

## **abasement-**

(Noun): the action or fact of abasing or being abased; humiliation or degradation.

## **tangible-**

(Adjective): perceptible by touch (Noun): a thing that is perceptible by touch

## **delimit-**

(Verb): determine the limits or boundaries of

## **tractable-**

(Adjective): (of a person) easy to control or influence

## **skittish-**

(Adjective): (of an animal, especially a horse) nervous or excitable; easily scared

## **timorous-**

(Adjective): showing or suffering from nervousness or a lack of confidence

## **didactic-**

(Adjective): intended to teach, particularly in having moral instruction as an ulterior motive

## **belie-**

(Verb): (of an appearance) fail to give a true impression of (something)

## **tout-**

(Verb): attempt to sell (something), typically by a direct or persistent approach (Noun): a person who buys up tickets for an event to resell them at a profit. (Determiner): used before the name of a city to refer to its high society or people of importance

## **asceticism-**

(Noun): severe self-discipline and avoiding of all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons

## **distinction-**

(Noun): a difference or contrast between similar things or people

## **euphemistically-**

(Adverb): by means of a mild or indirect word or expression instead of one considered too harsh or blunt

## **commando-**

(Noun): a soldier specially trained for carrying out raids

## **fester-**

(Verb): (of a wound or sore) become septic; suppurate

## **cabal-**

(Noun): a secret political clique or faction

## **duplicity-**

(Noun): deceitfulness

## **adroit-**

(Adjective): clever or skilful

## **repertory-**

(Noun): the performance of various plays, operas, or ballets by a company at regular short intervals

## **gadfly-**

(Noun): a fly that bites livestock, especially a horsefly, warble fly, or botfly.

## **dispatch-**

(Verb): send off to a destination or for a purpose (Noun): the sending of someone or something to a destination or for a purpose

## **comprehension-**

(Noun): the ability to understand something

## **tony-**

(Adjective): fashionable among wealthy or stylish people (Noun): (in the US) any of a number of awards given annually for outstanding achievement in the theatre in various categories.

## **importunate-**

(Adjective): persistent, especially to the point of annoyance

## buoyancy-

(Noun): the ability or tendency of something to float in water or other fluid.

## charismatic-

(Adjective): exercising a compelling charm which inspires devotion in others (Noun): an adherent of the charismatic movement.

## bolster-

(Noun): a long, thick pillow that is placed under other pillows for support. (Verb): support or strengthen

## subversion-

(Noun): the undermining of the power and authority of an established system or institution

## eradication-

(Noun): the complete destruction of something

## salvo-

(Noun): a simultaneous discharge of artillery or other guns in a battle (Noun): a member of the Salvation Army.

## hirsute-

(Adjective): hairy

## seasoned-

(Adjective): (of food) having had salt, pepper, herbs, or spices added

## vacuity-

(Noun): lack of thought or intelligence; empty-headedness

## anomaly-

(Noun): something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected

## histrionic-

(Adjective): excessively theatrical or dramatic in character or style (Noun): melodramatic behaviour designed to attract attention

## dame-

(Noun): (in the UK) the title given to a woman with the rank of Knight Commander or holder of the Grand Cross in the Orders of Chivalry

## exculpate-

(Verb): show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing

## contribute-

(Verb): give (something, especially money) in order to help achieve or provide something

## gist-

(Noun): the substance or general meaning of a speech or text

## retrospective-

(Adjective): looking back on or dealing with past events or situations (Noun): an exhibition or compilation showing the development of an artist's work over a period of time

## doggedly-

(Adverb): in a manner that shows tenacity and grim persistence

## tirade-

(Noun): a long, angry speech of criticism or accusation

## incite-

(Verb): encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behaviour)

## clairvoyant-

(Noun): a person who claims to have a supernatural ability to perceive events in the future or beyond normal sensory contact (Adjective): having or exhibiting clairvoyance

## farcical-

(Adjective): relating to or resembling farce, especially because of absurd or ridiculous aspects

## sound-

(Noun): vibrations that travel through the air or another medium and can be heard when they reach a person's or animal's ear (Verb): emit or cause to emit sound (Adjective): in good condition; not damaged, injured, or diseased (Adverb): soundly

## **veritable-**

(Adjective): used for emphasis, often to qualify a metaphor

## **affirm-**

(Verb): state emphatically or publicly

## **flabbergast-**

(Verb): surprise (someone) greatly; astonish

## **socialist-**

(Noun): a person who advocates or practises socialism (Adjective): adhering to or based on the principles of socialism

## **empirical-**

(Adjective): based on, concerned with, or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic