adj), intersect (v), intersection (n), line (division), line (categories)
- bridge: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone
- chemistry: bond (n)
- cloth: entwined, intertwined, interwoven, knit (knit together), knit (tightly knit), seamless, seamlessly, strand (connection), thread (connection), thread (v), tight-knit, weave together (v), woven
- destruction: torn (divided)
- direction: polarizing (adj), side (conflict)
- distance: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), close (feeling), distance (v), distance (n), distant (separation), tight (relationship)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- earthquake: fault (fault line)
- electricity: insulated, plugged in / into
- epithet: iron curtain, Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.), wall (blue wall, etc.)

- family: blood brother (connection), brother (brother in arms, etc.), brotherhood (n), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (cat parents, etc.), sister (redneck sisters, etc.), sisterhood (n), twin (relationship)
- farming & agriculture: silo (v), silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- fence: fence (division)
- finger: touch (lose touch), touch (other)
- fortification: drawbridge (protection), moated
- gate: gate (society)
- geometry: intersect (v), intersection (n)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- ground, terrain & land: balkanization (n), Balkanized, barrier (n), chasm (n), crack (division), divide (n), fault (fault line), fissure (n), gap (n), ground (common ground), ground (middle ground), rift (division), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- hand: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handshake (n)
- health & medicine: amputate (remove), hip (joined at the hip)
- history: apartheid (separation), balkanization (n), Balkanized, Ceuta and Melilla, iron curtain, Maginot Line, Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)
- infrastructure: wall (obstacle)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- island: insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- journeys & trips: stepping stone, traverse (v), way (part ways)
- key: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- knife: sever (v)
- leg: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- light & dark: daylight (division)
- line: borderland (n), edge (edge cases, etc.), foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), line (division), line (categories), straddle (connect)
- love, courtship & marriage: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, matchmaker (person), wedded
- materials & substances: fractured (separated), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.)
- military: drawbridge (protection), Maginot Line
- mechanism: rupture (n)
- mountains & hills: traverse (v), watershed (n)
- movement: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- number: common denominator
- part of speech: together (as noun)
- pendulum: suspended
- physics: atomization (n)
- place: cloistered
- prep, adv, adj, particle: apart (division), between (come between, etc.)
- proximity: close (feeling), daylight (division), distance (v), distance (n), tight (relationship)
- religion: cloistered, Paradise Lost (allusion), schism (n)
- river: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone, watershed (n)
- rope: bind (connect), entwined, tie (v), tied, tie together (v)
- school & education: breakout (breakout sessions, etc.)
- sea: gulf (division), insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- sensation: fuzzy (adj), limb (phantom limb)

- shadow: daylight (division)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: amputate (remove), limb (phantom limb)
- snow & ice: ice (break the ice)
- society: caste (n), meet (connect)
- standing, sitting & lying: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- star: cusp (on the cusp)
- stomach: waist (n)
- temperature: ice (break the ice)
- tools & technology: connect (v), coupled, disconnect (n), hook up (connect), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- train: track (across the tracks, etc.)
- verb: amputate (remove), bind (connect), bridge (v), cocoon (v), connect (v), distance (v), divorce (v), drift (drift apart), embrace (v), hook up (connect), ice (break the ice), intersect (v), knit (knit together), reach out (v), revolve (revolve around something), sever (v), silo (v), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), straddle (connect), thread (v), tie (v), tie together (v), touch (lose touch), traverse (v), way (part ways), weave together (v), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- wall: barrier (n), wall (obstacle)
- water: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- wedge: wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- wind: drift (drift apart)

DOCUMENT (2)

- amelioration & renewal: lease (lease on life)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: license (n), passport (n)

DOG (2) (see also animal)

- achievement, recognition & praise: head (pat on the head)
- affliction: bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dog (dogs of war), dogged (hounded), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- attachment: pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- avoidance & separation: bay (at bay)
- behavior: dog (mad dog / epithet), pit bull (person), rabid behavior), rabidly
- character & personality: feisty (adj), hot dog (person), pit bull (person)
- coercion & motivation: dog (attack dog), pit bull (person)
- commitment & determination: dogged (determined), pit bull (person)
- competition: dog-eat-dog, pack (competition), heel (nip at somebody's heels), underdog (competition)
- conflict: back (get one's back up, etc.), dogfight (n), hackles (raise hackles), roll over (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: choke chain (n), leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.), unleash (v), unleashed
- control & lack of control: leash (on a leash / off a leash, etc.)
- dominance & submission: dog (big dog), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- eagerness & reluctance: bay (bay for blood, etc.), dog (dog won't hunt)
- enthusiasm: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- epithet: dog (mad dog / epithet)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles)
- hierarchy: top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- initiation: unleash (v), unleashed
- insult: dog (insult)
- involvement: dog (dog in the fight)
- person: dog (big dog), dog (mad dog / epithet), dog (attack dog), dog (insult)
- progress & lack of progress: tail (chase one's tail)
- protection & lack of protection: watchdog (n)
- punishment & recrimination: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)

- pursuit, capture & escape: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), roll over (v), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- reversal: tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- searching & discovery: bloodhound (n)
- shape: dogleg (shape)
- situation: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)
- sound: bark (v)
- speech: bark (v)
- strength & weakness: underdog (competition)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: tail (tail between one's legs), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)
- surveillance: watchdog (n)
- warning: watchdog (n)

DOMINANCE & SUBMISSION (1) (see also resistance, opposition & defeat; superiority & inferiority)

- animal: back down (v), blink (conflict), dog (big dog), game (game of chicken), ground (hold / stand one's ground), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance / winning)
- back: back down (v)
- bird: game (game of chicken)
- clothing & accessories: trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- direction: bow (and bow down), hand (upper hand), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), top (dominance / winning), talk (talk over somebody)
- dog: dog (big dog), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- eye: blink (conflict)
- farming & agriculture: field hand (person)
- fist: knuckle under (v)
- gesture: blink (conflict)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (hold / stand one's ground)
- hand: hand (upper hand)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- lap: lapdog (n)
- mountains & hills: overhang (n)
- person: dog (big dog), field hand (person), servant (dominated), slave (slave to fashion, etc.), slave (dominated)
- position: knuckle under (v), over (dominance), top (dominance / winning)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: over (dominance), talk (talk over somebody)
- religion: bow (and bow down), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- size: dog (big dog)
- speech: talk (talk over somebody)
- sports & games: game (game of chicken)
- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), bow (and bow down), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (rise from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), supine (adj), supinely
- verb: back down (v), blink (conflict), bow (and bow down), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), knuckle under (v), kowtow (v), tail (turn tail)
- violence: knuckle under (v)

DOORS & THRESHOLDS (2) (see also gate; house; roof)

- acceptance & rejection: shut out (adj), shut out (v)
- access & lack of access: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (back door / front door), door (and doorway / access), foot (foot in the door), gatekeeper (person), key (access), shut out (adj), shut out (v)
- admiration & contempt: doormat (person)
- amelioration & renewal: open (after lockdown, etc.)
- attachment: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny and promotion: door (behind closed doors)
- computer: door (back door / computer), trapdoor (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: door (behind closed doors), trapdoor (computers)
- configuration: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: lockdown (n)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exit (n), revolving door, usher in (v)
- consciousness & awareness: open up (consciousness)
- curtailment: door (closure), lockdown (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: door (shown the door, etc.)
- division & connection: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- epithet: keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: unhinged (adj)
- inauguration: usher in (v)
- measurement: threshold (below the threshold), threshold (measurement)
- mind: open up (consciousness)
- movement: revolving door
- opportunities & possibilities: door (opportunity), door (hold the door open, etc.), door (leave the door open), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)
- person: doormat (person), gatekeeper (person)
- portal: door (portal), portal (entrance), threshold (cross the threshold), threshold (portal)
- proper name: door (Durdle Door, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- proximity: door (knock at / on the door), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), threshold (on the threshold)
- responsibility: door (at someone's door, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: gatekeeper (person)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (get one's foot in the door)
- subterfuge: trapdoor (computers)

DRIVING FORCE (1)

- atmosphere: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- blade: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- boat: figurehead (n)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- electricity: powerhouse (n)
- engine: drive (v), engine (engine room), engine (person), engine (driving force), motor (driving force), seat (in the driver's seat)
- fist: fist (armored fist, etc.)
- horse: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), outrider (n)
- journeys & trips: pathbreaking (adj), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), way (lead the way)
- military: advance guard, charge (lead the charge, etc.), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), fist (armored fist, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), point man (and point person), spear (tip of the spear), vanguard, vanguard (in the vanguard), vanguard (other)

- movement: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n)
- path: pathbreaking (adj), pathfinder (person)
- person: pace-setter (n), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), point man (and point person)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- sports & games: pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- tools & technology: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- verb: charge (lead the charge, etc.), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), drive (v), spearhead (v), way (lead the way)
- walking, running & jumping: march (on the march), march (n), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- weapon: spear (tip of the spear), spearhead (v), spearhead (n)
- wedge: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- wind: wind (wind of change, etc.)

EAGERNESS & RELUCTANCE (1)

- animal: bay (bay for blood, etc.), chops (lick one's chops), dog (dog won't hunt), horse (hold your horses), lips (lick one's lips), pounce (v)
- bodily reaction: chops (lick one's chops), drool (v), lips (lick one's lips), mouthwatering (adj), salivate (v)
- burden: drag (drag somebody into something)
- direction: look forward to (v)
- dog: bay (bay for blood, etc.), dog (dog won't hunt)
- eye: look forward to (v)
- food & drink: drool (v), hungry (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), stomach (eagerness)
- foot: feet (cold feet), foot-dragging, heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- gesture: hand (rub one's hands), nose (hold one's nose)
- hand: hand (rub one's hands), handwringing (n)
- heart: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted), heart (eagerness and reluctance)
- heel: heel (dig in one's heels)
- horse: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), go (raring to go, etc.), horse (hold your horses), skittish (adj)
- hunting: bay (bay for blood, etc.), dog (dog won't hunt), pounce (v)
- insect: itchy (adj)
- journeys & trips: path (beat a path), road (go down that road, etc.), there (go there)
- leg: kicking and screaming
- love, courtship & marriage: coy (adj), marriage (shotgun marriage), shy (adj)
- military: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)
- mouth: chops (lick one's chops), lips (lick one's lips), salivate (v)
- movement: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), road (go down that road, etc.), spring (spring into action, etc.), there (go there)
- nose: nose (hold one's nose)
- path: path (beat a path)
- place: there (go there)
- predation: pounce (v)
- sensation: itch (v), itchy (adj)
- sex: slut (enthusiasm)
- smell: nose (hold one's nose)
- sound: bay (bay for blood, etc.), kicking and screaming
- sports & games: gun (jump the gun)
- stomach: stomach (eagerness)
- taste: juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj)
- temperature: cold feet, lukewarm (feeling), shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)

- verb: balk (v), bay (bay for blood, etc.), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), drag (drag somebody into something), drool (v), gun (jump the gun), heel (dig in one's heels), horse (hold your horses), itch (v), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), path (beat a path), pounce (v), salivate (v), spring (spring into action, etc.), water (throw cold water on something)
- walking, running & jumping: foot-dragging, jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- water: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- weapon: gun-shy (adj)

EAR (2)

- amount: earful (amount)
- attachment: earworm (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear (have somebody's ear), ear (attention), listen (as noun)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear (turn a deaf ear), ear (fall on deaf ears)
- consciousness & awareness: deaf (adj), ear (fall on deaf ears), tone-deaf (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ear (music to one's ears)
- flaws & lack of flaws: tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- proper name: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- resemblance: ear (ear of corn, etc.)
- surveillance: ear (surveillance)

EARTH & WORLD (2)

- amount & effect: tectonic (adj)
- area: sphere (in the sphere), world (exploration)
- bases: tectonic (adj)
- center & periphery: outside (outside world, etc.)
- character & personality: down to earth (adj), earthiness (character), eye (stars in one's eyes), mother (earth mother)
- computer: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other)
- concealment & lack of concealment: netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- environment: netherworld (n), sphere (in the sphere), world (in the world, in her world, etc.), world (into a world), world (exploration), world (other), underworld (n)
- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.), polar (polar opposite, etc.), tectonic (adj), world (a world of difference, etc.), world (the whole world, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: world (on top of the world), world (means the world to me, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: world (fantasy)
- past & present: world (lost world)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: world (lost world)
- proper name: world (Disney World, etc.)
- searching & discovery: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.)
- time: world (lost world)

EARTHQUAKE (2) (see also volcano)

- amount & effect: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), seismically, tectonic (adj), tremor (n)
- bases: tectonic (adj)
- center & periphery: epicenter (n)
- disruption: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- division & connection: fault (fault line)
- effect: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, tremor (n), upheaval (disruption)

- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj)
- evidence: tremor (n)
- extent & scope: earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), seismically, tectonic (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, upheaval (disruption)
- initiation: tremor (n)
- location: epicenter (n)
- place: epicenter (n)

EFFECT (1) (see also feeling, emotion & effect)

- atmosphere: fallout (effect)
- blade: sword (double-edged sword)
- boxing: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- cooking: stir (effect)
- earthquake: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, tremor (n), upheaval (disruption)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- explosion: ground zero, radius (blast radius, etc.), shock wave
- fist: hit (affect), hit (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), struck (affected)
- force: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- house: home (hit home)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect), ground zero
- mark: mark (effect)
- sea: wave (make waves, etc.)
- sensation: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)
- sound: chord (strike a chord), echo (noun / effect), resonate (v), repercussion (n), reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- sword: sword (double-edged sword)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- verb: chord (strike a chord), hit (affect), home (hit home), impact (affect), needle (move the needle, etc.), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), roil (v), strike (affect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- violence: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- volcano: tremor (n)
- water: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), roil (v), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- wave: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)

ELECTRICITY (2)

- accusation & criticism: hot seat (n)
- amelioration & renewal: battery (recharge one's batteries, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: lightning rod
- avoidance & separation: insulated
- character & personality: incandescent (character), live wire (person)
- comprehension & incomprehension: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- control & lack of control: circuit breaker (n)
- curtailment: circuit breaker (n)
- danger: rail (third rail)
- division & connection: insulated, plugged in / into

- driving force: powerhouse (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: short-circuit (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: amped (feeling), charged (highly charged, etc.), current (feeling), electric (feeling), electricity (feeling), electrified, electrify (v), galvanize (v), jolt (n), lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocker (n), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), thunderstruck (adj)
- identity & nature: wired (and hardwired)
- increase & decrease: amp up (v), step up (increase)
- initiation: galvanize (v), spark plug
- isolation & remoteness: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- judgment: hot seat (n)
- operation: wired (and hardwired)
- person: live wire (person)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- protection & lack of protection: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- strength & weakness: amped (strength), powerhouse (n)
- superlative: incandescent (character)

EMPATHY & LACK OF EMPATHY (1)

- animal: ruthless (sun, etc.)
- boat: boat (in the same boat)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- feeling, emotion & effect: stone (heart of stone)
- heart: coldhearted (adj), heart (empathy), heartless, kindhearted (and kind-hearted), stone-hearted
- shoulder: shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)
- temperature: coldhearted (adj), coldly

ENGINE (2) (see also manufacturing; mechanism; tools & technology)

- activity: gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (hum along), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- amelioration & renewal: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: hood (look under the hood, etc.), test-drive (v)
- character & personality: driven (adj)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: parked (movement)
- commitment & determination: gas (step on the gas / step off the gas), pedal (pedal to the metal), tank (empty the tank, etc.), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- condition & status: hum (hum along), neutral (in neutral), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- control & lack of control: seat (in the driver's seat)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: gear up (v)
- disruption: gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- driving force: drive (v), engine (engine room), engine (person), engine (driving force), motor (driving force), seat (in the driver's seat)
- failure, accident & impairment: flameout (n), flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.), revved (revved up)
- functioning: cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.), gear (high gear, low gear, etc.), hum (hum along), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), neutral (in neutral), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- increase & decrease: gear up (v), rev up (v), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v)
- initiation: gear (kick into gear, etc.), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v)

- movement: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- power: supercharge (v), supercharged, tank (empty the tank, etc.), turbocharge (v)
- progress & lack of progress: stall (v), stalled (progress)
- readiness & preparedness: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), warmed-up
- reversal: gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.)
- searching & discovery: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- speed: downshift (v), go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: downshift (v), flameout (n), flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (kick into gear, etc.), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v), parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), warmed-up
- strength & weakness: supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v)
- verb: supercharge (v), turbocharge (v)

ENTHUSIASM (1)

- addiction: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), addictive (adj), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), fix (daily fix, etc.), habit (enthusiasm), high (enthusiasm), hooked, junkie (game junkie, etc.), withdrawal (feeling)
- affix: head (Deadhead, etc.), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)
- alcohol: intoxicating (adj)
- animal: bookworm (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), pet (pet cause, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- Bible: bible (enthusiasm)
- books & reading: bookworm (person)
- breathing: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to)
- container: into (be into something)
- creature: nerd (word nerd, etc.)
- death & life: live (live and breathe, live to)
- dog: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- fish: hooked
- food & drink: crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- health & medicine: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), delirious (adj), delirium (n), disease (enthusiasm), fever (enthusiasm), flu (enthusiasm), infection (enthusiasm), junkie (game junkie, etc.), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), rabid (enthusiasm), sickness (enthusiasm), withdrawal (feeling)
- hunting: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- insect: bitten (enthusiasm), bug (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- love, courtship & marriage: fall (fall in love), infatuated (enthusiasm), love (fall in love), love (enthusiasm / noun), love (enthusiasm / verb), lover (enthusiasm / person), romance (n)
- mental health: craze (n), crazed (crazed fans, etc.), crazy (enthusiasm), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), obsessed, obsession (n), rabid (enthusiasm), rage (enthusiasm), rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- military: army (Arnie's Army, etc.)
- music: Woodstock (whitewater Woodstock, etc.)
- object: thing (one's thing)
- person: acolyte (person), addict (chess addict, etc.), bookworm (person), cheerleader (person), convert (person), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), fanboy (person), glutton (person), head (Deadhead, etc.), hound (autograph hound, etc.), junkie (game junkie, etc.), lover (enthusiasm / person),

- maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), missionary (person), nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.), nerd (word nerd, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- place: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
 - prep, adv, adj, particle: into (be into something)
 - rat: rat (lab rat, etc.)
 - religion: acolyte (person), bible (enthusiasm), cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), convert (person), cult (cult following, etc.), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), fanaticism (enthusiasm), faithful (the faithful, etc.), fanatic (person), fanboy (person), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip), religion (enthusiasm), religiously, shrine (reverence), temple (n), worship (v)
 - school & education: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
 - sensation: bitten (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
 - sex: lust (n), passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, slut (enthusiasm)
 - sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
 - sound: cheer on (v)
 - speech: pitch (promote)
 - taste: distaste (n), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
 - temperature: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
 - verb: cheer on (v), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to), pitch (promote), rave (v), water (throw cold water on something), worship (v)
 - water: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)

ENVIRONMENT (1) (see also area; location; place)

- affix: scape (threatscape, etc.), sphere (blogosphere, etc.), verse (metaverse, etc.)
- air: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- allusion: Dantesque (adj), Dickensian (adj), frog (frog in boiling water), never-never land, Promised Land
- animal: frog (frog in boiling water), hornet's nest, snake pit, zoo (environment)
- astronomy: firmament (n), metaverse (n), multiverse (n), Twitterverse (n), universe (n)
- atmosphere: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- Bible: Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- bird: incubator (n)
- cloth: fabric (fabric of society, etc.)
- container: cauldron (n), crucible (n), oven (the Oven, etc.), pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.), pressure cooker (other)
- desert: desert, oasis (environment), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.), sand (political sands, etc.)
- direction: netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- earth & world: netherworld (n), sphere (in the sphere), underworld (n), world (in the world, in her world, etc.), world (into a world), world (exploration), world (other)
- fire: cauldron (n), crucible (n), furnace (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- fish: fish (fish out of water), fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- ground, terrain & land: badlands (environment), borderland (n), contour (n), desert (environment), ecosystem (n), here (out here), jungle (n), landscape (n), lay of the land, morass (n), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), swamp (fever swamp), terrain (area), territory (area), wasteland (environment), wild West
- heating water: cauldron (n)
- history: badlands (environment), wild West
- hole: hellhole, pit (bear pit), snake pit

- hygiene: cesspit (n), cesspool (n)
- infrastructure: warehouse (neglect)
- insect: beehive (activity), hornet's nest
- island: island (island of affluence, etc.)
- jungle: jungle (competition)
- manufacturing: crucible (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- mental health: asylum (insane asylum, etc.), bedlam (n), madhouse (place), snake pit, warehouse (neglect)
- military: no man's land (danger), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- moon: moonscape (n)
- picture: scape (threatscape, etc.)
- pressure: pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.), pressure cooker (other)
- religion: Dantesque (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), hell (macro), hell (micro), hellhole, limbo (in limbo), paradise, Promised Land, purgatory (n)
- school & education: playground (n)
- sea: island (island of affluence, etc.), sea (in a sea), sea (environment)
- sky: firmament (n)
- snake: snake pit
- society: netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- swamp: swamp (fever swamp)
- temperature: cauldron (n), crucible (n), frog (frog in boiling water), furnace (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- warehouse: warehouse (neglect)
- water: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), frog (frog in boiling water), sea (in a sea), sea (environment), swamp (fever swamp)
- weather & climate: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), microclimate, weather (environment)
- zoo: zoo (environment)

EPITHET (1)

- animal: badger ("The Badger, etc.), beast ('The Beast' Mugabi, etc.), dog (mad dog / epithet), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), savage (Savage Mountain, etc.), tiger (tiger mother, etc.), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- arm: elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.)
- astronomy: big bang ("Big Bang" of country music, etc.)
- baby: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- birth: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.)
- color: eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.), gold (black gold, etc.)
- creature: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), angel (Angel of Death, etc.), devil (Lady Devils, etc.), unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.), unicorn (tech "Unicorn," etc.), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- day: Christmas
- dog: dog (mad dog / epithet)
- family: father (Father of Waters, etc.), father (father of India, etc.), Father Time, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), mother (Mother Nature)
- force: bulldozer (epithet)
- lion: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)
- magic: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- materials & substances: gold (black gold, etc.), iron (Iron Lady, etc.), jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
- military: general (Bobby Knight, "The General," etc.), Waterloo (figurative)
- part of speech: wet (the wet, the dry, etc.)

- person: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), dean (person), dog (mad dog / epithet)
- royalty: king (king cobra, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (MS *Monarch*, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.)
- school & education: West Point (epithet)
- season: spring (Arab Spring, etc.)
- shape: fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.)
- size: great (the Great Resignation, etc.)
- spider: spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.)
- tiger: tiger (tiger mother, etc.)
- wall: wall (blue wall, etc.), wall (red wall, etc.)

EPITHET (2)

- ability & lack of ability: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- access & lack of access: gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), Elvis (Afghanistan’s Elvis, etc.), Harvard (epithet), Hollywood (Hollywood of Africa, etc.), Michael Jordan (Michael Jordan of the dog-show world, etc.), Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.), Nobel (Nobel Prize of the Arab World, etc.), Obama (Russia’s Obama, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), savior (the savior of mothers, etc.), Springsteen (epithet), teacher (teacher’s teacher, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- amelioration & renewal: spring (Arab Spring, etc.)
- amount: Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- amount & effect: wall (red wall, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum
- attraction & repulsion: pied piper
- bases: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- behavior: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump’s Machiavelli, etc.), tiger (tiger mother, etc.), Trump (Trump of the Tropics, etc.)
- biodiversity: Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.), lung (atmosphere), mother (Mother Nature), Noah’s Ark, rainforest (rainforests of the sea, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- character & personality: British (British of South America, etc.), bulldozer (epithet), Byron (epithet), Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Harvey Weinstein (epithet), iron (Iron Lady, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (Trump’s Machiavelli, etc.), Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), tiger (tiger mother, etc.)
- commitment & determination: badger (The Badger, etc.), iron (Iron Lady, etc.)
- comparison & contrast: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.), Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), Amazon (epithet / the company), answer (Britain’s answer to Bill Gates, etc.), Chicago (China’s Chicago, etc.), Detroit (India’s Detroit, etc.), “El Chapo” (Asia’s El Chapo, etc.), Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.), Jerusalem (Jerusalem of the North, etc.), Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Leonardo da Vinci, Mark Twain (the Yiddish Mark Twain, etc.), *Mayflower* (*Mayflower* of the Third Aliyah, etc.), Pablo Escobar (of the Middle East, etc.), Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.), Romeo and Juliet (epithet), Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.), Sicily (Mexico’s Sicily, etc.), Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.), Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.), Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)
- configuration: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)

- control & lack of control: general (Bobby Knight, “The General,” etc.), helmsman (the Great Helmsman, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- conflict: war (epithet / figurative)
- courage & lack of courage: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)
- creation & transformation: Edison (Edison of the Internet, etc.), Elon Musk (epithet), father (father of India, etc.), Gutenberg, mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- danger: Mount Everest (and Everest), savage (Savage Mountain, etc.)
- death & life: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), angel (Angel of Death, etc.), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- destruction: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.), Hiroshima (epithet), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- division & connection: iron curtain, Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.), wall (blue wall, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: Bhopal (Australia’s Bhopal, etc.), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: bowl (Vietnam’s rich bowl, etc.), bowl (America’s salad bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan’s breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.), Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.), miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.), miracle (Miracle of Istanbul, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: sorrow (China’s Sorrow, etc.), tear (Harbor of Tears, etc.)
- force: beast (‘The Beast’ Mugabi, etc.), express (Pineapple Express, etc.), tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)
- functioning: machine (the Swiss Machine, etc.)
- geography: Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), California (California of Europe, etc.), capital (capital of the world, etc.), capital (Black Bear capital, etc.), door (Durdle Door, etc.), eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.), father (Father of Waters, etc.), fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.), Grand Canyon (Grand Canyon of the South, etc.), key (the Keyhole, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Niagara (Niagara of the South, etc.), Norway (the Norway of Arabia, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the east, etc.), riviera (Riviera of the Midwest, etc.), roof (Roof of the World, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.), sorrow (China’s Sorrow, etc.), Venice (Venice of the North, etc.), Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.), Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.)
- group, set & collection: Noah’s Ark
- help & assistance: godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.)
- history: Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.), Lexington (of China, etc.), Machiavelli (Trump’s Machiavelli, etc.), Marco Polo (Muslim Marco Polo, etc.), nine eleven (Australia’s 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia’s Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- identity & nature: British (British of South America, etc.), teacher (teacher’s teacher, etc.)
- importance & significance: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), great (the Great Resignation, etc.), pharmacy (Pharmacy of the World, etc.), Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.), Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: hermit (the Hermit Kingdom, etc.), North Korea (epithet), Timbuktu (remoteness)
- judgment: sword (*Sayf Allah*, etc.), Supreme Court
- knowledge & intelligence: Athens (Athens of Asia, etc.), Florence (Florence on the Elbe, etc.), Harvard (epithet), Leonardo da Vinci, Oxford (Oxford of China, etc.)
- message: apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.)
- migration: British (British of South America, etc.), Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), *Mayflower* (*Mayflower* of the Third Aliyah, etc.)
- military: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Churchillian (adj), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), express (Tokyo Express, etc.), Florence Nightingale (our Florence Nightingale, etc.), Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.), general (General Winter, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), Hannibal (American

- Hannibal, etc.), heartbreak (Heartbreak Hotel, etc.), Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.), Lawrence (T.E.), Lexington (of China, etc.), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), Napoleon (the Black Napoleon, etc.), nine eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Patton (the Patton of Asia, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / war), Sparta (Sparta of the North, etc.), Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.), Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.), Stalingrad (Stalingrad of the East, etc.), tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.), war (the war to end all wars, etc.), West Point (epithet)
- money: Great Gatsby, Lucullus (epithet), Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
 - oppression: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)
 - origin: big bang ("Big Bang" of country music, etc.), birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
 - portal: gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)
 - place: epithet: crossroad (Crossroads of the World, etc.), graveyard (things)
 - primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
 - pursuit, capture & escape: Houdini
 - relationship: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.)
 - resemblance: spider (Eljif "the Spider" Elmas, etc.), unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.), washing machine
 - route: road (the Silk Road, etc.)
 - sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
 - searching & discovery: Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), grail (holy grail)
 - sequence: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
 - sex: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Freud (sex)
 - shape: elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.)
 - size: Amazon (epithet / the company), Facebook (the Facebook of knitting, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), Uber (the Uber of towing, etc.), whale (epithet / obsolete)
 - strength & weakness: iron (Iron Lady, etc.), mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
 - subterfuge: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.)
 - superlative: Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Christmas, jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (MS *Monarch*, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Paris (epithet), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.), Shakespearean (adj), Shangri-la, Super Bowl, teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.), team (dream team)
 - time: Father Time
 - transmission: apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.), Johnny Appleseed
 - transportation: Panama Canal (of its day, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
 - wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)
 - wheat: breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)
 - worth & lack of worth: Amazon (epithet / the company), gold (black gold, etc.), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.), unicorn (tech "Unicorn," etc.)

EQUILIBRIUM & STABILITY (1)

- boat: boat (rock the boat), keel (even keel), righted, ship (right the ship, etc.)
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj)
- foot: footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), footing (find one's footing, etc.), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.)
- scale: balance (v), balance (out of balance), balance (off balance), balance (work & job, etc.), balance (n), balanced, balance of power, counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), disequilibrium (n), equilibrium (n), imbalanced

- verb: balance (v), counterbalance (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: footing (find one's footing, etc.), sea legs, stride (in stride)

EQUILIBRIUM & STABILITY (2)

- amelioration & renewal: counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), right (right a wrong, etc.), stabilize (v)
- amount & effect: earthquake (effect)
- character & personality: levelheaded
- commitment & determination: waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- control & lack of control: lurch (v)
- destruction: topple (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), unseat (v)
- disruption: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), destabilize (v), destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), head (turn something on its head, etc.), imbalanced, overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, rattle (disrupt), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), shake-up (n), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), topple (v), topsy-turvy (upside down), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), upheaval (disruption), upside down
- effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- failure, accident & impairment: misstep (n), slip (n), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), trip up (v), unseat (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: balance (in the balance), teeter (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: destabilize (v), destabilizing (adj), dizzying (adj), earthquake (effect), edge (on edge), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened, floored (emotion), head-spinning, rattled (feeling), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (feeling), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- flaws & lack of flaws: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, disequilibrium (n), imbalanced, misstep (n), shaky (equilibrium), slip (n), solid (adj), stumble (v), stumble (n), sure-footed (adj), unstable (adj), wobbly (condition)
- functioning: stability (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v)
- readiness & preparedness: balance (off balance), brace (v), braced, poised (adj)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: settle down (v)
- reversal: overturn (v), overturned
- strength & weakness: solid (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: solid (adj)

EROSION (2)

- decline: crumble (v), erode, eroding, erosion (n)
- destruction: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration
- failure, accident & impairment: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration, erode (v), eroding, erosion (n)

EUPHEMISM (1)

- mental health: dog (black dog / mental health), nut (person), nuts (crazy), pieces (go to pieces), there (not all there), unhinged (adj)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin (save one's skin)
- verb: skin (save one's skin)

EUPHEMISM (2)

- death & life: board (off the board / euphemism), carried off (died), claim (kill), demise (death), disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), encounter (kill), ended (his life was ended, etc.), fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen), feet (feet first), gone (dead), leave (death), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (give one's life, etc.), liquidate (kill), liquidated (killed), lose (through death), loss (death), lost (death), make it (didn't make it),

neutralize (kill), neutralized (killed), pass (die), pass away (v), passing (death), remove (kill), succumb (die), take down (kill), taken (through death), terminated (killed), west (go west / obsolete), with us (no longer with us)

- oppression: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), encounter (kill), neutralize (kill), neutralized (killed)
- sex: bedroom (sex), birds and the bees, couch (casting couch), easy (sex), loose (loose woman), pants (get in somebody's pants)
- violence: cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military)

EVALUATION (see judgment)

EVIDENCE (1) (see also message; suspicion; warning)

- activity: alight
- allusion: breadcrumb (evidence)
- animal: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave), fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- atmosphere: cloud (sign), glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- bird: auger (v), auspicious (adj), canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- chemistry: litmus test
- cloud: cloud (sign)
- earthquake: tremor (n)
- finger: fingerprint (n)
- fire: fire (evidence), smoke (evidence), smoking gun
- fish: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- health & medicine: symptom (n)
- house: closet (secret), skeleton (secret)
- hunting: sign (evidence), trail (digital trail, etc.)
- infrastructure: signpost (as verb), signpost (n)
- journeys & trips: signpost (as verb), signpost (n)
- light & dark: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- mark: fingerprint (n), hallmark
- materials & substances: taint (n)
- mining: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- music: undertone (n)
- object: calling card
- picture: illustrate (v), illustration (n), picture (view), portrait (view), show (the data show, etc.)
- rat: rat (smell a rat)
- religion: auger (v), auspicious (adj), sign (evidence)
- sign, signal, symbol: sign (sign of the times, etc.), signal (v), signpost (as verb), signpost (n), symptom (n)
- skeleton: closet (secret), skeleton (secret)
- sound: chord (evidence), tenor (n), undertone (n)
- smell: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat), scent (evidence), smell (evidence), sniff out (v), stench (n), test (smell test), whiff (n), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- speech: hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), scream (scream "premium," etc.), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), suggestion (evidence), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), telling, testimony (n)
- verb: auger (v), betray (v), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), reveal (v), scream (scream "premium," etc.), show (the data show, etc.), sign (v), signal (v), signpost (as verb), sniff out (v), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- volcano: tremor (n)
- weapon: smoking gun
- wind: wind (get / catch wind of something)
- writing & spelling: sign (v), signature (evidence), written (written on it, etc.)

EXCLAMATION (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: exclamation point
- comprehension & incomprehension: Aha! (Aha! moment), eureka (moment, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: Aha! (Aha! moment)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gasp (very “gasp,” etc.), welcome (welcome news, etc.), whoa (exclamation), wow (v), wow (as noun)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: farewell (n), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), valedictory (farewell)
- welcome: welcome (v)

EXPERIENCE (1)

- animal: cub (n), greenhorn (person), rodeo (first rodeo)
- baby: baby (novice), grownup (person)
- blood: blood (young blood, etc.)
- boat: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), sea legs, wheelhouse (n)
- books & reading: story (war story)
- clothing & accessories: belt (under one's belt), hat (old hat)
- color: green (experience), greenhorn (person)
- death & life: grownup (person), grow up (grow up! etc.)
- depth: depth (out of one's depth)
- earth & world: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- education: freshman (adj)
- eye: see (see action, etc.)
- film: ingenue (person)
- fire: fire (through the fire, etc.), trial (trial by fire)
- food & drink: chew (and chew up), diet (n), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), treat (in for a treat)
- ground, terrain & land: there (been there, etc.)
- hand: hand (work), old hand (experience)
- hardness & softness: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- hat: hat (old hat)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- horizon: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- horn: greenhorn (person)
- horse: ride (rough ride, etc.), rodeo (first rodeo), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- house: armchair (armchair traveller, etc.)
- infrastructure: alley (up one's alley), block (around the block), lane (experience)
- journeys & trips: to through (endure, etc.), journey (n), passage (journey), road (down a road before), there (been there, etc.)
- love, courtship & marriage: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), ingenue (person), innocence (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- materials & substances: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- mechanism: mill (through the mill), wringer (through the wringer)
- meat: raw (raw recruit, etc.)
- money: pay (pay one's dues)
- military: doyen (squad leader), front line (on the front line), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), story (war story), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.), trench (in the trenches), trench (other), veteran (n), veteran (adj)
- movement: been through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), journey (n), passage (journey), ride (rough ride, etc.), road (down a road before)
- music: chops (expertise)

- person: adult (development), chaperon (person), debutant (n), doyen (squad leader), greenhorn (person), grownup (person), ingenue (person), neophyte (n), new (new teacher, etc.), stranger (and no stranger)
- place: road (down a road before), there (been there, etc.)
- plant: neophyte (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in for (a ride, etc.)
- religion: baptism, baptized
- riding: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- rope: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- school & education: school (experience), schooled, university (experience)
- sea: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), salty (experience)
- season: seasoned (experienced)
- sex: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- sky: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- sports & games: varsity (n)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), salt (sailor), salty (experience), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- verb: chew (and chew up), go through (endure, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), see (see action, etc.), pay (pay one's dues), taste (taste freedom, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: sea legs
- water: baptism, baptized, depth (out of one's depth), feet (get one's feet wet)
- wolf: cub (n)

EXPERIMENTATION (1)

- animal: guinea pig
- atmosphere: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- balloon: float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- chemistry: experiment (n), litmus test
- flags & banners: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- foot: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- place: laboratory
- toe: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- verb: float (a plan, etc.), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)
- water: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)

EXPLOSION (2) (see also military)

- accusation & criticism: blast (criticize), incoming (criticism)
- activity: boom (jade boom, etc.), boom (increase), burst (activity), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: defuse (v)
- amount & effect: blockbuster (n), blow up (attention /verb), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n), firebomb (n), Krakatoan (adj)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blockbuster (n), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), bombshell (n), burst on / onto the scene, etc., dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), Krakatoan (adj)
- behavior: self-destructive (adj)
- character & personality: grenade (person), self-destructive (adj), time bomb (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: burst on / onto the scene, etc.
- computer: bomb (review-bomb), bomb (code bomb)
- conflict: blowup (conflict), fireworks (conflict)
- cost & benefit: boom (jade boom, etc.), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine (and land mine), minefield, powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)

- destruction: atomic bomb, blasted apart, blow up (destroy / disrupt), explode (destroy / disrupt), implode (v), implosion (n), self-destructive (adj)
- disruption: blow up (destroy / disrupt), grenade (disruption), Molotov cocktail
- effect: ground zero, radius (blast radius, etc.), shock wave
- failure, accident & impairment: dud (n), fizzle (and fizzle out)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blockbuster (n), blown away, blow up (emotion), bombshell (n), burst (burst into tears, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), go off (v), outburst (n), set off (feeling and emotion), shellshocked, shock wave, stack (blow one's stack), steam (v), top (blow one's top)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bombproof
- force: radius (blast radius, etc.)
- growth & development: explode (increase)
- increase & decrease: boom (increase), booming (adj), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), explosive (increase), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun)
- initiation: blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), burst (burst into violence, etc.), detonate (v), detonator (n), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), explosion (violence, etc.), explosive (violence, etc.), fuse (n), go off (v), match (light / strike a match, etc.), powder keg, prime (v), primed (ready), set off (initiate), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (initiation), volatile
- person: grenade (person)
- power: explosive (power)
- readiness & preparedness: prime (v), primed (ready)
- resemblance: bomb (roach bomb, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blowback (n)
- reversal: blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), face (blow up in one's face)
- situation: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- sound: explosion (sound)
- speech: fireworks (conflict), blast (criticize)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fizzle (and fizzle out)
- success & failure: blockbuster (n), bomb (fail), dud (n)
- warning: tripwire (warning)

EXTENT & SCOPE (1)

- animal: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- arm: arm (long arm), far-reaching, octopus (n), reach (extent and scope), tentacle (n)
- atmosphere: sky-high, stratosphere, stratospheric (adj)
- blade: hilt (to the hilt)
- blanket: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- boat: leeway (n), stem (from stem to stern)
- bodily reaction: yawning (adj)
- books & reading: encyclopedic (adj)
- boundary: boundless (adj), bounds (no bounds, etc.), compass (within / outside the compass)
- breadth: broad (adj), patina (appearance), thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- cloth: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- depth: bottom (no bottom), bottomless (adj), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), deeply, depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure)
- direction: bottomless (adj), direction (in every direction), roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- distance: distant (a distant second, etc.), far-flung (adj), far-reaching, span (v), length (go to any lengths, etc.), mile (by a mile), mile (go the extra mile), way (go a long way)

- earth & world: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.), polar (polar opposite, etc.), tectonic (adj), world (a world of difference, etc.), world (the whole world, etc.)
- earthquake: earthshaking (adj), seismic, tectonic
- fan: fan out (v)
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- flood: high-water (high-water mark)
- flying & falling: roof (through the roof)
- food & drink: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- ground, terrain & land: earthshaking (adj), ground (cover ground), high and low, tectonic (adj)
- hand: span (v)
- health & medicine: epidemic (n), pandemic (n)
- height: high and low, roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- horizon: horizon (extent and scope)
- house: roof (through the roof)
- journeys & trips: ground (cover ground), mile (go the extra mile)
- map: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- materials & substances: patina (appearance), stretch (extent), veneer (appearance)
- mechanism: full on (adj), full out (adj)
- movement: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- pendulum: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- plant: tendril (growth)
- river: catchment (n), run (run deep / high / strong)
- roof: roof (through the roof)
- school & education: extracurricular
- sea: high tide
- sign, signal, symbol: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- size: big (big fan, etc.), Big (comprehension, scope), go big (v), hugely, small-minded
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin-deep, surface (scratch the surface)
- sky: horizon (extent and scope), sky-high
- standing, sitting & lying: sprawl (n), sprawling (adj)
- sword: hilt (to the hilt)
- teeth: teeth (to the teeth)
- theater: dramatic (extent), dramatically
- throwing, putting & planting: far-flung (adj)
- tide: high tide
- tools & technology: compass (within / outside the compass)
- verb: deepen (v), go big (v), ground (cover ground), sound (measure), surface (scratch the surface)
- wall: wall (wall-to-wall)
- walking, running & jumping: way (every step of the way)
- water: bottom (no bottom), catchment (n), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), deeply, depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure), stretch (extent)
- weapon: full-bore (and full bore), hilt (to the hilt), scattershot (adj)

EYE (2)

- admiration & contempt: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), nose (look down one's nose)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: look at (analysis), look into (v), look like (analysis), microscope (under a microscope)
- appearance: eye (for the eyes), eye (eye candy), eye (on the eyes), eyesore (n), look like (resemble)
- appearance & disappearance: disappear (from the scene, etc.), peek (v), view (out of view)

- appearance & reality: eye (more than meets the eye), see (see through something)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye (catch one's eyes), eye (public eye), eye (attention), eye (eyes and ears / attention), eyeball (attention), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eye-catching, disappear (from the scene, etc.), focus (v), focus (n), lens (through a lens), lens (other), look at (analysis), look into (v), microscope (under a microscope), view (out of view), view (attention)
- certainty & uncertainty: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj)
- character & personality: eye (stars in one's eyes)
- commitment & determination: blind (disregarding evidence, logic), blindly
- comprehension & incomprehension: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), eye (believe one's eyes), eye (roll one's eyes), eye-roll (dismissal), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), see (comprehension)
- concealment & lack of concealment: clarity (adj), hidden, murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), see (see through something), sight (in plain sight), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- conflict: blink (conflict)
- consciousness & awareness: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blinded, blindfold (n), blindsided, blind spot, blinder (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n), clear-eyed (adj), come (see something coming), envision (envision the future, etc.), eye (open eyes, etc.), eye (closed eyes, etc.), eye-opener, eye-opening, farsighted (adj), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), view (out of view), view (long view), vision (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blind spot, blink (conflict), eye (turn a blind eye), look (look the other way / look away), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)
- danger: evil eye
- development: come (see something coming), see (see something coming)
- dominance & submission: blink (conflict)
- eagerness & reluctance: look forward to (v)
- experience: see (see action, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: blind (not controlled by intelligence)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blink (conflict), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.), eyebrow-raising (adj), eyebrow-raising (n), eye-popping
- fictive communication: nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- fictive meeting & seeing: eye (met our eyes, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), witness (v)
- flaws & lack of flaws: eyesore (n), black eye, pretty (adj), ugly (adj)
- future: come (see something coming), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), farsighted (adj), foresight (n), forward-looking, horizon (on the horizon), look forward to (v), look like (future), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), shortsighted, sight (in sight), view (long view), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person)
- geography: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- involvement: eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)
- judgment: gaze (male gaze, etc. / groups)
- message: seer (person)
- oppression: Cyclops (creature)
- past & present: hindsight (n), look back (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: blinded, blinder (n), blind spot, blinkered (adj), blinkers (n), clear (perception), eye (perception), farsighted (adj), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), forward-looking, gaze (male gaze, etc. / groups), God's-eye, hindsight (n), lens (through a lens), lens (other), Martian's-eye, murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), optics (n), see (perceive), seen (perceived), shortsighted, view (perspective), view (perceive), view (in somebody's view), view (opinion), view (long view), viewed (perceived), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person), worm's-eye (adj)

- progress & lack of progress: look up (v)
- proper name: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- proximity: sight (in sight)
- punishment & recrimination: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: blindsided
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end no end in sight, etc.)
- reference: see (refer to)
- relationship: view (in view of)
- reputation: black eye
- resemblance: blink (light), eye (resemblance), peek (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blink (conflict), stare down (v), stare-down (n)
- revenge: eye (an eye for an eye)
- searching & discovery: look for (v), look into (v)
- shape: eye (resemblance)
- sight: blind (hard to see, hidden), blind date, blinding, blind side (from the blind side), eye (v), eye (met our eyes, etc.), eyeball (sight)
- social interaction: see (visit / meet)
- speed: blink (in the blink of an eye)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- subterfuge: eye (subterfuge), nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- surveillance: eagle eye, eye (surveillance), eye (eyes and ears / surveillance)
- time: come (see something coming), dim (the dim past, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), foresight (n), forward-looking, hindsight (n), horizon (on the horizon), look back (v), look forward to (v), look like (future), myopia (n), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), sight (in sight)
- unanimity & consensus: eye (see eye to eye, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: eye (goal)

FACE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: facelift (n)
- appearance: baby (baby face, etc.), face (appearance), game (game face), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: face (in the face of)
- appearance & reality: face (brave face, etc.), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- commitment & determination: game (game face)
- concealment & lack of concealment: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- conflict: face (conflict), face (in one's face)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face (in the face of), face (in one's face), face up (face up to something)
- consciousness & awareness: slap (awareness)
- feeling, emotion & effect: face (red face, red-faced, etc.), face (face-palm, face palm), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- fictive meeting & seeing: face (face anger, etc.)
- identity & nature: faceless (adj)
- insult: face (slap in the face), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- judgment: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v)
- punishment & recrimination: slap (punish)
- representation: face (public face, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: face (in one's face), face (in the face of)

- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: face (concept)
- social interaction: face (concept), face-saving
- society: face (concept), face-saving (concept)
- subterfuge: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)

FAILURE, ACCIDENT & IMPAIRMENT (1) (see also destruction)

- affix: mis (misbehave, etc.)
- air: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- animal: astray (direction), belly-up (adj), stray (behavior), stray (direction)
- atmosphere: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- baby: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- ball: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), caught out, curveball (n), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- balloon: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- baseball: bat (batting zero), curveball (n), error (unforced error), strike out (v)
- birth: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- boat: aground (run aground), founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shipwreck (n), shoal (n)
- bodily reaction: hiccup (n)
- burden: strain (v)
- cards: hand (overplay one's hand), overplay (v)
- cloth: fray (v), frayed (degraded), tatters (in tatters), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction), unravel (fail)
- clothing & accessories: clotheslined, shirt (lose one's shirt), tatters (in tatters)
- crashes & collisions: crash (population crash, etc.), crash (car crash), crash-land (v), shipwreck (n), T-bone (v), T-boned, wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- death & life: belly-up (adj), casualty (n), dust (bite the dust)
- direction: astray (direction), circle (go in circles), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), down (functioning), downhill (go downhill, etc.), fall through (v), let down (fail), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), south (go south, etc.), step (a step in the wrong direction), stray (behavior), stray (direction), toilet (in the toilet), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), turn (wrong turn), west (go west / obsolete)
- distance: far (too far), ski (over one's skis, etc.)
- electricity: short-circuit (v)
- engine: flameout (n), flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- epithet: Bhopal (Australia's Bhopal, etc.), Chernobyl (rainforest Chernobyl, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: misstep (n), slip (n), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), trip up (v), unseat (v)
- erosion: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration, erode (v), eroding, erosion (n)
- explosion: dud (n), fizz (and fizz out)
- farming & agriculture: haywire (go haywire, etc.)
- film: dust (bite the dust)
- fire: fizz (and fizz out), flame (in flames)
- fish: belly-up (adj), get away (escape)
- foot: shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)
- football: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fruits & vegetables: banana (n), lemon (n)
- ground, terrain & land: crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), sink (sink into the mud, etc.)
- hand: ball (drop the ball), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- head: head (come down on one's head, etc.)

- health & medicine: injure (v), malpractice (n), miscarriage (of justice, etc.), misdiagnose (v), mutilate (v)
- history: Chernobyl
- hole: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- horse: founder (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- house: roof (a roof can cave in)
- infrastructure: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), pothole (noun), toilet (in the toilet), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- journeys & trips: circle (go in circles), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), mislead (v), misleading (adj), pothole (n), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the wrong direction), turn (wrong turn), way (lose one's way), way (the wrong way)
- letters & characters: T-bone (v), T-boned
- light & dark: tarnish (v), tarnished
- manufacturing: unmaking (destruction)
- materials & substances: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), crack (v), fracture (failure), meltdown (failure), snap (v), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), unglued (adj)
- meat: butcher (v)
- mechanism: break down (functioning), broken (failure), down (functioning), fall apart (v), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), malfunction (v), rupture (n), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.)
- mental health: pieces (go to pieces), unglued (adj), unhinged (adj)
- military: casualty (n), wound (self-inflicted wound)
- mining: cave in (v), undercut (v), undermine (v)
- mountains & hills: downhill (go downhill, etc.)
- movement: circle (go in circles), falter (v), flounder (v), go (go wrong, etc.), go (go right, etc.), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), momentum (lose momentum), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), turn (wrong turn)
- nuclear energy: Chernobyl, meltdown (failure)
- part of speech: fail (a big fail, etc.)
- person: wreck (person)
- place: Chernobyl
- plane: crash-land (v), flameout (n), flame out (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- roof: roof (a roof can cave in)
- rope: snap (v), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction), unravel (fail)
- ruins: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), crumble (v), roof (a roof can cave in), tumble down (v), wreck (v), wreck (person)
- sea: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shoal (n)
- shape: pear (pear-shaped / failure), T-bone (v), T-boned
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: shot (nerves are shot, etc.), strain (v), stretch (v), stretched (stretched thin, etc.), mutilate (v)
- sleep: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- sound: sputter (v), stutter (v), stuttering (adj)
- speech: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), bat (batting zero), baton (drop the baton), belly flop (n), caught out, curveball (n), error (unforced error), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled, goal (own goal), miscue (n), overplay (v), strike out (v)
- target: fall (fall short)
- tongue: tongue (slip of the tongue)

- tools & technology: screw up (v)
- train: derail (v), derailed, rail (off the rails), sidetracked, train (failure), wreck (train wreck)
- verb: aground (run aground), ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), bat (batting zero), betray (fail), break down (functioning), circle (go in circles), collapse (v), crack (v), crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), buckle (give way), butcher (v), cave (cave in), crack (v), crash-land (v), crumble (v), derail (v), drain (go down the drain, etc.), erode (v), fall apart (v), fall down (v), fall through (v), fizzle (and fizzle out), flame out (v), flounder (v), founder (v), fray (v), fumble (v), gas (run out of gas), get away (escape), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (overplay one's hand), haywire (go haywire, etc.), injure (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), let down (fail), malfunction (v), misdiagnose (v), mislead (v), momentum (lose momentum), mutilate (v), overplay (v), pipe (go down the pipes), screw up (v), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), short-circuit (v), sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), slip up (fail), split (split apart / up, etc.), snap (v), south (go south, etc.), split (v), sputter (v), stall (v), strain (v), stray (behavior), stray (direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), strike out (v), stumble (v), stutter (v), tarnish (v), trip up (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), tumble down (v), undercut (v), undermine (v), unravel (v), unseat (v), west (go west / obsolete), wreck (v)
- walking, running & jumping: fall down (v), falter (v), flounder (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misstep (n), slip (n), slip up (fail), slip-up (failure), step (a step in the wrong direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), trip up (v)
- water: belly flop (n)
- weapon: dud (n), flash in the pan, misfire (failure), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), wound (self-inflicted wound)

FAMILY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: adopt (v), adopted (adopted state, etc.), adopted
- accusation & criticism: scold (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son
- amount: twin (two)
- bases: mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- behavior: child (spoiled child)
- biodiversity: mother (Mother Nature)
- branching system: family tree
- character & personality: mother (earth mother)
- creation & transformation: brainchild (n), father (v), father (father of India, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.)
- dependency: babysit (v), babysitter (role), nanny (person)
- division: parent (parent company, etc.)
- division & connection: blood brother (connection), brother (brother in arms, etc.), brotherhood (n), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (cat parents, etc.), sister (redneck sisters, etc.), sisterhood (n), twin (relationship)
- epithet: father (Father of Waters, etc.), father (father of India, etc.), Father Time, godfather (God father of Soul, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), mother (Mother Nature)
- feeling, emotion & effect: kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- group, set & collection: brotherhood (n), family (gang / group), sisterhood (n)
- help & assistance: brother (big brother, etc.), godfather (v), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc., godmother (fairy godmother), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, sister (big sister, etc.)
- history: pedigree (n)
- idea: brainchild (n)

- identity & nature: child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.), daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.), pedigree (n), son (son of the South, etc.)
- origin: ancestor (go before), background
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), brother (brother in arms, etc.), child (bastard child), cousin (relationship), father (father of India, etc.), favorite son, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), sister (redneck sisters, etc.), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: legacy (obsolescence)
- product: daughter (n), offspring
- proper name: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.), sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.), twin (the Twins, etc.)
- relationship: akin (adj), ancestor (go before), big brother (relationship), blood brother (connection), brother (Instagram's brother, etc.), brother (brother in arms, etc.), brotherhood (n), child (bastard child), cousin (relationship), daughter (n), family (group), father (father of progress, etc.), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), hip (joined at the hip), incestuous (adj), incestuousness (n), kin (n), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), offspring, orphan (n), orphaned, parent (parent company, etc.), parent (cat parents, etc.), relative (relationship), Siamese twins, sibling, sister (redneck sisters, etc.), sister (sister ship, etc.), sisterhood (n), stepchild (and stepson, etc.), stepmother (cruelty), twin (relationship)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- role: mother (den mother, etc.)
- speech: mother tongue
- superlative: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, granddaddy, mother (mother of all battles, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: family (plants), family (animals), family (viruses), family (products), family (languages), generation (products, etc.)
- time: Father Time
- transmission: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (obsolescence), legacy (history), legacy (reputation)
- weather & climate: mother (Mother Nature)
- worth & lack of worth: boy (blue-eyed boy), child (bastard child), favorite son, illegitimate (adj), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)

FAN (2)

- extent & scope: fan out (v)
- movement: fan out (v)
- resemblance: fan (shape)
- shape: fan (shape)

FANTASY & REALITY (1)

- addiction: pipe dream, rabbit hole (fantasy)
- allusion: Arthurian (adj), Bermuda Triangle, Black Mirror, curiouser and curiouser, El Dorado, Groundhog Day (film), heffalump (creature), Kafkaesque (adj), never-never land, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Star Wars (film), surreal (adj), Twilight Zone, Walter Mitty, windmill (tilt at windmills, etc.)
- animal: rabbit hole (fantasy)
- books & reading: curiouser and curiouser, fairy tale (fantasy, delusion), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), Looking Glass, never-never land, rabbit hole (fantasy)
- creature: ghost (fantasy and delusion), heffalump (creature), phantom
- day: Groundhog Day (film)
- desert: mirage (n)
- doors & thresholds: unhinged (adj)
- earth & world: world (fantasy)

- film: Groundhog Day (film), Hollywood (Hollywood ending, etc.), Star Wars (film)
- health & medicine: demented, dream (fever dream, etc.), swamp (fever swamp)
- history: Arthurian (adj), Bermuda Triangle, El Dorado
- hole: rabbit hole (fantasy), wormhole (n)
- magic: magic (versus reality), magical (versus reality), make-believe (n), make-believe (adj)
- mental health: delusion (under a delusion), delusion, demented, fantasy (delusion), pipe dream, rabbit hole (fantasy), world (fantasy)
- person: Arthurian (adj), Kafkaesque, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Walter Mitty
- physics: wormhole (n)
- sleep: dream (fever dream, etc.)
- theater: theater of the absurd

FARMING & AGRICULTURE (1)

- epithet: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), bowl (America's salad bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.), Kansas (Kansas of China, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), bowl (America's salad bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)

FARMING & AGRICULTURE (2) (see also plant; wheat)

- amount: bumper (bumper crop)
- appearance & disappearance: crop up (v)
- attraction & repulsion: pasture (greener pastures)
- computer: farm (computers), harvest (data, etc.)
- configuration: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- conflict: slash-and-burn (adj)
- constraint & lack of constraint: siloed
- consumption: commodity (n), fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- content: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- creation & transformation: hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create), pruned, seed (n), sow (v)
- curtailment: cut short (v)
- death & life: reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- decline: haywire (go haywire, etc.)
- destruction: rake (destroy), slash-and-burn (adj)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), prune (v), weed out (v), slash-and-burn (adj), winnow (v)
- division & connection: silo (v), silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- dominance & submission: field hand (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: haywire (go haywire, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: harrowing (adj)
- gossip: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- growth & development: crop (n), cultivate (v), cultivated, drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), fallow (adj), fertile (adj), field (fertile field, etc.), fruition (n), green shoots, ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), rainmaker (person), seed (n), seed money, soil (fertile soil, etc.), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), groundbreaking
- isolation & remoteness: silo (v), silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- military: cannon fodder (military)

- product: commodity (n), crop (n), farm (computers), farm (enterprise), fruit (product), reap (v), harvest (v), harvest (n), harvested
- proper name: reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- searching & discovery: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), glean (v), gleaned, sieve (n), winnow (v)
- speech: straw man (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ground (break ground), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.)
- subterfuge: straw man (n)
- superiority & inferiority: field hand (person)
- throwing, putting & planting: plant (put), plow (put), sow (v), sown (planted)
- work & duty: plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- worth & lack of worth: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), commodity (n), fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)

FATE, FORTUNE & CHANCE (1)

- air: sky (the sky can fall)
- allusion: boat (burn one's boats), chalice (poisoned chalice), Chinatown (the film), devil (deal with the devil), Faust (n), Faustian (adj), kiss of death, midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), Sword of Damocles
- animal: blue whale, chicken (come home to roost), jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), snake (snake-bit), swan (black swan)
- astronomy: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- atmosphere: sky (the sky can fall)
- ax: axe (ax to fall, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- Bible: handwriting (on the wall), kiss of death, writing (writing on the wall)
- bird: auger (v), auspicious (adj), chicken (come home to roost), swan (black swan)
- blade: ax (ax to fall, etc.), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), close shave, stab (stab in the dark), sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- bodily reaction: breath (hold one's breath), laugh (last laugh)
- boundary: line (tread a line, etc.)
- breathing: breath (hold one's breath)
- bridge: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- bullet: bullet (dodge a bullet)
- burial: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave)
- cards: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), hand (dealt a hand), odds (fate)
- circus: daredevil (person), tightrope (fate)
- clock: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- cloth: thread (by a thread)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)
- color: blue (out of the blue), blue whale, swan (black swan)
- container: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- cooking: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- control & lack of control: control (out of one's control)
- day: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), noon (high noon), strike (his hour had struck, etc.)
- death & life: death (cheat death), doomed, funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), kiss of death, live (live and die / fate), noose (fate), stand (stand and fall / fate)
- direction: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rise (rise and fall / verb)
- electricity: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)

- epithet: curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.), miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.), miracle (Miracle of Istanbul, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (in the balance), teeter (v)
- eye: blind (not controlled by intelligence)
- film: Chinatown (the film), noon (high noon)
- finger: finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)
- fire: fire (play with fire), frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- food & drink: chalice (poisoned chalice), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- football: go (go long), Hail Mary
- gambling: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (n), gamble (v), lot (lot in life, etc.), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), odds (fate), roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- geometry: circle (a circle can close)
- gesture: finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (from the brink), brinksmanship (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), last-ditch (adj), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), territory (come with the territory, etc.)
- hair: close shave
- hand: hand (fate)
- head: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- height: rise (rise and fall / verb)
- history: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- hunting: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)
- justice: chicken (come home to roost), jury (the jury is out), reprieve (n), stay (stay of execution)
- journeys & trips: back (no way back, etc.), boat (burn one's boats), path (cross paths), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- knife: stab (stab in the dark)
- lap: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- line: line (tread a line, etc.), line (on the line)
- love, courtship & marriage: dance (dance with death, etc.), flirt (v)
- magic: charmed (charmed life, etc.), crystal ball, curse (n), cursed, magic (trail magic, etc.), tea leaves
- mechanism: wheel (wheel of fate or fortune, etc.)
- military: last-ditch (adj)
- money: windfall (n)
- mountains & hills: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- neck: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck), neck (fate), neck (stick one's neck out)
- number: number (number is up, etc.), numbered (days are numbered, etc.)
- path: path (cross paths)
- person: daredevil (person)
- predation: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)
- proximity: close (and close-run), close call (danger), close shave
- religion: auger (v), auspicious (adj), curse (n), cursed, devil (deal with the devil), Faust (n), Faustian (adj), god (mountain gods, etc.), Hail Mary, handwriting (on the wall), karma (fate), kiss of death, miracle (other), miraculous (adj), original sin, writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- river: boat (burn one's boats), bridge (burn one's bridges), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- scale: balance (in the balance)

- sea: blue whale
- shape: circle (a circle can close)
- sky: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate), sky (the sky can fall), swan (black swan)
- snake: snake (snake-bit)
- snow & ice: ice (on thin ice)
- sound: laugh (last laugh)
- speech: time (time will tell)
- sports & games: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), cards (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (v), gamble (n), game (guessing game), go (go long), Hail Mary, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- star: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- storm: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- sun: noon (high noon)
- sword: sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- target: shot (chance), shot (shot in the dark)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- tree: chip (chips fall, etc.), limb (go out on a limb), windfall (n)
- verb: auger (v), balance (in the balance), breath (hold one's breath), bullet (dodge a bullet), chicken (come home to roost), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), finger (cross one's fingers, etc.), fire (play with fire), flirt (v), gamble (v), grave (dig one's grave), head (hold something over one's head), lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall), limb (go out on a limb), line (tread a line, etc.), path (cross paths), rise (rise and fall / verb), shoe (a shoe can drop or fall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), teeter (v)
- violence: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: leap (leap of faith, etc.), line (tread a line, etc.)
- water: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- weapon: bullet (dodge a bullet), gun (under the gun), long shot, Russian roulette, shot (chance), shot (shot in the dark), stab (stab in the dark)
- wind: windfall (n)
- writing & spelling: handwriting (on the wall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)

FATNESS & THINNESS (2) (see also breadth)

- ability & lack of ability: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- flaws & lack of flaws: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- money: fat cat
- size: bloated (size), flabby (adj), lean (size), slender (adj), slim (small)
- strength & weakness: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- substance & lack of substance: skinny (adj)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fat (adj), flabby (adj), lean (size), lean (lean times, etc.)

FEELING, EMOTION & EFFECT (1) (see also effect)

- addiction: addictive (adj), narcotic (n), withdrawal (feeling)
- air: air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), climate (work climate, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- alcohol: drunk (adj), hangover (alcohol), intoxicate (v), intoxicated, intoxicating (adj), sober (v), sober (adj), sobering (adj)
- allusion: Chinatown (the film), stoic (adj)

- animal: bask (v), biting (adj), bristle (emotional arousal), calm (v), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), hackles (raise hackles), ruffled (feathers), venom (n), venomous (adj), wild (behavior)
- arm: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), hold back (restraint)
- atmosphere: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other), air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), bask (v), climate (work climate, etc.), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, fallout (effect), pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- bird: eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- blade: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), double-edged (sword), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- blood: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), blush (embarrassment), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), hot-blooded (adj), livid (adj), mist (red mist), red (see red), sanguine (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- boat: stack (blow one's stack)
- bodily reaction: ASMR, blush (embarrassment), breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), cringe (and cringe-worthy), exhale (v), face (red face, red-faced, etc.), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), goosebumps, juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), retch (v), shiver (n), sigh (sigh of relief), startling (adj), sweat (feeling), tear (crying), teeth (gnash one's teeth), yawn (n)
- bottle: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions)
- boxing: blow (body blow, etc.), chin (take something on the chin), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- breathing: breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), exhale (v), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), hyperventilation (n), sigh (sigh of relief), suffocating
- burial: funereal (adj), lament (v), pall (cast a pall)
- cards: poker-faced (adj)
- chemistry: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), vitriol (n)
- cloth: pall (cast a pall)
- clothing & accessories: boot (shake in one's boots), pearl (clutch one's pearls), shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- cloud: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- color: black (feeling), black (black day, etc.), blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), blue (feeling), blues (the blues), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dog (black dog / mental health), face (red face, red-faced, etc.), green (green with envy), livid (adj), mist (red mist), red (see red), sanguine (adj)
- container: bottled up (emotions), bottle up (emotions), drained (feeling), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), hold in (emotions), in (in pain, in anger, etc.), inside (emotions), open (honest), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pent-up (constrained), place (feelings and emotions), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- control & lack of control: control (in control)
- cooking: stir (effect)
- crashes & collisions: whiplash (n), wreck (person)
- creature: demonic (adj), haunt (v), haunted, haunting (adj), spook (v), spooked (feeling), zombie (behavior)
- day: day (dark day)
- death & life: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), dead (feeling), deadening (effect), funereal (adj), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), killjoy (person), knife (knife in the heart)
- depth: deep (emotion)
- destruction: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), shatter (emotions), shattering (adj), torn up, wreck (person)

- direction: ballistic (go ballistic), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyant (personality), buoyed, depression, descent (decline), down (feeling), downhearted, fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall (an emotion can fall), fall (fall in love), feeling (sinking feeling), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), heart (heart sank), high (on a high), high (emotion), high-spirited, lift (feeling), lift (v), low (emotion), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling), retreat (withdraw), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), soar (a heart can soar), slide (v), up (feeling), upbeat (adj), world (on top of the world)
- distance: close (feeling), detached (emotions), tight (relationship)
- dog: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles)
- ear: ear (music to one's ears)
- earthquake: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, upheaval (disruption)
- earth & world: world (on top of the world), world (means the world to me, etc.)
- electricity: amped (feeling), charged (highly charged, etc.), current (feeling), electric (feeling), electricity (feeling), electrified, electrify (v), galvanize (v), jolt (n), lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocker (n), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), thunderstruck (adj)
- engine: gasket (blow a gasket), go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.), revved (revved up)
- epithet: sorrow (China's Sorrow, etc.), tear (Harbor of Tears, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: destabilize (v), destabilizing (adj), dizzying (adj), earthquake (effect), edge (on edge), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened (emotion), floored (emotion), head-spinning, rattled (feeling), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (feeling), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- exclamation: gasp (very “gasp,” etc.), welcome (welcome news, etc.), whoa (exclamation), wow (v), wow (as noun)
- explosion: blockbuster (n), blown away, blow up (emotion), bombshell (n), burst (burst into tears, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), go off (v), outburst (n), set off (feeling and emotion), shellshocked, shock wave, stack (blow one's stack), steam (v), top (blow one's top)
- eye: blink (conflict), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.), eyebrow-raising (adj), eyebrow-raising (n), eye-popping
- face: face (red face, red-faced, etc.), face (face-palm, face palm), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- family: kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n)
- farming & agriculture: harrowing (adj)
- film: Chinatown (the film), scratch (record scratch)
- finger: nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting, pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, touch (verb / emotion), touching (adj)
- fire: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), burn out (v), burnout (n), consume (emotions), consumed (emotion), fire (on fire / feeling), fire (fire and desire, etc.), fired up, firebrand (person), fume (v), hair (hair on fire), incendiary, inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), scorching (adj), searing (adj)
- fist: beating (take a beating, etc.), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hit (affected), hit (affect), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), pummeled, smitten (effect), strike (tragedy, etc.), striking (adj), struck (affected), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- flying & falling: ballistic (go ballistic), depression (n), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), soar (a heart can soar)
- food & drink: bellyful (amount), bitter (personality), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), bittersweet (adj), devoured, eaten alive, etc., fed up (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), retch (v), savor, sour (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- foot: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), teeth (kick in the teeth), toe (step on toes)
- force: crush (love), crushed (feeling), daze (in a daze), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened (emotion), floored (emotion), hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), jolt (n), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj), shock (v),

- shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), smitten (effect), strike (affect), striking (adj), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stupendous (adj)
- functioning: broken (feeling), broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (broken heart), heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken, paralyzed (feeling)
 - gambling: poker-faced (adj)
 - gesture: cringe (and cringe-worthy), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.), eyebrow-raising (adj), eyebrow-raising (n), face (face-palm, face palm), flex (bragging), hat (hold on to your hat), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), jaw-dropper, jaw-dropping, nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), whoa (exclamation)
 - giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give (give a start, etc.)
 - ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
 - hair: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles), hair (hair on fire), hair-raising
 - hand: clingy (adj), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), face (face-palm, face palm), gripped, gripping (adj), handwringing (n), hold in (emotions), possessed, seized (by an emotion), whoa (exclamation)
 - hardness & softness: hard (feelings, etc.), harden (feelings), hardened
 - hat: hat (hold on to your hat)
 - head: coolheaded (and cool-headed), head (keep / lose one's head), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), head-spinning, hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
 - health & medicine: addictive (adj), anodyne (adj), apoplectic (adj), bromide (n), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), contagious (emotion), crippling, febrile (adj), heartsick, hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), hyperventilation (n), hysteria (n), inject (fresh blood, etc.), injury (moral injury), injury (other), lacerating (adj), narcotic (n), nostrum (n), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional), painful (adj), panic (n), paralyzed (feeling), paroxysm (emotion), pill (bitter pill, etc.), sanguine (adj), scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, shock (in shock), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), sick (with anxiety, etc.), soothe (sensation), tonic (effect), toxic (adj), withdrawal (feeling), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
 - heart: broken-hearted, coldhearted (adj), downhearted, heart (miscellaneous), heart (heart sank), heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (heavy heart), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heartache (n), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartfelt, heartsick, heart-stopping, heartthrob, heartwarming (adj), heart-wrenching, heavy-hearted (adj), knife (knife in the heart), light-hearted (adj), soar (a heart can soar)
 - heating water: boiling point, boil over (v), seethe (v)
 - height: depression, head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), low (emotion), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling)
 - history: trail of tears, via dolorosa
 - hole: depression (n), hole (feeling)
 - horse: whoa (exclamation)
 - house: home (feel at home), home (hit home), home (close to home), welcome (welcome news, etc.)
 - hunting: gutted (feeling)
 - insect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), sting (n), stinging (adj), stung (feeling)
 - journeys & trips: follow (follow a feeling or emotion), trail of tears, via dolorosa
 - key: lock (lock something away)
 - knife: stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)
 - leg: kick (kick one's butt, etc.)
 - knife: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), lacerating (adj), stab (sensation)
 - leg: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)

- light & dark: brighten (v), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), darkness (depression), day (dark day), dazzle (v), dim (hope, etc.), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), illuminating (adj), scintillating (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.), sunny (adj)
- lightning: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: crush (love), honeymoon (n), swoon (v)
- magic: bewitch (v), bewitching (adj), charm (v), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), entranced, entralling (adj), entranced, magic (effect), magic (magic moment, etc.), magical (effect), mesmerizing (adj), spell (under a spell), spell (cast a spell), spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj), thrall (n)
- manufacturing: process (v)
- mark: bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dent (n), mark (effect), scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- materials & substances: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), crack (verb / emotion), eggshell (walking on eggshells), fragile (feelings), fragility (feelings), hard (feelings, etc.), noxious (adj), poisonous (adj), shatter (emotions), shattering (adj), snap (v), stone-faced (adj), toxic (adj), unglued (adj), shatter (destroy), vitriol (n)
- mechanism: automata (n), breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), broken (feeling), button (push a button / emotion), button (panic button), button (hot button), fall apart (emotionally), gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), heart (a broken heart, etc.), metronomic (operation), pump up (v), revved (revved up), robot (n), turned off, turned on (sex), turn on (v), turn-off (disgust), turn-on, wind down (relax), wound (tightly wound)
- mental health: anxiety (n), blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), brighten (v), burnout (n), darkness (depression), dead (feeling), dog (black dog / mental health), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), exhausting (mental health), hysteria (n), mist (red mist), pain (emotional), place (feelings and emotion), possessed, rage (v), raging (adj), sick (disgusted), sick and tired (feeling), tired (feeling), unglued (adj), unwind (relax), vent (v), weary (feeling)
- military: bombshell (n), combative (adj), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), hostile (adj), post-traumatic stress syndrome (and PTSD), retreat (withdraw), shellshocked
- mouth: jaw-dropper, jaw-dropping, lip (stiff upper lip)
- movement: carried away, carry (carry me away, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), frozen (emotion), paralyzed (feeling), paroxysm (emotion), petrified (adj), pulsating (adj), rage (v), raging (adj), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), send (emotion or effect), slide (v), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- music: blues (the blues), ear (music to one's ears), lament (v), note (note of caution, etc.)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect), melt down (emotions)
- part of speech: funny (as noun), happy (as noun), hard (love hard, etc.), overwhelm (as noun), sad (as noun), wow (as noun)
- person: firebrand (person), hothead (person), killjoy (person)
- place: come from (emotion), place (feelings and emotions)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot), land (arrive, affect, decide)
- plant: withering (adj)
- predation: devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc.
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (feeling), hate on (something), inside (emotions), love on (something), pump up (v), up (feeling)
- pressure: blow up (emotion), decompression (n), explode (emotion), pressure (under pressure), pressure (n), pressured, pressure-filled, relax (feeling), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), vent (v)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), detached (emotions), distance (feeling), distant (feeling), tight (relationship)
- pump: pump up (v), pumped (feeling)

- religion: dispirited (adj), godforsaken, hell (hell hath no fury), hellish (adj), miraculous (adj), paradisiacal (and paradisal), possessed, spirit (feeling), via dolorosa
- river: run (run deep / high / strong), swept away (emotion)
- rocket: ballistic (go ballistic)
- rope: frayed (emotions), loosen up (feelings), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), rope (at the end of one's rope), snap (v), strain (pressure), strained, taut (nerves, etc.), tension (n)
- ruins: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), wreck (person)
- sea: swept away (emotion), wave (make waves, etc.)
- sensation: abrasive (adj), biting (adj), blistering (adj), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), buzz (sensation), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), dizzying (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), grate (v), gut-wrenching (adj), hair (hair on fire), heartache (n), heartfelt, heartthrob, heart-wrenching, hit (affect), hit (affected), hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), irritant (n), irritated, irritating, irritation, jolt (n), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lacerating (adj), nerveless adj), nerve-racking, numb (adj), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional), painful (adj), palpable (adj), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.), raw (emotions, etc.), raw nerve (feeling), rub (rub somebody the wrong way, scorching (adj), searing (adj), sensitive (adj), shoe (a stone in the shoe), smart (v), soothe (sensation), sore (sensation), sorely, stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.), sting (n), stinging (adj), strike (affect), struck (affected), striking (adj), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stung (feeling), stupendous (adj), teeth (kick in the teeth), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (adj), whiplash (n), wrenching (adj)
- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, turned on (sex)
- shadow: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- shape: vicious circle
- sign, signal, symbol: tear (crying)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: blistering (adj), blush (embarrassment), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), chill (feeling), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), flex (bragging), lacerating (adj), loosen up (feelings), nerve (anxiety), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, raw (emotions, etc.), raw nerve (feeling), sensitive adj), shiver (n), shot (nerves are shot, etc.), skin (feeling), skin (jump out of one's skin), sore (sensation), sorely, startling (adj), strain (pressure), strained, taut (nerves, etc.), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (adj)
- sky: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other)
- sleep: nightmare (n), nightmare (worst nightmare), nightmarish (adj), tired (feeling), weary (feeling)
- smell: noxious (adj)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- snow & ice: frostily, frosty (adj), frozen (emotion), ice (break the ice), ice-cold
- society: hostile (adj)
- sound: alarm (feeling), bang (with a bang), bang (bang for the buck, etc.), bombshell (n), buzz (sensation), chord (strike a chord), din (attention), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), lament (v), moan (v), moaning, noise (attention and conflict), noisy (debate, etc.), note (on a note), note (note of caution, etc.), outcry (n), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), scratch (record scratch), thunderstruck (adj), wail (v)
- speech: welcome
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), butterfly (butterflies in stomach), fed up (adj), gut (n), gutted (feeling), gut-wrenching (adj), retch (v), stomach (turn one's stomach)
- storm: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- sun: sunny (adj)

- sword: double-edged (sword), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- taste: bitter (personality), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bittersweet (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), saccharine (adj), salty (slang), savor (v), sour (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- teeth: biting (adj), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), teeth (gnash one's teeth), teeth (kick in the teeth)
- temperature: bask (v), boil (initiation), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), blood (blood boils), boiling point, boil over (v), button (hot button), chill (feeling), chilling (adj), chilly (adj), cold (feeling), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), coldhearted (adj), coldly, cool (feeling), cool down (v), coolly (adverb), cool off (v), cozy (adj), febrile (adj), fire (on fire / feeling), frigid (adj), frostily, frosty (adj), frozen (emotion), heartwarming (adj), heat (in the heat of passion, etc.), heated (emotion), heatedly, hot (controversial), hot (emotion), hot-blooded (adj), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), hotly, ice (break the ice), ice-cold, incendiary (speech), lukewarm (feeling), overheated (adj), scorching (adj), seethe (v), shower (cold shower), steam (v), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), tepid (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warm (v), warm (adj), warmly, warmth, water (throw cold water on something)
- theater: drama (tense drama, etc.), dramatic (the dramatic), dramatic (effect), farce (n), melodrama (n), melodramatic (adj), operatic (adj), theater of the absurd, tragedy (n), travesty (n), vaudeville (n)
- toe: toe (step on toes)
- tongue: acid-tongued
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- verb: bask (v), beating (take a beating, etc.), bewitch (v), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), bottle up (emotions), break down (feeling), breath (take one's breath away), breath (take a breath, etc.), bristle (emotional arousal), brighten (v), bruise (v), buoy (v), burn out (v), burst (burst into tears, etc.), button (push a button / emotion), calm (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), charm (v), chord (strike a chord), come from (emotion), consume (emotions), cool down (v), cool off (v), crack (verb / emotion), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), dampen (v), darken (v), dazzle (v), deflate (emotion), destabilize (v), dim (hope, etc.), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), electrify (v), erupt (feeling), excite (v), exhale (v), explode (emotion), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall apart (emotionally), feather (ruffle feathers), feet (knock somebody off their feet), fire up (v), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), fume (v), galvanize (v), give (give a start, etc.), gnaw (v), go off (v), grate (v), hackles (raise hackles), harden (feelings), hat (hold on to your hat), haunt (v), head (keep / lose one's head), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hold in (emotions), hold back (restraint), home (hit home), home (feel at home), hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), ice (break the ice), impact (affect), inflame (v), intoxicate (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lament (v), land (arrive, affect, decide), lift (v), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), lock (lock something away), loosen up (feelings), melt down (emotions), moan (v), moment (have a moment / emotion), nail (bite one's nails), needle (move the needle, etc.), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pall (cast a pall), process (v), rage (v), raise (feeling), reel (v), resonate (v), retch (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rock (v), roil (v), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), savor (v), scar (psychologically scar), seethe (v), send (emotion or effect), set off (feeling and emotion), shake (disrupt), shatter (emotions), shock (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), skin (jump out of one's skin), slide (v), smart (v), snap (v), sober (v), soothe (sensation), sour (v), spell (cast a spell), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), spook (v), stack (blow one's stack), stagger (v), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), stomach (turn one's stomach), strike (affect), strike (tragedy, etc.), stun (v), stung (feeling), swoon (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), toe (step on toes), top (blow one's top), touch (verb / emotion), trigger (outrage, etc.), turn on (v), unwind (relax), vent (v), wail (v), warm (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), water (throw cold water on something), wave (make waves, etc.), wind down (relax), wow (v)
- violence: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), tortured, torturous
- volcano: erupt (feeling), top (blow one's top), vent (v), volcanic (adj)
- walking, running & jumping: reel (v), toe (step on toes), trail of tears
- wall: wall (emotions)

- water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyed, calm (emotion), dampen (v), deep (emotion), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), drained (feeling), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), frozen (emotion), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), ripple (v), roil (v), seethe (v), shower (cold shower), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), splash (effect), splashy (effect), swept away (emotion), water (throw cold water on something), wave (make waves, etc.)
- wave: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- weapon: blockbuster (n), blown away, blow up (emotion), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), explode (emotion), shrapnel (n), smitten (effect), trigger (outrage, etc.), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)
- weather & climate: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.)
- weight: heart (heavy heart), heavy (emotion), heavy-hearted (adj), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), light-hearted (adj)
- whip: whiplash n)
- wind: calm (emotion), hat (hold on to your hat)
- wounds & scars: scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

FENCE (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-straddling)
- amelioration & renewal: fence (mend fences)
- division & connection: fence (division)
- position, policy & negotiation: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-straddling)

FICTIVE COMMUNICATION (1)

- books & reading: read (the sign read don't enter, etc.)
- eye: nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- gesture: beckon (v), nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- hand: beckon (v)
- house: welcome (v)
- military: interrogate (v)
- picture: illustrate (v), show (the data show, etc.)
- sound: call (the mountains are calling, etc.)
- speech: address (v), answer (n), boast (v), call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), demand (n), encouraging (adj), groan (amount), hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), inform (v), introduce (v), invitation (n), interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogating (questioning), interrogation (questioning), invite (v), language (of sports, cars, etc.), listen (listen to something), nag (v), nagging (adj), offer (v), remind (v), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), speak (evidence), speak (speak to something), suggest (indicate), talk (money talks, etc.), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), testimony (n), threaten (v), time (time will tell), warn (a sign can warn, etc.), welcome (v)
- tools & technology: telegraph (v), telegraphed
- verb: address (v), beckon (v), betray (v), boast (v), call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), groan (amount), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), inform (v), interrogate (v), introduce (v), invite (v), nag (v), offer (offer hope, etc.), read (the sign read don't enter, etc.), remind (v), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), show (the data show, etc.), speak (evidence), speak (speak to something), suggest (v), talk (money talks, etc.), telegraph (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), threaten (v), warn (a sign can warn, etc.), welcome (v)

FICTIVE MEETING & SEEING (1)

- eye: eye (met our eyes, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), witness (v)
- face: face (face anger, etc.)
- house: welcome (v)
- speech: greet (v), greeted, welcome (v)
- verb: brush up against, encounter (difficulties, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), find (a date can find us, etc.), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), met (met by anger, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), welcome (v), witness (v)
- walking, running & jumping: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)

FICTIVE MOTION (1) (see also leaking; movement)

- animal: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- blade: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- cloth: thread (a trail can thread, etc.), weave (a train can weave, etc.)
- direction: dip (a route can dip), wind (wind its way)
- knife: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- materials & substances: stretch (extent)
- river: meander (v)
- shape: fork (a trail can fork, etc.)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- verb: climb (roads, etc.), cross (a bridge can cross), cut (road cuts, etc.), dip (a route can dip), draw alongside, follow (a road can follow, etc.), fork (a trail can fork, etc.), go (a road can go, etc.), meander (v), run (a road can run, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stretch (extent), strike (a road can strike a river, etc.), thread (a trail can thread, etc.), weave (a trail can weave, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- walking, running & jumping: go (a road can go, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)

FICTIVE POSITION (1)

- horse: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- leg: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- line: straddle (configuration)
- standing, sitting & lying: astride (position), lie (position), repose (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- verb: lie (position), repose (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)

FICTIVE POSSESSION (1) (see also possession)

- hand: capture (v), capture (n), captured, catch (catch the imagination, etc.), caught (other), claim (take), grab (v), grabbing (attention-grabbing), grip (v), grip (in the grip), gripped, gripping (adj), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (take hold), possessed, recapture (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- house: inhabit (v), occupy (v)
- verb: belong (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), claim (take), grab (v), grip (v), hold (verb / possession), hold (take hold), inhabit (v), occupy (v), recapture (v), seize (v), snatch (v)

FICTIVE TRANSPORTATION (1) (see also transportation)

- direction: back (in time), take (take us back / time)
- horse: ride (ride something to fame, etc.)
- journeys & trips: take (take somebody somewhere)
- movement: back (back in time), carried away, carry (carry me away, etc.), transport (in time)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: back (back in time)
- riding: ride (ride on something), ride (ride something to fame, etc.)

