

credence-

(Noun): belief in or acceptance of something as true

dissonance-

(Noun): lack of harmony among musical notes

impartiality-

(Noun): equal treatment of all rivals or disputants; fairness

stipulate-

(Verb): demand or specify (a requirement), typically as part of an agreement (Adjective): (of a leaf or plant) having stipules.

anathema-

(Noun): something or someone that one vehemently dislikes

cornerstone-

(Noun): an important quality or feature on which a particular thing depends or is based

figurative-

(Adjective): departing from a literal use of words; metaphorical

cultivation-

(Noun): the action of cultivating land, or the state of being cultivated

contrite-

(Adjective): feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong

arcadian-

(Noun): a native of Arcadia. (Adjective): relating to Arcadia.

exhaustive-

(Adjective): including or considering all elements or aspects; fully comprehensive

hegemony-

(Noun): leadership or dominance, especially by one state or social group over others

inchoate-

(Adjective): just begun and so not fully formed or developed; rudimentary

erode-

(Verb): (of wind, water, or other natural agents) gradually wear away (soil, rock, or land)

bombastic-

(Adjective): high-sounding but with little meaning; inflated

assimilation-

(Noun): the process of taking in and fully understanding information or ideas

flag-

(Noun): a piece of cloth or similar material, typically oblong or square, attachable by one edge to a pole or rope and used as the symbol or emblem of a country or institution or as a decoration during public festivities (Verb): mark (an item) for attention or treatment in a specified way

transient-

(Adjective): lasting only for a short time; impermanent (Noun): a person who is staying or working in a place for a short time only.

virulence-

(Noun): the severity or harmfulness of a disease or poison

degrade-

(Verb): treat or regard (someone) with contempt or disrespect

vicissitude-

(Noun): a change of circumstances or fortune, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant

ward-

(Noun): a separate room in a hospital, typically one allocated to a particular type of patient (Verb): admit (a patient) to a hospital ward

cunning-

(Adjective): having or showing skill in achieving one's ends by deceit or evasion (Noun): skill in achieving one's ends by deceit

gauche-

(Adjective): unsophisticated and socially awkward

disingenuous-

(Adjective): not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does

unbridled-

(Adjective): uncontrolled; unconstrained

impasse-

(Noun): a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock

ineffectual-

(Adjective): not producing any significant or desired effect

taut-

(Adjective): stretched or pulled tight; not slack

guise-

(Noun): an external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something

indolence-

(Noun): avoidance of activity or exertion; laziness

divergent-

(Adjective): tending to be different or develop in different directions

spontaneous-

(Adjective): performed or occurring as a result of a sudden impulse or inclination and without premeditation or external stimulus

ascetic-

(Adjective): characterized by severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons (Noun): a person who follows an ascetic life.

defer-

(Verb): put off (an action or event) to a later time; postpone

immoderate-

(Adjective): not sensible or restrained; excessive

truculent-

(Adjective): eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant

unilateral-

(Adjective): (of an action or decision) performed by or affecting only one person, group, or country involved in a situation, without the agreement of another or the others

buttress-

(Noun): a structure of stone or brick built against a wall to strengthen or support it (Verb): provide (a building or structure) with buttresses

ingenuity-

(Noun): the quality of being clever, original, and inventive

assent-

(Noun): the expression of approval or agreement (Verb): express approval or agreement

risque-

(Adjective): slightly indecent and liable to shock, especially by being sexually suggestive

fanciful-

(Adjective): over-imaginative and unrealistic

serendipity-

(Noun): the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way

ascension-

(Noun): the action of rising to an important position or a higher level

improvident-

(Adjective): not having or showing foresight; spendthrift or thoughtless

cultivate-

(Verb): prepare and use (land) for crops or gardening

restitution-

(Noun): the restoration of something lost or stolen to its proper owner

unwavering-

(Adjective): not wavering; steady or resolute

farce-

(Noun): a comic dramatic work using buffoonery and horseplay and typically including crude characterization and ludicrously improbable situations