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whizz /wɪz / <chiefly N. Amer.> whiz I. verb — [no obj.] 1. [with adverbial of direction] — move quickly through the air with a whistling or buzzing sound • the missiles whizzed past.

4. (N. Amer.) <informal> an act of urinating.

jump through hoops

to have to do a lot of things that seem difficult or unnecessary in order to achieve something:
We had to jump through hoops to get my Dad admitted to hospital.

realty /'rɪəlti/

a person's real property.

walkout

/ˈwɔːkaʊt/

noun

a sudden angry departure, especially as a protest or strike.

"opposition MPs staged a walkout during the budget session"

mook

/muːk/

noun informal • US

a stupid or incompetent person.

"if you don't want to look like every other mook you need a sartorial trademark"

parka

/ˈpɑːkə/

noun

a large windproof jacket with a hood, designed to be worn in cold weather.

"he pulled on his fur-lined parka, ready to brave the elements"

half hitch /ˈhɑːf hɪtʃ/

a knot formed by passing the end of a rope round its standing part and then through the loop, often used in pairs.

"the rope was tied with two half hitches to a long tape"

matinee /ˈmatɪneɪ/ I. noun an afternoon performance in a theatre or cinema.

nubile /ˈnjuːbəl/ I. adjective 1. (of a girl or woman) sexually attractive • he employed a procession of nubile young secretaries. 2. (of a girl or young woman) sexually mature; old enough for marriage.

recreant

/ˈrekrɪənt/

archaic
adjective

1.

cowardly.

"what a recreant figure must he make"

2.

unfaithful to a belief; apostate.

asphyxiate /əs'fiksɪeɪt/ verb — [with obj.] 1. kill (someone) by depriving them of air • they were asphyxiated by the carbon monoxide fumes. 2. [no obj.] — die by being deprived of air • they slowly asphyxiated.

rasp /rɑːsp/ l. noun 1. a harsh, grating noise • the rasp of the engine.

dainty /'deɪnti/ l. adjective 1. delicately small and pretty • a dainty lace handkerchief • the china cup seemed too dainty in his large hands. 2. (of a person) delicate and graceful in build or movement. • he is one of the daintiest players in the game. 3. (of food) particularly good to eat and served in a small portion • a dainty morsel. 4. fastidious, especially concerning food • a dainty appetite.

"Wakanda Forever" is a phrase from the 2022 Marvel movie Black Panther: Wakanda Forever that can have multiple meanings, including

bafta

/'bɑftə/

noun

coarse fabric, typically of cotton.

the British Academy of Film and Television Arts

BAFTA – the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

squall

/skwɔːl/

noun

1.

a sudden violent gust of wind or localized storm, especially one bringing rain, snow, or sleet.

"low clouds and squalls of driving rain"

defraud

/dɪ'frɔːd/

verb

illegally obtain money from (someone) by deception.

"he used a second identity to defraud the bank of thousands of pounds"

denominate

/dɪ'nɒmɪneɪt/

verb

1.

(of sums of money) be expressed in a specified monetary unit.

"the borrowings were denominated in US dollars"

2.

formal

call; name.

"two principal types of word associates can be denominated paradigmatic and syntagmatic"

Percocet is a brand name for a prescription medication that combines oxycodone and acetaminophen to treat moderate to severe pain

by-law /'bʌɪlɔː/

noun: bylaw

1.

British

a regulation made by a local authority or corporation.

"the organization is currently litigating against the City in relation to its homeless by-laws"

A homeowner association (or homeowners' association [HOA], sometimes referred to as a property owners' association [POA], common interest development [CID], or homeowner community) is a private, legally-incorporated organization that governs a housing community, collects dues, and sets rules for its residents.

medieval

/ˌmɛd(ɪ)'iːvl/

The double sheet bend, also known as the double becket bend is a more secure variation of the sheet bend.

waterfront

/'wɔːtəfrʌnt/

noun

a part of a town that borders the sea or a lake or river.

"Liverpool's waterfront"

gentrify

/ˈdʒɛntrɪfaɪ/

verb

change the character of (a poor urban area) through wealthier people moving in, improving housing, and attracting new businesses, often displacing current inhabitants in the process.

"formerly bohemian districts are being gentrified"

probate

/ˈprəʊbeɪt/

noun

the official proving of a will.

"the house has been valued for probate"

verbNorth American

establish the validity of (a will).

gavel

/ˈgavl/

noun

a small hammer with which an auctioneer, a judge, or the chair of a meeting hits a surface to call for attention or order.

A moisture-wicking fabric has two jobs: one is quickly moving (or wicking) sweat to the fabric's outer surface, and the other is drying rapidly so that your sweat doesn't saturate the fabric.

jock¹

/dʒɒk/

(slang, rare, dated) The penis.

An athletic supporter worn by men to support the genitals especially during sports.

North American

an enthusiast or participant in a specified activity.

"a computer jock"

tête-à-tête

/tɛtɑːˈtɛt/

noun

1.

a private conversation between two people.

"it so happened that their tête-à-tête was in earshot"

an S-shaped sofa on which two people can sit face to face.

mimosa

/mɪˈmɒzə/

North American

a drink of champagne and orange juice.

upstage

/ˌʌpˈsteɪdʒ/

verb

1.

divert attention from (someone) towards oneself.

"they were totally upstaged by their co-star in the film"

2.

(of an actor) move towards the back of a stage to make (another actor) face away from the audience.

"when he tried to upstage her she sauntered down to the front of the stage"

entrée

/ˈɒntreɪ/

noun

1.

the main course of a meal.

"meat and fish entrées are served with your choice of pasta, house salad, or vegetable of the day"

the right to enter or join a particular sphere or group.

"an actress with an entrée into the intellectual society of Berlin"

the belle of the ball

cliché The woman who draws the most attention in a certain social situation.

Honey, in this beautiful prom gown, you'll be the belle of the ball!

designation /ˌdɛzɪɡˈneɪʃn/

an official name, description, or title.

plural noun: designations

"quality designations such as 'Premier Cru'"

The popular myth is that suicides peak around Christmas

complimentary

/ˌkɒmplɪˈment(ə)ri/

adjective

1.

expressing a compliment; praising or approving.

"Jennie was very complimentary about Kath's riding"

given or supplied free of charge.

"a complimentary bottle of wine"

au pair

/ˌəʊˈpeɪ/

noun

a young foreign person, typically a woman, who helps with housework or childcare in exchange for food, a room, and some pocket money.

"an au pair agency"

Cadaver dogs are specially trained to use their sense of smell to locate human remains and alert people to them.

A suspect lineup is a procedure where a suspect is placed in a group of people who look similar to them, and a witness is asked to identify the perpetrator of a crime.

flourish

/ˈflʌrɪʃ/

Music

a fanfare played by brass instruments.

"a flourish of trumpets"

an ornate musical passage.

How do people pay for cornell?

Genuinely wondering...how do most people pay for cornell? Just looking at the site I see its 90k/yr and just around 70k/yr for the contract colleges. Why is cornell so expensive, and do they give out massive aid or something? Just curious

wasp /wɒsp/

Term a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant, esp. when considered to be a member of the privileged, established, white upper middle class in the U.S.

estimated time of arrival

yarmulke

/ˈjɑ:m(ʊ)lkə/

noun

a skullcap worn in public by Orthodox Jewish men or during prayer by other Jewish men.

Where does (one) get off (doing something)?

How dare one be so brazen, impudent, or rude as to do or say the offensive or disreputable thing indicated?

I mean, where does she get off trying to tell us how to run our company?

I've never been so insulted before in my life. Just where do you get off?

tell someone where to get off

idiom

informal

: to criticize or disagree with someone in a very direct and angry way

I was sick of listening to his constant complaints, so I told him where to get off.

string along

phrasal verb of string

informal

1.

mislead someone deliberately over a length of time, especially about one's intentions.

"she had no plans to marry him—she was just stringing him along"

stay with or accompany a person or group casually or as long as it is convenient.

"I say we let him string along with us for a while"

Old money is "the inherited wealth of established upper-class families (i.e. gentry, patriciate)" or "a person, family, or lineage possessing inherited wealth".

stuffy

/ˈstʌfi/

(of a person) not receptive to new or unusual ideas; conventional and narrow-minded.

"he was steady and rather stuffy"

outlier

/ˈaʊt,laɪə/

noun

a person or thing situated away or detached from the main body or system.

"a western outlier in the Andaman archipelago"

a person or thing differing from all other members of a particular group or set.

"an outlier in Faulkner's body of work"

insufferable

/ɪnˈsʌf(ə)rəbl/

adjective

too extreme to bear; intolerable.

"the heat would be insufferable by July"

preclude

/priˈkluːd/

verb

prevent from happening; make impossible.

"the secret nature of his work precluded official recognition"

indemnify

/ɪnˈdɛmnɪfaɪ/

verb

compensate (someone) for harm or loss.

"each of the parties shall indemnify me for all reasonable costs of defending such actions and proceedings"

trite

/traɪt/

adjective

(of a remark or idea) lacking originality or freshness; dull on account of overuse.

"this point may now seem obvious and trite"

contrite

/ˈkɒntrɪt, kənˈtrɪt/

adjective

feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong.

"a contrite tone"

promulgate

/ˈprɒmlgeɪt/

verb

promote or make widely known (an idea or cause).

"these objectives have to be promulgated within the organization"

confluence

/ˈkɒnflʊəns/

noun

the junction of two rivers, especially rivers of approximately equal width.

"the confluence of the Rivers Ouse and Foss"

by dint of
phrase of dint
by means of.

"he had got to where he was today by dint of sheer hard work"

If you and your sister are in an ongoing battle, one of you could say, "Can we please call a truce?" That means you'll take a break from squabbling, at least for a while. Definitions of truce. a state of peace agreed to between opponents so they can discuss peace terms.

refuse /'rɛfju:s/
matter thrown away or rejected as worthless; rubbish.
"heaps of refuse"

hymnal /'hɪmnəl/
a songbook containing a collection of hymns

athlete's foot
noun
a fungal infection affecting mainly the skin between the toes. It is a form of ringworm.

Schmuck, or shmuck, is a pejorative term meaning one who is stupid or foolish, or an obnoxious, contemptible or detestable person.

dingbat
/'dɪŋbat/
noun
1.
informal•North American
a stupid or eccentric person.
"I couldn't care about them two dingbats"
2.
informal•Australian
delusions or feelings of unease, particularly those induced by delirium tremens.

casserole
/'kæsərəʊl/
noun
a kind of stew that is cooked slowly in an oven.
"a chicken casserole"

refract
/rɪ'frakt/
verb
(of water, air, or glass) make (a ray of light) change direction when it enters at an angle.
"the rays of light are refracted by the material of the lens"
measure the focusing characteristics of (an eye) or of the eyes of (someone).
"when refracting patients an ophthalmologist relies on verbal reports"

hymn

/hɪm/

noun

a religious song or poem of praise to God or a god.

"a Hellenistic hymn to Apollo"

communion

/kə'mjuːniən/

noun

1.

the sharing or exchanging of intimate thoughts and feelings, especially on a mental or spiritual level.

"in this churchyard communion with the dead was almost palpable"

2.

the service of Christian worship at which bread and wine are consecrated and shared.

"Communion was celebrated once a month"

keister

/'kiːstə/

noun

1.

informal•North American

a person's buttocks.

"I've had it up to my keister with all these leaks"

2.

dated•informal

a suitcase, bag, or box for carrying possessions or merchandise.

peloton

/'pelətɒn/

noun

the main field or group of cyclists in a race.

"Heart grew two sizes that day" is a metaphorical expression from Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

triumphant

/trʌɪ'ʌmf(ə)nt/

junk /dʒʌŋk/

[uncountable] things that are considered to have no use or value

synonym rubbish

I've cleared out all that old junk in the attic.

There's nothing but junk on the TV.

(informal, disapproving) Is this all your junk (= are these all your things)?

sling1

/slɪŋ/

a flexible strap or belt used in the form of a loop to support or raise a hanging weight.

"the horse had to be supported by a sling fixed to the roof"

a bandage or soft strap looped round the neck to support an injured arm.

"she had her arm in a sling"

melanoma

/ˌmɛləˈnəʊmə/

oncology

/ɒŋˈkɒlədʒi/

noun Medicine

the study and treatment of tumours.

menorah

/mɪˈnɔːrə/

noun

a candelabrum used in Jewish worship, especially one with eight branches and a central socket used at Hanukkah.

a sacred candelabrum with seven branches used in the ancient temple in Jerusalem.

noun: Menorah; noun: the Menorah

scrotum

/ˈskrɒtəm/

noun

a pouch of skin containing the testicles.

namecheck

/ˈneɪmˌtʃɛk/

a public mention or listing of the name of a person or thing, especially in acknowledgement or for publicity purposes.

rack up

phrasal verb of rack

accumulate or achieve something, typically a score or amount.

"Japan is racking up record trade surpluses with the United States"

rack /rak/.

cause extreme pain, anguish, or distress to.

"he was racked with guilt"

Flyer miles, also known as frequent flyer miles or airline miles, are a type of currency that can be used to redeem rewards from an airline.

meteorology

/ˌmiːtɪəˈrɒlədʒi/

noun

the branch of science concerned with the processes and phenomena of the atmosphere, especially as a means of forecasting the weather.

"an induction course to learn basic meteorology"

the climate and weather of a region.

"overwintering would allow the team to investigate the island's meteorology"

whittle

/ˈwɪtl/

verb

1.

carve (wood) into an object by repeatedly cutting small slices from it.

"he was sitting at the tent door, whittling a piece of wood with a knife"

rattail /ˈɹæt.teɪl/

Any of the large dark-colored deep-sea fish of the Macrouridae family of ray-finned fish.

The Spanish word huevo translates to "egg" in English. It can also be used as a vulgar slang term for "testicle".

quahog

/ˈkwɑːhɒg, ˈkwɑːhɒg/

noun North American

a large, rounded edible clam of the Atlantic coast of North America.

crass

/kras/

adjective

showing no intelligence or sensitivity.

"the crass assumptions that men make about women"

peon

/ˈpiːən/

noun

1.

a Spanish American day labourer or unskilled farm worker.

2.

(in South and SE Asia) a low-ranking worker such as an attendant, orderly, or assistant.

"the elder son is a peon at a nearby school"

adorn

/əˈdɔːn/

verb

make more beautiful or attractive.

"pictures and prints adorned his walls"

inoculate

/ɪˈnɒkjuleɪt/

verb

immunize (someone) against a disease by introducing infective material, microorganisms, or vaccine into the body.

"most of the troops had been inoculated against anthrax"

"Suit up" is a phrasal verb that means to put on a uniform or special clothing to prepare for an activity, especially a sport.

see you monday

Diddy is short for P Diddy or Puff Daddy who has sexual assault allegations against him at the moment

Using his name as a verb seems to imply sexually assaulting someone.

not all that

not very:

I'm not all that excited about going camping.

sheath

/ʃi:θ/

noun

a close-fitting cover for the blade of a knife or sword.

a structure in living tissue which closely envelops another.

"the fatty sheath around nerve fibres"

a protective covering around an electric cable.

scourge

/skə:dʒ/

noun

1.

historical

a whip used as an instrument of punishment.

ostensible

/ɒˈstɛnsɪbl/

adjective

stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so.

"the real dispute which lay behind the ostensible complaint"

Shawty (/ˈʃɔ:ti/), shorty, shauty or shortie is a slang term from African American Vernacular English used generally as a nonspecific term of endearment.

shoddy

/ˈʃɒdi/

adjective

badly made or done.

"we're not paying good money for shoddy goods"

bootleg

/ˈbuːtlɛɡ/

adjective

(of alcoholic drink or a recording) made, distributed, or sold illegally.

"bootleg cassettes"

The idiom "pull the wool over someone's eyes" means to trick or deceive someone, or to hide the truth from them.

obsequious

/əbˈsiːkwɪəs/

adjective

obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.

"they were served by obsequious waiters"

obviate

/ˈɒbviɪt/

verb

remove (a need or difficulty).

"the presence of roller blinds obviated the need for curtains"

avoid or prevent (something undesirable).

"a parachute can be used to obviate disaster"

adulatory

/ˌadjʊˈleɪt(ə)ri, ˈadjʊlət(ə)ri/

adjective

excessively praising or admiring.

"an adulatory review"

feisty

/ˈfɛɪsti/

adjective informal

(of a person, typically one who is relatively small) lively, determined, and courageous.

"a love story with a feisty heroine who's more than a pretty face"

mausoleum

/ˌmɔːsəˈliːəm/

noun

a stately or impressive building housing a tomb or group of tombs.

"the cathedral was built in 1517 as a royal mausoleum"

hokum

/ˈhəʊkəm/

noun informal

nonsense.

"they dismissed such corporate homilies as boardroom hokum"

trite, sentimental, or unrealistic situations and dialogue in a film or other work.

"classic B-movie hokum"

In British and Australian slang, "pork pie" is a humorous term for a lie or fib. It's also known as "porky".

snow job

noun informal • North American

a deception or concealment of one's real motive in an attempt to flatter or persuade.

"we shall need to do a snow job on him"

broad

/brɔːd/

a woman.

"I get drunk, follow the pretty broads, and make a fool of myself"

rumpus

/ˈrʌmpəs/

noun informal

a noisy disturbance; a row.

"he caused a rumpus with his flair for troublemaking"

vaudeville

/ˈvɔːd(ə)vɪl/

noun

a type of entertainment popular chiefly in the US in the early 20th century, featuring a mixture of speciality acts such as burlesque comedy and song and dance.

"his comedic roots are in vaudeville"

a light or comic stage play with interspersed songs.

plural noun: vaudevilles

hanky-panky

/ˈhæŋkɪˈpæŋki/

noun informal • humorous

behaviour, in particular sexual or legally dubious behaviour, considered improper but not seriously so.

"suspicions of financial hanky-panky"

hanky noun

/ˈhæŋki/

a handkerchief (= a small piece of material or paper that you use for blowing your nose, etc.)

roundheel

/ˈraʊndhiːl/

noun derogatory • dated

a woman who has many casual sexual encounters or relationships.

now you're on the trolley

Now you understand what I mean or how to do this.

A: "So this piece slots in here, and we connect these two wires together, right?" B: "Yeah, now you're on the trolley!"

deferral

/dɪˈfɜːrəl/

noun

a postponement of an action or event.

"they agreed to a deferral of industrial action"

defer /dɪˈfɜː/

verb

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

"they deferred the decision until February"

submit to or acknowledge the merit of.

"he deferred to Tim's superior knowledge"

The "sword of Damocles" is an idiom that refers to the sense of impending danger or disaster that seems likely to happen. For example, "The threat of a cut in funding is hanging over the Opera House like a sword of Damocles".

. "Blue shakes":

If referring to paint or color, it might describe wooden shingles (shakes) painted blue, often used in rustic or coastal architecture.

"Shutters":

Typically refers to window coverings that can open and close. Blue shutters are simply window shutters painted blue, often used for decorative purposes.

striated

/straɪˈeɪtɪd/

adjective

marked with long, thin parallel streaks.

"an expensively outfitted kitchen with striated wood cabinets"

technical

marked with striae.

"a striated rock surface"

shingle2

/ˈʃɪŋɡl/

a rectangular wooden tile used on walls or roofs.

a mass of small rounded pebbles, especially on a seashore.

"a wonderful beach of fine shingle"

stiff /stɪf/

North American

cheat (someone) out of something, especially money.

"several workers were stiffed out of their pay"

2.

North American

ignore (someone) deliberately; snub.

"the stars are notorious for stiffing their hosts and sponsors at banquets"

tiff

/tɪf/

noun informal

a petty quarrel, especially one between friends or lovers.

"Joanna had a tiff with her boyfriend"

asinine

/ˈæsɪnɪn/

adjective

extremely stupid or foolish.

"Lydia ignored his asinine remark"

cashmere

/ˈkæʃmɪə, kəʃˈmɪə/

noun

fine, soft wool, originally that from the Kashmir goat.

rivulet

/ˈrɪvjʊlɪt/

noun

1.

a small stream of water or another liquid.

"sweat ran in rivulets down his back"

2.

a brownish European moth with white markings, occurring in rough grassland.

sheen

/ʃiːn/

noun

a soft lustre on a surface.

"black crushed velvet with a slight sheen"

ramrod straight

idiom

: in a very straight and stiff way —used especially to describe the way someone stands or sits

He sat in the saddle, ramrod straight.

classified

/ˈklaɪfɪd/

small advertisements placed in a newspaper and organized in categories.

debacle

/deɪˈbɑ:k(ə)/

noun

a sudden and ignominious failure; a fiasco.

"the only man to reach double figures in the second-innings debacle"

virion /ˈvaɪɪən/

A single individual particle of a virus (the viral equivalent of a cell).

tendrils

/ˈtendrɪl/

noun

a slender threadlike appendage of a climbing plant, often growing in a spiral form, that stretches out and twines round any suitable support.

something resembling a plant tendril, especially a slender curl or ringlet of hair.

"the wind fitfully moved the dark tendrils around her forehead"

fitful

/ˈfɪtʃ(ʊ)/

adjective

active or occurring spasmodically or intermittently; not regular or steady.

"a few hours' fitful sleep"

spell /spɛl/

a period spent in an activity.

"a spell of greenhouse work"

a short period.

"I want to get away from racing for a spell"

speakeasy

/ˈspi:k,i:zi/

noun informal

(in the US during Prohibition) an illicit liquor shop or drinking club.

rectum

/ˈrɛktəm/

noun

the final section of the large intestine, terminating at the anus.

The phrase "in the sack" is an idiom that means to be in bed, usually sleeping. For example, "He was still in the sack when I left for work".

Do you want to open a tab?

To open and close a tab is typically only used in a bar. To open a tab-you order a drink, usually at the bar, and instead of paying for it then, the bar keeps your credit card.

smattering

/ˈsmat(ə)rɪŋ/

noun

a slight superficial knowledge of a language or subject.

"Edward had only a smattering of Welsh"

a small amount of something.

plural noun: smatterings

"a smattering of snow"

A coat tree is a vertical pole with hooks or pegs at the top for hanging clothing.

compendious

/kəmˈpendiəs/

adjectiveformal

containing or presenting the essential facts of something in a comprehensive but concise way.

"a compendious study"

winded

/ˈwɪndɪd/

adjective

having difficulty breathing because of exertion or a blow to the stomach.

"she wasn't really hurt, just winded"

maniacal /məˈnæɪkl/

maniacally /məˈnæɪkli/

wildly or violently

to cackle/laugh/giggle maniacally

sidle

/ˈsaɪdl/

verb

walk in a furtive, unobtrusive, or timid manner, especially sideways or obliquely.

"I sidled up to her"

catatonia

/ˌkætəˈtəʊniə/

noun

Psychiatry

abnormality of movement and behaviour arising from a disturbed mental state (typically schizophrenia). It may involve repetitive or purposeless overactivity, or catalepsy, resistance to passive movement, and negativism.

informal

a state of immobility and stupor.

"violent imagery and musical dissonance induce a state of catatonia"

stupor

/ˈstju:pə/

noun

a state of near-unconsciousness or insensibility.

"a drunken stupor"

forlorn

/fəˈlɔ:n/

adjective

1.

pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely.

"forlorn figures at bus stops"

Tucking hair behind the ear is a simple way to keep hair out of the face and can be used to create a variety of hairstyles. Here are some tips for tucking hair behind your ears:

Often wayward curls are a sign of dry hair

paraphernalia

/ˌpærəfəˈneɪliə/

noun

miscellaneous articles, especially the equipment needed for a particular activity.

