

apex-

(Noun): the top or highest part of something, especially one forming a point (Verb): reach a high point or climax (Noun): a system of reduced fares for scheduled airline flights and railway journeys which must be booked and paid for before a certain period in advance of departure

brook-

(Noun): a small stream (Verb): tolerate or allow (something, typically dissent or opposition)

epoch-

(Noun): a particular period of time in history or a person's life

besotted-

(Adjective): strongly infatuated

sinecure-

(Noun): a position requiring little or no work but giving the holder status or financial benefit

blatant-

(Adjective): (of bad behaviour) done openly and unashamedly

aquiline-

(Adjective): like an eagle.

antipathy-

(Noun): a deep-seated feeling of aversion

croquet-

(Noun): a game played on a lawn, in which wooden balls are driven through a series of square-topped hoops by means of mallets (Verb): drive away (an opponent's ball) by holding one's own ball against it and striking this with the mallet. A player is entitled to do this after their ball has struck an opponent's.

derivative-

(Adjective): imitative of the work of another artist, writer, etc., and usually disapproved of for that reason (Noun): something which is based on another source

bipartisan-

(Adjective): of or involving the agreement or cooperation of two political parties that usually oppose each other's policies

enshrine-

(Verb): place (a revered or precious object) in an appropriate receptacle

contention-

(Noun): heated disagreement

trenchant-

(Adjective): vigorous or incisive in expression or style

amenable-

(Adjective): open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled

denigrate-

(Verb): criticize unfairly; disparage

bane-

(Noun): a cause of great distress or annoyance

banality-

(Noun): the fact or condition of being banal; unoriginality

imperil-

(Verb): put at risk of being harmed, injured, or destroyed

hale-

(Adjective): (of an old person) strong and healthy (Verb): drag or draw forcibly

asymmetrical-

(Adjective): having parts which fail to correspond to one another in shape, size, or arrangement; lacking symmetry

sweeping-

(Adjective): extending or performed in a long, continuous curve (Noun): dirt or refuse collected by sweeping

ebullient-

(Adjective): cheerful and full of energy

rhetoric-

(Noun): the art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing, especially the exploitation of figures of speech and other compositional techniques

designation-

(Noun): the action of choosing someone to hold an office or post

deify-

(Verb): worship or regard as a god

eloquence-

(Noun): fluent or persuasive speaking or writing

capricious-

(Adjective): given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour

averse-

(Adjective): having a strong dislike of or opposition to something

boisterous-

(Adjective): noisy, energetic, and cheerful

dogmatic-

(Adjective): inclined to lay down principles as undeniably true

enigmatic-

(Adjective): difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious

sartorial-

(Adjective): relating to tailoring, clothes, or style of dress

house-

(Noun): a building for human habitation, especially one that consists of a ground floor and one or more

upper storeys (Adjective): (of an animal or plant) kept in, frequenting, or infesting buildings. (Verb): provide with shelter or accommodation

beneficent-

(Adjective): (of a person) generous or doing good

exorbitant-

(Adjective): (of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high

castigate-

(Verb): reprimand (someone) severely

caustic-

(Adjective): able to burn or corrode organic tissue by chemical action (Noun): a caustic substance.

happenstance-

(Noun): coincidence

ameliorate-

(Verb): make (something bad or unsatisfactory) better

seditious-

(Adjective): inciting or causing people to rebel against the authority of a state or monarch

hysteria-

(Noun): exaggerated or uncontrollable emotion or excitement

reverent-

(Adjective): feeling or showing deep and solemn respect

effete-

(Adjective): affected, over-refined, and ineffectual

cerebral-

(Adjective): of the cerebrum of the brain

clandestine-

(Adjective): kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit

bellicose-

(Adjective): demonstrating aggression and willingness to fight

emulate-

(Verb): match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation

extrapolate-

(Verb): extend the application of (a method or conclusion) to an unknown situation by assuming that existing trends will continue or similar methods will be applicable

unabashed-

(Adjective): not embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed