

finished

give away

reveal the true identity of someone.

"his strangely shaped feet gave him away"

gait /geɪt/

a person's manner of walking.

"the easy gait of an athlete"

A pea coat (or peacoat, pea jacket, pilot jacket) is an outer coat, generally of a navy-coloured heavy wool, originally worn by sailors of European[1] and later American navies.

stake-out /'steɪkaʊt/

a period of secret surveillance of a building or an area by police in order to observe someone's activities.

"they were looking for a vantage point for a stake-out"

shingles /'ʃɪŋɡlz/

a painful acute inflammation of the nerve ganglia, with a skin eruption often forming a girdle around the middle of the body. It is caused by the same virus as chickenpox.

strike it rich

to become rich suddenly and unexpectedly:

His father struck it rich in the diamond business.

chipper /'tʃɪpə/

cheerful and lively.

"Eugene was feeling chipper"

make no bones about something

not to try to hide your feelings:

He made no bones about his dissatisfaction with the service.

gable /'geɪbl/

the triangular upper part of a wall at the end of a ridged roof.

"a house with mock-Tudor gables"

blot out something

to cause something to disappear, or to remove something unpleasant from your thoughts:

A dark cloud blotted out the sun.

He blots out the painful memories by keeping very busy.

blot

/blɒt/

dry (a wet surface or substance) using an absorbent material.

"Henry blotted the page"

be in one's element

be in a situation or environment that one particularly likes and in which one can perform well.

"he was always in his element when working around the house"

racket /'rækɪt/

an illegal or dishonest scheme for obtaining money.

"a protection racket"

lapse into

: to begin using or doing (something that should be avoided) for a short period of time

He's a good writer, but he occasionally lapses into jargon.

: to begin to be in (a worse or less active state or condition)

The crowd lapsed into silence.

The patient lapsed into a coma.

The society lapsed into decline.

withering /'wɪð(ə)rɪŋ/

intended to make someone feel humiliated; scornful.

"a withering look"

mope /məʊp/

feel dejected and apathetic.

"no use moping—things could be worse"

sheen /ʃiːn/

a soft lustre on a surface.

"black crushed velvet with a slight sheen"

silt /sɪlt/

fine sand, clay, or other material carried by running water and deposited as a sediment, especially in a channel or harbour.

dredge /dredʒ/

clear the bed of (a harbour, river, or other area of water) by scooping out mud, weeds, and rubbish with a dredge.

"the lower stretch of the river had been dredged"

bring up or clear (something) from a river, harbour, or other area of water with a dredge.

"mud was dredged out of the harbour"

Maglite (also spelled Mag-Lite, stylized as MAG-LITE) is a brand of flashlight manufactured in the United States by Mag Instrument, Inc.

collusion /kə'l(j)uːʒn/

secret or illegal cooperation or conspiracy in order to deceive others.

"the armed forces were working in collusion with drug traffickers"

echelon /'ɛʃələn, 'eɪʃlɒn/

a level or rank in an organization, a profession, or society.

"the upper echelons of the business world"

If you describe someone as long in the tooth, you are saying unkindly or humorously that they are old or getting old.

[informal, disapproval]

Aren't I a bit long in the tooth to start being an undergraduate?

slate /sleɪt/

a fine-grained grey, green, or bluish-purple metamorphic rock easily split into smooth, flat plates.

"slate quarries"

culpable /'kʌlpəbl/

deserving blame.

"mercy killings are less culpable than 'ordinary' murders"

coddle/'kɒdl/

treat (someone) in an indulgent or overprotective way.

"I was coddled and cosseted"

lien /'li:ən,li:n/

a right to keep possession of property belonging to another person until a debt owed by that person is discharged.

"they shall be entitled to a lien on any lot sold"

émigré /'emɪgreɪ/

a person who has left their own country in order to settle in another, typically for political reasons.

"Soviet émigrés and defectors"

under the name (of) (someone/something)

—used to say that something officially or legally belongs to a specified person

The car is still under the name of my deceased mother.

—used to say that something has or uses the name of a specified person

We have dinner reservations under the name Jones.

hot seat /'hɒt si:t/

the position of carrying full responsibility for something important.

"it's been a bad week for the men in the hot seat"

North American

the electric chair.

outfit /'aʊtfɪt/

a group of people undertaking a particular activity together, especially a group of musicians, a team, or a business concern.

"an obscure 1970s country rock outfit"

condescending /ˌkɒndɪˈsɛndɪŋ/

having or showing an attitude of patronizing superiority.

"she thought the teachers were arrogant and condescending"

exertion /ɪgˈzɜːʃn, ɛgˈzɜːʃn/

physical or mental effort.

"she was panting with the exertion"

righto /ˈraɪ.təʊ/

expressing agreement or assent.

"'Coming to pick up the kids?' 'Righto.'"

dispatch /dɪˈspatʃ/

send off to a destination or for a purpose.

"he dispatched messages back to base"

unanimous

/juːˈnænɪməs, juˈnænɪməs/

dacha /ˈdʌtʃə/

a country house or cottage in Russia, typically used as a second or holiday home.

people I have a connection to/with

sterling /ˈstɜːlɪŋ/

(of a person or their work or qualities) excellent or valuable.

"this organization does sterling work for youngsters"

In political science, a proxy war is an armed conflict where at least one of the belligerents is directed or supported by an external third-party power.

curtail /kəˈteɪl/

reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.

"civil liberties were further curtailed"

thumb one's nose at

show disdain or contempt for.

"high-strung and unpredictable, he routinely thumbed his nose at authority"

They declared themselves (to be) bankrupt.

The Strait of Gibraltar

strait /streɪt/

a narrow passage of water connecting two seas or two other large areas of water.
"the Straits of Gibraltar"

starboard /'stɑ:bəd/ [uncountable]
the side of a ship or an aircraft that is on the right when you are facing forward
"I made a steep turn to starboard"

man up
be brave or tough enough to deal with a difficult or unpleasant situation.
"you just have to man up and take it"

man [transitive]
to work at, use, or operate a system, piece of equipment etc
A team of volunteers are manning the phones.
the first manned spacecraft

Local makers set the prices, but there's nobody manning a cash register.

afloat /ə'fləʊt/
out of debt or difficulty.
"professional management will be needed to keep firms afloat"

a) 'In a bid', if followed by 'to' means 'in an attempt'.

In a bid to attract youngsters to schools, the government will organise an awareness programme.

b) If used at the end of a sentence (in usual cases), it will mean 'in an auction' or 'during an auction.'

He got his hands on the expensive paintings in a bid.

bid /bɪd/
an offer of a price, especially at an auction.
"at the fur tables, several buyers make bids for the pelts"
an attempt or effort to achieve something.
"he made a bid for power in 1984"

Mediterranean /,mɛdɪtə'reɪniən/
of or characteristic of the Mediterranean Sea, the countries bordering it, or their inhabitants.
"a leisurely Mediterranean cruise"

in top [tip-top] shape [health]

converge /kən'veɜ:dʒ/
to come from other places to meet in a particular place:
converge on: Ambulances, police cars, and fire engines all converged on the scene.
100,000 people are expected to converge on the town for the festival.

melanin /'mɛlənɪn/

a dark brown to black pigment occurring in the hair, skin, and iris of the eye in people and animals. It is responsible for tanning of skin exposed to sunlight.

callus /'kæləs/

a thickened and hardened part of the skin or soft tissue, especially in an area that has been subjected to friction.

To clock (to hit/sock):

To hit; sock: who clocked me when I wasn't looking/ She clocked him with the portable telephone

The verb sense 'to punch or hit in the face', first recorded in the 1920s, is originally Australian and comes from the slang use of clock to mean 'a person's face' (see also dial). (ODO)

tank /tæŋk/ informal•US

fail completely, especially at great financial cost.

"the previous movie had tanked at the box office"

bank /bæŋk/

a set of similar things, especially electrical or electronic devices, grouped together in rows.

"the DJ had big banks of lights and speakers on either side of his console"

Plastic handcuffs (also called PlastiCuffs, FlexiCuffs, zip cuffs, flex cuffs or Double Cuffs) are a form of physical restraint for the hands made of plastic straps.

buckle /'bʌkəl/

To apply oneself to or prepare for a task or work.

Tom or I am wrong.

In boxing, a straight or cross (also commonly called a rear hand punch)[1] are punches usually thrown with the dominant hand and are power punches like the uppercut and hook.

unassuming /ˌʌnəˈsjuːmɪŋ/

not pretentious or arrogant; modest.