"drills, saws, and other paraphernalia necessary for home improvements"

trappings associated with a particular institution or activity that are regarded as superfluous.

"the rituals and paraphernalia of government"

Commanding people's attention can be achieved through a combination of verbal and non-verbal strategies.

Financial responsibly means doing what you have to do to take care of your needs and the needs of your family.

fill

noun

noun: one's fill

1.

an amount of something which is as much as one wants or can bear.

"we have eaten our fill"

reverie /ˈrɛv(ə)ri/

a state of being pleasantly lost in one's thoughts; a daydream.

"a knock on the door broke her reverie"

pepper

/ˈpɛpə/

cover or fill with a liberal amount of scattered items.

"the script is peppered with four-letter words"

curtly /'kɜ:tli/ /'kɜ:rtli/

in a way that may appear rude because very few words are used, or because something is done very quickly

breadth

/brɛdθ,brɛtθ/

noun

the distance or measurement from side to side of something; width.

"the boat measured 27 feet in breadth"

azure

/'aɜə,'azjʊə/

gait

/geɪt/

noun

a person's manner of walking.

"the easy gait of an athlete"

mitre

/'mɪtə/

noun

noun: miter

1.

a tall headdress worn by bishops and senior abbots as a symbol of office, tapering to a point at front and back with a deep cleft between.

2.

a joint made between two pieces of wood or other material at an angle of 90°, such that the line of junction bisects this angle.

"a mitre saw"

coiffure

/kwa:'fjʊə,kwə'fjʊə,kwə'fjʊə/

coif /kwaf/, /kɔɪf/

noun

1.

a woman's close-fitting cap, now only worn under a veil by nuns.

"her black habit and white starched coif"

2.

informal•North American

short for coiffure.

discrete

/dɪ'skri:t/

adjective

individually separate and distinct.

"speech sounds are produced as a continuous sound signal rather than discrete units"

discreet

/dɪ'skri:t/

adjective

careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment.

"we made some discreet inquiries"

lumber1

/'lʌmbə/

verb

move in a slow, heavy, awkward way.

"a truck lumbered past"

eyes out on stalks

phrase of eye

used to emphasize the extreme degree of someone's eager curiosity.

"when I read about his arrest my eyes popped out on stalks"

Fido /'faɪdəʊ/

a name that is supposed to be a very common name given to a dog, although there are very few dogs really called Fido.

rectory

/'rekt(ə)ri/

noun

a rector's house.

a Church of England benefice held by a rector.

ballet /'baleɪ /an artistic dance

valet /'valɪt, 'valeɪ/

North American

a person employed to clean or park cars.

"he handed his keys to the parking valet"

Valet parking is a parking service offered by some restaurants, stores, and other businesses. In contrast to "self-parking", where customers find a parking space on their own, customers' vehicles are parked for them by a person called a valet.

lye

/laɪ/

noun

a strongly alkaline solution, especially of potassium hydroxide, used for washing or cleansing.

rye

/rʌɪ/

noun

1.

a cereal plant that tolerates poor soils and low temperatures.

tallow

/'tæləʊ/

noun

a hard fatty substance made from rendered animal fat, used (especially formerly) in making candles and soap.

lumber1

/'lʌmbə/

verb

move in a slow, heavy, awkward way.

"a truck lumbered past"

a cut above the rest

much better than other similar people or things

Smith's detective stories are generally agreed to be a cut above the rest.

Paddle up can refer to a fundraising event or a pickleball system

blandishment

/'blandɪʃm(ə)nt/

noun

a flattering or pleasing statement or action used as a means of gently persuading someone to do something.

"the blandishments of the travel brochure"

brandish

/'brandɪʃ/

verb

wave or flourish (something, especially a weapon) as a threat or in anger or excitement.

"a man leaped out brandishing a knife"

bougie2

/'bu:ʒi/

exhibiting qualities attributed to the middle class, especially pretentiousness or conventionality.

"the candlelit cocktail party was pretty bougie"

sap1 /sap/

a foolish and gullible person.

"He fell for it! What a sap!"

seltzer is basically fizzy water.

acrimony

/ˈakrɪməni/

noun

bitterness or ill feeling.

"the AGM dissolved into acrimony"

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.

be subject to something

to have or experience a particular thing, especially something unpleasant:

Cars are subject to a high domestic tax.

In recent years, she has been subject to attacks of depression.

Many celebrities are subject to intrusive scrutiny from the press.

All of this income is subject to tax.

The men were released from prison but were still subject to constant surveillance.

concede

/kənˈsiːd/

verb

1.

admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it.

"I had to concede that I'd overreacted"

concession

/kənˈseɪʃn/

noun

1.

a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands.

"the government was unwilling to make any further concessions"

impugn

/ɪmˈpjuːn/

verb

dispute the truth, validity, or honesty of (a statement or motive); call into question.

"the father does not impugn her capacity as a good mother"

tank

/tæŋk/

fail completely, especially at great financial cost.

"the previous movie had tanked at the box office"

To resist damage; to be attacked without being hurt.

Kabaddi (/kəˈbædi/, [2] /ˈkʌbædi/)

read-out

/ˈriːdaʊt/

noun

noun: readout

1.

a visual record or display of the output from a computer or scientific instrument.

"a digital read-out of latitude and longitude"

bristle

/ˈbrɪsl/

be covered with or abundant in.

"the roof bristled with antennae"

insurgent

/ɪnˈsəːdʒ(ə)nt/

noun

a person fighting against a government or invading force; a rebel or revolutionary.

"an attack by armed insurgents"

We don't see much of Elliot now that he's in London.

bootleg

/ˈbuːtlɛɡ/

adjective

(of alcoholic drink or a recording) made, distributed, or sold illegally.

"bootleg cassettes"

smart Alec

/ˈsmɑːt əlɪk/

noun derogatory • informal

a person who is irritating because they behave as if they know everything.

"the kid in the front row is a smart Alec, always being funny"

marshal

/ˈmɑːʃl/

verb

1.

assemble and arrange (a group of people, especially troops) in order.

"the general marshalled his troops"

vail

/veɪl/

verb archaic

take off or lower (one's hat or crown) as a token of respect or submission.

take off one's hat or otherwise show respect or submission to someone.

stick up

phrasal verb of stick

informal • North American

rob someone or something at gunpoint.

"they had served time for sticking up a store in Akron, Ohio"

defend against attack or criticism

trawl

/trɔ:l/

verb

1.

fish with a trawl net or seine.

"the boats trawled for flounder"

field /fi:ld/

deal with (a difficult question, phone call, etc.).

OSHA stands for Occupational Safety and Health Administration, a federal agency that ensures safe and healthy working conditions:

hepatitis

/ˌhepəˈtaɪtɪs/

noun

a disease characterized by inflammation of the liver.

wistful

/ˈwɪs(t)ɪf(ʊ)/

adjective

having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing.

"a wistful smile"

a battery of something

a group of many things of the same type

a battery of medical tests

short of (doing) something

without actually doing something

Short of locking her in her room, he couldn't really stop her from seeing Jack.

wake

• vigil

The wake will be held on Friday evening.

In social media, "gram" typically refers to Instagram, which is a popular photo and video sharing platform.

tacky² /ˈtʌki/

showing poor taste and quality.

"even in her faintly tacky costumes, she won our hearts"

tug at (someone or something)

1. To pull or yank on someone or something vigorously or repeatedly.

Yes, we can go see the lion enclosure now, stop tugging at me like that!

The tractor tugged at the car, but it still wouldn't budge from the ditch.

2. To demand or require someone's attention, especially urgently or incessantly.

It can be easy to become overwhelmed when you've got a dozen different things tugging at you, so we've created a software suite to help get your business life back in order.

The whole time I was in college, the thought of moving to Japan and teaching English just kept tugging at me.

a tall order

an unreasonable or difficult demand.

"they thought that the deadline was a tall order"

foray

/ˈfɒreɪ/

noun

a sudden attack or incursion into enemy territory, especially to obtain something; a raid.

"the garrison made a foray against Richard's camp"

a brief but spirited attempt to become involved in a new activity or sphere.

"my first foray into journalism"

duffel bag /ˈdʌflbæg/

a cylindrical canvas bag closed by a drawstring and carried over the shoulder.

shank

/ʃʌŋk/

noun

1.

a person's leg, especially the part from the knee to the ankle.

"the old man's thin, bony shanks showed through his trousers"

2.

a long, narrow part of a tool connecting the handle to the operational end.

"gouges vary in the amount of curve or sweep on the cutting edge and the form of the shank"

informal•US

slash or stab (someone), especially with a makeshift knife.

"I got shanked with a broken bottle"

explicit

/ɪkˈsplɪsɪt, ɛkˈsplɪsɪt/

describing or representing sexual activity in a graphic fashion.

"a sexually explicit blockbuster"

"Get jacked" is an informal American English phrase that means to develop strong muscles, usually through exercise. For example, "He was trying to get himself jacked for the photoshoot".

ride /rʌɪd/

annoy, pester, or tease.

"if you don't give all the kids a chance to play, the parents ride you"

clinical

/ˈklɪnɪkl/

adjective

1.

relating to the observation and treatment of actual patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies.

"clinical medicine"

lint

/lɪnt/

noun

1.

short, fine fibres which separate from the surface of cloth or yarn during processing.

"some fabrics leave tiny specks of lint on the glass"

topography

/təˈpɒɡrəfi,təˈpɒɡrəfi/

noun

1.

the arrangement of the natural and artificial physical features of an area.

"the topography of the island"

hold on

to hold something or someone firmly with your hands or your arms:

Hold onto the rope and don't let go.

impeachment

/ɪmˈpi:tʃm(ə)nt/

noun

1.

(especially in the US) a charge of misconduct made against the holder of a public office.

2.

the action of calling into question the integrity or validity of something.

"the prosecutor's detailed impeachment of the character witness"

tousle

/ˈtaʊzl/

verb

make (a person's hair) untidy.

"I tousled his wispy silver hair"

chaff1

/tʃɑːf/

noun

1.

the husks of corn or other seed separated by winnowing or threshing.

statutory

/ˈstatʃʊt(ə)ri/

adjective

required, permitted, or enacted by statute.

"statutory controls over prices"

having come to be required or expected through being done or made regularly.

"the statutory Christmas phone call to his mother"

destination /ˌdɛstɪˈneɪʃn/

mushy /ˈmʌʃi/

excessively sentimental.

"a mushy film"

lackadaisical

/ˌlækəˈdeɪzɪkl/

adjective

lacking enthusiasm and determination; carelessly lazy.

"taking a lackadaisical approach can jeopardize the success of a project"

check out

to be found to be true or acceptable after being examined

The local police found that her story didn't check out.

without let or hindrance

without obstruction or impediment.

"rats scurried about the house without let or hindrance"

romp around

1. noun A period or instance of lively, merry, or frolicsome play. Can be followed by a specific thing or place around which one is playing.

We took the kids to the park so they could have a romp around after lunch.

Why don't you throw on your rain boots and go have a romp around the muddy puddles in the field across the street?

2. verb A play or run around in a lively, merry, or frolicsome manner. Can be followed by a specific thing or place around which one is playing.

Why don't we have a picnic out at the park? The kids will have plenty of room to romp around so we can eat our food in peace.

Tommy and his friend have been romping around the house all day because of the rain.

scrape by

1

: to live with barely enough money : to be able to buy only the things most needed
Money was tight, but we somehow managed to scrape by.

2

: to succeed at doing something but just barely
He didn't study for the exam and just barely scraped by.

tousle /'taʊz(ə)/ I. verb — [with obj.] (usu. as adj. tousled) 1. make (something, especially a person's hair) untidy • Nathan's tousled head appeared in the hatchway.

satin

/ˈsɑːtɪn/

noun

a smooth, glossy fabric produced by a weave in which the threads of the warp are caught and looped by the weft only at certain intervals.

"flowing skirts made of satin, chiffon, and velvet"

goad /ɡəʊd/ I. verb 1. [with obj.] — provoke or annoy (someone) so as to stimulate an action or reaction • he was trying to goad her into a fight. 2. [with obj. and adverbial of direction] — drive (an animal) with a spiked stick. • the cowboys goaded their cattle across the meadows.

rear up

To rise up, especially an animal like a horse rising up on its rear legs.

die hard

If a belief or way of behaving dies hard, it takes a long time to disappear, and is not given up easily:

Old habits die hard.

hold out

to resist or survive in a dangerous or difficult situation

The rebels held out in the mountains for several years.

glaze /gleɪz/

[no obj.] — lose brightness and animation • the prospect makes my eyes glaze over with boredom • (as adj. glazed) she had a glazed look in her eyes.

draft /draːft/

select (a person or group of people) and bring them somewhere for a certain purpose • riot police were drafted in to break up the blockade.

move over

phrasal verb

If you move over to a new system or way of doing something, you change to it.

We moved over to the Danish system of collecting the milk directly from the farm.

retinol

/ˈreɪtɪnɒl/

noun Biochemistry

a yellow compound found in green and yellow vegetables, egg yolk, and fish-liver oil. It is essential for growth and for vision in dim light.

purty

/ˈpɜːti/

informal • US

adjective

adjective: purdy

non-standard spelling of pretty (adjective), used to represent dialect speech.

"the lights were purty"

jones /dʒəʊnz/

informal • US

verb

have a fixation on; be addicted to.

"Palmer was jonesing for some coke again"

strapped /straɪpt/

short of money.

"I'm constantly strapped for cash"

I'm strapped for cash at the moment—can I pay you later?

financially strapped governments

The phrase "I was today's years old ..." is a deliberate corruption of this way of delivering a funny fact about your past ignorance.

It is saying that you only just learned it, and that it is funny/embarrassing that you only found out about it this late.

sink your teeth into something

idiom

to become completely involved in something:

It was a story you could really sink your teeth into.

herringbone

/ˈhɛrɪŋbəʊn/

noun

1.

a pattern consisting of columns of short parallel lines, with all the lines in one column sloping one way and all the lines in the next column sloping the other way so as to resemble the bones in a fish, for example as used in the weave of cloth.

"a grey herringbone tweed jacket"

hymn /hɪm/ I. noun 1. a religious song or poem of praise to God or a god • a Hellenistic hymn to Apollo.

At around 9am a man approached the woman and distracted her by asking about some items in the shop. Another man then went into her bag and took her purse containing a quantity of cash.

She just went into her bag for her keys and got out of the car and skipped straight across the sidewalk and into the coffee shop.

out for the count

phrase of count

Boxing

defeated by being knocked to the ground and unable to rise within ten seconds.

unconscious or soundly asleep.

collie

/ˈkɒli/

noun

a sheepdog of a breed originating in Scotland, having a long pointed nose and long thick hair.

languid /ˈlæŋɡwɪd/ I. adjective 1. (of a person, manner, or gesture) having or showing a disinclination for physical exertion or effort • his languid demeanour irritated her. 2. (of a period of time) relaxed and peaceful • the terrace was perfect for languid days in the Italian sun. 3. weak or faint from illness or fatigue. • she was pale, languid, and weak, as if she had delivered a child.

nexus

/ˈnɛksəs/

noun

1.

a connection or series of connections linking two or more things.

"the nexus between industry and political power"

2.

a central or focal point.

"the nexus of any government in this country is No. 10"

I rarely get opportunities to speak English.

"I don't get many opportunities to speak English."

sumptuous

/ˈsʌm(p)tʃʊəs/

adjective

splendid and expensive-looking.

"the banquet was a sumptuous, luxurious meal"

xenia /ˈzɪniə/ the ancient Greek custom of offering hospitality to guests

xenial /ˈzɪniəl/

disposed to treat guests and strangers with cordiality and generosity

chalk something up to something

to consider something as being caused by something else:

He was clearly lying, and now he's trying to chalk it up to a poor memory.

chalk up

to achieve something, such as a victory, or to score points in a game:

Today's victory is the fifth that the Irish team has chalked up this year.

It was doubtful whether the Conservatives could chalk up a fourth successive election victory, but they did.

to have or record something good or bad:

The team chalked up its first regular-season victory by beating Miami.

Most of the largest banks in the country chalked up large losses on foreign loans.

Confuse or bungle, as in Jane got all balled up at the beginning of her speech , or Henry really balled up that exam .

balls something up

(British English, offensive, slang) to do something very badly

recalcitrant

/rɪˈkalsɪtr(ə)nt/

adjective

having an obstinately uncooperative attitude towards authority or discipline.

"a class of recalcitrant fifteen-year-olds"

environs

/ɪnˈvʌɪrənz, ɛnˈvʌɪrənz/

noun

the surrounding area or district.

"the picturesque environs of the loch"

glamorize /ˈglaməraɪz/

make (something) seem glamorous or desirable, especially spuriously so.

"the lyrics glamorize drugs"

Cut up

(intransitive, idiomatic) To behave like a clown or jokester (a cut-up); to misbehave; to act in a playful, comical, boisterous, or unruly manner to elicit laughter, attention, etc.

We need to talk about Johnny's tendency to cut up in class.

hold down

informal

succeed in keeping a job or position for a period of time.

"holding down two jobs was proving tiring for him"

stunt

(intransitive, slang, African-American Vernacular) To show off; to posture; to flaunt valuables

to a fault

more than is necessary:

Keri is generous to a fault.

First cousin once removed

Keep it locked

Essentially means 'keep listening to this audio stream'.

They Say 'It's All About Who You Know'-- Is It True?

catcall /'kætkɔ:l/ I. noun 1. a shrill whistle or shout of disapproval made at a public meeting or performance. • he walked out to jeers and catcalls. 2. a loud whistle or a comment of a sexual nature made by a man to a passing woman. • women were the objects of catcalls when they walked by the men's barracks.

go to the dogs

phrase of dog

deteriorate shockingly.

