

finished

small-time

/ˈsmɔːltʌɪm/

unimportant; minor.

"a small-time gangster"

burgeon

/ˈbɜːdʒ(ə)n/

verb

begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish.

"the city's suburbs have burgeoned, sprawling out from the centre"

penance

/ˈpenəns/

noun

1.

punishment inflicted on oneself as an outward expression of repentance for wrongdoing.

"he had done public penance for those hasty words"

shoddy /ˈʃɒdi/

adjective

badly made or done.

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

dud /dʌd/

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

"all three bombs were duds"

2.

clothes.

"buy yourself some new duds"

bros before hoes

US, vulgar, slang) A man should prioritize his male friends over women.

fetter

/ˈfɛtə/

noun

a chain or manacle used to restrain a prisoner, typically placed around the ankles.

"he lay bound with fetters of iron"

tamper

/ˈtæmpə/

verb

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

"someone tampered with the brakes of my car"

precipitate /prɪˈsɪpɪteɪt/

cause (an event or situation, typically one that is undesirable) to happen suddenly, unexpectedly, or prematurely.

"the incident precipitated a political crisis"

Chemistry

cause (a substance) to be deposited in solid form from a solution.

"cell proteins were then precipitated and washed in 10% trichloroacetic acid"

cause (drops of moisture or particles of dust) to be deposited from the atmosphere or from a vapour or suspension.

"excess moisture is precipitated as rain, fog, mist, or dew"

perfunctory

/pəˈfʌŋ(k)t(ə)ri/

adjective

(of an action) carried out without real interest, feeling, or effort.

"he gave a perfunctory nod"

moot

/mu:t/

adjective

1.

subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty.

"whether they had been successful or not was a moot point"

canter

/ˈkæntə/

noun

a pace of a horse or other quadruped between a trot and a gallop, with not less than one foot on the ground at any time.

"I rode away at a canter"

macrophage

/ˈmakrə(ʊ)feɪdʒ/

a large phagocytic cell found in stationary form in the tissues or as a mobile white blood cell, especially at sites of infection.

A necrophage is an organism that consumes dead or decaying flesh. This term, derived from the Greek words "nekros" (dead) and "phagein" (to eat), refers to creatures that feed on carcasses or carrion.

she-devil

noun

a malicious or spiteful woman.

"Don't play-act with me, you vicious, conniving she-devil!"

riposte /rɪˈpɒst/

a quick, clever reply to an insult or criticism.

a quick return thrust in fencing.

tomfoolery

/tɒmˈfu:l(ə)ri/

noun

foolish or silly behaviour.

"the tomfoolery of MPs at question time"

sacrament

/ˈsəkrəm(ə)nt/

noun

1.

(in the Christian Church) a religious ceremony or ritual regarded as imparting divine grace, such as baptism, the Eucharist and (in the Roman Catholic and many Orthodox Churches) penance and the anointing of the sick.

antic

/ˈantɪk/

adjective archaic

grotesque or bizarre.

brigand noun

/ˈbrɪɡənd/

a member of a group of criminals that steals from people, especially one that attacks travellers

synonym bandit

adorn

/əˈdɔ:n/

verb

make more beautiful or attractive.

"pictures and prints adorned his walls"

ne'er /nɛ:/

contraction literary•dialect

unpunctuated: neer

never.

"ne'er a truer word has been spoken"

dashing

/ˈdʌʃɪŋ/

adjective

attractive, adventurous, and full of confidence (typically used of a man).

"a dashing young pilot"

nascent

/ˈneɪsnt, ˈnasnt/

adjective

(especially of a process or organization) just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential.

"the nascent space industry"

centrifuge /ˈsentrɪfjuː(d)ʒ/

a machine with a rapidly rotating container that applies centrifugal force to its contents, typically to separate fluids of different densities (e.g. cream from milk) or liquids from solids.
verb

air resistance

air drag

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"

what's the haps?

(slang) What's happening?; what's up? (a greeting)

amass /əˈmas/

gather together or accumulate (a large amount or number of material or things) over a period of time.

"he amassed a fortune estimated at close to a million pounds"

kiln

/kɪln/

noun

a furnace or oven for burning, baking, or drying, especially one for calcining lime or firing pottery.

maggot

/ˈmæɡət/

noun

1.

a soft-bodied legless larva of a fly or other insect, found in decaying matter.

"the maggots attack the roots of the developing cabbages"

A worthless person.

finicky /'fɪnɪki/

(of a person) fussy about their needs or requirements.

"a finicky eater"

showing or requiring great attention to detail.

"his finicky copperplate hand"

ovoid /'əʊvɔɪd/

(of a solid or a three-dimensional surface) more or less egg-shaped.

in handcuffs She was led away in handcuffs.

providence /'prɒvɪd(ə)ns/

the protective care of God or of nature as a spiritual power.

"they found their trust in divine providence to be a source of comfort"

fodder

/'fɒdə/

noun

food, especially dried hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock.

goad

/gəʊd/

verb

1.

provoke or annoy (someone) so as to stimulate an action or reaction.

"he was trying to goad her into a fight"

missive

/'mɪsɪv/

noun

often humorous

a letter, especially a long or official one.

"yet another missive from the Foreign Office"

mar

/mɑː/

verb

impair the quality or appearance of; spoil.

"violence marred a number of New Year celebrations"

rack up

accumulate or achieve something, typically a score or amount.

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

grit

/grɪt/

noun

1.

small loose particles of stone or sand.

"she had a bit of grit in her eye"

courage and resolve; strength of character.

"I've known few men who could match Maude's grit"

discourse

noun

/ˈdɪskɔːs/

written or spoken communication or debate.

"the language of political discourse"

waive /weɪv/

refrain from insisting on or using (a right or claim).

"he will waive all rights to the money"

terrain /tɛˈreɪn/

flaccid

/ˈflæsɪd, ˈflæksɪd/

adjective

(of part of the body) soft and hanging loosely or limply, especially so as to look or feel unpleasant.

"she took his flaccid hand in hers"

progenitor

/prə(ʊ)ˈdʒɛnɪtə/

noun

a person or thing from which a person, animal, or plant is descended or originates; an ancestor or parent.

"his children were the progenitors of many of Scotland's noble families"

ruminate

/ˈruːmɪneɪt/

verb

1.

think deeply about something.

"we sat ruminating on the nature of existence"

ware /wɛː/

aware.

"thou speak'st wiser than thou art ware of"

ware /wɛː/

used as a warning cry, typically during a hunt.

"Ware!" the warden cried, rousing the crew"

respite

/ˈrɛspɪt, ˈrɛspɪt/

noun

a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant.

"the refugee encampments will provide some respite from the suffering"

straggler

/ˈstragələ, ˈstraglə/

noun

a person in a group who becomes separated from the others, typically because of moving more slowly.

"a few stragglers lingered, talking as they slipped on their coats"

something that grows or spreads irregularly or apart from others of its kind.

"these small trees are the remnant stragglers of their species"

demise

/dɪˈmɪz/

noun

1.

a person's death.

"Mr Grisenthwaite's tragic demise"

repercussion

/ˌrɪ:pəˈkʌʃn/

noun

plural noun: repercussions

1.

an unintended consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one.

"the move would have grave repercussions for the entire region"

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"

noose

/nuːs/

noun

a loop with a running knot, tightening as the rope or wire is pulled and used to trap animals or hang people.

"he began to choke as the noose tightened about his throat"

fetter

/ˈfɛtə/

noun

a chain or manacle used to restrain a prisoner, typically placed around the ankles.

"he lay bound with fetters of iron"

subservience

/səb'sə:viəns/

noun

willingness to obey others unquestioningly.

"he demonstrated his complete subservience to his masters"

the condition of being less important than something else.

"is it a case of the subservience of the divine to political beliefs?"

impetuous

/ɪm'petjuəs/

adjective

acting or done quickly and without thought or care.

"she might live to rue this impetuous decision"

mettle /'metl/

a person's ability to cope well with difficulties; spirit and resilience.

"the team showed their true mettle in the second half"

Cerberus /'sɜ:rbərəs/ or /'kɜ:rbərəs/

tarry²

/'tari/

stay longer than intended; delay leaving a place.

"she could tarry a bit and not get home until four"

marauder

/mə'rɔ:də/

noun

a person who marauds; a raider.

"a band of English marauders were surprised and overcome"

shortcoming

/'ʃɔ:t,kʌmɪŋ, 'ʃɔ:t'kʌmɪŋ/

noun

a fault or failure to meet a certain standard, typically in a person's character, a plan, or a system.

"he is so forthright about his shortcomings, it's hard to chastise him"

imprudent

/ɪm'pru:d(ə)nt/

adjective

not showing care for the consequences of an action; rash.

"it would be imprudent to leave her winter coat behind"

magister

/mə'dʒɪstə/

nounarchaic

a title or form of address given to scholars, especially those teaching in a medieval university.

scourge

/skə:dʒ/

noun

1.

historical

a whip used as an instrument of punishment.

deploy /dɪ'plɔɪ/

move (troops or equipment) into position for military action.

"forces were deployed at strategic locations"

satellite /'satəlaɪt/

an artificial body placed in orbit round the earth or moon or another planet in order to collect information or for communication.

"a communications satellite"

glean /gli:n/

obtain (information) from various sources, often with difficulty.

"the information is gleaned from press cuttings"

oaf /əʊf/

a man who is rough or clumsy and unintelligent.

"they are just big, clumsy oafs"

scamp /skamp/

a person, especially a child, who is mischievous in a likeable or amusing way.

"some little scamp stuffed tissue paper in between the hammer and the bell"

hubris

/'h(j)u:brɪs/

noun

excessive pride or self-confidence.

"the self-assured hubris among economists was shaken in the late 1980s"

mausoleum

/,mɔ:sə'li:əm/

noun

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

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

Sephiroth

twit /twɪt/

noun informal•British

a silly or foolish person.

"she has no patience with the upper-class twit her parents try to match her with"

transient /'tranzɪənt, 'trɑ:nzɪənt/

lasting only for a short time; impermanent.

"a transient cold spell"

fodder /'fɒdə/

food, especially dried hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock.

confound /kən'faʊnd/

cause surprise or confusion in (someone), especially by not according with their expectations.

"the inflation figure confounded economic analysts"

scribble 2 /'skrɪbl/

card (wool, cotton, etc.) coarsely.

"the machine was installed by the owners to scribble wool brought in by customers"

venerable /'vɛn(ə)rəbl/

accorded a great deal of respect, especially because of age, wisdom, or character.

"a venerable statesman"

jiff /dʒɪf/

noun informal

a very short time; a moment.

"I'll have breakfast ready in a jiff"

ire /'ɪə/

anger.

"the plans provoked the ire of conservationists"

herald /'hɛrəld/

an official employed to oversee state ceremonial, precedence, and the use of armorial bearings, and (historically) to make proclamations, carry official messages, and oversee tournaments.

In former times, a herald was a person who delivered and announced important messages.

usurp /ju:'zə:p, ju'zə:p/

take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force.

"Richard usurped the throne"

put stock in

phrase of stock

have a specified amount of belief or faith in.

"I don't put much stock in modern medicine"

run off

leave a place or situation suddenly.

"he ran off to join Napoleon's army and never returned"

acolyte /'akəlɪt/

a person assisting a priest in a religious service or procession.

backwater /'bak,wɔ:tə/

a part of a river not reached by the current, where the water is stagnant.

"the eels inhabit backwaters"

an isolated or peaceful place.

"nothing spoils the tranquillity of this quiet backwater"

a place or situation in which no development or progress is taking place.

"the country remained an economic backwater"

rabble /'rabl/

a disorderly crowd; a mob.

"he was met by a rabble of noisy, angry youths"

gib /dʒɪb/

a wood or metal bolt, wedge, or pin for holding part of a machine or structure in place, usually adjusted by a screw or key.

"gib screws"

paltry /'pɔ:ltri, 'pɒltri/

(of an amount) very small or meagre.

"she would earn a paltry £33 more a month"

peruse /pə'ru:z/

read (something), typically in a thorough or careful way.

"he has spent countless hours in libraries perusing art history books and catalogues"

examine carefully or at length.

"Laura perused a Caravaggio"

emissary /'ɛmɪs(ə)ri/

a person sent as a diplomatic representative on a special mission.

pious /'piəs/

devoutly religious.

"a deeply pious woman"

abscond /əb'skɒnd/

leave hurriedly and secretly, typically to escape from custody or avoid arrest.

"the barman absconded with a week's takings"

solace /'sɒlɪs/

comfort or consolation in a time of distress or sadness.

"she sought solace in her religion"

toll /təʊl/

(with reference to a bell) sound or cause to sound with a slow, uniform succession of strokes, as a signal or announcement.

"the cathedral bells began to toll for evening service"

gambit /'ɡæmbɪt/

an act or remark that is calculated to gain an advantage, especially at the outset of a situation.

"his resignation was a tactical gambit"

off limits /,ɒf 'lɪmɪts/

out of bounds.

"the site was off limits to the public"

not to be mentioned or discussed.

"it was apparent that the whole topic was off limits"

contagion /kən'teɪdʒ(ə)n/

the communication of disease from one person or organism to another by close contact.

"the rooms held no risk of contagion"

throes /θrəʊz/

intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death, or great change.

"he convulsed in his death throes"

provoke /prə'vʊk/

stimulate or give rise to (a reaction or emotion, typically a strong or unwelcome one) in someone.

"the decision provoked a storm of protest from civil rights organizations"

whence /wɛns/

formal•archaic

from what place or source.

"whence do they derive those powers?"

foment /fə(ʊ)'ment/

instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

"they accused him of fomenting political unrest"

culling /'kʌlɪŋ/

reduction of a wild animal population by selective slaughter.

"kangaroo culling"

the action of sending an inferior or surplus farm animal to be slaughtered.

"local areas affected by livestock culling"

withhold /wɪðˈhəʊld/

refuse to give (something that is due to or is desired by another).

"the name of the dead man is being withheld"

jugular /ˈdʒʌɡjʊlə/

of the neck or throat.

noun short for jugular vein.

jugular vein

any of several large veins in the neck, carrying blood from the head and face.

viscera /ˈvɪs(ə)rə/

the internal organs in the main cavities of the body, especially those in the abdomen, e.g. the intestines.

slog /slog/ <informal> I. verb 1. [no obj.] — work hard over a period of time • they were slogging away to meet a deadline. 2. [with adverbial of direction] — walk or move with difficulty or effort • I slogged through the heather in the heat. 3. [with obj.] — hit (someone or something) forcefully and typically wildly, especially in boxing or cricket • batsmen careering down the pitch to slog the ball up in the air. 4. (slog it out) — (Brit.) fight or compete fiercely • they'll be slogging it out in the first round of the cup next Sunday.

weasel out of

weaseled out of; weaseling out of; weasels out of

chiefly US, informal + usually disapproving

: to avoid doing (something) by being dishonest, by persuading someone in a clever way, etc.

She weaseled out of our agreement.

He weaseled his way out of helping me with the yard work.

ravish /ˈrævɪʃ/

archaic

seize and carry off (someone) by force.

"there is no assurance that her infant child will not be ravished from her breast"

literary

fill (someone) with intense delight; enrapture.

"ravished by a sunny afternoon, she had agreed without even thinking"

ravishing /ˈrævɪʃɪŋ/

adjective

delightful; entrancing.

"she looked ravishing"

call out

North American

draw critical attention to someone's unacceptable actions or behaviour.

"people were calling him out for his negative comments"

revulse /ɹɪˈvʌls/ To pull back with force.

scale /skeɪl/

climb up or over (something high and steep).

"thieves scaled a high fence"

plow

To have sex with someone. Often used as a verb. Often used by males referring to having sex with a female.

"I plowed her field!"

tandem /ˈtændəm/

a bicycle with seats and pedals for two riders, one behind the other.

derpy /ˈdɜːpi/

foolish or stupid.

"they say some pretty derpy things"

count out

not include someone in an activity.

"if this is a guessing game you can count me out"

scourge /skɜːdʒ/

a whip used as an instrument of punishment.

a person or thing that causes great trouble or suffering.

"the scourge of mass unemployment"

chastise /tʃəˈstʌɪz/

rebuke or reprimand severely.

"he chastised his colleagues for their laziness"

conjunction /kənˈdʒʌŋ(k)jən/

the action or an instance of two or more events or things occurring at the same point in time or space.

"a conjunction of favourable political and economic circumstances"

arcane /ɑːˈkeɪn/

understood by few; mysterious or secret.

"arcane procedures for electing people"

precipice /ˈpreɪsɪpsɪs/

a very steep rock face or cliff, especially a tall one.

"we swerved toward the edge of the precipice"

The phrase "dusk till dawn(or dusk to dawn, or d2d)" refers to the period of time between sunset and sunrise, that is, the period of darkness when the sun is below the horizon.

pelt /pɛlt/

the skin of an animal with the fur, wool, or hair still on it.
"traders brought reindeer pelts"

death toll
the number of deaths resulting from a particular cause.
"this brought the death toll from cross-border clashes to eighteen"

waiver /'weɪvə/
an act or instance of waiving a right or claim.
"their acquiescence could amount to a waiver"

halfpenny /'heɪpni/
a former British coin equal to half an old or new penny. The last halfpenny was withdrawn in 1984.
"seven pennies and three halfpennies"

blighter /'blʌɪtə/
noun informal•British
a person who is regarded with contempt, irritation, or pity.
"you little blighter!"

crumpet /'krʌmpɪt/
a thick, flat, savoury cake with a soft, porous texture, made from a yeast mixture cooked on a griddle and eaten toasted and buttered.
informal•British
people, especially women, regarded as objects of sexual desire.
"fat chance of our running into any crumpet"

loin /lɔɪn/
the part of the body on both sides of the spine between the lowest (false) ribs and the hip bones.
literary
the region of the sexual organs regarded as the source of erotic or procreative power.
"he felt a stirring in his loins at the thought"

egregious /ɪ'ɡriːdʒəs/
outstandingly bad; shocking.
"egregious abuses of copyright"

gimp /ɡɪmp/
a person with a physical disability or leg injury.
a limp.
a stupid or contemptible person.

concession /kən'sɛʃn/
a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands.
"the government was unwilling to make any further concessions"
a preferential allowance or rate given by an organization.

"tax concessions"

redact /rɪˈdakt/

edit (text) for publication.

"a confidential memo which has been redacted from 25 pages to just one paragraph"

ensor or obscure (part of a text) for legal or security purposes.

panning, in mining, simple method of separating particles of greater specific gravity (especially gold) from soil or gravels by washing in a pan with water.

solder/ˈsɒldə,ˈsəʊldə/

a low-melting alloy, especially one based on lead and tin or (for higher temperatures) on brass or silver, used for joining less fusible metals.

"remove the fitting using a blowtorch to melt the solder"

nan /nan/

nouninformal•British

one's grandmother.

have a crack

to have or get an opportunity to attempt to do something:

It's time to let someone else have a crack.

We had a crack at surfing during a break in Barbados.

The airport is taking a crack at making security lines a little more bearable.

have seen better days

have declined from former prosperity or good condition.

"this part of South London has seen better days"

funny bone /ˈfʌni beɪn/

the part of the elbow over which passes the ulnar nerve, which may cause numbness and pain along the forearm and hand if knocked.

"she banged her funny bone on the doorpost"

a person's sense of humour, as located in an imaginary physical organ.

"photographs to jostle the mind and the funny bone"

marsupial /mɑːˈs(j)uːpiəl/

a mammal of an order whose members are born incompletely developed and are typically carried and suckled in a pouch on the mother's belly. Marsupials are found chiefly in Australia and New Guinea, and also in America.

aliquot /ˈalɪkwɒt/

a portion of a larger whole, especially a sample taken for chemical analysis or other treatment.

"an aliquot was examined daily for the appearance of cholesterol monohydrate crystals"

Mathematics

a quantity that can be divided into another a whole number of times.

coagulate /kəʊ'ægjuleɪt/

(of a fluid, especially blood) change to a solid or semi-solid state.

"blood had coagulated round the edges of the gash"

meringue /mə'reɪŋ/

an item of sweet food made by baking a mixture of stiffly beaten egg whites and sugar until crisp.

"chocolate meringues"

flog /flɒg/

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

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

informal

promote or talk about (something) repetitively or at excessive length.

"the issue has been flogged to death already"

informal•British

sell or offer for sale.

"he made a fortune flogging beads to hippies"

fiat /'fi:ət, 'fɪət/

a formal authorization or proposition; a decree.

"the reforms left most prices fixed by government fiat"

by fiat

according to or using orders or decisions from someone in authority:

We are trying to steer a respectful course without doing it by fiat.

He became a more thoughtful, more empathetic boss who no longer led by fiat or fear.

ostensible /ɒ'stensɪbl/

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

"the real dispute which lay behind the ostensible complaint"

languish /'læŋgwɪʃ/

(of a person, animal, or plant) lose or lack vitality; grow weak.

"plants may appear to be languishing simply because they are dormant"

crown prince /,kraʊn 'prɪns/

(in some countries) a male heir to a throne.

lasso /lə'su:, 'lasəʊ/

a rope with a noose at one end, used especially in North America for catching cattle.

choreography /,kɒrɪ'ɒgrəfi/

treadmill /'tredmɪl/

a large wheel turned by the weight of people or animals treading on steps fitted into its inner surface, formerly used to drive machinery.

debilitate /dɪˈbɪlɪteɪt/

make (someone) very weak and infirm.

"he was severely debilitated by a stomach upset"

abrogate /ˈabrəgeɪt/

repeal or do away with (a law, right, or formal agreement).

"a proposal to abrogate temporarily the right to strike"

evade (a responsibility or duty).

"we believe the board is abrogating its responsibilities to its shareholders"

tribunal /ˈtrɪˌnjuːn(ə)l, ˈtriˌnjuːn(ə)l/

a court of justice.

"an international war crimes tribunal"

a body established to settle certain types of dispute.

"an industrial tribunal ruled that he was unfairly dismissed"

fuck all

: not one thing : nothing

You've done fuck all to help me!

artefact /ˈɑːtɪfækt/

something observed in a scientific investigation or experiment that is not naturally present but occurs as a result of the preparative or investigative procedure.

"the curvature of the surface is an artefact of the wide-angle view"

caveat /ˈkævɪət/

a warning or proviso of specific stipulations, conditions, or limitations.

"there are a number of caveats which concern the validity of the assessment results"

Many would say "quite right/wrong", though "very right/wrong" is also correct but less common. It's important to note that "absolutely right/wrong" is stronger than "quite right/wrong". If it's absolutely right, then there is no doubt at all. "Quite right" doesn't necessarily mean the same thing, though it could be used that way in informal speech and writing.

ledge /ˈledʒ/

a narrow horizontal surface projecting from a wall, cliff, or other surface.

"he heaved himself up over a ledge"

innocuous /ɪˈnɒkjʊəs/

not harmful or offensive.

"it was an innocuous question"

A dud is something that doesn't work. I believe this meaning of the word is still commonly used. I use this expression sometimes.

sketch /sketʃ/

short humorous play or performance, consisting typically of one scene in a revue or comedy programme.

"a hilarious sketch for their latest BBC series"

luck out

achieve success or advantage by good luck.

"I lucked out and found a wonderful woman"

In this phrase this so much , with the only before it, is used to set up a limitation. It is saying that there is a finite (only) limit (so much) of things that one can do.

For example saying "There are only so many movies to choose from" is not saying there are a lot of movies, it is rather saying that there are a finite amount of movies from which to choose.

"You are projecting" is a psychological term, and it usually means:

> You are accusing someone else of doing or feeling something that you are actually doing or feeling yourself.

"Let me cook" and "I cooked" are positive, both referencing doing something well. "I'm cooked" is negative, and means you failed or are struggling.

calibre /'kalɪbə/

the quality of someone's character or the level of their ability.

"they could ill afford to lose a man of his calibre"

the internal diameter or bore of a gun barrel.

"a small-calibre revolver"

the standard reached by something.

"educational facilities of a very high calibre"

Harry sees a "wonky cross" in the tea leaves - that is, a cross shape that is sort of crooked-looking ("wonky").

ghee /gi:/

clarified butter made from the milk of a buffalo or cow, used in South Asian cooking.

"a delicious meal cooked in ghee"

dole out /dɒl aʊt/

to give something, usually money, to several people

hit (the) newsstands

To be published and available for sale, as of a newspaper or magazine or something written therein.

Her tell-all interview hit newsstands today, and boy, is it juicy!

Our next issue hits the newsstands on Monday.

This edition must have hit newsstands early. It doesn't have any of the scores from the West Coast games!

back rub

a brief massage of a person's back and shoulders.

"Bill popped into the kitchen to give me an impromptu back rub"

"Headache" is the only one of the standard "aches" we do use the article with.

I have a headache.

I have stomachache.

I have toothache.

I have bellyache.

I have tummy ache.

I have earache.

stomach ache /'stʌmək ,eɪk/

Headache, toothache, and stomachache are all count nouns because they meet those three criteria, as shown in the examples below.

If you keep complaining of stomachaches, I'm going to take you to the doctor.

(stomachaches is plural)

I feel fine today, but I had two bad headaches this week. (two + headaches)

Toothaches are more common in this population. (toothaches + plural verb)

to accept/reject a recommendation

recommendation for something Her report lists numerous recommendations for the improvement of safety.

recommendation to somebody The committee made recommendations to the board on teachers' pay and conditions.

The major recommendation is for a change in the law.

recommendation on something recommendations on the use of vaccines

recommendation how, what, etc... The commission will make recommendations on how to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

recommendation from somebody/something We will be implementing all the recommendations from the report.

The council will follow any recommendations made by the fire investigators.

on the recommendation of somebody/something I had the operation on the recommendation of my doctor.

sensual /'sɛnfʊəl/

relating to or involving gratification of the senses and physical, especially sexual, pleasure.

"the production of the ballet is sensual and passionate"

mudslide /'mʌdslaɪd/

a mass of mud and other earthy material that is falling or has fallen down a hillside or other slope.

The vice president surveyed the damage today from flooding and mudslides.

dowel /'daʊ(ə)/

a projecting peg used for holding together components of a structure.

vast /vɑːst/

cosmos /'kɒzmos/

hearth /hɑːθ/

truffle /'trʌfl/

a strong-smelling underground fungus that resembles an irregular, rough-skinned potato, growing chiefly in broadleaved woodland on calcareous soils. It is considered a culinary delicacy and found, especially in France, with the aid of trained dogs or pigs.

a soft sweet made of a chocolate mixture, typically flavoured with rum and covered with cocoa.

incarcerate /ɪn'kɑːsəreɪt/

imprison or confine.

"many are incarcerated for property offences"

The attempts to prove her innocence have been at risk of being thwarted on more than one occasion and have broken a few careers.

lard /lɑːd/

fat from the abdomen of a pig that is rendered and clarified for use in cooking.

excess fat in a person.

"I've got to give up fags and shift some lard"

It was performed fifteen times to a full house and with appreciative delight.

full house /,fʊl 'haʊs/

an audience that fills the venue for an event to capacity.

"he seemed a trifle unnerved playing to a full house"

denomination /dɪ,nɒmɪ'neɪʃn/

the face value of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp.

"high-denomination banknotes"

evict /ɪ'vɪkt/

expel (someone) from a property, especially with the support of the law.

"a single mother and her children have been evicted from their home"

marinade /,mɑːɪ'neɪd, 'maɪneɪd/

a mixture of oil, wine, spices, or similar ingredients, in which meat, fish, or other food is soaked before cooking in order to flavour or soften it.

"remove the trout from the marinade with a slotted spoon"

marinate /'marɪneɪt/

soak (meat, fish, or other food) in a marinade.

"the beef was marinated in red wine vinegar"

you smell like dog

natty /'nati/

(of a person or an article of clothing) smart and fashionable.

"a natty blue blazer"

Economy class, also called third class, coach class, steerage, or to distinguish it from the slightly more expensive premium economy class, standard economy class or budget economy class, is the lowest travel class of seating in air travel, rail travel, and sometimes ferry or maritime travel.

When you are born [something], that is what you are.

Someone could be born a rich man's child, for instance, or born smart.

The person being described was born a bastard.

dote /dəʊt/

be extremely and uncritically fond of.

"she doted on her two young children"

limp /lɪmp/

a tendency to limp; a gait impeded by injury or stiffness.

"the accident left him with a pronounced limp"

gimp /ɡɪmp/

a person with a physical disability or leg injury.

a limp.

a stupid or contemptible person.

scram /skram/

leave or go away from a place quickly.

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

A concession stand, or refreshment 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.

concession /kən'sɛʃn/

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

"the government was unwilling to make any further concessions"

a preferential allowance or rate given by an organization.
"tax concessions"

If you do something such as pass an exam with flying colours, you do it very successfully.

brother /'brʌðə/

page /peɪdʒ/

summon (someone) over a public address system, so as to pass on a message.

"no need to interrupt the background music just to page the concierge"

contact (someone) by means of a pager.

"he would have to call her and tell her to stop paging him"

point the finger

openly accuse someone or apportion blame.

"I hope that the committee will point the finger at the real culprits"

petal /'petl/

spoof /spu:f/

a humorous imitation of something, typically a film or a particular genre of film, in which its characteristic features are exaggerated for comic effect.

"a Robin Hood spoof"

bratwurst /'bratvɜ:st/

a type of German pork sausage that is typically fried or grilled.

well rounded /,wel 'raʊndɪd/

(of a person) plump or curvaceous.

"he was dancing with a well-rounded blonde"

(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"

niggle /'nɪɡl/

cause slight but persistent annoyance, discomfort, or anxiety.

"Doreen wanted to discuss matters that niggled at her mind"

take mercy on

: to treat (someone) kindly

The boss took mercy on us and let us go home early.

on the edge of

: very close to (something)

a species on the edge of extinction

The company was teetering on the edge of disaster/bankruptcy.

He was on the edge of saying something when the phone rang.

on edge

nervous and not relaxed:

Is something wrong? You seem a bit on edge this morning.

Everyone present was on edge, waiting to hear what the judge would say.

home economics

I had fun in home-ec today.

A banana split is an American ice cream-based dessert consisting of a peeled banana cut in half lengthwise, and served with ice-cream and sauce between the two pieces.

sinus /'saɪnəs/ Anatomy•Zoology

a cavity within a bone or other tissue, especially one in the bones of the face or skull connecting with the nasal cavities.

Water polo is a competitive team sport played in water between two teams of seven players each. The game consists of four quarters in which the teams attempt to score goals by throwing the ball into the opposing team's goal.

vein /veɪn/

any of the tubes forming part of the blood circulation system of the body, carrying in most cases oxygen-depleted blood towards the heart.

a fracture in rock containing a deposit of minerals or ore and typically having an extensive course underground.

"gold-bearing quartz veins"

septic /'septɪk/ I. adjective 1. (chiefly of a wound or a part of the body) infected with bacteria • his feet had gone septic. 2. [attrib.] — denoting a drainage system incorporating a septic tank.

septic tank noun a tank, typically underground, in which sewage is collected and allowed to decompose through bacterial activity before draining by means of a soakaway.

sacrilege /'sækrɪlɪdʒ/

violation or misuse of what is regarded as sacred.

"putting ecclesiastical vestments to secular use was considered sacrilege"

nutcase /'nʌtkeɪs/ noun <informal> a mad or foolish person.

bona fide

/ˌbəʊnə 'fɪdi, ˌbəʊnə 'fiːdeɪ/

genuine; real.

"she was a bona fide expert"

overhead I. adverb — /əʊvə'hɛd/

an overhead compartment, especially on an aircraft. • passengers get up to fiddle with their luggage in the overheads.

What is a No. 2 Pencil?

When most people think pencils, the No. 2 pencil is the first thing that comes to mind. But what does the “2” on a No. 2 pencil actually mean? And what do all of the “B’s,” “H’s” and “HB’s” being thrown around mean, for that matter?

whiplash /'wɪpləʃ/

the flexible part of a whip or something resembling it.

used with reference to something resembling a blow with a whip.

"he cringed before the icy whiplash of Curtis's tongue"

injury caused by a severe jerk to the head, typically in a car accident.

"suffering from whiplash, he spent weeks with his neck in a collar"

sleek /sli:k/

(of hair, fur, or skin) smooth and glossy.

"he was tall, with sleek, dark hair"

slick /slɪk/

done or operating in an impressively smooth and efficient way.

"Rangers have been entertaining crowds with a slick passing game"

unassuming /ˌʌnə'sjuːmɪŋ/

not pretentious or arrogant; modest.

"he was an unassuming and kindly man"

valet /'vælɪt, 'væleɪ/

a person employed to clean or park cars.

"he handed his keys to the parking valet"

correspondence /ˌkɒrɪ'spɒnd(ə)ns/

letters, emails, etc. sent or received.

"his wife dealt with his private correspondence"

big shot /'bɪɡ ʃɒt/

an important or influential person.

"once he got to college he was a big shot right away"

give someone a break

(idiomatic, imperative) To stop harassing or demanding from someone.

rear /rɪə/

the back part of something, especially a building or vehicle.

"the kitchen door at the rear of the house"

terse /tɜːs/

sparing in the use of words; abrupt.

"a terse statement"

regent /'ri:dʒ(ə)nt/ I. noun 1. a person appointed to administer a state because the monarch is a minor or is absent or incapacitated. 2. (N. Amer.) a member of the governing body of a university or other academic institution.

"she was angered by his terse answer"

A moped (/ˈmoʊ.pəd/ MOH-ped) is a type of small motorcycle, generally having a less stringent licensing requirement than full motorcycles or automobiles.

be in the know

be aware of something known only to a few people.

"he had a tip from a friend in the know: the horse was a cert"

embroil /ɪmˈbrɔɪl, ɛmˈbrɔɪl/

involve (someone) deeply in an argument, conflict, or difficult situation.

"she became embroiled in a dispute between two women she hardly knew"

folly /ˈfɒli/ I. noun 1. [mass noun] — lack of good sense; foolishness • an act of sheer folly. 2. [count noun] — a foolish act, idea, or practice • the follies of youth.

to excess

exceeding the proper amount or degree.

"she insisted that he did not drink to excess"

wrasse /ras/ I. noun a marine fish with thick lips and strong teeth, typically brightly coloured with marked differences between the male and female. • Family Labridae: numerous genera and species.

outreach I. verb — [with obj.] outreach /aʊtˈri:tʃ/ 1. reach further than • their pack outreached and outwitted the Welsh team. 2. [no obj.] —<literary> stretch out one's arms. • they stood with earnest eyes, and arms outreaching.

noun — [mass noun] outreach /ˈaʊtri:tʃ/ 1. the extent or length of reaching out • the loving outreach of God to the world. 2. an organization's involvement with or influence in the community, especially in the context of religion or social welfare • the growth of evangelistic outreach • [as modifier] outreach centres.

weave /wi:v/

form (fabric or a fabric item) by interlacing long threads passing in one direction with others at a right angle to them.

"textiles woven from linen or wool"

pretext /ˈpri:tɛkst/

a reason given in justification of a course of action that is not the real reason.

"the rebels had the perfect pretext for making their move"

high note

a successful point in an event or period of time.

"he wants to end his managerial career on a high note"

sure-fire /'ʃʊːflɪə/ adjective — [attrib.] 1. <informal> certain to succeed • bad behaviour is a sure-fire way of getting attention.

grand slam /,grænd 'slam/

a home run hit when each of the three bases is occupied by a runner, thus scoring four runs.
hit a grand slam

long jump

high jump

pole vault

lets go do this

loom large

to seem important, worrying, and difficult to avoid

Fear of failure loomed large in his mind.

gripe /graɪp/ I. verb 1. [no obj.] —<informal> complain about something in a persistent, irritating way • it's no use griping about your boss or your pay • [with direct speech] 'Holidays make no difference to Simon,' Pat griped.

head-on /,hed'ɒn/

with or involving direct confrontation [as adv.] • She's a serious writer who frequently tackles social issues head-on.

hit a snag

: to have a problem (with something)

We hit a snag with our travel plans.

snag /snag/ I. noun 1. an unexpected or hidden obstacle or drawback • there's one small snag.

pelt /pelt/

the skin of an animal with the fur, wool, or hair still on it.

"traders brought reindeer pelts"

conversely /'kɒnvəːsli, kən'vəːsli/

insurmountable /,ɪnsə'maʊntəb(ə)/ I. adjective too great to be overcome • an insurmountable problem.

dry run

A practice; a rehearsal.

They did a dry run of the demonstration before showing it to the CEO.

The term dry run appears to have originated from fire departments in the US. In order to practice, they would carry out dispatches of the fire brigade where water was not pumped. A run with real fire and water was referred to as a wet run.

ingratiate /ɪnˈɡreɪʃieɪt/

bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them.

"a sycophantic attempt to ingratiate herself with the local aristocracy"

in sync

working well together; in agreement.

"he and I were in sync about the idea and it made the whole process very easy"

hash /hæʃ/

a dish of cooked meat cut into small pieces and cooked again, usually with potatoes.

dumb-bell /ˈdʌmbəl/

an apparatus like that used to ring a church bell, but without the bell (hence dumb);

limber /ˈlɪmbə/

warm up in preparation for exercise or activity, especially sport or athletics.

"the acrobats were limbering up for the big show"

iconoclast /ɪˈkɒnəklast/

a person who attacks or criticizes cherished beliefs or institutions.

register /ˈrɛdʒɪstə/ Linguistics

a variety of a language or a level of usage, as determined by degree of formality and choice of vocabulary, pronunciation, and syntax, according to the communicative purpose, social context, and standing of the user.

in the comfort of one's own home

idiom

: at home

We like to watch movies in the comfort of our own home.

burdock /ˈbɜːdək/

gourd /ɡʊəd, ɡɔːd/ l. noun 1. a fleshy, typically large fruit with a hard skin, some varieties of which are edible.

transpire /træːnˈspɪə/

(of a secret or something unknown) come to be known; be revealed.

"it transpired that millions of dollars of debt had been hidden in a complex web of transactions"

Can I have the bill please?

connive /kəˈnɪv/

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

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

kink /kɪŋk/

a sharp twist or curve in something that is otherwise straight.

"a kink in the road"

North American

a crick in the neck.

captious /ˈkæpʃəs/

tending to find fault or raise petty objections.

"a captious teacher"

nadir /ˈneɪdɪə/

the lowest or most unsuccessful point in a situation.

"asking that question was the nadir of my career"

somebody's taste runs to something if someone's taste runs to something, that is what they like

His taste ran to action movies and thrillers.

pull through

get through an illness or other dangerous or difficult situation.

"the illness is difficult to overcome, but we hope she'll pull through"

will do

expressing willingness to carry out a request or suggestion.

"'Might be best to check.' 'Righty-ho, will do.'"

A cruise line is a company that operates cruise ships that operate on ocean or rivers and which markets cruises to the public.

crag /krag/

a steep or rugged cliff or rock face.

reel /ri:l/ verb [intransitive]

1 to be confused or shocked by a situation

Norman's brain was reeling, but he did his best to appear calm.

reel from

The party is still reeling from its recent election defeat.

A field dressing or battle dressing is a kind of bandage intended to be carried by soldiers for immediate use in case of (typically gunshot) wounds.

Field dressing, also known as gralloching[1] (/ˈgræləkɪŋ/ GRA-lə-king), is the process of removing the internal organs of hunted game, and is a necessary step in obtaining and preserving meat from wild animals such as deer.

double back

go back in the direction one has come.

"he had to double back to collect them"

incapacitate /ˌɪnkəˈpæsɪteɪt/

prevent from functioning in a normal way.

"he was incapacitated by a heart attack"

pushover /ˈpʊʃəvə/

a person who is easy to overcome or influence.

"Colonel Moore was benevolent but no pushover"

moor /mʊə,mɔ:/

make fast (a boat) by attaching it by cable or rope to the shore or to an anchor.

"twenty or so fishing boats were moored to the pierside"

wake /weɪk/

a trail of disturbed water or air left by the passage of a ship or aircraft.

ravage /ˈrævɪdʒ/

cause severe and extensive damage to.

"the hurricane ravaged southern Florida"

languor /ˈlæŋɡə/

tiredness or inactivity, especially when pleasurable.

"her whole being was pervaded by a dreamy languor"

censure /ˈsenʃə/

express severe disapproval of (someone or something), especially in a formal statement.

"the company was heavily censured by inspectors from the Department of Trade"

plutocrat /ˈplu:təkrət/

a person whose power derives from their wealth.

"champagne-swilling plutocrats"

(that are) feared (to be) dead

there were many ships feared lost in the Caribbean at that time

truss /trʌs/

tie up the wings and legs of (a chicken or other bird) before cooking.

"Alfred had already trussed and stuffed the geese"

tie up (someone) with their arms at their sides.

"I found him trussed up in his cupboard"

bear down

move directly towards someone or something in a purposeful or intimidating manner.

"at a canter they bore down on the mass of men ahead"

grow a spine

To become confident or courageous; to be emboldened. Typically used as an imperative.

You need to grow a spine. You can't just bow to your boss's demands every time!

How many times are you gonna let this loser cheat on you? Grow a spine and dump him already!

Wow, I'm glad to see Rachel grow a spine and ask for the raise she deserves!

read-out /'ri:dəʊt/

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

"a digital read-out of latitude and longitude"

ambidextrous /,ambɪ'dɛkstrəs/

able to use the right and left hands equally well.

"few of us are naturally ambidextrous"

aft /ɑ:ft/

at, near, or towards the stern of a ship or tail of an aircraft.

"Travis made his way aft"

plough /plaʊ/

a large farming implement with one or more blades fixed in a frame, drawn over soil to turn it over and cut furrows in preparation for the planting of seeds.

prow /praʊ/

the pointed front part of a ship; the bow.

vault over (someone or something)

To bound or leap over someone or something, especially by using one's hands to propel oneself upward.

The robber vaulted over the fence and disappeared down an alleyway.

The soccer superstar actually managed to vault over the defensive player, regain control of the ball, and send an amazing shot into the net.

If you bounce something off someone, you tell someone about an idea or plan in order to find out what they think of it:

Can I bounce a couple of ideas off you?

to ease over means to move slowly to one side (but it doesn't suggest an upwards movement.)

ease /i:z/

move carefully or gradually.

"I eased down the slope with care"

fleck /flek/

a very small patch of colour or light.

"his blue eyes had grey flecks in them"

freckle /'frɛkl/

a small patch of light brown colour on the skin, often becoming more pronounced through exposure to the sun.

"she had a light sprinkling of freckles on her nose"

webbing /'wɛbɪŋ/

strong, closely woven fabric used for making items such as straps and belts, and for supporting the seats of upholstered chairs.