"he was an unassuming and kindly man"

surreptitious /ˌsʌrɪpˈtɪʃəs/

kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of.

"low wages were supplemented by surreptitious payments from tradesmen"

sultry /'sʌltri/

(of the air or weather) hot and humid.

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

suggesting or expressing a passionate or strongly sexual nature or attraction.

"she delivered a sultry look to the camera"

jorts /dʒɔːts/

noun informal • North American
denim shorts.

"turn all your jeans into jorts"

at someone's expense

: paid for by someone

a fancy dinner at my parents' expense

a stadium built at the taxpayers' expense

The tour is free, but all meals are at your own expense.

—used of a joke about or laughter at a person that might cause embarrassment

Everyone had a good laugh at my expense.

Tear gas, also known as a lachrymatory agent or lachrymator (from Latin *lacrima* 'tear'), sometimes colloquially known as "mace" after the early commercial self-defense spray, is a chemical weapon that stimulates the nerves of the lacrimal gland in the eye to produce tears.

dossier /'dɒsɪə, 'dɒsɪɪ/

a collection of documents about a particular person, event, or subject.

"we have a dossier on him"

size something/someone up

to examine something or someone carefully and decide what you think about it, him, or her:

Voters are still sizing up the candidates.

The two cats walked in circles around each other, sizing each other up.

brush against someone/something

to touch someone or something quickly and lightly:

Charlotte brushed against him as she left the room.

She heard footsteps behind her and jumped when something brushed against her back.

sidle /'saɪdl/

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

"I sidled up to her"

make a pass at someone

to speak to or touch someone in a way that shows you would like to start a sexual relationship with them:

Is he making a pass at me?

The old saying "Men don't make passes at girls who wear glasses" is not only outdated, but incorrect.

She made a pass at her coworker, and we warned her it might be taken the wrong way.

one up

having an advantage over someone.

"you're always trying to be one up on whoever you're with"

verb

buxom /'bʌks(ə)m/

(of a woman) plump, with a full figure and large breasts.

"a buxom blonde"

stein /stʌɪn/

a large earthenware beer mug.

gable /'geɪbl/

the triangular upper part of a wall at the end of a ridged roof.

"a house with mock-Tudor gables"

shift in one's seat

Perhaps: to squirm in one's seat - a metaphor meaning to sit uncomfortably through nervousness.

turn one's nose up

: to refuse to take or accept something because it is not good enough

I offered the cat some food, but it turned its nose up and walked away.

—usually + at

They turned their nose up at our offer.

premises /'preɪmɪsɪz/

a house or building, together with its land and outbuildings, occupied by a business or considered in an official context.

"the company has moved to new premises"

They had started with the premise that all men are created equal.

The research project is based on the premise stated earlier.

on the premises

: inside a building or on the area of land that it is on

The hotel has a restaurant on the premises.

No smoking is allowed on the premises.

off the premises

: away from or outside of a building or the area of land that it is on

Police escorted her off the premises.

The printing of the books is done off the premises.

hostel /'hɒstəl/

an establishment which provides inexpensive food and lodging for a specific group of people, such as students, workers, or travellers.

run a tight ship

to exercise a close, strict control over a ship's crew, a company, organization, or the like

radical /'radɪkl/

(especially of change or action) relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough.

"a radical overhaul of the existing regulatory framework"

sharia /ʃə'ri:ə/ [uncountable]

Islamic religious law based on the teachings of the Koran and the traditional sayings of Muhammad

Bug

I'm worried about Wallace. He's been buggin' all week.

(intransitive, of eyes) To bulge or protrude.

My eyes bugged open.

Bust in

(slang, transitive) To enter or join (something) aggressively and without an invitation.

They busted in the jail to find the accused man.

He busted in our conversation.

She can be seen on security video waiting by the taxi rank.

They trawled security video and saw a man walking into the loo with a flat rucksack.

In security video his head could be seen just below the surface.

capital offence

a crime that can be punished by death:

In some countries, importing drugs is a capital offence.

Some people found guilty of a capital offence are spared the death penalty.

curt /kə:t/

rudely brief.

"his reply was curt"

breathe down someone's neck

idiom disapproving

to stay close to someone, watching everything that they do:

It's awful having a boss who breathes down your neck all the time.

slave driver /'sleɪv ,draɪvə/

a person who makes others work very hard.

"she was far too easy-going to be a slave driver"

fight tooth and nail

fight very fiercely.

This movie is playing in theaters now.

This movie is in theaters now.

cut one's teeth

acquire initial practice or experience of a particular sphere of activity.

"the brothers cut their professional teeth at Lusardi's before starting their own restaurant"

con man /'kɒn mən/

a man who cheats or tricks someone by gaining their trust and persuading them to believe something that is not true.

sweeping /'swi:pɪŋ/

extending or performed in a long, continuous curve.

"sweeping, desolate moorlands"

burly /'bɜ:li/

(of a person) large and strong; heavily built.

"I saw a burly figure approaching"

wheel around

to turn around quickly:

She wheeled around to face him and saw him take out a gun.

A ward of the state is a person under the government's protection.

check on

verify, ascertain, or monitor the state or condition of someone or something.

"the doctor had come to check on his patient"

investigate in order to establish the truth about or accuracy of something.

"it is important for them to check on the quality and certification"

detritus /dɪ'trɪtəs/

waste or debris of any kind.

"the streets were foul with detritus"

irradiate /ɪ'reɪdɪeɪt/

expose (someone or something) to radiation.

riot gear

protective clothing and equipment worn by police or prison officers in situations of crowd violence.

"officers in riot gear"

on someone's watch

at a time when someone is in charge of a particular situation and responsible for what happens:

happen on someone's watch This happened on my watch. And I intend to resolve it.

The President exaggerated the number of jobs that were created on his watch.

You need to make sure that nobody gets hurt on your watch.

A lot of difficult problems occurred on Sarah's watch.

People at the top often seemed to be excused from responsibility for things that happened on their watch.

rove /rəʊv/

travel constantly without a fixed destination; wander.

"he spent most of the 1990s roving about the Caribbean"

truncheon /'trʌŋ(t)(ə)n/

a short, thick stick carried as a weapon by a police officer.

live round

A firearm cartridge containing gunpowder, a projectile (such as a bullet), and an ignition device.

The film industry has strict rules about using live rounds on set.

comrade /'kɒmreɪd/

give an inch

make the slightest concession.

"in the third match neither man gave an inch"

concession /kən'sɛʃn/

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

"the government was unwilling to make any further concessions"

turncoat /'tɜːnkəʊt/

a person who deserts one party or cause in order to join an opposing one.

"they denounced him as a turncoat"

wrangle /'rʌŋɡl/

a dispute or argument, typically one that is long and complicated.

"an insurance wrangle is holding up compensation payments"

hot on (one's) heels

1. Following close behind someone.

Look, the cops are hot on their heels! They better pull over fast.

Since the dog was hot on my heels, I was very relieved to reach my house and run inside.

The former champion runner thought it would be an easy victory, but her opponent was hot on her heels for the entire race.

2. Close to overtaking a competitor.

The leading candidate should be concerned. The underdog is hot on his heels.

If she does poorly on this exam, she may lose the title of valedictorian to one of the students who are hot on her heels.

Man, those guys have been hot on our heels in the standings all season.

bumble /'bʌmbl/

move or act in an awkward or confused manner.

"they bumbled around the house"

A military column is a formation of soldiers marching together in one or more files in which the file is significantly longer than the width of ranks in the formation.

upstart /'ʌpstɑ:t/ derogatory

a person who has risen suddenly in rank or importance, especially one who behaves arrogantly.

"the upstarts who dare to challenge the legitimacy of his rule"

decadence /'dekəd(ə)ns/

moral or cultural decline as characterized by excessive indulgence in pleasure or luxury.

"he denounced Western decadence"

overcast /'əʊvəkɑ:st/

(of the sky or weather) marked by a covering of grey cloud; dull.

"a chilly, overcast day"

round /raʊnd/

pass and go round (something) so as to move on in a changed direction.

"the ship rounded the cape and sailed north"

spray /spreɪ/

liquid that is blown or driven through the air in the form of tiny drops.

"a torrent of white foam and spray"

splay /spleɪ/

thrust or spread (things, especially limbs or fingers) out and apart.

"her hands were splayed across his broad shoulders"

high-rise /'haɪrɪʌɪz/

(of a building) having many storeys.

"a high-rise block of flats"

in line

under control.

"that threat kept a lot of people in line"

nettle /'netl/

a herbaceous plant which has jagged leaves covered with stinging hairs.

Arms trafficking or gunrunning is the illicit trade of contraband small arms, explosives, and ammunition, which constitutes part of a broad range of illegal activities often associated with transnational criminal organizations.

In my country, everyone is banned from having guns except the police and army.

[+ from + -ing verb] She was banned from driving for two years.

keep back

remain at a distance.

"he had kept back from the river when he could"

retain or withhold something.

"he kept back £5 for himself"

intent /ɪnˈtɛnt/

(of a look or expression) showing earnest and eager attention.

"a curiously intent look on her face"

determined to do (something).

"the government was intent on achieving greater efficiency"

moonlight /ˈmuːnlaɪt/

gerund or present participle: moonlighting

have a second job, typically secretly and at night, in addition to one's regular employment.

"he had been moonlighting for a rival tabloid"

carapace /ˈkærəpeɪs/

the hard upper shell of a tortoise, crustacean, or arachnid.

"the study found oil in the carapace of 29 sea turtles that returned to feed in the spill area"

something regarded as a protective or defensive covering.

"under her carapace of self-confidence she was very sensitive to criticism"

go-between /ˈgəʊbtwiːn/

an intermediary or negotiator.

saddle /ˈsɑːdl/

a seat fastened on the back of a horse or other animal for riding, typically made of leather and raised at the front and rear.

cyclic /ˈsaɪklɪk, ˈsɪklɪk/

(countable) An offspring is either the sons, daughters, or immediate descendants of a human, animal or plant.

That lioness just gave birth to two offspring!

Is offspring plural or singular?

It is a collective noun, used for both plural and singular. You can say, for instance, "My offspring is here in the audience" or "My offspring are here in the audience," depending on whether you have only one or multiple children.

diel /diːl/

adjectiveBiology

denoting or involving a period of twenty-four hours.

"tidal and diel cycles"

stake out

mark an area with stakes so as to claim ownership of it.
"the boundary between the two manors was properly staked out"
keep a person or place under surveillance.
"they'd staked out Culley's house for half a day"

daphnia /'dɑfnɪə/
a minute semi-transparent freshwater crustacean with long antennae and a prominent single eye.

water flea

go-between /'geʊbɪtwi:n/
an intermediary or negotiator.

assault /ə'sɔ:lt,ə'sɒlt/

knock off
stop work.
"they usually knock off at 5pm"

glaze /gleɪz/
lose brightness and animation.
"the prospect makes my eyes glaze over with boredom"

Hooded eyes, characterized by skin from the brow bone folding over the eyelid crease, can be a natural facial feature or a result of aging, genetics, or trauma.

There is no set rule about which preposition to use after "wound". "To" is commonly used in talk about gunshot wounds to the head. I think I've also heard "to" used after "gunshot wound" for other parts of the body: He suffered two gunshot wounds to the torso.

"On" is commonly used in talk about wounds on legs and arms: She has cuts and scratches on her arms and legs.

We usually talk about a 'wound to the skin' or a 'skin wound'.

tote /təʊt/
carry, wield, or convey (something heavy or substantial).
"here are books well worth toting home"

dolly /'dɒli/
a small platform on wheels used for holding heavy objects, typically film or television cameras.
"a dolly shot"

Walk in a file or (walk in single file as I hear it often) refers to people standing behind one another to form a long line front facing backs.

examples:

- the teacher orders the children to get into single file as they cross the road
- the customers line up in single file to wait for their turn

once-over /'wʌns,əʊvə/

a rapid search or inspection.

"some doctor came and gave us a once-over"

a piece of work that is done quickly.

"give the floor a quick once-over with a broom"

vet /vɛt/

make a careful and critical examination of (something).

"proposals for vetting large takeover bids"

have, etc. an/the edge on/over somebody/something

to be slightly better than someone or something else

schematic /ski:'mætɪk,skɪ'mætɪk/

(of a diagram or other representation) symbolic and simplified.

"schematic diagrams"

valiant /'væliənt/

possessing or showing courage or determination.

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

bevy /'bevi/

a large group of people or things of a particular kind.

"a bevy of big-name cameos will keep the adults entertained"

peahen /'pi:hæn/

a female peafowl, which has drabber colours and a shorter tail than the male.

extort /ɪk'stɔ:t,ɛk'stɔ:t/

obtain (something) by force, threats, or other unfair means.

"he attempted to extort money from the company"

frisky /'frɪski/

playful and full of energy.

"he bounds about like a frisky pup"

frisk /frɪsk/

skip or leap playfully; frolic.

"spaniels frisked around me"

preclude /prɪ'klu:d/

prevent from happening; make impossible.

"the secret nature of his work precluded official recognition"

arid /'aɪd/

(of land or a climate) having little or no rain; too dry or barren to support vegetation.

"the arid plains north of Cape Town"

bleak /bli:k/

(of an area of land) lacking vegetation and exposed to the elements.

"a bleak and barren moor"

estuary /'estjʊəri/

the tidal mouth of a large river, where the tide meets the stream.

What is Rock Tumbling? Rock tumbling is the process of polishing rocks and minerals in a rock tumbler

close-packed

arranged or situated very close together.

"close-packed houses"

voyeur /'vɔɪ'jə:,vwa:'jə:,vwʌɪ'jə:/

a person who gains sexual pleasure from watching others when they are naked or engaged in sexual activity.

"he stood transfixed, a voyeur feasting on the swell of her buttocks"

a person who enjoys seeing the pain or distress of others.

"a voyeur of death"

in the wake of

following (someone or something), especially as a consequence.

"the committee was set up in the wake of the inquiry"

gas-guzzling /'gas,gʌz(ə)lɪŋ/

(of a car) having a high fuel consumption.

"gas-guzzling SUVs"

duplication /,dju:plɪ'keɪʃn/

masterpiece /'mɑ:stəpi:s/

masturbate /'mastəbeɪt/

on the nose

to a person's sense of smell.

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

2.

informal•North American

precisely.

"at ten on the nose the van pulled up"

goon /gu:n/

a stupid, foolish, or eccentric person.

"I don't want to deal with Jack today, he's such a goon"

Security overrides operate as exceptions to existing security records. They specify that users are unsecured from an EnterpriseOne object. In other words, security overrides allow users access to a particular object, even if another security record in the system specifies that access is not allowed.

boy wonder

an exceptionally talented young man or boy.

"he had a spectacular breakthrough at age thirteen and was pronounced a boy wonder"

tousle /'taʊzl/

make (a person's hair) untidy.

"I tousled his wispy silver hair"

shock of hair

a very thick mass of hair

an energetic young man with a shock of red hair

gangling /'gæŋɡlɪŋ/

(of a person) tall, thin, and awkward in movements or bearing.

"a gangling youth with a trace of down on his cheeks"

jerk /dʒə:k/

season or marinate (meat or fish) in a blend of chilli, allspice, and other ingredients and barbecue it over a wood fire.

"If they didn't use pimento to jerk the chicken it's not the original Jamaican jerk chicken"

2.

cure (meat) by cutting it into strips and drying it.

"they became excellent marksmen, poaching the wild cattle and jerking the beef"

propeller /prə'pɛlə/

husk1 /hʌsk/

the dry outer covering of some fruits or seeds.

"the fibrous husk of the coconut"

trim /trɪm/

neat and smart in appearance; in good order.

"his face was freshly shaved, his clothes neat and trim"

Hummer /'hʌmə/

nountrademark•North American

a type of four-wheel-drive all-terrain military vehicle, or a similar vehicle intended for civilian use.

compound /'kɒmpaʊnd/

an area that contains a group of buildings and is surrounded by a fence or wall
a prison compound

on the clock

1. Currently engaged in work during one's normal working day or assigned hours.
I'd love to go have a beer with you, but as you can see by the uniform I'm wearing, I'm actually on the clock right now.

2. Of a taxi (and by extension, its driver), currently engaged to carry a passenger and having an active meter.

Sorry, but I can't stay to chat. I've got a taxi waiting outside that's still on the clock!

3. Currently displayed on a motor vehicle's speedometer or odometer.

I can't believe I got a ticket for speeding—I was only going 50 on the clock!

This car may have 200,000 kilometers on the clock, but it still runs as smooth as ever.

"drawing a salary" means she is still receiving a regular paycheck. However, "a draw on your salary" is like an advanced payment and doesn't happen very often.

"On the clock" means at your job; at work.

Paycheck: A payment received after a certain time period of working.

Salary: The total amount of payment you receive (usually in a year).

Salary typically refers to the total sum of money you get paid by your employer over the period of one year.

Salary is used specifically for people who are paid a set amount (regardless of how much they work), as opposed to people who are paid hourly wages.

A paycheck (or paycheque in the UK) is an individual payment made from your employer to you (e.g. every week, every two weeks, or every month).

"I'm going to go shopping after I get my paycheck" = "I'm going to go shopping after I receive the next payment from my employer"

You might hear "that (one) cut deep" if someone wants to let you know you really hurt them with what you said. You will probably hear different variations with "cut(s) deep" from time to time.

R and R

abbreviation for rest and relaxation: a period of time when you stop working and rest:

He went to his parents' house in Florida for a little R & R.

esprit de corps /ɛ,spriː də 'kɔː/

a feeling of pride and mutual loyalty shared by the members of a group.

"they developed some esprit de corps through athletics competitions"

pass muster

be accepted as adequate or satisfactory.
"this manifesto would not pass muster with the voters"
originally as pass musters.

harbour /'hɑ:bə/
keep (a thought or feeling, typically a negative one) in one's mind, especially secretly.
"she started to harbour doubts about the wisdom of their journey"

privy /'prɪvi/
sharing in the knowledge of (something secret or private).
"he was no longer privy to her innermost thoughts"

loose end /,lu:s 'end/
a detail that is not yet settled or explained.
"Mark arrived back at his office to tie up any loose ends"

filibuster /'fɪlɪbʌstə/
act in an obstructive manner in a legislative assembly, especially by speaking at inordinate length.
"he was one of four Tories who filibustered for more than 30 minutes each to derail the free parking plan"

gala /'gɑ:lə, 'geɪlə/
a social occasion with special entertainments or performances.
"a gala performance by the Royal Ballet"

proprietor /prə'prɪətə/
the owner of a business, or a holder of property.
"Chinese restaurant proprietors"

Police patrol sectors are generally referred to as "beats." The same term has been extended to an area or discipline assigned to a reporter, e.g. the "city beat" or "the finance beat." The origin of the term is ambiguous, but one holding is that it came from the "beaten path" of a foot patrolman's route around his assigned area. Constables were sometimes required to stick to a particular never-ending route to ensure all of their areas were adequately patrolled.

Police officers were called "flat foot" but that is because they used to walk a beat or neighborhood.

walk the beat
when a police officer walks the beat, they walk around an area of a town or city in order to make sure nobody is committing a crime

put out
cause someone trouble or inconvenience.
"would it put you out too much to let her visit you for a couple of hours?"

ziptie

a fastener consisting of a thin, flexible nylon strap with a notched surface, one end of which is threaded through a locking mechanism at the other.

"wrap electronics cords with zip ties and tape them to the equipment they go with"

down for the count

variants or out for the count

: knocked down and unable to get up again before the referee counts to 10

The boxer was down for the count.

—often used figuratively

The company is in trouble and may be about to go down for the count.

I was really sleepy and two minutes after getting into bed, I was out for the count.

A tire iron (also tire lever or tire spoon) is a specialized metal or plastic tool used in working with tires.

The phrase "she is an easy catch" can mean different things depending on the context, but generally it refers to someone who is readily available and easy to get a relationship or romantic interest with.

be no picnic

be difficult or unpleasant.

"being a freelance was no picnic"

anaemia /ə'ni:mɪə/

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

to the teeth

to the greatest possible degree

armed to the teeth

jeepney /'dʒi:pni/

(in the Philippines) a small bus, often colourfully decorated, created by converting a jeep.

"they are expecting more modernized jeepneys to be launched in the region in the coming months"

altar /'ɔ:ltə, 'ɒltə/

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

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

a table or flat-topped block used as the focus for a religious ritual, especially for making sacrifices or offerings to a deity.

"the altar is a crisply hewn block of granite"

tact /takt/

skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues.

"the inspector broke the news to me with tact and consideration"

perforate

verb

/ˈpəːfəreɪt/

pierce and make a hole or holes in.

"there is a very small risk of the scope perforating the colon"

pelt1

/pɛlt/

verb

1.

hurl missiles repeatedly at.

"two boys pelted him with rotten apples"

informal

run somewhere very quickly.

"I pelted across the road"

right /raɪt/

restore to a normal or upright position.

"we righted the capsized dinghy"

lip /lɪp/

a rounded, raised, or extended piece along an edge.