- verb: back (in time), bring (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), carry (transport), deliver (v), get across (v), ride (ride something to fame, etc.), send (transport), send (cause to move), take (take somebody somewhere), take (take us back / time), transport (in time), ride (ride on something)

FILM (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- allusion: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), Chinatown (the film), Groundhog Day (film), Hunger Games (film), Mini-Me, Rashomon (point of view), Star Wars (film), Wizard of Oz, zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: it girl (and it drug, etc.), marquee (attention), screen (split screen)
- character & personality: guy (character), hero (character), villain (character)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- comparison & contrast: screen (split screen)
- competition: Hunger Games (film)
- conflict: match (death match), wagon (circle the wagons)
- control & lack of control: sheriff (new sheriff in town)
- development: unspool (v), unwind (analyze)
- experience: ingenue (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: dust (bite the dust)
- fantasy & reality: Groundhog Day (film), Hollywood (Hollywood ending, etc.), Star Wars (film)
- fate, fortune & chance: Chinatown (the film), noon (high noon)
- feeling, emotion & effect: Chinatown (the film), scratch (record scratch)
- force: Godzilla (force)
- importance & significance: marquee (attention)
- oppression: Hunger Games (film), Voldemort
- past & present: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- perception, perspective & point of view: Rashomon (point of view), zoom out (v), zoom-out (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: it girl (and it drug, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: wagon (circle the wagons)
- relationship: Mini-Me
- repetition: Groundhog Day (film)
- resemblance: Mini-Me, show (horror show)
- reversal: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- sound: crickets (silence), scratch (record scratch)
- speech: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted)
- strategy: game of thrones
- subterfuge: curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), Wizard of Oz
- superiority & inferiority: popcorn (n)
- superlative: Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- time: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: noon (high noon)

FINGER (2)

- accusation & criticism: finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- affliction: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched
- appearance & reality: manicured
- attainment: finger (slip through one's fingers), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: point out (v)
- coercion & motivation: prod (v)

- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: finger (lift a finger)
- division & connection: touch (lose touch), touch (other)
- evidence: fingerprint (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting, pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, touch (verb / emotion), touching (adj)
- help & assistance: finger (lift a finger)
- insult: finger (middle finger), flip off (v)
- location: finger (put one's finger on something)
- possession: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- proper name: finger (Finger Lakes, etc.)
- proximity: fingertip (at one's fingertips)
- punishment & recrimination: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- shape: finger (shape)
- speed: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- survival, persistence & endurance: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched

FIRE (2) (see also temperature)

- accusation & criticism: grill (v), grilled
- activity: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burning (slow-burning), smolder (v)
- amelioration & renewal: ashes (from the ashes), burn off (v)
- amount: scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- amount & effect: conflagration (n), fire (n), fire (flash fire), firestorm (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blaze (in a blaze of glory), flare (n)
- attraction & repulsion: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- character & personality: firebrand (person), fire (through the fire, etc.), incandescent (character)
- characterization: brand (v), stigma (n), stigmatize (v)
- coercion & motivation: feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire up (v), grill (v), grilled
- commitment & determination: fire (fire and desire, etc.)
- computer: firewall (computers), war (flame war)
- concealment & lack of concealment: smoke out (v), smokescreen (concealment)
- conflict: fire (conflict), flame (conflict), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj)
- consumption: burn through (v)
- creation & transformation: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- curtailment: snuff (v)
- death & life: flame (life is a flame)
- decline: burn out (v), burnout (n), die (die down), flame (life is a flame)
- destruction: ashes, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), crash (crash and burn), extinguish (v), extinguished, flame (in flames), Phoenix (myth), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj), snuff (v)
- direction: beacon (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: slash-and-burn (adj)
- disruption: Molotov cocktail
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), furnace (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- evidence: fire (evidence), smoke (evidence), smoking gun
- experience: fire (through the fire, etc.), trial (trial by fire)
- failure, accident & impairment: fizzle (and fizzle out), flame (in flames)

- fate, fortune & chance: fire (play with fire), frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), burn out (v), burnout (n), consume (emotions), consumed (emotion), fire (on fire / feeling), fire (fire and desire, etc.), fired up, firebrand, fume (v), hair (hair on fire), incendiary, inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), scorching (adj), searing (adj)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- impression: burned (impressed), seared
- increase & decrease: accelerant (n), fan (v), fire (fuel on the fire, etc.), flare-up (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle (v), oil (pour oil), oxygen (fuel), stoke (v), stoked (increased)
- initiation: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), combustible (adj), fan (v), fiery (character), fiery (speech), fire (catch fire), flare (v), flare up (v), flare-up (n), flashpoint (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), ignite (v), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle, match (light / strike a match, etc.), oxygen (fuel), re-ignite, rekindle, spark (v), spark (n), stoke (v), stoked (increased), tinderbox (violence, etc.), volatile
- message: flare (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- origin: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- person: firebrand (person)
- proper name: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- pursuit, capture & escape: smoke out
- punishment & recrimination: coal (rake somebody over the coals)
- representation: torch (carry a torch), torch (other), torchbearer (person)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: smoke (smoke clears)
- resemblance: aflame (resemblance), tinderbox (resemblance)
- situation: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- speech: coal (rake somebody over the coals), combustible (adj), fiery (speech), grill (v), grilled, incendiary (speech), inflammatory (adj), roast (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: aflame (adj), die out (end), fire (catch fire), fizz (and fizz out), ignite (v), rekindle (v), smolder (v), torch (pass the torch)
- substance & lack of substance: fire (substance)
- subterfuge: smokescreen (concealment)
- superlative: incandescent (character)
- survival, persistence & endurance: Phoenix (myth), trial (trial by fire)
- transmission: torch (pass the torch), torch (other)
- warning: flare (n)

FISH (2) (see also animal)

- acceptance & rejection: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- affliction: piranha (predation)
- attraction & repulsion: bait (v), bait (n), chum (n), lure (v), lure (n)
- character & personality: piranha (predation)
- competition: minnow (n)
- condition & status: belly-up (adj)
- configuration: sardined
- consumption: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- creation & transformation: spawn (v), spawned

- enthusiasm: hooked
- environment: fish (fish out of water), fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other)
- evidence: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- extent & scope: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly-up (adj), get away (escape)
- growth & development: fry (small fry)
- importance & significance: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- movement: fishtail (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: fisheye (fisheye view, etc.)
- person: piranha (predation)
- power: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- punishment & recrimination: hook (off the hook)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bait (v), bait (n), catch (catch and release), catch (marriage), dragnet (cast a dragnet), dragnet (n), expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), get away (escape), hook (off the hook), land (land a job, etc.), lure (v), lure (n), net (cast a net), nibble (n), reel in (v), trawl (v), troll (v)
- searching & discovery: expedition (fishing expedition), trawl (v)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- strength & weakness: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow
- suspicion: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: fish (different kettle of fish)

FIST (2) (see also hand)

- accusation & criticism: bash (v), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), pummel (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: fist bump (n)
- affliction: smitten (afflicted)
- character & personality: fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: hit (comprehension)
- conflict: bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), tit-for-tat (adj), trounce (v), trounced
- curtailment: knock out (v)
- control & lack of control: fist (a boss with an iron fist, etc.)
- destruction: crush (destroy), pound (pound targets, etc.)
- dominance & submission: knuckle under (v)
- driving force: fist (armored fist, etc.)
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), struck (affected)
- feeling, emotion & effect: beating (take a beating, etc.), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hit (affected), hit (affect), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.), smitten (effect), strike (tragedy, etc.), striking (adj), struck (affected), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- force: beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), buffeted, fist (armored fist, etc.), fist (a leader with an iron fist), hitter (heavy hitter), knockout (knockout blow, etc.), strike (forces of nature)
- occurrence: strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- oppression: fist (a leader with an iron fist), ironfisted
- power: clout (n)
- punishment & recrimination: beat (beat oneself up)
- readiness & preparedness: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: beat back (v), hit back (v), knuckle under (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- revenge: tit-for-tat (adj)

- social interaction: tit-for-tat (adj)
- speech: bash (v), bashing (n)
- subterfuge: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smash a record, etc.)
- violence: fist (a leader with an iron fist)

FLAGS & BANNERS (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: banner (under the banner), banner (behind the banner), banner (banner of Islam, etc.), flag (rally around the flag), rally (v)
- assembling: rally (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: flag (raise a flag, etc.), flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- commitment & determination: flag (plant one's flag)
- experimentation: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- identity & nature: colors (true colors, etc.)
- person: flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- possession: flag (plant one's flag)
- representation: banner (carry a banner, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), flag (flag of convenience), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- resistance, opposition & defeat: flag (plant one's flag), stand (last stand, etc.)
- size: banner (size)
- subterfuge: flag (false flag)
- warning: red flag

FLAWS & LACK OF FLAWS (1)

- affix: over (affix), under (affix)
- air: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- allusion: Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Panglossian (adj)
- animal: fly (fly in the ointment), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- atmosphere: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adjective), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- ball: roll (on a roll)
- Bible: Garden of Eden
- blade: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- bodily reaction: hiccup (n)
- books & reading: story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- bullet: bulletproof (adj)
- burden: overload (n), overloaded
- chemistry: rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- cloth: fray (v), frayed (degraded), ragged (adj), seamless (adj), tatters (in tatters), wrinkle (n)
- clothing & accessories: ragged (adj), tatters (in tatters)
- color: black eye
- cooking: half-baked (adj)
- direction: downside (n), over (affix), sag (v), slump (v), twisted (corruption), under (affix), upside (n), warp (v), warped
- ear: tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, disequilibrium (n), imbalanced, misstep (n), shaky (equilibrium), slip (n), solid (adj), stumble (v), stumble (n), sure-footed (adj), unstable (adj), wobbly (condition)
- explosion: bombproof
- eye: black eye, eyesore (n), pretty (adj), ugly (adj)
- fatness & thinness: flabby (adj), lean (size)

- food & drink: palatable (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- foot: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot)
- fruits & vegetables: lemon (n), peach (n), plum (desirable)
- ground, terrain & land: bumpy (adj), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), mired (stuck), rocky (adj), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- hardness & softness: edge (rough edges, etc.), smooth (lack of flaws)
- health & medicine: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), lean (size), lethargic (adj), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, surgical (adj)
- hole: chink (flaw), hole (flaw), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), Swiss cheese (n)
- hygiene: chaotic (adj), clean (a clean record, etc.), dirty (dirty energy, etc.), hot mess (situation, etc.), mess (n), messy (adj), sloppy (adj)
- insect: fly (fly in the ointment), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- journeys & trips: bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), path (the right / wrong path, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (tough / easy road, etc.)
- knife: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- light & dark: bright (bright side), polished (adj), shine (n), side (dark side), tarnish (v), tarnished
- mark: blemish (n), black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (blemish / noun), scar (blemish / verb), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.), smear (n), smear (v), stain (n), stain (v), unblemished
- materials & substances: coarse (speech), crack (flaw), crude (speech), flawed (adj), flawless (adj), flimsy (adj), ironclad (adj), jewel (n), lapidary (adj), lily (gild the lily), polish (v), polished (adj), rough (adj), sag (v), slump (v), smooth (lack of flaws), solid (adj), sound (solid), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.), warp (v), warped, unpolished, weak (fragile)
- mechanism: broken (failure), misbehave (machine), point (sticking / friction point)
- mining: lapidary (adj)
- movement: roll (on a roll)
- music: note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj), tune (out of tune)
- orientation: downside (n), underbelly (concealment), underside (n), upside (n)
- part of speech: bad (my bad, etc.)
- path: path (the right / wrong path, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.)
- person: goods (damaged goods)
- picture: picture (picture-perfect), sketchy (adj)
- plant: thorny (adj)
- religion: Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), paradise
- rope: kink (n), strain (pressure), strained
- scale: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, imbalanced
- sensation: rough (adj), smooth (lack of flaws), thorny (adj)
- shape: warp (v), warped
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: strain (pressure), strained, stretch (v), stretched (stretched thin, etc.)
- smell: reek (v), stink (v)
- speech: broken (English, etc.), note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), stumble (stumble over one's words), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- sports & games: level (fairness), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), track record (bad)
- stomach: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- storm: stormy (adj), tempestuous (adj)
- taste: palatable (adj), sweet spot, taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- teeth: teething

- verb: fray (v), pockmark (v), polish (v), reek (v), sag (v), scar (blemish / verb), slump (v), smear (v), stink (v), stretch (v), stumble (v), stumble (stumble over one's words), tarnish (v), warp (v), water (hold water)
- walking, running & jumping: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), lame (lame excuse, etc.), misstep (n), slip (n), stumble (v), stumble (n), stumble (stumble over one's words), sure-footed (adj)
- water: water (hold water), watertight (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- weight: overload (n), overloaded
- wind: tempestuous (adj)
- weapon: bulletproof (adj), surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- wounds & scars: scar (blemish / noun), scar (blemish / verb), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)

FLOOD (2)

- amount & effect: deluge (n), deluged, flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flood (amount / verb), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated
- constraint & lack of constraint: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- extent & scope: high-water (high-water mark)
- movement: deluge (n), flood (move)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high-water (high-water mark)

FLYING & FALLING (2)

- activity: flurry (activity), fly (activity)
- amount & effect: flurry (activity)
- condition & status: spiral (death spiral)
- configuration: hover (numbers)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fly (constraint)
- course: trajectory (n)
- decline: crater (v), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other)
- destruction: crash (crash and burn), shot down (and shot down in flames), spiral (death spiral)
- development: trajectory (n)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic), depression (n), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), soar (a heart can soar)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- heart: soar (a heart can soar)
- inauguration: drop (product launch), launch (n)
- increase & decrease: nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), soar (v), take off (v)
- initiation: launch (n), take off (v)
- involvement: plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement)
- movement: swoop (v)
- speed: fly (activity)

FOG (2)

- consciousness & awareness: fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)

FOOD & DRINK (2) (see also cooking; fruits & vegetables; meat; taste)

- absorption & immersion: drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), imbibe (v), ingest (v), lap up (v)
- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), go down (digestion), hook (hook, line and sinker), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), retch (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)

- affliction: choke (v), eat (destroy)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- alternatives & choices: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (computer), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- amelioration & renewal: beefed up, beef up (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), spice up (v), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)
- amount: bellyful (amount), buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), crumb (amount), dollop (n), fed up (adj), helping (amount), lion's share, menu (other), morsel (amount), pie (piece of the pie, etc.), plate (full plate), scrap (n), smorgasbord (n), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: nutshell (in a nutshell)
- appearance & reality: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- attainment: cakewalk (dance)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: candy (n), delicious (adj), juicy (adj), marmite (n), mouthwatering (adj), tasty (adj)
- bases: break and better (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk)
- behavior: spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), wolf down (food)
- character & personality: bitter (personality), marmite (n), sour (personality), spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), sweet (personality)
- commitment & determination: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- complexity: spaghetti (snarl)
- comprehension & incomprehension: digest (v), digestible (adj)
- computer: menu
- configuration: pancake (v), pancake (n), pancaked, sandwiched, spaghetti (snarl)
- consumption: appetite (appetite for fur, etc.), bellyful (amount), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), candy (n), chew (and chew up), chew over (v), choke (v), consume (consumption), consumption (n), delicious (adj), devour (devour the classic, etc.), diet (n), digest (v), digestible (adj), drink in (v), eat (endure), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), eat up (v), famine (n), feast (v), feast (n), fed up (adj), feed (fuel), feed (supply), feed (satisfy), feed (feed on / off something), food (food for thought), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), gorge (gorge on), hook (hook, line and sinker), hunger (n), hungry (adj), imbibe (v), ingest (v), insatiable (adj), juicy (adj), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), lap up (v), mouthwatering (adj), omnivorous (adj), palatable (adj), piquancy (n), potato chip, ravenous (adj), ravenously, regurgitate (v), retch (v), serve up (v), sour (adj), spicy (adj), stomach (accept), sustenance (n), swallow (accept), swallowed, sweet (sweet dreams, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), taste (taste for violence, etc.), taste (a bad taste), tasty (adj), thirst (n), unpalatable (adj), unsavory (adj), voracious (adj), voraciously
- content: filling (content), food (food for thought)
- corruption: apple (bad / rotten apple), curdle (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), rancid (adj), rot (v), rot (n), rotten (adj), sour (adj), sour (v), spoil (v), spoiled (spoiled child, etc.), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- cost & benefit: gravy (n), gravy train, meal ticket (n)
- creation & transformation: concoction (n), hash out (v)
- destruction: cannibalize (v), cannibalized, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., nibble (nibble at, etc.)
- development: appetizer (n), main course, table (set the table)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: cakewalk (dance), picnic (no picnic), picnic (other)
- directing: fed (supplied), feed (direct)
- eagerness & reluctance: drool (v), hungry (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), stomach (eagerness)
- enthusiasm: crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), taste (taste for violence, etc.)

- experience: chew (and chew up), diet (n), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), treat (in for a treat)
- extent & scope: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- fate, fortune & chance: chalice (poisoned chalice), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bitter (personality), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), bittersweet (adj), fed up (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), retch (v), savor (v), sour (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- flaws & lack of flaws: palatable (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: dish out (v), fork over (v), pepper (v), peppered
- gossip: tea (gossip)
- group, set & collection: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- hyperbole: retch (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- identity & nature: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), gumbo (mixture), pie (apple pie)
- importance & significance: bread and butter (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk), nothing-burger
- increase & decrease: feed (fuel), feed (feed on / off something), supersize (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- judgment: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- mixture: bouillabaisse (mixture), bowl (salad bowl / mixture), brew (mixture), cocktail (n), concoction (n), farrago (confused mixture), gumbo (mixture), ingredient (n), soup (mixture), soup (alphabet soup), stew (mixture)
- person: glutton (person)
- possession: fork over (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: expiration date
- proper name: punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)
- relationship: feed (fuel)
- resemblance: pie (shape), spaghetti (snarl)
- revenge: dish (revenge is a dish best served cold)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- sacrifice: belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening
- script: recipe (vaccine recipe, etc.), recipe (for conflict, etc.)
- sequence: table (set the table)
- shape: burrito (shape), pancake (pancake ice, etc.), pie (shape), punch bowl (shape)
- size: supersized (adj)
- speech: fat (chew the fat)
- strength & weakness: beefed up, beef up (v)
- substance & lack of substance: food (food for thought), meat (substance), meaty (substance), nothing-burger
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bellyful (amount), belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening, cornucopia (variety), famine (n), feast (n), fed up (adj), glut (n), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), gorge (gorge on), insatiable (adj), lean (lean times, etc.), starvation (n), starvation wages (n)
- superlative: cream (superlative), feast (n)
- supplying: fed (supplied), feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), feed (feed on / off something), serve up (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hand-to-mouth (live hand to mouth, etc.), shelf life
- taxonomy & classification: fish (different kettle of fish), vintage (similar vintage, etc.)
- transmission: feed (video, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: crave (v), feed (satisfy), hunger (n), hungry (adj), ravenous (adj), starved, stomach (food), taste (taste for violence, etc.), thirst (n)
- work & duty (plate (on one's plate)
- worth & lack of worth: meal ticket (n)

FOOT (2) (see also heel; leg; toe)

- access & lack of access: foot (foot in the door)
- action, inaction & delay: feet (drag one's feet), foot-dragging
- amelioration & renewal: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- bases: footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- character & personality: toe (step on toes)
- coercion & motivation: bone (throw a bone to someone)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: footstep (retrace one's footsteps)
- destruction: stamp out (v), trample (v), trampled
- direction: footstep (in the footsteps)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- eagerness & reluctance: feet (cold feet), foot-dragging, heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- equilibrium & stability: footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)
- feeling, emotion & effect: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), teeth (kick in the teeth), toe (step on toes)
- flaws & lack of flaws: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: kickback (corruption)
- haste: feet (think on one's feet)
- initiation: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick up (v)
- involvement: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- oppression: foot (under the foot), heel (under the heel), trample (v)
- orientation: foot (orientation)
- position, policy & negotiation: footing (position)
- presence & absence: foothold (n), footprint (n), toehold (n)
- punishment & recrimination: kick (kick oneself)
- readiness & preparedness: feet (think on one's feet), flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot / on the front foot), foot (back / front foot), toe (on one's toes)
- representation: foot (put a foot forward)
- resiliency: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: foot (put one's foot down), heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- responsibility: feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)
- social interaction: kickback (corruption)
- speed: pace (at a pace), pace (speed)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: toehold (n), foothold (n)

FOOTBALL (2)

- ability & lack of ability: triple threat
- action, inaction & delay: clock (run the clock, etc.), tackle (v)
- avoidance & separation: end run (n)
- competition: football (conflict)
- conflict: football (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: punt (v), punt (n), tackle (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fate, fortune & chance: go (go long), Hail Mary
- initiation: kick off (v), kickoff (n)

- starting, going, continuing & ending: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- success & failure: football (spike the football), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line)
- superlative: Super Bowl
- target: goalpost (target)

FORCE (1) (see also power)

- air: downdraft (n)
- animal: bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beast (power), bull (bull in a china shop), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), paper tiger, roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.), savage (adj), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- arm: elbow (force), nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (force), push (push comes to shove), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- atmosphere: downdraft (n), headwind (n), wind (wind of change, etc.)
- boat: headwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- boxing: chin (take something on the chin), hitter (heavy hitter), knockout (knockout blow, etc.)
- cows & cattle: bull (bull in a china shop)
- creature: Godzilla (force)
- direction: march (march ahead, etc.)
- epithet: beast ('The Beast' Mugabi, etc.), express (Pineapple Express, etc.), tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)
- explosion: radius (blast radius, etc.)
- film: Godzilla (force)
- fist: beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), buffeted, fist (armored fist, etc.), fist (a leader with an iron fist), hitter (heavy hitter), knockout (knockout blow, etc.), strike (forces of nature)
- gesture: nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- hammer: hammer (hammer of the law, etc.)
- health & medicine: emasculated (adj), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- height: wave (crest of a wave)
- horse: hard-charging (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: crush (love)
- military: force (show of force), onslaught (n)
- movement: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its ways through, etc.), rip through (v), tear through (v), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- plane: headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- predation: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- religion: juggernaut (n)
- river: current (n), Niagara (the river and falls), undercurrent (n)
- sea: floodtide (n), wave (crest of a wave)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- sound: roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
- sports & games: hitter (heavy hitter), wave (crest of a wave)
- storm: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat up (storm), blast (blasted the Bahamas, etc.), clobbered (by rain, etc.), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), knock out (v), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), nature (force of nature), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), storm (v), storm (by storm), strike (forces of nature)
- teeth: teeth (take the teeth out), teeth (force), toothless (adj)

- tide: floodtide (n)
- tiger: paper tiger
- tools & technology: bulldoze (v), bulldozed, bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), hammer (hammer of the law, etc.), leverage (n), leverage (v), run over (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled (and steamrollered), wrecking ball (n)
- train: freight train (force), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (full steam, etc.), steam (take the steam out, etc.), train (runaway train)
- verb: barrel (v), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), bulldoze (v), churn (move), elbow (force), flex (muscle, etc.), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), nudge (v), push (force), push (coercion and motivation), rip through (v), roar back (v), run over (v), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), steamroll (v), storm (v), strike (forces of nature), tear through (v), teeth (take the teeth out), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- violence: beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), brutality (n), buffeted
- walking, running & jumping: march (march ahead, etc.)
- water: floodtide (n), Niagara (the river and falls), wave (crest of a wave)
- wave: buffeted, wave (crest of a wave)
- wind: buffeted, downdraft (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), tornado (force), wind (wind of change, etc.), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- wolf: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)

FORCE (2)

- accusation & criticism: backhand (v), blast (criticize), hammer (criticize), lay (lay into), slam (v)
- activity: rage (v), raging (adj)
- behavior: pushy (people), rage (v), raging (adj)
- character & personality: bulldozer (epithet), pushy (people)
- coercion & motivation: push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people), press (v), prod (v)
- commitment & determination: pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: hit (comprehension)
- computer: hit (computer)
- control & lack of control: rage (v), raging (adj)
- destruction: crushed (destroyed), crushing (adj)
- development: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: pushed out
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- epithet: bulldozer (epithet)
- feeling, emotion & effect: crush (love), crushed (feeling), daze (in a daze), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened (emotion), floored (emotion), hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), jolt (n), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), smitten (effect), strike (affect), striking (adj), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stupendous (adj)
- heart: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- increase & decrease: boost (v), boost (n)
- movement: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), muscle (muscle its way through), rip through (v), tear through (v)
- person: boy (bad boy), badass (power), big shot (person)
- relationship: drive (drive somebody to do something)

- resiliency: push on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: push (push comes to shove), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), pushback (n), pushed around
- speech: backhand (v), blunt (speech), fulminate (speech), lay (lay into), slam (v), strong (language, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: push on (v)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smash a record, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: push on (v)
- time: onrushing (future, etc.)

FOREST (2) (see also tree)

- amount: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- area: woods (neck of the woods)
- danger: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: patch (rough patch)
- group, set & collection: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- location: woods (neck of the woods)
- obstacles & impedance: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- resemblance: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)

FORTIFICATION (2) (see also military)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: insider (insider attack, etc.)
- amount & effect: besiege (v), besieged, siege (under siege), siege (other)
- bases: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- conflict: battering ram, parapet (n), siege (under siege)
- division & connection: drawbridge (protection), moated
- importance & significance: salient (important)
- isolation & remoteness: moated
- proper name: castle (Castle Peaks, etc.), citadel (the Citadel, etc.), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bastion (n), breach (v), breach (n), breached, bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (protection), bunker (n), castle (protection), citadel (n), dig in (v), drawbridge (protection), dug in, entrenched, fort (hold down the fort), fortress, harden (protect), loophole (n), moat (n), moated, rampart (protection), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), stronghold (n)
- resemblance: bulwark (resemblance), palisade (n), rampart (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, siege (under siege), siege (other)
- strength & weakness: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- survival, persistence & endurance: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched

FOUNTAIN (2)

- amelioration & renewal: Fountain of Youth
- resemblance: fountain (resemblance)
- source: fountain (source), fountainhead

FOX (2) (see also animal)

- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground)
- behavior: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: ground (go to ground)
- protection & lack of protection: foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground)

- subterfuge: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)

FROG (2) (see also animal)

- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water)
- environment: frog (frog in boiling water)
- situation: frog (frog in boiling water)

FRUITS & VEGETABLES (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; meat; taste)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: layer (analysis), onion (n), peel (peel back the layers, etc.)
- behavior: nuts (crazy)
- character & personality: apple (bad / rotten apple), nut (person)
- coercion & motivation: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- consciousness & awareness: vegetable (consciousness)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- failure, accident & impairment: banana (n), lemon (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: lemon (n), peach (n), plum (desirable)
- growth & development: bloomer (late bloomer), fruition (n), ripe (adj)
- product: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.), bear (bear fruit, etc.), fruit (product)
- proper name: turnup (Turnup Rock, etc.)
- relationship: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- superlative: peach (n), plum (desirable)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bloomer (late bloomer), ripe (adj)
- worth & lack of worth: fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), peach (n), plum (desirable)

FUNCTIONING (1) (see also operation)

- animal: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- blade: honed, sharp (skills, etc.)
- chain: fetter (n), fettered, unfettered
- chemistry: chemistry, rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- crashes & collisions: crash (population crash, etc.)
- crime: fetter (n), fettered, unfettered
- death & life: dead (functioning)
- direction: down (functioning)
- engine: cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.), gear (high gear, low gear, etc.), hum (hum along), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), neutral (in neutral), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- epithet: machine (the Swiss Machine, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: stability (n)
- government: machinery (government, etc.)
- health & medicine: atrophy (v), basket case, comatose (adj), cripple (v), crippled, hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), paralysis (n), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- knife: honed, sharp (skills, etc.)
- leg: fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- manufacturing: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- mechanism: break down (functioning), broken (failure), cog (cog in the machine, etc.), comatose (adj), cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.), down (functioning), full on (adj), full out (adj), gear (high gear, low gear, etc.), gum up (v), hum (hum along), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery (government, etc.), malfunction (v), misbehave (machine), neutral (in neutral), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- military: hors de combat

- movement: cripple (v), crippled, fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, paralysis (n), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), speed (up to speed), stall (v), unfettered
- prep, adv, adj, particle: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: atrophy (v)
- sleep: comatose (adj)
- snow & ice: freeze (computers, etc.)
- sound: click (v), hum (v), sputter (v)
- speech: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- sports & games: game (at the top of one's game), marble (marbles)
- tongue: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- verb: break down (functioning), click (v), cripple (v), freeze (computers, etc.), gum up (v), hobble (v), hum (hum along), malfunction (v), misbehave (machine), paralyze (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
- walking, running & jumping: fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered

FUNCTIONING (2)

- feeling, emotion & effect: broken (feeling), broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (broken heart), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken, paralyzed (feeling)
- heart: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbeat (n), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- speech: broken (English, etc.)

FUTURE (1) (see also past & present, time)

- bridge: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- container: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), tap (on tap), time (in time / future)
- corner: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- day: dawn (verb / start), day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (day after tomorrow), tomorrow (future)
- direction: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), before (we have hard work before us), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), foresight (n), forward (look forward, etc.), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, intervening (adj), lie (lie ahead), look forward to (v), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (future), up-and-coming, upcoming (adj), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- distance: away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), horizon (on the horizon), near (near future, etc.), near (v), remote (future), road (down the road, etc.), run (in / over the long run), sight (in sight), way (a long way off)
- eye: come (see something coming), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), farsighted (adj), foresight (n), forward-looking, horizon (on the horizon), look forward to (v), look like (future), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), shortsighted, sight (in sight), view (long view), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: future (the future can bring something)
- health & medicine: prognosis (n)
- horizon: horizon (on the horizon)
- journeys & trips: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), lie (lie ahead), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.)

- magic: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tea leaves
- mechanism: time machine
- movement: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), forward (look forward, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, intervening (adj), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), see (see something coming), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), up-and-coming, upcoming (adj), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), year (year has come and gone)
- person: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), visionary (person)
- place: future (where the future lies, etc.), hereafter (from now onwards)
- position: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ahead (before a future event), before (we have hard work before us), day (day after tomorrow), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), intervening (adj), near (near future, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ahead (before a future event), away (a week away, etc.), before (we have hard work before us), day (day after tomorrow), foresight (n), forward (look forward, etc.), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), near (near future, etc.), on (30 years on, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- religion: handwriting (on the wall), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- river: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- sky: horizon (on the horizon)
- speech: time (time will tell)
- train: train (future)
- verb: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), arrive (a time can arrive), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), dawn (verb / start), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), future (the future can bring something), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), lie (lie ahead), look forward to (v), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), see (future), spell (spell disaster, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), year (year has come and gone)
- walking, running & jumping: run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run)
- water: tap (on tap)

GAMBLING (2) (see also cards; sports & games)

- action, inaction & delay: double down (v), in (all in), pass (cards)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (back the wrong horse), in (all in)
- appearance: poker-faced (adj)
- certainty & uncertainty: bet (all bets are off)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close)
- commitment & determination: double down (v), in (all in)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (hold one's cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (n), lot (lot in life, etc.), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), odds (fate), roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)

- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced (adj)
- importance & significance: stake (importance), stake (high stakes)
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (v), bluff (n), chip (bargaining chip)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- strategy: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chip (bargaining chip), gamble (v), gamble (n), poker (game)
- strength & weakness: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- subterfuge: bluff (v), bluff (n)
- success & failure: jackpot (hit the jackpot), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)

GATE (2) (see also doors & thresholds; house; roof)

- access & lack of access: gateway (gateway to India, etc.), gate (society), gatekeeper (person)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper (person)
- division & connection: gate (society)
- geography: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: gate (obstacle), gate (society)
- person: gatecrasher (person), gatekeeper (person)
- portal: gate (portal), gateway (portal), portal (entrance)
- proper name: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- route: gateway (gateway to India, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gatecrasher (person), gatekeeper (person)
- society: gate (society)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: gate (out of the gate)

GEOGRAPHY (1)

- allusion: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- animal: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- arm: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- astronomy: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- atmosphere: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- bird: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)
- bottle: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- color: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- creature: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- epithet: alley (Bat Alley, etc.), Amazon (epithet / biodiversity), California (California of Europe, etc.), capital (capital of the world, etc.), capital (Black Bear capital, etc.), Chicago (China's Chicago, etc.), door (Durdle Door, etc.), eye (the Blue Eye of Siberia, etc.), father (Father of Waters, etc.), fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.), Grand Canyon (Grand Canyon of the South, etc.), key (the Keyhole, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Niagara (Niagara of the South, etc.), Norway (the Norway of Arabia, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.), riviera (Riviera of the Midwest, etc.), roof (Roof of the World, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.), sorrow (China's Sorrow, etc.), Venice (Venice of the North, etc.), Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.), Yosemite (Yosemite of the East, etc.)
- eye: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- gate: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- horn: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)
- insect: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- moon: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- mountains & hills: dome (Half Dome, etc.)
- neck: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)

- proper name: battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.), beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), black (Black Sea, etc.), bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), mother (Mounter Mountain, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- religion: hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)
- shape: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- sky: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- spider: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)

GEOMETRY (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: angle (from an angle), curve (behind / ahead of the curve)
- development: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle)
- division & connection: intersect (v), intersection (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: circle (a circle can close)
- perception, perspective & point of view: angle (from an angle), slanted (news, etc.)
- proper name: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: circle (a circle can close)
- relationship: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- speech: tangent (on a tangent)

GESTURE (2) (see also bodily reaction; breathing)

- acceptance & rejection: embrace (v)
- accusation & criticism: finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- achievement, recognition & praise: applaud (v), applauded, back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun), cap (tip one's cap), fist bump (n), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), head (pat on the head), nod (acknowledge), nod (acknowledgement), salute (v), toast (v), toast (acknowledgment), thumbs-up
- action, inaction & delay: hand (throw up one's hands), shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- admiration & contempt: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), nose (look down one's nose)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: embrace (v), hand (raise one's hand)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: tire (kick the tires)
- attachment: embrace (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), eyeball (eyeball-popping), head (turn heads), point out (v)
- attraction & repulsion: beckon (v), embrace (v)
- avoidance & separation: shrug off (v)
- character & personality: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), handwringer (person)
- coercion & motivation: nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- commitment & determination: embrace (v), lean into (v), step into (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: eye (roll one's eyes), eye-roll (dismissal), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head-scratching
- concealment & lack of concealment: tight-lipped (adj)
- conflict: blink (conflict), chest (beat one's chest, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: blink (conflict), lean in (v), shrug (gesture)
- consciousness & awareness: slap (awareness)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

- division & connection: embrace (v)
- dominance & submission: blink (conflict)
- eagerness & reluctance: hand (rub one's hands), nose (hold one's nose)
- eye: eye (roll one's eyes)
- fate, fortune & chance: finger (cross one's fingers, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cringe (and cringe-worthy), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows, etc.), eyebrow-raising (adj), eyebrow-raising (n), face (face-palm, face palm), flex (bragging), hat (hold on to your hat), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), jaw-dropper, jaw-dropping, nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), whoa (exclamation)
- fictive communication: beckon (v), nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- force: nudge (v), nudge (n), nudged, push (coercion and motivation), shoved (n)
- gesture: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give (give a wink, etc.)
- insult: finger (middle finger), flip off (v), nose (thumb one's nose), slap (slap in the face, etc.), tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)
- judgment: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- language: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- location: finger (put one's finger on something)
- performance: chest (beat one's chest, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: head (keep one's head down)
- punishment & recrimination: slap (punish)
- resiliency: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), shake (shake something off)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blink (conflict), nose (thumb one's nose)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: applaud (v), applauded, frown (v), frowned upon, nod (permission), smile (v)
- speed: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- subterfuge: nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- transmission: give (give a wink, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: nod (agree)
- welcome: embrace (v)
- work & duty: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

GIFT (2)

- ability & lack of ability: gift (gift for languages, etc.), gifted
- cost & benefit: gift (benefit)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gift (as verb)
- worth & lack of worth: gift (benefit)

GIVING, RECEIVING, BRINGING & RETURNING (1) (see also taking & removing)

- bodily reaction: cough up (v)
- direction: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), turn in (give)
- family: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- food & drink: dish out (v), fork over (v), pepper (v), peppered
- foot: kickback (corruption)
- gesture: give (give a wink, etc.)
- gift: gift (as verb)
- hand: handed (given), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), handed over (possession), handover (n), hold out (offer)
- history: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)

- justice: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.)
- money: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history), lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- part of speech: get (a big get, etc.), gift (as verb)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n)
- speech: command (deserve and get)
- tools & technology: rake in (v)
- verb: bring (v), command (deserve and get), deliver (v), dish out (v), fork over (v), furnish (give), gift (as verb), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), hold out (offer), inherit (v), leave (leave a mark, etc.), lend (lend a hand, etc.), offer (v), pepper (v), rake in (v), turn in (give)

GIVING, RECEIVING, BRINGING & RETURNING (2)

- amelioration & renewal: bring back (restore)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: come away with (v), get across (v), take (and hot take), takeaway (n), take away (a message, etc.)
- commitment & determination: bring (bring it), leave it somewhere (commitment)
- comprehension & incomprehension: get (understand), take in (comprehend)
- feeling, emotion & effect: give (give a start, etc.)
- future: future (the future can bring something)
- position, policy & negotiation: give-and-take
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bring back (restore)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bring back (restore)
- time: future (the future can bring something)
- transmission: received (wisdom, etc.)

GLACIER (2) (see also snow & ice)

- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- speed: glacial (adj)

GOSSIP (1) (see also social interaction; society)

- animal: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- books & reading: tell-all (book)
- farming & agriculture: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- food & drink: tea (gossip)
- manufacturing: mill (gossip / rumor mill), mill (grist for the mill)
- part of speech: tell-all (book)
- place: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- plant: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grapevine (through / over the grapevine), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- wheat: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

GOVERNMENT (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.), statesman (elder statesman, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: red tape
- allegiance, support & betrayal: vote (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ambassador (role)
- behavior: diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- bases: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- competition: race (elections)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: oust (v), ousted (removed)
- functioning: machinery (government, etc.)
- group, set & collection: parliament (group)

- obstacles & impedance: red tape
- operation: apparatus (government), machinery (government, etc.), organ (of government, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)
- oppression: edict (n), tyrant (n)
- person: ambassador (role), baron (power), diplomat (n), strongman (power)
- power: czar (and tsar), emperor (power), strongman (power), tyrant (n)
- representation: ambassador (role), diplomat (n), tribune (person)
- role: ambassador (role), diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: embargo (n), franchise (n), license (n), magisterial (adj), passport (n)

GROUND, TERRAIN & LAND (2)

- ability: way (know one's way around)
- accusation & criticism: dirt (political dirt, etc.), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud), mudslinging (n), stone (throw stones, etc.), sully (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: dust (collect dust)
- amelioration & renewal: swamp (drain the swamp)
- amount & effect: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other), tectonic (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: contour (n), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), drill (drill down, etc.), excavate (v), lay of the land, unearth (v), unearthing
- appearance & disappearance: dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), ground (go to ground), turn up (appear), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthing
- appearance & reality: fool's gold
- area: area (territory), borderland (n), contour (n), demesne (control), ecosystem (n), fiefdom (control), ground (area), land (place), lay of the land, landscape (n), scape (threatscape, etc.), terrain (known and unknown terrain), terrain (area), territory (area), territory (assigned area), topography (n), turf (control), wilderness (area)
- attachment: embed (v), embedded
- bases: bedrock (n), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (finding one's footing, etc.), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (prepare the ground), grounded, groundwork (n), monolith (n), monolithic (adj), outcrop (and outcropping), rock (support), rooted, tectonic (adj), underlie (v), underlying (adj)
- behavior: badlands (environment), edge (over the edge), mud (in the mud), wild West
- biodiversity: ecosystem (n)
- center & periphery: coast (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj)
- character & personality: ground (both feet on the ground), grounded
- commitment & determination: dig deep (determination), flag (plant one's flag), last-ditch (adj)
- competition: jungle (competition), turf (turf war, etc.)
- complexity: morass (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bury (conceal), buried (concealment), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), ground (go to ground), open (in the open / into the open), out (and out there), there (out there, etc.), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthing
- conflict: last-ditch (adj), turf (turf war, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: open (in the open / into the open)
- constraint & lack of constraint: room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- content: dirt (political dirt, etc.)
- control & lack of control: badlands (environment), colonialism (n), colonize (v), colonized, demesne (control), turf (control), wild West

- corruption: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- danger: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), jungle (competition), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- decline: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), precipitous (adj), rock-bottom (adj), sinkhole (n)
- destruction: abyss (n), edge (push something over the edge), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: last-ditch (adj), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- direction: landmark (n), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (know one's way around)
- disruption: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- division & connection: balkanization (n), Balkanized, barrier (n), chasm (n), crack (division), divide (n), fault (fault line), fissure (n), gap (n), ground (common ground), ground (middle ground), rift (division), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- dominance & submission: ground (hold / stand one's ground)
- effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- environment: badlands (environment), borderland (n), contour (n), desert (environment), ecosystem (n), here (out here), jungle (environment), landscape (n), lay of the land, morass (n), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.), scape (threatscape, etc.), swamp (fever swamp), terrain (area), territory (area), wasteland (environment), wild West
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), footing (find one's footing, etc.), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.)
- experience: there (been there, etc.)
- extent & scope: earthshaking (adj), ground (cover ground), high and low, tectonic (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (from the brink), brinksmanship (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), last-ditch (adj), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), territory (come with the territory, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- failure, accident & impairment: crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), sink (sink into the mud, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bumpy (adj), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), mired (stuck), rocky (adj), terrain (easy & difficult terrain)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), ground (fertile ground)
- identity & nature: embed (v), embedded
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), groundbreaking, landmark (n), salient (important)
- impression: embed (v), embedded
- involvement: thick (in the thick of things)
- isolation & remoteness: cold (in the cold), Mongolia (Outer Mongolia), Siberia (exile), wilderness (in / into the wilderness)
- knowledge & intelligence: way (know one's way around)
- obstacles & impedance: barrier (n), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), bogged down, mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), quicksand (in / into the quicksand), rut (in a rut), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), stuck (adj), thicket (n)
- occurrence: outcrop (and outcropping)
- oppression: buried (buried in debt, etc.), rock (between a rock and a hard place)
- perception, perspective & point of view: grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (on the ground), level (ground level, etc.), worm's-eye (adj)
- possession: claim (stake a claim), colonialism (n), colonize (v), colonized, flag (plant one's flag), reclaim (other), soil (on one's soil), territory (stake out territory)
- position, policy & negotiation: brinksmanship (n)
- presence & absence: endemic (adj), footprint (n), ground (on the ground), territory (come with the territory, etc.), there (out there, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.)

- progress & lack of progress: ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj)
- protection & lack of protection: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- proximity: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (back from the brink), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), verge (on the verge), verge (to the verge)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: ground (prepare the ground)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: dust (dust settles)
- relationship: embed (v), embedded
- reputation: dirt (worthless), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud)
- resemblance: cavernous (adj), desert (environment)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, flag (plant one's flag), ground (hold / stand one's ground), ground (give ground), last-ditch (adj)
- searching & discovery: come up with (discovery), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), fool's gold, frontier (n), ground (cover ground), pay dirt, rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), turned up (discovered), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- situation: rock (between a rock and a hard place), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.), trapped
- size: cavernous (adj)
- society: cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, shore (far shore), Siberia (exile), stranded (separated), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- source: aquifer (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ground (break ground), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- success & failure: fool's gold, pay dirt
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert (food desert, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: brink (back from the brink), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, last-ditch (adj)
- taking & removing: colonialism (n), colonize (v), colonized
- worth & lack of worth: dirt (worthless), fool's gold, pay dirt

GROUP, SET & COLLECTION (1) (see also assembling)

- allusion: cornucopia (variety), Noah's Ark
- animal: covey (group), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd immunity, etc.), menagerie (group), nest (of vipers, etc.), pack (group), stable (n), zoo (group)
- astronomy: constellation (n), galaxy (n)
- Bible: Noah's Ark
- bird: covey (group), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (of vipers, etc.)
- boat: armada (n), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- center & periphery: inner circle (n)
- color: palette (n)
- container: bag (collection), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- crime: mafia (group), mob (group), posse (group)
- creature: devil (Lady Devils, etc.)
- epithet: Noah's Ark
- family: brotherhood (n), family (gang / group), sisterhood (n)
- food & drink: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- forest: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- government: parliament (group)
- history: horde (people)

- horse: cavalcade (n), posse (group), stable (n)
- house: house (hype house), nest (of vipers, etc.)
- infrastructure: suite (suite of tools, etc.)
- military: armada (n), armory (n), army (Arnie's Army, etc.), arsenal (amount), panoply (n)
- money: bank (tissue bank, etc.), brain trust, treasure trove (and trove), treasure house
- movement: cavalcade (n), pageant (n), parade (n)
- person: army (Arnie's Army, etc.), nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.), tribe (group)
- picture: curate (v), curated
- plant: bouquet (collection), garden (resemblance)
- religion: cult (n), Noah's Ark
- river: reservoir (group)
- school & education: club (boys' club), fraternity (n), Old Boy (Old Boy network)
- sea: armada (n)
- sports & games: all-star (adj), scrum (reporters), team (dream team), varsity (n)
- star: galaxy (n)
- theater: cast (cast of candidates, etc.), repertoire (n)
- tools & technology: set (skill set), toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- verb: curate (v), pool (v)
- walking, running & jumping: pageant (n), parade (n)
- water: pool (v), pool (people), pool (things), reservoir (group)
- weapon: armory (n), arsenal (amount), quiver (n)
- zoo: menagerie (group), zoo (group)

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT (1) (see also progress & lack of progress)

- air: oxygen (fuel)
- animal: fledgling (adj), fry (small fry), full-fledged (adj), lamb (n), rookery (n)
- astronomy: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), supernova (achievement)
- atmosphere: oxygen (fuel)
- baby: baby (development), baby (younger), crybaby (person), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), nascent (beginning), newborn, nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, stillborn (adj), teeth (cut one's teeth), teething, wean (v), young (adj)
- biology: embryo (n), embryonic (adj), evolve (evolve the sport, etc.), evolution (n), petri dish
- bird: fledgling (adj), full-fledged (adj), incubator (n), rookery (n)
- birth: embryo (n), embryonic (adj), germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), nascent (beginning), newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n), stillborn (adj)
- chemistry: oxygen (fuel)
- day: day (early days), evening (decline)
- death & life: adolescence (n), adult (development), age (come of age), baby (development), bloomer (late bloomer), boy (big boy, etc.), brought up, career (n), crisis (mid-life crisis), crybaby (person), dowager (old), embryo (n), embryonic (adj), feet (stand on one's own two feet), girl (big girl, etc.), grande dame (old), grow (develop), grow up (grow up! etc.), growing pains, grownup (person), grow up (grow up together, etc.), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), innocence (n), life (begin life), life span (n), mature (v), maturity, newborn, old (a year old, etc.), pants (big girl pants, etc.), raised (reared), reared (raised), stillborn (adj), youngster (n), youth (development)
- direction: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arise (v), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the ascent), ascent, rise (rise and fall / noun), fall behind (competition and progress), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise (on the rise)
- explosion: explode (increase)

- farming & agriculture: crop (n), cultivate (v), cultivated, drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), fallow (adj), fertile (adj), field (fertile field, etc.), fruition (n), green shoots, ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), rainmaker (person), seed (n), seed money, soil (fertile soil, etc.), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- fire: oxygen (fuel)
- fish: fry (small fry)
- flying & falling: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- fruits & vegetables: bloomer (late bloomer), fruition (n), ripe (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (get off the ground), ground (fertile ground)
- hand: hold (take hold)
- health & medicine: cancer (n), cancerous (adj), growth (cancerous, etc.), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), metastasizing (adj), tumor (n)
- height: rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (on the rise), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.)
- history: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, renaissance (n), revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v), Stone Age
- insect: cross-pollination
- journeys & trips: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress), passage (n), rite (rite of passage)
- leg: leg (grow legs)
- light & dark: supernova (achievement)
- money: seed money
- movement: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress)
- part of speech: evolve (evolve the sport, etc.), grow (grow the economy, etc.)
- person: dowager (old), grande dame (old), neophyte (n)
- plane: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- plant: bloom (v), bloomer (late bloomer), blossom (v), bud (nipped in the bud), budding, burgeoning (adj), cross-pollination, cultivate (v), cultivated, drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), fallow (adj), field (fertile field, etc.), flourish (v), flower (v), flowering, fruition (n), germinate (v), ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), kernel (n), neophyte (n), nourished, nursery (n), nurture (v), nurtured, plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), rainmaker (person), root (growth), ripe (adj), seed (n), seed money, shoot (plant), soil (fertile soil, etc.), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other), tendril (growth), thrive (v), transplant (n)
- rain: drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- religion: rite (rite of passage)
- school: graduate (v)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), spring (Arab Spring, etc.), winter (decline)
- sheep: lamb (n)
- size: stunted
- sports & games: fall behind (competition and progress)
- standing, sitting & lying: feet (stand on one's own two feet)
- star: supernova (achievement)
- teeth: teeth (cut one's teeth), teething
- tree: branch out (v), root (take root, etc.)
- verb: arise (v), bloom (v), blossom (v), branch out (v), cultivate (v), explode (increase), fall behind (competition and progress), flourish (v), flower (v), gestate (v), graduate (v), ground (get off the ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), hold (take hold), lag (progress), leg

- (grow legs), life (begin life), mature (v), metastasize (v), nurture (v), plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), revolutionize (v), sow (v), take off (v), thrive (v), wean (v)
- walking, running & jumping: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress)
- weather & climate: drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)

GUILT (1) (see also responsibility)

- blood: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hand: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- justice: get away (get away with something)
- light & dark: clear (clear conscience)

HAIR (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: scalp (n)
- conflict: hackles (raise hackles)
- danger: close shave
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shave (removal), shed (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: close shave
- feeling, emotion & effect: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles), hair (hair on fire), hair-raising
- proximity: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: scalp (n)
- resemblance: hair (resemblance)
- searching & discovery: comb (v)
- shape: hairpin (shape)
- success & failure: scalp (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scalp (save one's scalp)

HAMMER (2)

- accusation & criticism: hammer (criticize)
- creation & transformation: hammer out (v), hammered out
- force: hammer (hammer of the law, etc.)
- proper name: hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)

HAND (2) (see also fist)

- achievement, recognition & praise: thumbs-up
- action, inaction & delay: hand (throw up one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handwringing (n), hold (on hold), holdup (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hand (raise one's hand)
- alternatives & choices: hand (on the one / other hand)
- amount: handful (amount)
- attachment: cling (v), clingy (adj), hold on to (v)
- attainment: empty-handed, fingers (slip through one's fingers), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (attainment), palm (in the palm of one's hand)
- attempt: hand (try one's hand)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: grabbing (attention-grabbing)
- attraction & repulsion: beckon (v)
- avoidance & separation: hands-on, hands-off
- certainty & uncertainty: grab (up for grabs)
- character & personality: clingy (adj), handwringer (person)

- coercion & motivation: hand (force someone's hand), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), whip hand (n), wring (coerce)
- commitment & determination: hand (all hands on deck)
- comparison & contrast: hand (on the one / other hand)
- comprehension & incomprehension: grasp (comprehend)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hold (close held, etc.), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: go (let something go), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (wash one's hands of something), handle (deal with), handled, handling
- consciousness & awareness: hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed
- control & lack of control: grip (v), grip (in the grip), grip (control), hand (dead hand), hand (get out of hand), hand (upper hand), hand (in hand), hand (control), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), handled, handling, hands-off, hands-on
- creation & transformation: artisanal (adj), fashion (v), shape (v), shape (form), shaped, reshape (v)
- curtailment: break off (v)
- destruction: crush (destroy)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: finger (lift a finger), hand (have one's hands full), hand (all hands on deck)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: brush aside (v), brush off (v), brush-off
- division & connection: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handshake (n)
- dominance & submission: hand (upper hand)
- eagerness & reluctance: hand (rub one's hands), handwringing (n)
- experience: hand (work), old hand (experience)
- extent & scope: span (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: ball (drop the ball), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fate, fortune & chance: hand (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: clingy (adj), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), face (face-palm, face palm), gripped, gripping (adj), handwringing (n), hold in (emotions), possessed, seized (by an emotion), whoa (exclamation)
- fictive communication: beckon (v)
- fictive possession: capture (v), capture (n), captured, catch (catch the imagination, etc.), caught (other), claim (take), grab (v), grabbing (attention-grabbing), grip (v), grip (in the grip), gripped, gripping (adj), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (take hold), possessed, recapture (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: handed (given), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n), hold out (offer)
- growth & development: hold (take hold)
- guilt: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- help & assistance: finger (lift a finger), hand (bite the hand that feeds one), hand (help), handmaiden (help), handout (n)
- importance & significance: right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- involvement: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- judgment: even-handed (adj), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- location: finger (put one's finger on something)
- measurement: span (v)
- obstacles & impedance: hold up (obstruct), holdup (n)
- oppression: crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), grip (control), hand (iron hand, etc.), ham-handed, heavy-handed, squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), thumb (under the thumb), whip hand (n), wring (coerce)

- person: handmaiden (help)
- possession: cling (v), clingy (adj), empty-handed, fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), go (let something go), grab (v), grab (up for grabs), grab (land grab, etc.), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (possession), grip (v), grip (in the grip), grip (control), gripped, gripping (adj), hand (possession), handed, handed over (possession), hand-me-down, hand over (v), handover (n), hang on to (v), hold (long-held), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold on to (v), palm (in the palm of one's hand), possessed, seize (v), seized (by an emotion)
- presence & absence: hand (on hand)
- proper name: thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: hand (hands off)
- proximity: fingertip (at one's fingertips), hand (at hand)
- punishment & recrimination: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), slap (punish), wrist (slap on the wrist)
- pursuit, capture & escape: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: go (let something go)
- relationship: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handmaiden (help)
- resiliency: go (let something go), hang in there, hang on (v), hold on (survival), pick (pick oneself up)
- responsibility: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hand (get out of hand), loose (let loose)
- shape: handle (shape)
- situation: hold (on hold)
- social interaction: hand (one hand washes the other)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: hand (wash one's hands of something)
- subterfuge: underhanded (or underhand)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment)
- survival, persistence & endurance: cling (v), hand (all hands on deck), hold on (survival)
- starting, stopping & continuing: break off (v)
- taking & removing: claim (take), grab (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- transmission: handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hand-me-down, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), pass on (v)
- work & duty: hand (work), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck)

HARDNESS & SOFTNESS (2)

- amelioration & renewal: cushion (v), cushion (n), smooth (v), soften (speech)
- attenuation: cushion (v), soften (v)
- character & personality: hard (character), hardheaded (and hard-headed), hard man (character), hard-nosed, snowflake (person), softheaded (and soft-headed), teacup (person), teddy bear
- commitment & determination: hard (hard "no," etc.)
- conflict: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- experience: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hard (feelings, etc.), harden (feelings), hardened
- flaws & lack of flaws: edge (rough edges, etc.), smooth (lack of flaws)
- heart: hardhearted (and hard-hearted), softhearted (and soft-hearted)
- increase & decrease: harden (increase)
- insult: softheaded (and soft-headed)
- protection & lack of protection: harden (protect)
- speech: soften (speech)

- strength & weakness: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), soft (soft on crime, etc.), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: soft (soft opening, etc.)

HASTE (1) (see also speed)

- animal: gallop (haste)
- bird: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- crashes & collisions: crash (crash course, etc.)
- foot: feet (think on one's feet)
- health & medicine: rash (hasty)
- horse: gallop (haste), headlong, spur (on the spur of the moment), spur-of-the-moment
- justice: rush (rush to judgment)
- movement: gallop (haste), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), rush (oil rush, etc.), scramble (v)
- train: track fast track
- verb: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), scramble (v)
- walking, running & jumping: gallop (haste), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), scramble (v)

HAT (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.)
- experience: hat (old hat)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hat (hold on to your hat)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: hat (old hat)
- representation: hat (role)
- role: hat (role)

HEAD (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: head (pat on the head)
- amount & effect: head (come down on one's head, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: head (reason)
- appearance & disappearance: head (rear its head, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: head (turn heads)
- behavior: hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- certainty & uncertainty: no-brainer (n)
- character & personality: coolheaded (and cool-headed), hardheaded (and hard-headed), hothead (person), hotheaded (and hot-headed), softheaded (and soft-headed)
- coercion & motivation: head (hold something over one's head)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: head (rear its head, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), head-scratching, mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), mind-bending (adj)
- conflict: head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: head-on
- consciousness & awareness: head (clear head), mindful (adj), mindfully, mindfulness (n)
- control & lack of control: head (keep / lose one's head), hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- creation & transformation: brainchild (n)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: no-brainer (n)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- disruption: head (turn something on its head, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: head (come down on one's head, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: coolheaded (and cool-headed), head (keep / lose one's head), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), head-spinning, hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- gesture: nod (agree)
- hierarchy: head (head of the school, etc.), head (go over one's head / hierarchy)
- idea: brainchild (n), brainstorm (v), brainstorm (n)
- insult: softheaded (and soft-headed)
- involvement: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: brain (n), brain drain (and brain gain), brain trust, head (intelligence)
- leaking: brain drain (and brain gain)
- orientation: head (orientation)
- person: hothead (person)
- protection & lack of protection: head (keep one's head down)
- punishment & recrimination: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), head (put a head on a wall)
- pursuit, capture & escape: head (put a head on a wall)
- resiliency: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: nod (permission)
- situation: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scalp (save one's scalp)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: head start
- violence: brainwash (v), brainwashed
- warning: heads-up (warning)

HEALTH & MEDICINE (2) (see also addiction) (wounds & scars; skin, muscle, nerves & bone)

- ability & lack of ability: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), handicapped, lean (size)
- acceptance & rejection: leper (person), quarantine (v)
- accusation & criticism: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- activity: comatose (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch (n), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), lethargic (adj), paroxysm (other), spasm (n), torpor (n)
- affliction: boil (affliction), cancer (n), cancerous (adj), contagion (n), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), disease (affliction), epidemic (n), fester (v), festering (adj), gall (v), growth (cancerous, etc.), headache (n), hives (n), ill (ills of society, etc.), infection (corruption), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), metastasizing (adj), migraine (n), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), paroxysm (other), pathology (n), patient zero, plague (v), plague (n), plagued, pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, rash (affliction), scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), sickness (n), smitten (afflicted), sore (affliction), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), syndrome (n), tumor (n), ulcer (n), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: anodyne (adj), antidote (n), balm (n), Band-Aid (n), bromide (n), cure (n), cure (v), cure-all, disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), heal (v), inject (fresh blood, etc.), invigorate (v), lance (v), lanced, life (breathe life), mend (on the mend), nostrum (n), panacea, pill (miracle pill), prescription (n), reinvigorate (v),

- remedy (v), remedy (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), salve (n), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), soothe (sensation), surgery (n), tonic (effect)
- amount: dose (amount), rash (affliction)
 - amount & effect: epidemic (n), plague (n), rash (affliction)
 - analysis, interpretation & explanation: autopsy (analysis), biopsy (analysis), diagnosis (n), dissect (v), misdiagnose (v), post-mortem
 - appearance: eyesore (n), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (resemblance / verb)
 - area: alley (Cancer Alley, etc.)
 - attenuation: atrophy (v), emasculated (adj), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
 - attraction & repulsion: antibody (n)
 - avoidance & separation: allergic (adj), allergy (n), quarantine (v)
 - behavior: addictive (adj), delirious (adj), delirium (n), demented, fever (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), mania (n), panic (n), rabid (behavior), rabidly, schizophrenic (adj)
 - characterization: victim (other), victimization (n)
 - character & personality: incurable (adj), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
 - computer: disinfect (v), infect (computers), quarantine (v), viral (computers), virus (computers)
 - condition & status: ailing (adj), anemic (adj), atrophy (v), basket case, bill of health, brain-dead (adj), brain death (n), comatose (adj), dead (dead on arrival), deathbed (n), diseased, exhausted (condition), exhaustion (other), fatigue (n), fit (adj), handicapped, health (in good health / in bad health), health (condition), healthy (condition), hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n), hurt (other), hurting, last rites (n), life support (on life support), malaise (decline), moribund (adj), prognosis (n), pulse (n), robust (adj), sclerotic (adj), shape (condition), sick (condition), sluggish (adj), temperature (the political temperature, etc.), test (stress test), throe (death throes), tired (condition), unhealthy (condition), unscathed (adj), well (health), well-being, wellness (n), wheezing (condition), wounded (adj)
 - configuration: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked
 - confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: triage (n)
 - consciousness & awareness: amnesia (n), brain-dead (adj), chloroform (n), comatose (adj), conscious (aware), dream (fever dream, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), opiate (n), opium (n)
 - constraint & lack of constraint: hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled
 - consumption: pill (bitter pill, etc.)
 - corruption: contagion (n), corrupting, corruption (n), fester (v), festering (adj), ill (ills of society, etc.), infect (corrupt), infected, infection (corruption), malignant (adj), sickness (n)
 - creation & transformation: doctored
 - decline: fall (fall ill, etc.), life support (on life support)
 - dependency: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
 - destruction: chalice (poisoned chalice), dismember (v), dismembered, dismemberment (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), lacerate (v), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), pill (poison pill), poisonous (adj), toxic (adj)
 - development: head (come to a head)
 - directing: inject (put), injection (n)
 - dismissal, removal & resignation: amputate (remove)
 - division & connection: amputate (remove), hip (joined at the hip)
 - enthusiasm: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), delirious (adj), delirium (n), disease (enthusiasm), fever (enthusiasm), flu (enthusiasm), infection (enthusiasm), junkie (game junkie, etc.), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), rabid (enthusiasm), sickness (enthusiasm), withdrawal (feeling)
 - euphemism: apoplectic (adj)
 - evidence: symptom (n)

- experience: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- extent & scope: epidemic (n), pandemic (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: injure (v), malpractice (n), miscarriage (of justice, etc.), misdiagnose (v), mutilate (v)
- fantasy & reality: demented, dream (fever dream, etc.), swamp (fever swamp)
- fate, fortune & chance: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: addictive (adj), anodyne (adj), apoplectic (adj), bromide (n), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), contagious (emotion), crippling, febrile (adj), heartsick, hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), hyperventilation (n), hysteria (n), inject (fresh blood, etc.), injury (moral injury), injury (other), lacerating (adj), narcotic (n), nostrum (n), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional), painful (adj), panic (n), paralyzed (feeling), paroxysm (emotion), pill (bitter pill, etc.), sanguine (adj), scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, shock (in shock), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), sick (with anxiety, etc.), soothe (sensation), tonic (effect), toxic (adj), withdrawal (feeling), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), lean (size), lethargic (adj), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, surgical (adj)
- force: emasculated (adj), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- functioning: atrophy (v), basket case, comatose (adj), cripple (v), crippled, hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), paralysis (n), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- future: prognosis (n)
- growth & development: cancer (n), cancerous (adj), growth (cancerous, etc.), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), metastasizing (adj), tumor (n)
- haste: rash (hasty)
- heart: heartsick
- identity & nature: incurable (adj)
- increase & decrease: steroids (on steroids), swell (v)
- initiation: patient zero
- judgment: triage (v), triage (n)
- leaking: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n)
- measurement: pulse (n), temperature (the political temperature, etc.)
- power: potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- proper name: fever (fever tree, etc.), scar (the Scar, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: antibody (n), immune (adj), immunity (n), inoculate (v), inoculation (n), quarantine (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: fester (v), festering (adj), heal (v)
- relationship: hip (joined at the hip), Siamese twins, sneeze (v)
- resemblance: rash (road rash, etc.), scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- script: prescription (n)
- size: bloated (size), flabby (adj), lean (size)
- society: leper (person)
- speech: bromide (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), scathing (adj), vivisection (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fester (v), festering (adj), heal (v), spasmodic (adj)
- strength & weakness: anemic (adj), emasculated (adj), flabby (adj), healthy (strength), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), lean (size), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), puny (adj), robust (adj), stalwart (n), steroids (on steroids)
- substance & lack of substance: Band-Aid (n)
- subterfuge: chalice (poisoned chalice), pill (poison pill)

- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: flabby (adj), lean (size), overdose (n)
- superlative: sick (slang)
- survival, persistence & endurance: life (breathe life), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v)
- taxonomy & classification: strain (type)
- throwing, putting & planting: inject (put), injection (n)
- time: prognosis (n)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: golden hour
- transmission: contagious (emotion), infectious (adj), sneeze (v), viral, virulent (adj)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: crave (v)
- worth & lack of worth: snake oil (n)

HEART (1)

- bird: chicken-hearted
- container: heart (container)
- direction: downhearted, heart (heart sank), soar (a heart can soar)
- flying & falling: soar (a heart can soar)
- force: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- functioning: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbeat (n), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- hardness & softness: hardhearted (and hard-hearted), softhearted (and softhearted)
- health & medicine: heartsick
- materials & substances: heart (heart of stone, etc.), stone-hearted
- mechanism: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- memorization: heart (by heart)
- person: sweetheart (other)
- size: bighearted (and big-hearted)
- sound: heartbeat (n)
- taste: sweetheart (other)
- temperature: coldhearted (adj), heartwarming (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- weight: heart (heavy heart), heavy (heavy heart, etc.), heavy-hearted, light-hearted (adj)

HEART (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: heart (allegiance), heart (change of heart), hearts and minds
- amount: heart (half-hearted, etc.)
- appeal: cri de coeur
- bases: heart (basis), heart (beating heart), heart and soul
- center & periphery: heart (center), heartland (n), heartwood
- character & personality: good-hearted, hardhearted (and hard-hearted), heart (young at heart, etc.), kindhearted (and kind-hearted), softhearted (and soft-hearted)
- commitment & determination: half-hearted, heart (commitment), heart and soul
- courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- destruction: heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- eagerness & reluctance: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted), heart (eagerness and reluctance)
- empathy & lack of empathy: coldhearted (adj), heart (empathy), heartless, kindhearted (and kind-hearted), stone-hearted
- feeling, emotion & effect: broken-hearted, coldhearted (adj), downhearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (heart sank), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (miscellaneous), heartache (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartfelt, heartsick, heart-stopping, heartthrob, heartwarming (adj), heart-wrenching, heavy-hearted (adj), knife (knife in the heart), light-hearted (adj), soar (a heart can soar)
- identity & nature: heart (young at heart, etc.), heart (identity), heart and soul, heartland (n)

- person: sweetheart (other)
- place: heartland (n)
- reversal: heart (change of heart)
- shape: heart (shape)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: cri de coeur, heart (sincerity), heartfelt (adj), heart-to-heart
- size: bighearted (and big-hearted)
- speed: heartbeat (in a heartbeat)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: heart-stopping
- strength & weakness: faint-hearted (the fain-hearted)
- vocative: sweetheart (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: heart (goal)

HEATING WATER (2)

- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- bases: boil (boil down to something)
- environment: cauldron (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boiling point, boil over (v), seethe (verb)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- situation: hot water (in hot water)

HEEL (2) (see also foot; leg; toe)

- eagerness & reluctance: heel (dig in one's heels)
- oppression: heel (under the heel)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: heel (dig in one's heels), heel (on one's heels)
- sequence: heel (on the heels)

HEIGHT (2) (see also direction; position)

- achievement, recognition & praise: elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), lofty (adj), peak (at the peak), pinnacle (achievement), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), summit (at the summit), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- admiration & contempt: high (noble), look up to (somebody), look down (look down on somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), pedestal (on a pedestal), pedestaled, talk down to (somebody)
- amount: low (low on food, etc.)
- attainment: peak (peak sexy, etc.), sights (lower one's sights)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: heighten (v), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), profile (low profile), profile (high profile), profile (attention), raise (attention), relief (in bold relief)
- behavior: above (above the fray, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), mud (in the mud), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road / the low road), stoop (behavior), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- character & personality: cavalier (adj), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- extent & scope: high and low, roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: rise (rise and fall / verb)

- feeling, emotion & effect: depression, head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), low (emotion), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling)
- force: wave (crest of a wave)
- growth & development: rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (on the rise), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.)
- hierarchy: cavalier (adj), higher-up (person)
- importance & significance: capstone (n), paramount (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- increase & decrease: ceiling (high point), elevated (level), floor (low point), heighten (v), peak (at the peak), rise (on the rise), roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- orientation: lower (river, etc.), upper (river, etc.)
- past & present: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hangover (relic), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (on the ground), level (ground level, etc.), weed (in the weeds), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v)
- presence & absence: loom (loom large, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), peak (at the peak), rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rising (upcoming), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- progress & lack of progress: point (low point / high point)
- protection & lack of protection: profile (low profile)
- pursuit, capture & escape: low (lie low)
- reputation: raise (you image, etc.), standing (reputation)
- resiliency: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pedestaled
- sequence: descendant (come after / down)
- speech: talk down to (somebody)
- success & failure: rise (rise and fall / verb)
- superiority & inferiority: cavalier (adj), dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), horse (high horse), loom (loom large, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective)
- superlative: peak (peak experience, etc.), peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hangover (relic)
- time: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hangover (relic), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: sights (lower one's sights)

HELP & ASSISTANCE (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal)

- allusion: Marshall Plan
- animal: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- back: back (carry something on one's back)
- bird: mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- blade: hack (a fix), hacking (fixing)
- boat: steward (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- boxing: sparring partner (role)
- bridge: stepping stone
- burden: back (carry something on one's back), carry (assist)
- clothing & accessories: eye (naked eye)
- creature: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.), angel (help and assistance), godmother (fairy godmother)

- death & life: rescue (v), rescue (n)
- direction: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.), turn (turn to something, etc.)
- epithet: godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.)
- family: brother (big brother, etc.), godfather (v), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), godmother (fairy godmother), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, sister (big sister, etc.)
- finger: finger (lift a finger)
- hand: finger (lift a finger), hand (bite the hand that feeds one), hand (help), handmaiden (help), handout (n)
- history: logroll (v), logrolling (n), Marshall Plan
- horse: cavalry (n)
- infrastructure: caretaker (role), custodian (role), scaffold (v), scaffolding (n)
- journeys & trips: stepping stone
- ladder: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)
- magic: magic (trail magic, etc.)
- mechanism: wheel (training wheels)
- Middle Ages: knight (knight in shining armor), white knight
- military: ally (other), armed, armory (n), arsenal (amount), cavalry (n), Marshall Plan, weapon (help), wingman (person)
- money: lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- mountains & hills: Sherpa (n)
- part of speech: thanks (thanks to something)
- person: caretaker (role), custodian (role), friend (n), friendly (adj), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), godmother (fairy godmother), gun (hired gun), handmaiden (help), knight (knight in shining armor), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, servant (help), Sherpa (n), sparring partner (role), steward (n), white knight, wingman (person)
- plane: steward (role), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.), wingman (person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: handout (n)
- religion: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.), angel (help and assistance), godsend (n), patron saint, savior (n)
- river: stepping stone
- royalty: handmaiden (help)
- speech: thanks (thanks to something)
- sports & games: locker (sports)
- standing, sitting & lying: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- theater: repertoire (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: pitch in (help)
- tools & technology: instrument, tool (help)
- train: steward (role)
- tree: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- verb: carry (assist), finger (lift a finger), godfather (v), lean on (support), lend (lend a hand, etc.), logroll (v), pitch in (help), rescue (v), scaffold (v)
- weapon: armed, armory (n), arsenal (amount), gun (hired gun), weapon (help)
- weight: back (carry something on one's back), carry (assist)
- wind: tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

HIERARCHY (1) (see also competition; society; superiority & inferiority)

- allusion: patrician
- animal: bee (queen bee), food chain, lion (liberal lion, etc.), pecking order, top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- bird: pecking order

- blood: blue blood
- chain: chain of command (and chain)
- color: blue blood
- direction: above (hierarchy), apex (apex animal, etc.), basement (hierarchy), bottom (at the bottom), chain of command (and chain), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), highbrow (and lowbrow, middlebrow), higher-up (person), ladder (hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), pyramid (hierarchy), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy)
- dog: top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- head: head (head of the school, etc.), head (go over one's head / hierarchy)
- height: cavalier (adj), higher-up (person)
- history: patrician, pyramid (hierarchy)
- horse: cavalier (adj)
- insect: bee (queen bee)
- ladder: ladder (hierarchy), rung (on the bottom rung), rung (bottom rung), rung (other)
- line: rank-and-file (adj)
- lion: lion (liberal lion, etc.)
- military: chain of command (and chain), foot soldier (duty), rank-and-file (adj)
- mountains & hills: mountain (at the top of the mountain)
- movement: move (move up)
- person: higher-up (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), top dog (hierarchy)
- position: above (hierarchy), apex (apex animal, etc.), barrel (at the bottom of the barrel), bottom (at the bottom), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), over (dominance), table (head of the table), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- predation: food chain
- prep, adv, adj, particle: above (hierarchy), over (dominance), under (hierarchy), work (work one's way up)
- royalty: bee (queen bee), blue blood
- school & education: club (boys' club), Old Boy (Old Boy network)
- shape: pyramid (hierarchy)
- society: Brahmin (person), caste (n), untouchable (person)
- table: table (head of the table)
- ticket: second-class (adj)
- verb: head (go over one's head / hierarchy)

