

finished

unsolicited

/ˌʌnsəˈlɪsɪtɪd/

adjective

not asked for; given or done voluntarily.

"unsolicited junk mail"

crickets

no reply or reaction at all; no spoken or written answer:

get crickets Don't you hate when you're talking to a group of people and you ask them a question and you get crickets?

I sent them two emails about it and basically, crickets.

You're wearing that inside out.

I wore my clothes backwards. play icon

I accidentally wore my clothes backwards.

yesteryear

/ˈjestəjɪə, ˈjestəjə:/

noun LITERARY

last year or the recent past, especially as nostalgically recalled.

"return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear"

astringent

/əˈstrɪn(d)ʒ(ə)nt/

adjective

1.

causing the contraction of skin cells and other body tissues.

"an astringent skin lotion"

stringent

/ˈstrɪn(d)ʒ(ə)nt/

adjective

(of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting.

"stringent guidelines on air pollution"

placate

/pləˈkeɪt/

verb

make (someone) less angry or hostile.

"they attempted to placate the students with promises"

mull1

/mʌl/

verb

think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.

"she began to mull over the various possibilities"

Flotation, also known as "going public," is the process of converting a private company into a public company by issuing shares available for the public to purchase.

staffer

/ˈstɑːfə/

nounNORTH AMERICAN

a member of the staff of an organization, especially of a newspaper.

"staffers on the New York Times"

frenetic

/frɪˈnɛtɪk/

adjective

fast and energetic in a rather wild and uncontrolled way.

"a frenetic pace of activity"

associate

verb

/əˈsəʊʃieɪt, əˈsəʊsɪeɪt/

Was Japanese always moraic?

alternately /ɔːlˈtɜːnɪli/

I'm a beginner at English. play icon

I'm still learning English.

to shoot or shoot at especially recklessly

cowboys shooting up the town

porous

/ˈpɔːrəs/

password

/ˈpɑːswɜːd/

inhibit

/ɪnˈhɪbɪt/

verb

1.

hinder, restrain, or prevent (an action or process).

"cold inhibits plant growth"

feral

/ˈfɛrəl, ˈfɪərəl/

(of a young person) behaving in a wildly undisciplined and antisocial way.  
"gangs of feral youths"

If you say that something is true to an extent, to some extent, or to a certain extent, you mean that it is partly but not completely true.

randy  
/'randi/  
adjective  
1.  
INFORMAL  
sexually aroused or excited.  
"as nervous as a randy adolescent on a hot date"

waive  
/weɪv/  
verb  
refrain from insisting on or using (a right or claim).  
"he will waive all rights to the money"

palaeobiology  
/,pəliəʊbɪ'ɒlədʒi,,peɪliəʊbɪ'ɒlədʒi/  
noun  
the biology of fossil animals and plants.

bipartisan  
/,bɪpɑːtɪ'zæn,bɪ'pɑːtɪz(ə)n/  
adjective  
adjective: bi-partisan  
involving the agreement or cooperation of two political parties that usually oppose each other's policies.  
"the reforms received considerable bipartisan approval"

crisis  
(plural crises /'kraɪsiːz/

manor  
/'manə/  
noun  
1.  
a large country house with lands.  
"a Tudor manor house in the English countryside"

shore /ʃɔː/  
support or hold up something with props or beams.  
"rescue workers had to shore up the building, which was in danger of collapse"

shore something up

to stop a wall or a building from falling down by supporting it with building materials such as wood or metal:

Boundary walls have had to be shored up.

earmark

/ˈɪəmə:k/

verb

1.

designate (funds or resources) for a particular purpose.

"the cash had been earmarked for a big expansion of the programme"

exacerbate

/ɪgˈzæsəbeɪt, ɛgˈzæsəbeɪt/

verb

make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

"the exorbitant cost of land in urban areas only exacerbated the problem"

hustle

/ˈhʌsl/

obtain illicitly or by forceful action.

"Linda hustled money from men she met"

pressure someone into doing something.

"don't be hustled into anything unless you really want to"

hassle

/ˈhasl/

INFORMAL

noun

irritating inconvenience.

"all the hassle involved in travel"

I was put off by the way he talked to me.

His stinky feet turned me off.

dribble

/ˈdrɪbl/

verb

1.

(of a liquid) fall slowly in drops or a thin stream.

"rain dribbled down the window"

play something by ear

phrase of play

perform music without having to read from a score.

"she could play both by ear and by reading"

INFORMAL

proceed instinctively according to results and circumstances rather than according to rules or a plan.

"we'll just have to play it by ear until we can get something definite sorted out"

It's beyond a shadow of a doubt.

"he was born at the turn of the century"

"we are now in the 21st century"

"For a full list of batsmen who scored a century on Test debut, [click here.](#)"

"he scored the only century of the tour"

"after nearly half a century of civil war, there is peace"

"a century ago most people walked to work"

"the company has been on its present site for over a century"

"Andrew Flintoff has just become the eighth English batsman to score a century this summer."

"there has been a century of technical progress"

"the book is by an eighteenth-century philosopher"

meteor

/ˈmiːtɪə, ˈmiːtɔː/

it's a wrap

a phrase used in film making to tell actors and crew that filming of a particular scene, film, etc. has finished

nostalgic

/nɒˈstaldʒɪk/

adjective

feeling, evoking, or characterised by nostalgia.

"he remained nostalgic about the good old days"

Talking about our old family holidays has made me feel all nostalgic.

We'll take a nostalgic look at the musical hits of the 60s.

taint /teɪnt/

noun

a trace of a bad or undesirable substance or quality.

"the lingering taint of creosote"

plaintive

/ˈpleɪntɪv/

adjective

sounding sad and mournful.

"a plaintive cry"

comedically /kəˈmiːdɪkli/

incisive

/ɪnˈsʌɪsɪv/

adjective

1.

(of a person or mental process) intelligently analytical and clear-thinking.

"she was an incisive critic"

spate

/speɪt/

noun

1.

a large number of similar things coming in quick succession.

"a spate of attacks on holidaymakers"

in spate

phrase of spate

(of a river) overflowing due to a sudden flood.

proceeding vigorously; continuing without pause.

"the Battle of Britain was in full spate"

vanilla

/vəˈnɪlə/

tinker

/ˈtɪŋkə/

attempt to repair or improve something in a casual or desultory way.

"he spent hours tinkering with the car"

smoosh

/smuːʃ/

verb INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

squash, crush, or flatten.

"use a sharp knife so as not to smoosh the broccoli"

.a certain type of player.

...a sort of tower.

...a kind of dance.

...an exotic breed of dog.

Sort of / kind of / type of are usually followed by an uncountable noun or a singular countable noun with no article, but a / an is sometimes retained in an informal style:

What sort of (a) / kind of (a) / type of (a) dance is that?

to no avail

idiom

: without success

They tried to discuss the issue calmly, but to no avail.

nag /nag/

verb

harass (someone) constantly to do something that they are averse to.

"she constantly nags her daughter about getting married"

run amok

phrase of amok

behave uncontrollably and disruptively.

"the kids are running amok around the house"

full-fledged

fully developed : TOTAL, COMPLETE

a full-fledged biography

2

: having attained complete status

full-fledged lawyer

guinea

/ˈɡɪni/

Parents often give their children rewards for passing exams.

reward

/rɪˈwɔːd/

noun

a thing given in recognition of service, effort, or achievement.

"the holiday was a reward for 40 years' service with the company"

flagellate<sup>1</sup>

/ˈflædʒɪleɪt/

verb

flog (someone), either as a religious discipline or for sexual gratification.

"he flagellated himself with branches"

flog

/flog/

verb

1.

beat (someone) with a whip or stick as a punishment.

"the men had been flogged and branded on the forehead"

seedy

/ˈsiːdi/

adjective

1.

sordid and disreputable.

"his seedy affair with a soft-porn starlet"

salubrious

/sə'ljʊ:brɪəs/

adjective

health-giving; healthy.

"odours of far less salubrious origin"

intrepid

/ɪn'treɪpɪd/

adjective

fearless; adventurous (often used for rhetorical or humorous effect).

"our intrepid reporter"

salon

/'salɒn/

overdraft

/'əʊvədrɑ:ft/

noun

a deficit in a bank account caused by drawing more money than the account holds.

"when I left Cambridge I had a £900 overdraft"

How do you go about living with guilt when the guilt is well-deserved?

aesthetic

/i:s'θetɪk,əs'θetɪk/

I'm going to the beauty salon

cleaver /'kli:və/

a heavy knife with a large square blade:

a meat cleaver

I was put off by the way he talked to me.

lactose

/'laktəʊz/

no mean feat/achievement/task etc

something that is very difficult to do, so that someone who does it deserves to be admired

They sold 1 million cards in the first year of business – no mean feat, given the problems many businesses are facing.

bestow

/bɪ'stəʊ/



verb

confer or present (an honour, right, or gift).

"the office was bestowed on him by the monarch of this realm"

pucker

/ˈpʌkə/

verb

past tense: puckered; past participle: puckered

(especially with reference to a person's face) tightly gather or contract into wrinkles or small folds.

"the child's face puckered, ready to cry"

Amish (/ˈɑːmɪʃ/

feral

/ˈfɛrəl, ˈfɪərəl/

adjective

(especially of an animal) in a wild state, especially after escape from captivity or domestication.

"a feral cat"

impalpable adjective

/ɪmˈpælpəbl/

that cannot be felt physically

a few bulbs short of a chandelier

Dim-witted, not too bright. The "of" is included optionally.

horse-and-buggy

of or relating to the era before the advent of certain socially revolutionising inventions (such as the automobile)

forthcoming

/ˈfɔːθˈkʌmɪŋ/

adjective

1.

about to happen or appear.

"the forthcoming cricket season"

ready or made available when wanted or needed.

"financial support was not forthcoming"

scold

/skəʊld/

verb

remonstrate with or rebuke (someone) angrily.

"Mum took Anna away, scolding her for her bad behaviour"

Blue balls is a slang term to refer to a mildly painful feeling in the testicles of unrelieved sexual arousal. It can also refer to "sexual frustration" in general.

scald /skɔːld/

verb

past tense: scalded; past participle: scalded

injure with very hot liquid or steam.

"the tea scalded his tongue"

frugal

/'fruːgl/

adjective

sparing or economical as regards money or food.

"I'm a bit too frugal to splash out on designer clothes"

hell-bent

adjective

determined to achieve something at all costs.

"she's hell-bent on leaving"

get the best of (someone or something)

To overwhelm, take control, or gain an advantage over someone or something.

I never intend to be mean to Helena, but my nastiness gets the best of me whenever I'm around her.

Don't let him get the best of you—just ignore him!

We had the best of this game until the other team tied the score.

be done for

1. To be in jeopardy or doomed.

If the boss finds out that I was the one who messed up that report, I'm done for!

Now that mom knows about it, our scheme is done for.

2. To be about to break or stop working, as of a machine.

The blender stopped working again this morning, so I really think it's done for.

3. To be certain that one is about to die.

Leave me behind—I'm done for! There's no way I can survive this wound.

The correct phrase is "police are coming" because "police" is a plural noun, and therefore, requires a plural verb.

doff

/dɒf/

verb

remove (an item of clothing).

to take off your hat, especially to show respect for someone or something

He doffed his hat to her as she passed in her carriage.

heart skips a beat

used to say that someone is suddenly very surprised, excited, or nervous about something

When I learned I was on live television, my heart skipped a beat.

The shocking news made her heart skip a beat.

If you "save up money", you are generally saving it for something in particular that you want to buy later. Example: save up money for college.

If you "save money", you are setting it aside, but it may or may not have a specific purpose.

hog /hɒg/

If you hog something, you take all of it in a greedy or impolite way.

[informal]

Have you done hogging the bathroom?

punchy

/ˈpʌŋ(t)ʃi/

adjective

1.

having an immediate impact; forceful.

"his style is journalistic, with short punchy sentences"

sound bite

noun

plural noun: soundbites

a short extract from a recorded interview or speech, chosen for its succinctness or concision.

sinuous

/ˈsɪnjuəs/

adjective

having many curves and turns.

"the river follows a sinuous trail through the dale"

It's a slight difference in connotation. "A good reason" implies "a single good reason," it implies that there is or is not a compelling reason so there's the sense of a particular reason.

"For good reason" implies that reason is a bulk quantity, like sugar. There's some measure of reason.

be not above something

be not above doing something

to be willing to do something, especially something that is not what people expect you to do or think you should do:

He's not above lying to protect himself.

For all her high mindedness, she was not above certain small deceits.  
Despite being assistant director, he was not above taking out the rubbish or sweeping the floor.

holt1

/həʊlt/

noun

1.

the den of an otter.

2.

DIALECT•NORTH AMERICAN

a grip or hold.

"if you're lucky enough to get a holt to an alligator tail"

placenta

/plə'sentə/

noun

1.

a flattened circular organ in the uterus of pregnant eutherian mammals, nourishing and maintaining the fetus through the umbilical cord.

levy /'levi/

verb

1.

impose (a tax, fee, or fine).

"a tax of two per cent was levied on all cargoes"

Stocktake is when you check the inventory. It is a task that takes a long time

An inventory count has to be done after work. I'm never getting out of here on time.

pay through the nose

phrase of pay

INFORMAL

pay much more than a fair price.

"they paid through the nose for one-to-one intensive tuition"

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"

消費税 (consumption tax) is sometimes called 税 (tax). I guess poor translation might be the cause of this trouble.

does this sound natural?

embezzlement

/ɪmˈbɛzlm(ə)nt, ɛmˈbɛzlm(ə)nt/

noun

theft or misappropriation of funds placed in one's trust or belonging to one's employer.

"charges of fraud and embezzlement"

egregious

/ɪˈɡriːdʒəs/

adjective

1.

outstandingly bad; shocking.

"egregious abuses of copyright"

be in cahoots (with somebody)

(informal) to be planning or doing something dishonest with somebody else

A banker and a government minister were in cahoots over a property deal.

It's reckoned that someone in the government was in cahoots with the assassin.

don /dɒn/

verb

gerund or present participle: donning

put on (an item of clothing).

"in the dressing room the players donned their football shirts"

jocular

/ˈdʒɒkjʊlə/

adjective

fond of or characterised by joking; humorous or playful.

"she sounded in a jocular mood"

nightcap

/ˈnaɪtkap/

noun

noun: night-cap

1.

HISTORICAL

a cap worn in bed.

2.

a hot or alcoholic drink taken before bedtime.

explain oneself

in American English

1. to make clear what one means

2. to give reasons justifying one's conduct

pertinent

/ˈpɜːtɪnənt/

adjective

relevant or applicable to a particular matter; apposite.

"she asked me a lot of very pertinent questions"

pertain

/pəˈteɪn/

verb

verb: pertain; 3rd person present: pertains; past tense: pertained; past participle: pertained;

gerund or present participle: pertaining

1.

be appropriate, related, or applicable to.

"matters pertaining to workplace conditions"

anaemia

/əˈniːmiə/

noun

noun: anaemia; noun: anemia

a condition in which there is a deficiency of red cells or of haemoglobin in the blood, resulting in pallor and weariness.

I always heard shit as the past tense of shit until I went to the UK, then I heard shat for the first time.

A law-abiding person always obeys the law and is considered to be good and honest because of this.

The Prime Minister said: 'I am anxious that the law should protect decent law-abiding citizens and their property.'

decadent

/ˈdɛkəd(ə)nt/

adjective

characterised by or reflecting a state of moral or cultural decline.

"a decaying, decadent Britain"

a person who is luxuriously self-indulgent.

"for half a million dollars, he offers rich decadents the chance to lead a deadly safari"

churro

/ˈtʃʊ.rəʊ/

I decided to play hooky and go see a movie instead.

brink /brɪŋk/

the extreme edge of land before a steep slope or a body of water.

"the brink of the cliffs"

a point at which something, typically something unwelcome, is about to happen; the verge.  
"the country was on the brink of a constitutional crisis"

gruff

/grʌf/

adjective

(of a voice) rough and low in pitch.

"she spoke with a gruff, masculine voice"

I intended to tidy the flat at the weekend, but I didn't get round to it.

It's been at the back of my mind to call José for several days now, but I haven't got round to it yet.

He never did get around to putting up the shelves.

After weeks of putting it off, she finally got around to painting the bedroom.

Did you get round to doing the shopping?

something that you have intended or would like to do:

I wanted to see that movie but never got around to it.

I still haven't got around to fixing that tap.

To send a letter at the post office, you will need a stamp.

divvy1

/ˈdɪvi/

INFORMAL

verb

share out.

"they divvied up the proceeds"

porch

/pɔːtʃ/

noun

a covered shelter projecting in front of the entrance of a building.

"the north porch of Hereford Cathedral"

informal to earn a particular amount of money as a profit after tax has been paid

I was netting around \$64,000 a year.

net something to earn an amount of money as a profit after you have paid tax on it

The sale of paintings netted £17 000.

The team have negotiated a sponsorship deal which should net them £30 000 over the next nine months.

net somebody/something to catch someone or obtain something in a skillful way

A swoop by customs officers netted a large quantity of drugs.

varmint

/ˈvɑːmɪnt/

noun INFORMAL • DIALECT

a troublesome wild animal.

a troublesome and mischievous person, especially a child.

attune

/əˈtjuːn/

verb

make receptive or aware.

"a society more attuned to consumerism than ideology"

accustom or acclimatise.

"students are not attuned to making decisions"

tenacity

/tɪˈnæsɪti/

noun

the quality or fact of being able to grip something firmly; grip.

"the sheer tenacity of the limpet"

plumb<sup>1</sup>

/plʌm/

verb

1.

measure (the depth of a body of water).

"I plumbed the depth and found the bottom of the shelf to be seven metres down"

plumb<sup>2</sup>

/plʌm/

verb BRITISH

verb: plumb; 3rd person present: plumbs; past tense: plumbed; past participle: plumbed;

gerund or present participle: plumbing

install an appliance such as a bath, toilet, or washing machine and connect to water and drainage pipes.

"he had plumbed in a second-hand washing machine"

inoculate

/ɪˈnɒkjʊleɪt/

verb

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

"most of the troops had been inoculated against anthrax"

nest egg

noun

1.

a sum of money saved for the future.



"I worked hard to build up a nice little nest egg"

go overboard

phrase of overboard

1.

be very enthusiastic.

"Garry went overboard for you"

2.

react in an immoderate way.

"Chris has a bit of a temper and can sometimes go overboard"

go south

phrase of south

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

fall in value, deteriorate, or fail.

"Lazio saw his poll numbers go south almost immediately"

shipshape

/ˈʃɪpʃeɪp, ˌʃɪpˈʃeɪp/

adjective

in good order; trim and neat.

"he checked that everything was shipshape"

bend over

To bend one's upper body forward and down while standing or kneeling.

I had to bend over to see all the way down there.

bijou

/ˈbiːʒuː/

confession noun

/kənˈfɛʃn/

[countable, uncountable] a statement that a person makes, admitting that they are guilty of a crime; the act of making such a statement

After hours of questioning by police, she made a full confession.

His confession was extracted under torture.

ruse /ruːz/

noun

an action intended to deceive someone; a trick.

"Emma tried to think of a ruse to get Paul out of the house"

accrue

/əˈkruː/

verb

(of a benefit or sum of money) be received by someone in regular or increasing amounts over time.

"financial benefits will accrue from restructuring"

accrete

/əˈkri:t/

verb

grow by accumulation or coalescence.

"ice that had accreted grotesquely into stalactites"

making a face doesn't only mean frowning. You can eat a lemon slice and make a face, i.e. you scrunch your face up because it's very sour. Raise eyebrows is 😬 literally the eyebrows go up

scrunch

/skrʌn(t)/

to make your face or part of your face into a tight shape in order to show an emotion, or to go into a tight shape that expresses an emotion:

He was red with anger and his face was all scrunched up.

(I'll be/I'm) damned if ...

spoken not polite used to make a negative statement in a strong way

'Where's Wally?' 'Damned if I know.' (=I don't know)

I'll be damned if I can find my keys (=I can't find them).

I'll be damned if I let him in the house (=I won't let him in).

have something down pat

phrase of pat

have something memorised perfectly.

"she had the baby's medical routine down pat"

clincher

/ˈklɪn(t)ʃə/

noun

a fact, argument, or event that settles a matter conclusively.

"Sixsmith scored the clincher after 81 minutes"

wistful /ˈwɪs(t)ful, ˈwɪs(t)f(ə)/ I. adjective having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing • a wistful smile.

con /kɒn/

INFORMAL

verb

persuade (someone) to do or believe something by lying to them.

"I conned him into giving me your home number"

cut (someone) off at the knees

in American English

to squelch or humiliate (a person) suddenly and thoroughly

The speaker cut the heckler off at the knees

promotion

/prə'məʊʃn/

[uncountable, countable] a move to a more important job or rank in a company or an organisation

The new job is a promotion for him.

promotion to something Her promotion to Sales Manager took everyone by surprise.

a job with excellent promotion prospects

go down as/in something

to be remembered or recorded in a particular way:

Hurricane Katrina will go down as one of the worst storms of this century.

He doesn't want to go down in the record books as the guy who walked away from his main responsibility.

go back on

phrasal verb of go

fail to keep a promise.

"he wouldn't go back on his word"

dole /dəʊl/

INFORMAL•BRITISH

benefit paid by the state to the unemployed.

"they are receiving the dole"

distribute shares of something.

"the scanty portions of food doled out to them"

There are little to no apples left.

wear little to no makeup

debacle

/deɪ'bak(ə)/

noun

a sudden and ignominious failure; a fiasco.

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

tune out one's critics

infallible

/ɪn'faliːbl/

adjective

incapable of making mistakes or being wrong.

"doctors are not infallible"

hone in on

home in on something

to direct your thoughts or attention towards something

The detectives honed in on the suspect.

continent adjective

/ˈkɒntɪnənt/

(formal) connected with the control of your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

OPPOSITE incontinent

armamentarium

/ˌɑːməməntənˈtɜːrɪəm/

noun

the medicines, equipment, and techniques available to a medical practitioner.

"the leeches of the medieval armamentarium are making a comeback in modern medicine"

psyched

/saɪkt/

adjective INFORMAL

excited and full of anticipation.

"we've told him you were coming—he's really psyched"

squirrel

/ˈskwɪrəl/

triage

/ˈtriːɑːʒ/

noun

the preliminary assessment of patients or casualties in order to determine the urgency of their need for treatment and the nature of treatment required.

"the clinic will be dedicated to the triage and treatment of patients with respiratory illnesses"

condone

/kənˈdəʊn/

verb

accept (behaviour that is considered morally wrong or offensive).

"the college cannot condone any behaviour that involves illicit drugs"

institution

/ˌɪnstɪˈtjuːʃn/

an established law or practice.

"the institution of marriage"

abase

/əˈbeɪs/

verb

behave in a way that belittles or degrades (someone).

"I watched my colleagues abasing themselves before the board of trustees"

meagre

/ˈmiːgə/

adjective

adjective: meager

(of something provided or available) lacking in quantity or quality.

"they were forced to supplement their meagre earnings"

abase

/əˈbeɪs/

verb

behave in a way that belittles or degrades (someone).

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arduous

/ˈɑːdjʊəs/

adjective

involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring.

"an arduous journey"

boisterous

/ˈbɔɪst(ə)rəs/

adjective

noisy, energetic, and cheerful.

"a group of boisterous lads"

aversion

/əˈvɜːʃn/

noun

a strong dislike or disinclination.

"he had a deep-seated aversion to most forms of exercise"

antipathy

/ənˈtɪpəθi/

noun

a deep-seated feeling of aversion.

"his fundamental antipathy to capitalism"

aptitude

/ˈaptɪtjuːd/

noun

1.

a natural ability to do something.

"children with an aptitude for painting and drawing"

contraband

/ˈkɒntreɪbænd/

noun

goods that have been imported or exported illegally.

"customs men had searched the carriages for contraband"

adjective

[uncountable]

goods that are illegally taken into or out of a country

contraband goods

to smuggle contraband

riddle2 /'rɪdl/

verb

verb: riddle; 3rd person present: riddles; past tense: riddled; past participle: riddled; gerund or present participle: riddling

1.

make many holes in (someone or something), especially with gunshot.

"his car was riddled by sniper fire"

pass (a substance) through a large coarse sieve.

"for final potting, the soil mixture is not riddled"

snag /snag/

noun

1.

an unexpected or hidden obstacle or drawback.

"there's one small snag"

morale

/mə'reɪl/

obsolete

/'ɒbsəli:t/

cosmetic /kɒz'metɪk/

adjective

1.

relating to treatment intended to restore or improve a person's appearance.

"cosmetic surgery"

You may think what someone is doing is foolish, and/or not worth the money. But if they are willing to spend the money, it's "their nickel".

A similar phrase would be to say something is "on my dime", which means I am paying for it. Or if you are inviting me out for drinks, and I say it's "on your dime," that means you're paying.

chapstick

/'tʃæpstɪk/

TRADEMARK

noun

plural noun: chapsticks

a small stick of a cosmetic substance used to prevent chapping of the lips.

good for you

phrase of good

used to express praise or approval of something said or done, or enjoyment in a person's success or good fortune.

"'I'm having driving lessons and taking my test next month.' 'Good for you!'"

If your heart isn't in it, you do not feel interested or enthusiastic about something:

I tried to look interested, but my heart wasn't in it.

omnipotent

/ɒmˈnɪpəʊ(ə)nt/

adjective

(of a deity) having unlimited power.

"God is described as omnipotent and benevolent"

crip

/krɪp/

noun

1.

OFFENSIVE•NORTH AMERICAN

a disabled person.

mow<sup>1</sup>

/məʊ/

verb

cut down (grass) with a machine.

"mow the lawn a day or two before you go, so it stays looking tidy while you are away"

mow the lawn

idiom

: to cut the grass on a lawn with a lawn mower

Prague

/praːg/

shaved ice

a sweet food made from ice shaved (= cut in thin strips) from a block, with a sweet tasting liquid added, or an amount of this food in a container:

They have so many different flavours of shaved ice.

He likes to go the Plaza to buy a shaved ice with his children.

He pulled out his wallet and paid for the shaved ice.

concise

/kənˈsaɪs/

adjective

giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.  
"a concise account of the country's history"

Doug  
/dʌg/

narc on  
to give information (as of another's wrongdoing) especially to an authority : SNITCH,  
INFORM —often used with on  
Luckily, no one narked on us because we were breaking a ton of rules.

livid  
/'lɪvɪd/  
adjective  
1.  
furiously angry.  
"he was livid that Garry had escaped"

bring down the hammer (on one)  
To very strongly rebuke, criticise, condemn, or punish one.  
The principal brought down the hammer on Mark because of that prank he pulled in class yesterday.  
I can't sneak out—I'm already grounded, and my parents have sworn they'll bring down the hammer if I break the rules again.

Is "Says you" grammatically correct?

No, it is not grammatically correct, but is considered correct in a vernacular or informal conversation.

It should be "Say you!" or "So say you!" or "That's what you say!" But in conversation, the other person is characterized as a third-party authority (such as an umpire in a baseball game) and therefore the third-person singular tends to be used.

gourd  
/ɡʊəd,ɡɔːd/  
noun  
1.

a fleshy, typically large fruit with a hard skin, some varieties of which are edible.

codswallop  
/'kɒdz,wɒləp/  
noun INFORMAL • BRITISH  
nonsense.  
"I think that's a right load of old codswallop"

wallop  
/'wɒləp/



## INFORMAL

verb

strike or hit very hard.

"they walloped the back of his head with a stick"

lustre /'lʌstə/

a gentle sheen or soft glow.

"the lustre of the Milky Way"

lacklustre

/'læk,lʌstə/

adjective

adjective: lack-lustre

1.

lacking in vitality, force, or conviction; uninspired or uninspiring.

"no excuses were made for the team's lacklustre performance"

pantyhose

/ˈpantɪhəʊz/

noun NORTH AMERICAN

women's thin nylon tights.

You use and all that or and that to refer generally to everything else which is associated with what you have just mentioned.

[informal, vagueness]

I'm not a cook myself but I am interested in nutrition and all that.

Upskirting or upskirt photography is the practice of taking photographs under a person's skirt or kilt,[1] capturing an image of the crotch area, underwear, and sometimes genitalia.

on the nose

phrase of nose

1.

to a person's sense of smell.

"the wine is pungently smoky and peppery on the nose"

2.

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

precisely.

"at ten on the nose the van pulled up"

plethora

/ˈplɛθ(ə)rə/

noun

1.

a large or excessive amount of something.

"a plethora of committees and subcommittees"

pretence

/prɪ'tɛns/

noun

1.

an attempt to make something that is not the case appear true.

"his anger is masked by a pretence that all is well"

disparaging

/dɪ'spɑːɪdʒɪŋ/

adjective

adjective: disparaging

expressing the opinion that something is of little worth; derogatory.

"disparaging remarks about council houses"

osmosis

/ɒz'məʊsɪs/

noun

1.

BIOLOGY•CHEMISTRY

a process by which molecules of a solvent tend to pass through a semipermeable membrane from a less concentrated solution into a more concentrated one.

2.

the process of gradual or unconscious assimilation of ideas, knowledge, etc.

"by some strange political osmosis, private reputations became public"

tantamount

/'tʌntəmaʊnt/

adjective

equivalent in seriousness to; virtually the same as.

"the resignations were tantamount to an admission of guilt"

suck off

phrasal verb of suck

VULGAR SLANG

perform fellatio on someone.

break it up!

said to stop people fighting:

Break it up, you two!

prowess

/'praʊɪs/

noun

1.

skill or expertise in a particular activity or field.

"his prowess as a fisherman"

pent-up

adjective

1.

(of emotions, energy, etc.) unable to be expressed or released.

"pent-up frustrations"

2.

closely confined or held back.

"a surge of pent-up water"

vie

/vʌɪ/

verb

compete eagerly with someone in order to do or achieve something.

"the athletes were vying for a place in the British team"

fibrillate

/ˈfɪbrɪleɪt, ˈfʌɪbrɪleɪt/

verb

1.

(of a muscle, especially in the heart) make a quivering movement due to uncoordinated contraction of the individual fibrils.

defibrillator

/diː ˈfɪbrɪleɪtə/

noun MEDICINE

an apparatus used to control heart fibrillation by application of an electric current to the chest wall or heart.

boogaloo

/ˌbuːgəˈluː/

US

noun

a dance to rock-and-roll music performed with swivelling and shuffling movements of the body, originally popular in the 1960s.

extravaganza

/ɪkˌstrævəˈganzə, ɛkˌstrævəˈganzə/

noun

an elaborate and spectacular entertainment or production.

"an extravaganza of dance in many forms"

She was wearing a dressing gown, her arms were tied behind her back with a scarf and there was a nylon stocking around her right ankle.

stocking

/ˈstɒkɪŋ/

noun

a women's garment, typically made of translucent nylon or silk, that fits closely over the foot and is held up by suspenders or an elasticated strip at the upper thigh.

stocking filler

noun

plural noun: stocking fillers

a small present suitable for putting in a Christmas stocking.

phase /feɪz/

adjust the phase of (something), especially so as to synchronize it with something else.

"about 70% of the reflections were phased by this method"

mingle

/ˈmɪŋɡl/

move among and engage with others at a social function.

"a chance to mingle with celebs"

diaphragm

/ˈdʌɪəfrəm/

noun

1.

a dome-shaped muscular partition separating the thorax from the abdomen in mammals. It plays a major role in breathing, as its contraction increases the volume of the thorax and so inflates the lungs.

save scum

tinder

/ˈtɪndə/

noun

dry, flammable material, such as wood or paper, used for lighting a fire.

"they slashed down the undergrowth for tinder"

skin up phrasal verb

skin up

(British English, informal) to make a cigarette containing marijuana

pellicle /ˈpɛlɪkl/

noun TECHNICAL

a thin skin, cuticle, membrane, or film.

gnarly

/ˈnɑːli/

INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

difficult, dangerous, or challenging.

"he'd taken a fall during a particularly gnarly practice session"

gen up

/dʒen/

British informal

to brief (someone) or study (something) in detail; make or become fully conversant with

I can only take over this job if I am properly genned up

gen up on Derek genned up on the country's history before going there.

Nobody eats bread for breakfast in my family.

tallow

/'tæləʊ/

noun

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

Ever since I started dating him, I feel like my feelings have been cooling off ... Could this be something like falling out of love?

devout

/dɪ'vaʊt/

adjective

having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.

"she was a devout Catholic"

glib /glɪb/

adjective

(of words or a speaker) fluent but insincere and shallow.

"the glib phrases soon roll off the tongue"

rancid

/'ransɪd/

adjective

(of foods containing fat or oil) smelling or tasting unpleasant as a result of being old and stale.

"rancid meat"

rancorous

/'rɒŋk(ə)rəs/

adjective

characterised by bitterness or resentment.

"sixteen miserable months of rancorous disputes"

procure

/prə'kjʊə, prə'kjoː/

verb

1.

obtain (something), especially with care or effort.

"food procured for the rebels"

cut a fart  
slang To pass gas; to fart.  
All right, who cut a fart in here?

"Just so you know" is a phrase we use when we are giving a piece of information that we are not obligated to give. It implies that the information given is simply a courtesy.

guerrilla  
/gə'ɹɪlə,ge'ɹɪlə/  
noun  
noun: guerilla  
a member of a small independent group taking part in irregular fighting, typically against larger regular forces.  
"this town fell to the guerrillas"

pick at  
phrasal verb of pick  
1.  
repeatedly pull at something with one's fingers.  
"the old woman was picking at the sheet"  
2.  
eat food in small amounts or without much appetite.  
"she picked at her breakfast"

spindly  
/'spɪndli/  
adjective  
long or tall and thin.  
"spindly arms and legs"

intrigue  
/ɪn'tri:g,'ɪntri:g/  
the secret planning of something illicit or detrimental.  
"the cabinet was a nest of intrigue"

envelop  
/ɪn'veləp,ɛn'veləp/

Sharpie is a brand of writing implements (mainly permanent markers) manufactured by Newell Brands, a public company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

knee-deep  
/ˌniː'di:p/  
adjective  
submerged to or reaching as high as the knees.  
"the water was knee-deep on Main Street"

spit valve  
n. Informal  
A water key.

I think you mean "porta potty"? It's a portable toilet.

divert  
/dʌɪ'və:t,dɪ'və:t/

I often use eye drops.

parkour  
/pɑ:'kɔ:/

If something goes hand in hand with something else, it is closely related to it and happens at the same time as it or as a result of it:

Prosperity goes hand in hand with investment.

prop  
An item placed on a stage or set to create a scene or scenario in which actors perform.  
They used the trophy as a prop in the movie.

club /klʌb/  
noun: club; plural noun: clubs

1.  
a heavy stick with a thick end, used as a weapon.  
"they beat him with a wooden club"

funnel  
/'fʌnl/  
noun  
1.  
a tube or pipe that is wide at the top and narrow at the bottom, used for guiding liquid or powder into a small opening.

revere  
/rɪ'veɪə/  
verb  
feel deep respect or admiration for (something).  
"Cézanne's still lifes were revered by his contemporaries"

bide one's time  
phrase of bide  
wait quietly for a good opportunity to do something.  
"she patiently bided her time before making an escape bid"

buzzard

/'bʌzəd/

noun

1.

a large hawklike bird of prey with broad wings and a rounded tail, often seen soaring in wide circles.

knead

/ni:d/

In order to teach the job efficiently I decided to make a manual / handbook

When you use "kind of" to mean "type of" you don't need the article. This may be different in other parts of the English speaking world.

"The kind of man who..."

"The kind of thing that..."

When you use "kind of" to mean "somewhat" you can use the article.

"That's kind of a downer."

"He's kind of a jerk."

"It's kind of a treat."

I'd love to wear sleeveless tops in summer, but I don't want to show my flabby (upper) arms!

The two words are very interchangeable, but 'institute' is more commonly used to refer to academic organisations or campuses and 'institution' is more commonly used for organisations or campuses which provide a public service.

There were also graphic images of workers covered in dust on the ground on site.

"Until the structure changes we cannot get on site and start building."

There are two restaurants on site.

Let's ask the station attendant where the lost and found is.

textile /'tɛkstʌɪl/

a type of cloth or woven fabric.

"a fascinating range of pottery, jewellery, and textiles"

sucker punch

INFORMAL

noun

an unexpected punch or blow.



transient

/ˈtrænzɪənt, ˈtrɑːnzɪənt/

adjective

adjective: transient

lasting only for a short time; impermanent.

"a transient cold spell"

promiscuous

/prəˈmɪskjuəs/

adjective

1.

having or characterised by many transient sexual relationships.

"promiscuous teenagers"

accrue /əˈkruː/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. (of a benefit or sum of money) be received by someone in regular or increasing amounts over time • financial benefits will accrue from restructuring • (as adj. accrued) the accrued interest. 2. [with obj.] — accumulate or receive (payments or benefits) over time • they accrue entitlements to holiday pay.

peel something off (informal)

to remove some or all of your clothes

He peeled off his shirt.

If you say that someone is a cheapskate, you think that they are mean and do not like spending money.

hit

an instance of a particular website being accessed by a user.

"the site gets an average 350,000 hits a day"

If someone's qualities or habits rub off on you, you develop some of their qualities or habits after spending time with them.

He was a tremendously enthusiastic teacher and that rubbed off on all the children. [VERB PARTICLE + on]

I was hoping some of his genius might rub off.

beat someone to a pulp

to hit someone repeatedly until they are badly injured

It's about time we went.

leave someone/something in the dust

idiom

Add to word list

to easily defeat or be much better than someone or something:

She could leave every other runner in the dust.

The electronics manufacturer has reaped record profits and left rivals in the dust.

But they are not necessarily irrelevant in a broader sense.

sufficient

/sə'fɪʃnt/

adjective

enough; adequate.

"they had sufficient resources to survive"

This country is working to reforest desert areas. This country is promoting the ↑afforestation of [planting of trees in] desert areas.

Desert greening is the process of afforestation or revegetation of deserts for ecological restoration (biodiversity), sustainable farming and forestry, but also for reclamation of natural water systems and other ecological systems that support life. The term "desert greening" is intended to apply to both cold and hot arid and semi-arid deserts (see Köppen climate classification system).

"It don't matter" and "it doesn't matter" are semantically equivalent.

"It don't matter" goes against prescriptive grammar, but it is an extremely common usage in casual registers and various dialects.

Journalists have to work very quickly in order to meet their deadlines.

Working under pressure to meet a deadline had a motivating effect.

get/go back to (the) basics

idiom

: to return to a simpler way of doing something or thinking about something

The restaurant is getting back to basics in terms of food, using fresh ingredients to make simple, good food.

He's such a calculating person. He's always thinking about his own benefit, no matter what the situation is.

drudgery

/ˈdrʌdʒ(ə)ri/

noun

hard menial or dull work.

"domestic drudgery"

scarf down

(US) To eat something quickly. synonyms ▲ quotations ▼

Synonyms: wolf down, scoff

I plan to scarf down the rest of this sandwich and get back to work.

If you sleep in, you stay asleep in the morning for longer than you usually do.  
Yesterday, few players turned up because most slept in.

tapestry  
/'tæpɪstri/

Cat  
It's pronounced /kæt/  
It's pronounced as /kæt/  
It's pronounced like /kæt/  
All would be fine.

altercation  
/,ɒltə'keɪʃn/  
a noisy argument or disagreement, especially in public.  
"I had an altercation with the ticket collector"

I lied to her. Well, only half-lied. I was indeed sick

She felt so stupid. She'd never be able to live it down.

trough /troʊf/

topography  
/tə'pɒgrəfi,tə'pɒgrəfi/  
noun  
1.  
the arrangement of the natural and artificial physical features of an area.  
"the topography of the island"

tribulation  
/,trɪbjʊ'leɪʃn/  
noun  
noun: tribulation; plural noun: tribulations  
a cause of great trouble or suffering.  
"the tribulations of being a megastar"

My hair is getting thinner. The hair root may be weak.

follicle  
/'fɒlɪkl/  
noun  
1.

ANATOMY  
a small secretory cavity, sac, or gland.

verbose

/və(:)'bəʊs/

Learn to pronounce

adjective

using or expressed in more words than are needed.

"much academic language is obscure and verbose"

dud

/dʌd/

INFORMAL

noun

1.

a thing that fails to work properly or is otherwise unsatisfactory or worthless.

"all three bombs were duds"

condolence

/kən'dəʊləns/

have nothing/not much/a lot etc going for somebody/something

used to talk about how many advantages and good qualities someone or something has

It's a town that's got a lot going for it.

liquorice

/'lɪk(ə)rɪʃ, 'lɪk(ə)rɪs/

masticate

/'mæstɪkeɪt/

verb

chew (food).

"dentition affects how well food is masticated and absorbed"

raft1

/rɑ:ft/

noun

1.

a flat buoyant structure of timber or other materials fastened together, used as a boat or floating platform.

fleece /fli:s/

obtain a great deal of money from (someone), typically by overcharging or swindling them.

"the city's cab drivers are notorious for fixing fares and fleecing tourists"

cocktail sausage

noun [ C ] UK

UK /'kɒk.teɪl ,sɒs.ɪdʒ/

a small sausage, served hot or cold as a snack (= a small amount of food that is eaten between meals), especially at a party:

Vast supplies of teriyaki, cocktail sausages, vol-au-vents and other nibbles were on offer.

The supermarket is offering savings on party snacks such as mini-fajitas and cocktail sausages.

Pink eye is an inflammation of the transparent membrane that lines the eyelid and eyeball.

chimaera  
/kɪˈmɪərə, kɪˈmɪərə/

come together  
to begin to work or proceed in the desired way  
The project started slowly, but everything is finally starting to come together now.

wrangle  
/'rɒŋgl/  
noun  
a dispute or argument, typically one that is long and complicated.  
"an insurance wrangle is holding up compensation payments"

mellow  
/'meləʊ/  
adjective  
1.  
(especially of a sound, flavour, or colour) pleasantly smooth or soft; free from harshness.  
"she was hypnotised by the mellow tone of his voice"

thug  
/θʌg/  
noun  
1.  
a violent, aggressive person, especially one who is a criminal.  
"he was attacked by a gang of thugs"

WHAT DOES THUG LIFE MEAN?  
Especially in Black hip-hop culture, thug life refers to a determined and resilient attitude to succeed in life in spite of racism and injustice.

rut /rʌt/  
noun  
1.  
a long, deep track made by the repeated passage of the wheels of vehicles.  
"a stretch of road made impassable by ruts, holes, or waterlogging"

be clear of something  
to not be touching something, or to be past someone or something  
Wait to cross until the street is clear of cars.  
The curtains should be a couple of inches clear of the floor.

blitz

/blɪts/

noun

1.

an intensive or sudden military attack.

"a heavy artillery blitz"

mushy

/'mʌʃi/

Stilton is an English cheese

juxtapose

/ˌdʒʌkstə'pəʊz, 'dʒʌkstəpəʊz/

verb

place or deal with close together for contrasting effect.

"black-and-white photos of slums were starkly juxtaposed with colour images"

trawl

/trɔ:l/

verb

1.

fish with a trawl net or seine.

"the boats trawled for flounder"

slogan

/'sləʊɡ(ə)n/

noun

pre-eminent

/pri:'ɛmɪnənt/

adjective

adjective: preeminent

surpassing all others; very distinguished in some way.

"the world's pre-eminent expert on asbestos"

porn noun

/pɔ:n/

[uncountable] (informal, disapproving)

pornography

bring about

phrasal verb of bring

1.

cause something to happen.

"she brought about a revolution in psychoanalysis"

cylinder

/ˈsaɪlɪndə/

pyramid

/ˈpaɪrəˌmɪd/

banquette

/bəŋˈkɛt/

an upholstered bench along a wall, especially in a restaurant or bar.

Additional problems may occur in the early stage of the illness.

The project is in the early stages.

babble

/ˈbɑːbl/

verb

1.

talk rapidly and continuously in a foolish, excited, or incomprehensible way.

"they babbled on about their holiday"

bubble

/ˈbʌbl/

noun

1.

a thin sphere of liquid enclosing air or another gas.

"blowing bubbles is a favourite pastime of many children"

repetitive

/rɪˈpetɪtɪv/

repetition

/ˌrɛpɪˈtɪʃn/

iridescent

/ˌɪrɪˈdɛsnt/

adjective

showing luminous colours that seem to change when seen from different angles.

"the drake's head has an iridescent purple sheen"

feisty

/ˈfiːsti/

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"

snit

/snɪt/

noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

a fit of irritation; a sulk.

"the ambassador and delegation had withdrawn in a snit"

shout-out

Informal. a quick public expression of thanks, admiration, etc.:

I'd like to give a big shout-out to my mom who's in the audience tonight.

meeting noun

/ˈmiːtɪŋ/

[countable] an occasion when people come together to discuss or decide something to have/hold/call/attend a meeting

The meeting will be held in the school hall.

a committee/staff meeting

Leeroy Jenkins

fad

/fad/

noun

an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for something, especially one that is short-lived; a craze.

"some regard green politics as no more than the latest fad"

a style, activity, or interest that is very popular for a short period of time:

the latest health fad

fad for

There was a fad for wearing ripped jeans a few years ago.

spiffy

/ˈspɪfi/

adjective INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

smart in appearance.

"a spiffy new outfit"

moustache

/məˈstaːʃ/

cut from the same cloth

phrase of cut

of the same nature; similar.

"don't assume all women are cut from the same cloth"



I do say things like 'something needs doing, something wants doing', but never 'I want something doing, you want something doing'.

I don't need this happening right now!

diaphanous

/dʌɪ'əfənəs/

adjective

(especially of fabric) light, delicate, and translucent.

"a diaphanous dress of pale gold"

brassiere

/'brazɪə, 'brazɪɛ:/

bra

attire

/ə'tʌɪə/

FORMAL•LITERARY

noun

clothes, especially fine or formal ones.

"holiday attire"

calendar

/'kælɪndə/

colander

/'kʌləndə/

noun

a perforated bowl used to strain off liquid from food after washing or cooking.

realm /rɛlm/

nounARCHAIC•LITERARY

a kingdom.

"the defence of the realm"

pedometer

/pɪ'dɒmɪtə, pɛ'dɒmɪtə/

alter

/'ɔ:ltə, 'ɒltə/

succulent

/'sʌkjʊlənt/

adjective

1.

(of food) tender, juicy, and tasty.

"a succulent steak"

trough

/troʃ/

apparel

/əˈpærəl/

noun FORMAL • US

clothing.

"they were dressed in bright apparel"

alimony

/ˈalɪməni/

noun NORTH AMERICAN

financial support that a person is ordered by a court to give to their spouse during separation or following divorce; maintenance.

"he is said to have paid \$300,000 alimony to his first wife"

HAZMAT is an abbreviation for "hazardous materials."

blab

/blab/

INFORMAL

verb

reveal secrets by indiscreet talk.

"she blabbed to the press"

trundle

/ˈtrʌndl/

verb

(with reference to a wheeled vehicle or its occupants) move or cause to move slowly and heavily.

"ten vintage cars trundled past"

scram

/skram/

leave or go away from a place quickly.

"get out of here, you miserable wretches—scram!"

hygienic

/hʌɪˈdʒiːnɪk/

operable

/ˈɒp(ə)rəbl/

plum

/plʌm/

noun

1.

an oval fleshy fruit which is purple, reddish, or yellow when ripe and contains a flattish pointed stone.

To "cut to the chase" is to get to the point without wasting time. The saying originated from early film studios' silent films.

go ahead phrasal verb

1 to start to do something, especially after planning it or asking permission to do it with

They've decided to go ahead with plans to build 50 new houses on the site.

go ahead and do something

I went ahead and arranged the trip anyway.

trade up

Trading up means to get past your ex by finding someone better

You can't trade up from Danuta, you're just fucked for ever once you lose her!!

trade up phrasal verb

to replace something you own with something better, or buy a better type of thing than before

to/from

It also encourages existing home owners to trade up to larger accommodation.

Booster clubs are organizations in schools at the high school and university level.

semblance /'seɪbləns/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. the outward appearance or apparent form of something, especially when the reality is different • she tried to force her thoughts back into some semblance of order.

'A new low' refers to a persons 'lowest' or saddest point which is more disappointing than any situation in the past

'A new high' is the opposite, to reach a higher/ better level than ever before/ to reach the potential

boomerang

/'bu:məraŋ/

The sign board is tilted to the left.

Watching the sun set over the horizon is one of the most beautiful sights in the world

pet peeve

noun INFORMAL

something that a particular person finds especially annoying.

"one of my biggest pet peeves is poor customer service"

instigate

/'ɪnstɪɡeɪt/

verb

bring about or initiate (an action or event).

"they instigated a reign of terror"

pep

/pɛp/

INFORMAL

noun

energy and high spirits; liveliness.

"he was an enthusiastic player, full of pep"

pep talk

/'pɛp tɔ:k/

noun INFORMAL

a talk intended to make someone feel more courageous or enthusiastic.

"I was to meet my editor for a pep talk"

concession

/kən'sɛʃn/

noun

1.

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

"the government was unwilling to make any further concessions"

A concession stand (American English, Canadian English), snack kiosk or snack bar (British English, Irish English) is a place where patrons can purchase snacks or food at a cinema, amusement park, zoo, aquarium, circus, fair, stadium, beach, swimming pool, concert, sporting event, or other entertainment venue.

strep

A researcher discovers that there is an association between strep throat in puberty and coronary problems in middle age.

hit the gas

idiom

US

: to push down on the accelerator in a vehicle in a sudden and forceful way

She suddenly hit the gas and sped away.

clamour

/'klamə/

noun

a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.

"the questions rose to a clamour"

veto

/'vi:təʊ/

noun

a constitutional right to reject a decision or proposal made by a lawmaking body.  
"neither state was given a veto over amendments to the Act"

propensity

/prə(ʊ)'pɛnsɪti/

noun

an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.

"his propensity for violence"

To con, swindle, or deceive, especially financially.

The guy tried to hustle me into buying into a bogus real estate deal.

hassle

/'hasl/

subject (someone) to harassment or pressure to do something; harass or pester.

"you want to sit and relax and not get hassled"

on the regular

Regularly.

I used to go there on the regular, but I've been busy.

margarine

/ˌmɑːdʒəˈriːn/

"Says you" is an informal expression used to humorously dismiss or challenge someone's opinion or statement. It's often used to indicate that the speaker doesn't agree with what has been said. For example, if someone says, "You're always late," the response "Says you!" would indicate that the speaker believes the other person is also frequently late.

look whos talking

something you say when a person has said something about someone else, usually a criticism, that is true about the person themselves:

I'm lazy? Look who's talking!

Liz would say, "He's very controlling," and I'd say, "Look who's talking!"

Oh, look who's talking about things not being fair!

"You look so elegant." "Look who's talking! So do you!"

muddle

/'mʌdl/

verb

1.

bring into a disordered or confusing state.

"I fear he may have muddled the message"

muddle through

phrasal verb of muddle

cope in a more or less satisfactory way despite lack of expertise, planning, or equipment.

"while the children were young, we managed to muddle through"

hand-me-down

/ˈhɑn(d)mɪdaʊn/

noun

a garment or other item that has been passed on from another person.

"they received hand-me-downs and toys from relatives and friends"

He apparently did not think it worth mentioning that the boat's three 5,600 horsepower engines chug down about 1,000 gallons of fuel an hour at maximum cruising speed.

slug (down)

verb

Definition of slug (down)

as in to drink

to swallow in liquid form

slugging down endless bottles of water in the intense heat

knock oneself out

US —used to tell someone to go ahead and do something

"Do you mind if I use this exercise machine first?" "Knock yourself out."

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"

sultry

/ˈsʌltri/

adjective

1.

(of the air or weather) hot and humid.

"the sultry late summer weather had brought swarms of insects"

ovary

/ˈəʊv(ə)ri/

noun

noun: ovary; plural noun: ovaries

a female reproductive organ in which ova or eggs are produced, present in humans and other vertebrates as a pair.

It took several more days before government troops were able to restore a semblance of control.

construe

/kən'struː/

verb

1.

interpret (a word or action) in a particular way.

"his words could hardly be construed as an apology"

tops

at a maximum; at most:

It'll take an hour, tops. I'll give you \$25 for that, tops.

stand-off

/'standɒf/

noun

noun: standoff

1.

a deadlock between two equally matched opponents in a dispute or conflict.

"the 16-day-old stand-off was no closer to being resolved"

roving eye

noun

a tendency to flirt or be constantly looking to start a new sexual relationship.

"if his wife wasn't around, he had a roving eye"

What is the origin of the idiom "have a roving eye" and when to use it? The phrase is thought to have originated in the 19th century, when it was used to describe sailors who were away from home for long periods of time and were therefore more likely to be attracted to other women.

2

In expressions such as 'drop by', 'come by', 'bring someone by', etc, the word 'by' means 'here', or 'to my home'. It is mainly informal or conversational American English, and can usually be omitted without any change of meaning.

tide someone over help someone through a difficult period, especially with financial assistance • She needed a small loan to tide her over.

high point

(also high spot) British English an especially good part of an activity or event

The visit to the ancient capital city was one of the high points of the tour.

swipe /swaɪp/

verb INFORMAL

steal.

"someone swiped one of his sausages"

put a hold on

idiom

: to order that something is to be kept for a particular person or time

I asked the library to put a hold on the book for me.

malediction /ˌmælɪˈdɪkʃ(ə)n/ I. noun a magical word or phrase uttered with the intention of bringing about evil; a curse. • he muttered maledictions to himself as he trod the stone passages.

celibacy

/ˈsɛlɪbəsi/

noun

the state of abstaining from marriage and sexual relations.

"a priest who had taken a vow of celibacy"

Similar:

chastity

virginity

maidenhood

tap up

phrasal verb of tap

INFORMAL • BRITISH

approach a sports player unlawfully with a view to signing them to another club while they are still under contract with their current one.

conglomerate

noun

/kənˈglɒm(ə)rət/

inhibit

/ɪnˈhɪbɪt/

verb

1.

hinder, restrain, or prevent (an action or process).

"cold inhibits plant growth"

contumely

/ˈkɒntjuːmɪli, ˈkɒntjuːmli/

noun ARCHAIC

insolent or insulting language or treatment.

"the Church should not be exposed to gossip and contumely"

pillory

/ˈpɪl(ə)ri/

noun HISTORICAL

a wooden framework with holes for the head and hands, in which offenders were formerly imprisoned and exposed to public abuse.



exemplary

/ɪɡˈzempləri, ɛɡˈzempləri/

adjective

1.

serving as a desirable model; very good.

"exemplary behaviour"

pristine

/ˈprɪstɪn/

adjective

in its original condition; unspoilt.

"pristine copies of an early magazine"

ball up

in American English

slang

to make or become utterly confused; muddle

The records had been all balled up by inefficient file clerks

Tee-ball (also teeball, tee ball or T-ball) is a team sport based on a simplified form of baseball or softball.

woo /wuː/

verb

1.

seek the favour, support, or custom of.

"pop stars are being wooed by film companies eager to sign them up"

These products are made-to-order(built-to-order), so it takes about 1 month from receiving the order to delivering them.

affront

/əˈfrʌnt/

noun

an action or remark that causes outrage or offence.

"he took his son's desertion as a personal affront"

equivocal

/ɪˈkwɪvəkl/

adjective

open to more than one interpretation; ambiguous.

"the equivocal nature of her remarks"

irreconcilable

/ˌɪrɛk(ə)nˈsʌɪləbl̩, ɪˈrɛk(ə)nˈsʌɪləbl̩/

adjective

(of ideas or statements) so different from each other that they cannot be made compatible.  
"these two views of the economy are irreconcilable"

scant

/skant/

adjective

barely sufficient or adequate.

"companies with scant regard for the safety of future generations"

chador

/'tʃɑːdə, 'tʃʌdə/

noun

a large piece of cloth that is wrapped around the head and upper body leaving only the face exposed, worn especially by Muslim women.

apprehension

/ˌapɪˈheɪnʃn/

noun

1.

anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.

"he felt sick with apprehension"

I need to get money out at the conbini (convenience store).

Withdrawing cash from the shop

mull /mʌl/

think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.

"she began to mull over the various possibilities"

mull (over)

verb

Definition of mull (over)

as in to contemplate

to give serious and careful thought to

mull over the idea for a while and then let me know

northern

/'nɔːðn/

invoke /ɪnˈvəʊk/

invoke somebody/something to mention a person, a theory, an example, etc. to support your opinions or ideas, or as a reason for something

She invoked several eminent scholars to back up her argument.

to cause something to be used; bring into effect:

Rather than answer the question, the witness invoked the Fifth Amendment against incriminating himself.

futile

/ˈfjuːtəl/

adjective

incapable of producing any useful result; pointless.

"a futile attempt to keep fans from mounting the stage"

If you wear something down or if it wears down, it becomes flatter or smoother as a result of constantly rubbing against something else.

Extreme changes in temperature can wear down the top layer of your skin. [VERB

PARTICLE noun]

The machines start to wear down, they don't make as many nuts and bolts as they used to.

[VERB PARTICLE]

Elephants wear the tusk down faster than they can grow it.

underway (adv.)

1749, of ships, "having begun to move," from under + way (n.). In reference to projects, activities, etc., it is attested from 1935.

If an activity is under way, it has already started. If an activity gets under way, it starts.

An investigation is underway to find out how the disaster happened.

It was a cold evening, winter well underway.

The conference gets under way later today with a debate on the family.

prose

/prəʊz/

noun

1.

written or spoken language in its ordinary form, without metrical structure.

"a short story in prose"

benign /bɪˈnɪn/ adjective

gentle and kindly.

"his benign but firm manner"

MEDICINE

(of a disease) not harmful in effect.

"a benign condition"

despicable

/dɪˈspɪkəbl, ˈdɛspɪkəbl/

adjective

deserving hatred and contempt.

"a despicable crime"

anomaly

/ə'noməli/

noun

1.

something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.

"there are a number of anomalies in the present system"

institution

/ˌɪnstɪ'tjuːʃn/

noun

1.

an organization founded for a religious, educational, professional, or social purpose.

"an academic institution"

digs

/dɪgz/

noun INFORMAL

lodgings.

"they are looking for new digs"

deplane

/ˌdiː'pleɪn/

verb NORTH AMERICAN

disembark from an aircraft.

"we landed and deplaned"

In the US, we use "for sale" for the first definition and "on sale" for the second.

gyp /dʒɪp/

OFTEN OFFENSIVE

verb

cheat or swindle (someone).

"a young inventor gypped by greedy financiers"

get (someone) off

to start sleeping, or to help a baby to start sleeping:

get off (to sleep) It was so hot that I didn't get off (to sleep) till three o'clock.

get someone off (to sleep) I've been trying to get the baby off (to sleep) for an hour!

We have stocked up on foodstuffs.

be toast

idiom

informal

: to be in a lot of trouble : to be completely ruined, defeated, etc.

If anyone finds out about this, we're toast.

His career is toast.

get things right on the first try

punctual /'pʌŋ(k)tʃʊəl/

happening or doing something at the agreed or proper time.

"he's the sort of person who's always punctual"

garble /'gɑːbl/

reproduce (a message, sound, or transmission) in a confused and distorted way.

"the connection was awful and kept garbling his voice"

conversely

/'kɒnvɜːsli,kən'veɜːsli/

adverb

introducing a statement or idea which reverses one that has just been made or referred to.

"we're not going to have enough onions to last the year, while courgettes, conversely, are in a major surplus"

caucus

/'kɔːkəs/

noun

1.

(in some US states) a meeting at which local members of a political party register their preference among candidates running for office or select delegates to attend a convention.

"Hawaii holds its nominating caucuses next Tuesday"

exonerate

/ɪg'zɒnəreɪt,ɛg'zɒnəreɪt/

verb

1.

(of an official body) absolve (someone) from blame for a fault or wrongdoing.

"an inquiry exonerated those involved"

infectious

/ɪn'fɛkʃəs/

adjective

1.

(of a disease or disease-causing organism) liable to be transmitted to people, organisms, etc. through the environment.

"outbreaks of infectious diseases"

limpid

/'lɪmpɪd/

adjective

(of a liquid) completely clear and transparent.

"the limpid waters of the Caribbean"

coy

/kɔɪ/

adjective

1.

making a pretence of shyness or modesty that is intended to be alluring (typically used of a woman).

"she treated him to a coy smile of invitation"

predicament /prɪ'dɪkəmə(ə)nt/

a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation.

"the club's financial predicament"

ring round/around (somebody/something)

(British English) to phone a number of people in order to organize something or to get some information, etc.

I rang round all the travel agents in the area.

baffle

/'bɑːfl/

restrain or regulate (a fluid, sound, etc.).

"to baffle the noise further, I pad the gunwales"

illustrate

/'ɪləstreɪt/

adolescent

/ˌədəˈlesnt/

adjective

(of a young person) in the process of developing from a child into an adult.

"many parents find it hard to understand their adolescent children"

magazine

/ˈmæɡəˈziːn/

dub4

/dʌb/

pay up; make a contribution.

"we all dubbed in and bought him a present"

give an unofficial name or nickname to.

"the media dubbed anorexia 'the slimming disease'"

congruent

/'kɒŋɡruənt/

adjective

1.

in agreement or harmony.

"the rules may not be congruent with the requirements of the law"

conspicuous

/kənˈspɪkjʊəs/

adjective

clearly visible.

"he was very thin, with a conspicuous Adam's apple"

attracting notice or attention.

"he showed conspicuous bravery"

lapis lazuli

/ˌlæpɪs ˈlɑːzjʊləɪ, ˌlæpɪs ˈlɑːzjʊliː/

pawed at

To come on to (someone) in a rude way, with excessive and unwelcome touching; to handle (someone or something) rudely or clumsily.

To repeatedly hit (someone or something) with a paw.

purview

/ˈpɜːvjʊː/

noun FORMAL

the scope of the influence or concerns of something.

"such a case might be within the purview of the legislation"

range of experience or thought.

"social taboos meant that little information was likely to come within the purview of women generally"

obviate

/ˈɒbviɪt/

verb

remove (a need or difficulty).

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

cruising for bruising

toodle-oo

/tuːd(ə)lˈuː/

exclamation DATED • INFORMAL

goodbye.

"we'll see you later, toodle-oo!"

irksome

/ˈɜːks(ə)m/

adjective

irritating; annoying.

"an irksome journey"

Regarding body positioning, prone generally means lying face down, supine means lying face up, and prostrate means stretched out lying flat, often submissively. The words also have other uses where prone can mean "having a tendency," and connotes vulnerability, while supine suggests a "willful inactivity or lethargy."

prostrate

adjective

/ˈprɒstreɪt/

1.

lying stretched out on the ground with one's face downwards.

"there was a man praying before an idol, lying prostrate"

mess /mɛs/

have one's meals with a particular person, especially as a member of an armed forces' mess.

"I messed at first with Harry, who became a lifelong friend"

Excuse me, but your trunk is still open.

Excuse me, did you know your trunk is open?

Excuse me, but I wanted to let you know that your trunk was left open.

tasteful

/ˈteɪs(t)ʃ(ʊ)l/

adjective

showing good aesthetic judgement or appropriate behaviour.

"a tasteful lounge bar"

put on lipstick

Oops! I got lipstick on the wine glass

tract /trakt/

an area of land, typically a large one.

"large tracts of natural forest"

reorient

/ˌriːˈɔːriɛnt, ˌriːˈɒriɛnt/

I have no idea where "balls" in cold as balls comes from, but "balls" can be slang for "testicles", so maybe that's why it sounds a bit crude to me.

contraband

/ˈkɒntrəbænd/

noun

goods that have been imported or exported illegally.

"customs men had searched the carriages for contraband"

relevant

/ˈrɛlɪv(ə)nt/

appropriate to the current time, period, or circumstances; of contemporary interest.

"critics may find themselves unable to stay relevant in a changing world"



tamper /'tampə/

verb

interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorised alterations.

"someone tampered with the brakes of my car"

descent /dɪ'sɛnt/

the origin or background of a person in terms of family or nationality.

"the settlers were of Cornish descent"

insatiable

/ɪn'seɪ(ɪ)əbl/

adjective

(of an appetite or desire) impossible to satisfy.

"an insatiable hunger for success"

admit to doing something She admits to being strict with her children.

laissez-faire

/ˌleɪseɪ'fɛː/

noun

the policy of leaving things to take their own course, without interfering.

"a laissez-faire attitude to life"

altar

/ˈɔːltə,'ɒltə/

noun

the table in a Christian church at which the bread and wine are consecrated in communion services.

"the huge jewelled tabernacle above the altar was executed by Jacopo da Trezzo"

all but

phrase of all

1.

very nearly.

"the subject was all but forgotten"

Baltic

/ˈbɔːltɪk,'bɒltɪk/

adjective

1.

relating to the Baltic Sea or the region surrounding it.

company

/ˈkʌmp(ə)ni/

[uncountable] a guest or guests:

We're having company tonight.

"she is excellent company"

metaphor

/ˈmɛtəfə, ˈmɛtəfɔː/

strangle

/ˈstrɑŋɡl/

verb

squeeze or constrict the neck of (a person or animal), especially so as to cause death.

"the victim was strangled with a scarf"

to stop something from developing:

For years, the organisation was strangled by excessive bureaucracy.

There is a great deal of fear that the new restrictions might strangle the country's economy.

beverage

/ˈbɛv(ə)rɪdʒ/

blue film

A film that contains graphic sexual content. The use of "blue" to mean lewd or indecent dates from the mid-1800s, though the origin is unclear.

A lot of kids at school got in trouble for trading blue films.

career /kəˈrɪə/

move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way.

"the coach careered across the road and went through a hedge"

in full career

phrase of career

ARCHAIC

at full speed.

welp /welp/

used to express disappointment or resignation (= the fact that you must accept something you do not like):

Welp. I lost my job. Anyone got any advice?

Welp. They never said it would be easy.

impudent

/ˈɪmpjʊd(ə)nt/

adjective

not showing due respect for another person; impertinent.

"he could have strangled this impudent upstart"

pay court to

Solicit the favours or affection of, as in If you want to win the daughter, you'll have to pay court to her mother.

school1

/sku:l/

a group of people, particularly writers, artists, or philosophers, sharing similar ideas or methods.

"the Frankfurt school of critical theory"

tenant

/'tɛnənt/

rent /rɛnt/

noun

noun: rent; plural noun: rents

a large tear in a piece of fabric.

"Eddie was dismayed by the rent in the roof of the tent"

stand (out) in relief

to appear or show very clearly and obviously:

stand (out) in sharp relief The mountain stood out in sharp relief against the evening sky.

in relief

phrase of relief

BASEBALL

acting as a substitute pitcher.

"he appeared in relief over two seasons"

knock silly

as in stun

to make senseless or dizzy by a blow

The errant baseball hit her in the head and she was knocked silly.

duly

/'dju:li/

adverb

in accordance with what is required or appropriate; following proper procedure or arrangement.

"a document duly signed and authorized by the inspector"

marry beneath (oneself)

To marry someone who is of a lower social class or standing than oneself.

A: "I hear that Mr. Sullivan plans to marry a local fishmonger's daughter." B: "Why would a man of his esteem marry beneath himself like that?"

Janet has a bright future with one of the best law firms in town, so it's beyond me why she's marrying beneath herself with some fast food worker.

morale

/mə'reɪl/

layman /'leɪmən/

a non-ordained male member of a Church.

"he was an active Catholic layman"

a person without professional or specialised knowledge in a particular subject.  
"the book seems well suited to the interested layman"

alley1

/ˈali/

abject

/ˈabdʒɛkt/

adjective

1.

(of something bad) experienced or present to the maximum degree.

"his letter plunged her into abject misery"

2.

(of a person or their behaviour) completely without pride or dignity; self-abasing.

"an abject apology"

prone

/prəʊn/

adjective

1.

likely or liable to suffer from, do, or experience something unpleasant or regrettable.

"farmed fish are prone to disease"

remand

/rɪˈmɑːnd/

LAW

verb

place (a defendant) on bail or in custody, especially when a trial is adjourned.

"he was remanded in custody for a week"

patent

noun

/ˈpatnt, ˈpeɪnt/

concrete

adjective

/ˈkɒŋkri:t/

existing in a material or physical form; not abstract.

"concrete objects like stones"

differ /ˈdɪfə/

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"

check in to a hotel  
check out of a hotel

abnormal  
/ab'no:ml/

congress  
/'kɒŋɡrəs/  
noun

1.  
a formal meeting or series of meetings for discussion between delegates, especially those from a political party, trade union, or from within a particular sphere of activity.

convict  
verb  
/kən'vɪkt/  
declare (someone) to be guilty of a criminal offence by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law.  
"the thieves were convicted of the robbery"

convulsion  
/kən'vʌljən/  
noun  
plural noun: convulsions

1.  
a sudden, violent, irregular movement of the body, caused by involuntary contraction of muscles and associated especially with brain disorders such as epilepsy, the presence of certain toxins or other agents in the blood, or fever in children.  
"toxic side effects like convulsions"

dry spell  
noun  
: a period of dry weather  
The flowers died during a dry spell.

percentage  
/pə'sentɪdʒ/

Throughout the interview, she was trying to remain polite while avoiding direct eye contact. Lack of eye contact during a conversation is sometimes thought to be an indicator that the person is lying.

good/poor eye contact

make/avoid/maintain eye contact (with sb) Skilful presenters are good at making eye contact with an audience.

phosphorus

/ˈfɒsf(ə)rəs/

noun

the chemical element of atomic number 15, a poisonous, combustible non-metal which exists in two common allotropic forms, white phosphorus, a yellowish waxy solid which ignites spontaneously in air and glows in the dark, and red phosphorus, a less reactive form used in making matches.

A constructed language (shortened to conlang)[a] is a language whose phonology, grammar, and vocabulary, instead of having developed naturally, are consciously devised for some purpose, which may include being devised for a work of fiction.

mitigate

/ˈmɪtɪgeɪt/

verb

make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful.

"drainage schemes have helped to mitigate this problem"

tumble

/ˈtʌmbəl/

perform acrobatic feats, typically handsprings and somersaults in the air.

(of a breed of pigeon) repeatedly turn over backwards in flight.

a condition in which a part of the body becomes red, sore, and swollen because of infection or injury

inflammation of the ear

a cream to reduce inflammation

lustre /ˈlʌstə/

noun

a gentle sheen or soft glow.

"the lustre of the Milky Way"

If a business ramps up its activity, it increases it:

The company announced plans to ramp up production to 10,000 units per month.

To stay competitive, they'll have to ramp up product development as well as cut prices.

succulent

/ˈsʌkjʊlənt/

adjective

1.

(of food) tender, juicy, and tasty.

"a succulent steak"

endemic

/ɛnˈdɛmɪk/

adjective

1.

(of a disease) regularly occurring within an area or community.  
"areas where malaria is endemic"

purport

verb

/pəˈpɔ:t/

appear to be or do something, especially falsely.

"she is not the person she purports to be"

nudge

/nʌdʒ/

approach (an age, figure, or level) very closely.

"both men were nudging fifty"

collude

/kəˈl(j)u:d/

verb

cooperate in a secret or unlawful way in order to deceive or gain an advantage over others.

"he accused his opponents of colluding with one another"

vehicular

/vɪˈhɪkjʊlə/

adjective

involving or by means of a vehicle or vehicles.

"a vehicular accident"

connive

/kəˈnɪv/

verb

secretly allow (something immoral, illegal, or harmful) to occur.

"I did not connive in the production of these documents"

play hooky

phrase

Add to word list

(UK play truant)

to stay away from school or work without permission:

The two boys played hooky so they could go to the concert in the city.

The girls were playing hooky and got caught.

He warned his students against playing hooky.

I was joined by a lawyer friend who was playing hooky from work.

We would often play hooky and go surfing instead.

In the 1920s playing hookey was almost unknown.

insemination

/ɪnˌseɪmɪˈneɪʃn/

noun

the introduction of semen into a woman or a female animal by natural or artificial means.

"children conceived through donor insemination"

tie-dye

/ˈtʌɪdʌɪ/

verb

produce patterns in (a garment or piece of cloth) by tying parts of it to shield it from the dye.

"a collarless shirt tie-dyed with coloured inks"

fishing tackle

noun

equipment required for the sport of catching fish, typically including a rod and line.

"heavy fishing tackle is required to land the fish"

benevolent

/bɪˈnɛvələnt/

adjective

well meaning and kindly.

"he was something of a benevolent despot"

coarse

/kɔːs/

adjective

1.

rough or harsh in texture.

"a coarse woollen cloth"

terrain

/tɛˈreɪn/

noun

a stretch of land, especially with regard to its physical features.

"they were delayed by rough terrain"

barf

/bɑːf/

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

verb

vomit.

"the puppy barfed on my shoe"

astute

/əˈstjuːt/

adjective

having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.

"an astute businessman"

peg



/pɛɡ/

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

form a fixed opinion of; categorize.

"most music journalists have us pegged as a comedy band"

goopy

/ˈɡuːpi/

adjective INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

sloppy or sticky and semi-fluid in consistency, typically in a way that is unpleasant.

"the mascara was really goopy and slimy"

The cougar (Puma concolor) (/ˈkuːɡər/, KOO-gər), also known as the panther, mountain lion, catamount, or puma, is a large cat native to the Americas, second in size only to the stockier jaguar. Its range spans the Canadian Territory of Yukon, Provinces British Columbia and Alberta, the Rocky Mountains, and other areas in the Western United States.

per se

/pəː ˈseɪ/

adverb

by or in itself or themselves; intrinsically.

"it is not these facts per se that are important"

glandular

/ˈɡlandʒʊlə/

adjective

relating to or affecting a gland or glands.

tuba

/ˈtjuːbə/

noun

a large brass wind instrument of bass pitch, with three to six valves and a broad bell typically facing upwards.

buckwild

insane, or out of control

you wanna get buckwild?

unconscionable

/ˌʌnˈkɒnʃənəbl/

adjective

not right or reasonable.

"the unconscionable conduct of his son"

pre-emptive

/prɪˈɛm(p)tɪv/

adjective

adjective: preemptive

serving or intended to pre-empt or forestall something, especially to prevent attack by disabling the enemy.

"a pre-emptive strike"

brackish

/'brakɪʃ/

adjective

(of water) slightly salty, as in river estuaries.

"a cup of brackish water"

leeway

/'li:weɪ/

noun

1.

the amount of freedom to move or act that is available.

"they had several months' leeway to introduce reforms"

holistic

/hə(ʊ)'lɪstɪk, hɒ'lɪstɪk/

adjective

characterized by the belief that the parts of something are interconnected and can be explained only by reference to the whole.

"the solution demands a holistic approach and a strategic vision of what can be achieved"

cutaway /'kʌtəweɪ/

a shot or scene in a film which is of a different subject from those to which it is joined in editing.

"a quick cutaway to the forest and back"

There are occasional cutaways to the interviewer smiling or nodding.

The film has a documentary look, with unsteady camera shots and quick cutaways.

shifty

/'ʃɪfti/

adjective INFORMAL

1.

(of a person or their manner) appearing deceitful or evasive.

"he had a shifty look about him"

turning point

noun

a time at which a decisive change in a situation occurs, especially one with beneficial results.

"this could be the turning point in Nigel's career"

pot brownies weed brownies

The Comedy Stylings of Rivers & Red

give it up  
phrase of give  
INFORMAL•US  
applaud a performer or entertainer.

sham  
/ʃam/  
noun  
1.  
a thing that is not what it is purported to be.  
"our current free health service is a sham"

class  
/kla:s/  
[uncountable] an elegant quality or a high level of skill that is impressive  
She wouldn't make a scene in public. She has class.  
Some fresh flowers would add a touch of class to this room.

If you describe someone as an all-American boy or girl, you mean that they seem to have all the typical qualities that are valued by ordinary Americans, such as good looks and love of their country.  
...the image of the standard all-American boy.

When children misbehave and parents try to correct them, feelings and emotions can get out of control. A time-out allows the parent and child time to cool down.

dook  
1. verb, slang To defecate  
You've been dooking in that toilet for nearly half an hour. Everything all right in there?  
2. noun, slang Feces.  
Be right back, I gotta go take a dook.

suss out  
idiom  
British, informal  
1  
: to find or discover (something) by thinking  
They had to suss out whether he was telling the truth.  
I'm trying to suss him out. What kind of person is he?  
I think I've got him sussed out.  
2  
: to inspect or investigate (something) in order to gain more knowledge  
He carefully sussed out the situation.

hook up  
provide a person with something.

"I hope she can hook me up with some free tickets"

She is as tall as I am/was. — (Standard)

She is as tall as me. — (Colloquial)

She is as tall as I. — (AmE only)

for crying out loud!

said when you are annoyed, and to emphasise what you are saying:

Oh, for crying out loud, just listen to me!

An average person is synonymous with "a typical person". On the other hand "the average person" would mean the median (if taken literally).

The phrase "What are the odds?" is often used to express surprise or disbelief about a particular situation or outcome. It implies that something is unexpected or unlikely to happen.

fork over/up something

to give something, especially money to someone, especially when you do not want to:

We had to fork over ten bucks to park near the stadium.

Hey, that's mine. Fork it over!

The place lies on the outskirts of Tokyo

lo and behold

phrase of lo

used to present a new scene, situation, or turn of events, often with the suggestion that, though surprising, it could in fact have been predicted.

"you took me out and, lo and behold, I got home to find my house had been ransacked"

usher /'ʌʃə/

show or guide (someone) somewhere.

"a waiter ushered me to a table"

sack /sak/

dismiss from employment.

"any official found to be involved would be sacked on the spot"

go one's way

phrase of way

1.

(of events, circumstances, etc.) be favourable to one.

"I was just hoping things went my way"

2.

leave.

"one by one the staff went their way"

Things haven't been going our way lately.

compadre

/kəm'pɑːdri/

nounINFORMAL•US

a way of addressing or referring to a friend or companion.

"that includes you, compadre"

gussy

/ˈɡʌsi/

verbINFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

make someone or something more attractive, especially in a showy or gimmicky way.

"shopkeepers gussied up their window displays"

deacon

/ˈdiːk(ə)n/

noun

(in Catholic, Anglican, and Orthodox Churches) an ordained minister of an order ranking below that of priest.

verb

discombobulated

/ˌdɪskəmˈbɒbjʊleɪtɪd/

adjectiveHUMOROUS

confused and disconcerted.

"he is looking a little pained and discombobulated"

up to eleven

phrase of eleven

INFORMAL

so as to reach or surpass the maximum level; to an extreme or intense degree.

"turn the volume up to eleven"

polyp

/ˈpɒlɪp/

[uncountable, countable] the crime of forcing someone to have sex with you, especially using violence

He was charged with rape.

a rape victim

an increase in the number of reported rapes

dumpster

/ˈdʌmpstə/

nounNORTH AMERICAN

a very large container for rubbish.

arduous

/ˈɑːdjʊəs/

adjective

involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring.

"an arduous journey"

shush

/ʃʌʃ,ʃʊʃ/

exclamation

be quiet.

"Shush! Do you want to wake everyone?"

pastry

/ˈfuː ˌpeɪstri/

noun

very light pastry made with egg, typically used for eclairs and profiteroles.

marzipan

/ˈmɑːzɪpən/

noun

a sweet yellow or white paste of ground almonds, sugar, and egg whites, used to coat cakes or to make confectionery.

spaz

/spaz/

OFFENSIVE

noun

an incompetent or uncoordinated person.

catharsis

/kəˈθɑːsɪs/

banal

/bəˈnɑːl/

adjective

so lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring.

"songs with banal, repeated words"

proof /pruf/

n.

[uncountable]evidence or facts that are sufficient to establish a thing as true or believable.

admonish

/ədˈmɒnɪʃ/

verb

warn or reprimand someone firmly.

"she admonished me for appearing at breakfast unshaven"

indelible

/ɪnˈdɛlɪbl/

adjective

(of ink or a pen) making marks that cannot be removed.

"an indelible marker pen"

monger

/ˈmʌŋgə/

combining form

denoting a dealer or trader in a specified commodity.

"fishmonger"

denoting a person who promotes a specified activity, situation, or feeling, especially one that is undesirable or discreditable.

"warmonger"

vestigial

/vɛˈstɪdʒiəl, vɛˈstɪdʒ(ə)/

adjective

1.

forming a very small remnant of something that was once greater or more noticeable.

"he felt a vestigial flicker of anger from last night"

pose a threat

capbara

/ˌkɑːpɪˈbɑːrə/

pull the plug (on something)

informal to prevent a plan, business etc from being able to continue, especially by deciding not to give it any more money

The Swiss entrepreneur has pulled the plug on any further investment in the firm.

heinous

/ˈheɪnəs, ˈhiːnəs/

adjective

(of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.

"a battery of heinous crimes"

flagellate<sup>1</sup>

/ˈflædʒɪleɪt/

verb

flog (someone), either as a religious discipline or for sexual gratification.

"he flagellated himself with branches"

tacit /ˈtasiːt/

adjective

understood or implied without being stated.

"your silence may be taken to mean tacit agreement"

If there is enough of something to go around, there is enough of it to be shared among a group of people, or to do all the things for which it is needed.

Eventually we will not have enough water to go around.

converse

verb

/kən'və:s/

engage in conversation.

"she was withdrawn and preoccupied, hardly able to converse with her mother"

go down the tubes

phrase of tube

INFORMAL

be completely lost or wasted; fail utterly.

"we watched his political career go down the tubes"

flip out

phrasal verb of flip

suddenly lose control or become very angry.

"she would have flipped out if someone had done this to her"

well rounded

/ˌwɛl 'raʊndɪd/

adjective

1.

(of a person) plump or curvaceous.

"he was dancing with a well-rounded blonde"

2.

(of a person) having a personality that is fully developed in all aspects.

"the ability to master a variety of skills is important to any well-rounded person"

I'd like a refund, please.

refund

verb

/rɪ:'fʌnd, rɪ'fʌnd, 'rɪ:fʌnd/

pay back (money), typically to a customer who is not satisfied with goods or services bought.

"if you're not delighted with your purchase, we guarantee to refund your money in full"

noun

/'rɪ:fʌnd/

a repayment of a sum of money.

"you may be allowed to claim a refund of the tax"

attagirl



/ˈatəɡə:l/

exclamation

exclamation: attagirl

an informal expression of encouragement or admiration to a woman or girl.

"attagirl, you got it!"

leisure

/ˈleɪʒə/

/ˈli:.ʒə/

irate /aɪˈreɪt/

adjective

feeling or characterised by great anger.

"a barrage of irate letters"

accuse

/əˈkju:z/

accusation

/ˌækjuˈzeɪʃn/

Lather, rinse, repeat (sometimes wash, rinse, repeat) is an idiom roughly quoting the instructions found on many brands of shampoo.

rose-tinted

rose-coloured /ˈrəʊz ˌkɒləd/

of a warm pink colour.

"rose-coloured silks"

used in reference to a naively optimistic or idealistic viewpoint.

"you are still seeing the profession through rose-coloured spectacles"

Feedback

kicking

/ˈkɪkɪŋ/

adjective INFORMAL

lively and exciting.

"their seriously kicking debut, 'Paradise'"