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seer /sɪə, 'si:ə/

a person of supposed supernatural insight who sees visions of the future.

"a seer had foretold that the earl would assume the throne"

slander /'slɑ:ndə/

the action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation.

"he is suing the TV company for slander"

Singed cat "cat disfigured by singed fur," hence "person whose appearance does not do him justice, person who is 'better than he looks' "

adulterate

past tense: adulterated; past participle: adulterated

/ə'dʌltəreɪt/

render (something) poorer in quality by adding another substance.

"the brewer is said to adulterate his beer"

He started laughing his head off after he heard the joke.

lay off (somebody) informal to stop annoying someone or hurting them

Just lay off, will you!

I wish he'd lay off me!

charlatan /'ʃɑ:lət(ə)n/

a person falsely claiming to have a special knowledge or skill.

"a self-confessed con artist and charlatan"

lackey /'laki/

a servant, especially a liveried footman or manservant.

"lackeys were waiting to help them from the carriage"

odious

/'əʊdiəs/

adjective

extremely unpleasant; repulsive.

"a pretty odious character"

laugh off

phrasal verb of laugh

dismiss something by treating it in a light-hearted way.

"he laughed off suggestions that the company was in trouble"

mendicancy squad (plural mendicancy squads) (US) police who arrested beggars and homeless people It did not exactly beggar description, but it certainly had that word on the look-out for the mendicancy squad.

beggar belief/description

idiom

to be impossible to believe or describe:

His cruelty beggared belief/description.

visage

/ˈvɪzɪdʒ/

noun LITERARY

a person's face, with reference to the form or proportions of the features.

"an elegant, angular visage"

fall prey to

be caught and killed by (an animal) for food.

"small rodents fell prey to domestic cats"

throw/put someone off the scent

to give someone false or confusing information to prevent them from discovering something that you do not want them to know about

mercenary

/ˈmɜːs(ɪ)n(ə)ri/

adjective

primarily concerned with making money at the expense of ethics.

"the crime was committed out of mercenary motives"

phrase. If someone leaves for greener pastures, or in British English pastures new, they leave their job, their home, or the situation they are in for something they think will be much better.

scour /ˈskaʊə/

verb

1.

clean or brighten the surface of (something) by rubbing it hard, typically with an abrasive or detergent.

"she scoured the cooker"

baton

/ˈbat(ə)n, ˈbatɒn/

sediment

/ˈsɛdɪm(ə)nt/

matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid; dregs.

"the ice freezes the wine and sediment at the base of the cork"

break wind
phrase of break
release gas from the anus.

analgesic
/ˌanlɪˈdʒiːzɪk/
Learn to pronounce
MEDICINE
adjective
(of a drug) acting to relieve pain.

"It started to bucket down just as we left the house,"

adjourn
/əˈdʒəːn/
verb
break off (a meeting, legal case, or game) with the intention of resuming it later.
"the meeting was adjourned until December 4"
(of a group of people) go somewhere for rest or refreshment.
"they adjourned to a local pub"

be no skin off someone's nose
idiom (US also be no skin off someone's back)
Add to word list
used when you want to say that it makes no difference to you what someone else does or thinks:
It's no skin off my nose if you don't take my advice.

truffle
/ˈtrʌfl/
noun
1.
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.

hall pass
a piece of paper or other token authorising a student to be outside a particular classroom while class is in session.
"I got my hall pass and started walking to the guidance counsellor's office"

The phrase face the music is said to have started in the United States during the 19th century, though its exact genesis is debated. One theory is that it originated from theatre, where performers had to literally face the music (the orchestra positioned in front of the stage, in this case) and overcome stage fright.

There are no distinguishable differences between skillets and frying pans.

Cast iron is a class of iron–carbon alloys with a carbon content more than 2% and silicon content around 1-3%.

A stomach cramp is a sudden, tight feeling in the muscles of your belly.

stoic /'stəʊɪk/

a person who can endure pain or hardship without showing their feelings or complaining.
a member of the ancient philosophical school of Stoicism.

Cost an arm and a leg: Something very expensive.

doy

in British English

(dɔɪ IPA Pronunciation Guide)

NOUN

Northern England dialect

a beloved person: used esp as an endearment

shoot-out

/ˈʃuːtaʊt/

noun INFORMAL

a decisive gun battle.

"we had all got cap pistols for Christmas and gathered in Dr Hadley's backyard for a shoot-out"

provocative

/prəˈvɒkətɪv/

adjective

causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately.

"a provocative article"

areola /əˈriːələ/

flake out

phrasal verb of flake

1.

INFORMAL

fall asleep or drop from exhaustion.

"he got back in time to flake out until morning"

2.

INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

fail to keep an appointment or fulfil a commitment, especially with little or no advance notice.