HISTORY (1)

- allusion: Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.)
- animal: pedigree (n)
- burden: baggage (n), freighted, loaded
- epithet: Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.), Lexington (of China, etc.), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Marco Polo (Muslim Marco Polo, etc.), nine eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- family: pedigree (n)
- journeys & trips: baggage (n), freighted, loaded
- sign, signal, symbol: helmet (pith helmet)
- sports & games: track record (good), track record (bad)
- weight: baggage (n), freighted, loaded

HISTORY (2)

- accusation & criticism: tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- achievement, recognition & praise: belt (notch in a belt), laurels (praise), scalp (n)

- activity: gold rush
- allegiance, support & betrayal: fealty (n), river (sell somebody down the river), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- amelioration & renewal: renaissance (n)
- amount: horde (people)
- amount & effect: gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: Rosetta Stone
- behavior: badlands (environment), barbaric (behavior), Caligulan, cowboy (person), Roaring Twenties, wild West
- birth: renaissance (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: Bermuda Triangle
- character & personality: Caligulan, carpetbagger (person), Colonel Blimp, cowboy (person), gladiator (n), helmet (pith helmet), warrior (other)
- coercion & motivation: hatched man (person)
- commitment & determination: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- competition: joust (v), jousting (conflict), race (arms race), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- complexity: baroque (adj), byzantine
- comprehension & incomprehension: Latin (Latin of Korea, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena), cold war, joust (v), jousting (conflict), match (death match), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.), wagon (circle the wagons), warpath (on the warpath)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention
- control & lack of control: badlands (environment), cowboy (person), wild West
- cost & benefit: gold rush, Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- decline: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other)
- dependency: banana republic
- destruction: Chernobyl, genocide (n), Hiroshima (epithet), holocaust (n), vandal (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, slave (v), trail of tears, via dolorosa
- disruption: Bolshevik, Che Guevara, Danton, Jacobin, revolution (n), revolutionary (person), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v)
- division & connection: apartheid (separation), balkanization (n), Balkanized, Ceuta and Melilla, iron curtain, Maginot Line, Yugoslavia (Asian Yugoslavia, etc.)
- environment: badlands (environment), wild West
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl
- fantasy & reality: Arthurian (adj), Bermuda Triangle, El Dorado
- fate, fortune & chance: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: trail of tears, via dolorosa
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- group, set & collection: horde (people)
- growth & development: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, renaissance (n), revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v), Stone Age
- help & assistance: logroll (v), logrolling (n), Marshall Plan
- hierarchy: patrician, pyramid (hierarchy)
- hyperbole: slave (v)
- identity & nature: carpetbagger (person), patrician, time (a man of his time, etc.)
- importance & significance: blaze (verb), pioneer (person), pioneering, revolution (n), revolutionary, revolutionize (v), triumvirate (n)
- judgment: auto da fe, inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob

- knowledge & intelligence: Dark Ages (in the Dark Ages), Dark Ages (other), medieval (adj), prehistoric (adj)
- migration: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), migration (the Great Migration, etc.), trail of tears
- money: gilded (Gilded Age)
- oppression: auto da fe, baggage (n), Cromwellian (adj), genocide (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, McCarthy, McCarthyism, McCarthyite, mob (society), puritanism (n), reign of terror / fear, etc., tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tyrant (n), witch hunt
- past & present: ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), prehistoric (adj), present (up to the present), Stone Age, up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- power: baron (power), complex (military-industrial complex, etc.), czar (and tsar), emperor (power), empire (enterprise), mogul (n), overlord (person), pharaoh (power), tyrant (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ancien regime, gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, legacy (obsolescence), medieval (adj), Neanderthal, old guard, prehistoric (adj), renaissance (n), Stone Age
- protection & lack of protection: Great Wall of China, praetorian guard, wagon (circle the wagons)
- punishment & recrimination: scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- pursuit, capture & escape: underground railroad
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: barricade (storm the barricades), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), underground railroad, Young Turk
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Young Turk
- searching & discovery: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.), El Dorado
- sequence: descendant (come after / down)
- sex: puritanism (n)
- size: Pharaonic (adj)
- social interaction: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- speech: tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- success & failure: Pyrrhic victory (figurative), scalp (n)
- superlative: golden age / era
- survival, persistence & endurance: trail of tears, via dolorosa
- time: age (age of Trump, etc.), ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), era (time), gilded (Gilded Age), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), prehistoric (adj), Roaring Twenties, Stone Age, time (a man of his time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- transmission: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- violence: auto da fe
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: El Dorado
- work & duty: slave (v)
- worth & lack of worth: gold rush

HOLE (2)

- affliction: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- appearance: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked
- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground)
- concealment & lack of concealment: ground (go to ground)
- configuration: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- conflict: pit (bear pit), snake pit
- danger: pitfall (n)

- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v)
- environment: hellhole, pit (bear pit), snake pit
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: rabbit hole (fantasy), wormhole (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: depression (n), hole (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: chink (flaw), hole (flaw), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.), Swiss cheese (n)
- involvement: hole (situation)
- portal: rabbit hole (fantasy), wormhole (n)
- protection & lack of protection: bolt-hole (and bolthole), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground)
- situation: hole (situation), dig out (v)

HORIZON (2)

- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: horizon (extent and scope)
- future: horizon (on the horizon)
- time: horizon (on the horizon)

HORN (2)

- branching system: multipronged, prong (part)
- conflict: head (butt heads), head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: head-on
- experience: greenhorn (person)
- proper name: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)
- shape: horn (shape)

HORSE (2) (see also animal)

- ability & lack of ability: pony (one-trick pony)
- achievement, recognition & praise: spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- affliction: gadfly (person), pester (v), saddle (a burr in the saddle)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: trotted out
- avoidance & separation: shy (shy away)
- behavior: rear (v), skittish (adj), stampede (n), stud (male)
- branching system: spur (shape)
- certainty & uncertainty: hands down (certainty)
- character & personality: cavalier (adj), gadfly (person), hard-charging (adj), maverick (person), stud (male)
- coercion & motivation: spur (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: cavalcade (n), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- commitment & determination: bit (bit between its teeth), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)
- competition: close (and close-run), dead heat, dust (leave somebody in the dust), jockey (v), neck and neck (adj)
- complexity: nest (mare's nest)
- configuration: astride (position), bridle (mechanical bridle, etc.), saddle (support), straddle (configuration)
- conflict: corral (v), rear (v), wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- consciousness & awareness: blinder (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: shy (shy away)
- consciousness & awareness: blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)

- constraint & lack of constraint: bit (bit between its teeth)
- control & lack of control: bit (bit between its teeth), bridle (v), corral (v), corralled, harness (v), horse (hold your horses), lead (restraint), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rope in (v), runaway (control), run away (v), saddle (in the saddle), unbridled, wrangle (v), wrangler (person), wrangling
- constraint & lack of constraint: bridle (v), rein (free rein), unbridled
- destruction: founder (v)
- development: homestretch (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hands down (easily), trot (on the trot)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), unseat (v)
- disruption: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- driving force: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), outrider (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), go (raring to go, etc.), horse (hold your horses), skittish (adj)
- experience: ride (rough ride, etc.), rodeo (first rodeo), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: whoa (exclamation)
- failure, accident & impairment: founder (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- fictive position: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- fictive transportation: ride (ride something to fame, etc.)
- force: hard-charging (adj)
- group, set & collection: cavalcade (n), posse (group), stable (n)
- haste: gallop (haste), headlong, spur (on the spur of the moment), spur-of-the-moment
- help & assistance: cavalry (n)
- hierarchy: cavalier (adj)
- initiation: spur (v), spurred
- involvement: horse (horse in the race)
- movement: canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), stampede (n), trot (on the trot)
- oppression: saddle (oppress), saddled
- perception, perspective & point of view: blinder (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)
- performance: dog-and-pony show (n), pony (one-trick pony)
- person: cowboy (person), wrangler (person)
- position, policy & negotiation: horse-trading
- progress & lack of progress: inroads (make inroads)
- power: oats (feel one's oats)
- proper name: saddle (Saddle Island, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: groom (prepare)
- resiliency: horse (get back on the horse), saddle (get back in the saddle)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: balk (v), bridle (v), buck (v), cavalry (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridle (v), unbridled
- role: saddle (acting saddle, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: buck (v), maverick (person)
- sex: stud (male)
- shape: horseshoe (shape), saddle (shape), spur (shape)
- sound: gallop (sound)
- speed: breakneck (adj), canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), galloping (speed)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: balk (v), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), saddle (saddle up)
- strength & weakness: oats (feel one's oats), workhorse (n)
- subterfuge: stalking-horse (n)
- superiority & inferiority: cavalier (adj), dust (leave somebody in the dust), horse (high horse)

- superlative: thoroughbred (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: distance (go the distance)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: head start, wire (down to the wire)
- work & duty: harness (in harness), horse (the willing horse, etc.), workhorse (n)
- worth & lack of worth: thoroughbred (n)

HOUR (2)

- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: hour (finest hour, etc.)
- superlative: hour (finest hour, etc.)
- time: hour (finest hour, etc.), hour (timeliness)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: golden hour, hour (timeliness), zero hour (n)

HOUSE (2) (see also doors & thresholds; gate; roof)

- acceptance & rejection: room (inclusivity), welcome (v), welcome (n)
- amelioration & renewal: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (a house in order), house (clean house)
- appearance & disappearance: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- area: neighborhood (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: house (hype house), room (back room, etc.)
- bases: edifice (n), foundation (n), foundational (adj)
- concealment & lack of concealment: basement (hierarchy), closet (secret), room (back room, etc.), skeleton (secret)
- configuration: neighbor (v), neighbor (n), neighboring (adj)
- destruction: roof (a roof can cave in)
- disruption: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (clean house)
- effect: home (hit home)
- evidence: closet (secret), skeleton (secret)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- failure, accident & impairment: roof (a roof can cave in)
- feeling, emotion & effect: home (hit home), home (feel at home), home (close to home), welcome (welcome news, etc.)
- fictive communication: welcome (v)
- fictive meeting & seeing: welcome (v)
- fictive possession: inhabit (v), occupy (v)
- group, set & collection: house (hype house), nest (of vipers, etc.)
- house: furniture (contents)
- increase & decrease: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), roof (through the roof)
- judgment: bed (lie in one's bed)
- location: dwell (location), home (home of golf, etc.), home (home for the archive, etc.), home (home to), live (location), reside (v), residence (n)
- orientation: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- origin: home (home of golf, etc.), house (origin)
- place: den (den of thieves, etc.), dwell (location), home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location), nest (empty nest), reside (v), residence (n)
- proper name: nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: home (home in Islam, etc.)
- proximity: backyard (in somebody's backyard), backyard (other), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), home (hit home), home (close to home)
- resemblance: nest (resemblance)
- responsibility: bed (lie in one's bed)

- shape: nest (shape), shelf (ice shelf, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: house of cards
- welcome: home (feel at home), inhospitable (adj), welcome (v), welcome (n), welcoming (other)

HUNTING (2)

- accusation & criticism: go after (attack)
- affliction: bird-dog (v), follow (afflict), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: find (discover), sign (evidence)
- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: catchy (attention), low (lie low)
- attraction & repulsion: bait (v), bait (n), chum (n), clickbait (n), dangle (v), lure (n), lure (v)
- behavior: deer (deer in the headlights), hotshot (person)
- character & personality: hotshot (person)
- competition: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse)
- computer: clickbait (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: Easter egg, footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), ground (go to ground), track (cover one's tracks, etc.)
- danger: pitfall (n), sitting duck, trap (n)
- destruction: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: turkey shoot
- eagerness & reluctance: bay (bay for blood, etc.), dog (dog won't hunt), pounce (v)
- enthusiasm: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- evidence: sign (evidence), trail (digital trail, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gutted (feeling)
- involvement: caught up (in or by something), dog (dog in the fight), ensnare (v), ensnared, snare (v), trapped
- movement: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- past & present: catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)
- person: hunter (plants), hunter (other), tracker (person)
- presence & absence: lurk (v)
- protection & lack of protection: ground (go to ground), sitting duck
- punishment & recrimination: head (put a head on a wall)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bait (v), bait (n), bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), capture (v), capture (n), captured, cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch (marriage), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), caught, caught up (in or by something), claw (n), clickbait (n), come after (and come for), cornered (adj), elusive (adj), ensnare (v), ensnared, expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), follow (afflict), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse), go after (attack), ground (go to ground), head (put a head on a wall), headhunter (n), hound (v), hounded (dogged), hunt (v), hunt (n), hunt (in the hunt), hunt down (v), hunter (plant), hunter (other), jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), low (lie low), lure (v), lure (n), octopus (n), out (leave somebody an out, etc.), pincer (n), pincered, pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), pursuit (in pursuit), pursuit (other), recapture (v), scent (throw somebody off the scent), snare (v), stalk (v), tentacle (n), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), tracked (followed), tracker (person), tracking, trail (follow), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), trail (digital trail, etc.), trap (in a trap), trap (n), trapped
- searching & discovery: bloodhound (n), Easter egg, expedition (fishing expedition), find (discover), find (hope, etc.), search (for truth, cure, etc.), track down (v), trail (digital trail, etc.)
- situation: caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, trap (in a trap)
- speech: go after (attack)

- subterfuge: elusive (adj), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), stalking-horse, track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), trap (n)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)

HYGIENE (2)

- accusation & criticism: trash (n)
- amelioration & renewal: act (clean up one's act), broom (broom of reform, etc.), clean (come clean), clean (v), cleanse (make clean), clean up (improve), disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), house (clean house), order (get something in order, etc.)
- amount: laundry (laundry list)
- appearance & reality: artwash (v), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- behavior: act (clean up one's act), dirty (behavior)
- character & personality: hot mess (person), mess (person)
- concealment & lack of concealment: aired (and aired out), artwash (v), clean (come clean), dirty laundry, launder (v), pasteurized, sanitize (v), sanitized, sanitizing, scrub (remove), scrubbed, sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand (wash one's hands of something)
- corruption: filthy (corruption)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: clean out (v), cleanse (make clean), filter (v), flush (remove), scrub (remove), scrubbed
- disruption: broom (broom of reform, etc.), house (clean house)
- environment: cesspit (n), cesspool (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: chaotic (adj), clean (a clean record, etc.), dirty (dirty energy, etc.), hot mess (situation, etc.), mess (n), messy (adj), sloppy (adj)
- guilt: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- insult: dirty (dirty people, etc.), filth (insult), scum (insult), trash (n)
- involvement: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- person: hot mess (person)
- responsibility: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- sex: dirty (sex), filthy (sex), purity (sex)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: clean (come clean)
- situation: hot mess (situation, etc.), mess (n)
- speech: clean up (speech), dirty (dirty word), filthy (language)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: hand (wash one's hands of something)
- subterfuge: greenwash (n), greenwashing (n), launder (v)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: filthy (filthy rich)
- violence: brainwash (v), brainwashed, cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), filth (insult), flush (remove), scum (insult)
- worth & lack of worth: filth (insult), filthy (bad), scum (insult), trash (n)

HYPERBOLE (1)

- bodily reaction: horrific (adj), horrifically, horrified, horrifying (adj), retch (v)
- clothing & accessories: pants (scare the pants off somebody)
- crime: murder (v), murderer (person)
- death & life: die (hyperbole), death (to death), death (death by PowerPoint, etc.), executed, murder (v), murderer (person)
- food & drink: retch (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- history: slave (v)
- money: soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- person: murderer (person)

- size: supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin (jump out of one's skin)
- stomach: retch (v)
- verb: pants (scare the pants off somebody), retch (v), skin (jump out of one's skin), slave (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)

IDEA (1)

- animal: sacred cow
- container: box (in / out / outside the box)
- family: brainchild (n)
- head: brainchild (n), brainstorm (v), brainstorm (n)
- light & dark: light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- religion: iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth
- sky: sky (blue sky thinking)
- storm: brainstorm (n), brainstorm (v)
- verb: brainstorm (v)

IDENTITY & NATURE (1) (see also behavior; character & personality)

- affix: ness (Asian-ness, etc.)
- air: air (environment)
- allusion: believer (true believer), no (no Jack Kennedy, etc.), patrician
- animal: animal (political animal, etc.), breed (type), chameleon (change), chameleonic (adj), creature (creature of habit, etc.), feral (behavior), pedigree (n), shape (form)
- atmosphere: air (environment)
- biology: DNA (in the DNA), DNA (other), gene (in one's genes), gene (other)
- birth: born (born teacher, etc.)
- blood: blood (in one's blood), blood (identity), vein (tap a vein)
- breathing: live (live and breathe, live to)
- carpets & rugs: tapestry (n)
- cloth: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), dyed-in-the-wool, tapestry (n)
- color: blue (politics), chocolate (African Americans), red (politics)
- container: in (the cowboy in me, etc.), melting pot (n)
- cooking: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- creature: creature (creature of habit, etc.), unicorn (Scotland, etc.)
- death & life: live (live and breathe, live to)
- electricity: wired (and hardwired)
- epithet: British (British of South America, etc.), teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.)
- face: faceless (adj)
- family: child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.), daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.), pedigree (n), son (son of the South, etc.)
- fire: melting pot (n)
- flags & banners: colors (true colors, etc.)
- food & drink: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), gumbo (mixture), pie (apple pie)
- ground, terrain & land: embed (v), embedded
- health & medicine: incurable (adj)
- heart: heart (young at heart, etc.), heart (identity), heart and soul, heartland (n)
- history: carpetbagger (person), patrician, time (a man of his time, etc.)
- infrastructure: built in
- manufacturing: product (n)

- mark: streak (violent streak, etc.)
- materials & substances: ersatz (substitute)
- mechanism: wired (and hardwired)
- mental health: identity crisis
- military: ersatz (substitute)
- mining: melting pot (n)
- music: anthem (n), anthemic (adj)
- person: carpetbagger (person), child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.), daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.), son (son of the South, etc.)
- plant: root (origin), transplant (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (the cowboy in me, etc.)
- religion: born-again, heart and soul, soul (identity)
- sign, signal, symbol: pie (apple pie), unicorn (Scotland, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bone (racist bone, etc.)
- society: tribal (groups), tribalism (groups)
- taste: flavor (regional flavor, etc.)
- temperature: melting pot (n)
- time: time (a man of his time, etc.)
- tree: root (origin)
- verb: define (v), fold in (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- writing & spelling: define (verb)

ILIAS & ODYSSEY (2)

- affliction: Hector (v)
- alternatives & choices: Scylla and Charybdis
- attraction & repulsion: siren (siren call / siren song), siren (other)
- coercion & motivation: Hector (v)
- computer: Trojan horse (computers)
- danger: Scylla and Charybdis
- development: odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other)
- initiation: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- message: Cassandra
- oppression: Cyclops (creature)
- proper name: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Achilles' heel (n)
- speech: pander (v)
- strength & weakness: Achilles' heel
- subterfuge: Trojan horse (subterfuge)
- superlative: epic (n), Homeric (adj)

IMPORTANCE & SIGNIFICANCE (1)

- allusion: titan (n), triumvirate (n)
- animal: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), mole hill (and molehill), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- arm: arm (right arm)
- astronomy: planet (n)
- birth: seminal (adj)
- books & reading: Who's Who
- center & periphery: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (fade into the background), burner (front burner), centerpiece (n), central (adj), foreground (n), sideshow (n)

- circus: sideshow (n)
- creature: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- direction: burner (front burner), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), breakthrough (n), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind)
- epithet: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), great (the Great Resignation, etc.), pharmacy (Pharmacy of the World, etc.), Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.), Zuckerberg (the Russian Mark Zuckerberg, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: ground (break ground), groundbreaking
- film: marquee (attention)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- food & drink: bread and butter (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk), nothing-burger
- fortification: salient (important)
- gambling: stake (importance), stake (high stakes)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (break ground), groundbreaking, landmark (n), salient (important)
- hand: right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- height: capstone (n), paramount (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- history: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.), pioneer (person), pioneering, revolution (n), revolutionary, revolutionize (v), triumvirate (n)
- infrastructure: capstone (n), ground (break ground), milestone (n), monument (n), monumental (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- journeys & trips: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.), landmark (n), milestone (n), pathbreaking (adj), pioneer (person), pioneering, trail (blaze a trail), trailblazer (person), trailblazing
- key: key (important)
- light & dark: leading light (person), luminary (person)
- mechanism: cog (cog in the machine, etc.), fulcrum (n), kingpin (person), linchpin (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), turning point (n)
- military: big gun (and heavy gun), breakthrough (n), salient (important)
- money: million-dollar
- mountains & hills: paramount (adj), watershed (n)
- movement: breakthrough (n), turning point (n)
- music: fiddle (second fiddle)
- number: fiddle (second fiddle), trinity (Holy Trinity), triumvirate (n), zero (place and time, etc.)
- object: thing (a matter, issue)
- path: pathbreaking (adj)
- person: big gun (and heavy gun), big shot (person), bigwig (person), immortal (person), leading light (person), luminary (person), man (big man, little man, etc.), nobody (a nobody), pioneer (person), somebody (a somebody), trailblazer (person), Who's Who
- picture: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- position: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (fade into the background), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), centerpiece (n), central (adj), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind), right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- potato: potato (small potatoes)
- religion: fetish (n), fetishistic (adj), fetishistically, fetishize (v), god (importance), hallowed (adj), idol (person), idolized, immortal (person), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), sacred (adj), trinity (Holy Trinity), Valhalla (n), venerate (v), venerated, worship (v)
- river: watershed (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: milestone (n)

- size: big (significance), big (big name, etc.), Big (comprehension, scope), big gun (and heavy gun), big league (and big leagues), big shot (person), bigwig (person), blip (n), colossus (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (achievement), huge (significant), man (big man, little man, etc.), minnow (n), mole hill (and molehill), potato (small potatoes), teacup (storm in a teacup), titan (n), towering (towering figure, etc.), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- sound: keynote (n)
- sports & games: big league (and big leagues), game (game-changer)
- statue: colossus (n)
- theater: role (function or part)
- tools & technology: blip (n)
- verb: background (fade into the background), fetishize (v), revolutionize (v), trail (blaze a trail), venerate (v), worship (v)
- weapon: big gun (and heavy gun), big shot (person)
- weight: gravity (n), heavy (substance), weighty (substance)

IMPRESSION (1)

- cloth: ingrained
- color: ingrained
- fire: burned (impressed), seared
- ground, terrain & land: embed (v), embedded
- mark: burned (impressed), engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, imprint (n), inscribed, mark (effect), seared, stamp (impression), stamped
- materials & substances: plastered (impression)
- sensation: burned (impressed), sensation
- tools & technology: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, inscribed, stamp (impression), stamped
- verb: embed (v), etch (v)

INAUGURATION (1)

- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- cloth: unveil (make public), wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)
- doors & thresholds: usher in (v)
- flying & falling: drop (product launch), launch (n)
- love, courtship & marriage: party (coming-out party)
- mechanism: drop (product launch), drop (a product, etc.), roll out (v), rollout (n)
- party: party (coming-out party)
- sound: ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- theater: usher in (v)
- verb: drop (a product, etc.), hit (hit the market, etc.), launch (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), roll out (v), unveil (make public), usher in (v), wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)

INCLUSION & EXCLUSION (1) (see also acceptance & rejection)

- affix: adjacent (rich-adjacent, etc.), ery (badassery, etc.), ification (memeification, etc.), ified (Principified, etc.), ify (mainstreamify, etc.), ism (racism, etc.), ization (marginalization, etc.), ize (racialize, etc.), ized (invisibilized, etc.), ness (Asian-ness, etc.), wash (greenwash, etc.), y (pulpy, etc.)
- society: agency (groups), ally (groups), appropriation (groups), black (while black, female, brown, Muslim, etc.), brave (girls and women, etc.), bravery (groups), cancel (groups, etc.), cancel culture (groups, etc.), cancellation (groups, etc.), cancelled (groups, etc.), celebrate (groups), celebrated (groups), celebration (groups), conversation (groups, etc.), courage (groups), courageous (groups), courageously, deleted (groups), diverse (groups), diversity (groups), empower (groups), empowering (groups), empowerment (groups), equity (groups), erase (groups, etc.), erased (groups, etc.), erasure (groups, etc.), exhausted (groups), exhausting

(groups), exhaustion (groups), fearless (girls and women, etc.), fearlessly, fearlessness (n), ferocious (groups), ferocity (groups), fetishization (n), fierce (girls and women / groups, etc.), fiercely (girls and women / groups, etc.), gesture (groups), go (we're not going anywhere, etc.), here (we're here, we're not going away, etc.), hero (person, rat, etc.), heroic (adj), heroism (n), inclusion (groups), intention (n), intentional (adj), intentionality (n), intentionally, intersectional (groups, etc.), invisibility (groups), invisible (groups), justice (groups), knee (take a knee), like (people like us / groups), lived experience (groups, etc.), lived reality (groups, etc.), look like (look like me, etc.), marginalized (groups), matter (Black lives matter, etc.), microaggression (groups), minoritized (groups), misappropriation (groups, etc.), missing (groups, etc.), narrative (groups, etc.), ness (Asian-ness, etc.), other (the other), other (verb / groups, etc.), othered, othering, otherism (n), performative (groups), political correctness (groups), positive (sex positive, etc.), presence (groups), present (groups), privilege (white privilege, etc.), racism (groups), reckoning (groups), reclaim (groups), representation (groups), see (white people don't see you, etc.), seen (groups), self (authentic self, etc.), silenced (groups), space (groups, etc.), story (groups), straightwash (groups), suffer (groups), table (groups), talk (talk about something / groups, etc.), tent (inclusivity), trauma (groups, etc.), traumatic (groups), traumatization (groups), traumatize (v), traumatized, triggered (groups), truth (speak one's truth, etc. / groups), uncomfortable (groups), visibility (groups), visible (groups, etc.), voice (groups), warrior (girls and women), welcome (noun / groups), welcoming (groups), whitewash (groups), woke (groups), wokeness (groups)

- verb: cancel (groups, etc.), empower (groups), erase (groups, etc.), straightwash (groups), whitewash (groups)

INCREASE & DECREASE (1) (see also decline)

- affix: besity (infobesity, etc.)
- air: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n), overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v)
- astronomy: wane (v), wax (wax & wane)
- atmosphere: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n), overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v), stratospheric (adj)
- ball: rebound (numbers)
- balloon: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated (expectations, etc.), inflation (n)
- blade: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- chemistry: oxygen (fuel)
- direction: boost (v), boost (n), ceiling (high point), climb (increase), dial down (dial back), dip (decrease), dip (n), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), elevated, fall off (v), falloff (n), floor (low point), free-fall (in free-fall), go down (decrease), go up (increase), heighten (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), ladder (increase), level (take something to a higher level), level off (v), level up (as verb), nosedive (noun / decrease), notch (take something up a notch), pick up (v), pile up (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), ratchet up (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rise (increase / noun), rise (on the rise), rocket (increase), roller coaster (development), roof (through the roof), sag (v), shoot up (v), sink (decline), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), soar (v), spiral (downward or upward), spiraling (increase), stratospheric (adj), surge (intransitive verb / increase), up (increase / verb), up (science up, etc.), up (higher), upsurge (n), uptick (n), upturn (n), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- electricity: amp up (v), step up (increase)
- engine: gear up (v), rev up (v), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v)
- explosion: blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), boom (increase), booming (adj), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), explosive (increase)
- fire: accelerant (n), fan (v), fire (fuel on the fire, etc.), flare-up (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle (v), oil (pour oil), oxygen (fuel), stoke (v), stoked (increased)
- flying & falling: nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), soar (v), take off (v)

- food & drink: feed (fuel), feed (feed on / off something), supersize (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- force: boost (v), boost (n)
- hardness & softness: harden (increase)
- health & medicine: steroids (on steroids), swell (v)
- height: ceiling (high point), elevated (level), floor (low point), heighten (v), peak (at the peak), rise (on the rise), roof (through the roof), stratospheric (adj)
- house: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), roof (through the roof)
- infrastructure: faucet (n), build up (v), tap (n)
- knife: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- ladder: ladder (increase)
- light & dark: burnish (v), burnished
- mechanism: brake (control), crank up (v), dial down (dial back), gear up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), rev up (v), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turn up (increase)
- military: multiplier (force multiplier)
- money: enrich (v)
- moon: wane (v), wax and wane
- mountains & hills: peak (at the peak), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), plateau (v)
- movement: accelerate (v), brake (control), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), fluctuate (v), jump (n), momentum (n), rebound (numbers), roller coaster (development), surge (intransitive verb / increase), upsurge (n), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- number: climb (increase), crater (v), creep up (numbers), dip (decrease), dip (n), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), fall (numbers), fluctuate (v), free-fall (in free-fall), go down (decrease), go up (increase), grow (increase), hover (numbers), inflated (numbers), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), level off (v), mount (v), multiplier (force multiplier), nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), peak (numbers / verb), peak (peak temperature, etc.), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), rebound (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), shoot up (v), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), soar (v), spike (spike in business, etc.), spiraling (increase), tumble (decline)
- part of speech: big up (as verb), level up (as verb)
- pile: mount (v), mounting, pile on (increase), pile up (v)
- plane: nosedive (noun / decrease), nosedive (verb / decrease), spiral (downward or upward), take off (v)
- plant: burgeoning (adj), grow (increase), growing (increasing)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: go down (decrease), go up (increase), pick up (v), pile up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), up (science up, etc.), up (higher)
- pressure: loosen (loosen control, etc.), ratchet up (v), relax (relax control, etc.), tighten (tighten control, etc.)
- rocket: rocket (increase), skyrocket (increase)
- roof: roof (through the roof)
- sea: tide (rising tide)
- shape: bulge (shape), bump (increase), plateau (n), plateau (v), spike (increase), spike (spike in business, etc.)
- size: balloon (v), big up (as verb), shrink (downsize), supersize (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), swell (v)
- sky: skyrocket (increase)
- snow & ice: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- sound: amplification (n), amplified, amplify (v), boom (increase), booming (adj), fall (silence fell, etc.), tone down (v)
- sports & games: roller coaster (development), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v)
- tide: flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tide (rising tide)
- tools & technology: jack up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v)

- verb: accelerate (v), amplify (v), balloon (v), big up (as verb), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), boom (increase), boost (v), boost (n), build up (v), burnish (v), climb (increase), crank up (v), dial down (dial back), dip (decrease), drop (prices dropped, etc.), enrich (v), escalate (v), explode (increase), fall off (v), fan (v), feed (fuel), flow (increase), fluctuate (v), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), gear up (v), go down (decrease), go up (increase), grow (increase), harden (increase), heighten (v), inflame (v), inflate (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), kindle (v), level off (v), level up (as verb), loosen (loosen control, etc.), mount (v), nosedive (verb / decrease), notch (take something up a notch), oil (pour oil), pick up (v), pile on (increase), pile up (v), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), rebound (verb), relax (relax control, etc.), rev up (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rocket (increase), sag (v), sharpen (v), shoot up (v), shrink (downsize), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), snowball (v), soar (v), spike (increase), spiral (downward or upward), step up (increase), stoke (v), supercharge (v), supersize (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), swell (v), take off (v), tighten (tighten control, etc.), turbocharge (v), turn up (increase), up (science up, etc.), wane (v), wax and wane
- walking, running & jumping: jump (increase / verb), jump (n), leaps and bounds
- water: buoyant (strong), faucet (n), flow (increase), fluctuate (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tap (n), tide (rising tide)
- wave: fluctuate (v), tide (rising tide)
- weapon: shoot up (v)

INFRASTRUCTURE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: milestone (n), pinnacle (achievement)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: prop (n), prop up (v)
- amelioration & renewal: bolster (v), bolstered, buttress (v), outlet (n), prop (n), prop up (v), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), reinforce (v), scaffolding, shored up, shore up (v), smooth (smooth the road, etc.)
- amount: suite (suite of tools, etc.), warehouse (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: deconstruct (v), deconstruction (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), reframe (characterize)
- appearance & reality: airbrushed, facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- attachment: built in
- attainment: milestone (n)
- bases: building block, cornerstone, infrastructure (n), keystone, pillar (basis), plank (n), plumbing (n)
- behavior: guardrail (behavior), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- characterization: frame (characterize)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ramp (on ramp and off ramp, etc.)
- complexity: labyrinth (n), maze (terrain), maze (structures), maze (bureaucracy, etc.), warren (n)
- computer: warehousing (data)
- concealment & lack of concealment: airbrushed, astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, ceiling (glass ceiling), facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- configuration: built, built in, built-in
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), guardrail (behavior), lane (experience), outlet (n), road (rules of the road)
- control & lack of control: faucet (n), tap (n)
- course: road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road)
- creation & transformation: architect (as verb), architect (creator), build (create), construct (artificial construct, etc.), drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other), engineered, engineering (n)
- curtailment: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- death & life: life (life is a building)

- decline: gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- destruction: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), crash (crash down), demolition (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), roadkill (n), ruin (v), ruin (financial ruin, etc.), ruin (in ruins, etc.), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, tube (go down the tubes)
- directing: pipe (n), pipeline (other)
- direction: lighthouse (protection)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- division & connection: wall (obstacle)
- environment: warehouse (neglect)
- evidence: signpost (as verb), signpost (n)
- experience: alley (up one's alley), block (around the block), lane (experience)
- failure, accident & impairment: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), pothole (n), toilet (in the toilet), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- group, set & collection: suite (suite of tools, etc.)
- help & assistance: caretaker (role), custodian (role), scaffold (v), scaffolding (n)
- identity & nature: built in
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), capstone (n), milestone (n), monument (n), monumental (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- increase & decrease: faucet (n), build up (v), tap (n)
- obstacles & impedance: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), hump (n), pothole (n), stonewall (v), stopped up, wall (obstacle)
- past & present: memory lane (down memory lane)
- perception, perspective & point of view: tunnel vision
- person: architect (creator)
- place: bowels (n)
- portal: avenue (portal)
- power: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: blind alley (n), milestone (n)
- proper name: buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.), courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.), pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.), pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bolster (v), bolstered, firewall (other), guardrail (protection)
- readiness & preparedness: brace (v), braced
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- resemblance: buttress (n), pillar (resemblance), street (cloud street, etc.), tunnel (resemblance)
- resiliency: put (put something back together)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: barricade (storm the barricades), buckle (give way), stonewall (v)
- responsibility: lane (experience)
- route: alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61, etc.), avenue (route), bridge (air bridge, etc.), canal (birth canal, etc.), corridor (route), expressway, highway (iceberg highway, etc.), pipe (n), pipeline (other), road (road from / to something), superhighway
- script: blueprint
- shape: canal (birth canal, etc.), dome (shape), pipe (sports), pipeline (shape)
- situation: maze (bureaucracy, etc.)
- size: monumental (adj)
- social interaction: street (two-way street)
- society: square (public square, etc.), marketplace (n), street (society), village (online village, etc.), water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ground (break ground)

- strength & weakness: bolster (v), buttress (v), shored up, shore up (v)
- substance & lack of substance: facade (n)
- subterfuge: airbrushed, astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, façade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- success & failure: blind alley (n)
- supplying: spigot (open / close, etc.)
- time: memory lane (down memory lane)
- transmission: corridor (route)
- transportation: canal (birth canal, etc.)

INITIATION (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)

- air: oxygen (fuel)
- allusion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), ship (launched a thousand ships)
- atmosphere: oxygen (fuel)
- bird: hatch (v), hatched
- boat: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- bottle: uncork (v)
- bubble: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- chemistry: catalyst (n), catalyze (v), oxygen (fuel), precursor (n)
- container: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- cooking: stir (v), stir up (v)
- creature: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), worm (can of worms)
- death & life: life (spring to life)
- dog: unleash (v), unleashed
- earthquake: tremor (n)
- electricity: galvanize (v), spark plug
- engine: gear (kick into gear, etc.), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v)
- explosion: blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blowup (attention / noun), blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), burst (burst into violence, etc.), detonate (v), detonator (n), explode (increase), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explosion (violence, etc.), explosive (violence, etc.), fuse (n), go off (v), match (light / strike a match, etc.), powder keg, prime (v), primed (ready), set off (initiate), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (initiation), volatile
- fire: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), combustible (adj), fan (v), fiery (character), fiery (speech), fire (catch fire), flare (v), flare up (v), flare-up (n), flashpoint (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), ignite, incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle, match (light / strike a match, etc.), oxygen (fuel), re-ignite, rekindle, spark (v), spark (n), stoke (v), stoked (increased), tinderbox (violence, etc.), volatile
- flying & falling: launch (n), take off (v)
- foot: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick up (v)
- football: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- health & medicine: patient zero
- heating water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- horse: spur (v), spurred
- leg: kick in (start), kick off v), kick-start (v), kick up (v)
- mechanism: button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), gear (kick into gear, etc.), kick in (start), launching pad, prime (v), primed (ready), springboard (n), wheel (set the wheels in motion)
- military: tripwire (initiation)
- movement: swirl (v)

- plane: take off (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bubble up (v)
- pressure: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), uncork (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: break out (v)
- religion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- rocket: launching pad
- scale: scale (tip the scales)
- sports & games: kick off (v), kickoff (n), tee off (start)
- temperature: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), combustible (adj), fiery (character), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- verb: blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), break out (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), burst (burst into violence, etc.), button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), catalyze (v), detonate (v), erupt (v), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), fan (v), flare (v), flare up (v), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), galvanize (v), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), go off (v), hatch (v), ignite (v), inflame (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v), kindle (v), launch (v), life (spring to life), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), percolate (v), prime (v), re-ignite (v), rekindle (v), scale (tip the scales), seethe (v), set off (initiate), shoot (shoot first), simmer (v), simmering (activity), spark (v), spur (v), stir (v), stir up (v), stoke (v), swirl (v), take off (v), tee off (start), trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger), unleash (v)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption (n), tremor (n)
- water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), springboard (n), swirl (v)
- weapon: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), draw (late / early on the draw), explode (emotion), fuse (n), hair trigger, prime (v), primed (ready), shoot (shoot first), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (cause), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger), tripwire (initiation)
- weight: scale (tip the scales)

INSECT (2) (see also animal)

- activity: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), beehive (activity), buzz (activity), crawl (activity), hive (n), hornet's nest, hum (n), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- affliction: gadfly (person), infest (v), infested, pest (person), pester (v), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- amount & effect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- appearance & disappearance: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: buzz (attention), buzzed (buzzed about, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- behavior: bee (busy as a bee), descend (descend on), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- character & personality: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: descend (descend on)
- configuration: honeycomb (v), honeycombed, riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- conflict: hornet's nest
- creation & transformation: web (spin a web)
- danger: hornet's nest
- dismissal, removal & resignation: mothball (v), mothballed
- division & connection: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- eagerness & reluctance: itchy (adj)
- enthusiasm: bitten (enthusiasm), bug (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- environment: beehive (activity), hornet's nest

- feeling, emotion & effect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), sting (n), stinging (adj), stung (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fly (fly in the ointment), riddled (riddled with flaws, etc.)
- geography: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- growth & development: cross-pollination
- hierarchy: bee (queen bee)
- insult: cockroach (n), grub (person), termite (n), worm (insult)
- involvement: web (entanglement)
- isolation & remoteness: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- military: spider (spider hole)
- perception, perspective & point of view: worm's eye (adj)
- person: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (person)
- presence & absence: fly (fly on the wall)
- proper name: beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- resemblance: cocoon (resemblance)
- searching & discovery: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- shape: butterfly (shape), honeycomb (shape), web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- situation: web (situation)
- size: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- society: butterfly (social butterfly)
- sound: buzz (sound), cricket (sound), crickets (silence)
- strength & weakness: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- subterfuge: web (spin a web)
- surveillance: fly (fly on the wall)
- transmission: cross-pollination
- violence: cockroach (n), termite (n)

INSULT (1)

- animal: animal (insult), beast (insult), cockroach (n), dog (insult), donkey (insult), grub (person), hyena (person), jackal (n), jackass (n), leech (person), monkey (insult), parasite (person), pig (insult), snake (insult), swine (behavior), termite (n), worm (insult)
- circus: clown (person)
- cooking: skewer (v), skewered
- creature: devil (evil), monster (affliction)
- dog: dog (insult)
- face: face (slap in the face), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- finger: finger (middle finger), flip off (v)
- gesture: finger (middle finger), flip off (v), nose (thumb one's nose), slap (slap in the face, etc.), tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)
- hardness & softness: softheaded (and soft-headed)
- head: softheaded (and soft-headed)
- hygiene: dirty (dirty people, etc.), filth (insult), scum (insult), trash (n)
- insect: cockroach (n), grub (person), termite (n), worm (insult)
- nose: thumb (thumb one's nose)
- person: grub (person), parasite (person), snake (insult)
- religion: devil (evil), hell (go to hell)
- snake: snake (insult)
- speech: joke (it's a joke, etc.), punchline (joke), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n),
- tongue: tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)

- verb: flip off (v), nose (thumb one's nose), skewer (v), trash talk (v), walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- walking, running & jumping: walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- waste: garbage (waste), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n), trashy (adj)

INVOLVEMENT (1)

- animal: dog (dog in the fight), horse (horse in the race), wallow (v), web (entanglement)
- astronomy: drawn in, drawn into, pulled in, pulled into
- blood: hand (bloody hands, etc.), blood (blood on one's hands, etc.)
- boxing: weigh in (v)
- burden: drag (drag somebody into something)
- burial: buried (buried in debt, etc.)
- center & periphery: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement)
- cloth: entwined, skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled, web (entanglement), wrapped (wrapped up in something)
- container: get in / get into (involvement), hole (situation), in (involvement), into (involvement)
- depth: deep (in deep), end (deep end), head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- direction: get in / get into (involvement), leave (leave something alone)
- dog: dog (dog in the fight)
- eye: eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)
- flying & falling: plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement)
- foot: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: thick (in the thick of things)
- hand: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- head: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- hole: hole (situation)
- horse: horse (horse in the race)
- hunting: caught up (in or by something), dog (dog in the fight), ensnare (v), ensnared, snare (v), trapped
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- insect: web (entanglement)
- mixture: mix (in / into the mix), mixed up
- movement: bound up, draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, enmeshed, pulled in, pulled into, web (entanglement)
- neck: neck (up to one's neck)
- picture: frame (in the frame / involvement), picture (out of the picture), picture (in the picture)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (involvement), into (involvement)
- rope: bound up, enmeshed, ensnare (v), ensnared, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement), entwined, string (attachment), tangle (n), tangled
- shape: loop (in the loop), loop (other)
- sound: chime in (v)
- spider: web (entanglement)
- sports & games: game (in / into the game), horse (horse in the race), sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), weigh in (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: sit out (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something)
- toe: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- verb: chime in (v), dive in (v), drag (drag somebody into something), draw in (v), ensnare (v), entwined, get in / get into (involvement), head (get in over one's head, etc.), jump (jump in), leave (leave something alone),

- plunge (plunge into something), sit out (v), snare (v), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / wade into), wallow (v), weigh in (v)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump in), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), wade (wade in / wade into)
- water: deep (in deep), dive in (v), end (deep end), head (get in over one's head, etc.), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), wade (wade in / wade into), water (deep water)
- weight: weigh in (v)

ISLAND (2) (see also sea; tide; tsunami; wave)

- biodiversity: Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.)
- configuration: archipelago (n)
- division & connection: insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- environment: island (island of affluence, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe
- person: castaway (person)
- resemblance: island (beech island, etc.)
- society: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)

ISOLATION & REMOTENESS (1)

- animal: carapace (protection), shell (protection)
- astronomy: black hole
- bird: cooped up
- bubble: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- color: black hole, black site (national security)
- container: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- electricity: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- epithet: hermit (the Hermit Kingdom, etc.), North Korea (epithet), Timbuktu (remoteness)
- farming & agriculture: silo (v), silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- fortification: moated
- ground, terrain & land: cold (in the cold), Mongolia (Outer Mongolia), Siberia (exile), Timbuktu (remoteness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- island: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe
- journeys & trips: no man's land (people), path (off the beaten path), track (off the beaten track), way (out of the way / remote)
- light & dark: black hole, black site (national security)
- map: no man's land (people)
- mountains & hills: cave (isolation)
- path: path (off the beaten path)
- person: castaway (person), hermit (person)
- place: cloistered
- religion: cloistered
- river: backwater
- sea: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shell (protection)
- throwing, putting & planting: castaway (person)
- verb: cocoon (v), insulate (v), silo (v)
- water: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), shell (protection)

JOURNEYS & TRIPS (2) (see also movement)

- ability: way (know one's way around)
- achievement, recognition & praise: milestone (n)
- alternatives & choices: crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), path (alternatives and choices), road (fork in the road, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: path (clear a path), smooth (smooth the road, etc.), way (pave the way)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come from (analysis), come to (come to an answer, etc.), exploration (n), explore (analyze), follow (argument), get (get somewhere), go (argument), reach (reach an answer, etc.), take (take somebody somewhere)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.), wilderness (area)
- attachment: accompany (attachment), attend (v), come with (and come along with / attachment)
- attainment: arrive at (an answer, etc.), far (progress), get (get somewhere), mile (the last mile), milestone (n), reach (a place on a journey), way (all the way)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- character & personality: easygoing (adj)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bag (pack one's bags), circle back (return), get (get somewhere), reach (the news reached him, etc.)
- commitment & determination: boat (burn one's boats), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- competition: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress)
- comprehension & incomprehension: follow (argument), go (argument)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), road (go down that road, etc.), there (go there)
- consciousness & awareness: find (find oneself in a place, etc.), road (road to Damascus)
- course: adrift (adj), detour (n), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), direction (symbol), journey (in one's journey), journey (on a journey), journey (n), passage (journey), path (path of peace, etc.), road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road), road (long road), route (course), trajectory (n), way (along the way)
- curtailment: track (stop something in its tracks)
- danger: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- death & life: dead (dead and gone), way (along the way)
- decline: direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.)
- development: come (come a long way), course (development), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), get (get somewhere), go (where are we going, etc.), journey (n), odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other), passage (journey), path (a path can turn / development), reach (a place on a journey), return (point of no return), road (turn in the road, etc.), saga (n), trajectory (n), take (take somebody somewhere), turn (take a turn), turn (development), way (go the other way, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners), mile (go the extra mile), patch (rough patch), path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path), road (long road), road (tough / easy road, etc.), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), trail of tears, via dolorosa, way (go out of one's way)
- directing: guide (v), shepherd (v), take (take somebody somewhere)
- direction: beacon (n), bearing (direction), bound (destination), chart (v), course (on course), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (course of action, etc.), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), detour (n), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), guide (person), guide (nonperson), head (development), headed,

landmark (n), lead (one thing leads to another), light (guiding light), lodestar (n), lodestone (n), lost (direction), mislead (v), misleading (adj), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), plot (v), road (turn in the road, etc.), stray (direction), uncharted (adj), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (the wrong way), way (know one's way around), way (part ways)

- division & connection: stepping stone, traverse (v), way (part ways)
- driving force: pathbreaking (adj), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), way (lead the way)
- eagerness & reluctance: path (beat a path), road (go down that road, etc.), there (go there)
- evidence: signpost (as verb), signpost (n)
- experience: been through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), journey (n), passage (journey), road (down a road before), there (been there, etc.)
- extent & scope: ground (cover ground), mile (go the extra mile)
- failure, accident & impairment: circle (go in circles), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), mislead (v), misleading (adj), pothole (n), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the wrong direction), turn (wrong turn), way (lose one's way), way (the wrong way)
- fate, fortune & chance: back (no way back, etc.), boat (burn one's boats), path (cross paths), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: follow (follow a feeling or emotion), trail of tears, via dolorosa
- fictive transportation: take (take somebody somewhere)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), path (the right / wrong path, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (tough / easy road, etc.)
- future: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), lie (lie ahead), road (down the road, etc.)
- growth & development: fall behind (competition and progress), passage (n), lag (progress), rite (rite of passage)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- history: baggage (n), freighted, loaded
- importance & significance: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.), landmark (n), milestone (n), pathbreaking (adj), pioneer (person), pioneering, trail (blaze a trail), trailblazer (person), trailblazing
- isolation & remoteness: no man's land (people), path (off the beaten path), track (off the beaten track), way (out of the way / remote)
- knowledge & intelligence: way (know one's way around)
- migration: hegira (and hejira), nomad (person), nomadic (adj), refugee (person), trail of tears
- movement: plod (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: bogged down, bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), clear (in the clear / into the clear), come through (v), get through (endure, etc.), gridlock (n), gridlocked, impasse (n), patch (rough patch), path (clear a path), pothole (n), roadblock (n), way (in the way), way (out of the way / obstacles), woods (out of the woods)
- operation: course (course of justice, etc.)
- oppression: baggage (n), freighted, loaded, path (force someone down a path, etc.)
- past & present: backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), memory lane (down memory lane), revisit (v), road (down a road before), walk (walk somebody back)
- person: guide (person), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), nomad (person), pioneer (person), refugee (person), trailblazer (person), traveller (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: pass by (progress), way (on the way out), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something), wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: beginning (just the beginning, etc.), blind alley (n), catch up (catch up to something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), come (come a long way), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), far (progress), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), journey, keep up (progress), lag (progress), milestone (n), move (progress), nowhere

- (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), road (road from / to something), setback (progress), sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), there (destination), turn back (v), way (come a long way, etc.), way (in the way), wind (wind its way)
- proper name: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.), pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.), road (the Silk Road, etc.)
 - pursuit, capture & escape: hegira (and hejira)
 - reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end (no end in sight, etc.), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), move on (resiliency)
 - relationship: accompany (attachment), attend (v), bedfellow (companion), come with (and come along with / attachment), guide (person), land (landed him in jail, etc.)
 - resiliency: carry on (v), drive on (resiliency), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go on (v), move on (resiliency), push on (v), roll on (resiliency)
 - reversal: backtrack (reversal), course (reverse course), turnabout (reversal)
 - route: pathway (route), road (road from / to something), trail (campaign trail, etc.), trail (canoe trail, etc.), way (route)
 - script: road map
 - searching & discovery: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.), exploration (n), explore (discover), explorer (person), ground (cover ground), pathfinder (person)
 - sequence: way (give way to something)
 - speech: freighted, loaded
 - speed: plod (v)
 - starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (go ahead), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), carry on (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), end (no end in sight, etc.), get on with (get on with something), go on (v), head start, jumping-off place / point, move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), outset (from the outset), outset (at the outset / career, etc.), path (set out on this path, etc.), push on (v), road (end of the road), set out (and set off), set sail (v), strike out (start), underway, way (on the way), way (every step of the way)
 - success & failure: blind alley (n), come through (v), cul-de-sac, dead end, nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), way (all the way), wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)
 - survival, persistence & endurance: been through (endure, etc.), carry on (v), clear (in the clear / into the clear), come through (v), get by (v), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), go on (v), patch (rough patch), push on (v), road (road from / to something), trail of tears, via dolorosa, wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.), woods (out of the woods)
 - time: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), behind (in the past), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), course (over the course / time), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), here (we have been here before), lie (lie ahead), passage (passage of time), memory lane (down memory lane), outset (at the outset of 2020, etc.), revisit (v), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down a road before), road (down the road, etc.), time (passage of time), time (travel in / through time, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
 - timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start
 - transmission: hitchhike (v), hitchhiker (n)
 - wants, needs, hopes & goals: path (path to / toward something)

JUDGMENT (1)

- allusion: draconian (adj), nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
- animal: chicken (come home to roost), kangaroo court
- astronomy: star (five stars, etc.)
- baseball: call (the right call), call (close call / judgment), scorecard (n), strike (three strikes, etc.)
- Bible: Solomonic (adj)
- bird: chicken (come home to roost)

- books & reading: book (books and covers)
- crime: crime (fashion crime, etc.), hot seat (n)
- direction: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), thumbs-down, upvote (and downvote)
- electricity: hot seat (n)
- epithet: sword (*Sayf* Allah, etc.), Supreme Court
- eye: gaze (male gaze, etc. / groups)
- face: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v)
- food & drink: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- gesture: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- hand: even-handed (adj), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- health & medicine: triage (v), triage (n)
- history: auto da fe, inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob
- house: bed (lie in one's bed)
- justice: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), condemn (v), court (in the court), court (other), crime (fashion crime, etc.), firing squad, hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hot seat (n), judge (role), judged, jury (the jury is out), kangaroo court, nemesis (n), scale (scales of justice, etc.), sentence (life sentence), Supreme Court, trial (show trial), verdict (n), witch hunt
- letters & characters: box (tick a box, etc.)
- mechanism: feedback (n)
- military: dressing down (n), firing squad, muster (pass muster), prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.), quarter (no quarter, etc.)
- money: cost (at a cost), cost (other), hell (hell to pay, etc.), pay (pay a price), pay (revenge), price (n), price tag, reckoning (judgment)
- music: music (face the music)
- person: judge (role), scold (person)
- religion: damning (adj), hell (judgment), hell (hell to pay, etc.), hell (hell hath no fury), nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
- scale: scale (scales of justice, etc.), weigh (analyze)
- school & education: grade (failing grade), mark (high mark), quiz (v), report card
- sign, signal, symbol: frown (v), frowned upon, scale (scales of justice, etc.), seal of approval, star (five stars, etc.), smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up, upvote (and downvote)
- society: reckoning (judgment)
- sound: boo (v), boo (n), cheer (v), cheer (n), tuning fork (n)
- speech: call out (v), callout (criticism), speak (the people have spoken, etc.)
- sports & games: call (close call / judgment), call (the right call), game (blame game), scorecard (n), strike (three strikes, etc.)
- star: star (five stars, etc.)
- stomach: gut (n)
- sword: sword (fall on one's sword)
- taste: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- temperature: hot seat (n)
- theater: review (n)
- thumb: thumbs-down, thumbs-up, upvote (and downvote)
- tools & technology: measure (measure up, etc.), tuning fork (n)
- verb: bed (lie in one's bed), boo (v), call out (v), cheer (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), condemn (v), frown (v), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), muster (pass muster), pay (pay a price), pay (revenge), quiz (v), smile (v), triage (v), weigh (analyze)

- violence: hanging (hanging offense), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob
- weight: weigh (analyze)

JUNGLE (2)

- competition: himself (every man for himself), jungle (competition), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- danger: jungle (competition)
- environment: jungle (environment)

JUSTICE (2)

- accusation & criticism: firing squad, hot seat (n)
- action, inaction & delay: stay (stay of execution)
- affliction: nemesis (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: jury (the jury is out)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention
- control & lack of control: police (v)
- death & life: death (death sentence / literal), death warrant (literal)
- destruction: death (death sentence / figurative), death warrant (figurative), wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: chicken (come home to roost), jury (the jury is out), reprieve (n), stay (stay of execution)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.)
- guilt: get away (get away with something)
- haste: rush (rush to judgment)
- judgment: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), condemn (v), court (in the court), court (other), crime (fashion crime, etc.), firing squad, hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hot seat (n), judge (role), judged, jury (the jury is out), kangaroo court, nemesis (n), scale (scales of justice, etc.), sentence (life sentence), Supreme Court, trial (show trial), verdict (n), witch hunt
- operation: wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)
- oppression: cage (jail, prison), kangaroo court, police (thought police, etc.), scapegoat (n), trial (show trial), witch hunt
- person: judge (role), vigilante (person)
- punishment & recrimination: capital punishment, hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hook (off the hook), nemesis (n), reprieve (n), scapegoat (n), sentence (life sentence), stay (stay of execution), Supreme Court
- pursuit, capture & escape: get away (get away with something), hook (off the hook)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: jury (the jury is out)
- responsibility: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), get away (get away with something)
- revenge: nemesis (n)
- reversal: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment)
- sacrifice: scapegoat (n)

KEY (2)

- access & lack of access: key (access)
- attachment: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: lock (lock something away), lock (under lock and key), unlock (v)
- configuration: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: lockdown (n)
- curtailment: lockdown (n)

- division & connection: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- epithet: keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lock (lock something away)
- importance & significance: key (important)
- proper name: keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: key (throw away the key)
- searching & discovery: unlock (v)

KNEE (2)

- coercion & motivation: kneecap (v), kneecapped
- condition & status: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- decline: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- dominance & submission: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- oppression: knee (oppression)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- superiority & inferiority: knee (risen from its knees, etc.)

KNIFE (2) (see also ax; blade; military; sword; weapon)

- ability & lack of ability: edge (lose one's edge)
- affliction: cut (a thousand cuts)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- amelioration & renewal: hone (v), sharpen (v)
- amount: slice (piece), sliver (piece)
- attempt: stab (attempt)
- behavior: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition)
- character & personality: backstabber (person)
- competition: cutthroat (competition)
- computer: scrape (v)
- condition & status: honed, sharp
- creation & transformation: carved out, carve out (v)
- curtailment: cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- danger: back (stab in the back)
- decline: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- destruction: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), pare (v), pared (pared to the bone), scrape (v), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- division & connection: sever (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), lacerating (adj), stab (sensation), stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)
- fictive motion: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- functioning: honed, sharp (skills, etc.)
- increase & decrease: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- knife: stab (stab in the dark)
- person: backstabber (person)

- protection & lack of protection: back (stab in the back)
- proximity: edge (at the edge)
- punishment & recrimination: knife (sharpen one's knife)
- resemblance: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- searching & discovery: scrape (v)
- shape: knife-edged
- speech: barbed (speech), blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scrape by (v)
- taking & removing: scrape (v)

KNOWLEDGE & INTELLIGENCE (1) (see also ability & lack of ability)

- allusion: Einstein (intelligence)
- books & reading: encyclopedia (knowledge), encyclopedic (adj)
- boat: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- creature: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- depth: depth (out of one's depth)
- epithet: Athens (Athens of Asia, etc.), Florence (Florence on the Elbe, etc.), Harvard (epithet), Leonardo da Vinci, Oxford (Oxford of China, etc.)
- foot: feet (master / protégé)
- ground, terrain & land: way (know one's way around)
- head: brain (n), brain drain (and brain gain), brain trust, head (intelligence)
- history: Dark Ages (in the Dark Ages), Dark Ages (other), medieval (adj), prehistoric (adj)
- journeys & trips: way (know one's way around)
- light & dark: dark (in the dark), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- magic: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- mechanism: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology)
- music: chops (expertise)
- part of speech: know-how (n), smart (as noun), stupid (as noun)
- person: genie (knowledge), guru (person), maven (person), professor (n), savant (n), scientist (rock scientist), teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.)
- position: feet (master / protégé)
- religion: guru (person)
- school & education: IQ (ability), learn (v), lesson (n), masterclass (n), note (compare notes), professor (n), school (experience), schooled, teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.), textbook (n), university (experience)
- sign, signal, symbol: head (intelligence)
- sound: whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)
- stomach: gut (n)
- transmission: feet (master / protégé)
- verb: illuminate (v), learn (v)
- water: depth (out of one's depth)

LADDER (2)

- help & assistance: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)
- hierarchy: ladder (hierarchy), rung (on the bottom rung), rung (bottom rung), rung (other)
- increase & decrease: ladder (increase)

LANGUAGE (1)

- gesture: language (of sports, cars, etc.)

- sound: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- speech: boilerplate (n), buzzword (n), ese (legalese, etc.), funny language, language (of sports, cars, etc.), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), talk (mediator talk, etc.)
- sports & games: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- tongue: tongue (language)

LAP (2)

- dominance & submission: lapdog (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- possession: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- responsibility: lap (responsibility)
- situation: lap (lap of luxury)
- worth & lack of worth: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)

LEAKING (1) (see also fictive motion; movement)

- blood: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n)
- health & medicine: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (v), hemorrhage (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: brain drain (and brain gain)
- sound: drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
- verb: bleed (v), drain (remove), hemorrhage (v), leak (v), leak out (v), ooze (v), spill (and spill out, etc.)
- water: drain (remove), drain (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), leak (v), leak (n), leaked, leak out (v), ooze (v), spill (and spill out, etc.)

LEG (2) (see also foot; heel; toe)

- bases: leg (leg to stand on)
- configuration: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- dismissal, removal & resignation: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- division & connection: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- eagerness & reluctance: kicking and screaming
- feeling, emotion & effect: kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)
- fictive position: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- functioning: fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- growth & development: leg (grow legs)
- initiation: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick-start (v), kick up (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: kicking and screaming
- sequence: leg (first leg, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick-start (v)
- success & failure: leg (grow legs)

LETTERS & CHARACTERS (2) (see also books & reading; writing & spelling)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: spelled out, spell out (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: asterisk (attention), exclamation point, footnote (n), full stop, punctuate (v), underline (attention), underscore (attention)
- certainty & uncertainty: question mark
- configuration: punctuate (configuration)
- cost & benefit: box (tick a box, etc.), plus (benefit)
- failure, accident & impairment: T-bone (v), T-boned
- judgement: box (tick a box, etc.)
- mixture: soup (alphabet soup)

- money: dollar sign (n)
- movement: zig-zag (v)
- reversal: U-turn (n)
- shape: U-turn (n), zig-zag (v), zig-zag (n)
- substance & lack of substance: box (check the box, etc.)

LIGHT & DARK (2)

- access & lack of access: black hole, black site (national security)
- accusation & criticism: shade (throw shade)
- achievement, recognition & praise: leading light (person), luminary (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- activity: alight (activity), light up (activity)
- amelioration & renewal: clear up (v), polish (v)
- amount: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.), scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (shed light), lighthouse (illumination), opacity (n), opaque (adj)
- appearance: bedazzled (decorated), gloss (appearance)
- appearance & disappearance: fade (v), fade away, light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light)
- appearance & reality: gloss (appearance)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blaze (in a blaze of glory), dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), flare (n), glare (attention), highlight (v), light (shine a light), limelight (in the limelight), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), sunlight (concealment), supernova (attention)
- attenuation: shadow (devitalized), tarnish (v), tarnished
- attraction & repulsion: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), cloudy (certainty), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), open-and-shut (adj), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- character & personality: brilliant (superlative), incandescent (character), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), scintillating (adj)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: fade away (v)
- comparison & contrast: night (night and day and day and night)
- competition: outshine (v), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- comprehension & incomprehension: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), clear (unambiguous), dark (in the dark), dawn (verb / comprehension), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb), lighthouse (illumination), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), opacity (n), opaque (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- computer: darknet
- concealment & lack of concealment: black hole, black site (national security), bury (conceal), clarity (adj), dark (in the dark), dark (concealment), day (the light of day), gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), light (shed light), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), shadow (concealment), shadowy, sunlight (concealment), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- configuration: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- conflict: Manichean (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: gloss over (v)

- consciousness & awareness: black hole, black site (national security), clarity (adj), dark (in the dark), dawn (verb / comprehension), haze (perception), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb), opaque (adj)
- corruption: shady (adj), tarnish (v), tarnished
- curtailment: dark (go dark, etc.)
- decline: dim (decline), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), star (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- direction: beacon (n), light (guiding light), lighthouse (protection)
- division & connection: daylight (division)
- evidence: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: tarnish (v), tarnished
- feeling, emotion & effect: brighten (v), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), darkness (depression), day (dark day), dazzle (v), dim (hope, etc.), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), illuminating (adj), scintillating (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.), sunny (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bright (bright side), polished (adj), shine (n), side (dark side), tarnish (v), tarnished
- growth & development: supernova (achievement)
- guilt: clear (clear conscience)
- idea: light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- importance & significance: leading light (person), luminary (person)
- increase & decrease: burnish (v), burnished
- isolation & remoteness: black hole, black site (national security)
- knowledge & intelligence: dark (in the dark), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and lightbulb, bulb)
- message: flare (n)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), Dark Star, gloom (n), gloomy (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: clear (perception), haze (perception), light (in a same / different light, etc.), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- person: luminary (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- proximity: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- relationship: light (in light of)
- repetition: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- resiliency: bright (bright side)
- searching & discovery: light (come to light), light (bring something to light)
- situation: twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- subterfuge: gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), shady (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- superlative: bright (adj), brilliance (superlative), brilliant (superlative), coruscating (adj), glittering (adj), gloss (add gloss, etc.), glowing (adj), incandescent (character), leading light (person), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), luminary (person), luster (n), outshine (v), scintillating (adj), shining (superlative), sparkling (superlative), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- transmission: reflected
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- warning: flare (n)

LIGHTNING (2) (see also rain; storm; weather & climate; wind)

- accusation & criticism: thunderbolt (n)
- appearance & disappearance: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: lightning rod
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- origin: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- resemblance: thunder (sound)
- sound: thunder (sound)
- speech: fulminate (speech)
- speed: lightning

LINE (2) (see also boundary)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- attainment: line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line)
- behavior: edge (over the edge), line (out of line), line (over the line / behavior), line (behavior), line (cross the line), line (red line), line (line in the sand)
- configuration: straddle (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: color (color outside the lines, etc.), line (line in the sand)
- division & connection: borderland (n), edge (edge cases, etc.), foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), line (division), line (categories), straddle (connect)
- fate, fortune & chance: line (tread a line, etc.), line (on the line)
- fictive position: straddle (configuration)
- hierarchy: rank-and-file (adj)
- position, policy & negotiation: line (a hard line, etc.), position (on an issue, etc.)
- priority: line (at the front / back of the line)
- protection & lack of protection: rank (close ranks)
- resemblance: strand (strand of hair, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (government line, etc.)
- sequence: queue (sequence), string (sequence)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line), line (end of the line, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line (in line), line up (v), lockstep (in lockstep), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)

LION (2) (see also animal)

- achievement, recognition & praise: lion (liberal lion, etc.), lionized
- amount: lion's share
- courage & lack of courage: lion
- epithet: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)
- hierarchy: lion (liberal lion, etc.)
- person: lion (courage)
- proper name: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), lioness (Lioness.co, etc.)

LOCATION (1) (see also area; environment; place)

- earthquake: epicenter (n)
- finger: finger (put one's finger on something)
- forest: woods (neck of the woods)
- gesture: finger (put one's finger on something)
- hand: finger (put one's finger on something)

- house: dwell (location), home (home for the archive, etc.), home (home of golf, etc.), home (home to), live (location), reside (v), residence (n)
- map: finger (put one's finger on something), map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- place: home (home of golf, etc.), home (home to), where (conversations where, etc.)
- temperature: hotspot (place)
- verb: dwell (location), finger (put one's finger on something), live (location), map (drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), reside (v)

LOVE, COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE (2)

- acceptance & rejection: spurn (v), spurned
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bed (jump into bed with someone), infidelity (n)
- attachment: married, wedded
- attraction & repulsion: alluring (adj), court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), flirt (v), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj), swoon (v), woo (v), wooed
- behavior: infidelity (n)
- character & personality: odd couple
- coercion & motivation: marriage (shotgun marriage)
- concealment & lack of concealment: infidelity (n)
- conflict: honeymoon (n)
- division & connection: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, matchmaker (person), wedded
- eagerness & reluctance: coy (adj), marriage (shotgun marriage), shy (adj)
- enthusiasm: fall (fall in love), infatuated (enthusiasm), love (fall in love), love (enthusiasm / noun), love (enthusiasm / verb), lover (enthusiasm / person), romance (n)
- experience: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), ingenue (person), innocence (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: dance (dance with death, etc.), flirt (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: crush (love), honeymoon (n), swoon (v)
- inauguration: party (coming-out party)
- person: lover (enthusiasm / person), matchmaker (person), suitor (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: catch (marriage), court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), seduce (v), seduced, suitor (n), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.), woo (v), wooed
- relationship: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, matchmaker (person), odd couple, wedded
- starting, going, continuing & ending: divorce (n), honeymoon (n)
- subterfuge: infidelity (n)

MAGIC (2)

- ability & lack of ability: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), wizard (person), wizardry (n)
- affliction: curse (n), cursed
- amelioration & renewal: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.), dust (fairy dust, etc.), magic (magic bullet, etc.), talisman (n), talismanic (adj), wand (magic wand)
- attachment: spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj)
- attraction & repulsion: charm (v), charm (n), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), charming (people), pied piper, spell (under a spell)
- character & personality: charming
- concealment & land of concealment: sleight of hand
- control & lack of control: hypnotize (v)

- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers, etc.)
- epithet: wizard (wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: magic (versus reality), magical (versus reality), make-believe (n), make-believe (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: charmed (charmed life, etc.), crystal ball, curse (n), cursed, magic (trail magic, etc.), tea leaves
- feeling, emotion & effect: bewitch (v), bewitching (adj), charm (v), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), enthralled, entralling (adj), entranced, magic (effect), magic (magic moment, etc.), magical (effect), mesmerizing, spell (under a spell), spell (cast a spell), spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj), thrall (n)
- future: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tea leaves
- help & assistance: magic (trail magic, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- message: fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- person: fortuneteller (person), genie (knowledge), ninja (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), wizard (person)
- proper name: carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.), Magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: charmed (charmed life, etc.)
- subterfuge: sleight of hand, smoke and mirrors
- time: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- transportation: carpet (magic carpet / other)

MANUFACTURING (2) (see also engine; mechanism; tools & technology)

- amelioration & renewal: recycle (v), salvage (v)
- characterization: cast (characterize), cast (characterized), recast (v), recast
- comprehension & incomprehension: process (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: mold (fit a mold, etc.)
- content: mill (grist for the mill), mill (gossip / rumor mill)
- creation & transformation: artisanal (adj), assembly line (n), byproduct (n), churn out (v), conveyor belt, fabricate (v), fabricated, fabrication, factory (creation), forge (v), forged, grind out (v), hammered out, hammer out (v), industry (n), machine (publicity machine, etc.), making (creation), manufacture (v), manufactured, mill (n), mold (v), product (n), recast (v), recast, reshape (v), shape (v), shape (form), shaped, strike (strike a deal, etc.), turn out (create)
- destruction: unmaking (destruction)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: factory (glue factory), scrap (v), scrapped
- environment: crucible (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: unmaking (destruction)
- feeling, emotion & effect: process (v)
- gossip: mill (gossip / rumor mill), mill (grist for the mill)
- identity & nature: product (n)
- military: industrialize (industrialize death, etc.)
- operation: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- product: byproduct (n), product (n)
- relationship: byproduct (n), product (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mold (fit a mold, etc.)
- script: boilerplate (n)
- worth & lack of worth: run-of-the-mill

MAP (2)

- appearance & disappearance: map (drop off the map, etc.)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- direction: chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), navigate (v), plot (v), uncharted (adj)
- extent & scope: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: no man's land (people)
- location: finger (put one's finger on something), map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)
- place: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- presence & absence: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- reversal: course (change course)
- script: road map
- searching & discovery: Dark Continent
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course)

MARK (2)

- acceptance & rejection: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- achievement, recognition & praise: belt (notch in a belt)
- affliction: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- appearance: pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (resemblance / verb)
- character & personality: streak (violent streak, etc.)
- characterization: brand (v), mark (black mark), stigma (n), stigmatize (v)
- condition & status: unscathed (adj)
- configuration: dot (v), dotted (arrangement), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, speckled (configuration)
- effect: mark (effect)
- evidence: fingerprint (n), hallmark
- feeling, emotion & effect: bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, dent (n), mark (effect), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: blemish (n), black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), pockmark (v), pockmark (n), pockmarked, scar (blemish / noun), scar (blemish / verb), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.), smear (n), smear (v), stain (n), stain (v), unblemished
- identity & nature: streak (violent streak, etc.)
- importance & significance: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.)
- impression: burned (impressed), engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, imprint (n), inscribed, mark (effect), seared, stamp (impression), stamped
- measurement: benchmark (at a benchmark), benchmark
- occurrence: streak (series)
- oppression: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- proper name: scar (the Scar, etc.)
- representation: touchstone
- reputation: black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), smear (v), smear (n), stain (v), stain (n)
- resemblance: mark (resemblance), scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: rubber stamp (n), stamp (stamp of approval)

- searching & discovery: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.)
- speech: smear (v), smear (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: indelible (adj)

MATERIALS & SUBSTANCES (2)

- ability & lack of ability: brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), flexible (adj), flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- accusation & criticism: vitriol (n)
- affliction: wound (salt in a wound)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick together (v)
- appearance: gloss (appearance), stone-faced (adj)
- appearance & reality: airbrushed, ersatz (substitute), gilded (other), gloss (appearance), imposter (n), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), patina (appearance), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), unvarnished (adj), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- attachment: adhere (adhere to something), attached (attributed), attachment (n), cement (v), cemented, encrusted, glued, mortar (n), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist), stick together (v), Teflon
- behavior: brazen (adj)
- character & personality: behavior (fire, etc.), clay (n), flexible (character), hard (character), hard man (character), inflexible (character), made of (character), mercurial (adj), putty (n), rigid (character), slippery (character), smooth (character)
- commitment & determination: grit (political grit, etc.), hard (hard “no,” etc.)
- comparison & contrast: rock (rock-solid)
- concealment & lack of concealment: airbrushed, gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), stone-faced (adj), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), unvarnished (adj), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- condition & status: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other)
- configuration: encrusted, marbled
- constraint & lack of constraint: elastic (adj), flexible (adj), rigid (constraint), supple (adj)
- control & lack of control: putty (n), unglued (adj)
- corruption: contaminate (v), contaminated, contamination, poison (v), taint (n), taint (v), tainted
- cover: encrusted
- creation & transformation: clay (n), putty (n)
- destruction: meltdown (failure), poison (n), poison (v), radioactive (adj), shatter (destroy), shattered, shattering (adj), toxic (adj)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: slippery (difficult)
- division & connection: fractured (separated), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.)
- epithet: gold (black gold, etc.), iron (Iron Lady, etc.), jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
- evidence: taint (n)
- experience: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- extent & scope: patina (appearance), stretch (extent), veneer (appearance)
- failure, accident & impairment: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), crack (v), fracture (failure), meltdown (failure), snap (v), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), unglued (adj), shatter (destroy)
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), crack (v), eggshell (walking on eggshells), fragile (feelings), fragility (feelings), hard (feelings, etc.),

- noxious (adj), poisonous (adj), shatter (emotions), shattering (adj), snap (v), stone-faced (adj), toxic (adj), unglued (adj), vitriol (n)
- fictive motion: stretch (extent)
 - flaws & lack of flaws: coarse (speech), crack (flaw), crude (speech), flawed (adj), flawless (adj), flimsy (adj), ironclad (adj), jewel (n), lapidary (adj), lily (gild the lily), polish (v), polished (adj), rough (adj), sag (v), slump (v), smooth (lack of flaws), solid (adj), sound (solid), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.), unpolished, warp (v), warped, weak (fragile)
 - heart: heart (heart of stone, etc.), stone-hearted
 - identity & nature: ersatz (substitute)
 - impression: plastered (impression)
 - mind: mind-bending (adj), minded (steely-minded), tough-minded, weak-minded (adj)
 - mixture: amalgam (n), blend (mixture)
 - oppression: hand (iron hand, etc.), ironfisted, rod (iron rod, etc.)
 - proper name: shard (The Shard, etc.), stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)
 - protection & lack of protection: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), Teflon
 - pursuit, capture & escape: Teflon
 - resistance, opposition & defeat: bend (v)
 - restraint & lack of restraint: brazen (adj)
 - sex: purity (sex)
 - sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: sugarcoat (and candy-coat)
 - situation: sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)
 - speech: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, coarse (speech), crude (speech), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), silver (speech), silver-tongued, slick (adj), slippery (words, etc.), smooth (speech), tongued (silver-tongued), talker (slick talker), vitriol (n)
 - starting, going, continuing & ending: retread (n)
 - strength & weakness: cement (v), cemented, concretize (v), concretized, eggshell (n), flimsy (adj), fragile (weak), hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), iron (strength), ironclad (adj), oak (strength), rock (rock-solid), sag (v), slump (v), solid (adj), sound (measure), steel (strength), teak (wood), weak (fragile)
 - substance & lack of substance: concrete (n), flimsy (adj), gilded (other), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), patina (appearance), solid (adj), veneer (appearance)
 - subterfuge: airbrushed, gilded (other), gloss (appearance), imposter (n), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), patina (appearance), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
 - superiority & inferiority: rope (velvet rope)
 - superlative: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), lapidary (adj), jewel (n)
 - survival, persistence & endurance: cement (v), cemented, grit (political grit, etc.), stick (persist)
 - worth & lack of worth: gem (n), gold (black gold, etc.), jewel (n), karat (24-karat), oil (new oil, etc.), raw (unrefined, etc.)

