

congenial-

(Adjective): (of a person) pleasing or liked on account of having qualities or interests that are similar to one's own

retort-

(Verb): say something in answer to a remark, typically in a sharp, angry, or witty manner (Noun): a sharp, angry, or witty reply

inevitably-

(Adverb): as is certain to happen; unavoidably

solvent-

(Adjective): having assets in excess of liabilities; able to pay one's debts (Noun): the liquid in which a solute is dissolved to form a solution.

ersatz-

(Adjective): (of a product) made or used as a substitute, typically an inferior one, for something else

unwieldy-

(Adjective): (of an object) difficult to move because of its size, shape, or weight

frank-

(Adjective): open, honest, and direct in speech or writing, especially when dealing with unpalatable matters (Verb): stamp an official mark on (a letter or parcel) to indicate that postage has been paid or does not need to be paid (Noun): an official mark or signature on a letter or parcel, indicating that postage has been paid or does not need to be paid. (Noun): a member of a Germanic people that conquered Gaul in the 6th century and controlled much of western Europe for several centuries afterwards.

bedlam-

(Noun): a scene of uproar and confusion

base-

(Noun): the lowest part or edge of something, especially the part on which it rests or is supported (Verb): use (something specified) as the foundation or starting point for something (Adjective): without moral principles; ignoble

ignominious-

(Adjective): deserving or causing public disgrace or shame

contrivance-

(Noun): the use of skill to create or bring about something, especially with a consequent effect of artificiality

dire-

(Adjective): extremely serious or urgent

concessionary-

(Adjective): relating to or constituting a concession or reduced rate

gaffe-

(Noun): an unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator; a blunder

hapless-

(Adjective): (especially of a person) unfortunate

bask-

(Verb): lie exposed to warmth and light, typically from the sun, for relaxation and pleasure

albatross-

(Noun): a very large, chiefly white oceanic bird with long, narrow wings, found mainly in the southern oceans.

deprivation-

(Noun): the damaging lack of material benefits considered to be basic necessities in a society

dispersal-

(Noun): the action or process of distributing or spreading things or people over a wide area

steward-

(Noun): a person employed to look after the passengers on a ship, aircraft, or train. (Verb): (of an official) supervise arrangements or keep order at (a large public event)

instigation-

(Noun): the action or process of instigating an action or event

illicit-

(Adjective): forbidden by law, rules, or custom

desultory-

(Adjective): lacking a plan, purpose, or enthusiasm

anecdote-

(Noun): a short amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

explicate-

(Verb): analyse and develop (an idea or principle) in detail

impede-

(Verb): delay or prevent (someone or something) by obstructing them; hinder

strapping-

(Adjective): (especially of a young person) big and strong (Noun): adhesive plaster for binding injured parts of the body.

boondoggle-

(Noun): an unnecessary, wasteful, or fraudulent project (Verb): spend money or time on unnecessary, wasteful, or fraudulent projects

enraged-

(Adjective): very angry; furious

duplicitous-

(Adjective): deceitful

vulgar-

(Adjective): lacking sophistication or good taste

daunting-

(Adjective): seeming difficult to deal with in prospect; intimidating

unqualified-

(Adjective): (of a person) not officially recognized as a practitioner of a particular profession or activity through having satisfied the relevant conditions or requirements

render-

(Verb): provide or give (a service, help, etc.) (Noun): a first coat of plaster applied to a brick or stone surface.

attest-

(Verb): provide or serve as clear evidence of

incongruous-

(Adjective): not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something

vainglorious-

(Adjective): excessively proud of oneself or one's achievements; overly vain

hamstring-

(Noun): any of five tendons at the back of a person's knee (Verb): cripple (a person or animal) by cutting their hamstrings.

doyenne-

(Noun): the most respected or prominent woman in a particular field

robust-

(Adjective): strong and healthy; vigorous

eminence-

(Noun): fame or acknowledged superiority within a particular sphere

disinterested-

(Adjective): not influenced by considerations of personal advantage

erstwhile-

(Adjective): former (Adverb): formerly

earthy-

(Adjective): resembling or suggestive of earth or soil

indeterminate-

(Adjective): not exactly known, established, or defined

interlude-

(Noun): an intervening period of time; an interval

fortuitous-

(Adjective): happening by chance rather than intention

aver-

(Verb): state or assert to be the case

cite-

(Verb): refer to (a passage, book, or author) as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement, especially in a scholarly work (Noun): a citation.

artless-

(Adjective): without guile or deception