"he flakes out on plans all the time for no good reason"

levity

/ˈlevɪti/

noun

the treatment of a serious matter with humour or lack of due respect.
"as an attempt to introduce a note of levity, the words were a disastrous flop"

dilute

/dɪˈl(j)uːt,dɪˈl(j)uːt/

verb

verb: dilute; 3rd person present: dilutes; past tense: diluted; past participle: diluted; gerund or present participle: diluting

make (a liquid) thinner or weaker by adding water or another solvent to it.

"bleach can be diluted with cold water"

make (something) weaker in force, content, or value by modification or the addition of other elements.

"the reforms have been diluted"

ailment

/ˈeɪlm(ə)nt/

noun

an illness, typically a minor one.

"the doctor diagnosed a common stomach ailment"

obtuse

/əbˈtjuːs,ɒbˈtjuːs/

adjective

1.

annoyingly insensitive or slow to understand.

"he wondered if the doctor was being deliberately obtuse"

cast/shed/throw light on

idiom

: to help to explain (something) : to make it possible to understand or know more about (something)

She is developing new theories that might shed some light on these unusual phenomena.

I hope my explanation throws light on their behavior.

jerk town

noun phrase

a small town; an insignificant village: to fool around a jerk town (1899+)

give a bad name to

Also, give someone or something a bad name. Spoil the reputation of, as in Late deliveries are giving the company a bad name. The use of bad name (sometimes put as ill name) dates from about 1400, and the proverb "He that hath a ill name is half hanged" was included in numerous collections from 1546 on.

hefty

/ˈhɛfti/

adjective

1.

large and heavy.

"a hefty young chap"

exuberant

/ɪgˈz(j)uːb(ə)rənt, ɛgˈz(j)uːb(ə)rənt/

adjective

full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness.

"a noisy bunch of exuberant youngsters"

feign

/feɪn/

verb

pretend to be affected by (a feeling, state, or injury).

"she feigned nervousness"

insolent

/ˈɪnsələnt/

adjective

showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect.

"she hated the insolent tone of his voice"

desecrate

/ˈdɛsɪkreɪt/

verb

treat (a sacred place or thing) with violent disrespect.

"more than 300 graves were desecrated"

buffoon

/bəˈfuːn/

noun

a ridiculous but amusing person; a clown.

"they are simply incompetent buffoons who have no idea what they are doing"

triumphant

/trɪˈʌmf(ə)nt/

adjective

having won a battle or contest; victorious.

"two of their triumphant Cup team"

oh crumbs

hurricane

/ˈhʌrɪk(ə)n, ˈhʌrɪkeɪn/

valiant /ˈvʌliənt/

Learn to pronounce

possessing or showing courage or determination.

"she made a valiant effort to hold her anger in check"

misc

miscellaneous adjective

/ˌmɪsəˈleɪniəs/

pipe down

phrasal verb of pipe

1.

INFORMAL

stop talking; be less noisy.

"pipe down, will you, I'm on the phone"

Adjective. bone hard (not comparable) (idiomatic) As hard as a bone, rock hard.

perverse

/pəˈvɜːs/

adjective

1.

showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable.

"Kate's perverse decision not to cooperate held good"

scoundrel

/ˈskaʊndr(ə)l/

noun

a dishonest or unscrupulous person; a rogue.

"that scoundrel sets a bad example for the other young men"

I stayed up late last night

on the lash

British English informal drinking a lot of alcohol in pubs or bars

We went out on the lash last night

on fire

playing, working, etc. extremely well:

He didn't just make the team; he was on fire.

Wow, Luke, you are on fire today!

off one's trolley

PHRASE

If you say that someone is off their trolley, you mean that their ideas or behaviour are very strange.

[British, informal]

Is she off her trolley or what?

standstill

/ˈstɑːndstɪl/

a situation or condition in which there is no movement or activity at all.

"the traffic came to a standstill"

mongoose

/ˈmɒŋɡuːs/

formidable

/ˈfɔːmɪdəbl̩, fəˈmɪdəbl̩, fɔːˈmɪdəbl̩/

adjective

inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.

"a formidable opponent"

like a house on fire

very well; excellently.

"Gav and my Aunt Janice got on like a house on fire"

vigorously and successfully.

"he started his United career like a house on fire"

midriff /ˈmɪdrɪf/

the region of the front of the body between the chest and the waist.

"she wore a top that showed her midriff"

head over heels

phrase of head

1.

turning over completely in forward motion, as in a somersault.

"he fell backwards, tumbling head over heels down the steps"

2.

madly in love.

"I immediately fell head over heels for Don"

rascal /ˈrɑːskl/

Being a 'together' person can mean having well-organised ideas, or being sensible and confident, usually used in the negative sense.

live up to someone's expectations

idiom

: to do as well as someone expects one to do

He found it hard to live up to his parents' expectations.

usurp

/ju: 'zə:p,jʊ 'zə:p/

verb

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

"Richard usurped the throne"

get/find one's bearings

: to find out one's position

Let's stop here and find our bearings.

—often used figuratively

Our course for new employees will help you get/find your bearings at work.

slop /slop/

waste water from a kitchen, bathroom, or chamber pot that has to be emptied by hand.

"sink slops"

semi-liquid kitchen refuse, often used as animal food.

"she emptied some slops for the chickens"

unappetizing semi-liquid food.

sod2

/sɒd/

noun

noun: sod; plural noun: sods

1.

VULGAR SLANG•BRITISH

an unpleasant or obnoxious person.

a person of a specified kind.

something that is difficult or causes problems.

head on

with direct confrontation.

"she's a serious writer who frequently tackles social issues head-on"

cretin /'krɛt(ɪ)n/

DEROGATORY•INFORMAL

a stupid person (used as a general term of abuse).

thick-skulled in American English

('θɪk ,skʌld) adjective. stupid or obtuse.

indomitable

/ɪn 'dɒmɪtəbl/

adjective

impossible to subdue or defeat.

"a woman of indomitable spirit"

lost cause

noun

a person or thing that can no longer hope to succeed or be changed for the better.

"their opposition to planning for full employment was a lost cause"

flesh out

phrasal verb

fleshed out; fleshing out; fleshes out

: to provide more information about (something) : to make (something) more complete by adding details

You need to flesh out your plan with more details.

She fleshes out the characters in her novels very well.

squander /'skwɒndə/

verb

waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner.

"£100m of taxpayers' money has been squandered on administering the tax"

and all

phrase of all

used to emphasize something additional that is being referred to.

"she threw her coffee over him, mug and all"

INFORMAL

as well.

"get one for me and all"

commendable

/kə'mendəbl/

deserving praise.

"he showed commendable restraint"

monster

/'mɒnstə/

You say I/we/etc. call B.S. when someone is being insincere, untruthful, or when something is false, misleading, or some similar circumstance. It generally means you don't believe someone. You can similarly just say "B.S." or "bullshit". For example.

lay off (something/someone)

to stop using or doing something:

You'd better lay off alcohol for a while.

Why can't you lay off (= stop criticizing or hurting) the kid for once!

Arsenal came from 2-1 down to enjoy a reversal of 4-2 against Tottenham.

put/lay something on the line

to risk something:

Firefighters put their lives on the line every working day.

come to
To seek help from.
You can always come to me when you're feeling sad.

do overtime

put on makeup

In my opinion, with 'feelings towards', the feelings could be positive or negative', whereas with 'feelings for', the feelings will be positive'. So it depends on the meaning you wish to convey.

heinous
/'heɪnəs, 'hi:nəs/
(of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.
"a battery of heinous crimes"

recollect /,rɛkə'lekt/

tun /tʌn/
noun
1.
a large beer or wine cask.

handkerchief
/'hæŋkətʃɪf, 'hæŋkətʃi:f/

mischief
/'mɪstʃɪf/

dawdle /'dɔ:dl/
waste time; be slow.
"she mustn't dawdle—she had to make the call now"

be on (an) equal, firm, etc. footing
to be in an equal, safe, etc. situation:
He worked indefatigably to establish the subject on an equal footing with organic chemistry.

crass /kras/
showing no intelligence or sensitivity.
"the crass assumptions that men make about women"

presto
/'prestəʊ/
(especially as a direction) in a quick tempo.
"piano playing isn't an athletic activity unless you're playing presto non-stop"

a phrase announcing the successful completion of a trick, or suggesting that something has been done so easily that it seems to be magic.

"just one quick squeeze and presto! A stir fry in seconds"

fealty /'fi:əlti/

noun HISTORICAL

a feudal tenant's or vassal's sworn loyalty to a lord.

"they owed fealty to the Earl rather than the King"

lackey /'laki/

a servant, especially a liveried footman or manservant.

"lackeys were waiting to help them from the carriage"

like i care

odious /'əʊdiəs/

extremely unpleasant; repulsive.

"a pretty odious character"

I pledge my life and honour to the Night's Watch, for this night and all the nights to come."

jarring /'dʒɑ:ɪŋ/

incongruous in a striking or shocking way; clashing.

"the telephone struck a jarring note in those Renaissance surroundings"

The party was nothing short of a disaster.

Her behaviour was nothing short of obnoxious.

His achievements as a political reformer have been nothing short of miraculous.

felon /'felən/

a person who has committed a felony.

subpoena /sə'pi:nə/

a writ ordering a person to attend a court.

"a subpoena may be issued to compel their attendance"

keep tabs on

: to carefully watch (someone or something) in order to learn what that person or thing is doing

We are keeping tabs on their movements.

The magazine keeps tabs on the latest fashion trends.

live a little

: to spend time doing enjoyable things. Now that he's retired he just wants to live a little.

nuisance /'nju:sns/

rejuvenation /rɪ,dʒu:vi'neɪʃn/

the action or process of giving new energy or vigour to something.

"plans for the rejuvenation of the area"

garb /gɑ:b/

clothing, especially of a distinctive or special kind.

"kids in combat garb"

clover

/'klʌvə/

visage /'vɪzɪdʒ/

a person's face, with reference to the form or proportions of the features.

"an elegant, angular visage"

toots / tuts /

an affectionate or familiar term of address; honey; baby (sometimes offensive when used to strangers, casual acquaintances, subordinates, etc., especially by a male to a female).

I would never recommend using a sunbed on a regular basis.

"George had recommended some local architects"

reservation

/,rɛzə'veɪʃn/

If we are referring to the ambience of a place, we say I like it here or I like it there as Lambie says in his answer.

【誤】I forgot my textbook at home.

【正】I left my textbook at home.

△ I recommend you take an aspirin.

○ I recommend taking an aspirin.

clip on earring

assertive /ə'sə:tɪv/

having or showing a confident and forceful personality.

"the job may call for assertive behaviour"

"the meeting starts at 7.30 sharp"

low in price

strap someone in

to fasten a seat belt around someone in a car, aircraft, or other vehicle, for safety purposes:
Are you kids strapped in back there?

pored over; poring over; pores over. : to read or study (something) very carefully.

follow along

maintain awareness of the course or progress of something, especially a performance.

"the physics course stresses conceptual understanding over mathematics, so you don't need to bring your calculus textbook just to follow along"

perform a task or activity at the same time that it is being demonstrated by another person.

"if you have trouble following along with aerobics workouts, it's possible to modify the more intense moves"

Just my two cents. I didn't played Fallout 1 and 2 until this past year or so, and I'd been playing the series since 3 and New Vegas.

dolt

/dɒlt/

a stupid person.

there is nothing to it

There is no difficulty involved.

Fire" is a slang term used to describe something that is exciting, outstanding, or gaining popularity quickly.

Hey Motoki, it has been nearly 10 months since you have been in Australia!!

Time flies so fast! How did you find Australia?

Try to stay relaxed and focused in the test. (during it)

Thank you very much for setting up the purchase of the watch for my husband at such a reasonable price.

New York is not as dangerous a city as it used to be.

he also has the most international goals of all time

Who has scored the most goals in international football?

How well did you do on the test?

You have to change trains at Shibuya.

lower life form

Weenie Hut Jr's

be laughing all the way to the bank
to be earning a lot of money easily:
We'll be laughing all the way to the bank if this deal works out.

AWOL /'eiwɒl/

adjective MILITARY

absent without official leave but without intent to desert.

"we not only dealt with the enemy but with servicemen who had gone AWOL"

absent from where one should be; missing.

"if, having been treated in this way, students go AWOL, no one should be surprised"

care for

somewhat formal : to like or enjoy (something) —often used in negative statements

I don't care for jelly beans.

I don't care for your tone of voice.

retina

/'retɪnə/

Pet peeve came into use in the early 20th century from the combination of the word pet, meaning "an especially cherished thing," and the word peeve, meaning "irritated or exasperated." Peeve is derived from a late 14th-century word peyvesshe, meaning "perverse or capricious," likely originating from the Latin perversus.

the state of affairs; the facts about the present situation.

noun: the score

"What's wrong Simon? What's the score?"

quadruple

/'kwɒdrʌpl, kwɒ'druːpl/

alimony /'alɪməni/

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"

chicanery /ʃɪ'keɪn(ə)ri/

the use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose.

"storylines packed with political chicanery"

by the name of phrase of name

called.

"a woman by the name of Smith"

wager

/'weɪdʒə/

verb

1.

risk (a sum of money or valued item) against someone else's on the basis of the outcome of an unpredictable event; bet.

"a total of \$770,700 was wagered by fans at other sites on the track"

wacky /'waki/

funny or amusing in a slightly odd or peculiar way.

"a wacky chase movie"

cut to the chase

come to the point.

"cut to the chase—what is it you want us to do?"

crestfallen /'krɛst,fɔ:lən/

sad and disappointed.

"he came back empty-handed and crestfallen"

from the bottom of my heart

hanky /'hæŋki/ handkerchief

Informal. in an easy manner; comfortably:

i can do this easy.

to go easy; take it easy.

doozy /'du:zi/

something outstanding or unique of its kind.

"it's gonna be a doozy of a black eye"

capitalism /'kæpɪtəlɪz(ə)m/

stingy

/'stɪŋ(d)ʒi/

mean; ungenerous.

"his boss is stingy and idle"

frugal /'fru:gl/

sparing or economical as regards money or food.

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

alacrity /ə'lækɹɪti/

brisk and cheerful readiness.

"she accepted the invitation with alacrity"

corny

/'kɔ:ni/

trite, banal, or mawkishly sentimental.

"it sounds corny, but as soon as I saw her I knew she was the one"

rich in flavour

Inflation adjustment means removing the effect of price inflation from data.

pistachio

/pɪ'stɑː(t)ʃɪʊ/

perk up

chiefly US, of an animal's ears : to be lifted in a quick and alert way

The dog's ears perked up.