MEASUREMENT (1)

- blood: pulse (n)
- depth: sound (measure)
- distance: span (lifespan, etc.), span (v)
- doors & thresholds: threshold (below the threshold), threshold (measurement)
- hand: span (v)
- health & medicine: pulse (n), temperature (the political temperature, etc.)
- mark: benchmark (at a benchmark), benchmark
- surveying: baseline (n)
- temperature: temperature (the political temperature, etc.), thermometer (n)

- tools & technology: barometer (n), calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), dashboard (n), gauge (n), thermometer (n), yardstick (n)
- verb: calibrate (adjust), sound (measure)
- water: sound (measure)

MEAT (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; fruits & vegetables; taste)

- amelioration & renewal: beefed up, beef up (v)
- consumption: food (meat), meat (fresh meat), meat (piece of meat)
- experience: raw (raw recruit, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: butcher (v)
- military: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), grinder (meat grinder), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.)
- product: meat (piece of meat)
- strength & weakness: beefed up, beef up (v)
- substance & lack of substance: meat (substance), meaty (substance)
- violence: butcher (n)
- worth & lack of worth: meat (piece of meat)

MECHANISM (2) (see also engine; manufacturing; tools & technology)

- ability & lack of ability: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology)
- accusation & criticism: wringer (through the wringer)
- action, inaction & delay: button (push a button / action), button (pause button), pause (v), pause (n)
- activity: comatose (adj), gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (hum along), hum (n), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- affliction: mill (through the mill), put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- amelioration & renewal: fix (v), lubricant (social lubricant, etc.), mend (on the mend), mend (v), put (put something back together), repair (v), repair (n), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), tweak (n), unwind (relax), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- amount & effect: full on (adj), full out (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: break down (explain), sort out (analyze), tire (kick the tires)
- attachment: linchpin (n)
- attenuation: dampening (adj), damper (n)
- avoidance & separation: steer (steer clear of something)
- bases: kingpin (person), linchpin (n), nuts and bolts, workings (n)
- branching system: hub (branching system)
- center & periphery: hub (center)
- character & personality: full on (personality), wound (tightly wound)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: conveyor belt, parked (movement)
- commitment & determination: full on (adj), full out (adj), gas (step on the gas / step off the gas), pedal (pedal to the metal), tank (empty the tank, etc.), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- complexity: part (moving parts)
- condition & status: broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), hum (hum along), neutral (in neutral), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- consciousness & awareness: automata (n), comatose (adj), metronomic (operation), robot (n), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- control & lack of control: brake (control), lever (levers of power, etc.), steering wheel (control), wheel (control), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- creation & transformation: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- curtailment: shut down (v), shut off (v)

- dependency: wheel (training wheels)
- destruction: break (destroy / disrupt), break down (destroy), breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), grind down (v)
- development: fulcrum (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), turning point (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: gear up (v), grind (daily grind, etc.), grind away (v), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), maintenance (high maintenance, etc.)
- directing: steer (v)
- direction: steer (v)
- disruption: break (destroy / disrupt), breaker (deal-breaker, etc.), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), misbehave (machine), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- division & connection: rupture (n)
- experience: mill (through the mill), wringer (through the wringer)
- extent & scope: full on (adj), full out (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: break down (functioning), broken (failure), down (functioning), fall apart (v), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), malfunction (v), rupture (n), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: wheel (wheel of fate or fortune, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: automata (n), breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), broken (feeling), button (push a button / emotion), button (panic button), button (hot button), fall apart (emotionally), gasket (blow a gasket, etc.), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), heart (a broken heart, etc.), metronomic (operation), pump up (v), revved (revved up), robot (n), turned off, turned on (sex), turn on (v), turn-off (disgust), turn-on, wind down (relax), wound (tightly wound)
- flaws & lack of flaws: broken (failure), misbehave (machine), point (sticking / friction point)
- functioning: break down (functioning), broken (failure), cog (cog in the machine, etc.), comatose (adj), cylinder (fire on all cylinders, etc.), down (functioning), full on (adj), full out (adj), gear (high gear, low gear, etc.), gum up (v), hum (hum along), machinery (government, etc.), malfunction (v), misbehave (machine), neutral (in neutral), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), throttle (full throttle, etc.)
- future: time machine
- heart: heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- help & assistance: wheel (training wheels)
- identity & nature: wired (and hardwired)
- importance & significance: cog (cog in the machine, etc.), fulcrum (n), kingpin (person), linchpin (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), point (pivot point), turning point (n)
- inauguration: drop (product launch), drop (a product, etc.), roll out (v), rollout (n)
- increase & decrease: brake (control), crank up (v), dial down (dial back), gear up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), rev up (v), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v), turn up (increase)
- initiation: button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), gear (kick into gear, etc.), kick in (start), launching pad, prime (v), primed (ready), springboard (n), wheel (set the wheels in motion)
- judgment: feedback (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: dumb (technology), brilliant (technology), smart (technology)
- location: hub (center)
- mechanism: grinder (meat grinder)
- movement: conveyor belt, parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- obstacles & impedance: dampening (adj), damper (n)
- operation: apparatus (government), clockwork (n), cog (cog in the machine, etc.), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery, metronomic (operation), organ (of government, etc.), robot (n), train (legal train, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.), wired (and hardwired), workings (n)
- oppression: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- past & present: mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time machine, wind back (v)

- person: kingpin (person)
- place: hub (center)
- power: supercharge (v), supercharged, tank (empty the tank, etc.), turbocharge (v)
- progress & lack of progress: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel)
- pursuit, capture & escape: hatch (escape hatch)
- readiness & preparedness: prime (v), primed (ready), seatbelt (fasten your seatbelt / ironic), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- resiliency: put (put something back together)
- reversal: backpedal (v), gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.), hinge (n), pivot (n), pivot (v), roll back (v), unwind (reverse)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: fit in (v)
- sex: machine (sex machine), turned on (sex)
- shape: hub (center)
- social interaction: wheel (grease the wheels)
- speed: brake (control), speed (up to speed), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: button (pause button), gear (kick into gear, etc.), grind away (v), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), kick in (start), parked (movement), pause (v), pause (n), reboot (v), reboot (n), reset (n), reset (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), treadmill (n), wheel (spin one's wheels), wind down (v)
- supplying: feed (auto feed, etc.)
- taking & removing: hoover (hoover up, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: break down (divide)
- throwing, putting & planting: catapult (v), catapulted, thrust (v), thrust
- time: hourglass (time), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time machine, wind back (v), wind down (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: hourglass (time)
- unanimity & consensus: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- work & duty: grind (daily grind, etc.), treadmill (n)

MEMORIZATION (2)

- heart: heart (by heart)

MENTAL HEALTH (2) (see also health & medicine)

- activity: frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rage (v), raging (adj)
- amelioration & renewal: pull (pull yourself together, etc.), unwind (relax), vent (v)
- avoidance & separation: escape (mental health / verb), escape (mental health / noun)
- behavior: amok (run amok), bedlam (n), berserk, craze (n), crazed (crazed fans, etc.), crazy (behavior), crazy (enthusiasm), demented, fiend (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), mania (n), nuts (crazy), rage (v), raging (adj), schizophrenic (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- character & personality: Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), nut (person)
- condition & status: troubled
- constraint & lack of constrain: straitjacket (n)
- control & lack of control: amok (run amok), berserk, crazy (behavior), flow (go with the flow, etc.), rage (v), raging (adj), unglued (adj)
- enthusiasm: craze (n), crazed (crazed fans, etc.), crazy (enthusiasm), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), obsessed, obsession (n), rabid (enthusiasm), rage (enthusiasm), rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- environment: asylum (insane asylum, etc.), bedlam (n), madhouse (place), snake pit, warehouse (neglect)
- euphemism: dog (black dog / mental health), nut (person), nuts (crazy), pieces (go to pieces), there (not all there), unhinged (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: pieces (go to pieces), unglued (adj), unhinged (adj)

- fantasy & reality: delusion (under a delusion), delusion, demented, fantasy (delusion), pipe dream, rabbit hole (fantasy), world (fantasy)
- feeling, emotion & effect: anxiety (n), blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), brighten (v), burnout (n), darkness (depression), dead (feeling), dog (black dog / mental health), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), exhausting (mental health), hysteria (n), mist (red mist), pain (emotional), place (feelings and emotion), possessed, rage (v), raging (adj), sick (disgusted), sick and tired (feeling), tired (feeling), unglued (adj), unwind (relax), vent (v), weary (feeling)
- identity & nature: identity crisis
- resiliency: pull (pull yourself together, etc.)
- sex: crazed (sex-crazed)
- speech: rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- violence: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: fantasy (dream)

MESSAGE (1) (see also evidence; suspicion; warning)

- allusion: Cassandra, jeremiad (bitter lament), messenger (shoot the messenger)
- Bible: gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), jeremiad (bitter lament), messiah (n), messianic (adj), prophet (person), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)
- books & reading: manifesto (n)
- epithet: apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.)
- eye: seer (person)
- fire: flare (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Cassandra
- light & dark: flare (n)
- magic: fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- Middle Ages: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- military: call (call to arms), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), saber rattling
- money: sell (promote)
- movement: spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- person: apostle (person), convert (person), crusader (role), evangelist (person), fortuneteller (person), guru (person), messenger (shoot the messenger), messiah (n), missionary (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tout (person), whistleblower (n)
- plane: barnstorm (v)
- religion: apostle (person), choir (preach to the choir), convert (person), crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role), evangelical (adj), evangelist (person), golden rule, gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), guru (person), high priest, jeremiad (bitter lament), mantra (message), messiah (n), messianic (adj), missionary (person), oracle (person), preach, prophet (person), proselytize (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), seer (person), sermon (message), soothsayer (person)
- school & education: lecture (v)
- sound: amplify (v), call (call to arms), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), saber rattling, signal (signal and noise), whistle (dog whistle), whistleblower (n)
- speech: lecture (v), preach (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message), speak (carry a message), statement (statement victory, etc.), voice (voice of reason)
- sword: saber rattling
- tools & technology: amplify (v), megaphone (n), message (send a message, etc.), signal (mixed signals), signal (signal and noise)
- verb: amplify (v), barnstorm (v), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), lecture (v), proselytize (v), sell (promote), speak (carry a message), spin (message / verb), tout (v)

MIDDLE AGES (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: champion (v), champion (n), championed, fealty (n), ring (kiss the ring)
- area: fiefdom (control)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: champion (v), champion (n), championed
- campaign: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- competition: joust (v), jousting (conflict), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- conflict: gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), joust (v), jousting (conflict), tilt (world-title tilt, etc.)
- control & lack of control: fiefdom (control)
- destruction: wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- help & assistance: knight (knight in shining armor), white knight
- message: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- power: baron (power)
- proper name: Knight (Black Knights, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: armor (protection), chink (chink in one's armor)
- pursuit, capture & escape: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- searching & discovery: grail (holy grail), quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)

MIGRATION (1)

- allusion: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), migration (the Great Migration, etc.)
- bird: blow-in (n)
- epithet: British (British of South America, etc.), Ellis Island (Ellis Island of the West, etc.), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), *Mayflower* (*Mayflower* of the Third Aliyah, etc.)
- history: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), migration (the Great Migration, etc.), trail of tears
- journeys & trips: hegira (and hejira), nomad (person), nomadic (adj), refugee (person), trail of tears
- person: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), nomad (person), nomadic (adj), refugee (person)
- place: Ellis Island (Elis Island of the West, etc.)
- plant: transplant (n)
- religion: hegira (and hejira)
- verb: wash in (v)
- walking, running & jumping: trail of tears
- water: wash in (v)
- wave: wash in (v)
- wind: blow-in (n)

MILITARY (1)

- allusion: Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.)
- animal: cannon fodder (military)
- consumption: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), cannon fodder (military), grinder (meat grinder), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.)
- epithet: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Churchillian (adj), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), express (Tokyo Express, etc.), Florence Nightingale (our Florence Nightingale, etc.), Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.), general (General Winter, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.), heartbreak (Heartbreak Hotel, etc.), Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.), Lawrence (T.E.), Lexington (of China, etc.), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), Napoleon (the Black Napoleon, etc.), nine eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Patton (the Patton of Asia, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / war), Sparta (Sparta of the North, etc.), Spartacus (the Black

- Spartacus, etc.), Spartan (Spartans of Australasia, etc.), Stalingrad (Stalingrad of the East, etc.), tiger (Arkan's Tigers, etc.), Vietnam (Egypt's Vietnam, etc.), war (the war to end all wars, etc.), West Point (epithet)
- farming & agriculture: cannon fodder (military)
 - insect: spider (spider hole)
 - manufacturing: industrialize (industrialize death, etc.)
 - meat: bill (butcher's bill, etc.), grinder (meat grinder), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.)
 - mechanism: grinder (meat grinder)
 - money: bill (butcher's bill, etc.)
 - place: spider (spider hole)
 - plant: cannon fodder (military)
 - proper name: battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.), carpet (magic carpet / proper name), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
 - sign, signal, symbol: boot (soldier), Colonel Blimp, dove (person), hawk (person)

MILITARY (2) (see also bullet; explosion; fortification; knife; sword; weapon)

- accusation & criticism: ammunition (and ammo), attack (under attack, etc.), blast (criticize), broadside (n), dressing down (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), firing squad, flak (criticism), fusillade (n), incoming (criticism), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: badge (badge of honor), coup (achievement), medal (n), salute (v), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: fabius (Fabius Maximus), stand down (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: desert (v), insurrection, post (abandon one's post), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), soldier (n), traitor (person), treason (n), troops (supporters)
- allusion: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), ersatz (substitute), fabius (Fabius Maximus), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), Geneva Convention, Maginot Line, Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, Napoleon (the Napoleon of surgery, etc.), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), Thermopylae, Waterloo (figurative)
- amelioration & renewal: damage control
- amount: armada (n), army (a large group), arsenal (amount), battalion (a large group), battery (amount), host (host of questions, etc.), legion (n), panoply (n)
- amount & effect: barrage (n), besiege (v), besieged, blitz (campaign), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n), invade (v), invasion (n), onslaught (n), siege (under siege), siege (other)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogating (questioning), interrogation (questioning)
- appeal: call (call to arms), cry (rallying cry)
- appearance & reality: ersatz (substitute), warrior (ironic)
- area: no man's land (danger)
- assembling: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blitz (campaign), bombshell (n), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), shot (shot heard round the world), trumpet (v)
- bases: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- behavior: cannon (loose cannon), hostile (adj)
- campaign: blitz (campaign)
- character & personality: cannon (loose cannon), gladiator (n), strongman (power), warrior (other)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: last hurrah
- commitment & determination: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), flag (plant one's flag), last-ditch (adj), locked in (target), mission (on a mission), mission (other), shield (on one's shield), warrior through (v)
- competition: race (arms race)

- computer: bomb (review-bomb), war (flame war)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black operations (and black ops), camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), infiltrate (v), smokescreen (concealment)
- condition & status: AWOL, hors de combat, missing in action (MIA)
- conflict: ally (other), attack (v), attack (under attack, etc.), battering ram, battle (v), battle (n), battleground (conflict), battle cry, broadside (n), ceasefire (n), civil war (n), combat (v), combat (n), combative (adj), counterattack (n), day (win the day), embattled, enemy (conflict), firefight (and fire fight), force (show of force), fight (n), fight (v), fray (above the fray), fray (conflict), front (conflict), hostile (adj), last-ditch (adj), line (battle lines, etc.), outgunned, rebellion (n), reprisal (n), scorched-earth, shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), siege (under siege), skirmish (n), truce (n), wagon (circle the wagons), war (at war), war (conflict), warfare (n), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: retreat (withdraw)
- consciousness & awareness: fog (fog of war, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention
- consumption: food (meat)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), no man's land (danger), no man's land (regulatory, etc.)
- cost & benefit: Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- courage & lack of courage: warrior through (v)
- creation & transformation: drum up (v)
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine (and land mine), line of fire, milk run (n), minefield, no man's land (danger), powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- death & life: body count (actual)
- destruction: attacked, damage (collateral damage), sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, saboteur (person), scorched-earth, shot down (and shot down in flames), strike (preemptive strike, etc.), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), weapon (political weapon, etc.)
- development: shot (warning shot)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: battle (uphill battle, etc.), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), last-ditch (adj), Manhattan Project, milk run (n), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: body count (figurative), coup (power), drummed out, guard (changing of the guard)
- disruption: sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, saboteur (person)
- division: camp (n)
- division & connection: drawbridge (protection), Maginot Line
- driving force: advance guard, charge (lead the charge, etc.), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), fist (armored fist, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), point man (and point person), spear (tip of the spear), vanguard, vanguard (in the vanguard), vanguard (other)
- eagerness & reluctance: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.)
- enthusiasm: army (Arnie's Army, etc.)
- environment: no man's land (danger), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- epithet: general (Bobby Knight, "The General," etc.), war (epithet / figurative), Waterloo (figurative)
- experience: doyen (squad leader), front line on the front line), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), story (war story), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.), trench (in the trenches), trench (other), veteran (n), veteran (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: casualty (n), wound (self-inflicted wound)
- fate, fortune & chance: last-ditch (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bombshell (n), combative (adj), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), hostile (adj), post-traumatic stress syndrome (and PTSD), shellshocked, retreat (withdraw)
- fictive communication: interrogate (v)
- force: force / onslaught (n)
- functioning: hors de combat

- group, set & collection: armada (n), armory (n), army (Arnie's Army, etc.), arsenal (amount), panoply (n)
- help & assistance: ally (other), armed, armory (n), arsenal (amount), cavalry (n), Marshall Plan, weapon (help), wingman (person)
- hierarchy: chain of command (and chain), foot soldier (duty), rank-and-file (adj)
- identity & nature: ersatz (substitute)
- importance & significance: big gun (and heavy gun), breakthrough (n), salient (important)
- increase & decrease: multiplier (force multiplier)
- initiation: tripwire (initiation)
- judgment: dressing down (n), firing squad, muster (pass muster), prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.), quarter (no quarter, etc.)
- message: call (call to arms), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), saber rattling
- money: war chest
- movement: march (move), retreat (glaciers, etc.), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: breakthrough (n)
- orientation: flank (protection)
- person: big gun (and heavy gun), cannon (loose cannon), enemy (conflict), flag-bearer, foot soldier (duty), gladiator (n), point man (and point person), saboteur (person), standard-bearer, traitor (person), warrior (other)
- place: battleground (conflict), front line (on the front line), front line (other), trench (in the trenches), trench (other)
- possession: flag (plant one's flag), surrender (v)
- power: chieftain (n), coup (power), force (show of force)
- presence & absence: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), hors de combat, missing in action (MIA), outpost (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: guard (changing of the guard)
- progress & lack of progress: breakthrough (n), inroads (make inroads), march (on the march), march (n)
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (n), armor (protection), bastion (n), breach (v), breach (n), breached, bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (protection), bunker (n), castle (protection), chink (chink in one's armor), citadel (n), dig in (v), drawbridge (protection), dug in, entrenched, flank (protection), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), fort (hold down the fort), fortress, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guard (lower one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), guardian (protection), head (keep one's head down), hedgehog (protection), loophole (n), moat (n), praetorian guard, rampart (protection), rank (close ranks), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), shield (v), shield (n), stronghold (n), wagon (circle the wagons), wingman (person)
- punishment & recrimination: prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.), quarter (no quarter, etc.), reprisal (n)
- readiness & preparedness: ambush (v), ambushed, dry run, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (lower one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), locked and loaded (adj), room (war room)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ceasefire (n), hatchet (bury the hatchet), truce (n)
- relationship: march (together, etc.)
- representation: flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- resemblance: rampart (resemblance)
- resiliency: soldier on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: cavalry (n), combat (v), combat (n), combative (adj), counterattack (v), counterattack (n), day (save the day), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, fight (n), fight (v), flag (plant one's flag), give in (v), give up (stop trying), insurrection, last-ditch (adj), overrun (v), overrun (overwhelmed), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebel (v), rebellion (n), retreat (reverse / verb), revolt (v), revolt (n), rout (defeat / noun), rout (defeat / verb), routed (defeated), siege (under siege), siege (other), stand (last stand, etc.), surrender (v), Thermopylae
- responsibility: watch (on one's watch)
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), cannon (loose cannon)
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), about face, retreat (reverse / verb), retreat (reverse / noun)

- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: drummer (different drummer), rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebel (v), step (in step), step (out of step)
- searching & discovery: scout (n), search (v)
- speech: broadside (n), fire (draw fire, etc.), flak (criticism), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), sniping (n), sound off (v), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: beachhead (n), ceasefire (n), last hurrah, soldier on (v), stand down (v), truce (n)
- strength & weakness: big gun (and heavy gun), outgunned, Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- subterfuge: black operation (and black ops), camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), smokescreen (concealment)
- success & failure: conquer (v), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), mission (mission accomplished), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Waterloo (figurative)
- superiority & inferiority: outgunned
- survival, persistence & endurance: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, last-ditch (adj), outpost (n), soldier on (v), warrior through (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: zero hour (n)
- transmission: infiltrate (v)
- unanimity & consensus: drummer (different drummer), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), step (in step), step (out of step)
- violence: cleanup (military)
- warning: sentinel (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), tripwire (warning)
- work & duty: foot soldier (duty), marching orders, mission (on a mission), mission (other), soldier (n), soldier on (v), tour of duty, troops (supporters)
- worth & lack of worth: cannon fodder (other), spoils (of war, etc.)

MIND (1)

- breadth: narrow-minded (adj), narrowness (n)
- container: close-minded (adj), mind (container), mind (open mind), open-minded (adj)
- direction: high-minded (adj)
- doors & thresholds: open up (consciousness)
- materials & substances: mind-bending (adj), minded (steely-minded), tough-minded (adj), weak-minded (adj)
- movement: mind (go through one's mind, etc.), wander (mind, attention, etc.)
- platform: mind (platform)
- size: small-minded (adj)
- space: mind (go through one's mind, etc.), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind)
- verb: mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), open up (consciousness)

MINING (2)

- activity: bonanza (n), gold rush
- allegiance, support & betrayal: prop (n), prop up (v)
- amelioration & renewal: buttress (resemblance), prop (n), prop up (v), shored up, shore up (v)
- amount: nugget (n)
- amount & effect: bonanza (n), gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), drill (drill down, etc.), excavate (v), layer (analysis), unearth (v), unearthened
- appearance & disappearance: dig up (v), excavate (v), unearth (v), unearthened
- appearance & reality: fool's gold
- behavior: gold-digging
- character & personality: gold digger (person)
- commitment & determination: dig deep (determination)

- computer: mine (bitcoin mine, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dig up (v), excavate (v), unearth (v), unearthened
- cost & benefit: bonanza (n), gold rush
- evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- failure, accident & impairment: cave (cave in), undercut (v), undermine (v)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- person: gold digger (person)
- product: mine (bitcoin mine, etc.), miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: cave (cave in)
- searching & discovery: dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig out, dig up, dry (come up dry), excavate (v), fool's gold, gold (strike gold), mine (search), mining (data, etc.), pay dirt, unearth (v), unearthened
- source: gold mine, mother lode, vein (source)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: vein (in that vein, etc.)
- strength & weakness: shored up, shore up (v)
- success & failure: dry (come up dry), fool's gold, gold (strike gold), pan out (v), pay dirt
- superlative: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), gold standard (n), jewel (n), lapidary (adj)
- taking & removing: strip-mine (v)
- worth & lack of worth: bonanza (n), fool's gold, gem (n), gold (worth), gold (black gold, etc.), gold mine, gold rush, jewel (n), karat (24-karat), nugget (n), pan out (v), pay dirt

MIRROR (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: mirror (n)
- consciousness & awareness: mirror (n)
- past & present: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- repetition: mirror (v)
- time: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)

MIXTURE (1)

- alcohol: cocktail (n)
- atmosphere: rainbow (mixture)
- bird: cocktail (n)
- chemistry: chemistry
- cloth: lace (v), tapestry (n), weave (mixture)
- container: melting pot (n)
- cooking: concoction (n), fold in (v)
- fire: melting pot (n)
- food & drink: bouillabaisse (mixture), bowl (salad bowl / mixture), brew (mixture), cocktail (n), concoction (n), farrago (confused mixture), gumbo (mixture), ingredient (n), soup (mixture), soup (alphabet soup), stew (mixture)
- letters & characters: soup (alphabet soup)
- materials & substances: amalgam (n), blend (mixture)
- mining: melting pot (noun)
- sky: rainbow (mixture)
- temperature: melting pot (n)
- verb: fold in (v), lace (v)

MIXTURE (2)

- amount: slurry (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blend in (v)

- concealment & lack of concealment: blend in (v)
- disruption: scramble (disrupt)
- involvement: mix (in / into the mix), mixed up

MONEY (1)

- allusion: Great Gatsby, Lucullan (adj), Lucullus (epithet), Midas (Midas touch)
- animal: nest egg
- bird: nest egg
- cat: fat cat
- cloth: threadbare (adj)
- clothing & accessories: rags-to-riches, shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- container: coffer (n)
- epithet: Great Gatsby, Lucullus (epithet), Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: fat cat
- history: gilded (Gilded Age)
- letters & characters: dollar sign (n)
- military: war chest
- part of speech: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- person: loan shark
- place: Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- predation: loan shark
- purses & wallets: piggybank (n), purse (money), purse strings, pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), checkbook, wallet (money)
- sensation: tight (money)
- sign, signal, symbol: champagne (money), checkbook, coffer (n), cookie jar (n), dollar sign (n), meal ticket (n), piggybank (n), pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), purse (money), purse strings, rags-to-riches, treasure (money), wallet (money), Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.), war chest

MONEY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: buy (buy into something), buy (accept), buy-in (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: earn (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- action, inaction & delay: time (buy time, etc.)
- activity: bonanza (n), gold rush
- allegiance, support & betrayal: buy (buy into something), buy-in (n), sell out (v)
- amount: catalogue (list), rich (plentiful), tight (money), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- amount & effect: bonanza (n), gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: bottom line
- attainment: deal (close the deal)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: sell (promote)
- certainty & uncertainty: deal (done deal)
- character & personality: mercenary
- commitment & determination: buy-in (n), cost (at all costs, etc.), invest (v), investment (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- competition: marketplace (n)
- computer: paywall (obstacle)
- constraint & lack of constraint: budget (attention budget, etc.)
- cost & benefit: afford (v), bonanza (n), bottom line, capital (value), cash in (v), cost (v), cost (at a cost), cost (at all costs, etc.), costly (adj), dividend (pay dividends), expense (at the expense), gold rush, pay (benefit), pay

- (pay a price), pay off, payoff, price (n), price tag, prize (n), prized, profit (v), reward (v), reward (n), rewarding, spend (energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.), toll (other), worth (benefit)
- creation & transformation: coin (v), coined, mint (v), minted
 - experience: pay (pay one's dues)
 - fate, fortune & chance: windfall (n)
 - giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history), lend (lend a hand, etc.)
 - group, set & collection: bank (tissue bank, etc.), brain trust, treasure trove (and trove), treasure house
 - growth & development: seed money
 - help & assistance: lend (lend a hand, etc.)
 - hyperbole: soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
 - importance & significance: million-dollar
 - increase & decrease: enrich (v)
 - judgment: cost (at a cost), hell (hell to pay, etc.), pay (pay a price), pay (revenge), price (n), price tag, reckoning (judgment)
 - message: sell (promote)
 - military: bill (butcher's bill, etc.)
 - obligation: debt (in somebody's debt), debt (obligation), indebted, owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repaid (a debt, etc.), repay (v), tribute (pay tribute)
 - obstacles & impedance: paywall (obstacle)
 - person: gold digger (person), gun (hired gun), loan shark, mercenary (person), rainmaker (person)
 - position, policy & negotiation: haggle (v), haggling, horse-trading, transactional (adj)
 - possession: own (possess), own (make something one's own), ownership (n), trade (v)
 - primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: legacy (obsolescence)
 - protection & lack of protection: insurance
 - punishment & recrimination: hell (hell to pay, etc.)
 - reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: deal (close the deal)
 - relationship: coin (side of a coin), coin (double-sided coin), owe (relationship)
 - reputation: legacy (reputation)
 - resistance, opposition & defeat: cost (at all costs, etc.), sell out (v)
 - responsibility: own (responsibility), ownership (n)
 - revenge: pay (revenge), payback (n), score (settle a score, etc.)
 - sacrifice: treasure (money)
 - searching & discovery: treasure trove (and trove)
 - society: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
 - success & failure: deal (close the deal), jackpot (hit the jackpot)
 - sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: deficit (n)
 - superlative: gold standard (n), rich (superlative)
 - superiority & inferiority: boutique (n)
 - time: buy (time), cost (cost time, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (buy time, etc.), time (make time), time (steal time, etc.), time (have time), time (give time)
 - timeliness & lack of timeliness: spare (a minute to spare, etc.)
 - transmission: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
 - wants, needs, hopes & goals: prize (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stakeholder (interest)
 - worth & lack of worth: bankrupt (adj), bonanza (n), capital (value), cheap (words are cheap, etc.), currency (worth), enrich (v), gold rush, Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), pay off (v), payoff, prize (n), prized, profit (v), rich (rich land, etc.), stock (worth), treasure (worth), treasure (v), treasured (worth), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount), windfall (n)

MOON (2) (see also astronomy; star; sun)

- appearance: moonscape (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- development: wane (v), wax and wane
- difficulty, easiness & effort: moonshot (n)
- environment: moonscape (n)
- geography: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- increase & decrease: wane (v), wax and wane
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax and wane
- proper name: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- resemblance: moonscape (n)
- shape: moon (shape)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)

MOUNTAINS & HILLS (2)

- ability & lack of ability: Sherpa (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: peak (at the peak), summit (at the summit)
- amount: mountain (amount)
- amount & effect: landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other)
- attainment: climb (scale), Mount Everest (and Everest), scale (climb), sights (lower one's sights)
- bases: monolith (n), monolithic (adj), outcrop (and outcropping), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- behavior: edge (over the edge)
- danger: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- decline: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), downhill (go downhill, etc.), hill (over the hill)
- destruction: abyss (n), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge)
- development: watershed (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), mountain (difficulty), Mount Everest (and Everest), uphill (difficult)
- direction: watershed (n)
- division & connection: traverse (v), watershed (n)
- dominance & submission: overhang (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- geography: dome (Half Dome, etc.)
- help & assistance: Sherpa (n)
- hierarchy: mountain (at the top of the mountain)
- importance & significance: paramount (adj), watershed (n)
- increase & decrease: peak (at the peak), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), plateau (v)
- isolation & remoteness: cave (isolation)
- obstacles & impedance: overcome (v)
- occurrence: outcrop (and outcropping)
- past & present: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- presence & absence: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: hill (over the hill), peak (careers, etc. / verb), peak (at the peak), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.)

- progress & lack of progress: climb (scale), level off (v), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), scale (climb), valley (n)
- proper name: gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), Silicon Valley, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- proximity: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other)
- resemblance: mountainous (adj)
- sequence: descendant (come after / down)
- shape: peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), valley
- size: Himalayan (miscalculation, etc.), mountainous (adj), Mount Everest (and Everest), Olympian (size)
- source: watershed (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- strength & weakness: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- superlative: Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), peak (peak experience, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- time: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: sights (lower one's sights)

MOUTH (2) (see also tongue, throat)

- character & personality: loudmouth (person)
- eagerness & reluctance: chops (lick one's chops), lips (lick one's lips), salivate (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: jaw-dropper, jaw-dropping, lip (stiff upper lip)
- orientation: mandible (n), mouth (entrance)
- repetition: mouthpiece (person)
- resemblance: jaw (jaws of life, etc.), mandible (n), mouth (entrance), spit (spit down), spit (v)
- resiliency: lip (stiff upper lip)
- shape: jaw (jaws of life, etc.), mandible (n)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: lip service (pay lip service, etc.), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (person)
- speech: lip (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), loudmouth (person), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (person), mouthy (adj), muzzle (v), tight-lipped (adj)
- survival, persistence & endurance: lip (stiff upper lip)

MOVEMENT (1) (see also fictive motion; leaking)

- animal: canter (n), canter (v), duck (v), fishtail (v), flock (v), gallop (v), hop (v), leapfrog (v), lurk (v), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), slink (slink in, etc.), sluggish (adj), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stalk (v), stampede (n), swoop (v), trot (on the trot)
- astronomy: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- atmosphere: drift (move)
- ball: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), pinball (v), ping-pong (n), rebound (recover), rebound (v), roll (move), roll in (v), rolling (moving)
- boat: anchored, swamp (v)
- bird: duck (v), flock (v), swoop (v)
- blade: scissor (resemblance)
- cloth: weave (move)
- corner: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- cows & cattle: stampede (n)
- direction: bounce (v), cascade (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), retreat (glaciers, etc.), roll (move), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), weave (move), yo-yo (v), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.), zig-zag (v)
- doors & thresholds: revolving door

- engine: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- fan: fan out (v)
- fish: fishtail (v)
- flood: deluge (n), flood (move)
- flying & falling: swoop (v)
- force: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), rip through (v), tear through (v)
- horse: canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), stampede (n), trot (on the trot)
- hunting: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- journeys & trips: plod (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- letters & characters: zig-zag (v)
- military: march (move), retreat (glaciers, etc.), slog (long hard slog, etc.)
- mechanism: conveyor belt, parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- predation: lurk (v), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), stalk (v), swoop (v)
- river: flood (move), flow (flow of the lesson, etc.), flow (move), flow (n), river (river of hogs, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- rocket: rocket (speed), skyrocket (increase)
- sea: ebb (movement), tide (other), wave (amount and effect)
- shape: corkscrew (v), fan out (v), spiral (downward or upward)
- sheep: flock (v)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- snow & ice: freeze (position of body), frozen (movement)
- sound: drift (sound), drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
- speed: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), roll (slow-roll), skyrocket (increase), sluggish (adj)
- sports & games: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, pinball (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), yo-yo (v), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- tide: ebb (movement), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (other)
- verb: barrel (v), bounce (v), canter (v), churn (move), corkscrew (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dance (resemblance), dart (dart about), drift (move), duck (v), fishtail (v), flock (v), flood (move), flow (move), fluctuate (v), gallop (v), hop (v), hurtle (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), loiter (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), migrate (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), pinball (v), ping-pong (v), plod (v), pounce (v), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), race (v), rebound (recover), rebound (v), reel (v), retreat (glaciers, etc.), ricochet (v), rip through (v), rocket (speed), roll (move), roll in (v), scramble (v), seep (v), slink (slink in, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), spill (and spill out, etc.), spiral (downward or upward), stalk (v), stall (v), stream (move), stride (hit one's stride), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swoop (v), tear through (v), trickle (trickle in / out), vault (v), wash in (v), weave (move), whip (movement), yo-yo (v), zig-zag (v)
- walking, running & jumping: canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), dance (resemblance), gallop (v), hop (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), plod (v), pounce (v), race (hurry), reel (v), scramble (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stalk (v), stride (hit one's stride), vault (v)
- water: cascade (v), deluge (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), flood (move), flow (flow of the lesson, etc.), flow (move), flow (n), flowing, fluctuate (v), fluid (adj), gush (n), outpouring, overflow (v), overflowing (adj), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), river (river of hogs, etc.), seep (v), spill (v), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- wave: fluctuate (v), swamp (v), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)

- weapon: dart (dart about), ricochet (v)
- whip: whip (movement)
- wind: drift (move)

MOVEMENT (2) (see also journeys & trips)

- ability & lack of ability: acrobatic (adj), agile (adj), agility (n) clumsy (adj), flexible (adj), flexible (character), footwork (n), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), handicapped, inflexible (character), nimble (adj), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- action, inaction & delay: can (kick the can down the road), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), inertia (n), move (take action), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), sit (sit on one's hands), slow (adj), stand by (v)
- activity: astir (adj), busy (active), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), feverish (adj), feverishly, hop (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), paroxysm (other), rage (v), raging (adj), rush (oil rush, etc.), scramble (v), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), swing (in full swing), swirl (v), thrum (v), whirl (n)
- affliction: convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), paroxysm (other), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj)
- amelioration & renewal: outlet (n), turn around (turn things around, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come to (come to an answer, etc.), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), go (argument), reach (reach an answer, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: come (development), come along (appearance), go away (v)
- attachment: accompany (attachment), attend (v), come with (and come along with / attachment)
- attainment: arrive at (an answer, etc.), climb (scale), coast (coast to victory, etc.), far (progress), reach (secure), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scale (climb), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: draw (attract), draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, drawn to, orbit (n), pulled in, pulled into, recoil (v), revolve (revolve around something), vortex (n)
- avoidance & separation: bypass (v), dodge (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- attempt: go (have a go at something), go for it (and go for broke, etc.)
- bases: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- behavior: go (behavior), rage (v), raging (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- character & personality: flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (character)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), cavalcade (n), circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (development), come back (resiliency), conga line, conveyor belt, day (day has arrived, etc.), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), go (not go anywhere, etc.), go (come and go), go away (v), go back (and get back), here (here to stay, etc.), hover (other), intervening (adj), linger (v), lingering, loiter (v), musical chairs, pageant (n), parade (n), parked (movement), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (and return to), return (n), revisit (v), revolving door, time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), upcoming (adj), waltz in (v)
- commitment & determination: budge (v), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), immovable (adj), leap (leap into action, etc.), waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress), race (competition), race (hurry), slipstream (in a slipstream), wake (in a wake)
- comprehension & incomprehension: follow (argument), go (argument)
- condition & status: dead (dead in the water), handicapped, limp (v), ongoing (investigation, etc.), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), spiral (death spiral), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- configuration: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), hand (sit on one's hands), road (go down that road, etc.), sidestep (v), there (go there)
- consciousness & awareness: come (see something coming), drift (consciousness), see (see something coming)

- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), fetter (n), fettered, flexible (adj), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (transmission), outlet (n), rigid (constraint), spot (tight spot, etc.), supple (adj), unfettered
- control & lack of control: brake (control), carried away, check (in check), rage (v), raging (adj), spin (out of control), spiral (out of control)
- course: journey (n), passage (journey)
- creation & transformation: spin-off (n)
- curtailment: end (come to an end, etc.), track (stop something in its tracks)
- death & life: dead (dead and gone), gone (dead), leave (death), pass (die), pass away (v), passing (death)
- decline: slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- destruction: spiral (death spiral)
- development: along (further along), come (development), come (come a long way), come (see something coming), come to (development), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (not get anywhere, get nowhere), go (go wrong, etc.), go (go right, etc.), go (not go anywhere, go nowhere), go (develop), go (where are we going, etc.), head (development), here (go from here, etc.), journey (n), lead (one thing leads to another), move on (development), pendulum (reversal), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), roller coaster (development), see (see something coming), seesaw (n), stand still (development), swing (swing around), swing (development), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), where (situation / development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), trot (on the trot), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- direction: approach (a better approach, etc.), bound (destination), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), go (direction), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), move (direction), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), stray (direction), wind (wind its way)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shake (remove)
- disruption: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- division & connection: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- driving force: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), road (go down that road, etc.), spring (spring into action, etc.), there (go there)
- experience: been through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), journey (n), passage (journey), ride (rough ride, etc.), road (down a road before)
- extent & scope: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- failure, accident & impairment: circle (go in circles), falter (v), flounder (v), go (go wrong, etc.), go (go right, etc.), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), momentum (lose momentum), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), turn (wrong turn)
- feeling, emotion & effect: carried away, follow (follow a feeling or emotion), frozen (emotion), paralyzed (feeling), paroxysm (emotion), petrified (adj), rage (v), raging (adj), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), send (emotion or effect), slide (v), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- fictive transportation: back (in time), carried away, carry (carry me away, etc.), take (take us back / time), transport (in time)
- flaws & lack of flaws: roll (on a roll)
- force: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), rip through (v), tear through (v), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- functioning: cripple (v), crippled, fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, paralysis (n), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), speed (up to speed), stall (v), stalled (progress), unfettered
- future: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), arrive (a time can arrive), come (winter is coming, etc.),

come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), forward (look forward, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, intervening (adj), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), see (see something coming), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), up-and-coming, upcoming (adj), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), year (year has come and gone)

- group, set & collection: cavalcade (n), pageant (n), parade (n)
- growth & development: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress)
- haste: gallop (haste), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), rush (oil rush, etc.), scramble (v)
- importance & significance: breakthrough (n), turning point (n)
- increase & decrease: accelerate (v), brake (control), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), fluctuate (v), jump (n), momentum (n), rebound (numbers), roller coaster (development), surge (intransitive verb / increase), upsurge (n), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- initiation: swirl (v)
- involvement: bound up, draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, enmeshed, pulled in, pulled into, web (entanglement)
- message: spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- mind: mind (go through one's mind, etc.), wander (mind, attention, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: breakthrough (n), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), drag (drag on the economy, etc.), impasse (n), stopped up, stuck (adj), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- occurrence: go on (what's going on, etc.), spin up (v)
- past & present: ago (two days ago / gone by), ancestor (go before), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), backwards (past), bridge (water under the bridge), bygone (adj), circle back (return), come (a time comes along), dam (water over the dam), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), predecessor (go away before), revisit (v), road (down a road before), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), time warp, time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), walk (walk somebody back), year (year has come and gone)
- position, policy & negotiation: budge (v), immovable (adj), maneuvering (strategy), shift (change)
- possession: gone (absent)
- power: momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: gone (absent)
- presence & absence: gone (absent), here (here to stay, etc.), remain (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: arrive (attainment), bygone (adj), comer (up-and-comer, etc.), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), pendulum (reversal), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin), time (time has passed), up-and-coming, way (go the way of something)
- product: outcome (n), spin-off (n)
- progress & lack of progress: advance (v), backwards (progress), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), come (come a long way), dead (dead in the water), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), far (progress), forward (move forward, get (not get anywhere, get nowhere), go forward, etc.), go (not go anywhere, go nowhere), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (go places, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), inertia (n), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), limp (v), limp (n), march (march ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), momentum (n), moored, move (progress), move (move up), movement (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), parked (movement), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), roll (on a roll), rut (in a rut), scale (climb), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stand still (progress), standstill (n), stuck (adj), there (destination), wall

(hit a wall, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)

- pursuit, capture & escape: stalk (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam), move on (resiliency)
- relationship: accompany (attachment), attend (v), bring (v), come (development), come with (and come along with / attachment), draw (attract), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), orbit (n), outcome (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- resiliency: bounce back (v), bounce back (n), come back (resiliency), flexible (character), go on (v), move on (resiliency), rebound (recover), soldier on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: budge (v), come out (against something), immovable (adj), move (move an inch, etc.)
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), flip (v), flip-flop (v), flip-flop (v), pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around), turnabout (reversal)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: go-ahead
- sequence: ancestor (go before), follow (at a later time), following (sequence), following (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, go back (and get back), pulled in, pulled into, return (and return to), spot (tight spot, etc.), stuck (adj)
- social interaction: back (back and forth), get along (v), go along (v)
- speed: accelerate (v), brake (control), canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), gallop (v), leaps and bounds, lethargic (adj), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), slow (adj), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), speed (supersonic speed, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), course (run its course, etc.), creep (mission creep, etc.), end (come to an end, etc.), escalate (v), falter (v), follow-through (investigation, etc.), go on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), inertia (n), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (n), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), onwards (from a time onwards), parked (movement), pass (end), roll (on a roll), roll (v), rolling (movement), set out (and set off), spasmodic (adj), stall (v), stalled (progress), strike out (start), swing (in full swing), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), traction (gain / build / get traction), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- strategy: maneuvering (strategy)
- strength & weakness: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- subterfuge: slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- success & failure: nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overflow (v)
- superiority & inferiority: dust (leave somebody in the dust), slipstream (in a slipstream), wake (in a wake)
- survival, persistence & endurance: been through (endure, etc.), come back (resiliency), go through (endure, etc.), go on (v), here (here to stay, etc.), immovable (adj), remain (v), soldier on (v)
- time: advance (a day can advance, etc.), ago (two days ago / gone by), ancestor (go before), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), backwards (past), bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (to come), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), course (over the course / time), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), dam (water over the dam), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), fly (time flies), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forward (look forward, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), haul (long haul), head (head into the future, etc.),

here (go from here, etc.), intervening (adj), long-run (adj), march (March of Time, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), move on (time has moved on, etc.), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), onwards (from a time onwards), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass (time can pass, etc.), passage (passage of time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), road (down a road before), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), see (see something coming), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (passage of time), time (over time), time (course of time), time (dead time), time warp, train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), transport (in time), upcoming (adj), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), year (year has come and gone)

- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start, lethargic (adj), move on (time has moved on, etc.), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), slow (adj), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (train has left the station, etc.)
- transmission: hitchhike (v), hitchhiker (n), hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), slink (slink in, etc.)

MUSIC (2)

- ability & lack of ability: chops (expertise), maestro (person)
- achievement, recognition & praise: hymn (n), Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.), nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.), paean (n), praise (sing someone's praises), unsung (praise)
- amount & effect: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), crescendo (n)
- amelioration & renewal: fine-tune (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- attainment: waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bandwagon (n), fanfare (attention)
- complexity: note (one note)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: musical chairs, waltz in (v)
- commitment & determination: stop (pull out all the stops)
- concealment & lack of concealment: undertone (n)
- consciousness & awareness: tone-deaf (adj)
- development: crescendo (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- directing: orchestrate (v), orchestrated
- disruption: discordant (adj), dissonance (n)
- enthusiasm: Woodstock (whitewater Woodstock, etc.)
- evidence: undertone (n)
- experience: chops (expertise)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blues (the blues), ear (music to one's ears), lament (v), note (note of caution, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj), tune (out of tune)
- identity & nature: anthem (n), anthemic (adj)
- importance & significance: fiddle (second fiddle)
- judgment: music (face the music)
- knowledge & intelligence: chops (expertise)
- person: maestro (person)
- priority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- readiness & preparedness: tune (and tune up), tune-up (noun)
- relationship: dance (coordination), pas de deux, tango (v)
- repetition: refrain (common refrain, etc.)
- representation: anthem (n), anthemic (adj)

- resemblance: chorus (resemblance), opera (n), symphony (n)
- restraint & lack of restraints: stop (pull out all the stops)
- reverence: hymn (n)
- reversal: tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: offbeat (adj), tune (dance to the tune)
- sound: opera (n), symphony
- starting, going, continuing & ending: dance (last dance), waltz (last waltz)
- superiority & inferiority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- superlative: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: bandwagon (n), chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), harmony (in harmony), tune (in tune, etc.), tune (out of tune), tune (dance to the tune), tune (different tune)

NAIL (2)

- pursuit, capture & escape: nail (nail somebody)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: nail down (settle)
- success & failure: nail (nail something), nail down (gain)

NECK (2)

- affliction: neck (pain in the neck), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- character & personality: pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- competition: neck and neck (adj)
- death & life: neck (save one's neck)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck), neck (fate), neck (stick one's neck out)
- geography: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- involvement: neck (up to one's neck)
- obstacles & impedance: bottleneck (n)
- oppression: neck (oppression)
- proper name: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), neck (Throggs Neck, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- shape: bottleneck (n), neck (area)
- survival, persistence & endurance: neck (save one's neck)

NOSE (2)

- ability & lack of ability: nose (ability)
- admiration & contempt: nose (look down one's nose)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: nose (attention)
- character & personality: hard-nosed (adjective)
- coercion & motivation: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: nose (under somebody's nose)
- eagerness & reluctance: nose (hold one's nose)
- insult: nose (thumb one's nose)
- orientation: nose (orientation), snout (orientation)
- proper name: Nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: nose (thumb one's nose)

- shape: nose (shape)

NUCLEAR ENERGY (2)

- affliction: fallout (effect)
- alternatives & choices: option (nuclear option)
- avoidance & separation: radioactive (adj)
- coercion & motivation: option (nuclear option)
- creation & transformation: breeder reactor (n)
- destruction: atomic bomb, Chernobyl, Hiroshima (epithet), meltdown (failure), radioactive (adj)
- effect: fallout (effect), ground zero
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl, meltdown (failure)
- feeling, emotion & effect: fallout (effect), melt down (emotions)
- location: ground zero
- place: ground zero
- punishment & recrimination: option (nuclear option)

NUMBER (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: count on (count on me, etc.)
- amount: trilogy (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: add up (v), arithmetic, equation (n), calculus
- attainment: approach (a number, etc.), hit (hit \$30, etc.), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (a number)
- commitment & determination: percent (one hundred and ten percent)
- comparison & contrast: equate (v), equivalent (n)
- computer: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- development: point (inflection point, etc.), zero (from hero to zero, etc.)
- direction: neighborhood (numbers), north (numbers), south (numbers)
- division & connection: common denominator
- fate, fortune & chance: number (number is up, etc.), numbered (days are numbered)
- importance & significance: fiddle (second fiddle), trinity (Holy Trinity), triumvirate (n)
- increase & decrease: climb (increase), crater (v), creep up (numbers), dip (decrease), dip (n), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), fall (numbers), fluctuate (v), free-fall (in free-fall), go down (decrease), go up (increase), grow (increase), hover (numbers), inflated (numbers), jack up (verb), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), level off (v), mount (v), multiplier (force multiplier), nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), peak (numbers / verb), peak (peak temperature, etc.), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), rebound (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), shoot up (v), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), soar (v), spike (spike in business, etc.), spiraling (increase), tumble (decline)
- origin: zero (place and time, etc.)
- priority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- progress & lack of progress: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- proximity: neighborhood (numbers)
- script: formula (script)
- speed: zero (from hero to zero, etc.)
- strategy: arithmetic, calculus, equation (n), game (numbers game)
- superiority & inferiority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: countdown (n), zero hour (n)

OBJECT (2)

- appearance: Barbie (and Barbie Doll)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: it girl (and it drug, etc.), moment (have a moment / attention), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- comparison & contrast: postage stamp (size), size (and sized / affix)
- content: stuff (n)
- enthusiasm: thing (one's thing)
- evidence: calling card
- importance & significance: thing (a matter, issue)
- person: guy (nonhuman)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: it girl (and it drug, etc.), new (new normal, etc.), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- proper name: punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)
- searching & discovery: search (n)
- shape: punch bowl (shape), slot (shape)
- size: postage stamp (size)
- taxonomy & classification: label (n), labeled

OBLIGATION (1)

- money: debt (in somebody's debt), debt (obligation), indebted, owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repaid (a debt, etc.), repay (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- verb: owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repay (v)

OBSTACLES & IMPEDIMENTA (1)

- arm: drag down (v), hold back (obstacle), hold off (v)
- atmosphere: headwind (n)
- boat: headwind (n), shoal (n)
- bodily reaction: choke (v)
- bottle: bottleneck (n), bottle up (impede)
- breathing: choke (v), choked, chokepoint (n)
- burden: drag (drag on the economy, etc.)
- circus: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.)
- container: bottle up (impede)
- crashes & collisions: run (run into something), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- dam: dam (psychological dam, etc.)
- direction: breakthrough (n), hump (n), sink (sink into the mud, etc.)
- forest: clear (in the clear / into the clear), woods (out of the woods)
- gate: gate (obstacle), gate (society)
- government: red tape
- ground, terrain & land: barrier (n), bogged down, ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), quicksand (in / into the quicksand), rut (in a rut), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), stuck (adj), thicket (n)
- hand: hold up (obstruct), holdup (n)
- infrastructure: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), hump (n), pothole (n), stonewall (v), stopped up, wall (obstacle)
- journeys & trips: bogged down, bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), clear (in the clear / into the clear), come through (v), get through (endure, etc.), gridlock (n), gridlocked, impasse (n), patch (rough patch), path (clear a path), pothole (n), roadblock (n), way (in the way), way (out of the way / obstacles), woods (out of the woods)
- mechanism: dampening (adj), damper (n)
- military: breakthrough (n)
- money: paywall (obstacle)

- mountains & hills: overcome (v)
- movement: breakthrough (n), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), drag (drag on the economy, etc.), impasse (n), stuck (adj), wall (hit a wall, etc.), stopped up
- neck: bottleneck (n)
- path: path (clear a path)
- physics: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), friction (impedance), frictionless
- plane: headwind (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (up against)
- pressure: stopped up
- river: dam (psychological dam, etc.), jam (situation), logjam (n), snag (n)
- rope: knot (n), snarl (v), snarl (impedance)
- sea: shoal (n)
- shape: bottleneck (n), funnel (funnel through, etc.), hump (n)
- sound: din (attention), noise (worthlessness), noise (attention and conflict), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)
- sports & games: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), hurdle (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand in the way)
- throat: choke (v)
- verb: bottle up (impede), funnel (funnel through, etc.), get through (endure, etc.), hold back (obstacle), hold off (v), hold up (obstruct), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), jump (lines), mud (sink in the mud), path (clear a path), run (run into something), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), snarl (v), stand (stand in the way), stonewall (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (get out of the way)
- walking, running & jumping: hurdle (n), jump (lines), run (run into something), stumbling block, way (get out of the way)
- wall: barrier (n), block (obstacle), paywall (obstacle), stonewall (v), wall (obstacle), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- water: clog (n), clogged, dam (psychological dam, etc.), stopped up
- wind: headwind (n)

OCCURRENCE (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; presence & absence; searching & discovery)

- animal: blue whale, swan (black swan)
- bird: swan (black swan)
- color: blue whale, swan (black swan)
- direction: arise (v), fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), fall (silence fell, etc.), go down (happen), up (what's up, etc.)
- fist: strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: outcrop (and outcropping)
- mark: streak (series)
- mountains & hills: outcrop (and outcropping)
- movement: go on (what's going on, etc.), spin up (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: up (what's up, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: break out (v), outbreak (n)
- sea: blue whale
- sky: swan (black swan)
- storm: strike (forces of nature)
- verb: arise (v), erupt (v), go down (happen), go on (what's going on, etc.), spin up (v), strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption (n)

OPERATION (1) (see also functioning)

- electricity: wired (and hardwired)

- government: apparatus (government), machinery (government, etc.), organ (of government, etc.)
- journeys & trips: course (course of justice, etc.)
- manufacturing: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- mechanism: apparatus (government), clockwork (n), cog (cog in the machine, etc.), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery, metronomic (operation), organ (of government, etc.), robot (n), train (legal train, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.), wired (and hardwired), workings (n)
- train: train (legal train, etc.)

OPPORTUNITIES & POSSIBILITIES (1)

- doors & thresholds: door (opportunity), door (open the door, etc.), door (hold the door open, etc.), door (leave the door open), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)

OPPRESSION (1)

- allusion: Big Brother (oppression), Cinderella, Cyclops (creature), Cromwellian (adj), Dark Star, draconian (adj), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), Hunger Games (film), inquisition (n), Lord of the Flies, McCarthy, McCarthyism, McCarthyite, nineteen eight four (and 1984), Orwell, Orwellian (adj), pitchfork (oppression), procrustean (adj), reign of terror / fear, etc., Voldemort, witch hunt
- animal: back (get off my back, etc.), cage (jail, prison), goad (v), kangaroo court, lighten (v), scapegoat (n), shackle (n), trample (v), yoke (under the yoke), yoke (from the yoke), yoke (other)
- astronomy: Dark Star
- atmosphere: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), cloud (cast a cloud)
- back: back (get off my back, etc.)
- books & reading: brave new world, Cyclops (creature), nineteen eighty four (and 1984), Voldemort
- breathing: smother (oppress), stifle (v), stifling (adj), strangle (v), strangled, stranglehold, strangulation, strangled, suffocate (v), suffocating
- burden: baggage (n), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), loaded, overload (n), overloaded, weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- burial: buried (buried in debt, etc.), pall (cast a pall)
- chain: chain (oppression)
- cloth: pall (cast a pall)
- clothing & accessories: boot (oppression), procrustean (adj), wringer (through the wringer)
- cloud: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- color: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- creature: Cyclops (creature), pitchfork (oppression), witch hunt
- death & life: disappear (oppression), disappearance (oppression)
- destruction: crush (confidence, spirit, etc.)
- direction: come down on (v), fall (weight)
- epithet: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)
- euphemism: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), encounter (kill), liquidate (kill), liquidated (killed), neutralize (kill), neutralized (killed)
- eye: Cyclops (creature)
- film: Hunger Games (film), Voldemort
- fist: fist (a leader with an iron fist), ironfisted
- foot: foot (under the foot), heel (under the heel), trample (v)
- government: edict (n), tyrant (n)
- ground, terrain & land: buried (buried in debt, etc.), rock (between a rock and a hard place)
- hand: crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), grip (control), hand (iron hand, etc.), ham-handed, heavy-handed, squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), thumb (under the thumb), whip hand (n), wring (coerce)

- heel: heel (under the heel)
- history: auto da fe, baggage (n), Cromwellian (adj), genocide (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, McCarthy, McCarthyism, McCarthyite, mob (society), puritanism (n), reign of terror / fear, etc., tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tyrant (n), witch hunt
- horse: saddle (oppress), saddled
- Iliad & Odyssey: Cyclops (creature)
- journeys & trips: baggage (n), freighted, loaded, path (force someone down a path, etc.)
- justice: cage (jail, prison), kangaroo court, police (thought police, etc.), scapegoat (n), trial (show trial), witch hunt
- knee: knee (oppression)
- light & dark: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), Dark Star, gloom (n), gloomy (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- mark: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted
- materials & substances: hand (iron hand, etc.), ironfisted, rod (iron rod, etc.)
- mechanism: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- neck: neck (oppression)
- path: path (force someone down a path, etc.)
- person: bully (person), cruel (adj), ogre (person), police (thought police, etc.), tyrant (n)
- presence & absence: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.)
- pressure: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), hard-pressed (adj), rock (between a rock and a hard place), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), vise (pressure), wring (coerce), wringer (through the wringer)
- religion: puritanism (n), scapegoat (n)
- royalty: edict (n), lord over (v), reign of terror / fear, etc.
- school & education: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- shadow: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- shoulder: shoulder (oppression)
- sign, signal, symbol: pitchfork (oppression)
- society: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted, mob (society)
- speech: cudgel (n), goad (v), stick (n)
- temperature: chill (oppression)
- throat: throat (ram something down the throat)
- thumb: thumb (under the thumb)
- verb: bear (burden), blackball (v), blacklist (v), bully (v), burden (v), clamp down (v), come down on (v), crack down (v), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), darken (v), disappear (oppression), encounter (kill), get out (get out from under), goad (v), liquidate (kill), lord over (v), neutralize (kill), pall (cast a pall), railroad (v), saddle (oppress), smother (oppress), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), stifle (v), strangle (v), suffocate (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (ram something down the throat), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), wring (coerce)
- violence: billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), genocide (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), goad (v), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, mob (society), reign of terror / fear, etc., stick (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n), witch hunt
- walking, running & jumping: run out (of town, etc.)
- weapon: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (under the gun), rod (iron rod, etc.), stick (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip)

- weight: baggage (n), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (n), burden (v), fall (weight), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), heavy-handed, loaded, millstone (n), overload (n), overloaded, rock (between a rock and a hard place), saddle (oppress), saddled, shoulder (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

ORIENTATION (1)

- animal: flank (side), nose (orientation), snout (orientation), tail (orientation)
- direction: belly (orientation), current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), floor (pelvic floor, etc.), foot (orientation), head (orientation), lower (river, etc.), nose (orientation), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.), snout (orientation), tail (orientation), upper (river, etc.), upstage (v), upstream (swim upstream)
- foot: foot (orientation)
- head: head (orientation)
- height: lower (river, etc.), upper (river, etc.)
- house: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- military: flank (protection)
- mouth: mandible (n), mouth (entrance)
- nose: nose (orientation), snout (orientation)
- river: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), downstream, upper (river, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- roof: roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh (inside), skin (outside)
- stomach: belly (orientation), guts (insides), underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- theater: upstage (v)
- verb: upstage (v)

ORIENTATION (2)

- amelioration & renewal: right (right a wrong, etc.)
- appearance & reality: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- flaws & lack of flaws: downside (n), underbelly (concealment), underside (n), upside (n)
- protection & lack of protection: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: end (the end)

ORIGIN (1) (see also source)

- air: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- allusion: Phoenix (myth)
- astronomy: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- baby: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- birth: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- color: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- epithet: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.), birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- family: ancestor (go before), background
- fire: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- house: home (home of golf, etc.), house (origin)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.)

- number: zero (place and time, etc.)
- place: home (home of golf, etc.)
- plant: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- religion: original sin
- royalty: house (origin)
- sign, signal, symbol: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.), Phoenix (myth)
- sky: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- tree: root (origin), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- verb: come from (origin)

PART OF SPEECH (2)

- acceptance & rejection: other (verb / groups, etc.), othered, othering, otherism (n)
- action, inaction & delay: fabius (Fabius Maximus)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture (big picture / verb)
- appearance & disappearance: surface (transitive)
- appearance & reality: look (a bad look, etc.)
- attainment: peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: listen (as noun), platform (as verb)
- character & personality: crazy (as noun), rugged (as noun)
- characterization: special (as noun)
- concealment & lack of concealment: reveal (big reveal, etc.), tell-all (book)
- consciousness & awareness: know (in the know)
- context: picture (big picture / verb), whataboutism, etc.
- creation & transformation: architect (as verb), Frankenstein (as verb), midwife (as verb)
- division & connection: together (as noun)
- epithet: wet (the wet, the dry, etc.)
- evidence: signpost (as verb)
- failure, accident & impairment: fail (a big fail, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: funny (as noun), happy (as noun), hard (love hard, etc.), overwhelm (as noun), sad (as noun), wow (as noun)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bad (my bad, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: get (a big get, etc.), gift (as verb)
- gossip: tell-all (book)
- growth & development: grow (grow the economy, etc.), evolve (evolve the sport, etc.)
- help & assistance: thanks (thanks to something)
- increase & decrease: big up (as verb), level up (as verb)
- knowledge & intelligence: know-how (n), smart (as noun), stupid (as noun)
- money: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: picture (big picture / verb)
- possession: grab (land grab, etc.)
- restraint & lack of restraint: tell-all (book)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: go-ahead, OK (and okay / verb)
- searching & discovery: reveal (big reveal, etc.), surface (transitive)
- size: big (as noun)
- society: normal (as noun), normal (new normal)
- superiority & inferiority: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- superlative: crazy (and mad / adverb), peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: forever (forever chemicals, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: ask (big ask), good (as noun), impossible (as noun), must-have (n)

PARTY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: floor (dance floor), party (invited to the party, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: party (garden party)
- inauguration: party (coming-out party)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: party (party is over)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: party (late to the party, etc.)

PAST & PRESENT (1) (see also future; time)

- allusion: ancien regime
- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- Bible: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge)
- clock: clock (turn back the clock), moment (this moment), moment (that moment), moment (other), wind back (v)
- container: past (in the past), time (in our time, etc.), time capsule
- dam: dam (water over the dam)
- day: day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (modern day), day (latter-day), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), minute (at this minute), old (of old), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), today (the present), yesterday (the past), yesteryear
- direction: ancestor (go before), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), look back (v), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), predecessor (go away before), present (up to the present), revisit (v), take (take us back / time), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (a man out of time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- distance: distance (time), distant (past), far (farther on / time), far-off (time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), remote (past)
- earth & world: world (lost world)
- eye: hindsight (n), look back (v)
- film: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- height: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hangover (relic), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- history: ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), prehistoric (adj), present (up to the present), Stone Age, up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- hunting: catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)
- infrastructure: memory land (down memory lane)
- journeys & trips: backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), memory land (down memory lane), revisit (v), road (down a road before), walk (walk somebody back)
- mechanism: mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time machine, wind back (v)
- mirror: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- mountains & hills: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)

- movement: ago (two days ago / gone by), ancestor (go before), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), backwards (past), bridge (water under the bridge), circle back (return), come (a time comes along), dam (water over the dam), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), predecessor (go away before), revisit (v), road (down a road before), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time warp, walk (walk somebody back), year (year has come and gone)
- place: go back (verb / time), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), moment (moment where), revisit (v), road (down a road before)
- position: ancestor (go before), behind (in the past), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), predecessor (go away before), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ago (two days ago / gone by), back (back then), backwards (past), bygone (adj), down (down through the centuries, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), take (take us back / time), time (in our time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- religion: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- river: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- school & education: new school, old school
- snow & ice: frozen (frozen in time)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand still (time)
- verb: back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), fossilize (v), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), look back (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), revisit (v), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), walk (walk somebody back), year (year has come and gone)
- walking, running & jumping: walk (walk somebody back), wind back (v)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)

PATH (2)

- alternatives & choices: path (alternatives & choices)
- amelioration & renewal: path (clear a path)
- course: path (path of peace, etc.)
- development: path (a path can turn / development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path)
- driving force: pathbreaking (adj), pathfinder (person)
- eagerness & reluctance: path (beat a path)
- fate, fortune & chance: path (cross paths)
- flaws & lack of flaws: path (the right / wrong path, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.)
- importance & significance: pathbreaking (adj)
- isolation & remoteness: path (off the beaten path)
- obstacles & impedance: path (clear a path)
- oppression: path (force someone down a path, etc.)
- proper name: pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.)
- route: pathway (route)
- searching & discovery: pathfinder (person)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: path (set out on this path, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: path (path to / toward something)

PENDULUM (2)

- activity: swing (in full swing)
- configuration: suspended

- development: pendulum (reversal), swing (development)
- division & connection: suspended
- extent & scope: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: pendulum (reversal)
- reversal: pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: swing (in full swing)

PERCEPTION, PERSPECTIVE & POINT OF VIEW (1)

- allusion: Rashomon (point of view), Rorschach (test)
- animal: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)
- apple: apple (proverb)
- bird: bird's eye (bird's-eye view)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), outside (perspective)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- container: outside (perspective)
- direction: forward-looking, slanted (news, etc.)
- distance: farsighted (adj), myopic (adj), view (long view)
- eye: blinded, blinder (n), blind spot, blinkered (adj), blinkers (n), clear (perception), eye (perception), farsighted (adj), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), forward-looking, gaze (male gaze, etc. / groups), God's-eye, hindsight (n), lens (through a lens), lens (other), Martian's-eye, murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted (adj), optics (n), see (perceive), seen (perceived), shortsighted, view (perspective), view (perceive), view (in somebody's view), view (opinion), view (long view), viewed (perceived), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person), worm's-eye (adj)
- fish: fisheye (fisheye view, etc.)
- film: Rashomon (point of view), zoom out (v), zoom-out (n)
- geometry: angle (from an angle), slanted (news, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (on the ground), level (ground level, etc.), worm's-eye (adj)
- height: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), ground (on the ground), level (ground level, etc.), weed (in the weeds), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v)
- horse: blinker (n), blinkered (adj), blinkers (n)
- infrastructure: tunnel vision
- insect: worm's-eye (adj)
- light & dark: clear (perception), haze (perception), light (in a same / different light, etc.), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adjective), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- part of speech: picture (big picture / verb)
- picture: background (fade into the background), back up (v), color (v), colored, foreground (n), foreground (v), inkblot (Rorschach), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), Rorschach (test), step back (perspective)
- position: back up (v), background (fade into the background), bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), foreground (n), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), perspective (from a perspective), perspective (in perspective), perspective (into perspective), perspective (other), point of view (from somebody's point of view), point of view (other), step back (perspective), vantage point (from a vantage point), view (perspective), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v), zoom-out (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: outside (perspective)
- religion: God's-eye, Olympian (perspective)
- size: granular (adj)
- sound: ring (ring false, etc.), ring (ring of truth, etc.), sound (perception), tenor (n)
- speech: greet (v), greeted

- tools & technology: lens (through a lens), lens (other), microscope (through a microscope), optics (n), periscope (n), prism (through the prism), prism (other), telescope (n)
- verb: background (fade into the background), back up (v), color (v), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), ring (ring false, etc.), see (perceive), step back (perspective), view (perceive), waters (muddy the waters), zoom out (v)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)

PERFORMANCE (1)

- animal: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), dog-and-pony show (n), pony (one-trick pony)
- circus: carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)
- direction: top (over the top)
- gesture: chest (beat one's chest, etc.)
- horse: dog-and-pony show (n), pony (one-trick pony)
- person: diva (person), ringmaster (role)
- sports & games: charade (n), game (project, scheme, plan)
- standing, sitting & lying: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), posture (performance), posturing
- theater: act (performance), act (insincere show), dog-and-pony show (n), diva (person), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), gallery (play to the gallery), grandstanding (n), on (performing), parade (v), perform (v), play (play to the audience, etc.), pony (one-trick pony), repertoire (n), role (act), set piece (n), show (nature, etc.), show (performance), show business (performance), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stage-managed, stunt (n), theater (performance), theatrics (n), trial (show trial)
- verb: parade (v), perform (v), play (play to the audience, etc.), stage (v), stage-manage (v)

PERSON (1)

- addiction: addict (chess addict, etc.), junkie (game junkie, etc.)
- animal: backbiter (person), cowboy (person), dog (insult), dog (big dog), dog (mad dog / epithet), dog (attack dog), dove (person), gadfly (person), greenhorn (person), grub (person), hawk (person), hyena (person), leech (person), lion (courage), magpie (bird), maneater (female), maverick (person), night owl (person), piranha (predation), shark (predation), snake (insult), vulture (behavior), wolf (predation), wrangler (person)
- astronomy: star (rock star), star (person)
- baby: adult (development), babysitter (role), boy (big boy, etc.), crybaby (person), grownup (person), nanny (person)
- back: backbiter (person), backstabber (person)
- bird: dove (person), hawk (person), magpie (bird), vulture (behavior)
- boat: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- books & reading: author (person), bookworm (person), character (non-human)
- chemistry: alchemist (n)
- circus: acrobat (person), clown (person), ringmaster (role)
- color: greenhorn (person)
- cows & cattle: cowboy (person), wrangler (person)
- creature: genie (knowledge), ninja (person), ogre (person), troll (computers), wizard (person)
- crime: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), police (thought police, etc.)
- death & life: survivor (person), vulture (behavior)
- direction: guide (person)
- dog: dog (big dog), dog (mad dog / epithet), dog (attack dog), dog (insult)
- doors & thresholds: doormat (person), gatekeeper (person)
- electricity: live wire (person)
- epithet: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)
- explosion: grenade (person)

- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), brother (brother in arms, etc.), child (bastard child), cousin (relationship), father (father of India, etc.), favorite son, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (mother of NPR, etc.), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), sister (redneck sisters, etc.), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- fire: firebrand (person)
- fish: piranha (predation)
- force: bad (bad boy), badass (power), big shot (person)
- flags & banners: flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- food & drink: glutton (person)
- gate: doorkeeper (person)
- government: ambassador (role), baron (power), diplomat (n), strongman (power)
- hand: handmaiden (help)
- head: hothead (person)
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- health & medicine: maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)
- horse: cowboy (person), wrangler (person)
- hunting: hunter (plants), hunter (other), tracker (person)
- hygiene: hot mess (person)
- infrastructure: architect (creator)
- insect: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (person)
- island: castaway (person)
- journeys & trips: guide (person), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), nomad (person), pioneer (person), refugee (person), trailblazer (person)
- justice: judge (role), vigilante (person)
- knife: backstabber (person)
- light & dark: luminary (person)
- lion: lion (courage)
- love, courtship & marriage: lover (enthusiasm / person), matchmaker (person), suitor (n)
- magic: fortuneteller (person), genie (knowledge), ninja (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), wizard (person)
- mechanism: kingpin (person)
- mental health: maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), enemy (conflict), flag-bearer, foot soldier (duty), gladiator (n), point man (and point person), saboteur (person), standard-bearer, traitor (person), warrior (other)
- mining: gold digger (person)
- money: gold digger (person), gun (hired gun), loan shark, mercenary (person), rainmaker (person)
- music: maestro (person)
- object: guy (nonhuman)
- plant: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), neophyte (n), shrinking violet (person)
- predation: maneater (female), piranha (predation), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- rain: rainmaker (person)
- religion: acolyte (person), apostle (person), choirboy (behavior), convert (person), crusader (role), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), guru (person), hell-raiser (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), immortal (person), martyr (person), missionary (person), muse (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- royalty: handmaiden (help), king (person), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (role), whipping boy (person)
- school & education: bully (person), chaperone (role), cheerleader (person), dean (person)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)

- shark: shark (predation)
- sign, signal, symbol: boot (soldier), eyeball (attention), hand (worker)
- sleep: night owl (person)
- snake: snake (insult)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- society: bigwig (person), boy (golden boy), Brahmin (person), butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), gatekeeper (person), girl (golden girl), hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (person), stranger (other), untouchable (person)
- sports & games: acrobat (person), black belt (person)
- star: star (rock star), star (person)
- temperature: firebrand (person), hothead (person), hot mess (person)
- theater: diva (person)
- weapon: big shot (person), cannon (loose cannon)
- whip: whipping boy (person)
- wolf: wolf (predation)

PERSON (2)

- ability & lack of ability: acrobat (person), black belt (person), genie (knowledge), maestro (person), ninja (person), Sherpa (n), wizard (person)
- acceptance & rejection: heretic (person), hermit (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), pariah (n), stranger (other)
- access & lack of access: gatekeeper (person)
- achievement, recognition & praise: boy (blue-eyed boy), boy (golden boy), dean (person), favorite son, girl (golden girl), leading light (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), luminary (person), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), statesman (elder statesman, etc.)
- admiration & contempt: doormat (person)
- affliction: backbiter (person), gadfly (person), leech (person), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), parasite (person), pest (person)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: backstabber (person), rat (a snitch), renegade (person)
- appearance & reality: imposter (n), warrior (ironic)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ambassador (role), cheerleader (person), namecheck (and name-check), pusher (drug pusher, etc.), showman (person), tout (person)
- attraction & repulsion: boy (golden boy), darling (n), girl (golden girl), sweetheart (other)
- avoidance & separation: hermit (person)
- behavior: backstabber (person), boy (bad boy), cannon (loose cannon), child (spoiled child), choirboy (behavior), cowboy (person), diva (person), hell-raiser (person), hothead, hotshot (person), predator (people), straight arrow (person), stud (male), vulture (culture vulture), wild card (person)
- campaign: crusader (role)
- character & personality: backstabber (person), badass (power), boy (golden boy), boy (blue-eyed boy), boy (big boy, etc.), boy (bad boy), buccaneer (person), butterfly (social butterfly), cannon (loose cannon), carpetbagger (person), clown (person), cowboy (person), coyote (predation), cruel (adj), dandelion (character), daredevil (person), diva (person), dove (person), firebrand (person), flower (wilting flower, etc.), gadfly (person), girl (golden girl), girl (big girl, etc.), gladiator (n), gold digger (person), goods (damaged goods), grub (person), guy (character), handwringing (person), hawk (person), hero (character), hot dog (person), hothead (n), hot mess (person), hotshot (person), ingenue (person), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), killjoy (person), leech (person), live wire (person), man-eater (female), maverick (person), mercenary (person), nerd (word nerd, etc.), nut (person), orchid (character), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pirate (person), predator (people), scold (person), shrinking violet (person), snake (insult), snowflake (person), straight arrow (person), strongman (power), stud (male), teacup (person), villain (character), warrior (other), whiner (person), wild card (person), witch (n)

- coercion & motivation: bully (person), hatchet man (n)
- commitment & determination: hand (all hands on deck)
- competition: front-runner (n), pace-setter (n)
- configuration: neighbor (n)
- conflict: black belt (person), enemy (conflict), gun (hired gun), wrangler (person)
- consumption: glutton (person), glutinous (adj)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), chaperon (person), cowboy (person), gatekeeper (person), hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed), police (thought police, etc.)
- courage & lack of courage: lion (courage)
- creation & transformation: alchemist (n), architect (creator), author (person), midwife (person), muse (person)
- dependency: babysitter (role), nanny (person), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- destruction: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), cannibalize (v), vandal (n), wreck (person)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobat (person), hand (all hands on deck)
- directing: ringmaster (role)
- direction: guide (person)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: outcast (person)
- disruption: revolutionary (person)
- dominance & submission: dog (big dog), field hand (person), servant (dominated), slave (slave to fashion, etc.), slave (dominated)
- driving force: pace-setter (n), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), point man (and point person)
- enthusiasm: acolyte (person), addict (chess addict, etc.), bookworm (person), cheerleader (person), convert (person), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), fanboy (person), glutton (person), head (Deadhead, etc.), hound (autograph hound, etc.), junkie (game junkie, etc.), lover (enthusiasm / person), maniac (Hulkamaniac, etc.), missionary (person), nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- epithet: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), dean (person), dog (mad dog / epithet)
- experience: adult (development), chaperon (person), debutant (n), doyen (squad leader), greenhorn (person), grownup (person), ingenu (person), neophyte (n), new (new teacher, etc.), stranger (and no stranger)
- failure, accident & impairment: wreck (person)
- fantasy & reality: Arthurian (adj), Kafkaesque, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Walter Mitty
- fate, fortune & chance: daredevil (person)
- feeling, emotion & effect: firebrand (person), hothead (n), killjoy (person)
- flaws & lack of flaws: goods (damaged goods)
- future: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), visionary (person)
- group, set & collection: army (Arnie's Army, etc.), nation (Who Dat Nation, etc.), tribe (group)
- growth & development: dowager (old), grande dame (old), neophyte (n)
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- help & assistance: caretaker (role), custodian (role), friend (n), friendly (adj), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), godmother (fairy godmother), gun (hired gun), handmaiden (help), knight (knight in shining armor), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, servant (help), Sherpa (n), sparring partner (role), steward (role), white knight, wingman (person)
- hierarchy: higher-up (person), lion (liberal lion, etc.), top dog (hierarchy)
- hyperbole: murderer (person)
- identity & nature: carpetbagger (person), child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.), daughter (daughter of Brooklyn, etc.), son (son of the South, etc.)
- importance & significance: big shot (person), bigwig (person), immortal (person), leading light (person), luminary (person), man (big man, little man, etc.), nobody (a nobody), pioneer (person), somebody (a somebody), trailblazer (person), Who's Who

- insult: grub (person), parasite (person), snake (insult)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), hermit (person)
- journeys & trips: pioneer (person), traveller (person)
- judgment: judge (role), scold (person)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), guru (person), maven (person), professor (n), savant (n), scientist (rocket scientist), teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.)
- message: apostle (person), convert (person), crusader (role), evangelist (person), fortuneteller (person), guru (person), messenger (shoot the messenger), messiah (n), missionary (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tout (person), whistleblower (n)
- migration: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), nomad (person), nomadic (adj), refugee (person)
- money: loan shark
- oppression: bully (person), cruel (adj), ogre (person), police (thought police, etc.), tyrant (n)
- performance: diva (person), ringmaster (role)
- position, policy & negotiation: middle-of-the-roader
- power: baron (power), big shot (person), bigwig (person), chieftain (n), czar (and tsar), emperor (power), honcho (leader), insider (person), kingpin (person), mogul (n), nobody (a nobody), outsider (person), overlord (person), somebody (a somebody), suit (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: star (achievement)
- product: miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: guardian (protection), wingman (person)
- proximity: neighbor (n)
- punishment & recrimination: whipping boy (person)
- pursuit, capture & escape: darling (n), hunter (plants), hunter (other), suitor (n), tracker (person)
- relationship: companion (n), enemy (conflict), friend (n), handmaiden (help), muse (person), partner (n), repetition: mouthpiece (person)
- representation: ambassador (role), standard-bearer, torchbearer (person), tribune (person)
- resiliency: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), survivor (person)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: fighter (person), martyr (person), rebel (person), renegade (person)
- restraint & lack of restraint: cannon (loose cannon)
- role: mother (den mother, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boy (bad boy), gatekeeper (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), maverick (person), police (thought police, etc.), rebel (person), renegade (person)
- searching & discovery: detective (person), explorer (person), pathfinder (person), scout (n), sleuth (person), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- sex: man-eater (female), stud (male)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: mouthpiece (person), straight shooter (speech)
- size: Brobdingnagian (adj), dwarf (size), pygmy (size)
- social interaction: hermit (person)
- society: Brahmin (person), butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), caste (n), climber (social climber, etc.), haves (and have-nots, etc.), hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), mob (society), nobody (a nobody), outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (n), somebody (a somebody), stranger (other), untouchable (person)
- speech: loudmouth (person), mouthpiece (person), scold (person), straight shooter (speech), talker (slick talker), tout (person)
- strength & weakness: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), stalwart (n), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- subterfuge: imposter (n)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: glutton (person)

- superiority & inferiority: field hand (person), servant (dominated), slave (dominated), top dog (hierarchy)
- superlative: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, immortal (person), king (person), leading light (person), luminary (person), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hand (all hands on deck), survivor (person)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- time: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), time traveller (person)
- warning: sentinel (n), whistleblower (n)
- work & duty: foot soldier (duty), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck), servant (help)
- worth & lack of worth: boy (blue-eyed boy), child (bastard child), favorite son, goods (damaged goods), stepchild (and stepson, etc.), rainmaker (person)

PHYSICS (2)

- comprehension & incomprehension: dark (Dark Matter, etc.)
- conflict: friction (conflict)
- course: trajectory (n)
- destruction: implode (v), implosion (n)
- development: trajectory (n)
- division & connection: atomization (n)
- fantasy & reality: wormhole (n)
- obstacles & impedance: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), friction (impedance), frictionless
- portal: wormhole (n)

PICTURE (2) (see also analysis, interpretation & explanation; context)

- achievement, recognition & praise: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: backdrop (against a backdrop), dot (connect the dots), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), illustration (n), mosaic (analysis), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), picture (view), portrait (view), puzzle (problem), reframe (characterize), show (the data show, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v)
- area: scape (threatscape, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), billboard (n), foreground (n), foreground (v), photobomb (v)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: sketchy (adj)
- characterization: brush (characterization), cameo (n), frame (characterize), framed (characterized), illustrate (v), illustration (n), paint (characterize), painted (characterized), picture (view), portrait (view), profile, reframe (characterize), snapshot (picture)
- complexity: puzzle (problem)
- comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle (problem)
- configuration: mosaic (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- context: backdrop (against a backdrop), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), step back (perspective)
- creation & transformation: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- environment: scape (threatscape, etc.)
- evidence: illustrate (v), illustration (n), picture (view), portrait (view), show (the data show, etc.)
- fictive communication: illustrate (v), show (the data show, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: picture (picture-perfect), sketchy (adj)

- group, set & collection: curate (v), curated
- importance & significance: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- involvement: frame (in the frame / involvement), picture (out of the picture), picture (in the picture)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), back up (v), color (v), colored, foreground (n), foreground (v), inkblot (Rorschach), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture / noun), Rorschach (test), step back (perspective)
- presence & absence: picture (out of the picture)
- representation: billboard (n), face (public face, etc.), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.), totem (n)
- resemblance: paint (resemblance)
- sign, signal, symbol: icon (graphic)
- superlative: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)

PILE (2)

- accusation & criticism: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- amount: backlog (amount), pile (pile of money, etc.)
- amount & effect: heap (v), heaped
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dump (v), dumped
- increase & decrease: mount (v), mounting, pile on (increase), pile up (v)
- punishment & recrimination: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- throwing, putting & planting: heap (v), lay (put)
- unanimity & consensus: pile-on (noun), pile on (gang up on)

PLACE (1) (see also area; environment; location)

- animal: den (den of thieves, etc.), nest (empty nest), rookery (n)
- bird: nest (empty nest), rookery (n)
- burial: cemetery (place), grave (place), graveyard (things), place (resting place)
- death & life: cemetery (place), dwell (location), grave (place), graveyard (things), live (location), place (resting place), reside (v), residence (n)
- earthquake: epicenter (n)
- epithet: crossroad (Crossroads of the World, etc.), graveyard (things)
- heart: heartland (n)
- house: den (den of thieves, etc.), dwell (location), home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location), nest (empty nest), reside (v), residence (n)
- infrastructure: bowels (n)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- military: battleground (conflict), front line (on the frontline), front line (other), trench (in the trenches), trench (other)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- temperature: hotspot (place)
- tools & technology: Silicon Valley, etc.
- verb: map drop off the map, etc.)

PLACE (2)

- area: place (internet, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- avoidance & separation: cloistered
- biodiversity: Eden, Galapagos (Galapagos of Europe, etc.), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)

- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: here (here to stay, etc.)
- computer: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other), water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- condition & status: place (situation), place (place where), where (situation / development)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: there (go there)
- consciousness & awareness: find (find oneself in a place, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: spot (tight spot, etc.)
- destruction: Chernobyl, Hiroshima (epithet)
- development: here (situation), here (go from here, etc.), place (situation), place (place where), point (point where), point (at a point), where (situation / development)
- disruption: zone (one's comfort zone)
- division & connection: cloistered
- eagerness & reluctance: there (go there)
- enthusiasm: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- experience: road (down a road before), there (been there, etc.)
- experimentation: laboratory
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl
- feeling, emotion & effect: come from (emotion)
- future: future (where the future lies, etc.), hereafter (from now onwards)
- gossip: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: cloistered
- location: home (home of golf, etc.), home (home to), where (conversations where, etc.)
- military: spider (spider hole)
- money: Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- origin: home (home of golf, etc.)
- past & present: go back (verb / time), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), moment (moment where), revisit (v), road (down a road before)
- presence & absence: here (here to stay, etc.), there (there is no there there, etc.)
- proper name: Amazon (the company)
- protection & lack of protection: cloistered, haven (safety), refuge (n), shelter (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: getaway (n)
- reverence: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- situation: here (situation), place (situation), place (place where), point (in a point), spot (tight spot, etc.), where (situation / development)
- social interaction: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: jumping-off place / point
- substance & lack of substance: there (there is no there there, etc.)
- superlative: Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Paris (epithet), Valhalla (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: here (here to stay, etc.)
- time: breathing space (and breathing room), future (where the future lies, etc.), go back (verb / time), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), hereafter (from now onwards), look like (future), moment (moment where), place (situation), place (place where), point (point where), revisit (v), road (down a road before), throughout (time), time (space of time), time (at the time, etc.)

PLANE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: parachute (golden parachute)
- action, inaction & delay: pattern (holding pattern)
- appearance & disappearance: parachute (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: barnstorm (v)

- behavior: autopilot (on autopilot), helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)
- character & personality: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bail out (leave), land (arrive, affect, decide), parachute (drop in), parachute (golden parachute), parachute (v), parachuted
- competition: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- condition & status: spiral (death spiral)
- consciousness & awareness: autopilot (on autopilot), blind (fly blind)
- control & lack of control: spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)
- decline: crater (v), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- destruction: crash (crash and burn), shoot down (v), shot down (and shot down in flames), spiral (death spiral)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bail out (leave)
- force: headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: crash-land (v), flameout (n), flame out (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: autopilot (on autopilot), land (arrive, affect, decide)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- help & assistance: steward (role), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.), wingman (person)
- increase & decrease: nosedive (noun / decrease), nosedive (verb / decrease), spiral (downward or upward), take off (v)
- initiation: take off (v)
- message: barnstorm (v)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)
- progress & lack of progress: headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: wingman (person)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: land (arrive, affect, decide)
- restraint & lack of restraint: envelope (push the envelope)
- speed (supersonic speed, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: flameout (n), flame out (v)
- superiority & inferiority: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- surveillance: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)

PLANT (2) (see also farming & agriculture; wheat)

- affliction: bane (n), thorn (n), thorny (adj)
- amount: kernel (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: root (root cause)
- appearance & disappearance: bud (nipped in the bud), budding, crop up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), mushroom (v), pop up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v)
- bases: deep-rooted (adj), root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- branching system: offshoot, tendril (growth)
- character & personality: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), shrinking violet (person)
- coercion & motivation: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- computer: root (root server)
- configuration: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- consumption: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- content: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- corruption: blight (v), blight (n), blighted
- creation & transformation: germinate (v), hothouse (n), kernel (n), nursery (n), plant (create), pruned, seed (n), shoot (plant), sow (v)

- curtailment: bud (nipped in the bud), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- decline: bloom (bloom has faded, etc.), shrivel (v), wilt (v), wither (v)
- destruction: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uproot (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), transplant (n), weed out (v), uprooted
- experience: neophyte (n)
- extent & scope: tendril (growth)
- feeling, emotion & effect: withering (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: thorny (adj)
- gossip: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grapevine (through / over the grapevine), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- group, set & collection: bouquet (collection), garden (resemblance)
- growth & development: bloom (v), bloomer (late bloomer), blossom (v), bud (nipped in the bud), budding, burgeoning (adj), cross-pollination, cultivate (v), cultivated, drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), fallow (adj), field (fertile field, etc.), flourish (v), flower (v), flowering, fruition (n), ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), kernel (n), neophyte (n), nourished, nursery (n), nurture (v), nurtured, plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), rainmaker (person), ripe (adj), root (take root, etc.), seed (n), seed money, shoot (plant), soil (fertile soil, etc.), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other), tendril (growth), thrive (v), transplant (n)
- identity & nature: root (origin), transplant (n)
- increase & decrease: burgeoning (adj), grow (increase), growing (increasing)
- migration: transplant (n)
- military: cannon fodder (military)
- origin: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- person: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), neophyte (n), shrinking violet (person)
- product: fruit (product), reap (v)
- proper name: garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)
- relationship: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- resemblance: garden (resemblance), tendril (resemblance), wilt (v)
- resiliency: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character)
- shape: mushroom (shape)
- strength & weakness: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), root (take root, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: root (take root, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: husk (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: plant (put), plant (create), planted, sow (v), sown (planted)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bloomer (late bloomer), ripe (adj)
- transmission: cross-pollination
- worth & lack of worth: fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj)

PLATFORM (2)

- mind: mind (platform)

PORTAL (1)

- doors & thresholds: door (portal), portal (entrance), threshold (cross the threshold), threshold (portal)
- epithet: gate (Gates of Hell, etc.)
- gate: gate (portal), gateway (portal), portal (entrance)
- hole: rabbit hole (fantasy), wormhole (n)
- infrastructure: avenue (portal)
- physics: wormhole (n)

- verb: threshold (cross the threshold)
- window: window (window to the West, etc.)

POSITION (2) (see also direction; height)

- achievement, recognition & praise: top (excellence)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), backed, backing (support), beside (support), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person)
- appearance & disappearance: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), center (v), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), forward (bring something forward, etc.), forward (future forward, etc.), front (front and center)
- basis: behind (basis)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), front (front and center), middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), front (in front / competition), outrun (verb), slipstream (in a slipstream), underdog (competition)
- context: step back (perspective)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- dominance & submission: knuckle under (v), over (dominance), top (dominance / winning)
- future: ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), before (we have hard work before us), day (day after tomorrow), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), intervening (adj), near (near future, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- hierarchy: above (hierarchy), apex (apex animal, etc.), barrel (at the bottom of the barrel), bottom (at the bottom), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), over (dominance), table (head of the table), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- importance & significance: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (fade into the background), burner (front burner), centerpiece (n), central (adj), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind), right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: feet (master / protégé)
- past & present: ancestor (go before), behind (in the past), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), predecessor (go away before), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), back up (v), bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), foreground (n), grassroots (grassroots level, etc.), perspective (from a perspective), perspective (in perspective), perspective (into perspective), perspective (other), point of view (from somebody's point of view), point of view (other), step back (perspective), vantage point (from a vantage point), view (perspective), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v), zoom-out (n)
- position, policy & negotiation: middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader, position (on an issue, etc.), shift (change)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times)
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), line (at the front / back of the line), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind)
- protection & lack of protection: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- proximity: near (near future, etc.)
- relationship: behind (basis)

- resistance, opposition & defeat: knuckle under (v)
- responsibility: behind (responsibility)
- sequence: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), follow (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- situation: middle (in the middle)
- social interaction: side (on the good side, etc.), side (on the wrong side, etc.)
- strength & weakness: underdog (competition)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind), over (dominance), slipstream (in a slipstream), table (head of the table), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), day (day after tomorrow), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), intervening (adj), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), side (on one's side / time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), front (get in front of an announcement, etc.)

POSITION, POLICY & NEGOTIATION (1) (see also strategy)

- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- baseball: hardball (n)
- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n), hand (overplay one's hand)
- direction: back (back and forth), give-and-take
- fence: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence-straddling
- foot: footing (position)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n), chip (bargaining chip)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give-and-take
- ground, terrain & land: brinksmanship (n)
- horse: horse-trading
- line: line (a hard line, etc.), position (on an issue, etc.)
- money: haggle (v), haggling, horse-trading, transactional (adj)
- movement: budge (v), immovable (adj), maneuvering (strategy), shift (change)
- person: middle-of-the-roader
- position: middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader, position (on an issue, etc.), shift (change)
- sound: table (loudest seat at the table)
- sports & games: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), hardball (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: footing (position), posture (position), posturing, sit down (v), sit-down (other), stand (position), stance (take a stance), stand (a tough stand, etc.)
- table: sit down (v), sit-down (other), table (on the table), table (come back to the table), table (off the table), table (turn the tables), table (loudest seat at the table)
- verb: bluff (v), budge (v), fence (straddle the fence), haggle (v), hand (overplay one's hand), sit down (v), stance (take a stance), stand (position), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)

POSSESSION (1) (see also fictive possession)

- arm: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- boundary: claim (stake a claim), reclaim (other)
- container: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- crime: captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), time (steal time, etc.), usurp (v)
- direction: fall (fall into the hands, etc.)
- finger: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag)
- food & drink: fork over (v)
- ground, terrain & land: claim (stake a claim), colonialism (n), colonize (v), colonized, flag (plant one's flag), reclaim (other), soil (on one's soil), territory (stake out territory)
- hand: cling (v), clingy (adj), empty-handed, fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), go (let something go), grab (v), grab (up for grabs), grab (land grab, etc.), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (possession), grip (v), grip (in the grip), grip (control), gripped, gripping (adj), hand (possession), handed over (possession), hand-me-down, hand over (v), handover (n), hang on to (v), hold (long-held), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold on to (v), palm (in the palm of one's hand), possessed, seize (v), seized (by an emotion)
- lap: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- military: flag (plant one's flag), surrender (v)
- money: own (possess), own (make something one's own), ownership (n), trade (v)
- movement: gone (absent)
- part of speech: grab (land grab, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: gone (absent), handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n)
- royalty: usurp (v)
- surveying: claim (stake a claim), reclaim (other), stake out (v)
- taking & removing: take back (take back one's life, etc.)
- verb: cling (v), colonize (v), fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), fork over (v), go (let something go), grab (v), grip (v), hand over (v), hang on to (v), hijack (v), hold (verb / possession), hold on to (v), loot (v), own (possess), own (make something one's own), reclaim (other), seize (v), stake out (v), surrender (v), take back (take back one's life, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (have time), time (give time), trade (v), usurp (v)

POTATO (2)

- importance & significance: potato (small potatoes)

POWER (1) (see also force)

- allusion: complex (military-industrial complex, etc.)
- animal: beast (power), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats)
- boxing: heavyweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- cards: hand (strengthen one's hand)
- center & periphery: inner circle (n), insider (person), outsider (person)
- chess: pawn (n)
- creature: giant (sleeping giant)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- electricity: powerhouse (n)
- engine: supercharge (v), supercharged, supersize (v), tank (empty the tank, etc.), turbocharge (v)
- explosion: explosive (power)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- fist: clout (n)
- government: czar (and tsar), emperor (power), strongman (power), tyrant (n)

- health & medicine: potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- history: baron (power), complex (military-industrial complex, etc.), czar (and tsar), emperor (power), empire (enterprise), mogul (n), overlord (person), pharaoh (power), tyrant (n)
- horse: oats (feel one's oats)
- infrastructure: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.)
- mechanism: supercharge (v), supercharged, tank (empty the tank, etc.), turbocharge (v)
- Middle Ages: baron (power)
- military: chieftain (n), coup (power), force (show of force)
- movement: momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- person: baron (power), big shot (person), bigwig (person), chieftain (n), czar (and tsar), emperor (power), honcho (leader), insider (person), kingpin (person), mogul (n), nobody (a nobody), overlord (person), outsider (person), somebody (a somebody), suit (person)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- royalty: dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), lord over (v), monarch (primacy), overlord (person), throne (power)
- sign, signal, symbol: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.), suit (person)
- size: big shot (person), bigwig (person), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (sleeping giant), minnow (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- sleep: giant (sleeping giant)
- sports & games: pawn (n)
- storm: nature (force of nature)
- tools & technology: high-powered (adj), leverage (n), leverage (v)
- verb: flex (muscle, etc.), hand (strengthen one's hand), leverage (v), lord over (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), supercharge (v), turbocharge (v), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- violence: clout (n)
- weapon: big shot (person)
- weight: heavyweight (n), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)

PREDATION (2) (see also animal)

- accusation & criticism: savage (v)
- activity: frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- affliction: backbiter (person), eat (destroy), piranha (predation), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- appearance & reality: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- behavior: backbiting, bloodthirsty (adj), circle (predation), frenzy (feeding frenzy), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), lone wolf (person), predator (people), prey (prey on something), prowl (on the prowl), savage (v), shark (predation), wolf (predation), wound (lick one's wounds)
- blood: bloodthirsty (adj)
- character & personality: coyote (predation), dove (person), ferocious (other), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), lone wolf (person), man-eater (female), piranha (predation), predator (people), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- competition: dog-eat-dog, heel (nip at somebody's heels), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- conflict: backbiting, blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), pit (bear pit), teeth (danger), throat (predation), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.), wound (lick one's wounds)
- consumption: food (meat), ground (feeding ground), meat (fresh meat)
- danger: lurking (lurking danger, etc.), predation (n), predatory (adj), wolf (predation)

- destruction: consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), eat (destroy), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), nibble (nibble at, etc.), sheep (predation), teeth (danger)
- eagerness & reluctance: pounce (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)
- fish: piranha (predation)
- flying & falling: swoop (v)
- force: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- hierarchy: food chain
- money: loan shark
- movement: lurk (v), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), stalk (v), swoop (v)
- person: man-eater (female), piranha (predation), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- presence & absence: lurk (v), lurking (lurking danger, etc.), wait (in wait)
- proper name: Predator (the Predator drone, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood)
- pursuit, capture & escape: claw (n), jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), octopus (n), pincer (n), pincered, prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (prey and predator, etc.), stalk (v), tentacle (n), victim (fall victim to something)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)
- sex: man-eater (female)
- society: lone wolf (person)
- speech: savage (v)
- strength & weakness: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), sheep (predation)
- subterfuge: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- violence: dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj)

PREP, ADV, ADJ, PARTICLE (2)

- acceptance & rejection: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- action, inaction & delay: in (all in)
- activity: bubble up (v)
- admiration & contempt: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: against (opposition), behind (support), beside (support), down (down for something), for (support), in (all in), out (want out), stand (stand behind something, etc.), there (there for me, etc.), up (up for something), with (support)
- amount: full (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dredge up (v), pop up (v), show up (v), spring up (v)
- appearance & reality: underneath (basis)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: drum up (v), forward (bring something forward, etc.), play down (v)
- attenuation: play down (v), tone down (v), water down (v)
- avoidance & separation: apart (division), hands-off, hands-on, inward (turn inward, etc.)
- bases: behind (basis), underneath (basis)
- behavior: above (above the fray, etc.), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), line (over the line / behavior)
- center & periphery: outside (outside world, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air), grab (up for grabs)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: back (return)
- commitment & determination: down (down for something), in (all in), out (all out, etc.), up (up for something)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), outgunned, outrun (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dredge up (v)
- condition & status: down (functioning)

- control & lack of control: hands-off, hands-on
- creation & transformation: cook up (v), drum up (v), make up (v)
- decline: down (decline), go down (decrease)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: kick out (v)
- division & connection: apart (division), between (come between, etc.)
- dominance & submission: over (dominance), talk (talk over somebody)
- enthusiasm: into (be into something)
- experience: in for (a ride, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- feeling, emotion & effect: down (feeling), hate on (something), inside (emotions), love on (something), pump up (v), up (feeling)
- fictive transportation: back (in time), take (take us back / time)
- functioning: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- future: ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), before (we have hard work before us), day (day after tomorrow), foresight (n), forward (look forward, etc.), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), near (near future, etc.), on (30 years on, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n)
- help & assistance: handout (n)
- hierarchy: above (hierarchy), over (dominance), under (hierarchy), work (work one's way up)
- identity & nature: in (the cowboy in me, etc.)
- increase & decrease: go down (decrease), go up (increase), pick up (v), pile up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), up (science up, etc.), up (higher)
- initiation: bubble up (v)
- involvement: in (involvement), into (involvement)
- obstacles & impedance: against (up against)
- occurrence: up (what's up, etc.)
- past & present: ago (two days ago / gone by), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), bygone (adj), down (down through the centuries, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), take (take us back / time), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (in our time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: outside (perspective)
- possession: gone (absent), handed over (possession), hand over (v), handover (n)
- presence & absence: gone (absent), with us (with us forever, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bygone (adj), done (over), gone (those days are gone, etc.), in (and in thing, etc.), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), out (currency), over (finished), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), up (time is finished, etc.), way (on the way out)
- progress & lack of progress: ahead (progress), behind (progress), left (left behind), there (destination)
- proximity: away (a week away, etc.), front (in front / proximity), near (near future, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: behind (put something behind)
- relationship: behind (basis), light (in light of), underlying (adj), underneath (basis), view (in view of)
- resiliency: behind (put something behind), carry on (v), hang on (v), push on (v), soldier on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: against (opposition)
- responsibility: behind (responsibility), on (it's on you, etc.)
- searching & discovery: dredge up (v)
- sequence: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), late (late Stone Age, etc.), next (next Steve

Jobs, etc.), next (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)

- situation: in (situation), trouble (in trouble)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (progress), carry on (v), done (over), drag on (v), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), push on (v), off (be off, etc.), on (be on, etc.), over (finished), soldier on (v)
- strength & weakness: water down (v), watered down
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.), over (dominance)
- survival, persistence & endurance: been through (endure, etc.), carry on (v), go through (endure, etc.), hang on (v), push on (v), soldier on (v), with us (with us forever, etc.)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ago (two days ago / gone by), ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), day (day after tomorrow), down (down through the centuries, etc.), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), foresight (n), forward (look forward, etc.), front (the future is in front of us), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hereafter (from now onwards), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), late (late Stone Age, etc.), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), on (30 years on, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), preceding (at an earlier time), take (take us back / time), throughout (time), time (at the time, etc.), time (over time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (in our time, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), front (get in front of an announcement, etc.), time (past time), time (it's time, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.)
- work & duty: soldier on (v)

PRESENCE & ABSENCE (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; occurrence; searching & discovery)

- air: air (anger in the air, etc.), vacuum (n), void (n)
- animal: elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fly (fly on the wall), gorilla (800-pound gorilla), lurk (v), lurking (lurking danger, etc.), wait (in wait)
- atmosphere: air (anger in the air, etc.), vacuum (n), void (n)
- biology: endemic (adj)
- breadth: thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- bridge: bridgehead (n)
- creature: ghost town, phantom
- death & life: exist (v), live (location), reside (v), residence (n)
- foot: foothold (n), footprint (n), toehold (n)
- ground, terrain & land: endemic (adj), footprint (n), ground (on the ground), territory (come with the territory, etc.), there (out there, etc.)
- hand: hand (on hand)
- height: loom (loom large, etc.)
- hunting: lurk (v)
- insect: fly (fly on the wall)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- military: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), hors de combat, outpost (n), missing in action (MIA)
- mountains & hills: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- movement: gone (absent), here (here to stay, etc.), remain (v)
- picture: picture (out of the picture)
- place: here (here to stay, etc.), there (there is no there there, etc.)

- predation: lurk (v), lurking (lurking danger, etc.), wait (in wait)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: gone (absent), with us (with us forever, etc.)
- religion: reincarnation (n)
- river: bridgehead (n)
- sensation: limb (phantom limb), palpable (adj)
- size: blip (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: limb (phantom limb)
- toe: toehold (n)
- tools & technology: blip (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- verb: exist (v), live (location), loom (loom large, etc.), lurk (v), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), remain (v), reside (v)
- walking, running & jumping: lurk (v)

PRESENCE & ABSENCE (2)

- death & life: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.), gone (dead), leave (death), with us (no longer with us)
- oppression: disappeared (detained, murdered, etc.)

PRESSURE (1)

- temperature: heat (pressure)
- tools & technology: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), vise (pressure)
- verb: clamp down (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), wall (walls close in)
- volcano: volcano (pressure)
- wall: wall (walls close in)

PRESSURE (2)

- accusation & criticism: wringer (through the wringer)
- affliction: wringer (through the wringer)
- amelioration & renewal: decompression (n), outlet (n), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), vent (v)
- attenuation: deflate (pressure)
- coercion & motivation: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), press (v), pressure (under pressure, pressured, screw (tighten / loosen the screws), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), wring (coerce)
- configuration: sardined, squeeze (fit), squeezed (fitted)
- conflict: blowup (conflict)
- constraint & lack of constraint: choke chain (n), outlet (n), tight (constraint)
- creation & transformation: squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), wring (create)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hard-pressed (adj)
- environment: pressure cooker (in a pressure cooker, etc.), pressure cooker (other)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blow up (emotion), explode (emotion), pressure (under pressure), pressure (n), pressured, pressure-filled, steam (blow / let off steam), vent (v)
- increase & decrease: loosen (loosen control, etc.), ratchet up (v), relax (relax control, etc.), tighten (tighten control, etc.)
- initiation: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), uncork (v)
- obstacle & impedance: stopped up
- oppression: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), hard-pressed (adj), rock (between a rock and a hard place), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), vise (pressure), wring (coerce), wringer (through the wringer)
- situation: crunch (crunch time), rock (between a rock and a hard place), trap (Chinese finger trap)

- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- taking & removing: wring (create)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: crunch (crunch time), crunch (cash crunch, etc.)

PRIMACY, CURRENCY, DECLINE & OBSOLESCENCE (1)

- allusion: it girl (and it drug, etc.), Methuselah, old guard, ancien regime
- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized, species (vanishing species)
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- astronomy: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), outshine (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax and wane, zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- bell: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- Bible: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- birth: rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- blade: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- burial: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- clothing & accessories: fashion (out of fashion), hat (old hat)
- container: time capsule
- creature: ghost (ghost signs, etc.)
- day: day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (have one's day), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (those days), day (glory days, etc.), day (modern day), evening (decline), future (the future), future (of the future), heyday (n), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), latest (the latest / most recent), moment (have a moment / attention), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), sun (currency and obsolescence), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- death & life: doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell / obsolescence), live on (v), living (adj), old (traditional), vanishing (disappearance)
- decline: fall (n)
- direction: accession (n), apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arrive (attainment), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the descent), ascent (other), bottom (hit bottom), bring down (v), comer (up-and-comer, etc.), downfall (n), fall (fall from power, etc.), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), grace (fall from grace), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), in (and in thing, etc.), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), out (currency), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, pass (its time has passed, etc.), peak (careers, etc. / verb), plunge (noun / decline), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), return (animals, etc.), rise (rise and fall / noun), rising (upcoming), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (a man out of time, etc.), topple (v), up (time is finished, etc.), up-and-coming
- earth & world: world (lost world)
- epithet: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v)
- family: legacy (obsolescence)
- film: it girl (and it drug, etc.)
- flood: high-water (high-water mark)
- food & drink: expiration date
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring back (restore)
- ground, terrain & land: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.)
- hat: hat (old hat)
- height: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), height (at the height), peak (at the peak), rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rising (upcoming), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)

- history: ancien regime, gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, legacy (obsolescence), medieval (adj), Neanderthal, old guard, prehistoric (adj), renaissance (n), Stone Age
- hour: hour (finest hour, etc.)
- journeys & trips: pass by (progress), way (on the way out), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something), wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)
- light & dark: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- military: guard (changing of the guard)
- money: legacy (obsolescence)
- moon: wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax and wane
- mountains & hills: hill (over the hill), peak (careers, etc. / verb), peak (at the peak), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.)
- movement: arrive (attainment), bygone (adj), comer (up-and-comer, etc.), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), pendulum (reversal), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin), time (time has passed), up-and-coming, way (go the way of something)
- object: it girl (and it drug, etc.), new (new normal, etc.), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal)
- person: star (achievement)
- plane: nosedive (noun / decline), nosedive (verb / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- position: time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bygone (adj), done (over), gone (those days are gone, etc.), in (and in thing, etc.), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), out (currency), over (finished), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), up (time is finished, etc.), way (on the way out)
- religion: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- royalty: accession (n), crown (superlative), dethrone (v), dethroned, dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), heir apparent, king (person), monarch (primacy), reign (v), reign (n), reigning, throne (in line for the throne), throne (pretender to the throne), throne (primacy)
- ruins: topple (v)
- school & education: old school, new school, test (test of time)
- sea: high tide, washed-up (adj)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- shadow: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v)
- sound: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- sports & games: lose out (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand the test of time, etc.)
- star: star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sun (currency and obsolescence), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- taste: flavor (flavor of the month)
- temperature: cold (cold case, etc.)
- tide: high tide
- verb: bring back (restore), bring down (v), dethrone (v), dim (overshadow), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), fade (v), fossilize (v), go (come and go), live on (v), lose out (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), reign (v), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), time (time has passed), topple (v), wane (v), wax and wane, way (give way to something), way (go the way of something)
- walking, running & jumping: step down (v)
- waste: dustbin (n)
- water: washed-up (adj)

- wave: washed-up (adj)

PRIORITY (1)

- center & periphery: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)
- direction: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), line (at the front / back of the line), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind)
- line: line (at the front / back of the line)
- music: fiddle (second fiddle)
- number: fiddle (second fiddle)
- position: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), line (at the front / back of the line), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind)

PRODUCT (1)

- allusion: Frankenstein (product)
- apple: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- creature: Frankenstein (product)
- family: daughter (n), offspring
- farming & agriculture: commodity (n), crop (n), farm (computers), farm (enterprise), fruit (product), reap (v), harvest (v), harvest (n), harvested
- fruits & vegetables: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.), bear (bear fruit, etc.), fruit (product)
- manufacturing: byproduct (n), product (n)
- meat: meat (piece of meat)
- mining: mine (bitcoin mine, etc.), miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)
- movement: outcome (n), spin-off (n)
- person: miner (bitcoin miner, etc.)
- plant: fruit (product), reap (v)
- verb: bear (bear fruit, etc.), come from (origin), harvest (v), reap (v)

PROGRESS & LACK OF PROGRESS (1) (see also growth & development)

- animal: leapfrog (v), tail (chase one's tail)
- atmosphere: headwind (n)
- baby: step (baby steps, etc.)
- ball: roll (v), roll (on a roll)
- boat: adrift (adj), anchored, dead (dead in the water), doldrums (n), headway (n), headwind (n), moored, wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- chess: stalemate (n)
- corner: corner (turn the corner)
- crashes & collisions: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- direction: adrift (adj), advance (v), advance (n), ahead (progress), ahead (adv), backwards (progress), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), left (left behind), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (move up), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), runaround, scale (climb), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), tail (chase one's tail), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
- distance: far (progress), go (a distance to go, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.)
- dog: tail (chase one's tail)
- engine: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- eye: look up (v)

- ground, terrain & land: ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj)
- height: point (low point / high point)
- horse: inroads (made inroads)
- infrastructure: blind alley (n), milestone (n)
- journeys & trips: beginning (just the beginning, etc.), blind alley (n), catch up (catch up to something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), come (come a long way), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), far (progress), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), keep up (progress), lag (progress), milestone (n), move (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), road (road from / to something), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), there (destination), turn back (v), way (come a long way, etc.), way (in the way), wind (wind its way)
- mechanism: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel)
- military: breakthrough (n), inroads (make inroads), march (on the march), march (n)
- mountains & hills: climb (scale), level off (v), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), scale (climb), valley (n)
- movement: advance (v), advance (n), backwards (progress), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), come (come a long way), dead (dead in the water), ditch (stuck in a ditch, etc.), fall behind (competition and progress), far (progress), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), get (not get anywhere, get nowhere), go (not go anywhere, go nowhere), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (go places, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), inertia (n), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), limp (v), limp (n), march (march ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), momentum (n), moored, move (progress), move (move up), movement (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), parked (movement), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), roll (on a roll), rut (in a rut), scale (climb), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stand still (progress), standstill (n), stuck (adj), there (destination), traction (gain / build / get traction), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
- number: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- plane: headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (progress), behind (progress), left (left behind), there (destination)
- religion: limbo (in limbo)
- river: backwater (n)
- sea: doldrums (n)
- shape: plateau (n), trough (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: milestone (n)
- sound: stutter (v), stuttering (adj)
- sports & games: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand still (progress), standstill (n)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- train: sidetracked, track (on track)
- verb: advance (v), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), corner (turn the corner), fall behind (competition and progress), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), jump (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leapfrog (v), level off (v), limp (v), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (progress), move (move up), mud (sink in the mud), needle (move the needle, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), scale (climb), sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stand still

- (progress), stutter (v), tail (chase one's tail), traction (gain / build / get traction), turn back (v), vault (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- walking, running & jumping: behind (progress), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), fall behind (competition and progress), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leap (n), leapfrog (v), limp (v), limp (n), march (on the march), march (n), march (march ahead, etc.), plod (v), step (a step forward), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step back / backwards), step (baby steps, etc.), stride (progress), stumbling block, vault (v)
- wall: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- wind: doldrums (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

PROPER NAME (1)

- allusion: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- animal: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), lioness (Lioness.co, etc.), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- arm: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- astronomy: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- atmosphere: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- bird: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.)
- bottle: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.)
- cloth: needle (the Needles, etc.), ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: Necklace (Necklace Nebula, etc.)
- color: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- creature: angel (the Los Angeles Angels, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), elf (Elves Chamber, etc.), fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), giant (Giants Causeway, etc.), monster (Monster.com, etc.), Titan (Tennessee Titans, etc.), troll (Troll Wall, etc.), Wizards (Washington Wizards, etc.)
- desert: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- doors and thresholds: door (Durdle Door, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- ear: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- earth & world: world (Disney World, etc.)
- eye: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- family: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.), sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.), twin (the Twins, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- finger: finger (Finger Lakes, etc.)
- fire: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.)
- food & drink: punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)
- fortification: castle (Castle Peaks, etc.), citadel (the Citadel, etc.), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)
- fruits & vegetables: turnup (Turnup Rock, etc.)
- gate: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- geometry: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- hammer: hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)
- hand: thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)
- health & medicine: fever (fever tree, etc.), scar (the Scar, etc.)
- horn: Horn of Africa, etc.
- horse: saddle (Saddle Island, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)
- house: nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.) staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)

- Iliad & Odyssey: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)
- infrastructure: buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.), courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.), pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.), pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)
- insect: beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- journeys & trips: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.), pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.), road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- key: keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.)
- lion: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), lioness (Lioness.co, etc.)
- mark: scar (the Scar, etc.)
- materials & substances: shard (The Shard, etc.), stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)
- magic: carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.), magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)
- Middle Ages: knight (Black Knights, etc.)
- moon: moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- mountains & hills: gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), Silicon Valley, etc.
- neck: bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), neck (Throggs Neck, etc.)
- nose: nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)
- object: punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.)
- path: pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.)
- place: Amazon (the company)
- plant: garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)
- predation: Predator (the Predator drone, etc.)
- religion: angel (the Los Angeles Angels, etc.), apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), hell (Hell's Gate, etc.), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.), oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.)
- roof: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.)
- rope: knot (the Pamir Knot, etc.)
- royalty: emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.), monarch (MS Monarch, etc.), queen (Dairy Queen, etc.), throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)
- sea: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- shape: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.), bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), hook (Hook of Holland, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), pyramid (the Black Pyramid, etc.), shard (The Shard, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.), staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.), table (Table Mountain, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.), turnup (Turnup Rock, etc.), wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- size: giant (Giants Causeway, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: jaw (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), jawbone (Jawbone Canyon, etc.), nipple (Mollie's Nipples, etc.)
- sky: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- spider: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- stair: staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- star: (Silver Star, etc.)
- storm: storm (Desert Storm, etc.)
- table: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- teeth: tooth (The Tooth, etc.)
- temperature: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)
- throat: throat (Devil's Throat, etc.)
- thumb: thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)

- tools & technology: telegraph (Daily Telegraph, etc.)
- tree: Oak (Royal Oak, etc.)
- wall: stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)
- water: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- wave: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- weapon: aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.), tomahawk (Tomahawk cruise missile, etc.)
- wounds & scars: scar (the Scar, etc.)

PROPER NAME (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- courage & lack of courage: lioness (Lioness. co, etc.)
- death & life: Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- geography: battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.), beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), black (Black Sea, etc.), bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), mother (Mounter Mountain, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), spider (Spider Rock, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- military: battleground (Battle Ground, Indiana, etc.), carpet (Operation Magic Carpet, etc.), Predator (the Predator drone, etc.), reaper (Reaper drone, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.)
- reputation: name (reputation)
- shape: nest (Bird's Nest, etc.)

PROTECTION & LACK OF PROTECTION (1)

- allusion: Achilles' heel (n), Great Wall of China
- animal: bolt-hole (and bolthole), bristle (with security, etc.), carapace (protection), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), hedgehog (protection), holed up, hole up (v), shell (protection), sitting duck, underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.), watchdog (n), wolf (wolf at the door)
- back: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- bird: sitting duck
- blade: hack (break into)
- boat: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety), lighthouse (protection)
- boxing: guard (keep one's guard up)
- bubble: bubble (quarantine)
- circus: safety net
- cloth: curtain (curtain wall, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: naked (protection)
- container: bubble (quarantine)
- creature: angel (guardian angel)
- direction: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
- dog: watchdog (n)
- electricity: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- film: wagon (circle the wagons)
- fire: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- fox: foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- fortification: bastion (n), breach (v), breach (n), breached, bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (protection), bunker (n), castle (protection), citadel (n), dig in (v), drawbridge (protection), dug in, entrenched, fort (hold

- down the fort), fortress (n), harden (protect), loophole (n), moat (n), moated, rampart (fortification), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), stronghold (n)
- gesture: head (keep one's head down)
 - ground, terrain & land: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
 - hand: hand (hands off)
 - hardness & softness: harden (protect)
 - head: head (keep one's head down)
 - health & medicine: antibody (n), immune (adj), immunity (n), inoculate (v), inoculation (n), quarantine (v)
 - height: profile (low profile)
 - history: Great Wall of China, praetorian guard, wagon (circle the wagons)
 - hole: bolt-hole (and bolthole), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
 - house: home (home in Islam, etc.)
 - hunting: ground (go to ground), sitting duck
 - Iliad & Odyssey: Achilles' heel (n)
 - infrastructure: bolster (v), bolstered, firewall (other), guardrail (protection)
 - insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
 - knife: back (stab in the back)
 - line: rank (close ranks)
 - magic: charmed (charmed life, etc.)
 - materials & substances: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), Teflon
 - Middle Ages: armor (protection), chink (chink in one's armor)
 - military: aegis (n), bastion (n), armor (protection), breach (v), breach (n), breached, bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (protection), bunker (n), castle (protection), chink (chink in one's armor), citadel (n), dig in (v), drawbridge (protection), dug in, entrenched, flank (protection), foxhole (Keynesians in a foxhole, etc.), fort (hold down the fort), fortress, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guard (lower one's guard, etc.), guardian (protection), head (keep one's head down), hedgehog (protection), loophole (n), moat (n), praetorian guard, rampart (protection), rank (close ranks), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), shield (v), shield (n), stronghold (n), wagon (circle the wagons), wingman (person)
 - money: insurance
 - mountains & hills: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
 - orientation: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
 - person: guardian (protection), wingman (person)
 - place: cloistered, haven (safety), refuge (n), shelter (v)
 - plane: wingman (person)
 - position: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), back (stab in the back)
 - proper noun: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.)
 - religion: angel (guardian angel), cloistered, sanctuary (n)
 - royalty: castle (protection)
 - sea: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety)
 - sign, signal, symbol: lighthouse (protection)
 - dome (Iron Dome, etc.)
 - stomach: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
 - storm: batten (batten down)
 - target: profile (low profile), target (easy target)
 - umbrella: umbrella (protection)
 - verb: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), batten (batten down), bolster (v), breach (v), bristle (with security, etc.), cocoon (v), dig in (v), ground (go to ground), guard (lower one's guard, etc.), guard

- (keep one's guard up), hack (break into), harbor (v), harden (protect), head (keep one's head down), hole up (v), inoculate (v), insulate (v), quarantine (v), rank (close ranks), shelter (v), shield (v), wagon (circle the wagons)
- wall: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- water: bubble (quarantine)
- weapon: aegis (n), armor (protection), chink (chink in one's armor), shield (v), shield (n), target (easy target)
- wolf: wolf (wolf at the door)

PROXIMITY (1) (see also distance)

- arm: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach), stone's throw
- astronomy: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)
- blade: edge (at the edge)
- boundary: border (proximity), borderland (n)
- breadth: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- corner: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- day: eve (on the eve)
- direction: front (in front / proximity)
- distance: close (feeling), close (close to, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), far (far from, etc.), light year (light years away, etc.), near (near future, etc.), way (a long way from, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: door (knock at / on the door), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), threshold (on the threshold)
- eye: sight (in sight)
- finger: fingertip (at one's fingertips)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (back from the brink), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), verge (on the verge), verge (to the verge)
- hair: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- hand: fingertip (at one's fingertips), hand (at hand)
- house: backyard (in somebody's backyard), backyard (other), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), home (close to home), home (hit home), neighbor (v), neighbor (n), neighboring (adj)
- knife: edge (at the edge)
- light & dark: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- mountains & hills: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other)
- number: neighborhood (numbers)
- person: neighbor (n)
- position: near (near future, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: front (in front / proximity), near (near future, etc.)
- shadow: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- shoulder: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bone (close to the bone, etc.)
- star: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)
- theater: seat (front seat), seat (front-row seat)
- verb: door (knock at / on the door), home (hit home), neighbor (v), shadow (follow), shoulder (rub shoulders)
- walking, running & jumping: step (a step away), step (a step closer)

PROXIMITY (2) (see also distance)

- avoidance & separation: distance (v)
- competition: light year (light years ahead)
- consciousness & awareness: nose (under somebody's nose)
- danger: close call (danger), close shave
- distance: away (a week away, etc.)
- division & connection: close (feeling), daylight (division), distance (v), distance (n), tight (relationship)
- fate, fortune & chance: close (and close-run), close call (danger), close shave

- feeling, emotion & effect: close (feeling), cozy (adj), detached (emotions), distance (feeling), distant (feeling), tight (relationship)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: away (a week away, etc.)
- relationship: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- responsibility: door (at someone's door, etc.), feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)
- social interaction: close (feeling), cozy (adj), shoulder (rub shoulders), tight (relationship)
- temperature: cozy (adj)

PUMP (2)

- directing: pumped (directed)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- increase & decrease: pump up (v)

PUNISHMENT & RECRIMINATION (1) (see also accusation & criticism)

- allusion: nemesis (n)
- animal: blood (out for blood), doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.), scapegoat (n)
- ax: ax (ax to grind), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- baseball: one-strike-and-you're-out
- blade: ax (ax to grind), hatchet job (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), knife (sharpen one's knife)
- blood: blood (out for blood), nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- books & reading: book (throw the book at somebody)
- boxing: punching bag (n)
- crime: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), job (hit job, etc.)
- death & life: drive-by (conflict), job (hit job, etc.)
- direction: hand down / out (punishment, etc.)
- dog: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)
- eye: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- face: slap (punishment)
- finger: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- fire: coal (rake somebody over the coals)
- fish: hook (off the hook)
- fist: beat (beat oneself up)
- foot: kick (kick oneself)
- gesture: slap (punish)
- hand: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), slap (punish), wrist (slap on the wrist)
- hair: scalp (n)
- head: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), head (put a head on a wall)
- history: scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- hunting: head (put a head on a wall)
- justice: capital punishment, hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hook (off the hook), nemesis (n), reprieve (n), scapegoat (n), sentence (life sentence), stay (stay of execution), Supreme Court
- key: key (throw away the key)
- knife: knife (sharpen one's knife)
- military: prisoner (take no prisoners, etc.), quarter (no quarter, etc.), reprisal (n)
- money: hell (hell to pay, etc.)
- neck: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- nose: nose (bloody nose, etc.)

- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- person: whipping boy (person)
- pile: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- predation: blood (out for blood)
- religion: crucified, crucify (v), hell (hell to pay, etc.), hell (hell hath no fury), nemesis (n), original sin, scapegoat (n)
- royalty: whipping boy (person)
- sacrifice: scapegoat (n)
- sensation: eye (poke someone in the eye, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- speech: flog (criticize), pilloried, pillory (v)
- sports & games: one-strike-and-you're-out, pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- temperature: heat (criticism)
- verb: beat (beat oneself up), book (throw the book at somebody), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crack down (v), crucify (v), flog (criticize), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), key (throw away the key), kick (kick oneself), pile on (gang up on), pillory (v), slap (punish), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- violence: crackdown (n), crack down (v), crucified, crucify (v), drive-by (conflict), flagellation (n), flog (criticize), hanging (hanging offense), hatchet job (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.), nose (bloody nose, etc.), pilloried, pillory (v), reprisal (n), scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- weapon: hatchet job (n)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flagellation (n), flog (criticize), whipping boy (person)

PUPPET (2)

- computer: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- concealment & lack of concealment: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- control & lack of control: puppet (control), puppeteer (n), string (pull strings)
- subterfuge: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- unanimity & consensus: puppet (control)

PURSES & WALLETS (2)

- money: piggybank (n), purse (money), purse strings, pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), checkbook, wallet (money)

PURSUIT, CAPTURE & ESCAPE (1) (see also searching & discovery)

- allusion: Houdini, Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- animal: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), claw (n), dragnet (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), expedition (fishing expedition), game (game of cat and mouse), ground (go to ground), hound (v), hounded (dogged), jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), land (land a job, etc.), low (lying low), octopus (n), pincer (n), pincered, poach (v), poached, prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (prey and predator, etc.), stalk (v), tentacle (n), victim (fall victim to something)
- boat: trawl (v)
- cat: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), cat (cat out of the bag, etc.)
- container: cat (cat out of the bag, etc.), exit (n), genie (initiation), get out (and get out of), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), trap (in a trap), way (way out / escape), toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- control & lack of control: pocket (in the pocket)
- creature: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- crime: poach (v)
- dog: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), hound (v), hounded (dogged)
- epithet: Houdini

- finger: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- fire: smoke out
- fish: bait (v), bait (n), catch (marriage), catch (catch and release), dragnet (cast a dragnet), dragnet (n), expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), get away (escape), hook (off the hook), land (land a job, etc.), lure (v), lure (n), net (cast a net), nibble (n), reel in (v), troll (v)
- fox: ground (go to ground)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (go to ground), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- hand: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- head: head (put a head on a wall)
- height: low (lying low)
- history: underground railroad
- hole: ground (go to ground)
- hunting: bait (v), bait (n), bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.), bird-dog (v), bloodhound (n), capture (v), capture (n), captured, cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch (marriage), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), caught, caught up (in or by something), claw (n), clickbait (n), come after (and come for), cornered (adj), elusive (adj), ensnare (v), ensnared, expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), follow (afflict), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse), go after (attack), ground (go to ground), head (put a head on a wall), headhunter (n), hound (v), hounded (dogged), hunt (v), hunt (n), hunt (in the hunt), hunt down (v), hunter (plant), hunter (other), jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), low (lying low), lure (v), lure (n), octopus (n), out (leave somebody an out, etc.), pincer (n), pincered, pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), pursuit (in pursuit), pursuit (other), recapture (v), scent (throw somebody off the scent), snare (v), stalk (v), tentacle (n), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), tracked (followed), tracker (person), tracking, trail (follow), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), trail (digital trail, etc.), trap (in a trap), trap (n), trapped
- initiation: break out (v)
- journeys & trips: hegira (and hejira)
- justice: get away (get away with something), hook (off the hook)
- love, courtship & marriage: catch (marriage), court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), seduce (v), seduced, suitor (n), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.), woo (v), wooed
- materials & substances: Teflon
- mechanism: hatch (escape hatch)
- Middle Ages: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- movement: stalk (v)
- nail: nail (nail somebody)
- occurrence: break out (v), outbreak (n)
- person: darling (n), hunter (plants), hunter (other), suitor (n), tracker (person)
- place: getaway (n)
- predation: claw (n), jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), octopus (n), pincer (n), pincered, prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (prey and predator, etc.), stalk (v), tentacle (n), victim (fall victim to something)
- religion: hegira (and hejira), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- rope: ensnare (v), ensnared
- sex: seduce (v), seduced
- smell: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- sound: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.)
- sports & games: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of hide and seek), game (game of cat and mouse), hide-and-seek
- standing, sitting & lying: low (lying low)
- verb: bait (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch (catch and release), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), chase (v), come after (and come for), court (v), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ensnare (v), finger (slip

- through one's fingers), fish (v), follow (afflict), get away (escape), go after (attack), ground (go to ground), hound (v), hunt (v), hunt down (v), low (lie low), lure (v), nail (nail somebody), net (cast a net), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), poach (v), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), recapture (v), reel in (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), seduce (v), smoke out (v), snare (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), stalk (v), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), trail (follow), trawl (v), troll (v), victim (fall victim to something), woo (v)
- walking, running & jumping: chase (v), stalk (v), step (step ahead / pursuit)

PUZZLE (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: fall (fall into place), puzzle (problem), put (put something together), piece (missing pieces), piece together (v)
- complexity: puzzle (problem)
- comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle (problem), puzzling (adj)

RADIO (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: tuned (stay tuned)
- consciousness & awareness: tuned (stay tuned)
- development: tuned (stay tuned)
- unanimity & consensus: wavelength (on the same wavelength)

RAIN (2) (see also lightning; storm; weather & climate; wind)

- activity: flurry (activity)
- amount & effect: flurry (activity), rain (amount & effect), rain (rain down), shower (v)
- configuration: sprinkle (v), sprinkled (configuration)
- growth & development: drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- person: rainmaker (person)
- resemblance: rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down)
- throwing, putting & planting: shower (v), showered
- worth & lack of worth: rainmaker (person)

RAT (2) (see also animal)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rat (betray), rat (a snitch)
- competition: rat race
- enthusiasm: rat (lab rat, etc.)
- evidence: rat (smell a rat)
- suspicion: rat (smell a rat)
- work & duty: rat race

READINESS & PREPAREDNESS (1) (see also warning)

- animal: groom (prepare)
- bird: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- boat: batten (batten down)
- boxing: guard (keep one's guard up), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- color: red alert (on red alert)
- clothing & accessories: pants (caught with one's pants down)
- engine: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), warmed-up
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), brace (v), braced, poised (adj)
- eye: blindsided
- explosion: prime (v), primed (ready)
- fist: punch (sucker punch / verb)

- foot: feet (think on one's feet), flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot / on the front foot), foot (back / front foot), toe (on one's toes)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (prepare the ground)
- horse: groom (prepare)
- infrastructure: brace (v), braced
- mechanism: prime (v), primed (ready), seatbelt (fasten your seatbelt ironic), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- military: ambush (v), ambushed, dry run, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (lower one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), locked and loaded (adj), room (war room)
- music: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- rocket: strap yourself in
- scale: balance (off balance)
- school & education: homework (n)
- sea: batten (batten down)
- standing, sitting & lying: flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot / on the front foot), foot (back / front foot), posture (position), toe (on one's toes)
- storm: batten (batten down)
- temperature: warmed-up
- theater: rehearsal (n), rehearse, wing (in the wings)
- toe: toe (on one's toes)
- verb: ambush (v), batten (batten down), brace (v), groom (prepare), ground (prepare the ground), ground (hit the ground running), guard (lower one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), pants (caught with one's pants down), prime (v), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), rehearse (v), tune (and tune up)
- walking, running & jumping: ground (hit the ground running)
- weapon: locked and loaded (adj), prime (v), primed (ready)

RECONCILIATION, RESOLUTION & CONCLUSION (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)

- blade: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- books & reading: book (close the book), chapter (close a chapter, etc.), page (turn the page), slate (a clean slate, etc.), word (the last word)
- burial: ghost (bury the ghost), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- cloth: done and dusted, sewn up, sew up (v), wrap up (v)
- creature: bury (bury the ghosts, etc.), exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost), haunt (v)
- dam: dam (water over the dam)
- direction: behind (put something behind), bottom (get to the bottom of something)
- distance: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: settle down (v)
- exclamation: farewell (n), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), valedictory (farewell)
- eye: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- fire: smoke (smoke clears)
- geometry: circle (a circle can close)
- ground, terrain & land: dust (dust settles)
- hand: go (let something go)
- health & medicine: fester (v), festering (adj), heal (v)
- infrastructure: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)

- journeys & trips: end (no end in sight, etc.), get through (endure, etc.), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), move on (resiliency)
- justice: jury (the jury is out)
- light & dark: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- military: ceasefire (n), hatchet (bury the hatchet), truce (n)
- money: deal (close the deal)
- movement: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam), move on (resiliency)
- nail: nail down (settle)
- plane: land (arrive, affect, decide)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (put something behind)
- religion: exorcise (v)
- river: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- rope: loose ends
- shape: circle (a circle can close)
- sleep: bed (put something to bed), bed (put to bed), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- speech: farewell (n), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), valedictory (farewell)
- storm: blow over (v)
- train: train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- tree: olive branch
- verb: behind (put something behind), book (close the book), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), deal (close the deal), exorcise (v), go (let something go), get on with (get on with something), get through (endure, etc.), get over (overcome), ghost (bury the ghost), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), hatchet (bury the hatchet), haunt (v), heal (v), land (arrive, affect, decide), move on (resiliency), nail down (settle), rest (put / lay something to rest), settle down (v), sew up (v), sleep (put something to sleep), wrap up (v)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- weapon: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- wind: blow over (v)
- writing & spelling: word (the last word)

REFERENCE (1)

- eye: see (refer to)
- verb: see (perceive)

RELATIONSHIP (1)

- allusion: Mini-Me, muse (person)
- animal: breed (create), pet (pet cause, etc.)
- apple: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- astronomy: orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- bird: chicken (chicken and egg)
- birth: beget (v)
- blade: double-edged (sword)
- blood: blood brother (connection)
- bodily reaction: sneeze (v)
- cloth: entwined, tight-knit
- cooking: bake in (and bake into), baked in (and baked into), folded in (and folded into), fold in (v), pepper in (attach)
- crashes & collisions: knock-on (effect, etc.)
- death & life: grow up (grow up together, etc.)

- direction: behind (basis), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), guide (person), lead (one thing leads to another), underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- distance: close (feeling), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- epithet: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.)
- eye: view (in view of)
- family: akin (adj), ancestor (go before), big brother (relationship), blood brother (connection), brother (Instagram's brother, etc.), brother (brother in arms, etc.), brotherhood (n), child (bastard child), cousin (relationship), daughter (n), family (group), father (father of progress, etc.), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), hip (joined at the hip), incestuous (adj), incestuousness (n), kin (n), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), offspring, orphan (n), orphaned, parent (parent company, etc.), parent (cat parents, etc.), relative (relationship), Siamese twins, sibling, sister (redneck sisters, etc.), sister (sister ship, etc.), sisterhood (n), stepchild (and stepson, etc.), stepmother (cruelty), twin (relationship)
- film: Mini-Me
- food & drink: feed (fuel)
- force: drive (drive somebody to do something)
- fruits & vegetables: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- geometry: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: embed (v), embedded
- hand: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handmaiden (help)
- health & medicine: hip (joined at the hip), Siamese twins, sneeze (v)
- journeys & trips: accompany (attachment), attend (v), bedfellow (companion), come with (and come along with / attachment), guide (person), land (landed him in jail, etc.)
- light & dark: light (in light of)
- love, courtship & marriage: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, matchmaker (person), odd couple, wedded
- manufacturing: byproduct (n), product (n)
- military: march (together, etc.)
- money: coin (side of a coin), coin (double-sided coin), owe (relationship)
- movement: accompany (attachment), attend (v), bring (v), come (development), come with (and come along with / attachment), draw (attract), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), orbit (n), outcome (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- music: dance (coordination), pas de deux, tango (v)
- person: companion (n), enemy (conflict), friend (n), handmaiden (help), muse (person), partner (n)
- plant: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- position: behind (basis)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (basis), light (in light of), underlying (adj), underneath (basis), view (in view of)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- religion: muse (person)
- riding: ride (ride on something)
- rope: entwined
- royalty: handmaiden (help)
- sea: pull (tidal pull)
- sex: incestuous (adj), incestuousness (n)
- shape: vicious circle, triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- size: Mini-Me
- sleep: bedfellow (companion)
- snow & ice: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)

- speech: thanks (thanks to something)
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- sword: double-edged (sword)
- temperature: cozy (adj)
- tide: pull (tidal pull)
- tools & technology: coupled
- tree: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- verb: accompany (attachment), attend (v), beget (v), breed (create), bring (v), come (development), come from (origin), come with (and come along with / attachment), divorce (v), draw (attract), drive (drive somebody to do something), feed (fuel), fold in (v), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), leave (leave a mark, etc.), march (together, etc.), owe (relationship), revolve (revolve around something), ride (ride on something), sneeze (v), snowball (v), tango (v), trigger (a war, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: march (together, etc.)
- weapon: trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (cause), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)

RELIGION (2) (see also Bible)

- acceptance & rejection: heretic (person)
- accusation & criticism: crucified, crucify (v), jeremiad (bitter lament)
- achievement, recognition & praise: hymn (n)
- action, inaction & delay: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- affliction: bedevil, bedeviled, curse (n), cursed, devil (evil), fury (creature), nemesis (n), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: faith (n), Judas (betrayal), recant (v), renegade (person), ring (kiss the ring)
- amelioration & renewal: dead (rise from the dead), exorcise (v), Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n), resurrect (v), resurrection (n)
- amount: litany (n)
- amount & effect: juggernaut (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: navel gazing (omphaloskepsis), sign (evidence), soul-searching
- appearance: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- attraction & repulsion: charisma (attraction), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- avoidance & separation: cloistered
- bases: heart and soul, mythology (n)
- behavior: angel (behavior), choirboy (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), hagiographic (superlative), halo (n), hell (raise hell), hell-raiser (person), hell-raising, picnic (church picnic), religiously, ritual (n), saint (superlative)
- biodiversity: Eden, Noah's Ark
- campaign: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- certainty & uncertainty: agnostic (adj), limbo (in limbo)
- character & personality: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), diabolical (adj), evil (non-human), public-spirited
- characterization: christen (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exodus (n)
- commitment & determination: agnostic (adj), born-again, heart and soul, heaven (move heaven and earth), hellbent, vow (v), vow (n)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Delphic (adj)
- concealment & lack of concealment: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), soul (bare one's soul)
- condition & status: last rites (n)
- conflict: Manichean (adj), picnic (church picnic)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)

- control & lack of control: god (play god, etc.)
- cost & benefit: blessed, blessing (benefit), graced, miracle (other)
- creation & transformation: born-again, muse (person), reincarnation (n)
- death & life: Golgotha (Golgotha of Norilisk, etc.)
- destruction: kiss of death, martyrdom (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: promethean (adj), via dolorosa
- dismissal, removal & resignation: exorcise (v)
- division & connection: cloistered, Paradise Lost (allusion), schism (n)
- dominance & submission: bow (and bow down), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- easiness, difficulty & effort: heaven (move heaven and earth)
- enthusiasm: acolyte (person), bible (enthusiasm), cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), convert (person), cult (cult following, etc.), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), faithful (the faithful, etc.), fanatic (person), fanaticism (enthusiasm), fanboy (person), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), missionary (person), pilgrimage (trip), religion (enthusiasm), religiously, shrine (reverence), temple (n), worship (v)
- environment: Dantesque (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), hell (macro), hell (micro), hellhole, limbo (in limbo), paradise, Promised Land, purgatory (n)
- evidence: auger (v), auspicious (adj), sign (evidence)
- experience: baptism, baptized
- fate, fortune & chance: auger (v), auspicious (adj), curse (n), cursed, devil (deal with the devil), Faust (n), Faustian (adj), god (mountain gods, etc.), Hail Mary, handwriting (on the wall), karma (fate), kiss of death, miracle (other), miraculous (adj), original sin, writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: dispirited (adj), godforsaken, hell (hell hath no fury), hellish (adj), miraculous (adj), paradisiacal (and paradisal), possessed, spirit (feeling), via dolorosa
- flaws & lack of flaws: Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), paradise
- force: juggernaut (n)
- future: handwriting (on the wall), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- group, set & collection: cult (n), Noah's Ark
- growth & development: rite (rite of passage)
- help & assistance: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.), angel (help and assistance), godsend (n), patron saint, savior (n)
- idea: iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth
- identity & nature: born-again, heart and soul, soul (identity)
- importance & significance: fetish (n), fetishistic (adj), fetishistically, fetishize (v), god (importance), hallowed (adj), idol (person), idolized, immortal (person), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), sacred (adj), trinity (Holy Trinity), Valhalla (n), venerate (v), venerated, worship (v)
- initiation: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- insult: devil (evil), hell (go to hell)
- isolation & remoteness: cloistered
- judgment: damning (adjective), hell (judgment), hell (hell to pay, etc.), hell (hell hath no fury), nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
- knowledge & intelligence: guru (person)
- message: apostle (person), choir (preach to the choir), convert (person), crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role), evangelical (adj), evangelist (person), golden rule, gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), guru (person), high priest, jeremiad (bitter lament), messiah (n), messianic (adj), missionary (person), mantra (message), oracle (person), preach (v), prophet (person), proselytize (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), seer (person), sermon (message), soothsayer (person)
- migration: hegira (and hejira)

- oppression: puritanism (n), scapegoat (n)
- origin: original sin
- past & present: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- perception, perspective & point of view: God's-eye, Olympian (perspective)
- person: acolyte (person), apostle (person), choirboy (behavior), convert (person), crusader (role), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), guru (person), hell-raiser (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), immortal (person), martyr (person), missionary (person), muse (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- presence & absence: reincarnation (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- progress & lack of progress: limbo (in limbo)
- proper name: angel (the Los Angeles, Angels, etc.), apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), hell (Hell's Gate, etc.), hellfire (Hellfire missile, etc.), oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.), pulpit (Devils pulpit, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: angel (guardian angel), cloistered, sanctuary (n)
- punishment & recrimination: crucified, crucify (v), hell (hell to pay, etc.), hell (hell hath no fury), nemesis (n), original sin, scapegoat (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: hegira (and hejira), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exorcise (v)
- relationship: muse (person)
- repetition: mantra (message)
- representation: avatar (n), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), incarnation (character), patron saint, Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), totem (n)
- resemblance: cathedral (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: bow (and bow down), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), martyr (person), renegade (person)
- revenge: nemesis (n), tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- reverence: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), cult (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, hagiographic (superlative), hallowed (adj), halo (n), hymn (n), idol (person), idolized, irreverent (adj), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), reverential (adj), saint (superlative), sanctum (and inner sanctum), shrine (reverence), temple (n), venerate (v), venerated, worship (v)
- sacrifice: altar (at / on / upon the altar), lamb (sacrificial lamb), sacrifice (give up something), sacrifice (n), scapegoat (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: anathema, anoint (v), anointed, apostasy (n), beatification (n), beatify (v), Bible (authority), blasphemy, blessing (sanction), canon (literature), canon (other), canonical (adj), canonize (v), dogma (n), ecclesiastical (adj), enshrine (v), enshrined, excommunicated, heresy (n), heretic (person), heretical (adj), high priest, iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), immortal (person), imprimatur, Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), myth (n), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), piety (n), priesthood (n), promethean (adj), renegade (person), sacred cow, sacrilegious (adj), shibboleth (n), taboo (n), Valhalla (n)
- script: catechism (n), hymnal (n)
- searching & discovery: grail (holy grail)
- sex: puritanism (n)
- shape: angel (snow angel)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bible (hand on the bible, etc.), soul (bare one's soul)
- situation: Dantesque (adj), hell (macro), hell (micro), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- size: behemoth (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible), leviathan, monkish (adj), Olympian (size)
- speech: pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v)
- strength & weakness: David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)

- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: monkish (adj)
- superlative: angel (superlative), Garden of Eden, goddess, halo (n), hagiographic (superlative), heaven (environment), immortal (person), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), paradise, Promised Land, saint (superlative), sainthood (n), Valhalla (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hell (micro), Lazarus (Bible), Methuselah, via dolorosa
- time: antediluvian (old), grace (grace period), handwriting (on the wall), Methuselah, oracle (person), prophet (person), relic (n), seer (person), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: grace (grace period)
- unanimity & consensus: catechism (n), choir (preach to the choir)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail), pray (v)

REPETITION (1)

- allusion: Groundhog Day (film)
- animal: ape (v), parrot (v)
- bird: parrot (v)
- cat: copycat (n)
- day: Groundhog Day (film)
- film: Groundhog Day (film)
- light & dark: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- mirror: mirror (v)
- mouth: mouthpiece (person)
- music: refrain (common refrain, etc.)
- person: mouthpiece (person)
- religion: mantra (message)
- shadow: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- sound: echo (verb / effect), echo (noun / effect), echo (repeat), echo (in an echo), echo chamber, echoed, parrot (v)
- speech: parrot (v)
- theater: cue (n)
- verb: ape (v), echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), mirror (v), parrot (v)

REPRESENTATION (1) (see also role)

- boat: figurehead (n), flag (flag of convenience)
- clothing & accessories: hat (role), mantle (n)
- face: face (public face, etc.)
- fire: torch (carry a torch), torch (other), torchbearer (person)
- flags & banners: banner (carry a banner, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), flag (flag of convenience), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- foot: foot (put a foot forward)
- government: ambassador (role), diplomat (n), tribune (person)
- hat: hat (role)
- mark: touchstone
- military: flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- music: anthem (n), anthemic (adj)
- person: ambassador (role), standard-bearer, torchbearer (person), tribune (person)
- picture: billboard (n), face (public face, etc.), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.), totem (n)
- religion: avatar (n), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), incarnation (character), patron saint, Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), totem (n)

- sign, signal, symbol: badge (representation), billboard (n), emblem (emblem of freedom, etc.), emblematic (adj), face (public face, etc.), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.), torch (other), totem (n)
- speech: speak for (represent)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand for (v)
- verb: banner (carry a banner, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), speak for (represent), stand for (v), torch (carry a torch)

REPUTATION (1)

- color: black eye, mark (black mark)
- direction: raise (your image, etc.)
- eye: black eye
- family: legacy (reputation)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (worthless), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud)
- height: raise (you image, etc.), standing (reputation)
- history: legacy (reputation)
- mark: black eye, mark (black mark), smear (v), smear (n), stain (v), stain (n)
- money: legacy (reputation)
- proper name: name (reputation)
- standing, sitting & lying: standing (reputation)
- verb: mud (drag something through the mud), raise (your image, etc.), smear (v), stain (v)

RESEMBLANCE (1) (see also appearance)

- allusion: Mini-Me, proverbial (adj)
- animal: barnacle (resemblance), bite (resemblance), carcass (n), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (resemblance), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), tail (orientation)
- arm: arm (configuration)
- astronomy: Martian (adj)
- atmosphere: cloud (resemblance), rainbow (color)
- bird: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), nest (resemblance)
- birth: umbilical (connection)
- blade: cut (road cuts, etc.), scissor (resemblance), slice (road slices, etc.)
- boat: barnacle (resemblance), flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- bodily reaction: belch (v), breathe (caves breathe, etc.), spit (spit down), spit (v), swallow (disappearance), yawn (v)
- books & reading: fairy tale (happy), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- breathing: breathe (caves breathe, etc.)
- burden: barnacle (resemblance)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- chemistry: rust (resemblance)
- circus: carnival (n), circus (media circus, etc.)
- cloth: curtain (curtain wall, etc.), strand (strand of hair, etc.), unfolding (opening), wrapped (covered)
- clothing & accessories: robe (n), veil (covering)
- cloud: cloud (resemblance), nimbus (cloud)
- color: rainbow (color)
- cooking: stir up (resemblance)
- creature: dragon (resemblance)
- crime: riot (riot of color, etc.)
- desert: desert (environment), Sahara (Sahara of snow, etc.)

- ear: ear (ear of corn, etc.)
- epithet: spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.), unicorn (unicorns of the sea, etc.), washing machine
- explosion: bomb (roach bomb, etc.)
- eye: blink (light), eye (resemblance), peek (v)
- fan: fan (shape)
- film: Mini-Me, show (horror show)
- fire: aflame (resemblance), tinderbox (resemblance)
- food & drink: pie (shape), spaghetti (snarl)
- forest: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- fortification: bulwark (resemblance), palisade (n), rampart (resemblance)
- fountain: fountain (resemblance)
- ground, terrain & land: cavernous (adj), desert (environment)
- hair: hair (resemblance)
- health & medicine: rash (road rash, etc.), scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
- house: nest (resemblance)
- infrastructure: buttress (n), pillar (resemblance), street (cloud street, etc.), tunnel (resemblance)
- insect: cocoon (resemblance)
- island: island (beech island, etc.)
- knife: cut (road cuts, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.)
- lightning: thunder (sound)
- line: strand (strand of hair, etc.)
- mark: scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
- military: rampart (resemblance)
- moon: moonscape (n)
- mountains & hills: mountainous (adj)
- mouth: jaw (jaws of life, etc.), mandible (n), mouth (entrance), spit (spit down), spit (v)
- music: chorus (resemblance), opera (n), symphony (n)
- picture: paint (resemblance)
- plant: garden (resemblance), tendril (resemblance), wilt (v)
- rain: rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down)
- religion: cathedral (resemblance)
- river: river (resemblance)
- rocket: rocket (resemblance)
- route: passage (nasal passage, etc.)
- royalty: palace (movie palace, etc.)
- rubbing & washing: scoured
- sea: barnacle (resemblance), island (beech island, etc.), lagoon (n), ocean (ocean of air, etc.), sea (sea of sand, etc.), shore (resemblance)
- season: winter (resemblance)
- shoulder: shoulder (mountain, etc.)
- size: Mini-Me
- skeleton: skeleton (resemblance)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh (inside), skeleton (resemblance)
- sky: rainbow (color)
- sleep: awaken (nature, etc.), sleep (n), snooze (v), wake (resemblance)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- snow & ice: snow (marine snow, etc.)
- sound: roar (n), symphony (n), thunder (speech), wail (sirens, etc.), whisper (sound)
- spider: spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.)

- sports & games: scrum (reporters)
- storm: storm (immune-system storm, etc.), thunder (sound), thunder (speech), thunderous (adj)
- sword: sword (swordfish, etc.)
- teeth: bite (resemblance)
- theater: light show
- throat: throat (resemblance)
- tongue: tongue (resemblance)
- tree: tree (resemblance)
- verb: belch (v), bite (resemblance), blink (light), carpet (v), cut (road cuts, etc.), dance (resemblance), paint (resemblance), pour (resemblance), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), scar (resemblance / verb), slice (road slices, etc.), snooze (v), spit (spit down), spit (v), stir up (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), swallow (disappearance), thunder (speech), wake (resemblance), wilt (v), yawn (v)
- walking, running & jumping: resemblance: dance (resemblance), leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.)
- wall: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- waste: confetti (n)
- water: cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.), flowing, fountain (resemblance), lake (n), pour (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), stream (resemblance)
- whip: whip (resemblance)
- wounds & scars: scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)

RESILIENCY (1) (see also survival, persistence & endurance)

- animal: horse (get back on the horse), saddle (get back in the saddle)
- ball: bounce back (v), bounce back (n), rebound (recover), rebound (on the rebound)
- boxing: punch (roll with the punches)
- burden: carry on (v)
- destruction: piece (pick up the pieces)
- direction: behind (put something behind), come back (resiliency), comeback (n), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), pick (pick oneself up)
- foot: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- force: push on (v)
- gesture: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), shake (shake something off)
- hand: go (let something go), hang in there, hang on (v), hold on (survival), pick (pick oneself up)
- head: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- height: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- horse: horse (get back on the horse), saddle (get back in the saddle)
- infrastructure: put (put something back together)
- journeys & trips: carry on (v), drive on (resiliency), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go on (v), move on (resiliency), push on (v), roll on (resiliency)
- light & dark: bright (bright side)
- materials & substances: flexible (character)
- mechanism: put (put something back together)
- mental health: pull (pull yourself together, etc.)
- military: soldier on (v)
- mouth: lip (stiff upper lip)
- movement: bounce back (v), bounce back (n), come back (resiliency), flexible (character), go on (v), move on (resiliency), rebound (recover), soldier on (v)
- person: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), survivor (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: carry on (v), hang on (v), push on (v), soldier on (v)

- verb: behind (put something behind), bounce back (v), carry on (v), come back (resiliency), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go (let something go), go on (v), hang in there, hang on (v), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), hold on (survival), horse (get back on the horse), overcome (v), pick (pick oneself up), piece (pick up the pieces), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), punch (roll with the punches), push on (v), put (put something back together), rebound (recover), roll on (resiliency), saddle (get back in the saddle), shake (shake something off), soldier on (v)

RESISTANCE, OPPOSITION & DEFEAT (1) (see also dominance & submission; conflict; superiority & inferiority)

- allusion: Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Thermopylae, Young Turk
- animal: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), blink (conflict), buck (v), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), howl (n), howl (v), roll over (v), squeal (protest), stare down (v), stare-down (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)
- arm: hold off (v), push (push comes to shove), push (push against, etc.), pushback (n), push back (v), pushed around
- back: back (back to the wall), back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v)
- bird: face (fly in the face), game (game of chicken)
- blade: parry (v), parry (n)
- boat: mutinous (adj), mutiny (n)
- bodily reaction: gasp (last gasp)
- boxing: come (come out swinging), counted out (boxing), punch (punch back), towel (throw in the towel)
- breathing: gasp (last gasp)
- cards: fold (v)
- chess: checkmate (v), checkmate (n)
- direction: backlash (n), bow (and bow down), fall (defeat), heel (on one's heels), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), retreat (reverse / verb), step (not one step back), uprising (resistance)
- dog: back (get one's back up, etc.), roll over (v), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- explosion: blowback (n)
- eye: blink (conflict), stare down (v), stare-down (n)
- face: face (in one's face), face (in the face of)
- fist: beat back (v), hit back (v), knuckle under (v)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag), stand (last stand, etc.)
- foot: foot (put one's foot down), heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- force: push (push comes to shove), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), pushback (n), pushed around
- fortification: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, siege (under siege), siege (other)
- gesture: blink (conflict), nose (thumb one's nose)
- ground, terrain & land: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, flag (plant one's flag), ground (hold / stand one's ground), ground (give ground), last-ditch (adj)
- horse: buck (v), cavalry (n)
- heel: heel (dig in one's heels), heel (on one's heels)
- history: barricade (storm the barricades), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), underground railroad, Young Turk
- horse: balk (v), bridle (v)
- infrastructure: barricade (storm the barricades), buckle (give way), stonewall (v)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v)
- leg: kicking and screaming
- materials & substances: bend (v)
- military: cavalry (n), combat (v), combat (n), combative (adj), counterattack (v), counterattack (n), day (save the day), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, fight (v), fight (n), flag (plant one's flag), give in (v), give up (stop

trying), insurrection, last-ditch (adj), overrun (v), overrun (overwhelmed), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebel (v), rebellion (n), retreat (reverse / reverse), revolt (v), revolt (n), rout (defeat / noun), rout (defeat / verb), routed (defeated), siege (under siege), siege (other), stand (last stand, etc.), surrender (v), Thermopylae

- mining: cave (cave in)
- money: cost (at all costs, etc.), sell out (v)
- movement: budge (v), come out (against something), immovable (adj), move (move an inch, etc.)
- nose: nose (thumb one's nose)
- person: fighter (person), martyr (person), rebel (person), renegade (person)
- position: knuckle under (v)
- predation: tooth and nail (fight tooth and nail, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (opposition)
- religion: bow (and bow down), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), martyr (person), renegade (person)
- ruins: buckle (give way)
- sea: tide (buck the tide)
- smell: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- sound: bemoan (v), bewail (v), clamor (v), clap back (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), din (attention), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), kicking and screaming, moan (v), moaning, noise (attention and conflict), noisy (debate, etc.), outcry (n), quiet (adj), squeal (protest), tumult (disruption), wail (v)
- speech: sound off (v), speak out (v), speak up (v)
- sports & games: checkmate (v), checkmate (n), counted out (boxing), game (game of chicken), tap out (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), bow (and bow down), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (v), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), rise (resist), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand for (not stand for something), stand up (stand up to something), succumb (v), supine (adj), supinely, wobbly (commitment)
- sword: parry (v), parry (n)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- tide: tide (buck the tide)
- verb: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), balk (v), barricade (storm the barricades), beat back (v), bemoan (v), bewail (v), blink (conflict), bow (and bow down), bridle (v), buck (v), buckle (give way), budge (v), cave in (v), checkmate (v), clamor (v), clap back (v), combat (v), come out (against something), counterattack (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), day (save the day), dig in (v), fall (defeat), fight (v), fold (v), foot (put one's foot down), give in (v), give up (stop trying), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), heel (dig in one's heels), hold off (v), hold out (persist), howl (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), knuckle under (v), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), moan (v), move (move an inch, etc.), nose (thumb one's nose), overcome (v), overrun (v), parry (v), punch (punch back), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), put up with (v), rebel (v), retreat (reverse / verb), revolt (v), rise (resist), roll over (v), rout (defeat / verb), sell out (v), sound off (v), speak out (v), speak up (v), squeal (protest), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand for (not stand for something), stand up (stand up to something), stare down (v), stink (raise a stink), stonewall (v), succumb (v), surrender (v), tap out (v), tail (turn tail), take (refuse to take), take on (v), tent (fold one's tent), tide (buck the tide), towel (throw in the towel), wail (v)
- violence: backlash (n), knuckle under (v)
- walking, running & jumping: run (on the run / retreat), step (not one step back), step forward (v)
- wall: stonewall (v)
- weapon: blowback (n), parry (v), parry (n)
- whip: backlash (n)

RESPONSIBILITY (1) (see also guilt)

- animal: chicken (come home to roost)

- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- baseball: plate (step up to the plate)
- bird: chicken (come home to roost)
- blood: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- boat: wheelhouse (n)
- container: lap (responsibility)
- direction: behind (responsibility), fall (devolve), live up to (something), man up (v)
- doors & thresholds: door (at someone's door, etc.)
- foot: feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)
- hand: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- house: bed (lie in one's bed)
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- infrastructure: lane (experience)
- justice: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), get away (get away with something)
- lap: lap (responsibility)
- money: own (responsibility), ownership (n)
- position: behind (responsibility)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (responsibility), on (it's on you, etc.)
- proximity: door (at someone's door, etc.), feet (lay blame at the feet, etc.)
- shoulder: shoulder (fall on the shoulders), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)
- sports & games: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), plate (step up to the plate)
- sword: sword (fall on one's sword)
- verb: bed (lie in one's bed), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), live up to (something), man up (v), own (responsibility), plate (step up to the plate), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), sword (fall on one's sword)
- walking, running & jumping: step up (rise to the occasion)
- weight: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (fall on the shoulders)
- military: watch (on one's watch)

RESTRAINT & LACK OF RESTRAINT (1) (see also constraint & lack of constraint; control & lack of control)

- affix: overboard (behavior), overreach (v)
- alcohol: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- allusion: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), envelope (push the envelope)
- animal: animal (party animal, etc.), wild (behavior), wild (control), wild (run wild)
- arm: hold back (restraint), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v)
- atmosphere: wind (throw something to the wind)
- boat: overboard (behavior)
- books & reading: tell-all (book)
- boundary: belt (below the belt), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v), overstretch (v)
- boxing: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- bridge: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- cards: hand (overplay one's hand)
- control & lack of control: control (out of control), control (in control), control (under control)
- direction: over-the-top (adj), top (over the top)
- distance: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstretch (v), ski (over one's skis, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)

- fist: punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- hand: hand (get out of hand), loose (let loose)
- history: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- horse: bridle (v), unbridled
- materials & substances: brazen (adj)
- military: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), cannon (loose cannon)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops)
- part of speech: tell-all (book)
- person: cannon (loose cannon)
- plane: envelope (push the envelope)
- sex: orgy (n)
- speech: loose (let loose), punch (pull a punch)
- sports & games: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred), punch (pull a punch)
- verb: bridle (v), end (go off the deep end), envelope (push the envelope), hand (get out of hand), hand (overplay one's hand), help (keep from, avoid), hold back (restraint), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), loose (let loose), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), stop (stop at nothing), stop (pull out all the stops), wild (run wild), wind (throw something to the wind)
- walking, running & jumping: overstep (v)
- water: end (go off the deep end)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon)
- wind: wind (throw something to the wind)
- wrestling: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)

REVENGE (1)

- allusion: nemesis (n)
- Bible: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- bodily reaction: laugh (last laugh)
- eye: eye (an eye for an eye)
- fist: tit-for-tat (adj)
- food & drink: dish (revenge is a dish best served cold)
- justice: nemesis (n)
- money: pay (revenge), payback, score (settle a score, etc.)
- religion: nemesis (n), tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- sound: laugh (last laugh)
- teeth: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- verb: feud (v), pay (revenge), score (settle a score, etc.)
- violence: feud (v), feud (n), vendetta (n)

REVERENCE (1)

- music: hymn (n)
- place: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- religion: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), cult (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, hagiographic (superlative), hallowed (adj), halo (n), hymn (n), idol (person), idolized, irreverent (adj), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), reverential (adj), saint (superlative), sanctum (and inner sanctum), shrine (reverence), temple (n), venerate (v), venerated, worship (v)
- sign, signal, symbol: halo (n)
- verb: enshrine (v), venerate (v), worship (v)

REVERSAL (1)

- affix: un (undo this hurt, etc.)
- animal: chicken (come home to roost), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- ball: roll back (v)
- bell: bell (unring a bell)
- bird: chicken (come homes to roost)
- boat: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), course (reverse course), row (row back), ship (turn the ship, etc.)
- books & reading: O. Henry
- clothing & accessories: shoe (the shoe is on the other foot)
- direction: about-face (in an about-face), about-face, about-turn, back (no way back, etc.), backlash (n), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), boomerang (n), climb down (v), course (reverse course), flip (v), flip-flop (v), flip-flopping (reversal), flipped, hinge (n), overturn (v), overturned, pivot (n), pivot (v), retreat (reverse / verb), retreat (reverse / noun), retreat (reverse / noun), row (row back), turnabout (reversal), turn around (turn things around, etc.), turnaround, U-turn (n)
- dog: tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- engine: gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: overturn (v), overturned
- explosion: blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), face (blow up in one's face)
- film: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
- food & drink: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- heart: heart (change of heart)
- journeys & trips: backtrack (reversal), course (reverse course), turnabout (reversal)
- justice: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment)
- letters & characters: U-turn (n)
- map: course (reverse course)
- mechanism: backpedal (v), gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.), hinge (n), pivot (n), pivot (v), roll back (v), unwind (reverse)
- military: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), retreat (reverse / verb), retreat (reverse / noun)
- movement: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), flip (v), flip-flop (v), pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around), turnabout (reversal)
- music: tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- sea: change (sea change), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- size: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier)
- sound: bell (unring a bell)
- table: table (turn the tables)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- teeth: come back (to bite, haunt, etc.)
- tide: tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- verb: backfire (v), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), bell (unring a bell), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), climb down (v), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), course (reverse course), face (blow up in one's face), flip (v), flip-flop (v), gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.), overturn (v), retreat (reverse / verb), ricochet (v), roll back (v), ship (turn the ship, etc.), table (turn the tables), tail (turn tail), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune), unwind (reverse), walk back (v)
- violence: backlash (n)

- walking, running & jumping: walk back (n), walk back (v)
- weapon: backfire (v), blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), ricochet (v)
- whip: backlash (n)

RIDING (2)

- dependency: ride (ride on something)
- experience: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- fictive transportation: ride (ride on something), ride (ride something to fame, etc.)
- relationship: ride (ride on something)
- survival, persistence & endurance: ride out (v)
- verb: ride (ride on something)

RIVER (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: river (sell somebody down the river)
- amelioration & renewal: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- amount: reservoir (amount)
- amount & effect: flood (amount / verb), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, Niagara (the river and falls), river (river of hogs, etc.)
- branching system: confluence (n), feed (feed into), prong (river), stream (bloodstream, etc.), tributary (n)
- center & periphery: backwater (n), mainstream (society)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- commitment & determination: boat (burn one's boats), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: undercurrent (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- destruction: swept away (removal)
- development: watershed (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- direction: meander (v), watershed (n), wind (wind its way)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: swept away (removal)
- division & connection: bridge (n), bridge (v), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone, watershed (n)
- driving force: powerhouse (n)
- extent & scope: catchment (n), run (run deep / high / strong)
- fate, fortune & chance: boat (burn one's boats), bridge (burn one's bridges), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: run (run deep / high / strong), swept away (emotion)
- fictive motion: meander (v)
- force: current (n), Niagara (the river and falls), undercurrent (n)
- future: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- group, set & collection: reservoir (group)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- importance & significance: watershed (n)
- isolation & remoteness: backwater
- movement: flood (move), flow (flow of the lesson, etc.), flow (move), flow (n), river (river of hogs, etc.), stream (amount & effect), wind (wind its way)
- obstacles & impedance: dam (psychological dam, etc.), jam (situation), logjam (n), snag (n)
- orientation: current (swim with the current, etc.), current (swim against the current, etc.), downstream, upper (river, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)

- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- presence & absence: bridgehead (n)
- progress & lack of progress: backwater (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- resemblance: river (resemblance)
- route: bridge (air bridge, etc.), stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- society: mainstream (society)
- source: fountainhead, reservoir (source), watershed (n)
- strength & weakness: powerhouse (n)
- taxonomy & classification: tributary (n)
- time: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), dam (water over the dam)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)

ROCKET (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic)
- increase & decrease: rocket (increase), skyrocket (increase)
- initiation: launching pad
- movement: rocket (speed), skyrocket (increase)
- readiness & preparedness: strap yourself in
- resemblance: rocket (resemblance)
- speed: rocket (speed)

ROLE (1) (see also representation)

- animal: mother (den mother, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: mantle (n), pants (big girl pants, etc.), hat (role), trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- family: mother (den mother, etc.)
- government: ambassador (role), diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- hat: hat (role)
- horse: saddle (acting saddle, etc.)
- person: mother (den mother, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: hat (role)
- theater: act (insincere show), act (performance), perform (v)
- verb: perform (v)

ROOF (2) (see also doors & thresholds; gate; house)

- destruction: roof (a roof can cave in)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- failure, accident & impairment: roof (a roof can cave in)
- increase & decrease: roof (through the roof)
- orientation: roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- proper name: dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.)
- shape: dome (shape)

ROPE (2)

- action, inaction & delay: Gordian knot
- amelioration & renewal: loosen up (feelings), straighten out (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), untangle (v)
- analysis & interpretation: untangle (v)
- attachment: bind (connect), entwined, string (attachment), tethered, tied

- complexity: Gordian knot, tangle (n), tangled
- constraint & lack of constraint: bind (constraint), bind (constrain), binding (adj), bound (constraint), hand (tie one's hands, etc.), loose (get looser, etc.), slack (n), tied (constraint)
- destruction: undoing (destruction), undone (destruction)
- development: play (play / play out)
- division & connection: bind (connect), entwined, tie (v), tied, tie together (v)
- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: snap (v), undoing (destruction), undone (destruction), unravel (fail)
- feeling, emotion & effect: frayed (emotions), loosen up (feelings), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), rope (at the end of one's rope), snap (v), strain (pressure), strained, taut (nerves, etc.), tension (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: kink (n), strain (pressure), strained
- involvement: bound up, enmeshed, ensnare (v), ensnared, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement), entwined, string (attachment), tangle (n), tangled
- obstacles & impedance: knot (n), snarl (v), snarl (impedance)
- proper name: knot (the Pamir Knot, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ensnare (v), ensnared
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: loose ends
- relationship: entwined
- sequence: string (sequence)
- sex: loose (loose woman)
- situation: bind (in a bind), enmeshed, ensnare (v), ensnared, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: play (play / play out)
- superiority & inferiority: rope (velvet rope)
- survival, persistence & endurance: rope (on the ropes)

ROUTE (1) (see also course, direction)

- animal: alley (Bat Alley, etc.)
- atmosphere: skyway
- blood: artery (route)
- bridge: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- canal: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- direction: climb (roads, etc.)
- epithet: road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- gate: gateway (gateway to India, etc.)
- infrastructure: alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61), avenue (route), bridge (air bridge, etc.), canal (birth canal, etc.), corridor (route), expressway, highway (iceberg highway, etc.), pipe (n), pipeline (other), road (road from / to something), superhighway
- journeys & trips: pathway (route), road (road from / to something), trail (campaign trail, etc.), trail (canoe trail, etc.), way (route)
- path: pathway (route)
- river: bridge (air bridge, etc.), stream (bloodstream etc.)
- sky: skyway
- storm: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)
- water: canal (birth canal, etc.), channel (through channels), channel (back channel), channel (distribution channel, etc.), conduit, pipe (n), pipeline (other), stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- weather & climate: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)

ROUTE (2)

- danger: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- development: course (development)

- resemblance: passage (nasal passage, etc.)
- situation: way (in harm's way) way (out of harm's way)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (run its course, etc.)
- transmission: corridor (route)

ROYALTY (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: coronation (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: fealty (n)
- area: kingdom (control), realm (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: herald (v), herald (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: herald (v), herald (n), usher in (v)
- comparison & contrast: queen-size (and queen sized)
- control & lack of control: kingdom (control), rule (v), ruled, usurp (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dethrone (v), dethroned
- epithet: king (king cobra, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (MS Monarch, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Versailles (Russian Versailles, etc.)
- help & assistance: handmaiden (help)
- hierarchy: bee (queen bee), blue blood
- oppression: edict (n), lord over (v), reign of terror / fear, etc.
- origin: house (origin)
- person: handmaiden (help), king (person), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (role), whipping boy (person)
- possession: usurp (v)
- power: dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), lord over (v), monarch (primacy), overlord (person), throne (power)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: accession (n), crown (superlative), dethrone (v), dethroned, dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), heir apparent, king (person), monarch (primacy), reign (v), reign (n), reigning, throne (in line for the throne), throne (pretender to the throne), throne (primacy)
- proper name: Emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), Kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.), monarch (MS Monarch, etc.), Queen (Dairy Queen, etc.), throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: castle (protection)
- punishment & recrimination: whipping boy (person)
- relationship: handmaiden (help)
- resemblance: palace (movie palace, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: crowned (v)
- size: palatial (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: reign (v)
- superiority & inferiority: blue blood, red carpet (treatment)
- superlative: aristocracy (n), aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.), crown (superlative), crown jewel, king (king cobra, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (primacy), prince (epithet), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), royalty (n)
- taking & removing: usurp (v)
- taxonomy & classification: kingdom (animal kingdom)
- welcome: red carpet (treatment)
- worth & lack of worth: crown jewel

RUBBING & WASHING (2)

- resemblance: scoured
- searching & discovery: scour (v)
- transmission: rub off on (v)

RUINS (2)

- behavior: self-destructive (adj)
- character & personality: self-destructive (adj)
- decline: crumble (v)
- destruction: bring down (v), buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), crash (crash down), crumble (v), damage (collateral damage), damage (n), debris (n), demolition (n), flatten (v), roof (a roof can cave in), rubble (in the rubble), rubble (other), ruin (v), ruin (financial ruin, etc.), ruin (in ruins, etc.), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, smash (smash a record, etc.), topple (v), waste (lay waste), wreck (v), wreck (person), wreckage (n), wrecked
- dismissal, removal & resignation: topple (v)
- disruption: smash (smash a record, etc.), topple (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: crumble (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), wreck (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: buckle (give way), collapse (v), collapse (n), roof (a roof can cave in), tumble down (v), wreck (v), wreck (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: topple (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: buckle (give way)

SACRIFICE (1)

- animal: lamb (sacrificial lamb), scapegoat (n)
- blood: blood (effort)
- food & drink: belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening
- justice: scapegoat (n)
- money: treasure (money)
- religion: altar (at / on / upon the altar), lamb (sacrificial lamb), sacrifice (give up something), sacrifice (n), scapegoat (n)
- sheep: lamb (sacrificial lamb)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (effort), treasure (money)
- verb: sacrifice (give up something)

SANCTIONING, AUTHORITY & NON-CONFORMITY (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; unanimity & consensus)

- allusion: promethean (adj), shibboleth (n), Young Turk
- animal: black sheep, buck (v), crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), maverick (person), rogue (n), sacred cow
- Bible: Bible (authority)
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- center & periphery: outlier (n)
- clothing & accessories: mantle (n)
- color: amber (traffic light), black sheep, green (green list, etc.), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red (red list, etc.), traffic light (or traffic signal)
- cows & cattle: maverick (person), sacred cow
- creature: ghost (unregistered, etc.)
- direction: high (from on high)
- document: license (n), passport (n)
- doors & thresholds: gatekeeper (person)
- epithet: Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
- face: frown (v), frowned upon, smile (v)
- gate: gatecrasher (person), gatekeeper (person)
- gesture: applaud (v), applauded, frown (v), frowned upon, nod (permission), smile (v)
- government: embargo (n), franchise (n), license (n), magisterial (adj), passport (n)

- head: nod (permission)
- height: pedestaled
- history: Young Turk
- horse: buck (v), maverick (person)
- license: license (n)
- line: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (government line, etc.)
- manufacturing: mold (fit a mold, etc.)
- mark: rubber stamp (n), stamp (stamp of approval)
- mechanism: fit in (v)
- military: drummer (different drummer), rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebel (v), step (in step), step (out of step)
- movement: go-ahead
- music: offbeat (adj), tune (dance to the tune)
- part of speech: go-ahead, OK (and okay / verb)
- person: boy (bad boy), gatekeeper (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), immortal (person), maverick (person), police (thought police, etc.), rebel (person), renegade (person)
- religion: anathema, anoint (v), anointed, apostasy (n), beatification (n), beatify (v), Bible (authority), blasphemy, blessing (sanction), canon (literature), canon (other), canonical (adj), canonize (v), dogma (n), ecclesiastical (adj), enshrine (v), enshrined, excommunicated, heresy (n), heretic (person), heretical (adj), high priest, iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), immortal (person), imprimatur, Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), myth (n), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), piety (n), priesthood (n), promethean (adj), renegade (person), sacred cow, sacrilegious (adj), shibboleth (n), taboo (n), Valhalla (n)
- royalty: crowned (v)
- school & education: slip (permission slip)
- sea: tide (buck the tide)
- sheep: black sheep
- shoulder: shoulder (tapped on the shoulder, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: amber (traffic light), frown (v), frowned upon, green (green list, etc.), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red (red list, etc.), seal of approval, smile (v), traffic light (or traffic signal)
- society: gatekeeper (person)
- sound: applaud (v), applauded, drummer (different drummer)
- sports & games: ground rule, playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field)
- statue: pedestaled
- ticket: pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- tide: tide (buck the tide)
- tree: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- verb: anoint (v), applaud (v), beatify (v), buck (v), canonize (v), enshrine (v), frown (v), green light (v), hew (hew to the line, etc.), OK (and okay / verb), playing field (level the playing field), rebel (v), sign off (on something), smile (v), tide (buck the tide), tune (dance to the tune)
- walking, running & jumping: step (in step), step (out of step)
- writing & spelling: sign off (on something)

SCALE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: counterbalance (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: weigh (analyze)
- cost & benefit: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- development: scale (tip the scales)
- disruption: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), imbalanced

- equilibrium & stability: balance (v), balance (out of balance), balance (off balance), balance (work & job, etc.), balance (n), balanced, balance of power, counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), disequilibrium (n), equilibrium (n), imbalanced
- fate, fortune & chance: balance (in the balance)
- flaws & lack of flaws: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, imbalanced
- initiation: scale (tip the scales)
- judgment: scale (scales of justice, etc.), weigh (analyze)
- readiness & preparedness: balance (off balance)

SCHOOL & EDUCATION (2)

- ability & lack of ability: IQ (ability), study (quick study)
- achievement, recognition & praise: dean (person)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: blank (fill in the blanks), study (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- behavior: fight (food fight), lesson (n), slip (permission slip)
- coercion & motivation: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- conflict: fight (food fight)
- division & connection: breakout (breakout sessions, etc.)
- enthusiasm: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- environment: playground (n)
- epithet: West Point (epithet)
- experience: freshman (adj), school (experience), schooled, university (experience)
- extent & scope: extracurricular
- group, set & collection: club (boys' club), fraternity (n), Old Boy (Old Boy network)
- growth & development: graduate (v)
- hierarchy: club (boys' club), Old Boy (Old Boy network)
- judgment: grade (failing grade), mark (high mark), quiz (v), report card
- knowledge & intelligence: IQ (ability), learn (v), lesson (n), masterclass, note (compare notes), professor (n), school (experience), schooled, teacher (experience is the best teacher, etc.), textbook (n), university (experience)
- message: lecture (v)
- oppression: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- person: bully (person), chaperone (role), cheerleader (person), dean (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: old school, new school, test (test of time)
- past & present: new school, old school
- readiness & preparedness: homework (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: slip (permission slip)
- society: club (boys' club), fraternity (n), Old Boy (Old Boy network)
- script: copybook (n)
- success & failure: grade (failing grade)
- superlative: masterclass (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: test (test of time)
- time: new school, old school

SCRIPT (1)

- books & reading: book (by the book), book (rule book), playbook (n)
- food & drink: recipe (vaccine recipe, etc.), recipe (for conflict, etc.)
- health & medicine: prescription (n)
- infrastructure: blueprint
- journeys & trips: road map

- map: road map
- manufacturing: boilerplate (n)
- number: formula (script)
- religion: catechism (n), hymnal (n)
- school & education: copybook (n)
- sports & games: book (rule book), playbook (n)
- theater: cue (n), script (to script), script (off script, etc.)
- tools & technology: boilerplate (n)

SEA (2) (see also island; tide; tsunami; wave)

- affliction: barnacle (affliction), encrustation (affliction)
- amelioration & renewal: barnacle (scrape the barnacles, etc.), tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- amount: abundance (amount), armada (n), ocean (amount), sea (amount)
- amount & effect: change (sea change), floodtide (n), groundswell (n), maelstrom (in a maelstrom), maelstrom (other), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (on a tide), tide (rising tide), tide (other), tsunami (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- appearance & disappearance: blue whale, sink (disappearance), wash up (v)
- area: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attachment: barnacled, encrustation (affliction)
- attraction & repulsion: pull (tidal pull)
- certainty & uncertainty: uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- character & personality: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: wash up (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- configuration: archipelago (n), pearl (string of pearls)
- control & lack of control: King Canute
- creation & transformation: change (sea change)
- danger: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), Scylla and Charybdis, shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb), ship (a sinking ship), washed-up (adj)
- destruction: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shoal (n), sink (destroy), swept away (removal), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- development: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.), wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- direction: lighthouse (protection), sea (at sea), uncharted (adj)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: swept away (removal)
- division & connection: gulf (division), insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- effect: wave (make waves, etc.)
- environment: island (island of affluence, etc.), sea (in a sea), sea (environment)
- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), salty (experience)
- extent & scope: high tide
- failure, accident & impairment: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shoal (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue whale
- feeling, emotion & effect: swept away (emotion), wave (make waves, etc.)
- force: floodtide (n), wave (crest of a wave)
- group, set & collection: armada (n)
- increase & decrease: tide (rising tide)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shell (protection)
- movement: ebb (movement), tide (other), wave (amount and effect)

- obstacles & impedance: shoal (n)
- occurrence: blue whale
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high tide, washed-up (adj)
- progress & lack of progress: doldrums (n)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- relationship: pull (tidal pull)
- resemblance: barnacle (resemblance), island (beech island, etc.), lagoon (n), ocean (ocean of air, etc.), sea (sea of sand, etc.), shore (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tide (buck the tide)
- reversal: change (sea change), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tide (buck the tide)
- searching & discovery: naut (Argonaut, etc.)
- shape: wave (shape)
- situation: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- society: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- substance & lack of substance: shell (substance)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: abundance (amount)
- superlative: pearl
- survival, persistence & endurance: batten (batten down)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), piratical (adj)

SEARCHING & DISCOVERY (1) (see also pursuit, capture & escape)

(appearance & disappearance; occurrence; presence & absence)

- affix: naut (Argonaut, etc.)
- allusion: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), rabbit hole (exploration), rainbow (searching and discovery), Sherlock Holmes
- animal: bloodhound (n), expedition (fishing expedition), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), ferret out (v)
- arm: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- atmosphere: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- Bible: grail (holy grail)
- blade: scrape (v)
- boat: dredge up (v), naut (Argonaut, etc.), trawl (v)
- burial: exhume (v)
- cloth: thread (investigation), unfold (discover), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- death & life: exhume (v)
- direction: bottom (get to the bottom of something), come up with (discovery), turned up (discover)
- dog: bloodhound (n)
- earth & world: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- epithet: Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), grail (holy grail)
- eye: look for (v), look into (v)
- farming & agriculture: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), glean (v), gleaned, sieve (n), winnow (v)
- fish: expedition (fishing expedition), trawl (v)
- ground, terrain & land: come up with (discovery), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), fool's gold, frontier (n), ground (cover ground), pay dirt, rock (turn over every

- rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), turned up (discovered), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- hair: comb (v)
 - history: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.), El Dorado
 - hunting: bloodhound (n), Easter egg, expedition (fishing expedition), find (discover), find (hope, etc.), search (for truth, cure, etc.), track down (v), trail (digital trail, etc.)
 - insect: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
 - journeys & trips: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.), exploration (n), explore (discover), explorer (person), ground (cover ground), pathfinder (person)
 - key: unlock (v)
 - knife: scrape (v)
 - light & dark: light (come to light), light (bring something to light)
 - map: Dark Continent
 - mark: blaze (blaze a trail, etc.)
 - Middle Ages: grail (holy grail), quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
 - military: scout (n), scout (v)
 - mining: dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig out, dig up, dry (come up dry), excavate (v), fool's gold, gold (strike gold), mine (search), mining (data, etc.), pay dirt, unearth (v), unearthed
 - money: treasure trove (and trove)
 - object: search (n)
 - part of speech: reveal (big reveal, etc.), surface (transitive)
 - path: pathfinder (person)
 - person: detective (person), explorer (person), pathfinder (person), scout (n), sleuth (person), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
 - prep, adv, adj, particle: dredge up (v)
 - religion: grail (holy grail)
 - rubbing & washing: scour (v)
 - sea: naut (Argonaut, etc.)
 - sign, signal, symbol: magnifying glass (search)
 - sky: rainbow (searching and discovery)
 - smell: sniff out (v)
 - theater: talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
 - tools & technology: magnifying glass (search), needle (needle in a haystack), rake up (v), sift (searching), sifted
 - verb: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), comb (v), come up with (discovery), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dredge up (v), dry (come up dry), excavate (v), exhume (v), explore (discover), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), ferret out (v), glean (v), ground (cover ground), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), look for (v), look into (v), mine (search), rake up (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scour (v), scout (v), scrape (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), sift (searching), sniff out (v), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), track down (v), trawl (v), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unfold (discover), unlock (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), winnow (v)
 - walking, running & jumping: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
 - water: dry (come up dry), sound (measure), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive)
 - wheat: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)

SEASON (2)

- death & life: winter (decline)
- decline: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- destruction: winter (nuclear winter, etc.)
- development: season (time)

- epithet: spring (Arab Spring, etc.)
- experience: seasoned (experienced)
- growth & development: autumn (in the autumn), spring (Arab Spring, etc.), winter (decline)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- resemblance: winter (resemblance)
- time: season (time)

SENSATION (2)

- affliction: gall (v), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), irritant (n), irritated, needle (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, saddle (a burr in the saddle), shoe (a stone in the shoe), thorn (n), thorny (adj), wound (salt in a wound)
- amelioration & renewal: smooth (v), soothe (sensation)
- character & personality: abrasive (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), irritating, nerveless (adj), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), sensitive (feelings), smooth (character), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (personality)
- consciousness & awareness: daze (in a daze), numb (adj), slap (awareness)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- division & connection: fuzzy (adj), limb (phantom limb)
- eagerness & reluctance: itch (v), itchy (adj)
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- enthusiasm: bitten (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- feeling, emotion & effect: abrasive (adj), biting (adj), blistering (adj), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), buzz (sensation), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), dizzying (adj), elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), grate (v), gut-wrenching (adj), hair (hair on fire), heartache (n), heartfelt, heartthrob, heart-wrenching, hit (affect), hit (affected), hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), irritant (n), irritated, irritating, irritation, jolt (n), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lacerating (adj), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, numb (adj), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional), painful (adj), palpable (adj), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched, pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.), raw (emotions, etc.), raw nerve (feeling), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), scorching (adj), searing (adj), sensitive (adj), shoe (a stone in the shoe), smart (v), soothe (sensation), sore (sensation), sorely, stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.), sting (n), stinging (adj), strike (affect), striking (adj), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stung (feeling), stupendous (adj), teeth (kick in the teeth), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (adj), whiplash (n), wrenching (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws, rough (adj), smooth (lack of flaws), thorny (adj)
- money: tight (money)
- presence & absence: limb (phantom limb), palpable (adj)
- punishment & recrimination: eye (poke something in the eye, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heartfelt (adj)
- speech: caustic (adj), caustically, fuzzy (adj), needle (v), smooth (speech)
- survival, persistence & endurance: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched

SEQUENCE (1)

- boat: wake (in the wake of)
- boxing: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- chain: chain (chain of events), chain (other), chain reaction
- direction: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), descendant (come after / down), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time),

last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)

- epithet: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- food & drink: table (set the table)
- heel: heel (on the heels)
- height: descendant (come after / down)
- history: descendant (come after / down)
- journeys & trips: way (give way to something)
- leg: leg (first leg, etc.)
- line: queue (sequence), string (sequence)
- mountains & hills: descendant (come after / down)
- movement: ancestor (go before), follow (at a later time), following (sequence), following (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- position: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), forenoon (at an earlier time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), late (late Stone Age, etc.), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), next (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- rope: string (sequence)
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- table: table (set the table)
- time: following (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), tick-tock (n)
- train: train (in one's train / at a later time)
- verb: follow (at a later time), jump (jump ahead), precede (at an earlier time), punch (beat somebody to the punch), step back (sequence), way (give way to something)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump ahead), step (first step, etc.), step back (sequence), walk (crawl, walk, run)
- water: wake (in the wake of)
- weapon: shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)

SEX (1)

- allusion: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.)
- animal: maneater (female), stud (male)
- books & reading: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan
- clothing & accessories: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- epithet: Casanova (Serbian Casanova, etc.), Don Juan, Freud (sex)
- euphemism: bedroom (sex), birds and the bees, couch (casting couch), easy (sex), loose (loose woman), pants (get in somebody's pants)
- history: puritanism (n)
- horse: stud (male)
- hygiene: dirty (sex), filthy (sex), purity (sex)
- materials & substances: purity (sex)
- mechanism: machine (sex machine), turned on (sex)
- mental health: crazed (sex-crazed)
- person: maneater (female), stud (male)

- predation: man-eater (female)
- religion: puritanism (n)
- rope: loose (loose woman)
- temperature: steamy (adj)
- tools & technology: hookup (sex)
- verb: pants (get in somebody's pants)

SEX (2)

- attraction & repulsion: alluring (adj), lust (n), porn (food porn, etc.), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj)
- control & lack of control: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- eagerness & reluctance: slut (enthusiasm)
- enthusiasm: lust (n), passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, slut (enthusiasm)
- experience: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, turned on (sex)
- pursuit, capture & escape: seduce (v), seduced
- relationship: incestuous (adj), incestuousness (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: orgy (n)
- speech: pander (v), tout (person)

SHADOW (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- attenuation: shadow (devitalized)
- certainty & uncertainty: shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- competition: overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- concealment & lack of concealment: shadow (concealment), shadowy
- configuration: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- corruption: shady (adj)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- division & connection: daylight (division)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v)
- proximity: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- repetition: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- subterfuge: shady (adj)

SHAPE (1)

- animal: butterfly (shape), dogleg (shape), honeycomb (shape), horn (shape), nest (shape), plume (shape), web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- arm: elbow (shape)
- astronomy: moon (shape), star (shape)
- bell: bell curve (shape)
- bird: beak (area), nest (shape), nest (Bird's Nest, etc.), plume (shape)
- blade: knife-edged, sickle (shape)

- bottle: bottleneck (n)
- bullet: bullet (shape)
- canal: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- clock: hourglass (shape)
- cloth: needle (shape), ribbon (ribbon of moonlight, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: boot (area), washboard (bumpy)
- creature: angel (snow angel)
- direction: bell curve (shape), dogleg (shape), elbow (shape), hairpin (shape), peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), trough (n), U-turn (n), valley (n), zig-zag (v)
- dog: dogleg (shape)
- epithet: elbow (the Elbow of the Andes, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.)
- eye: eye (resemblance)
- fan: fan (shape)
- finger: finger (shape)
- food & drink: burrito (shape), pancake (pancake ice, etc.), pie (shape), punch bowl (shape)
- ground, terrain & land: contour (n)
- hand: handle (shape)
- hair: hairpin (shape)
- heart: heart (shape)
- horn: horn (shape)
- horse: horseshoe (shape), saddle (shape), spur (shape)
- house: nest (shape), shelf (ice shelf, etc.)
- infrastructure: canal (birth canal, etc.), dome (shape), pipe (sports), pipeline (shape)
- insect: butterfly (shape), honeycomb (shape), web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- knife: knife-edged
- letters & characters: U-turn (n), zig-zag (v), zig-zag (n)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- mountains & hills: peak (peaks and troughs, etc.), plateau (n), valley
- moon: moon (shape)
- mouth: jaw (jaws of life, etc.), mandible (n)
- neck: bottleneck (n), neck (area)
- nose: nose (shape)
- object: punch bowl (shape), slot (shape)
- plant: mushroom (shape)
- proper name: nest (Bird's Nest, etc.)
- religion: angel (snow angel)
- roof: dome (shape)
- route: alley
- sea: wave (shape)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nipple (shape)
- spider: web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- stair: step (shape)
- star: star (shape)
- table: table (shape)
- target: bull's-eye (shape)
- throat: throat (resemblance)
- tools & technology: anvil (shape), hourglass (shape), pitchfork (shape), sickle (shape)
- verb: zig-zag (v)
- water: funnel (water), wave (shape)

- wave: wave (shape)
- weapon: bullet (shape), bull's-eye (shape)

SHAPE (2)

- area: beak (area), belt (area), boot (area), corridor (area), horn, neck (area), panhandle (area), triangle (area)
- branching system: fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.)
- bullet: bullet (shape)
- condition & status: spiral (death spiral)
- configuration: belt (area), girdled, ringed (circled)
- conflict & lack of conflict: vicious circle
- course: trajectory (n)
- decline: trough (n)
- destruction: spiral (death spiral)
- development: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle), trajectory (n)
- direction: corkscrew (v), corkscrew (shape)
- epithet: fork (the Forks of the Ohio, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.), pipeline (Mexican Pipeline, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: pear (pear-shaped / failure), T-bone (v), T-boned
- feeling, emotion & effect: vicious circle
- fictive motion: fork (a trail can fork, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: warp (v), warped
- geography: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.)
- hierarchy: pyramid (hierarchy)
- increase & decrease: bulge (shape), bump (increase), plateau (n), plateau (v), spike (increase), spike (spike in business, etc.)
- involvement: loop (in the loop), loop (other)
- movement: corkscrew (v), fan out (v), spiral (downward or upward)
- obstacles & impedance: bottleneck (n), funnel (funnel through, etc.), hump (n)
- progress & lack of progress: plateau (n), trough (n)
- proper name: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.), beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.), bottleneck (the Bottleneck, etc.), dome (Iron Dome, etc.), dome (Half Dome, etc.), elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.), eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.), gap (the Monastir Gap, etc.), hook (Hook of Holland, etc.), horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), keyhole (the Keyhole, etc.), moon (Valle de la Luna, etc.), punch bowl (Punch Bowl Falls, etc.), pyramid (the Black Pyramid, etc.), shard (The Shard, etc.), shelf (Sahul Shelf, etc.), slot (the Slot, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.), staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.), table (Table Mountain, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.), turnup (Turnup Rock, etc.), wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: dome (Iron Dome, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: circle (a circle can close)
- relationship: vicious circle, triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- sequence: vicious circle
- speed: streamline (speed up)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: streamline (speed up)

SHARK (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: shark (thrown to the sharks)
- affliction: shark (predation)
- behavior: circle (predation), shark (predation)
- character & personality: shark (predation)
- person: shark (predation)

SHEEP (2) (see also animal)

- acceptance & rejection: fold (to / into the fold)
- behavior: flock (v), sheep (consciousness)
- character & personality: black sheep
- consciousness & awareness: sheep (consciousness)
- destruction: sheep (predation)
- directing: shepherd (v)
- direction: bellwether (n)
- growth & development: lamb (n)
- movement: flock (v)
- sacrifice: lamb (sacrificial lamb)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: black sheep
- society: fold (to / into the fold), sheep (consciousness)
- strength & weakness: sheep (predation)
- taking & removing: fleeced
- unanimity & consensus: sheep (consciousness)

SHOULDER (2)

- action, inaction & delay: shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: shrug off (v)
- bases: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: shrug (gesture)
- empathy & lack of empathy: shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)
- oppression: shoulder (oppression)
- proximity: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- resemblance: shoulder (mountain, etc.)
- responsibility: shoulder (fall on the shoulders), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: shoulder (tapped on the shoulder, etc.)
- social interaction: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- superiority & inferiority: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- surveillance: shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)
- unanimity & consensus: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- work & duty: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)

SIGHT (1)

- eye: blind (hard to see, hidden), blind date, blinding, blind side (from the blind side), eye (v), eye (met our eyes, etc.), eyeball (sight)
- verb: eye (v)

SIGN, SIGNAL, SYMBOL (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: apple (Golden Apple / education), badge (badge of honor), laurels (praise), lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.), medal (n), milestone (n), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), thumbs-up
- affliction: octopus (n), tentacle (n), shark (predation), wolf (predation)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: shorthand (n)
- attainment: milestone (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: billboard (n), eyeball (attention)
- bases: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- behavior: halo (n)
- character & personality: Barbie (and Barbie Doll)

- coercion & motivation: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- creation & transformation: Phoenix (myth)
- death & life: blood (blood represents life), coffin (death / actual), cradle (symbol), grave (symbol), night (death / actual), red (blood)
- danger: zone (red zone, etc.)
- destruction: Phoenix (myth)
- direction: weather vane (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: blood (effort), sweat (work)
- extent & scope: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- evidence: sign (sign of the times, etc.), signal (v), signpost (as verb), signpost (n), symptom (n)
- face: face (public face, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), bowl (America's salad bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: tear (crying)
- fire: flare (n)
- history: helmet (pith helmet)
- identity & nature: pie (apple pie), unicorn (Scotland, etc.)
- importance & significance: milestone (n)
- judgment: frown (v), frowned upon, scale (scales of justice, etc.), seal of approval, smile (v), star (five stars, etc.), thumbs-down, thumbs-up, upvote (and downvote)
- knowledge & intelligence: head (intelligence)
- language: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- light & dark: flare (n)
- lion: lion (the Bronze Lion, etc.)
- military: boot (soldier), Colonel Blimp, dove (person), hawk (person)
- money: champagne (money), checkbook, coffer (n), cookie jar (n), dollar sign (n), meal ticket (n), piggybank (n), pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), purse (money), purse strings, rags-to-riches, treasure (money), wallet (money), Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.), war chest
- oppression: pitchfork (oppression)
- origin: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.), Phoenix (myth)
- person: boot (soldier), eyeball (attention), hand (worker)
- power: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.), suit (person)
- progress & lack of progress: milestone (n)
- protection & lack of protection: lighthouse (protection)
- punishment & recrimination: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- relationship: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- religion: icon (symbol), iconic (adj), totem (n)
- representation: badge (representation), billboard (n), emblem (emblem of freedom, etc.), emblematic (adj), face (public face, etc.), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.), torch (other), totem (n)
- reverence: halo (n)
- role: hat (role)
- sacrifice: blood (effort), treasure (money)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: amber (traffic light), frown (v), frowned upon, green (green list, etc.), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red (red list, etc.), seal of approval, smile (v), traffic light (or traffic signal)
- sea: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- searching & discovery: magnifying glass (search)
- sign, signal, symbol: halo (n)
- society: square (public square, etc.), street (society)

- superiority & inferiority: popcorn (n), rope (velvet rope)
- survival, persistence & endurance: Phoenix (myth)
- transmission: torch (other)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- warning: black (warning), red flag, sign (warning sign)
- wheat: breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)
- work & duty: hand (worker), sweat (work)

SINCERITY, LACK OF SINCERITY & HONESTY (1)

- Bible: bible (hand on the bible, etc.)
- book (open book)
- bridge: bridge (a bridge to sell)
- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- container: open (honest)
- direction: crooked (adj), straight (honest), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- face: face (concept)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- hygiene: clean (come clean)
- heart: cri de coeur, heart (sincerity), heartfelt (adj), heart-to-heart
- materials & substances: sugarcoat (and candy-coat)
- mouth: lip service (pay lip service, etc.), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (person)
- person: mouthpiece (person), straight shooter (speech)
- religion: bible (hand on the bible, etc.), soul (bare one's soul)
- sensation: heartfelt (adj)
- sound: cri de coeur
- speech: blunt (speech), cri de coeur, lip service (pay lip service, etc.), slick (adj), smooth (speech), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk (talk the talk), talker (slick talker), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- sports & games: card (cards on the table)
- taste: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- theater: performative (adj)
- verb: bluff (v), clean (come clean), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), talk (talk the talk), twist (twist the truth, etc.)

SITUATION (1)

- allusion: Dantesque (adj), frog (frog in boiling water)
- animal: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.), frog (frog in boiling water), web (situation)
- boat: boat (in the same boat), strait (dire straits, etc.)
- books & reading: Catch-22
- boxing: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- breadth: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- center & periphery: middle (in the middle)
- container: bind (in a bind), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, exit (n), get out (and get out of), hole (situation), in (situation), jam (situation), lap (lap of luxury), limbo (in limbo), out (want out), pulled in, pulled into, room (wiggle room), space (in a space, etc.), spot (tight spot, etc.), stay out (v), strait (dire straits, etc.), stuck (adj), trap (in a trap), trap (Chinese finger trap), trouble (in trouble), way (way out / escape), web (situation)
- cooking: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- corner: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- depth: deep (in deep), depth (out of one's depth), head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- direction: go back (and get back), return (and return to)
- dog: doghouse (in the doghouse, etc.)

- explosion: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- fire: frying pan (jump from the frying pan into the fire)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- ground, terrain & land: rock (between a rock and a hard place), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.), trapped
- hand: hold (on hold)
- head: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- hole: dig out (v), hole (situation)
- heating water: hot water (in hot water)
- hunting: caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, trap (in a trap)
- hygiene: hot mess (situation, etc.), mess (n)
- infrastructure: maze (bureaucracy, etc.)
- insect: web (situation)
- lap: lap (lap of luxury)
- light & dark: twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)
- materials & substances: sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)
- movement: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, go back (and get back), pulled in, pulled into, return (and return to), spot (tight spot, etc.), stuck (adj)
- place: here (situation), place (situation), place (place where), point (in a point), spot (tight spot, etc.), where (= the place where)
- position: middle (in the middle)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (situation), trouble (in trouble)
- pressure: crunch (crunch time), rock (between a rock and a hard place), trap (Chinese finger trap)
- religion: Dantesque (adj), hell (macro), hell (micro), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- rope: bind (in a bind), enmeshed, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement)
- route: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- sea: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- space: room (opportunity), space (in a space, etc.)
- spider: web (situation)
- sports & games: ballgame (new ballgame), game (situation)
- temperature: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water)
- tools & technology: jam (situation), vise (pressure)
- verb: box (box somebody into a corner), dig out (v), ensnare (v), go back (and get back), head (get in over one's head, etc.), out (want out), return (and return to), stay out (v), water (keep one's head above water)
- water: deep (in deep), depth (out of one's depth), frog (frog in boiling water), head (get in over one's head, etc.), hot water (in hot water), water (deep water), water (keep one's head above water)
- weapon: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- weight: rock (between a rock and a hard place)

SIZE (1)

- affix: besity (infobesity, etc.)
- allusion: behemoth (n), Brobdingnagian, colossal (adj), David (David and Goliath, etc.), gargantuan (size), Goliath (Bible), jumbo (large), Krakatoan (adj), leviathan, Lilliputian (adj), Olympian (size), Pharaonic (adj), spartan (adj), titan (n), zilla (bridezilla, etc.)
- animal: beast (power), elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), jumbo (large), mammoth (size), minnow, mouse (size), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- astronomy: astronomical (adj)
- atmosphere: skyscraper
- baby: baby (size)

- Bible: behemoth (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible), leviathan (n)
- breadth: narrow (breadth), razor (razor-thin), slim (small), thin (size)
- clothing & accessories: seam (burst at the seams)
- creature: behemoth (n), giant (size), Godzilla (force), leviathan (n), monster (size), titan (n)
- epithet: Amazon (epithet / the company), Facebook (the Facebook of knitting, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), Uber (the Uber of towing, etc.), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- fatness & thinness: bloated (size), flabby (adj), lean (size), slender (adj), slim (small)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- flags & banners: banner (size)
- food & drink: supersized (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: cavernous (adj)
- health & medicine: bloated (size), flabby (adj), lean (size)
- heart: bighearted (and big-hearted)
- history: Pharaonic (adj)
- infrastructure: monumental (adj)
- insect: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- mountains & hills: Himalayan (miscalculation, etc.), mountainous (adj), Mount Everest (and Everest), Olympian (size)
- object: postage stamp (size)
- part of speech: big (as noun)
- person: Brobdingnagian (adj), dwarf (size), pygmy (size)
- religion: behemoth (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible), leviathan, monkish (adj), Olympian (size)
- royalty: palatial (adj)
- sky: skyscraper (tall building)
- standing, sitting & lying: sprawl (n), sprawling (adj)
- statue: colossal (adj)
- volcano: Krakatoan (adj)

SIZE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- amount: grain (grain of truth), kernel (amount)
- attainment: big league (and big leagues)
- character & personality: giant (gentle giant)
- commitment & determination: go big (v)
- comparison & contrast: queen-size (and queen sized), size (and sized / affix)
- consciousness & awareness: giant (sleeping giant)
- corruption: stunted
- decline: shrink (decline), shrivel (v)
- dominance & submission: dog (big dog)
- extent & scope: big (big fan, etc.), Big (comprehension, scope), go big (v), hugely, small-minded
- growth & development: stunted
- heart: bighearted (and big-hearted)
- hyperbole: supersizing (linguistic supersizing)
- importance & significance: big (significance), big (big name, etc.), Big (comprehension, scope), big gun (and heavy gun), big league (and big leagues), big shot (person), bigwig (person), blip (n), colossus (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (achievement), huge (significant), man (big man, little man, etc.),

- minnow (n), mole hill (and molehill), potato (small potatoes), teacup (storm in a teacup), titan (n), towering (towering figure, etc.), whale (epithet / obsolete)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), big up (as verb), shrink (downsize), supersize (v), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), swell (v)
 - mind: small-minded
 - perception, perspective & point of view: granular (adj)
 - power: big shot (person), bigwig (person), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (sleeping giant), minnow (n)
 - presence & absence: blip (n)
 - proper name: giant (Giants Causeway, etc.)
 - relationship: Mini-Me
 - resemblance: Mini-Me
 - reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier)
 - starting, going, continuing & ending: blip (n)
 - strength & weakness: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), kid (big kid on the block), minnow (n), puny
 - success & failure: big league (and big leagues)
 - superiority & inferiority: shoe (big shoes)

SKELETON (2)

- concealment & lack of concealment: skeleton (secret)
- evidence: closet (secret), skeleton (secret)
- resemblance: skeleton (resemblance)
- substance & lack of substance: skeleton (substance)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bare-bones (adj), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)

SKIN, MUSCLE, NERVES & BONE (2) (see also health & medicine; wounds & scars)

- accusation & criticism: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- affliction: boil (affliction), ulcer (n)
- amelioration & renewal: loosen up (feelings)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: dissect (v)
- attenuation: atrophy (v)
- bases: backbone (basis), central nervous system (basis), nerve center (basis)
- character & personality: nerveless (adj), sensitive (feelings), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (personality)
- comparison & contrast: skin-deep
- condition & status: atrophy (v)
- conflict: war of nerves
- constraint & lack of constraint: hidebound (adj)
- control & lack of control: knee-jerk (adj), reflex (n), twitch (quick-twitch)
- courage & lack of courage: nerve (courage)
- destruction: dismember (v), dismembered, dismemberment (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sinew (effort)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: amputate (remove), bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone)
- division & connection: amputate (remove), limb (phantom limb)
- effect: nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)
- euphemism: skin (save one's skin)
- extent & scope: skin-deep, surface (scratch the surface)

- failure, accident & impairment: shot (nerves are shot, etc.), strain (v), stretch (v), stretched (stretched thin, etc.), mutilate (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blistering (adj), blush (embarrassment), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), chill (feeling), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), flex (bragging), lacerating (adj), loosen up (feelings), nerve (anxiety), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, raw (emotions, etc.), raw nerve (feeling), sensitive (adj), shiver (n), shot (nerves are shot, etc.), skin (feeling), skin (jump out of one's skin), sore (sensation), sorely, startling (adj), strain (pressure), strained, taut (nerves, etc.), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: strain (pressure), strained, stretch (v), stretched (stretched thin, etc.)
- force: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- functioning: atrophy (v)
- hyperbole: skin (jump out of one's skin)
- identity & nature: bone (racist bone, etc.)
- movement: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- orientation: flesh (inside), skin (outside)
- power: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- presence & absence: limb (phantom limb)
- proper name: jaw (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), jawbone (Jawbone Canyon, etc.), nipple (Mollie's Nipples, etc.)
- proximity: bone (close to the bone, etc.)
- resemblance: flesh (inside), skeleton (resemblance)
- shape: nipple (shape)
- speech: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- strength & weakness: muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: flesh and blood, flesh out (v), fleshed out, skeleton, skin-deep
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bare-bones (adj), bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scalp (save one's scalp), skin (save one's skin)
- unanimity & consensus: pull together (v)
- work & duty: pull together (v), strain (v)

SKY (2) (see also air; atmosphere; wind)

- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.), swan (black swan)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- comparison & contrast: sky-high
- constraint & lack of constraint: sky (blue sky thinking)
- environment: firmament (n)
- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: horizon (extent and scope), sky-high
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate), sky (the sky can fall), swan (black swan)
- feeling, emotion & effect: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other)
- future: horizon (on the horizon)
- geography: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- idea: sky (blue sky thinking)
- increase & decrease: skyrocket (increase)
- mixture: rainbow (mixture)
- occurrence: swan (black swan)
- origin: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- proper name: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)

- resemblance: rainbow (color)
- route: skyway
- searching & discovery: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- size: skyscraper (tall building)
- time: horizon (on the horizon)

SLEEP (2)

- absorption & immersion: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: nap (n)
- activity: astir (adj), awaken (nature, etc.), comatose (adj), dormant (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), restlessness, sleepy (activity), wake (resemblance)
- behavior: night owl (person)
- commitment & determination: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- condition & status: comatose (adj)
- consciousness & awareness: arouse (verb), asleep (adj), asleep (at the switch, etc.), awake (adj), awaken (awareness), awakened (adj), awakening, call (wake-up call), comatose (adj), dream (fever dream, etc.), giant (sleeping giant), nap (n), sleeping (consciousness), sleepwalk (v), slumber (n), wake up (v)
- consumption: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- control & lack of control: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- enthusiasm: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: dream (fever dream, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: nightmare (n), nightmare (worst nightmare), nightmarish (adj), tired (feeling), weary (feeling)
- functioning: comatose (adj)
- person: night owl (person)
- power: giant (sleeping giant)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bed (put something to bed), bed (put to bed), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- relationship: bedfellow (companion)
- resemblance: awaken (nature, etc.), sleep (n), snooze (v), wake (resemblance)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: bed (put something to bed), bed (put to bed), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- verb: rest (put / lay something to rest)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: dream (n), dream (v)
- warning: call (wake-up call)

SMELL (2)

- absorption & immersion: permeate (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- conflict: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- corruption: cesspit (n), cesspool (n), miasma (n), noxious (adj), reek (v), stink (v)
- eagerness & reluctance: nose (hold one's nose)
- evidence: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat), scent (evidence), smell (evidence), sniff out (v), stench (n), test (smell test), whiff (n), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- feeling, emotion & effect: noxious (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: reek (v), stink (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: stink (n), stink (raise a stink)
- searching & discovery: sniff out (v)

- subterfuge: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- suspicion: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat), smell (suspicion), test (smell test)

SNAKE (2) (see also animal)

- attenuation: defang (v)
- character & personality: snake (insult)
- conflict: snake pit
- danger: snake pit
- destruction: snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- environment: snake pit
- fate, fortune & chance: snake (snake-bit)
- feeling, emotion & effect: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- fictive motion: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- insult: snake (insult)
- movement: snake (a trail can snake, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- person: snake (insult)
- resemblance: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- speech: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- strength & weakness: defang (v)
- worth & lack of worth: snake oil (n)

SNOW & ICE (2) (see also glacier)

- acceptance & rejection: freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- access & lack of access: freeze (assets, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: ice (put on ice / delayed)
- activity: freeze (v), freeze (activity), frozen (activity)
- amelioration & renewal: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- amount: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- amount & effect: avalanche (n), blizzard (n), hail (in a hail), hail (n)
- appearance & disappearance: melt away
- appearance & reality: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- character & personality: snowflake (person)
- consciousness & awareness: blizzard (consciousness)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- development: frozen (development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sledding (tough sledding)
- division & connection: ice (break the ice)
- fate, fortune & chance: ice (on thin ice)
- feeling, emotion & effect: frostily, frosty (adj), frozen (emotion), ice (break the ice), ice-cold
- functioning: freeze (computers, etc.)
- increase & decrease: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- movement: freeze (position of body), frozen (movement)
- past & present: frozen (frozen in time)
- person: snowflake (person)
- relationship: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- resemblance: snow (marine snow, etc.)
- strength & weakness: snowflake (person)
- substance & lack of substance: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- time: frozen (frozen in time)

SOCIAL INTERACTION (1) (see also gossip; society)

- back: back (scratch somebody's back)
- ball: ball (the ball is in somebody's court)
- direction: get along (v), give-and-take, go along (v), street (two-way street)
- distance: close (feeling), tight (relationship)
- eye: see (visit / meet)
- face: face (concept), face-saving
- fist: tit-for-tat (adj)
- foot: kickback (corruption)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give-and-take
- hand: hand (one hand washes the other)
- history: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- infrastructure: street (two-way street)
- mechanism: wheel (grease the wheels)
- movement: back (back and forth), get along (v), go along (v)
- person: hermit (person)
- place: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- position: side (on the good side, etc.), side (on the wrong side, etc.)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), shoulder (rub shoulders), tight (relationship)
- shoulder: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- sports & games: ball (play ball), ball (the ball is in somebody's court), game (social interaction / life)
- temperature: cozy (adj)
- tools & technology: connect (v), hook up (relationship)
- tree: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- verb: back (scratch somebody's back), ball (play ball), connect (v), get along (v), go along (v), hand (one hand washes the other), logroll (v), see (visit / meet), shoulder (rub shoulders), wheel (grease the wheels)

SOCIETY (1) (see also competition; gossip; hierarchy; social interaction; superiority & inferiority)

- animal: herd (herd mentality, etc.), lemming (consciousness), lone wolf (person), rogue (n), sheep (consciousness)
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- center & periphery: center (society), fit in (v), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), inner circle (n), insider (person), mainstream (society), margin (on the margins), netherworld (n), outlier (n), outsider (person), underground (n), underworld (n)
- cloth: fringe (on the fringe)
- creature: ghost (unregistered, etc.)
- direction: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- face: face (concept), face-saving (concept)
- gate: gate (society)
- ground, terrain & land: cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, shore (far shore), Siberia (exile), stranded (separated), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- health & medicine: leper (person)
- infrastructure: square (public square, etc.), marketplace (n), street (society), village (online village, etc.), water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- insect: butterfly (social butterfly)
- island: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- money: haves (and have-nots, etc.)

- person: Brahmin (person), butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), caste (n), climber (social climber, etc.), haves (and have-nots, etc.), hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), mob (society), nobody (a nobody), outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (n), somebody (a somebody), stranger (other), untouchable (person)
- part of speech: normal (as noun), normal (new normal)
- predation: lone wolf (person)
- river: mainstream (society)
- school & education: club (boys' club), fraternity (n), Old Boy (Old Boy network)
- sea: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- sheep: fold (to / into the fold), sheep (consciousness)
- sign, signal, symbol: square (public square, etc.), street (society)
- speech: square (public square, etc.)
- throwing, putting & planting: castaway (person), outcast (person)
- walking, running & jumping: life (from walks of life), life (in all walks of life), life (walks of life)
- wolf: lone wolf (person)

SOCIETY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: banish (v), banished, banishment (n), blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted, Brahmin (person), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), inhospitable (adj), leper (person), non-person, ostracized (society), outcast (person), shun (v), shunned, Siberia (exile), stranger (other), table (groups), untouchable (person), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- access & lack of access: gatekeeper (person)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: room (back room, etc.), scene (behind the scenes)
- behavior: hostile (adj), mob (society)
- center & periphery: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), mainstream (society), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: room (back room, etc.), netherworld (n), scene (behind the scenes), underworld (n)
- conflict: hostile (adj), tribal (groups), tribalism (groups)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper (person)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: banish (v), banished, banishment (n), cold (in the cold), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, outcast (person), Siberia (exile), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- division & connection: caste (n), meet (connect)
- environment: netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hostile (adj)
- hierarchy: Brahmin (person), caste (n), move (move up), untouchable (person)
- identity & nature: tribal (groups), tribalism (groups)
- inclusion & exclusion: agency (groups), ally (groups), appropriation (groups), black (while black, female, brown, Muslim, etc.), brave (girls and women, etc.), bravery (groups), cancel (groups, etc.), cancel culture (groups, etc.), cancellation (groups, etc.), cancelled (groups, etc.), celebrate (groups), celebrated (groups), celebration (groups), conversation (groups, etc.), courage (groups), courageous (groups), courageously, deleted (groups), diverse (groups), diversity (groups), empower (groups), empowering (groups), empowerment (groups), equity (groups), erase (groups, etc.), erased (groups, etc.), erasure (groups, etc.), exhausted (groups), exhausting (groups), exhaustion (groups), fearless (girls and women, etc.), fearlessly, fearlessness (n), ferocious (groups), ferocity (groups), fetishization (n), fierce (girls and women / groups, etc.), fiercely (girls and women / groups, etc.), gesture (groups), go (we're not going anywhere, etc.), here (we're here, we're not going away, etc.), hero (person, rat, etc.), heroic (adj), heroism (n), inclusion (groups), intention (n), intentional (adj),

- intentionality (n), intentionally, intersectional (groups, etc.), invisibility (groups), invisible (groups), justice (groups), knee (take a knee), like (people like us / groups), lived experience (groups, etc.), lived reality (groups, etc.), look like (look like me, etc.), marginalized (groups), matter (Black lives matter, etc.), microaggression (groups), minoritized (groups), misappropriation (groups, etc.), missing (groups, etc.), narrative (groups, etc.), ness (Asian-ness, etc.), other (the other), other (verb / groups, etc.), othered, othering, otherism (n), performative (groups), political correctness (groups), positive (sex positive, etc.), presence (groups), present (groups), privilege (white privilege, etc.), racism (groups), reckoning (groups), reclaim (groups), representation (groups), see (white people don't see you, etc.), seen (groups), self (authentic self, etc.), silenced (groups), space (groups, etc.), story (groups), straightwash (groups), suffer (groups), table (groups), talk (talk about something / groups, etc.), tent (inclusivity), trauma (groups, etc.), traumatic (groups), traumatization (groups), traumatize (v), traumatized, triggered (groups), truth (speak one's truth, etc. / groups), uncomfortable (groups), visibility (groups), visible (groups, etc.), voice (groups), warrior (girls and women), welcome (noun / groups), welcoming (groups), whitewash (groups), woke (groups), wokeness (groups)
- judgment: reckoning (judgment)
 - oppression: blackball (v), blackballed, blacklist (v), blacklisted, mob (society)
 - person: bigwig (person), boy (golden boy), Brahmin (person), butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), gatekeeper (person), girl (golden girl), hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (person), stranger (other), untouchable (person)
 - sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gatekeeper (person)

SOUND (1)

- animal: bark (v), gallop (sound), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), roar (n), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), whining
- bell: knell (death knell / obsolescence), knell (death knell / destruction), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)
- direction: fall (silence fell, etc.)
- dog: bark (v)
- engine: sputter (v)
- explosion: explosion (sound)
- film: crickets (silence), scratch (record scratch)
- horse: gallop (sound)
- insect: buzz (sound), cricket (sound), crickets (silence)
- lightning: thunder (sound)
- message: drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.)
- music: opera (n), symphony
- speech: rail (v), whisper (sound)
- storm: thunder (sound), thunderous (adj)
- verb: bark (v), drown out (v), growl (v), howl (v), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest)
- water: drown out (v), drowned out

SOUND (2)

- ability & lack of ability: whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: rail (v), volume (turn up the volume, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: boo (v), boo (n), cheer (v), cheer (n), hurrah (and hoorah, etc.)
- activity: abuzz, boom (increase), buzz (activity), chatter (data), hum (hum along), hum (n), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), quiet (adj), roar (activity), static (n), thrum (v)
- admiration & contempt: laughed out (of court, etc.)
- amount & effect: bombshell (n), crescendo (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), full-throated (adj), Krakatoan (adj), uproar (controversy)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chatter (data), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), signal (signal and noise), static (n)

- appeal: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call (call of duty, etc.), call (appeal), call (call to arms), cri de coeur
- attempt: crack (attempt)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bang (with a bang), bell (bells and whistles), big bang (in a big bang), blaring (headlines, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), buzz (attention), buzzed (buzzed about, etc.), buzzy (adj), din (attention), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), full-throated (adj), hailed, Krakatoan (adj), loud (attention), noise (attention and conflict), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), shot (shot heard round the world), shout (v), shout-out (n), table (loudest seat at the table), teapot (internet teapot, etc.), thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)
- attenuation: tone down (v)
- attraction & repulsion: call (call of duty, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: bay (at bay)
- character & personality: whiner (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
- complexity: note (one note)
- concealment & lack of concealment: undertone (n)
- condition & status: hum (hum along), sputter (v)
- conflict: bewail (v), clamor (v), clash (n), clash (v), din (attention), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), moan (v), moaning, noise (attention and conflict), noisy (debate, etc.), outcry (n), quiet (adj), scream (scream for action, etc.), tumult (disruption), uproar (controversy), volume (turn up the volume, etc.), wail (v)
- consciousness & awareness: bell (ring a bell)
- cost & benefit: bang (bang for the buck, etc.)
- creation & transformation: drum up (v)
- curtailment: knell (death knell / obsolescence), silent (fall silent)
- destruction: knell (death knell / destruction)
- development: crescendo (n)
- disruption: discordant (adj), dissonance (n), rattle (disrupt), tumult (disruption)
- eagerness & reluctance: bay (bay for blood, etc.), kicking and screaming
- effect: chord (strike a chord), echo (noun / effect), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- enthusiasm: cheer on (v)
- evidence: chord (evidence), tenor (n), undertone (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: sputter (v), stutter (v), stuttering (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: laugh (last laugh)
- fictive communication: call (the mountains are calling, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: alarm (feeling), bang (with a bang), bang (bang for the buck, etc.), bombshell (n), buzz (sensation), chord (strike a chord), din (attention), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), lament (v), moan (v), moaning, noise (attention and conflict), noisy (debate, etc.), note (on a note), note (note of caution, etc.), outcry (n), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), scratch (record scratch), thunderstruck (adj)
- force: roar back (v), roaring back (come roaring back, etc.)
- functioning: click (v), hum (v), sputter (v)
- heart: heartbeat (n)
- importance & significance: keynote (n)
- increase & decrease: amplification (n), amplified, amplify (v), boom (increase), booming (adj), fall (silence fell, etc.), tone down (v)
- inauguration: ring in (the New Year, etc.)

- involvement: chime in (v)
- judgment: boo (v), boo (n), cheer (v), cheer (n), tuning fork (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: whisperer (horse whisperer, etc.)
- language: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- leaking: drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
- message: amplify (v), call (call to arms), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drumbeat (n), saber rattling, signal (signal and noise), whistle (dog whistle), whistleblower (n)
- movement: drift (sound), drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: din (attention), noise (worthlessness), noise (attention and conflict), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)
- perception, perspective & point of view: ring (ring false, etc.), ring (ring of truth, etc.), sound (perception), tenor (n)
- position, policy & negotiation: table (loudest seat at the table)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- progress & lack of progress: stutter (v), stuttering (adj)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bark (bark up the wrong tree, etc.)
- repetition: echo (verb / effect), echo (noun / effect), echo (repeat), echo (in an echo), echo chamber, echoed, parrot (v)
- resemblance: roar (n), symphony (n), thunder (speech), wail (sirens, etc.), whisper (sound)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: bemoan (v), bewail (v), clamor (v), clap back (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), din (attention), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), kicking and screaming, moan (v), moaning, noise (attention and conflict), noisy (debate, etc.), outcry (n), quiet (adj), squeal (protest), tumult (disruption), wail (v)
- revenge: laugh (last laugh)
- reversal: bell (unring a bell)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: applaud (v), applauded, drummer (different drummer)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: cri de coeur
- speech: bewail (v), blast (criticize), buzzword (n), chime in (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), mute (speech), noisy (debate, etc.), rail (v), ring out (voice), shout (v), snarl (speech), sound off (v), squeal (protest), thunder (speech), whistle (dog whistle)
- speed: finger (in the snap of a finger), zip (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), silent (fall silent), tick on (v), tick-tock (n)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), buzzword (n)
- surveillance: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- time: tick on (v), tick-tock (n)
- transmission: echo (repeat), echo chamber, echoed, reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- unanimity & consensus: drummer (different drummer)
- warning: alarm (warning), bell (warning), shout (v), wail (sirens, etc.), whistle (blow the whistle), whistleblower
- worth & lack of worth: noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)

SOURCE (1) (see also origin)

- biology: vector (n)
- blood: vein (source)
- dam: reservoir (source)
- fountain: fountain (source), fountainhead
- ground, terrain & land: aquifer (n)
- mining: gold mine, mother lode, vein (source)
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)

- river: fountainhead, reservoir (source), watershed (n)
- water: aquifer (n), fountain (source), fountainhead, reservoir (source), well (source), wellspring

SPACE (2)

- amount: space (space of time)
- constraint & lack of constraint: room (opportunity), room (space)
- situation: room (opportunity), space (in a space, etc.)
- mind: mind (go through one's mind, etc.), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind)

SPEECH (1) (see also accusation & criticism)

- affix: ese (legalese, etc.), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), talk (mediator talk, etc.)
- air: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (speech), vapor (n)
- allusion: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted)
- animal: badger (v), bark (v), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), savage (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), venom (n), venomous (adj), whining
- atmosphere: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (speech), vapor (n)
- bell: ring out (voice)
- bird: crow (v), parrot (v)
- blade: barbed (speech), blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- boat: broadside (n), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- bodily reaction: spew (speech)
- boundary: fuzzy (adj)
- boxing: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), come (come out swinging), jab (n), punch (pull a punch)
- burden: freighted, loaded
- chemistry: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, vitriol (n)
- color: colorful (language)
- consumption: eat (eat one's words, etc.)
- container: open up (emotions, speech, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- cooking: grill (v), grilled, mince (v), roast (v), skewer (v), skewered
- death & life: elegy (n), eulogy (n)
- direction: straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk down to (somebody), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- dog: bark (v)
- explosion: blast (criticize), fireworks (conflicts)
- family: mother tongue
- farming & agriculture: straw man (n)
- fictive communication: talk (money talks, etc.)
- film: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted)
- fire: coal (rake somebody over the coals), combustible (adj), fiery (speech), grill (v), grilled, incendiary (speech), inflammatory (adj), roast (v)
- fist: bash (v), bashing (n)
- food & drink: fat (chew the fat)
- force: backhand (v), blunt (speech), fulminate (speech), lay (lay into), slam (v), strong (language, etc.)
- functioning: broken (English, etc.)
- geometry: tangent (on a tangent)
- hardness & softness: soften (speech)
- health & medicine: bromide (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), scathing (adj), vivisection (n)
- height: talk down to (somebody)
- history: tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- hunting: go after (attack)

- hygiene: clean up (speech), dirty (dirty word), filthy (language)
- Iliad & Odyssey: pander (v)
- journeys & trips: freighted, loaded
- knife: barbed (speech), blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- lightning: fulminate (speech)
- mark: smear (v), smear (n)
- materials & substances: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, coarse (speech), crude (speech), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), silver (speech), silver-tongued, slick (adj), slippery (words, etc.), smooth (speech), talker (slick talker), vitriol (n)
- mental health: rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- military: broadside (n), fire (draw fire, etc.), flak (criticism), salvo (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), sniping (n), sound off (v), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- mouth: lip (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), loudmouth (person), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (person), mouthy (adj), muzzle (v), tight-lipped (adj)
- person: loudmouth (person), mouthpiece (person), scold (person), straight shooter (speech), talker (slick talker), tout (person)
- predation: savage (v)
- religion: pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v)
- sensation: caustic (adj), caustically, fuzzy (adj), needle (v), smooth (speech)
- sex: pander (v), tout (person)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- sound: bewail (v), blast (criticize), buzzword (n), chime in (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), mute (speech), noisy (debate, etc.), rail (v), ring out (voice), shout (v), snarl (speech), sound off (v), squeal (protest), thunder (speech), whistle (dog whistle)
- sports & games: cheap shot, game (rhetorical game, etc.), punch (pull a punch), tee off on (v)
- storm: thunder (speech)
- taste: honey-tongued, salty (language), smooth (speech), talk (sweet talk)
- temperature: combustible (adj), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech)
- throat: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- tools & technology: postcard (and post card), retort (speech)
- tongue: acid-tongued, honey-tongued, mother tongue, sharp-tongued, silver-tongued, tongue (language), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), tongue-lashing
- verb: backhand (v), badger (v), bark (v), bash (v), beg (v), bewail (v), blast (criticize), chime in (v), clean up (speech), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crow (v), cut off (speech), eviscerate (v), fire (a question, etc.), fire (fire back), fulminate (speech), gaslight (v), go after (attack), grill (v), growl (v), gush (v), howl (v), jump (v), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mince (v), muzzle (v), needle (v), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pander (v), pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v), rail (v), rave (v), ring out (voice), roast (v), savage (v), shout (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), skewer (v), slam (v), smear (v), snarl (speech), snipe (v), soften (speech), sound off (v), spew (speech), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), squeal (protest), stumble (stumble over one's words), talk down to (somebody), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), thunder (speech), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), trash talk (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- violence: assassination (character assassination), backhand (v), bash (v), bashing (n), cheap shot, lash out (v), lay (lay into), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (speech), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- waste: trash talk (v), trash talk (n)
- water: gush (v), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)

- weapon: blast (criticize), broadside (n), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (a question, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), salvo (n), shoot (shoot back), shot (criticism), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), straight shooter (speech), volley (n)
- weight: freighted, loaded
- whip: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- writing & spelling: postcard (and post card)
- wounds & scars: scathing (adj)

SPEECH (2)

- ability & lack of ability: fluent (ability)
- acceptance & rejection: welcome (v), welcome (n)
- accusation & criticism: assassination (character assassination), call out (v), callout (criticism), hammer (criticize), mudslinging (n), pilloried, pillory (v), potshot (n), rail (v), trash (v), trash (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: ode (praise), thank you (and thanks)
- activity: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- affliction: nag (v), nagging (adj)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: betrayed
- amount: earful (amount)
- amount & effect: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.), interrogate (v), parse (v), suggest (indicate), talk (talk somebody through something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.)
- appeal: call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call (call of duty, etc.), call (appeal), call for (v), cri de coeur, cry (cry for help), cry (v), cry out (v)
- attenuation: tone down (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: dialogue (global dialogue, etc.), ear (attention), pitch (promote), statement (statement victory, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: call (call of duty, etc.), invite (v), invitation (n), inviting
- certainty & uncertainty: riddle (n)
- character & personality: loudmouth (person)
- coercion & motivation: cudgel (n), goad (v), stick (n)
- commitment & determination: hard (hard “no,” etc.), talk (talk the talk)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Aha! (Aha! moment), joke (you must be joking, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: omerta (n), tight-lipped (adj)
- conflict: fireworks (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: address (v)
- consciousness & awareness: Aha! (Aha moment), tone-deaf (adj)
- constraint & lack of constraint: gag (gag order, etc.), muffled
- consumption: saccharine (adj)
- control & lack of control: tongue (hold one’s tongue)
- creation & transformation: translate (v)
- danger: tongue (danger)
- destruction: shoot down (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- directing: goad (v)
- dominance & submission: talk (talk over somebody)
- enthusiasm: pitch (promote)
- evidence: hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), scream (scream “premium,” etc.), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), suggestion (evidence), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), telling, testimony (n)

- failure, accident & impairment: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- fate, fortune & chance: time (time will tell)
- feeling, emotion & effect: welcome (welcome news, etc.)
- fictive communication: address (v), answer (n), boast (v), call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), demand (n), encouraging (adjective), groan (amount), hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), inform (v), interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogating (questioning), interrogation (questioning), introduce (v), invitation (n), invite (v), language (of sports, cars, etc.), listen (listen to something), nag (v), nagging (adj), remind (v), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream “premium,” etc.), speak (evidence), speak (speak to something), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), testimony (n), threaten (v), time (time will tell), warn (a sign can warn, etc.), welcome (v)
- fictive meeting & seeing: greet (v), greeted, welcome (v)
- flaws & lack of flaws: broken (English, etc.), note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), stumble (stumble over one’s words), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- functioning: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- future: time (time will tell)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: command (deserve and get)
- help & assistance: thanks (thanks to something)
- insult: joke (it’s a joke, etc.), punchline (joke), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n)
- judgment: call out (v), callout (criticism), speak (the people have spoken, etc.)
- language: boilerplate (n), buzzword (n), ese (legalese, etc.), funny language, language (of sports, cars, etc.), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), speak (NASA-speak, etc.), supersizing (linguistic supersizing), talk (mediator talk, etc.)
- message: preach (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message), speak (carry a message), statement (statement victory, etc.), voice (voice of reason)
- oppression: cudgel (n), goad (v), stick (n)
- perception, perspective & point of view: greet (v), greeted
- punishment & recrimination: flog (criticize), pilloried, pillory (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: farewell (n), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), valedictory (farewell)
- relationship: thanks (thanks to something)
- repetition: parrot (v)
- representation: speak for (represent)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: sound off (v), speak out (v), speak up (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: loose (let loose), punch (pull a punch)
- school & education: lecture (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: blunt (speech), cri de coeur, lip service (pay lip service, etc.), slick (adj), smooth (speech), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk (talk the talk), talker (slick talker), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- society: square (public square, etc.)
- sound: whisper (sound)
- strength & weakness: strong (language, etc.)
- surveillance: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), voice (one voice, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: beg (v)
- welcome: greet (v), invitation (n), invite (v), inviting, welcome (v), welcoming (other)
- worth & lack of worth: blather (n), cheap (words are cheap, etc.), joke (it’s a joke, etc.), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n)

SPEED (1) (see also haste)

- animal: breakneck (adj), canter (n), canter (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), galloping (speed), sluggish (adj), snail (at a snail's pace), snail (snail's pace / other)
- astronomy: meteoric (adj), meteorically (adverb)
- baby (baby steps)
- bird: fly (activity)
- boat: boat (slow boat to China), speed (full speed ahead)
- bullet: bullet (velocity)
- day: overnight
- engine: downshift (v), go (go from zero to one hundred, etc.), supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v)
- eye: blink (in the blink of an eye)
- finger: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- flying & falling: fly (activity)
- foot: pace (at a pace), pace (speed)
- gesture: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- glacier: glacial (adj)
- heart: heartbeat (in a heartbeat)
- horse: breakneck (adj), canter (n), canter (v), gallop (v), galloping (speed)
- journeys & trips: plod (v)
- lightning: lightning
- mechanism: brake (control), speed (up to speed), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- movement: accelerate (v), brake (control), canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), gallop (v), leaps and bounds, lethargic (adj), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), slow (adj), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), speed (supersonic speed, etc.)
- number: zero (from hero to zero, etc.)
- plane: speed (supersonic speed, etc.)
- rocket: rocket (speed)
- shape: streamline (speed up)
- sound: finger (in the snap of a finger), zip (v)
- storm: lightning (adj)
- train: track (fast track)
- verb: accelerate (v), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dart (dart about), downshift (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), sprint (v), streamline (speed up), supercharge (v), turbocharge (v), walk (slow-walk), zip (v)
- walking, running & jumping: canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), gallop (v), galloping (speed), leaps and bounds, pace (at a pace), pace (speed), plod (v), race (hurry), sprint (v), sprint (n), walk (slow-walk)
- weapon: dart (dart about), bullet (velocity)

SPEED (2)

- movement: canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), gallop (v), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), roll (slow-roll), skyrocket (increase), sluggish (adj)
- time: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), drag on (v), fly (time flies), onrushing (adj), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), time (take your time, etc.)

SPIDER (2)

- creation & transformation: web (spin a web)
- epithet: spider (Eljif "the Spider" Elmas, etc.)
- geography: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- involvement: web (entanglement)

- proper name: spider (Spider Rock, etc.)
- resemblance: spider (Eljif “the Spider” Elmas, etc.)
- shape: web (spider web and cobweb, etc.)
- situation: web (situation)
- subterfuge: web (spin a web)

SPORTS & GAMES (2) (see also baseball; basketball; boxing; cards; chess; gambling; wrestling)

- ability & lack of ability: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), black belt (person), gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), juggle (v), juggling, triple threat
- accusation & criticism: cheap shot, game (blame game), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), takedown (n), tee off on (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: lap (victory lap), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), track record (good)
- action, inaction & delay: ball (the ball is in somebody’s court), clock (run the clock, etc.), gun (jump the gun), tackle (v), waiting game
- activity: scrum (reporters)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), win over (v)
- amelioration & renewal: playing field (level the playing field)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: play (play with data, etc.)
- appearance: game (game face)
- appearance & disappearance: left field (out of left field, etc.)
- attainment: big league (and big leagues), line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- avoidance & separation: end run (n)
- behavior: cheap shot, free-for-all (control), game (social interaction / life), scrum (reporters)
- center & periphery: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), sidelined (adj)
- certainty & uncertainty: bet (all bets are off), game (guessing game), jump ball (n), layup (n), slam-dunk
- character & personality: card (hold one’s cards close)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, musical chairs
- commitment & determination: full-court press, game (game face), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), catch up (catch up to something), contest (n), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (competition and progress), football (conflict), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), game (game of cat and mouse), jockey (v), keep up (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field), race (politics), race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), right (bragging rights), winner (n)
- complexity: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- computer: surf (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (hold one’s cards close), card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), tip (tip one’s hand), vest (close to the vest, etc.)
- configuration: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena), beat (defeat), black belt (person), blood sport (n), football (conflict), game (game of chicken), match (death match), pit (bear pit), rumble (v), tug of war
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball (the ball is in somebody’s court), field (v), grapple (v), tackle (v), wrestle (v)
- consciousness & awareness: ball (take one's eye off the ball), game (get one's head into the game)

- constraint & lack of constraint: book (rule book), box (box somebody into a corner), no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)
- control & lack of control: check (in check), free-for-all (control)
- courage & lack of courage: game (game of chicken)
- curtailment: sidelined (adj)
- death & life: game (social interaction / life)
- decline: race (race to the bottom)
- development: game (game-changer), homestretch (n), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), roller coaster (development), round (boxing), seesaw (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobatic (adj), acrobatics (n), bar (bar is set high, etc.), eight ball (behind the eight ball, etc.), full-court press, gymnastic (adj), gymnastics (effort), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), juggling, layup (n), marathon (effort and time), slam-dunk, softball (n), whack-a-mole (and whack a mole)
- directing: coach (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bench (v), sidelined (adj)
- disruption: game (throw somebody off their game), game (game-changer)
- dominance & submission: game (game of chicken)
- driving force: pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: gun (jump the gun)
- experience: varsity (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), bat (batting zero), baton (drop the baton), belly flop (n), caught out, curveball (n), error (unforced error), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled, goal (own goal), miscue (n), overplay (v), strike out (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (v), gamble (n), game (guessing game), go (go long), Hail Mary, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: level (fairness), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), track record (bad)
- force: hitter (heavy hitter), wave (crest of a wave)
- functioning: game (at the top of one's game), marble (marbles)
- group, set & collection: all-star (adj), scrum (reporters), team (dream team), varsity (n)
- growth & development: fall behind (competition and progress)
- help & assistance: locker (sports)
- history: track record (good), track record (bad)
- importance & significance: big league (and big leagues), game (game-changer)
- increase & decrease: roller coaster (development), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- initiation: kick off (v), kickoff (n), tee off (start)
- involvement: game (in / into the game), horse (horse in the race), sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), weigh in (v)
- judgment: call (close call / judgment), call (the right call), game (blame game), scorecard (n), strike (three strikes, etc.)
- language: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- movement: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, pinball (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), yo-yo (v), yo-yo (yo-yo dieting, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), hurdle (n)
- person: acrobat (person), black belt (person)
- performance: charade (n), game (project, scheme, plan)
- position, policy & negotiation: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), hardball (n)
- power: pawn (n)

- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: lose out (v)
- progress & lack of progress: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), keep up (progress)
- punishment & recrimination: one-strike-and-you're-out, pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- pursuit, capture & escape: cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of hide and seek), game (game of cat and mouse), hide-and-seek
- relationship: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- resemblance: scrum (reporters)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: checkmate (v), checkmate (n), counted out (boxing), game (game of chicken), tap out (v)
- responsibility: ball (the ball is in somebody's court), plate (step up to the plate)
- restraint & lack of restraint: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred), punch (pull a punch)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ground rule, playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field)
- script: book (rule book), playbook (n)
- sequence: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: card (cards on the table)
- situation: ballgame (new ballgame), box (box somebody into a corner), game (situation)
- social interaction: ball (play ball), ball (the ball is in somebody's court), game (social interaction / life)
- speech: cheap shot, game (rhetorical game, etc.), punch (pull a punch), tee off on (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: baton (pass on the baton), block (out of the blocks), counted out (boxing), follow-through (investigation, etc.), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), inning (extra innings), kick off (v), kickoff (n), landing (stick the landing), line (starting line), line (finish line), line (over the line / finishing), start (running start), square one, tee off (start)
- strategy: card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chess (n), chessboard (n), chess match (n), gambit (n), gamble (n), gamble (v), game (chess game), game (numbers game), game (project, scheme, plan), game plan, move (chess move, etc.), waiting game
- strength & weakness: card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards), pawn (n)
- substance & lack of substance: charade (n)
- subterfuge: charade (n), game (game the system, etc.), game (project, scheme, plan)
- success & failure: bat (batting zero), beat (defeat), big league (and big leagues), football (spike the football), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), landing (stick the landing), lap (victory lap), loser (n), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), swing (swing and a miss), win (v), winner (n)
- superiority & inferiority: dust (leave somebody in the dust)
- superlative: all-star (adj), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.), Super Bowl, team (dream team)
- survival, persistence & endurance: distance (go the distance)
- target: goalpost (target)
- taxonomy & classification: ballgame (different ballgame)
- time: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), marathon (effort and time), round (boxing)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: game (late in the game), gun (jump the gun), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), round (boxing), wire (down to the wire)
- transmission: baton (pass on the baton)
- unanimity & consensus: ball (play ball), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), sport (team sport), team up (v)
- work & duty: game (various other games)

STAIR (2)

- proper name: staircase (Devil's Staircase, etc.), stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)

- shape: step (shape)

STANDING, SITTING & LYING (2)

- action, inaction & delay: sit (sit on something), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v)
- activity: like low (and lay low)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by (support), stand up (stand up for something), stand with (support)
- amelioration & renewal: crutch (n), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), lie low (and lay low), low (lying low), stand out (attention), standout (n)
- bases: leg (leg to stand on), stand on (v)
- commitment & determination: lean into (v), stand (stand firm)
- concealment & lack of concealment: sit (sit on something)
- condition & status: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- configuration: astride (position), sprawl (n), sprawling (adj), straddle (configuration)
- conflict: back down (v), chest (beat one's chest, etc.), standoff (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: lean in (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v)
- decline: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- dependency: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- development: stand still (development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: bend (bend over backwards)
- division & connection: foot (one foot / the other foot), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), bow (and bow down), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), supine (adj), supinely
- extent & scope: sprawl (n), sprawling (adj)
- fictive position: astride (position), lie (position), repose (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- growth & development: feet (stand on one's own two feet)
- help & assistance: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- involvement: sit out (v)
- obstacles & impedance: stand (stand in the way)
- past & present: stand still (movement)
- performance: chest (beat one's chest, etc.), posture (performance), posturing
- position, policy & negotiation: footing (position), posture (position), posturing, sit down (v), sit-down (other), stance (take a stance), stand (position), stand (a tough stand, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: stand still (progress), standstill (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: stand (stand the test of time, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: low (lie low)
- readiness & preparedness: flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot / on the front foot), foot (back / front foot), posture (position), toe (on one's toes)
- representation: stand for (v)
- reputation: standing (reputation)
- resiliency: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back down (v), bow (and bow down), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), rise (resist), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand for (not stand for something), stand up (stand up to something), succumb (v), supine (adj), supinely, wobbly (commitment)
- size: sprawl (n), sprawling (adj)

- starting, going, continuing & ending: running (continuing), stand down (v), standing (continuing)
- superiority & inferiority: knee (risen from its knees, etc.)
- superlative: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: stand (stand the test of time, etc.), standing (continuing)
- time: stand still (time)
- unanimity & consensus: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.)

STAR (2) (see also astronomy; moon; sun)

- achievement, recognition & praise: rising (rising star, etc.), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.), supernova (achievement)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: supernova (attention)
- decline: star (decline)
- direction: star (north star)
- division & connection: cusp (on the cusp)
- fate, fortune & chance: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- group, set & collection: galaxy (n)
- growth & development: supernova (achievement)
- judgment: star (five stars, etc.)
- person: star (rock star), star (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement)
- proper name: star (Silver Star, etc.)
- proximity: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)
- shape: star (shape)
- success & failure: star-crossed (adj)
- superlative: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)

STARTING, GOING, CONTINUING & ENDING (1) (see also coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning; curtailment; dismissal, removal and resignation; initiation; reconciliation, resolution & conclusion)

- allusion: swan song
- animal: tail end (the finish of something)
- ball: ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v)
- baseball: inning (extra innings)
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- boat: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), set sail (v), underway
- bodily reaction: gasp (last gasp)
- books & reading: book (close the book), chapter close a chapter, etc.), word (the last word)
- boxing: counted out (boxing)
- breathing: gasp (last gasp)
- burden: carry on (v), drag on (v), pull out (v)
- burial: grave (end point), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- cards: fold (v)
- chess: endgame (n)
- clock: tick on (v), tick-tock (n), wind down (v)
- cloth: done and dusted, wrap up (v)
- cooking: toast (finished)
- day: dawn (verb / start), dawn (from / since the dawn), dawn (n), day (a new day), day (early days), day (call it a day)

- death & life: alive (status), die (non-human), die out (end), dying (dying industry, etc.), grave (end point), life (begin life), life (spring to life), life (alive), live on (v), suspended animation
- direction: ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), drop out, level off (v), march (march ahead, etc.)
- distance: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (get one's foot in the door)
- engine: downshift (v), flameout (n), flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (kick into gear, etc.), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v), parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), warmed-up
- explosion: fizzle (and fizzle out)
- eye: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: ground (break ground), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.)
- foot: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot)
- fire: aflame (adj), die out (end), fire (catch fire), fizzle (and fizzle out), ignite (v), rekindle (v), smolder (v), torch (pass the torch)
- foot: foot (foot in the door), foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- football: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- force: push on (v)
- gate: gate (out of the gate)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (break ground), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- hand: break off (v), hand (wash one's hands of something)
- health & medicine: fester (v), festering (adj), heal (v), spasmodic (adj)
- heart: heart-stopping
- horse: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), saddle (saddle up)
- hygiene: hand (wash one's hands of something)
- infrastructure: ground (break ground)
- journeys & trips: ahead (go ahead), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), carry on (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), end (no end in sight, etc.), get on with (get on with something), go on (v), jumping-off place / point, move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), outset (from the outset), outset (at the outset / career, etc.), path (set out on this path, etc.), push on (v), road (end of the road), set out (and set off), set sail (v), strike out (start), underway, way (on the way), way (every step of the way)
- leg: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick-start (v)
- line: line (over the line / finishing), line (finish line), line (end of the line, etc.)
- love, courtship & marriage: divorce (n), honeymoon (n)
- map: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course)
- mechanism: button (pause button), gear (into gear), grind away (v), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt), kick in (start), parked (movement), pause (v), pause (n), reboot (v), reboot (n), reset (n), reset (v), retread (n), stall (v), stalled (progress), treadmill (n), wheel (spin one's wheels), wind down (verb)
- military: beachhead (n), ceasefire (n), last hurrah, soldier on (v), stand down (v), truce (n)
- mining: vein (in that vein, etc.)
- mountains & hills: slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- movement: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), course (run its course, etc.), creep (mission creep, etc.), end (come to an end, etc.), escalate (v), falter (v), flame out (v), follow-through (investigation, etc.), go on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), inertia (n), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (n), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), onwards (from a time onwards), parked (movement), pass (end), roll (on a roll), roll (v), rolling (movement), set out (and set off), spasmodic (adj), stalled (progress), strike out (start), swing (in full swing), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), traction (gain / build / get traction), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- music: dance (last dance), waltz (last waltz)
- orientation: end (the end)

- pendulum: swing (in full swing)
- party: party (party is over)
- path: path (set out on this path, etc.)
- place: jumping-off place / point
- plane: flameout (n), flame out (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (progress), carry on (v), done (over), drag on (v), off (be off, etc.), on (be on, etc.), over (finished), push on (v), soldier on (v)
- rope: play (play / play out)
- route: course (run its course, etc.)
- royalty: reign (v)
- size: blip (n)
- sleep: bed (put something to bed), bed (put to bed), rest (put / lay something to rest), rest (put / laid to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- sound: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), silent (fall silent), tick on (v), tick-tock (n)
- sports & games: baton (pass on the baton), block (out of the blocks), counted out (boxing), follow-through (investigation, etc.), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), inning (extra innings), kick off (v), kickoff (n), landing (stick the landing), line (finish line), line (over the line / finishing), line (starting line), square one, start (running start)
- standing, sitting & lying: running (continuing), stand down (v), standing (continuing)
- storm: blow over (v)
- temperature: warmed-up
- theater: bow out, curtain (lower the curtain, etc.), curtain raiser (n), finale (n), intermission (n), on (performing), run (a good run, etc.), show (the show must go on), show (the show is over), swan song
- tools & technology: blip (n)
- train: line (end of the line, etc.), train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- verb: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), balk (v), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), book (close the book), break off (v), bow out (v), break off (v), carry on (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (run its course, etc.), dawn (verb / start), die (non-human), die out (end), door (get one's foot in the door), downshift (v), drag on (v), drop out (v), embark (embark on something), escalate (v), falter (v), fester (v), fizzle (and fizzle out), fold (v), gas (run out of gas), get on with (get on with something), go on (v), grind away (v), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (wash one's hands of something), heal (v), ignite (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), landing (stick the landing), level off (v), life (begin life), life (spring to life), live on (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), pause (v), play (play out), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), plug (pull the plug), pull back (v), pull out (v), push on (v), reign (v), reboot (v), rekindle (v), reset (v), rest (put / lay something to rest), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roll (v), saddle (saddle up), set out (and set off), set sail (v), sleep (put something to sleep), smolder (v), soldier on (v), stall (v), stand down (v), stride (hit one's stride), strike out (start), tee off (start), tick on (v), torch (pass the torch), traction (gain / build / get traction), wear on (v), wind down (v), wrap up (v)
- walking, running & jumping: course (run its course, etc.), falter (v), jump (get the jump), jumping-off place / point, march (march ahead, etc.), pass (end), running (continuing), step (first step, etc.), step down (v), stride (hit one's stride), track (stopped in one's tracks, etc.)
- wind: blow over (v)
- writing & spelling: word (the last word)

STATUE (2)

- admiration & contempt: pedestaled
- bases: plinth (n)

- character & personality: sphinx (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pedestaled
- size: colossal (adj), colossus (n)

STOMACH (2)

- acceptance & rejection: retch (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), swallowed
- amount: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: gut (n)
- appearance & reality: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- bases: guts (insides)
- commitment & determination: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- configuration: waist (n)
- consumption: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj), retch (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- courage & lack of courage: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- destruction: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: gut out (v)
- division & connection: waist (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: stomach (eagerness)
- feeling, emotion & effect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), fed up (adj), gut (n), gutted (feeling), gut-wrenching (adj), retch (v), stomach (turn one's stomach)
- flaws & lack of flaws: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- hyperbole: retch (verb)
- judgment: gut (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: gut (n)
- orientation: belly (orientation), guts (insides), underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- protection & lack of protection: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj)
- survival, persistence & endurance: gut out (v)

STORM (2) (see also lightning; rain; weather & climate; wind)

- accusation & criticism: thunderbolt (n)
- activity: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), storm (calm before the storm), whirlwind (n)
- amount & effect: blizzard (n), cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hail (n), hail (in a hail), hurricane (n), nature (force of nature), storm (by storm), storm (perfect storm), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- area: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n)
- center & periphery: storm (eye / center of the storm)
- character & personality: nature (force of nature)
- comprehension & incomprehension: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- conflict: storm (eye / center of the storm), storm (in the storm), storm (conflict)
- control & lack of control: whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- development: storm (calm before the storm)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: stormy (adj), tempestuous (adj)
- force: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat up (storm), blast (blasted the Bahamas, etc.), clobbered (by rain, etc.), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), knock out (v), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), nature (force of nature), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm

- pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), storm (v), storm (by storm), strike (forces of nature)
- idea: brainstorm (n), brainstorm (v)
 - occurrence: strike (forces of nature)
 - power: nature (force of nature)
 - proper name: Storm (Desert Storm, etc.)
 - protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down)
 - readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
 - resemblance: storm (immune-system storm, etc.), thunder (sound), thunder (speech), thunderous (adj)
 - reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blow over (v)
 - route: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)
 - sound: thunder (sound), thunderous (adj)
 - speech: thunder (speech)
 - speed: lightning (adj)
 - starting, going, continuing & ending: blow over (v)
 - survival, persistence & endurance: batten (batten down), storm (weather the storm), weather (survive)

STRATEGY (1) (see also position, policy & negotiation)

- cards: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (guilt card, etc.), card (play one's cards), chess (n), move (chess move, etc.), poker (game)
- chess: chess (n), chessboard (n), chess match (n), endgame (n), gambit (n), game (chess game), move (chess move, etc.)
- film: game of thrones
- gambling: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chip (bargaining chip), gamble (v), gamble (n), poker (game)
- movement: maneuvering (strategy)
- number: arithmetic, calculus, equation (n), game (numbers game)
- sports & games: card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chess (n), chessboard (n), chess match (n), gambit (n), gamble (n), gamble (v), game (numbers game), game (chess game), game (project, scheme, plan), game plan, move (chess move, etc.), waiting game
- verb: bluff (v), card (play one's cards), gamble (v), hand (force someone's hand)

STRENGTH & WEAKNESS (1) (see also attenuation)

- allusion: Achilles' heel (n), David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- animal: defang (v), eggshell (n), ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), paper tiger, sheep (predation), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out) toothless (adj), underdog (competition)
- back: back (courage), backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- Bible: David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- bird: eggshell (n)
- boxing: glass jaw
- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n), ace (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- chain: link (weak link)
- chess: pawn (n)
- cows & cattle: beefed up, beef up (v)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- direction: sag (v), slump (v)
- dog: underdog (competition)
- electricity: amped (strength), powerhouse (n)
- engine: supercharge (v), supercharged, turbocharge (v)

- epithet: iron (Iron Lady, etc.), mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: solid (adj)
- family: child (bastard child), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: flabby (adj), lean (size)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow
- food & drink: beefed up, beef up (v)
- fortification: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- gambling: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- hardness & softness: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), snowflake (person), soft (soft on crime, etc.), teacup (person)
- health & medicine: anemic (adj), emasculated (adj), flabby (adj), healthy (strength), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), lean (size), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), puny (adj), robust (adj), stalwart (n), steroids (on steroids)
- heart: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- horse: oats (feel one's oats), workhorse (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Achilles' heel
- infrastructure: bolster (v), buttress (v), shored up, shore up (v)
- insect: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized)
- materials & substances: cement (v), cemented, concretize (v), concretized, eggshell (n), flimsy (adj), fragile (weak), hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), iron (strength), ironclad (adj), oak (strength), rock (rock-solid), sag (v), slump (v), sound (solid), solid (adj), steel (strength), teak (wood), weak (fragile)
- meat: beefed up, beef up (v)
- military: big gun (and heavy gun), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative), outgunned
- mining: shored up, shore up (v)
- mountains & hills: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar / figurative)
- movement: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- person: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), stalwart (n), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), flower (wilting flower, etc.), orchid (character), root (take root, etc.)
- position: underdog (competition)
- predation: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other), sheep (predation)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: water down (v), watered down
- religion: David (David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- sheep: sheep (predation)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), kid (big kid on the block), minnow (n), puny (adj)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- snake: defang (v)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- speech: strong (language, etc.)
- sports & games: card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards), pawn (n)
- teeth: teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- tiger: paper tiger
- tools & technology: bandwidth (n)
- tree: hollowed out, hollow out (v), oak (strength), root (take root, etc.), teak (wood)

- verb: beef up (v), bluff (v), bolster (v), buttress (v), cement (v), concretize (v), defang (v), hollow out (v), muscle (muscle its ways through, etc.), sag (v), shore up (v), slump (v), supercharge (v), teeth (take the teeth out), turbocharge (v), water down (v)
- water: water down (v), watered down
- weapon: big gun (and heavy gun), outgunned, weapon (secret weapon)
- wolf: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)

SUBSTANCE & LACK OF SUBSTANCE (1)

- air: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), vapor (n)
- allusion: clothes (the emperor has no clothes)
- animal: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), paper tiger, toothless (adj)
- atmosphere: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), gravity (n), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), vapor (n)
- boxing: heavyweight (n), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- breadth: patina (appearance), thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- bubble: bubble (v)
- cards: house of cards
- clothing & accessories: clothes (the emperor has no clothes), dress up (v), fashion (n), fig leaf, naked (substance), strip (strip something down)
- death & life: flesh and blood, life (bring to life)
- depth: deep (extent and scope), depth (substance), shallow (adj)
- desert: mirage (n)
- dog: bark (more bark than bite, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: solid (adj)
- fatness & thinness: skinny (adj)
- fire: fire (substance), smoke (substance)
- food & drink: food (food for thought), meat (substance), meaty (substance), nothing-burger
- health & medicine: Band-Aid (n)
- house: house of cards
- infrastructure: facade (n)
- letters & characters: box (check the box, etc.)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- materials & substances: concrete (n), flimsy (adj), gilded (other), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), patina (appearance), solid (adj), veneer (appearance)
- meat: meat (substance), meaty (substance)
- place: there (there is no there there, etc.)
- plant: husk (n)
- sea: shell (substance)
- shadow: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- skeleton: skeleton (substance)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh and blood, flesh out (v), fleshed out, skeleton, skin-deep
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- sound: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), buzzword (n)
- sports & games: charade (n)
- teeth: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), toothless (adj)
- theater: show (performance)
- tiger: paper tiger

- verb: flesh out (v), life (bring to life), light (make light of something), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- water: bubble (activity), deep (extent and scope), frothy (substance), shallow (adj)
- weight: gravity (n), heavy (substance), heavyweight (n), heft (n), light (make light of something), lightly (take something lightly, etc.), lightweight (n), lite (substance), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), skinny (adj), weight (substance), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.), weighted, weighty (substance)
- window: window dressing

SUBTERFUGE (1)

- alcohol: bootleg (adj)
- allusion: breadcrumb (v), breadcrumbed, breading, curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.), Machiavellian (adj), Svengali (allusion), Trojan horse (subterfuge), Wizard of Oz
- animal: burrow (burrow into), fox (subterfuge), mole (n), outfox (v), slink (slink in, etc.), web (spin a web), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- back: back (behind somebody's back)
- boxing: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- breadth: patina (appearance), veneer (appearance)
- cards: aboveboard (adj), bluff (v), bluff (n)
- cloth: covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), Wizard of Oz
- clothing & accessories: bootleg (adj), cloak-and-dagger, clothes (deception), dressed (dressed up, etc.), launder (v), sleeve (up one's sleeve), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- color: greenwash (n), greenwashing (n)
- creature: ghostwriter (n)
- direction: aboveboard (adj), shifty (adj), table (under the table), underhanded (or underhand)
- doors & thresholds: trapdoor (computers)
- epithet: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.), Machiavelli (Trump's Machiavelli, etc.)
- eye: eye (subterfuge), nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- face: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- farming & agriculture: straw man (n)
- film: curtain (the con man behind the curtain, etc.), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), gaslit (and gaslighted), Wizard of Oz
- fire: smokescreen (concealment)
- fist: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- flags & banners: flag (false flag)
- fox: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n)
- gesture: nudge (communication), wink (n), winking (adj)
- hand: underhanded (or underhand)
- health & medicine: chalice (poisoned chalice), pill (poison pill)
- horse: stalking-horse (n)
- hunting: elusive (adj), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), stalking-horse, track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trap (n)
- hygiene: greenwash (n), greenwashing (n), launder (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Trojan horse (subterfuge)
- infrastructure: airbrushed, astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, façade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- insect: web (spin a web)
- light & dark: gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), shady (adj)

- love, courtship & marriage: infidelity (n)
- magic: sleight of hand, smoke and mirrors
- materials & substances: airbrushed, gilded (other), gloss (appearance), imposter (n), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), patina (appearance), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- military: black operations (and black ops), camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), smokescreen (concealment)
- movement: slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- person: imposter (n)
- wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- puppet: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- shadow: shady (adj)
- smell: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- spider: web (spin a web)
- sports & games: charade (n), game (game the system, etc.), game (project, scheme, plan)
- table: table (under the table)
- taste: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- theater: smoke and mirrors
- verb: bluff (v), breadcrumb (v), camouflage (v), cover up (v), gaslight (v), gloss over (v), launder (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), outfox (v), punch (sucker punch / verb), scent (throw somebody off the scent), slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), whitewash (v)
- wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

SUCCESS & FAILURE (1) (see also attainment)

- allusion: Cinderella, Pyrrhic victory (figurative)
- animal: dog (dog won't hunt)
- astronomy: star-crossed (adj)
- baseball: bat (batting zero), big league (and big leagues), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), swing (swing and a miss)
- breathing: choke (fail)
- cards: hand (hot hand)
- day: day (win the day)
- death & life: crush (verb / accomplishment), flatline (v), kill (verb / accomplishment), killer (killer story, etc.)
- direction: fall (fall short), fall through (v), fall down (v), let down (fail), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), rise (rise and fall / verb)
- dog: dog (dog won't hunt)
- explosion: bomb (fail), blockbuster (n), dud (n)
- fist: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smash a record, etc.)
- football: football (spike the football), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line)
- force: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smash a record, etc.)
- gambling: jackpot (hit the jackpot), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)
- ground, terrain & land: fool's gold, pay dirt
- hair: scalp (n)
- hand: crush (verb / accomplishment)
- height: rise (rise and fall / verb)
- history: Pyrrhic victory (figurative), scalp (n)
- hunting: dog (dog won't hunt)

- infrastructure: blind alley (n)
- journeys & trips: blind alley (n), come through (v), cul-de-sac, dead end, nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), way (all the way), wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.)
- leg: leg (grow legs)
- military: conquer (v), Gallipoli (a Gallipoli of an interview, etc.), mission (mission accomplished), Pyrrhic victory (figurative), Waterloo (figurative)
- mining: dry (come up dry), fool's gold, gold (strike gold), pan out (v), pay dirt
- money: deal (close the deal), jackpot (hit the jackpot)
- movement: nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)
- nail: nail (nail something), nail down (gain)
- school & education: grade (failing grade)
- size: big league (and big leagues)
- sports & games: bat (batting zero), beat (defeat), big league (and big leagues), football (spike the football), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), lap (victory lap), landing (stick the landing), loser (n), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), swing (swing and a miss), win (v), winner (n)
- star: star-crossed (adj)
- target: fall (fall short), goalpost (target), hit (success), miss (v), nail (nail something), target (moving target), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- temperature: hand (hot hand)
- verb: bat (batting zero), beat (defeat), choke (fail), conquer (v), crush (verb / accomplishment), deal (close the deal), dry (come up dry), fall through (v), flatline (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), jackpot (hit the jackpot), kill (verb / accomplishment), landing (stick the landing), leg (grow legs), let down (fail), miss (v), nail (nail something), nail down (gain), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pan out (v), rise (rise and fall / verb), strike out (v), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.), win (v)
- violence: scalp (n)
- water: dry (come up dry)
- weapon: blockbuster (n), bomb (fail), dud (n), hit (success), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)

SUFFICIENCY, INSUFFICIENCY & EXCESS (1)

- addiction: overdose (n)
- affix: over (affix), overdose (n), overheated (adj), overinflated (adj), under (affix)
- allusion: cornucopia (variety)
- burden: overload (n), overloaded
- cloth: threadbare (adj)
- clothing & accessories: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- container: brim (v)
- desert: desert (food desert, etc.)
- direction: over (affix), under (affix)
- fatness & thinness: fat (adj), flabby (adj), lean (size), lean (lean times, etc.)
- food & drink: bellyful (amount), belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening, cornucopia (variety), famine (n), feast (n), fed up (adj), glut (n), glutton (person), gluttonous (adj), gorge (gorge on), insatiable (adj), lean (lean times, etc.), starvation (n), starvation wages (n)
- ground, terrain & land: desert (food desert, etc.)
- health & medicine: flabby (adj), lean (size), overdose (n)
- hygiene: filthy (filthy rich)
- knife: bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone)
- money: deficit (n)
- movement: overflow (v)

- person: glutton (person), gluttonous (adj)
- pressure: crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- religion: monkish (adj)
- sea: abundance (amount)
- skeleton: bare-bones (adj), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bare-bones (adj), bone (cut something to the bone, etc.), pared (pared to the bone), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), fed up (adj)
- verb: brim (v), gorge (gorge on)
- water: abundance (amount), overflow (v), overflowing (adj)
- wave: abundance (amount)
- weight: overload (n), overloaded
- work & duty: starvation wages (n)

SUN (2) (see also astronomy, moon, star)

- achievement, recognition & praise: zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sunlight (concealment)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- concealment & lack of concealment: sun (concealment)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: noon (high noon)
- feeling, emotion & effect: sunny (adj)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sun (currency and obsolescence), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: noon (high noon)

SUPERIORITY & INFERIORITY (1) (see also competition; dominance & submission; hierarchy; resistance, opposition & defeat; society)

- affix: out (outpace, etc.)
- animal: horse (high horse), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- astronomy: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v)
- blood: blue blood
- carpets & rugs: red carpet (treatment)
- center & periphery: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)
- cloth: rope (velvet rope)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (big shoes), trousers (wear the trousers, etc.)
- color: blue blood, red carpet (treatment)
- direction: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), highbrow (and lowbrow, middlebrow), knee (risen from its knees, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind), slipstream (in a slipstream), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy)
- dog: tail (tail between one's legs), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- farming & agriculture: field hand (person)
- film: popcorn (n)
- height: cavalier (adj), dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), horse (high horse), loom (loom large, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective)
- horse: cavalier (adj), dust (leave somebody in the dust), horse (high horse)

- knee: knee (risen from its knees, etc.)
- light & dark: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- materials & substances: rope (velvet rope)
- military: outgunned
- money: boutique (n)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- movement: dust (leave somebody in the dust), slipstream (in a slipstream), wake (in a wake)
- music: fiddle (second fiddle)
- number: fiddle (second fiddle)
- part of speech: haves (and have-nots, etc.)
- person: field hand (person), servant (dominated), slave (dominated), top dog (hierarchy)
- plane: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- position: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore, etc.), forefront (center), front (front and center), mind (top of mind), mind (back of mind), over (dominance), slipstream (in a slipstream), table (head of the table), top (dominance / winning), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: above (above the law, etc.), over (dominance)
- rope: rope (velvet rope)
- royalty: blue blood, red carpet (treatment)
- shadow: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulder)
- sign, signal, symbol: popcorn (n), rope (velvet rope)
- size: shoe (big shoes)
- speed: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- sports & games: dust (leave somebody in the dust)
- standing, sitting & lying: knee (risen from its knees, etc.)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- table: table (head of the table)
- ticket: second-class (adj)
- verb: circle (run circles around somebody), dim (overshadow), drown out (v), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), loom (loom large, etc.), outpace (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power), overshadow (v), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- walking, running & jumping: circle (run circles around somebody), outpace (v)
- water: drown out (v), drowned out, wake (in a wake)
- weapon: outgunned
- weight: outweigh (power)
- wind: slipstream (in a slipstream)

SUPERLATIVE (1) (see also achievement, recognition & praise)

- affix: uber (uber-interesting, etc.)
- allusion: Homeric (adj), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Promised Land, Valhalla (n)
- astronomy: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)
- Bible: Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- bird: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- boat: flagship (superlative)
- books & reading: Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.), Shakespearean (adj), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)

- boxing: Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.)
- creature: angel (superlative)
- day: Christmas
- death & life: killer (killer story, etc.)
- electricity: incandescent (character)
- epithet: Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Christmas, jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (MS *Monarch*, etc.), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Paris (epithet), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Shakespeare ("hillbilly Shakespeare," etc.), Shakespearean (adj), Shangri-la, Super Bowl, teacher (teacher's teacher, etc.), team (dream team)
- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, granddaddy, mother (mother of all battles, etc.)
- film: Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- fire: incandescent (character)
- food & drink: cream (superlative), feast (n)
- football: Super Bowl
- fruits & vegetables: peach (n), plum (desirable)
- health & medicine: sick (slang)
- height: peak (peak experience, etc.), peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- history: golden age / era
- horse: thoroughbred (n)
- hour: hour (finest hour, etc.)
- Iliad & Odyssey: epic (n), Homeric (adj)
- light & dark: bright (adj), brilliance (superlative), brilliant (superlative), coruscating (adj), glittering (adj), gloss (add gloss, etc.), glowing (adj), incandescent (character), leading light (person), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), luminary (person), luster (n), outshine (v), scintillating (adj), shining (superlative), sparkling (superlative), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- materials & substances: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), jewel (n), lapidary (adj)
- mining: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), gold standard (n), jewel (n), lapidary (adj)
- money: gold standard (n), rich (superlative)
- mountains & hills: Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), peak (peak experience, etc.)
- music: nightingale (Nightingale of India, etc.)
- part of speech: crazy (and mad / adverb), peak (peak sexy, etc.)
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, immortal (person), king (person), leading light (person), luminary (person), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement)
- picture: art (work of art), masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)
- place: Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Paris (epithet), Valhalla (n)
- proper name: Oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- religion: angel (superlative), Garden of Eden, goddess, hagiographic (superlative), halo (n), heaven (environment), immortal (person), Promised Land, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), paradise, saint (superlative), sainthood (n), Valhalla (n)
- royalty: aristocracy (n), aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.), crown (superlative), crown jewel, king (king cobra, etc.), king (products), king (person), monarch (primacy), prince (epithet), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), royalty (n)
- school & education: masterclass (n)
- sea: pearl
- sign, signal, symbol: halo (n)

- sports & games: all-star (adj), Muhammad Ali (Muhammad Ali of her generation, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), Pirlo (the Yorkshire Pirlo, etc.), Super Bowl, team (dream team)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- star: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)
- temperature: incandescent (character)
- verb: light up (a room, etc.)

SUPPLYING (1) (see also directing)

- food & drink: fed (supplied), feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), feed (feed on / off something), serve up (v)
- infrastructure: spigot (open / close, etc.)
- mechanism: feed (auto feed, etc.)
- verb: feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), serve up (v)
- water: feed (drip feed), spigot (open / close, etc.)

SURVEILLANCE (1)

- animal: eagle eye, fly (fly on the wall), watchdog (n)
- bird: eagle eye
- dog: watchdog (n)
- ear: ear (surveillance)
- eye: eagle eye, eye (surveillance), eye (eyes and ears / surveillance)
- insect: fly (fly on the wall)
- plane: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)
- shoulder: shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)
- sound: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- speech: chatter (signals intelligence, etc.)
- verb: helicopter (v)
- wall: wall (the walls have ears)

SURVEYING (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: baseline (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: stake (pull up stakes)
- measurement: baseline (n)
- possession: claim (stake a claim), reclaim (other), stake out (v)

SURVIVAL, PERSISTENCE & ENDURANCE (1) (see also resiliency)

- air: oxygen (life)
- allusion: Lazarus (Bible), legend (n), Methuselah, Phoenix (myth)
- baby: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- back: back (back to the wall)
- Bible: Lazarus (Bible), Methuselah
- birth: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- blade: scrape by (v)
- boat: bailout (n), bail out (n), bail out (save), bailed out, batten (batten down), hand (all hands on deck), lifeline (n), life raft, ride out (v), storm (weather the storm)
- boundary: limits (push something to its limits)
- boxing: punch (roll with the punches), rope (on the ropes)
- breathing: life (breathe life), oxygen (life)
- bridge: bridgehead (n)
- bullet: bullet (bite the bullet)
- burden: carry on (v)

- death & life: alive (keep something alive), die (non-human), Lazarus (Bible), life (survival), life (give life), life (breathe life), life (life of its own), lifeline (n), life raft, live (live with something), live (live and die / fate), live on (v), perish (v), rescue (v), rescue (n), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), save (v), shelf life, stand (stand and fall / fate), stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- direction: come back (resiliency), comeback (n), buoyed, return (animals, etc.), sink (sink into debt, etc.)
- distance: distance (go the distance)
- finger: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched
- fire: Phoenix (myth), trial (trial by fire)
- food & drink: hand-to-mouth live hand to mouth, etc.), shelf life
- foot: toehold (n), foothold (n)
- force: push on (v)
- forest: clear (in the clear / into the clear), patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- fortification: dig in (v), dug in, entrenched
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring back (restore)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (back from the brink), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, last-ditch (adj)
- hair: scalp (save one's scalp)
- hand: cling (v), hand (all hands on deck), hold on (survival)
- head: scalp (save one's scalp)
- health & medicine: life (breathe life), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v)
- height: hangover (relic)
- history: trail of tears, via dolorosa
- horse: distance (go the distance)
- journeys & trips: been through (endure, etc.), carry on (v), clear (in the clear / into the clear), come through (v), get on with (get on with something, get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), get by (v), go through (endure, etc.), go on (v), patch (rough patch), push on (v), road (road from / to something), trail of tears, via dolorosa, wayside (fall by the wayside, etc.), woods (out of the woods)
- knife: scrape by (v)
- mark: indelible (adj)
- materials & substances: cement (v), cemented, grit (political grit, etc.), stick (endure)
- military: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), dig in (v), dug in, entrenched, last-ditch (adj), outpost (n), soldier on (v), warrior through (v)
- mountains & hills: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- mouth: lip (stiff upper lip)
- movement: been through (endure, etc.), come back (resiliency), go on (v), go through (endure, etc.), here (here to stay, etc.), immovable (adj), remain (v), soldier on (v)
- neck: neck (save one's neck)
- part of speech: forever (forever chemicals, etc.)
- person: hand (all hands on deck), survivor (person)
- place: here (here to stay, etc.)
- plant: root (take root, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: been through (endure, etc.), carry on (v), go through (endure, etc.), hang on (v), push on (v), soldier on (v), with us (with us forever, etc.)
- religion: hell (micro), Lazarus (Bible), Methuselah, via dolorosa
- riding: ride out (v)
- river: bridgehead (n)
- rope: rope (on the ropes)
- sensation: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pinched
- school & education: test (test of time)
- sea: batten (batten down)

- sign, signal, symbol: Phoenix (myth)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: scalp (save one's scalp), skin (save one's skin)
- sports & games: distance (go the distance)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand the test of time, etc.), standing (continuing)
- stomach: gut out (v)
- storm: batten (batten down), storm (weather the storm), weather (survive)
- toe: toehold (n)
- tree: root (take root, etc.)
- verb: alive (keep something alive), bail out (save), batten (batten down), bring back (restore), bullet (bite the bullet), carry on (v), cement (v), cling (v), come back (resiliency), die (non-human), dig in (v), drown (v), get by (v), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go through (endure, etc.), go on (v), gut out (v), hack (hack something / endurance), hold on (survival), hold out (persist), life (give life), life (breathe life), limits (push something to its limits), live on (v), perish (v), pull through (v), punch (roll with the punches), put up with (v), push on (v), remain (v), rescue (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), ride out (v), save (v), scalp (save one's scalp), scrape by (v), sink (sink into debt, etc.), skin (save one's skin), soldier on (v), stick (persist), storm (weather the storm), swim (v), take (take something / endurance), warrior through (v), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water), weather (survive)
- walking, running & jumping: running (continuing), trail of tears
- water: afloat, buoyed, drown, lifeline (n), life raft, sink (sink into debt, etc.), sinking, sink or swim, swim (v), underwater (adj), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water)
- weapon: bullet (bite the bullet)

SUSPICION (1) (see also evidence; message; warning)

- animal: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- fish: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- rat: rat (smell a rat)
- smell: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat), smell (suspicion), test (smell test)

SWAMP (2)

- amelioration & renewal: swamp (drain the swamp)
- corruption: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- environment: swamp (fever swamp)

SWORD (2) (see also ax; blade; knife; military; weapon)

- avoidance & separation: parry (v), parry (n)
- conflict: sword (cross swords), sword (at swords' points)
- effect: sword (double-edged sword)
- extent & scope: hilt (to the hilt)
- fate, fortune & chance: sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: double-edged (sword), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- judgment: sword (fall on one's sword)
- message: saber rattling
- relationship: double-edged (sword)
- resemblance: sword (swordfish, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: parry (v), parry (n)
- responsibility: sword (fall on one's sword)
- verb: sword (fall on one's sword)
- violence: sword (violence)

TABLE (2)

- acceptance & rejection: table (groups)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: table (loudest seat at the table)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: table (come back to the table)
- commitment & determination: table (bring everything to the table)
- development: table (set the table)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: table (off the table)
- disruption: table (turn the tables)
- hierarchy: table (head of the table)
- position, policy & negotiation: sit down (v), sit-down (other), table (on the table), table (off the table), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables), table (loudest seat at the table)
- proper name: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- reversal: table (turn the tables)
- sequence: table (set the table)
- shape: table (shape)
- subterfuge: table (under the table)
- superiority & inferiority: table (head of the table)
- worth & lack of worth: table (bring something to the table)

TAKING & REMOVING (1) (see also giving, receiving, bringing & returning)

- allusion: Robin Hood
- animal: fleeced, poach (v), poached
- blade: chip away (v), scrape (v)
- boat: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- clothing & accessories: strip (v)
- cows & cattle: milk (v)
- creature: vampire (n)
- crime: buccaneer (person), captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), heist (n), hijack (v), hijacked, hold up (rob), loot (v), piracy (n), pirate (person), piratical (adj), plunder (v), plundered, poach (v), poached, rob (v), robbed, robbery (n), Robin Hood, steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), stolen, strip-mine (v), usurp (v)
- destruction: take (destroy)
- ground, terrain & land: colonialism (n), colonize (v), colonized
- hand: claim (take), grab (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- knife: scrape (v)
- mechanism: hoover (hoover up, etc.)
- mining: strip-mine (v)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- possession: take back (take back one's life, etc.)
- pressure: wring (create)
- royalty: usurp (v)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), piratical (adj)
- sheep: fleeced
- verb: chip away (v), claim (take), colonize (v), grab (v), hijack (v), hold up (rob), hoover (hoover up, etc.), leach (v), loot (v), milk (v), poach (v), plunder (v), rob (v), scrape (v), seize (v), steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), snatch (v), strip (v), usurp (v), wring (create)
- water: leach (v)

TARGET (1)

- football: goalpost (target)

- sports & games: goalpost (target)
- verb: aim (v), aim (take aim at something), gun (v), target (v), zero in on (verb)
- weapon: aim (v), aim (n), aim (take aim at something), aimed, bead (draw a bead / have a bead), bull's-eye (target), cross hair (in the cross hairs), dialed in, gun (v), mark (off the mark), scattershot (adj), sight (in somebody's sights), sights (weapon), target (v), target (n), targeted, zero in on (v), zone (target zone)
- window: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

TARGET (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: profile (low profile)
- commitment & determination: locked in (target)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: target (moving target), target (easy target)
- failure, accident & impairment: fall (fall short)
- fate, fortune & chance: shot (chance), shot (shot in the dark)
- protection & lack of protection: profile (low profile), target (easy target)
- shape: bull's-eye (shape)
- success & failure: fall (fall short), goalpost (target), hit (success), miss (v), nail (nail something), target (moving target), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: target date
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: mindful (adj), mindfulness (n)

TAKE (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; fruits & vegetables; meat)

- amount: taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- appearance & reality: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- attraction & repulsion: candy (n), delicious (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), sweetheart (other), tasty (adj)
- character & personality: bitter (personality), flavor (regional flavor, etc.), salt (flavor), sour (personality), sweet (personality)
- concealment & lack of concealment: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- consumption: bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), candy (n), delicious (adj), juicy (n), mouthwatering (adj), palatable (adj), piquancy (n), saccharine (adj), sour (adj), spicy (adj), sweet (sweet dreams, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), tasty (adj), unpalatable (adj), unsavory (adj)
- corruption: sour (v), sour (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj)
- enthusiasm: distaste (n), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- experience: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), salt (sailor), salty (experience), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bitter (personality), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bittersweet (adj), juicy (adj), mouthwatering (adj), saccharine (adj), salty (slang) savor (v), sour (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: palatable (adj), sweet spot, taste (a bad taste), unsavory (adj)
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- identity & nature: flavor (regional flavor, etc.)
- judgment: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: flavor (flavor of the month)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- speech: honey-tongued, salty (language), smooth (speech), talk (sweet talk)
- subterfuge: sugarcoat (and candy-coat), sugarcoated, sugarcoating (n)
- vocative: honey (honey, baby, etc.), sweetheart (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: taste (taste for violence, etc.)

TAXONOMY & CLASSIFICATION (1) (see also branching system; division)

- animal: animal (different animal, etc.), beast (different beast, etc.), bestiary (n), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.), fish (different kettle of fish), species (type), stripe (of all stripes)
- cloth: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), strand (n), stripe (of all stripes)
- container: basket (category), bucket (category)
- creature: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- direction: fall (fall into a category, etc.)
- family: family (plants), family (animals), family (viruses), family (products), family (languages), generation (products, etc.)
- fish: fish (different kettle of fish)
- food & drink: fish (different kettle of fish), vintage (similar vintage, etc.)
- health & medicine: strain (type)
- mechanism: break down (divide)
- object: label (n), labeled
- river: tributary (n)
- royalty: kingdom (animal kingdom)
- sports & games: ballgame (different ballgame)
- tent: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- tree: branch (taxonomy)
- umbrella (umbrella group, etc.)

TEETH (2)

- affliction: gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.)
- attachment: pit bull (person), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- attenuation: teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- character & personality: pit bull (person)
- conflict: teeth (danger)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- danger: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- destruction: teeth (danger)
- extent & scope: teeth (to the teeth)
- feeling, emotion & effect: biting (adj), gnaw (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), teeth (kick in the teeth)
- flaws & lack of flaws: teething
- force: teeth (take the teeth out), teeth (teeth), toothless (adj)
- growth & development: teeth (cut one's teeth), teething
- proper name: tooth (The Tooth, etc.)
- resemblance: bite (resemblance)
- revenge: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- reversal: come back (to bite, haunt, etc.)
- strength & weakness: teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), toothless (adj)

TEMPERATURE (2) (see also fire)

- acceptance & rejection: cold shoulder, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), warm (v)
- accusation & criticism: heat (criticism), hot seat (n)
- action, inaction & delay: ice (put on ice / delayed)
- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), cool (cool off / activity), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch, frozen (activity), heat up (v), hot (activity), hotspot (place), lukewarm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: lukewarm (feeling)

- amelioration & renewal: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: hot (popularity, attention, etc.)
- bases: boil (boil down to something)
- behavior: bask (v), hothead (n)
- character & personality: cold (feeling), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), coolheaded (and cool-headed), fiery (character), firebrand (person), hot-blooded (adj), hot dog (person), hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed), hot mess, incandescent (character), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warmhearted (adj)
- coercion & motivation: heat (turn up the heat, etc.)
- condition & status: temperature (the political temperature, etc.)
- conflict: cold war
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), shower (cold shower)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- control & lack of control: hothead (n), hotheaded (and hot-headed)
- division & connection: ice (break the ice)
- eagerness & reluctance: cold feet, lukewarm (feeling), shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- empathy & lack of empathy: coldhearted (adj), coldly
- enthusiasm: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), frog (frog in boiling water), furnace (n), oven (the Oven, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), blood (in cold blood), blood (blood runs cold), blood (blood boils), boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), button (hot button), chill (feeling), chilling (adj), cold (feeling), coldblooded (and cold-blooded), chilly (adj), cold, coldly, cool (feeling), cool down (v), coolly (adverb), cool off (v), cozy (adj), febrile (adj), fire (on fire / feeling), frigid (adj), frostily, frosty (adj), frozen (emotion), heat (in the heat of passion, etc.), heated (emotion), heatedly, hot (controversial), hot (emotion), hot-blooded (adj), hothead (n), hotly, ice (break the ice), ice-cold, incendiary (speech), lukewarm (feeling), overheated (adj), scorching (adj), seethe (v), steam (v), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), tepid (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warm (v), warm (adj), warmly, warmth
- heart: coldhearted (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), combustible (adj), fiery (character), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- judgment: hot seat (n)
- location: hotspot (place)
- measurement: temperature (the political temperature, etc.), thermometer (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- oppression: chill (oppression)
- person: firebrand (person), hothead (person), hot mess (person)
- place: hotspot (place)
- pressure: heat (pressure)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: cold (cold case, etc.)
- proper name: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: heat (criticism)
- readiness & preparedness: warmed-up
- relationship: cozy (adj)
- sex: steamy (adj)
- situation: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water)

- speech: combustible (adj), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: warmed-up
- success & failure: hand (hot hand)
- superlative: incandescent (character)

TENT (2)

- access & lack of access: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: tent (pitch one's tent)
- bases: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- branching system: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: tent (fold one's tent)
- commitment & determination: tent (fold one's tent)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tent (fold one's tent)
- taxonomy & classification: tentpole (movies, etc.)

THEATER (2) (see also circus)

- ability & lack of ability: pony (one-trick pony)
- achievement, recognition & praise: gallery (cheering gallery)
- amount: repertoire (n)
- appearance & disappearance: curtain call, scene (come onto the scene)
- appearance & reality: theater (appearance), trial (show trial)
- assembling: call (cattle call)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: backstage (adj), downplay (v), limelight (in the limelight), marquee (attention), photobomb (v), platform (as verb), platform (n), play down (v), scene (behind the scenes), scene (come onto the scene), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showman (person), stage (center stage), stage (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), upstage (v)
- attenuation: downplay (v), play down (v)
- behavior: diva (person), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), on (performing), showboat (v)
- center & periphery: stage (attention), stage (center state), wing (in the wings)
- character & personality: diva (person), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), hero (character), on (performing), showboat (v), villain (character)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bow out (v), curtain call, encore (n), exit (n), usher in (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: backstage (adj), behind-the-scenes, curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back), scene (behind the scenes)
- context: backdrop (against a backdrop)
- control & lack of control: puppet (control)
- death & life: stage (life is a stage)
- development: act (development), anticlimax (n), climax (n), finale (n), intermission (n), script (to script), script (off script, etc.), stage (set the stage, etc.)
- directing: parade (v), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stage-managed
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bow out (v), curtain (lower the curtain, etc.)
- disruption: script (off script, etc.)
- extent & scope: dramatic (extent), dramatically
- fantasy & reality: theater of the absurd
- feeling, emotion & effect: drama (tense drama, etc.), dramatic (the dramatic), dramatic (effect), farce (n), melodrama (n), melodramatic (adj), operatic (adj), theater of the absurd, tragedy (n), travesty (n), vaudeville (n)
- group, set & collection: cast (cast of candidates, etc.), repertoire (n)
- help & assistance: repertoire (n)

- inauguration: usher in (v)
- importance & significance: marquee (attention), role (function or part)
- judgment: review (n)
- orientation: upstage (v)
- performance: act (performance), act (insincere show), dog-and-pony show (performance), diva (person), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), gallery (play to the gallery), grandstanding (n), on (performing), parade (v), perform (v), play (play to the audience, etc.), pony (one-trick pony), repertoire (n), role (act), set piece (n), show (nature, etc.), show (performance), show business (performance), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stage-managed, stunt (n), theater (performance), theatrics (n), trial (show trial)
- person: diva (person)
- proximity: seat (front seat), seat (front-row seat)
- readiness & preparedness: rehearsal (n), rehearse, wing (in the wings)
- repetition: cue (n)
- resemblance: light show
- role: act (insincere show), act (performance), perform (v)
- script: cue (n), script (to script), script (off script, etc.)
- searching & discovery: talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: performative (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: bow out, curtain (lower the curtain, etc.), curtain raiser (n), finale (n), intermission (n), on (performing), run (a good run, etc.), show (the show must go on), show (the show is over), swan song
- substance & lack of substance: show (performance)
- subterfuge: smoke and mirrors
- unanimity & consensus: cue (n), puppet (control)

THROAT (2) (see also breathing; mouth; tongue)

- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), swallow (accept), swallowed
- accusation & criticism: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- affliction: choke (v)
- behavior: jugular (go for the jugular, etc.)
- conflict: jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), throat (predation)
- consumption: choke (v), swallow (accept), throat (ram something down the throat)
- obstacles & impedance: choke (v)
- oppression: throat (ram something down the throat)
- resemblance: throat (resemblance)
- shape: throat (resemblance)
- speech: throat (jump down someone's throat)

THROWING, PUTTING & PLANTING (1)

- arm: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), hurl (v), hurled, throw (v), thrown out (cast), throw out (v), toss out (v)
- bodily reaction: spew (speech), spit out (v)
- farming & agriculture: plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), sow (v), sown (planted)
- health & medicine: inject (put), injection (n)
- mechanism: catapult (v), catapulted, thrust (v), thrust
- pile: heap (v), lay (put)
- plant: plant (put), plant (create), planted, sow (v), sown (planted)
- rain: shower (v), showered

- verb: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), catapult (v), heap (v), hurl (v), inject (put), lay (put), pepper (v), plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), pour (put), shower (v), sink (put), sow (v), sown (planted), spew (speech), spit out (v), throw (v), throw out (v), thrust (v), toss out (v)
- water: infusion (n), pour (put), sink (put)

THROWING, PUTTING & PLANTING (2)

- absorption & immersion: throw (throw oneself into something)
- commitment & determination: throw (throw oneself into something), throw (throw it all at the wall, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: eject (v), outcast (person)
- extend & scope: far-flung (adj)
- help & assistance: pitch in (help)
- involvement: throw (throw oneself into something)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person)
- society: castaway (person), outcast (person)

THUMB (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: thumbs-up
- judgment: thumbs-down, thumbs-up, upvote (and downvote)
- oppression: thumb (under the thumb)
- proper name: thumb (Devils Thumb, etc.)

TICKET (2)

- cost & benefit: meal ticket (n), pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- hierarchy: second-class (adj)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- superiority & inferiority: second-class (adj)
- worth & lack of worth: meal ticket (n)

TIDE (2) (see also island; sea; tsunami; wave)

- amelioration & renewal: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- amount & effect: floodtide (n), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other)
- attraction & repulsion: pull (tidal pull)
- control & lack of control: King Canute
- decline: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb)
- development: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- directing: surge (transitive verb)
- extent & scope: high tide
- force: floodtide (n)
- increase & decrease: flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tide (rising tide)
- movement: ebb (movement), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (other)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high tide
- relationship: pull (tidal pull)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tide (buck the tide)
- reversal: tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tide (buck the tide)

TIGER (2) (see also animal)

- appearance & reality: paper tiger
- control & lack of control: tiger (n)
- danger: tiger (n)
- epithet: tiger (tiger mother, etc.)

- force: paper tiger
- strength & weakness: paper tiger
- substance & lack of substance: paper tiger

TIME (1) (see also future; past & present)

- allusion: ancien regime, legend (n)
- amount: light year (a long time), long (a long time, etc.), minute (for a minute, etc.), space (space of time), time (take time, etc.), time (long time / short time)
- animal: dinosaur (n), dodo (n), extinct (adj), fossil (n), fossilize (v), fossilized
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- astronomy: light year (a long time)
- Bible: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- boat: wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), dam (water over the dam)
- burden: drag on (v), haul (long haul)
- clock: clock (turn back the clock), clock (types), clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), clock (run the clock, etc.), moment (this moment), moment (that moment), moment (other), stroke (stroke of midnight, etc.), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), wind back (v), wind down (v)
- consumption: spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (have time), time (give time), time (take your time, etc.), time (run out of time), time (time left), time (borrowed time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (time off), time (take time, etc.), time (lose time, etc.)
- container: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), past (in the past), time (in time / future), time (in our time, etc.), time capsule (n)
- corner: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- dam: dam (water over the dam)
- day: dawn (n), dawn (verb / start), day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (day after tomorrow), day (of one's day / of its day), day (of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (latter-day), evening (decline), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), minute (at this minute), old (of old), old-fashioned (adj), outdated (adj), today (the present), tomorrow (future), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.), yesterday (the past), yesteryear
- death & life: time (dead time)
- depth: depth (depths of winter, etc.)
- direction: advance (in advance, etc.), advance (a day can advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ancestor (go before), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), clock (turn back the clock), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), foresight (n), forward (look forward, etc.), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hindsight (n), intervening (adj), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), lie (lie ahead), look back (v), look forward to (v), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (v), next (at a later time), on (30 years on, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), revisit (v), road (come down the road

- / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), side (on one's side / time), take (take us back / time), throwback (n), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (down time / activity), time (a man out of time, etc.), train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), up-and-coming, upcoming (adj), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- distance: advance (in advance, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), dim (the dim past, etc.), distance (time), distant (past), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), far (farther on / time), far (far from, etc.), far-off (time), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), haul (long haul), horizon (on the horizon), long (a long time, etc.), long-run (adj), longtime (adj), marathon (effort and time), near (near future, etc.), near (v), passage (passage of time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), remote (past), remote (future), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), short (a short time, etc.), sight (in sight), span (lifespan, etc.), time (long time / short time), time (over time), time (course of time), way (a long way off)
 - earth & world: world (lost world)
 - epithet: Father Time
 - eye: come (see something coming), dim (the dim past, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), foresight (n), forward-looking, hindsight (n), horizon (on the horizon), look back (v), look forward to (v), myopia (n), look like (future), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), sight (in sight)
 - family: Father Time
 - film: rewind (v), spool (spool back)
 - force: onrushing (future, etc.)
 - giving, receiving, bringing & returning: future (the future can bring something)
 - health & medicine: prognosis (n)
 - height: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hangover (relic), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
 - history: age (age of Trump, etc.), ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), era (time), gilded (Gilded Age), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), Neanderthal, passed down (by ancestors, etc.), prehistoric (adj), present (up to the present), Roaring Twenties, Stone Age, time (a man of his time, etc.), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
 - horizon: horizon (on the horizon)
 - hour: hour (finest hour, etc.), hour (timeliness)
 - hunting: catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)
 - infrastructure: memory lane (down memory lane)
 - journeys & trips: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), behind (in the past), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), course (over the course / time), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), here (we have been here before), lie (lie ahead), memory lane (down memory lane), outset (at the outset of 2020, etc.), passage (passage of time), revisit (v), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down a road before), road (down the road, etc.), time (passage of time), time (travel in / through time, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
 - mechanism: hourglass (time), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time machine, wind down (v), wind back (v)
 - magic: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
 - mirror: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
 - money: buy (time), cost (cost time, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (have time), time (give time), time (make time), time (borrowed time)

- mountains & hills: descendant (come after / down), down (down through the centuries, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, up to date, etc.)
- movement: advance (a day can advance, etc.), ago (two days ago / gone by), ancestor (go before), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), backwards (past), behind (in the past), bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), bygone (adj), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), course (over the course / time), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), dam (water over the dam), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), fly (time flies), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forward (look forward, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), haul (long haul), head (head into the future, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), intervening (adj), long-run (adj), march (March of Time, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), move on (time has moved on, etc.), near (v), on (30 years on, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), onrushing (future, etc.), onwards (from a time onwards), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass (time can pass, etc.), passage (passage of time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), road (down a road before), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), see (see something coming), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), tick-tock (n), tick on, time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (passage of time), time (over time), time (course of time), time (dead time), time warp, train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), transport (in time), up-and-coming, upcoming (adj), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), year (year has come and gone)
- person: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), time traveller (person)
- place: breathing space (and breathing room), future (where the future lies, etc.), go back (verb / time), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), hereafter (from now onwards), look like (future), moment (moment where), place (situation), place (place where), point (point when), revisit (v), road (down a road before), throughout (time), time (time where), time (at the time), time (space of time)
- position: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ahead (before a future event), ancestor (go before), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), day (day after tomorrow), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), front (the future is in front of us), hereafter (from now onwards), intervening (adj), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), predecessor (go away before), side (on one's side / time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), afternoon (at a later time), ago (two days ago / gone by), ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), back (in time), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), day (day after tomorrow), down (down through the centuries, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forenoon (at an earlier time), foresight (n), forward (look forward, etc.), front (the future is in front of us), gone (those days are gone, etc.), handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hereafter (from now onwards), hindsight (n), last (last night, etc. / at an earlier time), late (late Stone Age, etc.), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), on (30 years on, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.), preceding (at an earlier time), take (take us back / time), throughout (time), time (at the time, etc.), time (over time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (behind the times), time (in our time, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, up to date, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)

- religion: antediluvian (old), grace (grace period), handwriting (on the wall), Methuselah, prophet (person), relic (n), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- river: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), dam (water over the dam)
- school & education: new school, old school
- season: season (time)
- sky: horizon (on the horizon)
- snow & ice: frozen (frozen in time)
- sound: tick on (v), tick-tock (n)
- speed: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), drag on (v), fly (time flies), onrushing (adj), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), time (take your time, etc.)
- sports & games: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), marathon (effort and time), round (boxing)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand still (time)
- train: train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time)
- verb: advance (a day can advance, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), clock (turn back the clock), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), dawn (verb / start), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), follow (at a later time), fossilize (v), future (the future can bring something), go (the time has gone, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), last (time / verb), lie (lie ahead), look back (v), look forward to (v), near (v), pass (time can pass, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spell (spell disaster, etc.), spend (time), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), tick on (v), time (buy time, etc.), time (make time), time (steal time, etc.), time (have time), time (give time), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (lose time, etc.), transport (in time), walk (walk somebody back), wear on (v), wind back (v), wind down (v), year (year has come and gone)
- walking, running & jumping: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), long-run (adj), marathon (effort and time), march (March of Time, etc.), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), walk (walk somebody back)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam), depth (depths of winter, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- weight: haul (long haul)
- writing & spelling: handwriting (on the wall), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)

TIMELINESS & LACK OF TIMELINESS (1)

- allusion: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- baseball: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- birth: gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.)
- boat: boat (slow boat to China), ship (ship has sailed, etc.)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- burden: drag on (v)
- bridge: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- clock: clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), countdown (n), hourglass (time), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), minute (last minute)
- consumption: time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (time left), time (lose time, etc.)
- day: day (early / late in the day), day (early days), early (timeliness), eve (on the eve), late (timeliness), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), morning (early in the morning), noon (high noon), yesterday (I need it yesterday, etc.)

- direction: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (past time), up (time is finished, etc.)
- distance: advance (in advance, etc.)
- film: noon (high noon)
- fruits & vegetables: bloomer (late bloomer), ripe (adj)
- hardness & softness: soft (soft opening, etc.)
- head: head start
- health & medicine: golden hour
- horse: head start, wire (down to the wire)
- hour: golden hour, hour (timeliness), zero hour (n)
- journeys & trips: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start
- mechanism: hourglass (time)
- military: zero hour (n)
- money: spare (a minute to spare, etc.)
- movement: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start, lethargic (adj), move on (time has moved on, etc.), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), slow (adj), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (train has left the station, etc.)
- number: countdown (n), zero hour (n)
- party: party (late to the party, etc.)
- plant: bloomer (late bloomer), ripe (adj)
- position: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), front (get in front of an announcement, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), front (get in front of an announcement, etc.), time (past time), time (it's time, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.)
- pressure: crunch (crunch time), crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- religion: grace (grace period)
- river: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- shape: streamline (speed up)
- sports & games: game (late in the game), gun (jump the gun), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), round (boxing), wire (down to the wire)
- sun: noon (high noon)
- target: target date
- train: train (train has left the station, etc.)
- verb: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), drag on (v), fire (hang fire), gestate (v), gun (jump the gun), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), streamline (speed up), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (lose time, etc.), train (train has left the station, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (get the jump), race (race against time, the clock, etc.)
- weapon: fire (hang fire), target date
- window: time (window of time), window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

TOE (2) (see also foot; heel; leg)

- conflict: toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: toe (step on toes)
- involvement: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- presence & absence: toehold (n)

- readiness & preparedness: toe (on one's toes)
- survival, persistence & endurance: toehold (n)

TONGUE (2) (see also mouth, throat)

- absorption & immersion: lap up (v)
- accusation & criticism: tongue-lashing
- consumption: lap up (v)
- control & lack of control: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- danger: tongue (danger)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- failure, accident & impairment: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid-tongued
- functioning: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- insult: tongue (stick one's tongue out, etc.)
- language: tongue (language)
- resemblance: tongue (resemblance)
- speech: acid-tongued, honey-tongued, mother tongue, sharp-tongued, silver-tongued, tongue (language), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), tongue-lashing

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY (2) (see also engine; manufacturing; mechanism)

- ability & lack of ability: bandwidth (n)
- access & lack of access: black box (n)
- action, inaction & delay: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- alternatives & choices: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- amelioration & renewal: calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), plug (v), plugged (fixed), tweak (n)
- amount: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: black box (n), microscope (under a microscope)
- appearance & disappearance: radar (drop off the radar)
- attachment: riveted
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: lens (through a lens), lens (other), magnifying glass (under a magnifying glass), microscope (under a microscope), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- attraction & repulsion: magnet (attraction), magnetic (adj), magnetism (n), recoil (v)
- behavior: compass (moral compass)
- character & personality: bulldozer (epithet)
- coercion & motivation: screw (tighten / loosen the screws)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black box (n)
- consciousness & awareness: antenna (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen), radar (other)
- control & lack of control: circuit breaker (n)
- creation & transformation: churn out (v), grind out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- curtailment: circuit breaker (n)
- destruction: bulldoze (v), bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), demolition (n), rake (destroy), run over (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled (and steamrollered), wrecking ball (n)
- direction: bearing (direction), compass (moral compass), lodestone (n), weather vane (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n)
- division & connection: connect (v), coupled, disconnect (n), hook up (connect), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- driving force: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- effect: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- extent & scope: compass (within / outside the compass)

- failure, accident & impairment: screw up (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- fictive communication: telegraph (v), telegraphed
- force: bulldoze (v), bulldozed, bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), hammer (hammer of the law, etc.), leverage (n), leverage (v), run over (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled (and steamrollered), wrecking ball (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: rake in (v)
- group, set & collection: set (skill set), toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- help & assistance: instrument, tool (help)
- importance & significance: blip (n)
- impression: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, inscribed, stamp (impression), stamped
- increase & decrease: jack up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v)
- judgement: measure (measure up, etc.), tuning fork (n)
- measurement: barometer (n), calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), dashboard (n), gauge (n), thermometer (n), yardstick (n)
- message: amplify (v), megaphone (n), message (send a message), signal (mixed signals), signal (signal and noise)
- perception, perspective & point of view: lens (through a lens), lens (other), microscope (through a microscope), periscope (n), prism (through the prism), prism (other), telescope (n)
- place: Silicon Valley, etc.
- power: high-powered (adj), leverage (n), leverage (v)
- presence & absence: blip (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- pressure: clampdown (n), clamp down (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), vise (pressure)
- progress & lack of progress: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- proper name: telegraph (Daily Telegraph, etc.)
- relationship: coupled
- searching & discovery: needle (needle in a haystack), sift (searching), sifted
- sex: hookup (sex)
- script: boilerplate (n)
- searching & discovery: magnifying glass (search), rake up (v)
- shape: anvil (shape), hourglass (shape), pitchfork (shape), sickle (shape)
- situation: jam (situation), vise (pressure)
- social interaction: hook up (relationship)
- speech: postcard (and post card), retort (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blip (n)
- strength & weakness: bandwidth (n)
- transmission: feed (video, etc.), megaphone (n)
- unanimity & consensus: synch (in synch)
- worth & lack of worth: sift (searching)

TOOTH (see teeth)

TRAIN (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bell (bells and whistles), express (Biden express, etc.), train (hype train)
- behavior: rail (off the rails)
- coercion & motivation: railroad (v), railroaded
- consciousness & awareness: asleep (asleep at the switch)
- control & lack of control: rail (off the rails), train (runaway train)

- cost & benefit: gravy train
- danger: rail (third rail)
- destruction: wreck (train wreck)
- direction: track (direction), track (on track)
- division & connection: track (across the tracks, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: derail (v), derailed, rail (off the rails), sidetracked, train (failure), wreck (train wreck)
- force: freight train (force), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (full steam, etc.), steam (take the steam out, etc.), train (runaway train)
- future: train (future)
- haste: track (fast track)
- help & assistance: steward (role)
- progress & lack of progress: sidetracked, track (on track)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- sequence: train (in one's train / at a later time)
- speed: track (fast track)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: line (end of the line, etc.), train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- time: train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: train (train has left the station, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)

TRANSMISSION (1)

- allusion: Johnny Appleseed
- animal: slink (slink in, etc.)
- apple: Johnny Appleseed
- biology: vector (n)
- bodily reaction: sneeze (v)
- direction: handed down (by ancestors, etc.), passed down (by ancestors, etc.)
- epithet: apostle (Apostle of the Sioux, etc.), Johnny Appleseed
- family: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (obsolescence), legacy (history), legacy (reputation)
- fire: torch (pass the torch), torch (other)
- food & drink: feed (video, etc.)
- gesture: give (give a wink, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: received (wisdom, etc.)
- hand: handed down (by ancestors, etc.), hand-me-down, pass on (v), passed down (by ancestors, etc.)
- health & medicine: contagious (emotion), infectious (adj), sneeze (v), viral, virulent (adj)
- history: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- infrastructure: corridor (route)
- insect: cross-pollination
- journeys & trips: hitchhike (v), hitchhiker (n)
- light & dark: reflected
- military: infiltrate (v)
- money: heir (n), heirloom (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- movement: hitchhike (v), hitchhiker (n), hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), slink (slink in, etc.)
- plant: cross-pollination
- route: corridor (route)
- rubbing & washing: rub off on (v)
- sign, signal, symbol: torch (other)

- sound: echo (repeat), echo chamber, echoed, reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- sports & games: baton (pass on the baton)
- tools & technology: feed (video, etc.), megaphone (n)
- verb: echo (repeat), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), give (give an impression, etc.), hitchhike (v), hop (hop across, etc.), infiltrate (v), inherit (v), jump (transmission), leap (transmission), pass on (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rub off on (v), send (transmit), slink (slink in, etc.), sneeze (v), stream (direct), torch (pass the torch)
- walking, running & jumping: hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), leap (transmission)
- water: ripple (v), stream (direct), streamed (digital), streaming (digital), streaming (streaming media)

TRANSPORTATION (1) (see also fictive transportation)

- animal: cart (cart off), drag, haul (v), hauled in, hauled off, mule (drug mule, etc.)
- boat: ship (ship of the desert)
- bridge: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- canal: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (magic carpet / other)
- epithet: Panama Canal (of its day, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- infrastructure: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- magic: carpet (magic carpet / other)
- verb: cart (cart off), haul (v)

TREE (2) (see also forest)

- achievement, recognition & praise: laurels (praise)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: root (root cause)
- attenuation: hollowed out, hollow out (v)
- bases: rooted, root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- branching system: branch (taxonomy), branch out (v), family tree, tree (branching system), trunk (branching system)
- computer: hole (tree hole)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hole (tree hole)
- creation & transformation: pruned
- curtailment: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- death & life: evergreen (adj)
- destruction: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uproot (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uprooted
- fate, fortune & chance: chip (chips fall, etc.), limb (go out on a limb), windfall (n)
- growth & development: branch out (v), root (take root, etc.)
- help & assistance: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- identity & nature: root (origin)
- origin: root (origin), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- proper name: Oak (Royal Oak, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: olive branch
- relationship: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- resemblance: tree (resemblance)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- social interaction: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- strength & weakness: hollowed out, hollow out (v), oak (strength), root (take root, etc.), teak (wood)
- survival, persistence & endurance: root (take root, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: branch (taxonomy)

- unanimity & consensus: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: windfall (n)

TSUNAMI (2) (see also island; sea; tide; wave)

- amount & effect: tsunami (n)

UMBRELLA (2)

- cover: umbrella (under an umbrella)
- protection & lack of protection: umbrella (protection)
- taxonomy & classification: umbrella (umbrella group, etc.)

UNANIMITY & CONSENSUS (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; sanctioning, authority & non-conformity)

- animal: crab (crab in a bucket, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), lemming (consciousness), sheep (consciousness)
- arm: pull together (v)
- boat: board (on board), boat (in the same boat), boat (rock the boat), row (row in the same direction, etc.)
- books & reading: page (on the same page)
- burden: pull together (v)
- cards: suit (follow suit)
- eye: eye (see eye to eye, etc.)
- gesture: nod (agree)
- head: nod (agree)
- line: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line (on the line), line up (v), lockstep (in lockstep), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- military: drummer (different drummer), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), step (in step), step (out of step)
- mechanism: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- music: bandwagon (n), chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), harmony (in harmony), tune (different tune), tune (in tune, etc.), tune (out of tune), tune (dance to the tune)
- pile: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- puppet: puppet (control)
- radio: wavelength (on the same wavelength)
- religion: catechism (n), choir (preach to the choir)
- sheep: sheep (consciousness)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: pull together (v)
- sound: drummer (different drummer)
- speech: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), voice (one voice, etc.)
- sports & games: ball (play ball), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), sport (team sport), team up (v)
- standing, sitting, & lying: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.)
- theater: cue (n), puppet (control)
- tools & technology: synch (in synch)
- train: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- tree: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- verb: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), march (together, etc.), nod (agree), pile on (gang up on), pull together (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.), suit (follow suit), team up (v), tune (dance to the tune)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), step (in step), step (out of step)

VERB (2)

- ability: juggle (v), walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- absorption & immersion: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), bury (bury oneself in something, etc.), dive (analyze), dive in (v), drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), imbibe (v), immerse (v), ingest (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe, live to), permeate (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), steep (v), suck up (v), throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / wade into), wallow (v)
- acceptance & rejection: adopt (v), back (turn one's back), banish (v), blackball (v), blacklist (v), buy (accept), choke (v), embrace (v), freeze out (v), go down (digestion), other (verb / groups, etc.), quarantine (v), retch (v), shun (v), shut out (v), spurn (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), take (refuse to take), turn down (v), warm (v), welcome (v)
- access & lack of access: bottle up (emotions), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access), shut out (v), tap (v), tap into (v)
- accusation & criticism: backhand (v), bash (v), blast (criticize), call out (v), come down on (v), crucify (v), demonize (v), eviscerate (v), finger (point a finger), go after (attack), grill (v), hammer (criticize), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mud (drag something through the mud), pile on (gang up on), pillory (v), pummel (v), rail (v), savage (v), scold (v), shade (throw shade), skewer (v), slam (v), snipe (v), sully (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), trash (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: applaud (v), boo (v), cap (tip one's cap), cheer (v), earn (v), elevate (v), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), nod (acknowledge), praise (sing someone's praises), rise (achieve), salute (v), toast (v)
- action, inaction & delay: button (push a button / action), can (kick the can down the road), clock (run the clock, etc.), double down (v), dust (collect dust), feet (drag one's feet), fire (hang fire), gun (jump the gun), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (throw up one's hands), handle (deal with), move (take action), needle (move the needle, etc.), pass (cards), pause (v), put off (v), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), shoot (shoot first), shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), sit (sit on something), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v), tackle (v), time (buy time, etc.), time (waste time), time (lose time, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger), walk (slow-walk)
- activity: boom (increase), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), convulse (v), cool (cool off / activity), crawl (activity), dart (dart about), ferment (v), fly (activity), freeze (v), heat up (v), hop (v), hum (hum along), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), lie low (and lay low), life (spring to life), light up (activity), percolate (v), rage (v), scramble (v), simmer (v), swirl (v), smolder (v), swarm (v), thrum (v), wake (resemblance)
- admiration & contempt: look down on (something), look up to (somebody), talk down to (somebody)
- affliction: badger (v), bear (a weight, etc.), bedevil (v), burden (v), choke (v), convulse (v), dog (afflict), eat (destroy), fester (v), follow (afflict), gall (v), gnaw (v), haunt (v), hector (v), hound (v), infest (v), metastasize (v), nag (v), needle (v), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pester (v), plague (v), pockmark (v), pursue (afflict), scar (psychologically scar), skewer (v), torture (afflict), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), backed, bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), bed (jump into bed with someone), bring around (v), bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bus (throw somebody under the bus), champion (v), count on (count on me, etc.), desert (v), embrace (v), fence (straddle the fence), hand (raise one's hand), hang (hang somebody out to dry), horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), jump (leave), lean towards (v), lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard), post (abandon one's post), prop up (v), pull (pull for someone), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rat (betray), recant (v), river (sell somebody down the river), rug (pull the rug out), sell out (v), stab (stab somebody in the back), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by (support), stand up (stand up for something), stand with (support), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick together (v), turn (turn against / on something), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something), walk (walk away)

from something), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), win over (v), wind (dangle in the wind), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)

- alternatives & choices: choose (chose me, found me, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: act (clean up one's act), air (clear the air), bail out (save), bailed out, battery (recharge one's batteries, etc.), beef up (v), bolster (v), bridge (v), bring back (restore), burn off (v), buttress (v), calibrate (adjust), calm (v), clean (v), clean (come clean), cleanse (make clean), clean up (improve), clear up (v), counterbalance (v), cure (v), cushion (v), dead (rise from the dead), defuse (v), disinfect (v), exorcise (v), fence (mend fences), fine-tune (v), fix (v), get out (get out from under), ghost (bury the ghost), hack (fix), heal (v), hone (v), house (clean house), ice (break the ice), invigorate (v), iron out (v), lance (v), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), loosen up (feelings), mend (v), patch (and patch up), path (clear a path), piece (pick up the pieces), playing field (level the playing field), plug (v), polish (v), prop up (v), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), recycle (v), reinforce (v), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), repair (v), resurrect (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), right (right a wrong, etc.), salvage (v), scaffold (v), sharpen (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), shore up (v), smooth (v), soothe (sensation), spice up (v), stabilize (v), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), straighten out (v), swamp (drain the swamp), tailor (v), tame (v), thaw (v), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.), tide (stem the tide, etc.), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), turn around (turn things around, etc.), untangle (v), unwind (relax), vent (v), way (pave the way), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- amount: brim (v)
- amount & effect: besiege (v), blow up (attention /verb), bombard (v), erupt (v), flood (amount / verb), gush (v), heap (v), inundate (v), invade (v), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), shower (v), smother (amount and effect), spill (and spill out, etc.), storm (v), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swarm (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: arrive at (an answer, etc.), biopsy (analysis), boil (boil down to something), break down (explain), chase down (v), come from (analysis), come to (come to an answer, etc.), crunch (crunch the data), decode (v), deconstruct (v), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig up (v), dissect (v), dive (analyze), dot (connect the dots), drill (drill down, etc.), excavate (v), explore (analyze), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (get somewhere), get across (v), go (argument), illuminate (v), interrogate (v), light (shed light), look at (analysis), look into (v), make (make of something), misdiagnose (v), misread (v), parse (v), peel (peel back the layers, etc.), pick apart (analyze), piece together (v), play (play with data, etc.), put (put something together), reach (reach an answer, etc.), read (read something into something), read (analyze), show (the data show, etc.), spell out (v), strip (strip something down), suggest (indicate), take (take somebody somewhere), talk (talk somebody through something), tease out (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), test-drive (v), unearth (v), unpack (v), unpick (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unspool (v), untangle (v), unwind (analyze), walk (walk somebody through something), weigh (analyze)
- appeal: call (the mountains ae calling, etc.), call for (appeal), cry out (v)
- appearance: pockmark (v), scar (resemblance / verb)
- appearance & disappearance: arise (v), background (fade into the background), bubble up (v), come (development), come along (appearance), come forward (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dig up (v), disappear (from the scene, etc.), disappear (extinction), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dredge up (v), dry up (v), emerge (v), evaporate (v), excavate (v), exhume (v), fade (v), fade away (v), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), ghost (verb), go away (v), ground (go to ground), head (rear its head, etc.), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light), lose (extinction), map (drop off the map, etc.), melt (v), melt away (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), radar (drop off the radar), resurface (v), show up (v), sink (disappearance), spring up (v), sprout (v), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), surface (bring to the surface), swallow (disappearance), turn out (rally), turn up (appear), uncover (v), unearth (v), wash up (v)
- appearance & reality: artwash (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), see (see through something), sportswash (v), whitewash (v)

- assembling: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v), round up (assemble)
- attachment: accompany (attachment), adhere (adhere to something), attend (v), bind (connect), cement (v), cling (v), come with (and come along with / attachment), embed (v), embrace (v), fold in (v), hold on to (v), pin (attach), stick (stick by / stick with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist), stick together (v), worm (v)
- attainment: arrive at (an answer, etc.), climb (scale), coast (coast to victory, etc.), deal (close the deal), finger (slip through one's fingers), get (get somewhere), hit (hit \$30, etc.), meet (attain), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (secure), reach (a number), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scale (climb), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- attempt: go for it (and go for broke, etc.), hand (try one's hand)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), ball (take one's eye off the ball), barnstorm (v), blend in (v), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), burst on / onto the scene, etc., center (v), champion (v), cheerlead (v), clamor (v), dim (overshadow), disappear (from the scene, etc.), downplay (v), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), drum up (v), eclipse (v), explode (onto the scene, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), focus (v), forward (bring something forward, etc.), heighten (v), herald (v), herald (n), highlight (v), jump out (v), lie low (and lay low), light (shine a light), look at (analysis), look into (v), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), map (drop off the map, etc.), namecheck (and name-check), outshine (v), overshadow (v), photobomb (v), pitch (promote), play down (v), point out (v), punctuate (v), push (promote), radar (drop off the radar), raise (attention), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), sell (promote), shout (v), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showcase (v), skyrocket (to attention, etc.), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), stand out (attention), steal (steal the show, etc.), stink (raise a stink), tout (v), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), tuned (stay tuned), underline (attention), underscore (attention), upstage (v)
- attenuation: dampen (v), defang (v), deflate (pressure), downplay (v), hollow out (v), play down (v), soften (v), tarnish (v), teeth (take the teeth out), tone down (v), water down (v)
- attraction & repulsion: bait (v), beckon (v), charm (v), court (v), dangle (v), draw (attract), draw in (v), embrace (v), flirt (v), gravitate (v), hit it off (v), invite (v), lure (v), recoil (v), swoon (v), woo (v)
- avoidance & separation: back away (v), bypass (v), cocoon (v), dance (dance around something), distance (v), dodge (v), duck (avoid), escape (mental health / verb), flee (v), go around (v), out (want out), parry (v), pull back (v), push (push somebody away, etc.), quarantine (v), revolve (revolve around something), shrug off (v), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stay away (v), stay out (v), steer (steer clear of something), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk (walk on by)
- bases: boil (boil down to something), ground (prepare the ground), revolve (revolve around something), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders), stand on (v), underlie (v)
- behavior: act (clean up one's act), ape (v), badger (v), bask (v), beaver (v), circle (predation), claw (v), clown (v), descend (v), end (go off the deep end), fall down (v), feather (ruffle feathers), ferret out (v), flock (v), go (behavior), hog (v), helicopter (v), hell (raise hell), inebriate (v), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (cross the line), outfox (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), prey (prey on something), rage (v), rear (v), raise (your image, etc.), rise (rise above something), savage (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), showboat (v), sink (behavior), stoop (behavior), stop (stop at nothing), stray (behavior), swarm (v), tame (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), wallow (v), wolf down (food)
- branching system: branch out (v), feed (feed into)
- certainty & uncertainty: waters (muddy the waters)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close), feather (ruffle feathers), light up (a room, etc.), swagger (v), toe (step on toes)
- characterization: brand (v), cast (characterize), christen (v), demonize (v), frame (characterize), illustrate (v), paint (characterize), recast (v), reframe (characterize), stigmatize (v)
- coercion & motivation: arm (twist arms, etc.), bully (v), clamp down (v), crack down (v), dangle (v), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire up

- (v), goad (v), grill (v), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hand (force someone's hand), head (hold something over one's head), hector (v), herd (ride herd), kneecap (v), lean on (coercion), nudge (v), press (v), prod (v), push (coercion and motivation), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), spur (v), railroad (v), strong-arm (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), wring (coerce)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: arrive (a time can arrive), arrive (the equator is arriving, etc.), bag (pack one's bags), bail out (leave), bow out (v), burst on / onto the scene, etc., circle back (return), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (development), come back (resiliency), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descend (descend on), fade away (v), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), go (not go anywhere, etc.), get (get somewhere), go (come and go), go away (v), go back (and get back), head (rear its head, etc.), herald (v), hit (arrive), hover (other), jump (leave), land (arrive, affect, decide), linger (v), loiter (v), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (and return to), revisit (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), stake (pull up stakes), stay around (v), table (come back to the table), tent (fold one's tent), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), usher in (v), walk (walk away from something), waltz in (v), wash up (v)
 - commitment & determination: all (give something one's all, etc.), badger (v), bit (bit between its teeth), bring (bring it), budge (v), bullet (bite the bullet), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), dig deep (determination), dive in (v), double down (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), embrace (v), go big up (as verb), go for it (and go for broke, etc.), gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), invest (v), lean into (v), leap (leap into action, etc.), leave it somewhere (commitment), live up to (something), pass (cards), plate (step up to the plate), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stand (stand firm), step into (v), stop (pull out all the stops), table (bring everything to the table), talk (talk the talk), tent (fold one's tent), throw (throw oneself into something), throw (throw it all at the wall, etc.), vow (v), walk (walk the walk), warrior through (v), waver (v)
 - comparison & contrast: equate (v)
 - competition: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), jockey (v), joust (v), keep up (progress), lag (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), pass (progress), playing field (level the playing field), race (hurry)
 - comprehension & incomprehension: arm (get one's arms around something), dawn (verb / comprehension), digest (v), follow (argument), get (understand), go (argument), grasp (comprehend), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), hit (comprehension), illuminate (v), mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), process (v), see (comprehension), sink in (v), take in (comprehend), waters (muddy the waters)
 - computer: disinfect (v), hack (break into), hack (fix), harvest (data, etc.), infect (computers), quarantine (v), scrape (v), surf (computers)
 - concealment & lack of concealment: air (expose), artwash (v), bare (lay bare), bare (v), betray (v), blend in (v), bury (conceal), camouflage (v), card (hold one's cards close), clean (come clean), cloak (conceal), come out (v), cover up (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), excavate (v), exhume (v), gloss over (v), ground (go to ground), hide (hide behind something), infiltrate (v), launder (v), lay (lay bare), light (shed light), lock (lock something away), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), out (reveal), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), reveal (v), sanitize (v), scrub (remove), see (see through something), sit (sit on something), smoke out (v), sportswash (v), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), surface (bring to the surface), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), uncover (v), unearth (v), unlock (v), unmask (v), whitewash (v), wrap (take the wraps off something / concealment)
 - condition & status: die (non-human), hemorrhage (v), hum (hum along), knee (bring to one's knees), limp (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
 - configuration: blanket (v), dot (v), dovetail (v), fold in (v), honeycomb (v), hover (numbers), hug (configuration), neighbor (v), pancake (v), perch (v), piggyback (v), pockmark (v), punctuate (v), revolve (revolve around something), skirt (configuration), sprinkle (v), squeeze (fit), straddle (configuration)
 - conflict: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), barb (trade barbs, etc.), battle (v), beat (defeat), bewail (v), blink (conflict), blood (smell blood), clamor (v), clash (v), claw (v), collide, combat (v), corral (v), feud (v),

- fight (v), gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), horn (lock horns), howl (v), joust (v), jugular (go for the jugular, etc.), moan (v), punch (punch back), rear (v), roll over (v), rumble (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), scream (scream for action, etc.), slug (slug something out), spar (v), square off (v), stink (raise a stink), swing (take a swing, etc.), sword (cross swords), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), thrash (v), trounce (v), wagon (circle the wagons), wail (v), wrangle (v)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: address (v), blink (conflict), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), come forward (v), dance (dance around something), duck (avoid), eye (turn a blind eye), face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face up (face up to something), flinch (v), gloss over (v), go (let something go), grapple (v), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (wash one's hands of something), handle (deal with), lean in (v), look (look the other way / look away), meet (meet the moment, etc.), put up with (v), punt (v), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.), road (push something down the road), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v), toss back (v), wrestle (v)
 - consciousness & awareness: arouse (v), awaken (awareness), ball (take one's eye off the ball), bell (ring a bell), black out (v), cloud (v), come (see something coming), dawn (verb / comprehension), drift (consciousness), envision (envision the future, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), illuminate (v), keep up (awareness), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), map (drop off the map, etc.), open up (consciousness), radar (drop off the radar), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), sink (sink into a coma, etc.), slap (awareness), sleepwalk (v), tuned (stay tuned), wake up (v)
 - constraint & lack of constraint: bind (constrain), bit (bit between its teeth), box (box somebody into a corner), bridle (v), color (color outside the lines, etc.), envelope (push the envelope), fly (constraint), hand (hand are tied, etc.), handcuff (v), hobble (v), hogtie (v), hold back (obstacle), jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (lines), limit (push the limits, etc.), muzzle (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), unleash (v), unshackle (v), wild (run wild), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
 - consumption: breathe (lives & breathes, etc.), burn through (v), chew (and chew up), chew over (v), choke (v), consume (consumption), devour (devour the classics, etc.), digest (v), drink in (v), eat (endure), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), eat up (v), feed (fuel), feed (supply), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), gorge (gorge on), imbibe (v), ingest (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe, live to), regurgitate (v), retch (v), run out (of gas, etc.), serve up (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), swallow (disappearance), throat (ram something down the throat)
 - context: step back (perspective)
 - control & lack of control: arm (get one's arms around something), bit (bit between its teeth), bridal (v), calm (v), captive (held captive, etc.), captivity (n), colonize (v), corral (v), grip (v), hand (get out of hand), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), harness (v), head (keep / lose one's head), helm (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), hijack (v), hijacked, horse (hold your horses), lurch (v), police (v), rule (v) rage (v), rein (rein in), rope in (v), run away (v), shot (call the shots), spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.), string (pull strings), tame (v), usurp (v), wrangle (v)
 - corruption: blight (v), contaminate (v), curdle (corruption), fester (v), infect (corrupt), poison (v), pollute (v), reek (v), rot (v), sour (v), spoil (v), stink (v), swamp (drain the swamp), taint (v), tarnish (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.), water (poison the water / waters)
 - cost & benefit: afford (v), cash in (v), cost (v), outweigh (cost and benefit), pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off (v), profit (v), reward (v), spend (spend energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.)
 - courage & lack of courage: brave (v), chicken out (v), cower (v), flinch (v), gut out (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody), warrior through (v)
 - cover: blanket (v), carpet (v), smother (cover)
 - creation & transformation: architect (as verb), beget (v), breed (create), build (create), calve (v), carve out (v), churn out (v), cobble together (v), coin (v), concoct (v), cook up (v), drum up (v), edit (v), embroider (v), excite (v), fabricate (v), father (v), forge (v), Frankenstein (as verb), germinate (v), gestate (v), grind out (v), hammer

- out (v), hash out (v), make up (v), manufacture (v), midwife (as verb), mint (v), mold (v), mutate (v), patch (patch together), plant (create), recast (v), reshape (v), shape (v), sow (v), spawn (v), spit out (v), squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), stitch together (v), strike (strike a deal, etc.), tailor (v), translate (v), turn (transform), turn out (create), weaponize (v), weave (creation), wring (create)
- curtailment: book (close the book), break off (v), bury (kill), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v), dark (go dark, etc.), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), fold (v), kill (v), kill off (v), knock out (v), plug (pull the plug), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), shut down (v), shut off (v), snuff (v), rack (stop something in its tracks)
 - danger: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), exhale (v), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
 - death & life: encounter (kill), killed (by disease, etc.), life (lose one's life), life (take one's life), life (give one's life, etc.), liquidate (kill), lose (through death), neutralize (v), pass (die), pass away (v), remove (kill), succumb (die), take down (kill)
 - decline: burn out (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), crumble (v), descend (v), die down (v), dim (decline), dip (decrease), erode (v), ebb (decline), eclipse (v), fade (v), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), go down (decrease), haywire (go haywire, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), nosedive (verb / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), sag (v), shrink (decline), shrivel (v), sink (decline), slide (v), slip (fail), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), stagnate (v), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), wane (v), wilt (v)
 - dependency: babysit (v), lean on (support), ride (ride on something), wean (v)
 - destruction: back (break the back), blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), break down (destroy), bring down (v), buckle (give way), bulldoze (v), bury (kill), cannibalize (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), collapse (v), consume (destroy), crash (crash and burn), crash (crash down), crumble (v), crush (destroy), decapitate (v), devour (destroy), disintegrate (v), dismember (v), drain (go down the drain, etc.), eat (destroy), eviscerate (v), extinguish (v), fell (v), flatten (v), founder (v), grave (dig one's grave), grind down (v), gut (destroy), implode (v), kill (v), kill off (v), lacerate (v), nibble (nibble at, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), poison (v), pound (pound targets, etc.), prick (v), puncture (v), rake (destroy), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), ruin (v), run over (v), sabotage (v), scupper (v), scuttle (v), shatter (destroy), ship (sink the ship), shoot down (v), shred (v), sink (destroy), smash (smash a record, etc.), snuff (v), squash (v), stamp out (v), steamroll (v), strangle (v), tear apart (v), tear up, topple (v), torpedo (v), trample (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v), uproot (v), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), wreck (v)
 - development: book (close the book), come (development), come (see something coming), come to (development), corner (turn the corner), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (get somewhere), go (develop), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), plane (plane lands), play (play out), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), scale (tip the scales), see (see something coming), stage (set the stage, etc.), stand still (development), take (take somebody somewhere), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), turn (take a turn), turn out (develop), unfold (development), unspool (v), unwind (analyze), wane (v), wax and wane
 - difficulty, easiness & effort: beaver (v), bend (bend over backwards), claw (v), coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), finger (lift a finger), gear up (v), grind away (v), gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), limits (push something to its limits), path (clear a path), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), scratch (scratch and claw, etc.), shortcut (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), slave (v), slog (v), stop (pull out all the stops), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.), way (go out of one's way)
 - directing: channel (direct), drive (v), feed (direct), funnel (direct), goad (v), guide (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v), inject (put), orchestrate (v), parade (v), pilot (v), plow (put), pour (put), pump (direct), shepherd (v), shot (call the shots), siphon (v), steer (v), stage (v), stage-manage (v), surge (transitive verb), take (take somebody somewhere), whip (violence)
 - direction: chart (v), corkscrew (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), follow (the facts, etc.), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), go (direction), head (development), jibe (v), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), mislead (v), move (direction), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain,

- etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), plot (v), steer (v), stray (direction), tack (v), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (part ways)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: amputate (remove), bail out (leave), banish (v), bench (v), blow off (v), boot out (v), bow out (v), brush aside (v), brush off (v), cast aside (v), chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), cleanse (make clean), clean out (v), cull (v), cut off (v), decapitate (v), dethrone (v), discard (v), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), dump (v), eject (v), exorcise (v), fold (v), flush (remove), jettison (v), kick out (v), leach (v), lift (amelioration), mothball (v), oust (v), overboard (throw somebody overboard), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pare (v), plug (pull the plug), pull out (v), prune (v), retire (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), scrap (v), scrape (v), scrub (remove), shake (remove), shave (removal), shed (v), shelve (v), ship out (remove), slash (v), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v), strike down (v), strip (v), take down (v), throw out (v), topple (v), toss out (v), trim (v), unseat (v), weed out (v), wind (throw something to the wind), winnow (v)
 - disruption: blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), destabilize (v), feather (ruffle feathers), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), head (turn something on its head, etc.), house (clean house), misbehave (machine), overthrow (v), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), revolutionize (v), rock (v), roil (v), sabotage (v), scramble (disrupt), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), smash (smash a record, etc.), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), table (turn the tables), toe (step on toes), topple (v), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
 - division & connection: amputate (remove), bind (connect), bridge (v), cocoon (v), connect (v), distance (v), divorce (v), drift (drift apart), embrace (v), hook up (connect), ice (break the ice), intersect (v), knit (knit together), reach out (v), revolve (revolve around something), sever (v), silo (v), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), straddle (connect), thread (v), tie (v), tie together (v), touch (lose touch), traverse (v), way (part ways), weave together (v), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
 - dominance & submission: back down (v), blink (conflict), bow (and bow down), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), knuckle under (v), kowtow (v), tail (turn tail)
 - driving force: charge (lead the charge, etc.), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), drive (v), spearhead (v), way (lead the way)
 - eagerness & reluctance: balk (v), bay (bay for blood, etc.), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, ahead, etc.), drag (drag somebody into something), drool (v), gun (jump the gun), heel (dig in one's heels), horse (hold your horses), itch (v), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), path (beat a path), pounce (v), salivate (v), spring (spring into action, etc.), water (throw cold water on something)
 - effect: chord (strike a chord), hit (affect), home (hit home), impact (affect), needle (move the needle, etc.), resonate (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), roil (v), strike (affect), wave (make waves, etc.)
 - enthusiasm: cheer on (v), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), live (live and breathe, live to), pitch (promote), rave (v), water (throw cold water on something), worship (v)
 - equilibrium & stability: balance (v), counterbalance (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)
 - euphemism: skin (save one's skin)
 - evidence: auger (v), betray (v), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), reveal (v), scream (scream "premium," etc.), show (the data show, etc.), sign (v), signal (v), signpost (as verb), sniff out (v), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), wind (get / catch wind of something)
 - experience: chew (and chew up), go through (endure, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), see (see action, etc.), pay (pay one's dues), taste (taste freedom, etc.)
 - experimentation: float (a plan, etc.), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)
 - extent & scope: deepen (v), go big (v), ground (cover ground), sound (measure), stretch (extent), surface (scratch the surface)
 - failure, accident & impairment: aground (run aground), ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), bat (batting zero), betray (fail), break down (functioning), buckle (give way), butcher (v), cave in (v), circle (go in circles), collapse (v), crack (v), crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), crash-land (v), crumble (v), derail (v), drain (go down the drain, etc.), erode (v), fall apart (v), fall down (v), fall through (v), falter (v), fizzle (and fizzle

- out), flame out (v), flounder (v), founder (v), fray (v), fumble (v), gas (run out of gas), get away (escape), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (overplay one's hand), haywire (go haywire, etc.), injure (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), let down (fail), malfunction (v), misdiagnose (v), mislead (v), momentum (lose momentum), mutilate (v), overplay (v), pipe (go down the pipes), screw up (v), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), short-circuit (v), sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), slip up (fail), snap (v), south (go south, etc.), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), sputter (v), stall (v), strain (v), stray (behavior), stray (direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), strike out (v), stumble (v), stutter (v), tarnish (v), trip up (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), tumble down (v), undercut (v), undermine (v), unravel (v), unseat (v), west (go west / obsolete), wreck (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: auger (v), balance (in the balance), breath (hold one's breath), bullet (dodge a bullet), chicken (come home to roost), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), finger (cross one's fingers, etc.), fire (play with fire), flirt (v), gamble (v), grave (dig one's grave), head (hold something over one's head), lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall), limb (go out on a limb), line (tread a line, etc.), path (cross paths), rise (rise and fall / verb), shoe (a shoe can drop or fall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), teeter (v)
 - feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), beating (take a beating, etc.), bewitch (v), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), bottle up (emotions), break down (feeling), breath (take one's breath away), breath (take a breath, etc.), brighten (v), bristle (emotional arousal), bruise (v), buoy (v), burn out (v), burst (burst into tears, etc.), button (push a button / emotion), calm (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), charm (v), chord (strike a chord), come from (emotion), consume (emotions), cool down (v), cool off (v), crack (verb / emotion), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), dampen (v), darken (v), dazzle (v), deflate (emotion), destabilize (v), dim (hope, etc.), disintegrate (v), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), eat (destroy), electrify (v), erupt (feeling), excite (v), exhale (v), explode (emotion), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall apart (emotionally), feather (ruffle feathers), feet (knock somebody off their feet), fire up (v), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), fume (v), galvanize (v), give (give a start, etc.), gnaw (v), go off (v), grate (v), hackles (raise hackles), harden (feelings), hat (hold on to your hat), haunt (v), head (keep / lose one's head), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hold in (emotions), hold back (restraint), home (hit home), home (feel at home), hurt (feeling and emotion / verb), hurt (damage, injure), ice (break the ice), impact (affect), inflame (v), intoxicate (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lament (v), land (arrive, affect, decide), lift (v), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), lock (lock something away), loosen up (feelings), melt down (emotions), moan (v), moment (have a moment / emotion), nail (bite one's nails), needle (move the needle, etc.), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pall (cast a pall), process (v), rage (v), raise (feeling), reel (v), resonate (v), retch (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rock (v), roil (v), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), savor (v), scar (psychologically scar), seethe (v), send (emotion or effect), set off (feeling and emotion), shake (disrupt), shatter (emotions), shock (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), skin (jump out of one's skin), slide (v), smart (v), snap (v), sober (v), soothe (sensation), sour (v), spell (cast a spell), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), spook (v), stack (blow one's stack), stagger (v), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), stomach (turn one's stomach), strike (affect), strike (tragedy, etc.), stun (v), stung (feeling), swoon (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), toe (step on toes), top (blow one's top), touch (verb / emotion), trigger (outrage, etc.), turn on (v), unwind (relax), vent (v), wail (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), warm (v), wave (make waves, etc.), wind down (relax), wow (v)
 - fictive communication: address (v), beckon (v), betray (v), boast (v), call (the mountains are calling, etc.), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), groan (amount), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), inform (v), interrogate (v), introduce (v), invite (v), nag (v), offer (offer hope, etc.), read (the sign read don't enter, etc.), remind (v), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), show (the data show, etc.), speak (evidence), speak (speak to something), suggest (v), talk (money talks, etc.), telegraph (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), threaten (v), warn (a sign can warn, etc.), welcome (v)

- fictive meeting & seeing: brush up against, encounter (difficulties, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), find (a date can find us, etc.), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), met (met by anger, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), welcome (v), witness (v)
- fictive motion: climb (roads, etc.), cross (a bridge can cross), cut (road cuts, etc.), dip (a route can dip), draw alongside, follow (a road can follow, etc.), fork (a trail can fork, etc.), go (a road can go, etc.), meander (v), run (a road can run, etc.), slice (road slices, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stretch (extent), strike (a road can strike a river, etc.), thread (a trail can thread, etc.), weave (a trail can weave, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- fictive position: lie (position), repose (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- fictive possession: belong (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), claim (take), grab (v), grip (v), hold (verb / possession), hold (take hold), inhabit (v), occupy (v), recapture (v), seize (v), snatch (v)
- fictive transportation: back (in time), bring (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), carry (transport), deliver (v), get across (v), ride (ride on something), ride (ride something to fame, etc.), send (transport), send (cause to move), take (take somebody somewhere), take (take us back / time), transport (in time)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fray (v), pockmark (v), polish (v), reek (v), sag (v), scar (blemish / verb), slump (v), smear (v), stain (v), stink (v), stretch (v), stumble (stumble over one's words), tarnish (v), warp (v), water (hold water)
- force: barrel (v), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), bulldoze (v), churn (move), elbow (force), flex (muscle, etc.), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), nudge (v), push (force), push (coercion and motivation), rip through (v), roar back (v), run over (v), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), steamroll (v), storm (v), strike (forces of nature), tear through (v), teeth (take the teeth out), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- functioning: break down (functioning), click (v), cripple (v), freeze (computers, etc.), gum up (v), hobble (v), hum (hum along), malfunction (v), misbehave (machine), paralyze (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
- future: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), arrive (a time can arrive), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), dawn (verb / start), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), future (the future can bring something), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), lie (lie ahead), look forward to (v), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), see (future), spell (spell disaster, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), year (year has come and gone)
- gesture: head (shake one's head), (eye (roll one's eyes))
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (v), come away with (v), command (deserve and get), deliver (v), dish out (v), fork over (v), furnish (give), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), gift (as verb), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), hold out (offer), inherit (v), leave (leave a mark, etc.), lend (lend a hand, etc.), offer (v), pepper (v), rake in (v), take away (a message, etc.), turn in (give)
- group, set & collection: curate (v), pool (v)
- growth & development: arise (v), bloom (v), blossom (v), branch out (v), cultivate (v), explode (increase), fall (fall behind), flourish (v), flower (v), germinate (v), gestate (v), graduate (v), ground (get off the ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), grow up (grow up! etc.), hold (take hold), lag (progress), leg (grow legs), life (begin life), mature (v), metastasize (v), nurture (v), plant (create), plow (plow a field, etc.), revolutionize (v), sow (v), take off (v), thrive (v), wean (v)
- haste: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), scramble (v)
- help & assistance: carry (assist), finger (lift a finger), godfather (v), lean on (support), lend (lend a hand, etc.), logroll (v), pitch in (help), rescue (v), scaffold (v)
- hierarchy: head (go over one's head / hierarchy), move (move up)
- hyperbole: pants (scare the pants off somebody), retch (v), skin (jump out of one's skin), slave (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- idea: brainstorm (v)

- identity & nature: define (v), fold in (v), live (live and breathe, live to)
- importance & significance: background (fade into the background), fetishize (v), revolutionize (v), trail (blaze a trail), venerate (v), worship (v)
- impression: embed (v), etch (v)
- inauguration: drop (a product, etc.), hit (hit the market, etc.), launch (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), roll out (v), unveil (make public), usher in (v), wrap (take the wraps off something / inauguration)
- inclusion & exclusion: cancel (groups, etc.), empower (groups), erase (groups, etc.), straightwash (groups), whitewash (groups)
- increase & decrease: accelerate (v), amplify (v), balloon (v), big up (as verb), blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), boom (increase), boost (v), boost (n), build up (v), burnish (v), climb (increase), crank up (v), dial down (dial back), dip (decrease), drop (prices dropped, etc.), enrich (v), escalate (v), explode (increase), fall off (v), fan (v), feed (fuel), fluctuate (v), fuel (v), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), gear up (v), go down (decrease), go up (increase), grow (increase), harden (increase), heighten (v), inflame (v), inflate (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), kindle (v), level off (v), level up (as verb), loosen (loosen control, etc.), mount (v), nosedive (verb / decrease), notch (take something up a notch), oil (pour oil), pick up (v), pile on (increase), pile up (v), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), rebound (numbers), relax (relax control, etc.), rev up (v), rise (prices rise, etc.), rocket (increase), sag (v), sharpen (v), shoot up (v), shrink (downsize), sink (decline), skyrocket (increase), slip (sales have slipped, etc.), slump (v), snowball (v), soar (v), spike (increase), spiral (downward or upward), step up (increase), stoke (v), supercharge (v), supersize (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), swell (v), take off (v), tighten (tighten control, etc.), turbocharge (v), turn up (increase / verb), up (increase / verb), up (science up, etc.), wane (v), wax and wane
- initiation: blow up (blow up on TikTok, etc.), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), break out (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), burst (burst into violence, etc.), button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), catalyze (v), detonate (v), erupt (v), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), fan (v), flare (v), flare up (v), flow (increase), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), galvanize (v), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), go off (v), hatch (v), ignite (v), inflame (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v), kindle (v), launch (v), life (spring to life), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), percolate (v), prime (v), re-ignite (v), rekindle (v), scale (tip the scales), seethe (v), set off (initiate), shoot (shoot first), simmer (v), simmering (activity), spark (v), spur (v), stir (v), stir up (v), stoke (v), swirl (v), take off (v), tee off (start), trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger), unleash (v)
- insult: flip off (v), nose (thumb one's nose), skewer (v), trash talk (v), walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- involvement: chime in (v), dive in (v), drag (drag somebody into something), draw in (v), ensnare (v), get in / get into (involvement), head (get in over one's head, etc.), jump (jump in), leave (leave something alone), plunge (plunge into something), sit out (v), snare (v), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), wade (wade in / wade into), wallow (v), weigh in (v)
- isolation & remoteness: cocoon (v), insulate (v), silo (v)
- judgment: bed (lie in one's bed), boo (v), call out (v), cheer (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), condemn (v), frown (v), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), muster (pass muster), pay (pay a price), pay (revenge), quiz (v), smile (v), sword (fall on one's sword), triage (v), weigh (analyze)
- knowledge & intelligence: illuminate (v), learn (v)
- leaking: bleed (v), drain (remove), hemorrhage (v), leak (v), leak out (v), ooze (v), spill (and spill out, etc.)
- location: dwell (location), finger (put one's finger on something), live (location), map drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), reside (v)
- measurement: calibrate (adjust), sound (measure)

- message: amplify (v), barnstorm (v), drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.), lecture (v), proselytize (v), sell (promote), speak (carry a message), spin (message / verb), tout (v)
- migration: wash in (v)
- mind: mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), open up (consciousness)
- mixture: fold in (v), lace (v)
- movement: barrel (v), bounce (v), canter (v), churn (move), corkscrew (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dance (resemblance), dart (dart about), drift (move), duck (v), fishtail (v), flock (v), flood (move), flow (move), fluctuate (v), gallop (v), hop (v), hurtle (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), loiter (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), migrate (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), pinball (v), ping-pong (v), plod (v), pounce (v), pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), race (hurry), rebound (recover), rebound (v), reel (v), retreat (glaciers, etc.), ricochet (v), rip through (v), rocket (speed), roll (move), roll in (v), scramble (v), seep (v), slink (slink in, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), spiral (downward or upward), stalk (v), stall (v), stream (move), stride (hit one's stride), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swoop (v), tear through (v), trickle (trickle in / out), vault (v), wash in (v), weave (move), whip (movement), wind (wind its way), yo-yo (v), zig-zag (v)
- obligation: owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repay (v)
- obstacles & impedance: bottle up (emotions), funnel (funnel through, etc.), get through (endure, etc.), hold back (obstacle), hold off (v), hold up (obstruct), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), jump (lines), mud (sink in the mud), path (clear a path), run (run into something), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), snarl (v), stand (stand in the way), stonewall (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (get out of the way)
- occurrence: arise (v), erupt (v), go down (happen), go on (what's going on, etc.), spin up (v), strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- oppression: bear (a weight, etc.), blackball (v), blacklist (v), bully (v), burden (v), clamp down (v), come down on (v), crack down (v), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), darken (v), disappear (oppression), encounter (kill), get out (get out from under), goad (v), lord over (v), pall (cast a pall), saddle (oppress), smother (oppress), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), stifle (v), strangle (v), suffocate (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (ram something down the throat), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), wring (coerce)
- orientation: upstage (v)
- origin: come from (origin)
- past & present: back (back in time), backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), fossilize (v), go (the time has gone, etc.), go back (verb / time), look back (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), revisit (v), stand still (time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), walk (walk somebody back), wind back (v), year (year has come and gone)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), back up (v), color (v), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), ring (ring false, etc.), see (perceive), step back (perspective), view (perceive), waters (muddy the waters), zoom out (v)
- performance: parade (v), perform (v), play (play to the audience, etc.), stage (v), stage-manage (v)
- place: map (drop off the map, etc.)
- portal: threshold (cross the threshold)
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (v), budge (v), fence (straddle the fence), haggle (v), hand (overplay one's hand), sit down (v), stance (take a stance), stand (position), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)
- possession: cling (v), colonize (v), fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), fork over (v), go (let something go), grab (v), grip (v), hand over (v), hang on to (v), hijack (v), hold (verb / possession), hold on to (v), loot (v), own (possess), own (make something one's own), reclaim (other), seize (v), stake out (v), surrender (v), take back (take back one's life, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (have time), time (give time), trade (v), usurp (v)

- power: flex (muscle, etc.), hand (strengthen one's hand), leverage (v), lord over (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), supercharge (v), turbocharge (v), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- presence & absence: exist (v), live (location), loom (loom large, etc.), lurk (v), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), remain (v), reside (v)
- pressure: clamp down (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), wall (walls close in)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bring back (restore), bring down (v), dethrone (v), dim (overshadow), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), fade (v), fossilize (v), go (come and go), live on (v), lose out (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), reign (v), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), time (time has passed), topple (v), wane (v), wax and wane, way (give way to something), way (go the way of something)
- product: bear (bear fruit, etc.), come from (origin), harvest (v), reap (v)
- progress & lack of progress: advance (v), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), circle (go in circles), climb (scale), corner (turn the corner), fall behind (competition and progress), forward (move forward, go forward, etc.), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), jump (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leapfrog (v), level off (v), limp (v), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (progress), move (move up), mud (sink in the mud), needle (move the needle, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), scale (climb), sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stand still (progress), stutter (v), tail (chase one's tail), traction (gain / build / get traction), turn back (v), vault (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- protection & lack of protection: back (watch your back, etc.), back (have somebody's back), batten (batten down), bolster (v), breach (v), bristle (with security, etc.), cocoon (v), dig in (v), ground (go to ground), guard (lower one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), hack (break into), harbor (v), harden (protect), head (keep one's head down), hole up (v), inoculate (v), insulate (v), quarantine (v), rank (close ranks), shelter (v), shield (v), wagon (circle the wagons)
- proximity: door (knock at / on the door), home (hit home), neighbor (v), shadow (follow), shoulder (rub shoulders)
- punishment & recrimination: beat (beat oneself up), book (throw the book at somebody), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crack down (v), crucify (v), flog (criticize), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), key (throw away the key), kick (kick oneself), pile on (gang up on), pillory (v), slap (punish), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bait (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch (catch and release), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), chase (v), come after (and come for), court (v), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ensnare (v), finger (slip through one's fingers), fish (v), follow (afflict), get away (escape), go after (attack), ground (go to ground), hound (v), hunt (v), hunt down (v), low (lie low), lure (v), nail (nail somebody), net (cast a net), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), poach (v), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), recapture (v), reel in (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), seduce (v), smoke out (v), snare (v), stalk (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), trail (follow), trawl (v), troll (v), victim (fall victim to something), woo (v)
- readiness & preparedness: ambush (v), batten (batten down), brace (v), groom (prepare), ground (prepare the ground), ground (hit the ground running), guard (lower one's guard, etc.), guard (keep one's guard up), pants (caught with one's pants down), prime (v), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), rehearse (v), tune (and tune up)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bed (put something to bed), behind (put something behind), blow over (v), book (close the book), deal (close the deal), exorcise (v), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), ghost (bury the ghost), go (let something go), goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), hatchet (bury the hatchet), haunt (v), heal (v), land (arrive, affect, decide), move on (resiliency), nail down

- (settle), rest (put / lay something to rest), settle down (v), sew up (v), sleep (put something to sleep), wrap up (v)
- reference: see (refer to)
 - relationship: accompany (attachment), attend (v), beget (v), breed (create), bring (v), come (development), come from (origin), come with (and come along with / attachment), divorce (v), draw (attract), drive (drive somebody to do something), feed (fuel), fold in (v), follow (result, sequence), follow (it follows that, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), leave (leave a mark, etc.), march (together, etc.), owe (relationship), revolve (revolve around something), ride (ride on something), sneeze (v), snowball (v), tango (v), trigger (a war, etc.)
 - repetition: ape (v), echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), mirror (v), parrot (v)
 - representation: banner (carry a banner, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), speak for (represent), stand for (v), torch (carry a torch)
 - reputation: mud (drag something through the mud), raise (you image, etc.), smear (v), stain (v)
 - resemblance: belch (v), bite (resemblance), blink (light), carpet (v), cut (road cuts, etc.), dance (resemblance), paint (resemblance), pour (resemblance), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), scar (resemblance / verb), slice (road slices, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), snooze (v), spit (spit down), spit (v), stir up (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), swallow (disappearance), thunder (speech), wake (resemblance), wilt (v), yawn (v)
 - resiliency: behind (put something behind), bounce back (v), carry on (v), come back (resiliency), get on with (get on with something, get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go (let something go), go on (v), hang in there, hang on (v), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), hold on (survival), horse (get back on the horse), overcome (v), pick (pick oneself up), piece (pick up the pieces), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), punch (roll with the punches), push on (v), put (put something back together), rebound (recover), roll on (resiliency), saddle (get back in the saddle), shake (shake something off), soldier on (v)
 - resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), balk (v), barricade (storm the barricades), beat back (v), bemoan (v), bend (v), bewail (v), blink (conflict), bow (and bow down), bridle (v), buck (v), buckle (give way), budge (v), cave in (v), checkmate (v), clap back (v), clamor (v), combat (v), come out (against something), counterattack (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), day (save the day), dig in (v), fall (defeat), fight (v), fold (v), foot (put one's foot down), give in (v), give up (stop trying), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), heel (dig in one's heels), hold off (v), hold out (persist), howl (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (and kneel down, etc.), knuckle under (v), kowtow (v), lie down (and lay down), moan (v), move (move an inch, etc.), nose (thumb one's nose), overcome (v), overrun (v), parry (v), punch (punch back), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), put up with (v), rebel (v), retreat (reverse / verb), revolt (v), rise (resist), roll over (v), rout (defeat / verb), sell out (v), sound off (v), speak out (v), speak up (v), squeal (protest), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand for (not stand for something), stand up (stand up to something), stare down (v), stink (raise a stink), stonewall (v), succumb (v), surrender (v), tail (turn tail), take (refuse to take), take on (v), tap out (v), tent (fold one's tent), tide (buck the tide), towel (throw in the towel), wail (v)
 - responsibility: bed (lie in one's bed), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), live up to (something), man up (v), own (responsibility), plate (step up to the plate), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), sword (fall on one's sword)
 - restraint & lack of restraint: bridle (v), end (go off the deep end), envelope (push the envelope), hand (get out of hand), hand (overplay one's hand), help (keep from, avoid), hold back (restraint), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), loose (let loose), overreach (v), overstep (v), overstretch (v), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), stop (stop at nothing), stop (pull out all the stops), wild (run wild), wind (throw something to the wind)
 - revenge: feud (v), pay (revenge), score (settle a score, etc.)
 - reverence: enshrine (v), venerate (v), worship (v)
 - reversal: backfire (v), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), bell (unring a bell), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), climb down (v), come back (to bite,

- haunt, etc.), course (reverse course), face (blow up in one's face), flip (v), flip-flop (v), gear (switch gears, shift gears, etc.), overturn (v), retreat (reverse / verb), ricochet (v), roll back (v), ship (turn the ship, etc.), table (turn the tables), tail (turn tail), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune), unwind (reverse), walk back (v)
- role: perform (v)
 - sacrifice: sacrifice (give up something)
 - sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: anoint (v), applaud (v), beatify (v), buck (v), canonize (v), enshrine (v), frown (v), green light (v), hew (hew to the line, etc.), OK (and okay / verb), playing field (level the playing field), rebel (v), sign off (on something), smile (v), tide (buck the tide), tune (dance to the tune)
 - searching & discovery: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), comb (v), come up with (discovery), dig deep (analysis), dig into (v), dig through (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), dry (come up dry), excavate (v), exhume (v), explore (discover), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), glean (v), ground (cover ground), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), look for (v), look into (v), mine (search), rake up (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scour (v), scout (v), scrape (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), sift (searching), sniff out (v), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), track down (v), trawl (v), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unfold (discover), unlock (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), winnow (v)
 - sequence: follow (at a later time), jump (jump ahead), precede (at an earlier time), punch (beat somebody to the punch), step back (sequence), way (give way to something)
 - sex: pants (get in somebody's pants)
 - shape: zig-zag (v)
 - sight: eye (v)
 - sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bluff (v), clean (come clean), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), talk (talk the talk), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
 - situation: box (box somebody into a corner), dig out (v), ensnare (v), go back (and get back), head (get in over one's head, etc.), out (want out), return (and return to), stay out (v), water (keep one's head above water)
 - social interaction: back (scratch somebody's back), ball (play ball), connect (v), get along (v), go along (v), hand (one hand washes the other), logroll (v), see (visit / meet), shoulder (rub shoulders), wheel (grease the wheels)
 - sound: bark (v), drown out (v), growl (v), howl (v), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest)
 - speech: backhand (v), badger (v), bark (v), bash (v), beg (v), bewail (v), blast (criticize), chime in (v), clean up (speech), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crow (v), cut off (speech), eviscerate (v), fire (a question, etc.), fire (fire back), fulminate (speech), gaslight (v), grill (v), growl (v), gush (v), howl (v), jump (speech), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mince (v), muzzle (v), needle (v), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pander (v), pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v), rail (v), rave (v), ring out (voice), roast (v), savage (v), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), shout (v), skewer (v), slam (v), smear (v), snarl (speech), snipe (v), soften (speech), spew (speech), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), squeal (protest), stumble (stumble over one's words), talk down to (somebody), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), thunder (speech), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), trash talk (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
 - speed: accelerate (v), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dart (dart about), downshift (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), sprint (v), streamline (speed up), supercharge (v), turbocharge (v), walk (slow-walk), zip (v)
 - starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), balk (v), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), book (close the book), bow out (v), break off (v), carry on (verb), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (run its course, etc.), dawn (verb / start), die (non-human), die out (end), door (get one's foot in the door), downshift (v), drag on (v), drop out (v), embark (embark on something), escalate (v), falter (v), fester (v), flame out (verb), fold (v), gas (run out of gas), get on with (get on with something), go on (v), grind away (v), grind on

- (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (wash one's hands of something), heal (v), ignite (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), landing (stick the landing), level off (v), life (begin life), life (spring to life), live on (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), pause (v), play (play out), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), pull back (v), pull out (v), push on (v), reboot (v), reign (v), rekindle (v), reset (v), rest (put / lay something to rest), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roll (v), saddle (saddle up), set out (and set off), set sail (v), sleep (put something to sleep), smolder (v), soldier on (v), stall (v), stand down (v), step down (v), stride (hit one's stride), strike out (start), tee off (start), tick on (v), torch (pass the torch), traction (gain / build / get traction), wear on (v), wind down (v), wrap up (v)
- strategy: bluff (v), card (play one's cards), gamble (v), hand (force someone's hand)
 - strength & weakness: beef up (v), bluff (v), bolster (v), buttress (v), cement (v), concretize (v), defang (v), hollow out (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), sag (v), shore up (v), slump (v), supercharge (v), teeth (take the teeth out), turbocharge (v), water down (v)
 - substance & lack of substance: flesh out (v), life (bring to life), light (make light of something), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
 - subterfuge: bluff (v), breadcrumb (v), camouflage (v), cover up (v), gaslight (v), gloss over (v), launder (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), outfox (v), punch (sucker punch / verb), scent (throw somebody off the scent), slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), sugarcoat (and candy-coat), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), whitewash (v)
 - success & failure: bat (batting zero), beat (defeat), choke (fail), conquer (v), crush (verb / accomplishment), deal (close the deal), dry (come up dry), fall through (v), flatline (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), jackpot (hit the jackpot), kill (verb / accomplishment), landing (stick the landing), leg (grow legs), let down (fail), miss (v), nail (nail something), nail down (gain), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pan out (v), rise (rise and fall / verb), strike out (v), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.), win (v)
 - sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: brim (v), gorge (gorge on)
 - superiority & inferiority: circle (run circles around somebody), dim (overshadow), drown out (v), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), loom (loom large, etc.), outpace (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power), overshadow (v), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
 - superlative: light up (a room, etc.)
 - supplying: feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), serve up (v)
 - surveillance: helicopter (v)
 - survival, persistence & endurance: alive (keep something alive), bail out (save), batten (batten down), bring back (restore), bullet (bite the bullet), carry on (v), cement (v), cling (v), come back (resiliency), die (non-human), dig in (v), drown (v), get by (v), get on with (get on with something), get over (overcome), get through (endure, etc.), go on (v), go through (endure, etc.), gut out (v), hack (hack something / endurance), hold on (survival), hold out (persist), life (give life), life (breathe life), limits (push something to its limits), live on (v), perish (v), pull through (v), punch (roll with the punches), put up with (v), push on (v), remain (v), rescue (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), revivify (v), ride out (v), save (v), scrape by (v), sink (sink into debt, etc.), scalp (save one's scalp), skin (save one's skin), soldier on (v), stand (stand the test of time, etc.), stick (persist), storm (weather the storm), swim (v), take (take something / endurance), warrior through (v), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water), weather (survive)
 - taking & removing: chip away (v), claim (take), colonize (v), grab (v), hijack (v), hold up (rob), hoover (hoover up, etc.), leach (v), loot (v), milk (v), poach (v), plunder (v), rob (v), scrape (v), seize (v), snatch (v), steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), strip (v), usurp (v), wring (create)
 - target: aim (v), aim (take aim at something), gun (v), target (v), zero in on (v)
 - throwing, putting & planting: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), catapult (v), heap (v), hurl (v), inject (put), lay (put), pepper (v), plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), pour (put), shower (v), sink (put), sow (v), sown (planted), spew (speech), spit out (v), throw (v), throw out (v), thrust (v), toss out (v)
 - time: advance (a day can advance, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), arrive (a time can arrive), back (in time), backtrack (go back in time), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), catch up (his past

- caught up to him, etc.), clock (turn back the clock), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), dawn (verb / start), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), follow (at a later time), fossilize (v), future (the future can bring something), go (the time has gone, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), last (time / verb), lie (lie ahead), look back (v), look forward to (v), near (v), pass (time can pass, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), revisit (v), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), see (future), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spell (spell disaster, etc.), spend (time), stand still (time), take (take us back / time), tick on (v), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (have time), time (give time), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (make time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (lose time, etc.), transport (in time), walk (walk somebody back), wear on (v), wind back (v), wind down (v), year (year has come and gone)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), drag on (v), fire (hang fire), gestate (v), gun (jump the gun), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), streamline (speed up), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (lose time, etc.), train (train has left the station, etc.)
 - transmission: echo (repeat), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), give (give an impression, etc.), hitchhike (v), hop (hop across, etc.), infiltrate (v), inherit (v), jump (transmission), leap (transmission), pass on (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rub off on (v), send (transmit), slink (slink in, etc.), sneeze (v), stream (direct), torch (pass the torch)
 - transportation: cart (cart off), haul (v)
 - unanimity & consensus: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), march (together, etc.), nod (agree), pile on (gang up on), pull together (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.), suit (follow suit), team up (v), tune (dance to the tune)
 - violence: brainwash (v), cleanse (violence), flush (remove)
 - warning: shout (v), whistle (blow the whistle), wolf (cry wolf)
 - wants, needs, hopes & goals: aim (v), beg (v), crave (v), dream (v), pray (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), way (get one's way)
 - welcome: greet (v), embrace (v), invite (v), welcome (v)
 - work & duty: beaver (v), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), pull together (v), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), slave (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
 - worth & lack of worth: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), enrich (v), lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall), pan out (v), profit (v), sift (searching), table (bring something to the table), treasure (v), trash talk (v), winnow (v)

VIOLENCE (1)

- allusion: Lord of the Flies
- animal: cockroach (n), dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj), termite (n)
- bird: dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj)
- blood: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist), red (see red)
- color: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist), red (see red)
- euphemism: cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military)
- fist: fist (a leader with an iron fist)
- head: brainwash (v), brainwashed
- history: auto da fe
- hygiene: brainwash (v), brainwashed, cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), flush (remove), filth (insult), scum (insult)
- insect: cockroach (n), termite (n)
- mental health: blood (blood in one's eyes, etc.), mist (red mist)
- military: cleanup (military)

- predation: dove (person), hawk (person), hawkish (adj)
- sword: sword (violence)
- verb: brainwash (v), cleanse (violence), flush (remove)
- water: flush (remove)

VIOLENCE (2)

- accusation & criticism: assassination (character assassination), backhand (v), bash (v), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), cheap shot, crucified, crucify (v), drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.), lash out (v), pillory (v), pilloried, pummel (v), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: belt (notch in a belt), coup (achievement), scalp (n)
- affliction: scourge (n), torture (afflict), torture (affliction), tortured, waterboarding (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bus (throw somebody under the bus), cutthroat (competition), lion (throw somebody to the lions, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: drum (beat the drum / bang the drum, etc.)
- behavior: cheap shot, cutthroat (competition)
- coercion & motivation: arm-twisting, billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), goad (v), hatchet man (person), kneecap (v), kneecapped, nose (bloody nose, etc.), stick (n), strong-arm (v), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- competition: cutthroat (competition)
- conflict: bearbaiting, bloodbath (n), blood sport (n), brawl (n), drive-by (conflict), feud (v), feud (n), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.), pit (bear pit), reprisal (n), thrash (v), thrashed, thrashing, vendetta (n), warpath (on the warpath)
- constraint & lack of constraint: choke chain (n)
- death & life: murderous (murderous hail of bullets, etc.)
- destruction: coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deathblow (n), genocide (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), pound (pound targets, etc.), rape (v), rape (n), slaughtered, wheel (break someone on the wheel, etc.)
- directing: goad (v), whip (violence)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: head (heads will roll, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard)
- disruption: Bolshevik, Danton, Jacobin
- dominance & submission: knuckle under (v)
- effect: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- epithet: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), tortured, torturous
- force: beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), brutality (n), buffeted
- judgment: hanging (hanging offense), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob
- meat: butcher (n)
- oppression: billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), genocide (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), goad (v), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), lynch mob, mob (society), reign of terror / fear, etc., stick (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n), witch hunt
- power: clout (n)
- punishment & recrimination: crackdown (n), crack down (v), crucified, crucify (v), drive-by (conflict), flagellation (n), flog (v), hanging (hanging offense), hatchet job (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have

- one's head handed to oneself, etc.), hit (mob hit, etc.), job (hit job, etc.), nose (bloody nose, etc.), pilloried, pillory (v), reprisal (n), scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred
- resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash (n), knuckle under (v)
- revenge: feud (v), feud (n), vendetta (n)
- reversal: backlash (n)
- speech: assassination (character assassination), backhand (v), bash (v), bashing (n), cheap shot, lash out (v), lay (lay into), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tarred, tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- success & failure: scalp (n)
- whip: crack down (v)

VOCATIVE (1)

- animal: pet (vocative)
- baby: baby (vocative)
- heart: sweetheart (vocative)
- taste: honey (honey, baby, etc.), sweetheart (vocative)

VOLCANO (2) (see also earthquake)

- amelioration & renewal: vent (v)
- amount & effect: erupt (v), eruption (n), Krakatoan (adj), tremor (n), volcano (pressure)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Krakatoan (adj)
- effect: tremor (n)
- evidence: tremor (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: erupt (feeling), top (blow one's top), vent (v), volcanic (adj)
- initiation: erupt (v), eruption (n), tremor (n)
- occurrence: erupt (v), eruption (n)
- pressure: volcano (pressure)
- size: Krakatoan (adj)

WALKING, RUNNING & JUMPING (2)

- ability: walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- absorption & immersion: wade (wade in / wade into)
- action, inaction & delay: can (kick the can down the road), foot-dragging, road (push something down the road), tackle (v), walk (slow-walk)
- activity: hop (v), jump (the place was jumping, etc.), scramble (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: highway (my way or the highway), jump (leave), step (every step of the way), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), walk (walk away from something)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chase down (v), walk (walk somebody through something)
- attainment: stroll (stroll to success, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: jump out (v)
- attenuation: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: back away (v), bypass (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), flee (v), go around (v), sidestep (v), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk (walk on by)
- bases: footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- behavior: overstep (v)
- character & personality: highway (my way or the highway), swagger (n), swagger (v), toe (step on toes)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: jump (leave), pageant (n), parade (n)
- commitment & determination: leap (leap into action, etc.), leap (leap of faith, etc.), step into (v), walk (walk the walk)

- competition: ahead (competition), behind (progress), catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (competition and progress), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), jump (get the jump), keep up (progress), lag (progress), outpace (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj), race (hurry), race (politics), race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), step (a step ahead / competition)
- condition & status: limp (v)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: can (kick the can down the road), dance (dance around something), road (push something down the road), sidestep (v), step up (v), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v)
- consciousness & awareness: keep up (awareness), sleepwalk (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, hobble (v), jump (rivers can jump their banks, etc.), jump (lines), jump (transmission), overstep (v), unfettered
- consumption: run out (of gas, etc.)
- control & lack of control: highway (my way or the highway), lurch (v), runaway (control), run away (v)
- curtailment: track (stop something in its tracks)
- danger: landmine (and land mine), minefield, pitfall (n), step (watch one's step), tread (tread carefully)
- decline: race (race to the bottom), slip (fail), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: downhill (easy), marathon (effort and time), park (walk in the park), scramble (v), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), trail of tears, uphill (difficult), walkover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: run out (of town, etc.), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v)
- disruption: reel (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), toe (step on toes), trip up (v)
- driving force: march (on the march), march (n), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: foot-dragging, jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: footing (find one's footing, etc.), sea legs, stride (in stride)
- experience: sea legs
- extent & scope: way (every step of the way)
- failure, accident & impairment: fall down (v), falter (v), flounder (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misstep (n), slip (n), slip up (fail), slip-up (failure), step (a step in the wrong direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), trip up (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: leap (leap of faith, etc.), line (tread a line, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: reel (v), toe (step on toes), trail of tears
- fictive meeting & seeing: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- fictive motion: go (a road can go, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), lame (lame excuse, etc.), misstep (n), slip (n), stumble (v), stumble (n), stumble (stumble over one's words), sure-footed (adj)
- force: march (march ahead, etc.)
- functioning: fetter (n), fettered, hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, unfettered
- future: run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run)
- group, set & collection: pageant (n), parade (n)
- growth & development: fall behind (competition and progress), lag (progress)
- haste: gallop (haste), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), scramble (v)
- increase & decrease: jump (increase / verb), jump (n), leaps and bounds
- insult: walk (walk and chew gum at the same time)
- involvement: jump (jump in), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), wade (wade in / wade into)
- migration: trail of tears
- movement: canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), gallop (v), hop (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), plod (v), pounce (v), race (hurry), reel (v), scramble (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stalk (v), stride (hit one's stride), vault (v)

- obstacles & impedance: hurdle (n), jump (lines), run (run into something), stumbling block, way (get out of the way)
- oppression: run out (of town, etc.)
- past & present: walk (walk somebody back)
- presence & absence: lurk (v)
- progress & lack of progress: behind (progress), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), fall behind (competition and progress), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leap (n), leapfrog (v), limp (v), limp (n), march (on the march), march (n), march (march ahead, etc.), plod (v), step (a step forward), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step back / backwards), step (baby steps, etc.), stride (progress), stumbling block, vault (v)
- proximity: step (a step away), step (a step closer)
- pursuit, capture & escape: chase (v), stalk (v), step (step ahead / pursuit)
- readiness & preparedness: ground (hit the ground running)
- relationship: march (together, etc.)
- resemblance: dance (resemblance), leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: run (on the run / retreat), step (not one step back), step forward (v)
- responsibility: step up (rise to the occasion)
- reversal: walk back (n), walk back (v)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: step (in step), step (out of step)
- searching & discovery: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- sequence: jump (jump ahead), step (first step, etc.), step back (sequence), walk (crawl, walk, run)
- society: life (from walks of life), life (in all walks of life), life (walks of life)
- speech: jump (speech), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- speed: canter (n), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), gallop (v), galloping (speed), leaps and bounds, pace (at a pace), pace (speed), plod (v), race (hurry), sprint (n), sprint (v), walk (slow walk)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (run its course, etc.), falter (v), foot (on the right foot / on the wrong foot), jump (get the jump), jumping-off place / point, march (march ahead, etc.), pass (v), running (continuing), step (first step, etc.), stride (hit one's stride), track (stopped in one's tracks, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: circle (run circles around somebody), outpace (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: running (continuing)
- time: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), long-run (adj), marathon (effort and time), march (March of Time, etc.), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), walk (walk somebody back)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: jump (get the jump), race (race against time, the clock, etc.)
- transmission: hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), leap (transmission)
- unanimity & consensus: highway (my way or the highway), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), step (in step), step (out of step)
- worth & lack of worth: lame (lame excuse, etc.)

WALL (2)

- amount & effect: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- behavior: wall (constraint)
- computer: firewall (computers), paywall (obstacle)
- constraint & lack of constraint: wall (constraint)
- division & connection: barrier (n), wall (obstacle)
- epithet: wall (blue wall, etc.), wall (red wall, etc.)
- extent & scope: wall (wall-to-wall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: wall (emotions)

- obstacles & impedance: barrier (n), block (obstacle), paywall (obstacle), stonewall (v), wall (obstacle), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- pressure: wall (walls close in)
- progress & lack of progress: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- proper name: stonewall (Operation Stonewall, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- resemblance: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: stonewall (verb)
- surveillance: wall (the walls have ears)

WANTS, NEEDS, HOPES & GOALS (1)

- addiction: brain (on the brain), crave (v)
- allusion: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), whale (White Whale)
- animal: whale (White Whale)
- Bible: grail (holy grail)
- breathing: aspirational (adj)
- creature: creature comfort
- day: Christmas (Christmas list)
- direction: sights (lower one's sights)
- epithet: grail (holy grail)
- food & drink: crave (v), feed (satisfy), hunger (n), hungry (adj), ravenous (adj), starved, stomach (food), taste (taste for violence, etc.), thirst (n)
- health & medicine: crave (v)
- heart: heart (goal)
- height: sights (lower one's sights)
- history: El Dorado
- journeys & trips: path (path to / toward something)
- light & dark: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- mental health: fantasy (dream)
- Middle Ages: grail (holy grail)
- money: prize (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stakeholder (interest)
- mountains & hills: sights (lower one's sights)
- part of speech: ask (big ask, etc.), good (as noun), impossible (as noun), must-have (n)
- path: path (path to / toward something)
- religion: grail (holy grail), pray (v)
- sex: lust (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- sleep: dream (n), dream (v)
- speech: agenda (n), beg (v)
- target: mindful (adj), mindfulness (n)
- taste: taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- verb: aim (v), beg (v), crave (v), dream (v), pray (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), way (get one's way)
- water: thirst (n)

WAREHOUSE (2)

- amount: warehouse (amount)
- environment: warehouse (neglect)

WARNING (1) (see also evidence; message; readiness & preparedness; suspicion)

- allusion: wolf (cry wolf)
- animal: watchdog (n), wolf (cry wolf)
- bell: bell (warning)
- boat: shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
- color: black (warning), red flag
- consciousness & awareness: wake-up call
- direction: heads-up (warning)
- dog: watchdog (n)
- explosion: tripwire (warning)
- fire: flare (n)
- flags & banners: red flag
- head: heads-up (warning)
- light & dark: flare (n)
- military: sentinel (n), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), tripwire (warning)
- person: sentinel (n), whistleblower (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: black (warning), red flag, sign (warning sign)
- sleep: call (wake-up call)
- sound: alarm (warning), bell (warning), shout (v), wail (sirens, etc.), whistle (blow the whistle), whistleblower
- verb: shout (v), whistle (blow the whistle), wolf (cry wolf)
- weapon: shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), tripwire (warning)
- wolf: wolf (cry wolf)

WASTE (2)

- accusation & criticism: trash (v), trash (n)
- admiration & contempt: trashy (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: garbage (data)
- behavior: trashy (adj)
- character & personality: trashy (adj)
- configuration: littered
- dismissal, removal & resignation: curb (kick something to the curb)
- insult: garbage (waste), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n), trashy (adj)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dustbin (n)
- resemblance: confetti (n)
- speech: trash talk (v), trash talk (n)
- worth & lack of worth: crap (n), dustbin (n), garbage (garbage fire / dumpster fire), garbage (waste), junk (worth), shit (and bullshit), trash (n), trashy (adj)

WATER (2) (see also dam; flood; river)

- ability & lack of ability: depth (out of one's depth)
- absorption & immersion: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), absorbed, bathing (forest bathing, etc.), dive (analyze), dive in (v), drenched, end (deep end), feet (get one's feet wet), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, sink in (v), soak up (v), soaked, sponge (n), steep (v), steeped, suck up (v), sunk in, throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / wade into)
- access & lack of access: tap (v), tap into (v)
- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble (activity), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), calm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), swirl (v), tranquil (activity)

- amelioration & renewal: cleanse (make clean), Fountain of Youth, plug (v), plugged (fixed), outlet (n), thirst (quench one's thirst, etc.)
- amount: abundance (amount), aquifer (n), reservoir (amount), well (source)
- amount & effect: awash, cascade (n), clogged, deluge (n), deluged, drenched, drip (and drip-drip, etc.), drop (drop in the bucket), flood (amount / verb), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodtide (n), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated, Niagara (the river and falls), outpouring, pour (in, into, pour out, etc.), river (river of hogs, etc.), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swamped, tide (rising tide), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something), dive (analyze), dive (deep dive)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dry up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), evaporate (v), resurface (v), sink (disappearance), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), surface (bring to the surface), wash up (v)
- appearance & reality: surface (on the surface), surface (under the surface)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: splash (effect), splashy (effect)
- attenuation: dampen (v), diluted (weakened), drained (attenuation), water down (v), watered down
- avoidance & separation: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- bases: boil (boil down to something)
- behavior: end (go off the deep end)
- branching system: stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- character & personality: bubbly (personality), buoyant (personality), effervescent (personality)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge (burn one's bridges), wash up (v)
- commitment & determination: dive in (v), throw (throw oneself into something)
- competition: wake (in a wake)
- comprehension & incomprehension: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), sink in (v), sunk in, unfathomable (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- concealment & lack of concealment: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive), surface (under the surface), surface (bring to the surface)
- conflict: turbulence
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), shower (cold shower), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), outlet (n), outpouring, spigot (open / close, etc.)
- consumption: thirst (n)
- control & lack of control: faucet (n), fluid (adj), tap (n)
- corruption: pollute (v), polluted, pollution (n), swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp), water (poison the water / waters), well (poison the well)
- curtailment: dissolve (terminate), dissolved (ended), plug (pull the plug)
- danger: waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), washed-up
- destruction: swept away (removal)
- development: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- directing: channel (direct), channeled, drip-fed, funnel (direct), funneled (directed), infusion (n), pipe (n), pipeline (other), pour (put), pump (direct), pumped (directed), siphon (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cleanse (make clean), dissolve (terminate), filter (v), flush (remove), leach (v), plug (pull the plug), swept away (removal)
- disruption: roil (v)
- division & connection: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- eagerness & reluctance: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)

- effect: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), roil (v), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- enthusiasm: shower (cold shower), water (throw cold water on something)
- environment: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), frog (frog in boiling water), sea (in a sea), sea (environment), swamp (fever swamp)
- experience: baptism, baptized, depth (out of one's depth), feet (get one's feet wet)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)
- extent & scope: bottom (no bottom), catchment (n), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), deeply, depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly flop (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyed, calm (emotion), dampen (v), deep (emotion), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), drained (feeling), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), frozen (emotion), ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), roil (v), seethe (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), splash (effect), splashy (effect), swept away (emotion), wave (make waves, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.), water (hold water), watertight (adj)
- force: flood tide (n), Niagara (the river and falls), wave (crest of a wave)
- future: tap (on tap)
- group, set & collection: pool (v), pool (people), pool (things), reservoir (group)
- increase & decrease: buoyant (strong), faucet (n), flow (increase), fluctuate (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tap (n), tide (rising tide)
- infrastructure: spigot (open / close, etc.)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), springboard (n), swirl (v)
- involvement: deep (in deep), dive in (v), head (get in over one's head, etc.), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), wade (wade in / wade into), water (deep water)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), shell (protection)
- knowledge & intelligence: depth (out of one's depth)
- leaking: drain (remove), drain (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), leak (v), leak (n), leaked, leak out (v), ooze (v), spill (and spill out, etc.)
- measurement: sound (measure)
- migration: wash in (v)
- movement: cascade (v), deluge (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), flood (move), flow (flow of the lesson, etc.), flow (move), flow (n), flowing, fluctuate (v), fluid (adj), gush (n), outpouring, overflow (v), overflowing (adj), river (river of hogs, etc.), seep (v), spill (v), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- obstacles & impedance: clog (n), clogged, dam (psychological dam, etc.), stopped up
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- perception, perspective & point of view: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bubble (quarantine)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam)
- resemblance: cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.), flowing, fountain (resemblance), lake (n), pour (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), stream (resemblance)
- restraint & lack of restraint: end (go off the deep end)

- route: canal (birth canal, etc.), channel (through channels), channel (back channel), channel (distribution channel, etc.), conduit, pipe (n), pipeline (other), stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- searching & discovery: dry (come up dry), sound (measure), surface (intransitive), surface (transitive)
- sequence: wake (in the wake of)
- shape: funnel (shape), wave (shape)
- situation: deep (in deep), depth (out of one's depth), frog (frog in boiling water), head (get in over one's head, etc.), hot water (in hot water), water (in deep water), water (keep one's head above water)
- sound: drown out (v), drowned out
- source: aquifer (n), fountain (source), fountainhead, reservoir (source), well (source), wellspring
- speech: gush (v), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- strength & weakness: water down (v), watered down
- substance & lack of substance: bubble (activity), deep (extent and scope), frothy (substance), shallow (adj)
- success & failure: dry (come up dry)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: abundance (amount), overflow (v), overflowing (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: drown out (v), drowned out, wake (in a wake)
- supplying: feed (drip feed)
- survival, persistence & endurance: afloat, buoyed, drown, lifeline (n), life raft, sink (sink into debt, etc.), sinking, sink or swim, swim (v), underwater (adj), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water)
- taking & removing: leach (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: infusion (n), pour (put), sink (put)
- time: bridge (water under the bridge), dam (water over the dam), depth (depths of winter, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- transmission: ripple (v), stream (direct), streamed (digital), streaming (digital), streaming (streaming media)
- violence: flush (remove)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: thirst (n)

WAVE (2) (see also island; sea; tide; tsunami)

- amount & effect: abundance (amount), groundswell (n), swamp (v), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tsunami (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect)
- appearance & disappearance: wash up (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: splash (effect), splashy (effect)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: wash up (v)
- decline: washed-up (adj)
- development: wave (ride a wave, etc.)
- effect: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ripple (v), ripple (ripple effect), ripple (n), splash (effect), splashy (effect), wave (make waves, etc.)
- force: buffeted, wave (crest of a wave)
- increase & decrease: fluctuate (v), tide (rising tide)
- migration: wash in (v)
- movement: fluctuate (v), swamp (v), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: washed-up (adj)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- shape: wave (shape)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: abundance (amount)

WEAPON (2) (see also ax; blade; knife; sword) (bullet) (military)

- accusation & criticism: ammunition (and ammo), attack (under attack, etc.), attack (n), blast (criticize), broadside (n), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), go after (attack), gun (criticism), gun (with guns blazing), hatchet job (n), incoming (criticism),

- potshot (n), salvo (n), shot (criticism), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (volley of abuse, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: draw (late / early on the draw), fire (hang fire), shoot (shoot first), trigger (pull the trigger)
 - activity: dart (dart about)
 - affliction: smitten (afflicted)
 - allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
 - amelioration & renewal: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)
 - amount: arsenal (amount), battery (amount), quiver (n)
 - amount & effect: barrage (n), blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), firebomb (n)
 - attempt: shot (attempt), shot (best shot)
 - attention, scrutiny & promotion: blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), dynamite (n), firebomb (n), photobomb (v), shot (shot heard round the world)
 - avoidance & separation: parry (v), parry (n)
 - behavior: cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (person)
 - campaign: blitz (campaign)
 - certainty & uncertainty: surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
 - character & personality: cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (person), time bomb (person)
 - coercion & motivation: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hatchet man (person), stick (n)
 - coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: boomerang (n)
 - commitment & determination: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet), gun (stick to one's guns), locked in (target)
 - competition: duel (n), dueling (adj)
 - computer: bomb (review-bomb), bomb (code bomb)
 - concealment & lack of concealment: weapon (secret weapon)
 - conflict: arm (up in arms), attack (under attack, etc.), barb (trade barbs, etc.), blowup (conflict), broadside (n), crossfire (n), duel (n), dueling (adj), gun (hired gun), hatchet job (n), outduel (v), outgunned, shoot-out (n), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.)
 - configuration: scattershot (adj)
 - control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), shot (call the shots)
 - creation & transformation: weaponization (n), weaponize (v), weaponized
 - danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, kryptonite (n), landmine (and land mine), line of fire, minefield, powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
 - destruction: attacked, coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deathblow (n), kryptonite (n), shoot down (v), shot down (and shot down in flames), strike (preemptive strike, etc.), weapon (political weapon, etc.), weaponization (n)
 - development: shot (warning shot), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)
 - difficulty, easiness & effort: shot (best shot), target (easy target), turkey shoot
 - directing: shot (call the shots)
 - driving force: spear (tip of the spear), spearhead (v), spearhead (n)
 - eagerness & reluctance: gun-shy (adj)
 - evidence: smoking gun
 - extent & scope: full-bore (and full bore), hilt (to the hilt), scattershot (adj)
 - failure, accident & impairment: dud (n), flash in the pan, misfire (failure), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), wound (self-inflicted wound)
 - fate, fortune & chance: bullet (dodge a bullet), gun (under the gun), long shot, Russian roulette, shot (chance), shot (shot in the dark), stab (stab in the dark)

- feeling, emotion & effect: blockbuster (n), blown away, blow up (emotion), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), dynamite (a dynamite cast, etc.), explode (emotion), shrapnel (n), smitten (effect), trigger (outrage, etc.), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bulletproof (adj), surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- group, set & collection: armory (n), arsenal (amount), quiver (n)
- help & assistance: armed, armory (n), arsenal (amount), gun (hired gun), weapon (help)
- importance & significance: big gun (and heavy gun), big shot (person)
- increase & decrease: shoot up (v)
- initiation: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), draw (late / early on the draw), explode (emotion), fuse (n), hair trigger, prime (v), primed (ready), shoot (shoot first), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), trigger (cause), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.), trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger), tripwire (initiation)
- military: locked and loaded (adj)
- movement: dart (dart about), ricochet (v)
- oppression: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (under the gun), rod (iron rod, etc.), stick (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip)
- person: big shot (person), cannon (loose cannon)
- power: big shot (person)
- proper name: aegis (Aegis Insurance, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (n), armor (protection), chink (chink in one's armor), shield (v), shield (n), target (easy target)
- punishment & recrimination: hatchet job (n)
- readiness & preparedness: locked and loaded (adj), prime (v), primed (ready)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- relationship: trigger (a war, etc.), trigger (cause), trigger (emotion, memory, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blowback (n), parry (v), parry (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: cannon (loose cannon)
- reversal: backfire (v), blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), ricochet (v)
- sequence: shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)
- shape: bullet (shape), bull's-eye (shape)
- situation: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- speech: blast (criticize), broadside (n), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (a question, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), salvo (n), shoot (speech), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), shot (criticism), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), shot (shot across the bow, etc.), snipe (v), sniping (n), straight shooter (speech), volley (n)
- speed: bullet (velocity), dart (dart about)
- strength & weakness: big gun (and heavy gun), outgunned, weapon (secret weapon)
- success & failure: blockbuster (n), bomb (fail), dud (n), hit (success), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: outgunned
- survival, persistence & endurance: bullet (bite the bullet)
- target: aim (v), aim (n), aim (take aim at something), aimed, bead (draw a bead / have a bead), bull's-eye (target), cross hair (in the cross hairs), dialed in, gun (v), mark (off the mark), scattershot (adj), sight (in somebody's sights), sights (weapon), target (v), target (n), targeted, zero in on (v), zone (target zone)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: fire (hang fire), target date
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: aim (v), aim (n)
- warning: shot (shot across the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot), tripwire (warning)

WEATHER & CLIMATE (2) (see also lightning; rain; storm; wind)

- area: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)

- consciousness & awareness: blizzard (consciousness), fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)
- direction: weather vane (n)
- environment: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), microclimate, weather (environment)
- family: mother (Mother Nature)
- feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.)
- growth & development: drought (in a drought), drought (play-off drought, etc.), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- route: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)

WEDGE (2)

- division & connection: wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- driving force: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- configuration: wedged

WEIGHT (2) (see also burden)

- affliction: bear (burden), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighted down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)
- amelioration & renewal: get out (get out from under), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.)
- amount: groan (amount), heavy (amount), ounce (amount), pound (amount), ton (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: weigh (analyze)
- coercion & motivation: lean on (coercion)
- cost & benefit: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- destruction: squash (v)
- development: scale (tip the scales), straw (last straw / final straw)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), lift (heavy lift)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: lift (amelioration)
- feeling, emotion & effect: heart (heavy heart), heavy (emotion), heavy-hearted (adj), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), light-hearted (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: overload (n), overloaded
- heart: heart (heavy heart), heavy (heavy hart, etc.), heavy-hearted, light-hearted (adj)
- help & assistance: back (carry something on one's back), carry (assist)
- history: baggage (b), freighted, loaded
- importance & significance: gravity (n), heavy (substance), weighty (substance)
- initiation: scale (tip the scales)
- involvement: weigh in (v)
- judgment: weigh (analyze)
- oppression: baggage (n), bear (burden), burden (n), burden (v), fall (weight), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), heavy-handed, loaded, millstone (n), overload (n), overloaded, rock (between a rock and a hard place), saddle (oppress), saddled, shoulder (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (effect), weight (under the weight)
- power: heavyweight (n), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- responsibility: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (fall on the shoulders)
- situation: rock (between a rock and a hard place)
- speech: freighted, loaded
- substance & lack of substance: gravity (n), heavy (substance), heavyweight (n), heft (n), light (make light of something), lightly (take something lightly, etc.), lightweight (n), lite (substance), punch (punch above one's

weight, etc.), skinny (adj), weight (substance), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.), weighted, weighty (substance)

- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overload (n), overloaded
- superiority & inferiority: outweigh (power)
- time: haul (long haul)
- work & duty: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone), weight (pull one's weight)
- worth & lack of worth: dead weight

WELCOME (1)

- arm: arm (open arms), embrace (v)
- carpets & rugs: mat (welcome mat), red carpet (treatment)
- color: red carpet (treatment)
- exclamation: welcome (v)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- house: home (feel at home), inhospitable (adj), welcome (v), welcome (n), welcoming (other)
- royalty: red carpet (treatment)
- speech: greet (v), invitation (n), invite (v), inviting, welcome (v), welcoming (other)
- verb: embrace (v), greet (v), invite (v), welcome (v)

WHEAT (1)

- epithet: breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.), granary (Granary of Mexico, etc.)

WHEAT (2) (see also farming & agriculture; plant)

- content: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- gossip: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- searching & discovery: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- worth & lack of worth: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (verb)

WHIP (2)

- accusation & criticism: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- affliction: scourge (n)
- conflict: thrash (v), thrashed, thrashing
- coercion & motivation: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- directing: whip (violence)
- feeling, emotion & effect: whiplash (n)
- movement: whip (movement)
- oppression: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- person: whipping boy (person)
- punishment & recrimination: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flagellation (n), flog (criticize), whipping boy (person)
- resemblance: whip (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash (n)
- reversal: backlash (n)
- speech: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)

WIND (2) (see also air; atmosphere; lightning; rain; sky; storm; weather & climate)

- activity: calm (activity), cyclone (n), flurry (activity), hurricane (n), tranquil (activity), whirlwind (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wind (dangle in the wind)
- amelioration & renewal: air (breath of fresh air)
- amount & effect: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), flurry (activity), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: blow-in (n)
- competition: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- control & lack of control: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- direction: drift (control), weather vane (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: wind (throw something to the wind)
- division & connection: drift (drift apart)
- driving force: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- evidence: wind (get / catch wind of something)
- fate, fortune & chance: windfall (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: calm (emotion), hat (hold on to your hat)
- flaws & lack of flaws: tempestuous (adj)
- force: buffeted, downdraft (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), tornado (force), wind (wind of change, etc.), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- help & assistance: tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- migration: blow-in (n)
- movement: drift (move)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)
- progress & lack of progress: doldrums (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blow over (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: wind (throw something to the wind)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blow over (v)
- superiority & inferiority: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- worth & lack of worth: windfall (n)

WINDOW (2)

- appearance & disappearance: window (out the window)
- curtailment: shuttered (adj)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: window (out the window)
- portal: window (window to the West, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: window dressing
- target: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: time (window of time), window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

WOLF (2) (see also animal)

- affliction: wolf (predation)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- appearance & reality: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- behavior: lone wolf (person), rabid (behavior), rabidly, wolf (predation), wolf down (food)
- character & personality: ferocious (other), lone wolf (person), wolf (predation)
- competition: heel (nip at somebody's heels), pack (competition)
- danger: wolf (predation)

- destruction: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- experience: cub (n)
- force: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- person: wolf (predation)
- protection & lack of protection: wolf (wolf at the door)
- sign, signal, symbol: wolf (predation)
- society: lone wolf (person)
- strength & weakness: ferocious (other), ferociously, ferocity (other), fierce (other)
- subterfuge: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- warning: wolf (cry wolf)

WORK & DUTY (1) (see also difficulty, easiness & effort)

- animal: beaver (v), harness (in harness), horse (the willing horse, etc.), rat race, workhorse (n)
- arm: pull together (v)
- boat: hand (all hands on deck)
- bodily reaction: sweat (work)
- burden: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), pull together (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
- clothing & accessories: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: retire (v), retired
- farming & agriculture: plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- food & drink: plate (one one's plate)
- gesture: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- hand: hand (work), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck)
- history: slave (v)
- horse: harness (in harness), horse (the willing horse, etc.), workhorse (n)
- mechanism: grind (daily grind, etc.), treadmill (n)
- military: foot soldier (duty), marching orders, mission (on a mission), mission (other), soldier (n), soldier on (v), tour of duty, troops (supporters)
- person: foot soldier (duty), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck), servant (help)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: soldier on (v)
- rat: rat race
- shoulder: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)
- sign, signal, symbol: hand (worker), sweat (work)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: pull together (v), strain (v)
- sports & games: game (various other games)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: starvation wages (n)
- verb: beaver (v), plow (plow on, plow through, etc.), pull together (v), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), slave (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
- weight: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone), weight (pull one's weight)

WORTH & LACK OF WORTH (1) (see also cost & benefit)

- allusion: egg (golden egg), fool's errand, goose (golden goose), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.)
- animal: cow (cash cow), egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose), snake oil (n), spoils (of war, etc.), white elephant
- bird: egg (golden egg), goose (golden goose)
- boat: bilge (n)
- color: white elephant
- container: lap (fall into one's lap / a windfall)
- cows & cattle: cow (cash cow)

- creature: unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.)
- epithet: Amazon (epithet / the company), gold (black gold, etc.), Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.), unicorn (tech “Unicorn,” etc.)
- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), child (bastard child), favorite son, illegitimate (adj), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), commodity (n), fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- food & drink: meal ticket (n)
- fruits & vegetables: fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), peach (n), plum (desirable)
- gift: gift (benefit)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (worthless), fool’s gold, pay dirt
- health & medicine: snake oil (n)
- history: gold rush
- horse: thoroughbred (n)
- hygiene: filth (insult), filthy (bad), scum (insult), trash (n)
- lap: lap (fall into one’s lap / a windfall)
- manufacturing: run-of-the-mill
- materials & substances: gem (n), gold (black gold, etc.), jewel (n), karat (24-karat), oil (new oil, etc.), raw (unrefined, etc.)
- meat: meat (piece of meat)
- military: cannon fodder (other), spoils (of war, etc.)
- mining: bonanza (n), fool’s gold, gem (n), gold (worth), gold (black gold, etc.), gold mine, gold rush, jewel (n), karat (24-karat), nugget (n), pan out (v), pay dirt
- money: bankrupt (adj), bonanza (n), capital (value), cheap (words are cheap, etc.), currency (worth), enrich (v), gold rush, Mona Lisa (Mona Lisa of baseball cards, etc.), pay off (v), payoff, prize (n), prized, profit (v), rich (rich land, etc.), stock (worth), treasure (worth), treasure (v), treasured (worth), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount), windfall (n)
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), child (bastard child), favorite son, goods (damaged goods), rainmaker (person), stepchild (and stepson, etc.)
- plant: fruit (product), fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj)
- rain: rainmaker (person)
- royalty: crown jewel
- snake: snake oil (n)
- sound: noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)
- speech: blather (n), cheap (words are cheap, etc.), joke (it’s a joke, etc.), trash (n), trash talk (v), trash talk (n)
- table: table (bring something to the table)
- ticket: meal ticket (n)
- tools & technology: sift (searching)
- tree: deadwood, windfall (n)
- verb: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), enrich (v), lap (fall into one’s lap / a windfall), pan out (v), profit (v), sift (searching), table (bring something to the table), trash talk (v), treasure (v), winnow (v)
- walking, running & jumping: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- waste: crap (n), dustbin (n), garbage (garbage fire / dumpster fire), garbage (waste), junk (worth), shit (and bullshit), trash (n), trashy (adj)
- weight: dead weight
- wheat: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), wheat (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- wind: windfall (n)

WOUNDS & SCARS (2) (see also health & medicine; skin, muscle, nerves & bone)

- affliction: scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- appearance: scar (resemblance / verb)
- condition & status: unscathed (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: scar (psychologically scar), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: scar (blemish / noun), scar (blemish / verb), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)
- proper name: scar (the Scar, etc.)
- resemblance: scar (resemblance / noun), scar (resemblance / verb)
- speech: scathing (adj)

WRESTLING (2) (see also sports & games)

- accusation & criticism: takedown (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: grapple (v), wrestle (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)
- restraint & lack of restraint: no-holds-barred (and no holds barred)

WRITING & SPELLING (2) (see also books & reading; letters & characters)

- achievement, recognition & praise: letter (love letter)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: shorthand (n), spelled out, spell out (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: signature (signature issue, etc.)
- creation & transformation: edit (v), edited (genes, etc.), editing (n), rewritten (changed), write (create)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: write (write out / off), written off
- evidence: sign (v), signature (evidence), written (written on it, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: handwriting (on the wall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- identity & nature: define (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: word (the last word)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign off (on something)
- speech: postcard (and post card)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: word (the last word)
- time: handwriting (on the wall), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)

ZOO (2)

- environment: zoo (environment)
- group, set & collection: menagerie (group), zoo (group)