

stanchion-

(Noun): an upright bar, post, or frame forming a support or barrier.

feckless-

(Adjective): lacking initiative or strength of character; irresponsible

counterfactual-

(Adjective): relating to or expressing what has not happened or is not the case. (Noun): a counterfactual conditional statement (e.g. If kangaroos had no tails, they would topple over).

germane-

(Adjective): relevant to a subject under consideration

bogus-

(Adjective): not genuine or true (used in a disapproving manner when deception has been attempted)

comestible-

(Noun): an item of food (Adjective): edible

apathetic-

(Adjective): showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern

demarcate-

(Verb): set the boundaries or limits of

apocalyptic-

(Adjective): describing or prophesying the complete destruction of the world

unkempt-

(Adjective): (especially of a person) having an untidy or dishevelled appearance

stem-

(Noun): the main body or stalk of a plant or shrub, typically rising above ground but occasionally subterranean. (Verb): originate in or be caused by (Residual): science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (as an educational category)

effusive-

(Adjective): showing or expressing gratitude, pleasure, or approval in an unrestrained or heartfelt manner

hadron-

(Noun): a subatomic particle of a type including the baryons and mesons, which can take part in the strong interaction.

dicey-

(Adjective): unpredictable and potentially dangerous

chaff-

(Noun): the husks of corn or other seed separated by winnowing or threshing. (Verb): tease

impenetrable-

(Adjective): impossible to pass through or enter

hackneyed-

(Adjective): (of a phrase or idea) having been overused; unoriginal and trite

tortuous-

(Adjective): full of twists and turns

anomalous-

(Adjective): deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected

sectarian-

(Adjective): denoting or concerning a sect or sects (Noun): a member of a sect

sycophant-

(Noun): a person who acts obsequiously towards someone important in order to gain advantage.

blithe-

(Adjective): showing a casual and cheerful indifference considered to be callous or improper

dramaturgy-

(Noun): the theory and practice of dramatic composition

fallacy-

(Noun): a mistaken belief, especially one based on unsound arguments

baseless-

(Adjective): without foundation in fact

homogeneous-

(Adjective): of the same kind; alike

dilettante-

(Noun): a person who cultivates an area of interest, such as the arts, without real commitment or knowledge.

dulcet-

(Adjective): (especially of sound) sweet and soothing (often used ironically)

ephemera-

(Noun): things that exist or are used or enjoyed for only a short time

hallmark-

(Noun): a mark stamped on articles of gold, silver, or platinum by the British assay offices, certifying their standard of purity. (Verb): stamp with a hallmark

articulate-

(Adjective): having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently (Verb): pronounce (something) clearly and distinctly

down-

(Adverb): towards or in a lower place or position, especially to or on the ground or another surface

(Preposition): from a higher to a lower point of (something) (Adjective): directed or moving towards a lower place or position (Verb): knock or bring to the ground (Noun): a chance for a team to advance the ball, ending when the ball carrier is tackled or the ball becomes out of play. A team must advance at least ten yards in a series of four downs in order to keep possession. (Noun): one of the Six Counties of Northern Ireland, since 1973 an administrative district; chief town, Downpatrick.

gilt-

(Adjective): covered thinly with gold leaf or gold paint. (Noun): gold leaf or gold paint applied in a thin layer to a surface.

appropriate-

(Adjective): suitable or proper in the circumstances (Verb): take (something) for one's own use, typically without the owner's permission

resilience-

(Noun): the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness

effeminate-

(Adjective): (of a man) having characteristics regarded as typical of a woman; unmanly

incipient-

(Adjective): beginning to happen or develop

totalitarian-

(Adjective): relating to a system of government that is centralized and dictatorial and requires complete subservience to the state (Noun): a person advocating a totalitarian system of government

chide-

(Verb): scold or rebuke

bloodthirsty-

(Adjective): having or showing a desire to kill and maim

scanty-

(Adjective): small or insufficient in quantity or amount (Noun): women's skimpy knickers or pants.

futile-

(Adjective): incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

galvanize-

(Verb): shock or excite (someone) into taking action (Noun): galvanized tin sheeting, typically as used for roofing or fencing

tepid-

(Adjective): (especially of a liquid) only slightly warm; lukewarm

expatriate-

(Noun): a person who lives outside their native country (Adjective): denoting or relating to a person living outside their native country (Verb): send (a person or money) abroad

cosmopolitan-

(Adjective): including people from many different countries (Noun): a cosmopolitan person

byzantine-

(Adjective): relating to Byzantium, the Byzantine Empire, or the Eastern Orthodox Church. (Noun): a citizen of Byzantium or the Byzantine Empire.

diligence-

(Noun): careful and persistent work or effort

amity-

(Noun): friendly relations

taciturn-

(Adjective): (of a person) reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little