"the country is going to the dogs"

down to the wire

phrase of wire

informal

used to denote a situation whose outcome is not decided until the very last minute.

"it was probable that the test of nerves would go down to the wire"

coax1

/kəʊks/

verb

gently and persistently persuade (someone) to do something.

"the trainees were coaxed into doing boring work"

pecan /'pi:k(ə)n, pi'kan, pi'kɑ:n/ I. noun a smooth pinkish-brown nut with an edible kernel similar to a walnut. • This nut is obtained from a hickory tree (*Carya illinoensis*, family Juglandaceae), native to the southern US.

scallop /'skɒləp, 'skæləp/

cut, shape, or arrange in the form of a scallop shell • he leaned against the scalloped seat of the limousine.

English by Old French peresil, of the same origin. parsley fern noun a fern with finely divided fronds resembling parsley leaves, found typically on rocky ground in mountainous and boreal areas. • Genus *Cryptogramma*, family

Thinking about how to buy someone out of a business? Whether it's a partner's retirement or restructuring your business for new opportunities, buying out a business partner is no small feat.

double-cross /ˌdʌb(ə)l'krɒs/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. deceive or betray (a person with whom one is supposedly cooperating) • he was blackmailed into double-crossing his own government.

scrounge

/skraʊn(d)ʒ/

informal

verb

seek to obtain (something, typically food or money) at the expense or through the generosity of others or by stealth.

"he had managed to scrounge a free meal"

low-down

/ˌləʊ'daʊn/

informal

adjective

mean and unfair.

"dirty low-down tricks"

the true facts or relevant information about something.

"you get the low-down on where to go and where to stay away from"

concede

/kən'si:d/

verb

1.

admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it.

"I had to concede that I'd overreacted"

pay tribute/homage to

idiom

: to honor and praise (someone)

We gather here today to pay tribute/homage to a great woman.

tureen

/t(j)ʊ'ri:n/

noun

a deep covered dish from which soup is served.

verdure

/'və:dʒə/

noun

lush green vegetation.

sparge

/spɑːdʒ/

technical

verb

moisten by sprinkling with water, especially in brewing.

"the grains are sparged"

get/lay one's hands on

idiom

: to find, get, or control (someone or something)

I'm still trying to lay my hands on my car keys.

He couldn't wait to get his hands on her money.

Wait until I get my hands on you. You'll really be in trouble.

A charbroiler (also referred to as a chargrill, char-broiler or simply broiler) is a commonly used cooking device consisting of a series of grates or ribs that can be heated using a variety of means, and is used in both residential and commercial applications for an assortment of cooking operations.

entrée /'ɒntreɪ/ I. noun 1. (chiefly N. Amer.) the main course of a meal. 2. (Brit.) a dish served between the first and main courses at a formal dinner.

slather /'slaʊə/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. <informal> spread or smear (a substance) thickly or liberally • slather on some tanning lotion. 2. <informal> spread or smear a substance thickly or liberally on • scones slathered with clotted cream.

shoot-out /'ʃuːtaʊt/ noun 1. <informal> a decisive gun battle. • we had all got cap pistols for Christmas and gathered in Dr Hadley's backyard for a shoot-out. 2. (also penalty shoot-out) —<informal> [Soccer] a tiebreaker decided by each side taking a specified number of penalty kicks.

The girl at the bar egged me on to buy her a drink. I ended up buying a Dom Perignon.

To egg someone on means to incite a person to take a course of action, to encourage someone to do something, especially something socially unacceptable, something criminal or something dangerous. This phrase usually carries a negative connotation. The verb eggede, from which the phrase to egg someone on is derived, has been in the English language since approximately 1200. It is derived from the Old Norse word eggja, which means to incite or provoke. The idiom to egg someone on first appeared in the mid-1500s.

civility

/sɪˈvɪlɪti/

noun

formal politeness and courtesy in behaviour or speech.

"I hope we can treat each other with civility and respect"

austere

/ɔːˈstriə,pˈstriə/

adjective

severe or strict in manner or attitude.

"he was an austere man, with a rigidly puritanical outlook"

gaudy¹ /ˈɡɔːdi/ I. adjective extravagantly bright or showy, typically so as to be tasteless • silver bows and gaudy ribbons.

acetylene /əˈsetɪliːn/

prudential /prʊˈdɛnʃ(ə)l/ I. adjective involving or showing care and forethought, especially in business. • the US prudential rules prevented banks from lending more than fifteen per cent of their capital to any one borrower.

exhort

/ɪɡˈzɔːt,ɛɡˈzɔːt/

verb

strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something.

"I exhorted her to be a good child"

scooch

/skuːtʃ/

verb informal•North American

1.

crouch or squat.

"he scooched down and rubbed the dog's head"

2.

move in or pass through a tight or narrow space.

"waiters kept pressing against the table trying to scooch by"

pushover

/ˈpuʃ,əʊvə/

noun

1.

informal

a person who is easy to overcome or influence.

"Colonel Moore was benevolent but no pushover"

faux pas

/ˌfəʊˈpɑː/

noun

an embarrassing or tactless act or remark in a social situation.

"'I was suddenly sick in the back of their car'—it was years before he could confess his faux pas to them"

I committed a faux pas that my friends have never let me forget.

"Put it in layman's terms" which is asking to have a complex/technical concept explained in a way a regular person would understand.

retcon

/ˈrɛtkɒn/

noun

(in a film, television series, or other fictional work) a piece of new information that imposes a different interpretation on previously described events, typically used to facilitate a dramatic plot shift or account for an inconsistency.

"we're given a retcon for Wilf's absence from Donna's wedding in 'The Runaway Bride': he had Spanish Flu"

syd = Suck your dick.

Bottom line: the key point. The only part that really matters. The summary.

that may be behind it.

chock-full

/ˌtʃɒkˈfʊl/

adjective informal

filled to overflowing.

"my case is chock-full of notes"

chock

/tʃɒk/

a wedge or block placed against a wheel or rounded object, to prevent it from moving.

"their aircraft stood gently shuddering against their chocks"

"My cat done got loose" = my cat left the house unexpectedly