—often used figuratively of a person

My ears perked up when I heard my name mentioned.

foolproof /'fuːlpruːf/

incapable of going wrong or being misused.

"a foolproof security system"

A company that habitually flouts labor standards

musical note

canoodle /kə'nuːdl/

kiss and cuddle amorously.

"she was caught canoodling with her boyfriend"

Libya

unhinged

/ʌn'hɪŋ(d)ʒd/

adjective

mentally unbalanced; deranged.

"the violent acts of unhinged minds"

The term "owned" subsequently spread to gaming circles, where it was used to refer to defeat in a game.

for·sake /fə'seɪk \$ fər-/ verb (past tense forsook /- 'sʊk/, past participle forsaken /- 'seɪkən/)

award

/ə'wɔːd/

prostration /prə'streɪʃn/

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

lasagne

/lə'zɑnjə,lə'zɑ:njə/

my nose is already sniffly

batter /'batə/

a semi-liquid mixture of flour, egg, and milk or water, used for making pancakes or for coating food before frying.

"pancake batter"

cutout

a shape cut out of board or another material.

"a life-size cut-out"

off the charts, greatly exceeding the general level or average: Demand for the new phone is off the charts.: Also off the chart .

deterrent /dɪ'terənt/

a thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.

"cameras are a major deterrent to crime"

measly /'mi:zli/

ridiculously small or few.

"three measly votes"

people who use computers on a day-to-day basis

Grimms' Fairy Tales

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"

take (one's) revenge

idiom

: to hurt someone in return for being hurt by that person

He swore to take (his) revenge on his enemies.

A tuile (/twi:l/) is a baked wafer, French in origin, generally arced in shape, that is made most often from dough (but also possibly from cheese), often served as an accompaniment of other dishes.

The acronym PEMDAS is common in the United States and France. It stands for Parentheses, Exponents, Multiplication/Division, Addition/Subtraction.

star-struck

fascinated or greatly impressed by famous people, especially those connected with the cinema or the theatre.

"I was a star-struck cinemagoer"

multifaceted

/ˌmʌltɪˈfæsɪtɪd/

having many sides.

"the diamond's multifaceted surface"

If you tell someone that you would be obliged or should be obliged if they would do something, you are telling them in a polite but firm way that you want them to do it.

allude

/əˈl(j)uːd/

suggest or call attention to indirectly; hint at.

"she had a way of alluding to Jean but never saying her name"

under wraps

Concealed or secret, as in The design for the new plant is under wraps. This idiom frequently is put as keep under wraps, meaning "keep secret," as in Let's keep this theory under wraps until we've tested it sufficiently. It alludes to covering something completely by wrapping it up. [1930s]

I am of the view that humans are inherently good.

rudimentary

/ˌruːdɪˈment(ə)ri/

adjective

involving or limited to basic principles.

"he received a rudimentary education"

docile

/ˈdɒsəl/

adjective

ready to accept control or instruction; submissive.

"a cheap and docile workforce"

come short

fail to reach a goal or standard.

"we're so close to getting the job done, but we keep coming up short"

Chef's kiss is a gesture and expression meant to show something is perfect or excellent.

If you say that something reeks of unpleasant ideas, feelings, or practices, you disapprove of it because it gives a strong impression that it involves those ideas, feelings, or practices.

[disapproval]

The whole thing reeks of hypocrisy.

stoked

/stəʊkt/

adjective INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

excited or euphoric.

"when they told me I was on the team, I was stoked"

crêpe

/kreɪp,krɛp/

gamy /'geɪmi/

(of meat) having the strong flavour or smell of game, especially when it is high.

"a gamy stew of various meats"

loin

/lɔɪn/

I love live-action movies.

Come on, live a little.

dexterity

/dɛk'stɜːtɪ/

urology

/jʊ'rɒlədʒi/

lobotomy

/lə'bɒtəmi/

sterile

/'stɛrɪl/

beg of

To plead with someone for something. This phrase often suggests a certain intensity or desperation from the speaker. A noun or pronoun can be used between "beg" and "of."

Oh, please come with me tonight, I beg of you. I can't possibly go alone.

Can I beg a few dollars of you? I forgot my wallet at home today.

irrevocable /ɪ'revəkəbl/

not able to be changed, reversed, or recovered; final.

"an irrevocable step"

muck about/around

to be unfair or dishonest with (someone) : to lie to or cheat (someone)

I want them to stop mucking me around.

He's tired of being mucked about.

psyched /saɪkt/

excited and full of anticipation.

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

I try to promote my fave whenever I can.

be big on

in American English

to have a special liking or enthusiasm for

Mother is big on family get-togethers

scot-free /ˌskɒtˈfriː/

adjective

adverb: scot-free

without suffering any punishment or injury.

"the people who kidnapped you will get off scot-free"

libel /ˈlɪbl/

a published false statement that is damaging to a person's reputation; a written defamation.

"he was found guilty of a libel on a Liverpool inspector of taxes"

you have a lovely voice

(one's) jam

1. slang A song that one loves or likes a lot.

Yo, this is my jam! Turn it up!

A: "This dumb song is your jam?" B: "Yes, and clearly you have no taste."

Look at Mom dancing with her friends over there. This must be their jam!

2. slang Something one particularly prefers, desires, enjoys, or cares about.

I knew classic literature was your jam, so I thought you might like this book I found.

Thank you for the invitation, but long-distance cycling just isn't really my jam.

Baking's not my jam—I don't like having to measure every little thing so precisely.

I have no emotional leeway right now.

It's no laughing matter. I nearly died

parka /ˈpɑːkə/

noun

noun: parka; plural noun: parkas

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

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

You're on another level.

prescription glasses

spectacles the lenses of which have been made specifically to match the wearer's defects of vision

clasp

/kla:sp/

grasp (something) tightly with one's hand.

"he clasped her arm"

entail /ɪn'teɪl, ɛn'teɪl/

involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.

"a situation which entails considerable risks"

punitive

/'pju:nɪtɪv/

adjective

inflicting or intended as punishment.

"he called for punitive measures against the Eastern bloc"

taunt /tɔ:nt/

noun

plural noun: taunts

a remark made in order to anger, wound, or provoke someone.

"pupils will play truant rather than face the taunts of classmates about their ragged clothes"

He became ostracised from the neighbourhood when everyone heard what he did.

If you ally yourself with someone, you become their ally.

Some Indian groups allied themselves with the French, others with the English.

During World War II, the United States was allied with Russia, but after the war, that changed.

An outfit can have 1 item, such as a dress, or multiple items, such as shoulder pads, helmet, etc. Even if it has multiple items, we care about the set of items as a single unit, so we use the singular unless we mean multiple sets.

imprecation

/,ɪmpri'keɪʃn/

a spoken curse.

"I pushed my way through, screaming imprecations"

When did we last see each other?

Kumiko is an interfering old woman.

exert /ɪg'zə:t, ɛg'zə:t/

apply or bring to bear (a force, influence, or quality).

"the moon exerts a force on the Earth"

infantile

/ˈɪnfəntaɪl/

adjective

of or occurring among babies or very young children.

"infantile colic"

rear /rɪə/

bring up and care for (a child) until they are fully grown.

"Nigel was born and reared in Bath"

veritable /ˈvɛrɪtəbl/

used for emphasis, often to qualify a metaphor.

"the early 1970s witnessed a veritable price explosion"

artisanal /ɑːˈtɪzən(ə)/

adjective

relating to or characteristic of an artisan.

"artisanal skills"

(of a product, especially food or drink) made in a traditional or non-mechanized way.

"artisanal cheeses"

dilapidated /dɪˈlæpɪdeɪtɪd/

(of a building or object) in a state of disrepair or ruin as a result of age or neglect.

"old, dilapidated buildings"

I've always loved the English countryside.

I was admitted to the hospital.

I was hospitalised.

Slaps is another way to say that something is really good, or impressive.

Congratulations on your marriage!

Congratulations for saving the farm from foreclosure!

lose face

be humiliated or come to be less highly respected.

"the code of conduct required that he strike back or lose face"

Have I Been Pwned

crook pot

exude

/ɪɡˈzjuːd, ɛɡˈzjuːd/

(with reference to moisture or a smell) discharge or be discharged slowly and steadily.

"the beetle exudes a caustic liquid"

within the law

What does this mean:

"You look hammered shit"

It means:

"You look beyond drunk! Wow!"

My lips are chapped.

This risotto is shmackin, dude

a visual representation or reproduction.

"a pen-and-ink rendition of Mars with his sword drawn"

bang for your buck

grunt work

the basic, hard work, often physical or boring work, that is necessary for something to succeed:

As an apprentice, you start out doing a lot of the grunt work.

A computer can handle the mathematical grunt work.

I have heard one-on-one more often than one-to-one here in the US (California).

In practice, there is no difference in meaning.

dungarees /ˌdʌŋɡəˈriː/.

BRITISH

a garment consisting of trousers with a bib held up by straps over each shoulder, made of denim, corduroy, or heavy cotton and worn as casual or working clothes.

discombobulated

/ˌdɪskəmˈbɒbjʊleɪtɪd/

adjective HUMOROUS

confused and disconcerted.

"he is looking a little pained and discombobulated"

garlic

/ˈɡɑːlɪk/

hummus

/ˈhjuːməs/

noun

a thick paste or spread made from ground chickpeas and sesame seeds, olive oil, lemon, and garlic, made originally in the Middle East.

pedant /'pɛdnt/

a person who is excessively concerned with minor details and rules or with displaying academic learning.

"the royal palace (some pedants would say the ex-royal palace)"he is a regular (customer)

the till's been robbed a few times.

till² /tɪl/

a cash register or drawer for money in a shop, bank, or restaurant.