"webbing straps"

stern /stɜːn/

the rearmost part of a ship or boat.

"he stood at the stern of the yacht"

get/find your bearings

phrase

to discover your exact position:

The road system was so complicated that we had to stop to get our bearings several times.

To get your bearings, remember that the river runs almost directly west.

He stopped running and looked around to get his bearings.

She found her bearings by looking at the stars.

preclude /prɪ'kluːd/

prevent from happening; make impossible.

"the secret nature of his work precluded official recognition"

drought /draʊt/

a prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water.

"the cause of Europe's recent droughts"

oblong /'ɒblɒŋ/

a rectangular object or flat figure with unequal adjacent sides.

"an oblong of grass"

A gritty eye sensation describes the feeling of having sand or grit in the eye, or like something is scratching the surface.

string out

stretch out into a long line.

"the runners string out in a line across the road"

due south

jettison /'dʒɛtɪs(ə)n/

throw or drop (something) from an aircraft or ship.

"six aircraft jettisoned their loads in the sea"

transponder /trɑ:n'spɒndə/

a device for receiving a radio signal and automatically transmitting a different signal.

tonnage /'tɒnɪdʒ/

weight in tons, especially of cargo or freight.

"road convoys carry more tonnage"

substantive /'sʌbst(ə)ntɪv,səb'stantɪv/

having a firm basis in reality and so important, meaningful, or considerable.

"there is no substantive evidence for the efficacy of these drugs"

sonar /'səʊnɑ:/

a system for the detection of objects under water by emitting sound pulses and detecting or measuring their return after being reflected.

crash courses [count]

: a class in which a lot of information is taught in a short period of time

periscope /'pɛrɪskəʊp/

an apparatus consisting of a tube attached to a set of mirrors or prisms, by which an observer (typically in a submerged submarine or behind a high obstacle) can see things that are otherwise out of sight.

call the shots

to be in the position of being able to make the decisions that will influence a situation

prow /praʊ/

the pointed front part of a ship; the bow.

spin /spɪn/

a brief trip in a vehicle for pleasure.

"a spin around town"

ransack /'ransæk/

go through (a place) stealing things and causing damage.

"burglars ransacked her home"

give/receive no quarter

literary if someone gives no quarter, they do not show any pity or gentleness when dealing with someone, especially an enemy

It was a figh

snoop /snu:p/

investigate or look around furtively in an attempt to find out something, especially information about someone's private affairs.

"your sister might find the ring if she goes snooping about"

tag along with or behind someone
(phrasal verb) in the sense of accompany
Definition

to accompany someone, esp. when uninvited
She seemed happy to tag along with us.

grounding /'graʊndɪŋ/
basic training or instruction in a subject.
"every child needs a good grounding in science and technology"

carbine/'kɑ:bɪn/
a firearm similar to a lightweight rifle but with a shorter barrel.

"at £59.95 it's an absolute steal"

set foot in
enter; go into.
"he hasn't set foot in the place since the war"

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

denounce /dɪ'naʊns/
publicly declare to be wrong or evil.
"the Assembly denounced the use of violence"

streamline /'stri:mɪn/
design or provide with a form that presents very little resistance to a flow of air or water, increasing speed and ease of movement.
"engineers can reduce a vehicle's fuel consumption by reducing its size and weight and by streamlining its body"

squabble /'skwɒbl/
a noisy quarrel about something trivial.
"family squabbles"

behest /bɪ'hɛst/
a person's orders or command.
"they had assembled at his behest"

Belarus /ˌbel.ə'ru:s/

attaché /ə'tʃeɪ/
a person on the staff of an ambassador having a specialized area of responsibility.
"naval and air attachés"

dignitary /'dɪɡnɪt(ə)ri/

a person considered to be important because of high rank or office.

"the guests included former shareholders, local dignitaries, and many of the people directly involved with the project"

brass /brɑ:s/

people in authority or of high military rank.

"the top brass of the Jockey Club"

navigable /'nævɪɡəbl/

(of a waterway or sea) able to be sailed on by ships or boats.

"a navigable channel"

zealot /'zelət/

zeal /zi:l/

great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective.

"his zeal for privatization"

Slav /slɑ:v/

resumption /rɪ'zʌm(p)ʃn/

the action of beginning something again after a pause or interruption.

"with peace came the resumption of foreign imports"

rapprochement /rə'prɒʃmɒ̃/

(especially in international affairs) an establishment or resumption of harmonious relations.

"there were signs of a growing rapprochement between the two countries"

reproach /rɪ'prəʊtʃ/

express to (someone) one's disapproval of or disappointment in their actions.

"critics reproached him for his failure to tackle the deficiency"

hem /hɛm/

the edge of a piece of cloth or clothing that has been turned under and sewn.

"the hem of her dress"

hem in

phrasal verb of hem

surround and restrict the space or movement of someone or something.

"he was hemmed in by the tables"

"Bad off" means to be in a difficult or unfortunate situation, especially financially. It can also refer to being in a poor or distressed condition in general.

oligarchy /'ɒlɪɡə:ki/

a small group of people having control of a country or organization.

efficacious /,ɛfɪ'keɪʃəs/

(of something inanimate or abstract) successful in producing a desired or intended result; effective.

"this treatment was efficacious in some cases"

stipend /'stɪpɛnd/

a fixed regular sum paid as a salary or as expenses to a clergyman, teacher, or public official.

elicit /ɪ'ɪsɪt/

evoke or draw out (a reaction, answer, or fact) from someone.

"I tried to elicit a smile from Joanna"

bolt /bəʊlt/

(of a horse or other animal) run away suddenly, typically from fear.

"the horses shied and bolted"

(of a person) move or run away suddenly in an attempt to escape.

"they bolted down the stairs"

moor /mʊə,mɔ:/

make fast (a boat) by attaching it by cable or rope to the shore or to an anchor.

"twenty or so fishing boats were moored to the pierside"

wale /weɪl/

a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy.

"a skirt of mid-wale cotton corduroy"

Nautical

a horizontal wooden strip fitted as strengthening to a boat's side.

take one's eyes off

: to stop looking at (someone or something)

I took my eyes off the road for one second.

I can't take my eyes off that beautiful ring of yours!