"there were queues at the till"

down and out

/ˌdaʊn ən(d) 'aʊt/

a person without money, a job, or a place to live.

"a hostel for down-and-outs"

A customer is someone who buys something, especially from a shop. She's one of our regular customers. A client is a person or company that receives a service from a professional person or organisation in return for payment.

alphanumeric

/ˌalfənjuː'mɛrɪk/

adjective

consisting of or using both letters and numerals.

"alphanumeric data"

In any capacity means performing a role such as a borrower, mortgagor or guarantor, acting either independently or together with others.

confidence

/ˈkɒnfɪd(ə)ns/

The injury had a silver lining: it enabled Blake to spend his father's last weeks with him.

savvy

/ˈsavi/

know or understand.

"Charley would savvy what to do"

I know you're excited about the party but don't go overboard.

carry away

phrasal verb of carry

1.

lose self-control.

"I got a bit carried away when describing the final game"

in the works

phrase of work

being planned, worked on, or produced.

"a major consolidation of companies was in the works"

prior to

gouge

/gaʊdʒ,guːdʒ/

verb

1.

make (a groove, hole, or indentation) with or as with a sharp tool or blade.

"the channel had been gouged out by the ebbing water"

overcharge or swindle (someone).

"drugs sold by the same manufacturers who are gouging patients in this country"

obtain money by swindling or extortion.

"he'd gouged wads out of Morty"

endogenous /ɛnˈdɒdʒɪnəs/

having an internal cause or origin.

"the expected rate of infection is endogenous to the system"

slum /slʌm/

a squalid and overcrowded urban street or district inhabited by very poor people.

"inner-city slums"

My school has exchange programs to many different countries.

His confessions were made under torture.

come at (someone or something)

To move toward someone or something in an aggressive or hostile manner.

You can't come at a cat like that, or you'll scare it off.

I was walking home when this guy came at me out of nowhere asking for bus fare.

full-on

1. Describing something that has reached a particularly intense level or quality. Used before a noun.

Oh, this is a full-on competition now that those two computer whizzes have signed up.

I wasn't expecting this to turn into a full-on horror movie!

2. Consuming or requiring all of one's energy or time.

Work has been really full-on lately. We just took on a new client, so we've been working extra hours to accommodate them.

3. Physically, mentally, or emotionally exhausting.

Are you sure you don't mind looking after the kids for the whole weekend? They can be pretty full-on.

Sarah's nice and all, but she's a bit full-on in one-on-one conversations.

pent-up

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

"pent-up frustrations"

We have a difference of opinions

snub /snʌb/

rebuff, ignore, or spurn disdainfully.

"he snubbed faculty members and students alike"

lose to (someone or something)

To be defeated by someone or something. What was lost can be stated between "lose" and "to."

The football team lost to their rivals in the championship game.

I can't believe I lost the student council presidency to that doofus!

bass /beɪs/

scram /skram/

leave or go away from a place quickly.

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

A scary look in his/her eyes.

Diplomatic immunity is a principle of international law by which certain foreign government officials are not subject to the jurisdiction of local courts and other authorities for both their official and, to a large extent, their personal activities.

disingenuous /ˌdɪs(ɪ)nˈdʒɛnjʊəs/

not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does.

"he was being somewhat disingenuous as well as cynical"

hipster /ˈhɪpstə/

a person who follows the latest trends and fashions in clothing and lifestyle, especially those regarded as being outside the cultural mainstream.

"it is a haven for hipsters looking for an exciting urban lifestyle"

denigrate /ˈdɛnɪɡreɪt/

criticise unfairly; disparage.

"doom and gloom merchants who denigrate their own country"

ovation

/ə(ʊ)ˈveɪʃn/

noun

1.

a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation from an audience, especially by means of applause.

"the performance received a thundering ovation"

dejected /dɪˈdʒɛktɪd/

sad and depressed; dispirited.

"he stood in the street looking dejected"

Baak Gwai (白鬼): What is the correct connotation?

To my Cantonese-speaking brethren, I was hoping you'd be able to help me understand how the phrase "baak gwai" or 白鬼 should be understood. Specifically, how offensive of a term is it?

incarceration /ɪnˌkɑːsəˈreɪʃn/

the state of being confined in prison; imprisonment.

"the public would not be served by her incarceration"

right to naturalisation

a sign, such as an accent or cedilla, which when written above or below a letter indicates a difference in pronunciation from the same letter when unmarked or differently marked.

diacritic

/ˌdaɪəˈkrɪtɪk/

multifaceted /ˌmʌltɪˈfæsɪtɪd/

having many sides.

"the diamond's multifaceted surface"

it's natural to be curious about what the future holds.

I don't have the capability to speak audibly, but I can generate text based on our conversation.

The term for a dark shade of blue is simply "navy."

Green and blue are two distinct colours.

peruse

/pəˈruːz/

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

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

obsequious

/əbˈsiːkwɪəs/

obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.

"they were served by obsequious waiters"

somebody's memory is playing tricks on them

spoken used to say that someone is remembering things wrongly
My memory must be playing tricks on me; I'm sure I put that book on the desk.

wrong in what you believe, or based on a belief that is wrong:
If you think you can keep drinking so much without damaging your health, then you're mistaken.

Unfortunately I was mistaken about how much it would cost.

The negotiations continued in the mistaken belief that a peaceful agreement could be reached.

a case of mistaken identity

Flaming, also known as roasting, is the act of posting insults, often including profanity or other offensive language, on the internet.

profound

/prəˈfaʊnd/

(of a state, quality, or emotion) very great or intense.

"profound feelings of disquiet"

Grounding is a general discipline technique which is restriction of children at home from going out.

This term was used initially in aviation: when a pilot is prevented from flying an aircraft due to misconduct, illness, technical issues with the aircraft, or other reasons, the pilot is "grounded" – that is, literally confined to the ground.[5]

be on the trail of somebody/something

to be trying to find someone or something by getting information about them

industrial spies on the trail of technological secrets

Police believe they are hot on the trail of a drug-smuggling gang (=they are close to finding them).

jerk /dʒə:k/

a quick, sharp, sudden movement.

"he gave a sudden jerk of his head"

meat or fish that has been seasoned or marinated in a blend of chilli, allspice, and other ingredients and barbecued over a wood fire.

"a plate of jerk chicken"

jackoff /ˈdʒakɒf/

a stupid, irritating, or contemptible person.

"they're all a bunch of jackoffs!"

/ˈmæ.stə.beɪt/

cuck /kʌk/

cuckold /ˈkʌk(ə)ld/

a man whose wife is sexually unfaithful, regarded as an object of derision.
"jokes in literature about elderly cuckolds and misers are rife"

sharpie /'ʃɑːpi/

a brand name for a type of marker pen with a thick point for writing or drawing:
He took a Sharpie and wrote the word "freedom" on the page.
She gets asked for so many autographs that she brings her own Sharpie .

tally /'tali/

agree or correspond.

"their signatures should tally with their names on the register"

to calculate the total of something: If the game's over I'll tally up. SMART Vocabulary: related words and phrases. Calculations & calculating.

Pent-up anger refers to internalized anger and emotions rather than external manifestations.

pent-up

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

"pent-up frustrations"

closely confined or held back.

"a surge of pent-up water"

A child or young person who is grounded is not allowed to go out as a punishment: I stayed out till 1 am last night and now I'm grounded for a week.

power slide

a deliberate controlled skid in a vehicle, performed in order to turn corners at high speed.

pop-up store

a store that opens suddenly and usually exists for a short amount of time:

A temporary pop-up store often appears when retailers take advantage of empty retail space.

splurge /splɜːdʒ/

I might regret splurging today.

thrift /θrɪft/ the quality of using money and other resources carefully and not wastefully.

"the values of thrift and self-reliance"

thrift shop

noun NORTH AMERICAN

noun: thrift store

a shop selling second-hand clothes and household goods, typically to raise funds for a Church or charity.

ear /ɪə/

period

/ˈpiə.ri.əd/, /ˈpiə.ɹi.əd/

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"

OG

OG used to mean Original Gangster although some people these days use OG as a quicker way of saying Original

Oh man that was so og what you did back there

acclimatise

/əˈklimətʌɪz/

become accustomed to a new climate or new conditions; adjust.

"it's unknown whether people will acclimatise to increasingly warm weather"

advice

/ədˈvaɪs/

deputy sheriff

police

/pʊˈliːs/

eat/have someone or something for lunch

US, informal

: to outdo or defeat someone or something very badly

The big hardware chain was eating/having the local store for lunch.

keel over in American English

US. 1. to turn over or upside down; upset; capsize. 2. to fall over suddenly, as in a faint.

encourage

/ɪnˈkʌrɪdʒ, ɛnˈkʌrɪdʒ/

impudent

/ˈɪmpjʊd(ə)nt/

not showing due respect for another person; impertinent.

"he could have strangled this impudent upstart"

Maybe it's a great idea. Well, on second thought, maybe not.

scale /skeɪl/

climb up or over (something high and steep).

"thieves scaled a high fence"

"these six men braved the rough seas"

pay court to

phrase of court

pay flattering attention to (someone) in order to win favour.

"statesmen came to pay the king court and ask for alliances"

Member of Parliament

A Member of Parliament (MP) is the person elected by all those who live in a particular area (constituency) to represent them in the House of Commons.

Antipodean

/ænˌtɪpəˈdiən, ˌantɪpəˈdiən/

of, relating to, or originating from places on the opposite side of the globe, especially Australia and New Zealand;

ebullient /ɪˈbʌljənt, ɪˈbʊljənt/

cheerful and full of energy.

"she sounded ebullient and happy"