"the cockpit is protected by a lip extending from the roof"

catch-all /ˈkætʃɔːl/

a term or category that encompasses a variety of different elements.

"the stigmatizing catch-all term 'schizophrenia'"

assuage /əˈswɛɪdʒ/

make (an unpleasant feeling) less intense.

"the letter assuaged the fears of most members"

sheer number means "a great number of".

flounder /ˈflaʊndə/

struggle or stagger clumsily in mud or water.

"he was floundering about in the shallow offshore waters"

tirade /ˈtɪrɪd, tɪˈreɪd/

a long, angry speech of criticism or accusation.

"a tirade of abuse"

at odds

in conflict or at variance.

"his behaviour is at odds with the interests of the company"

"Close-set eyes" refers to eyes that are positioned closer together than the average distance, typically less than one eye width apart.

dodgy /'dɒdʒi/

dishonest or unreliable.

"a dodgy second-hand car salesman"

bunk /bʌŋk/

a narrow shelflike bed, typically one of two or more arranged one on top of the other.

bunker /'bʌŋkə/

a large container or compartment for storing fuel.

"a coal bunker"

a reinforced underground shelter, typically for use in wartime.

UK

(US sand trap)

in golf, a hollow area of ground filled with sand, that is difficult to hit a ball out of

tack /tak/

a small, sharp broad-headed nail.

"tacks held the remaining rags of carpet to the floor"

a method of dealing with a situation or problem; a course of action or policy.

"as she could not stop him going she tried another tack and insisted on going with him"

synagogue /'sɪnəɡɒɡ/

the building where a Jewish assembly or congregation meets for religious worship and instruction.

a Jewish assembly or congregation.

expat /'ɛks'pat/

a person who lives outside their native country.

"a British expat who's been living in Amsterdam for 14 years"

ratchet (something) up

to increase, or make something increase, repeatedly and by small amounts

Overuse of credit cards has ratcheted up consumer debt to unacceptable levels.

steep fees

Excessively high charges or costs that are considered unreasonably elevated compared to the standard or expected amounts.

The bank charged steep fees for withdrawing cash from foreign ATMs, leaving many customers frustrated with their accounts.

clientele /'kli:ɒn'tel/

clients collectively.

"the solicitor's clientele"

the customers of a shop, bar, or place of entertainment.

"the dancers don't mix with the clientele"

beetle /'bi:təl/

(of a rock or a person's eyebrows) be prominent or overhanging.

"his eyebrows beetled with irritation"

take it all in

To absorb and comprehend or appreciate everything one is hearing, seeing, or experiencing.
The view from the summit of Mount Fuji was unlike anything I'd ever seen. I just sat there for over an hour taking it all in.

It was a lot of information to dump on him at once, but he just sat silently and took it all in.

There is always so much happening at these music festivals—so many unusual sights, sounds, and even smells! It's almost impossible to take it all in.

fractious /'frækʃəs/

(typically of children) irritable and quarrelsome.

"they fight and squabble like fractious children"

be part and parcel of

be an essential feature or element of.

"it's best to accept that some inconveniences are part and parcel of travel"

squat /skwɒt/

unlawfully occupy an uninhabited building or settle on a piece of land.

"eight families are squatting in the house"

streaking /'stri:kɪŋ/

an act or instance of running naked through a public place

streak /stri:k/

an element of a specified kind in someone's character.

"there's a streak of insanity in the family"

a long, thin line or mark of a different substance or colour from its surroundings.

"a streak of oil"

kiln /kɪln/

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

lathe /leɪð/

a machine for shaping wood, metal, or other material by means of a rotating drive which turns the piece being worked on against changeable cutting tools.

ride down

1. To descend while riding on or inside of something. A noun or pronoun can be used between "ride" and "down."

My feet are killing me, so I think I'll just ride down on the escalator.

My son wanted to ride the glass elevator down so he could look out over the entire shopping mall.

knock (one) off (one's) feet

To thoroughly impress, overwhelm, or excite one.

The show of support from everyone just knocked me off my feet.

The final 30 minutes of the film completely knocked me off my feet.

ephemeral

/ɪˈfɛm(ə)rəl, ɛˈfɛm(ə)rəl/

lasting for a very short time.

"fashions are ephemeral: new ones regularly drive out the old"

Hibachi is a catch-all word for any style of Japanese grilling.

wince /wɪns/

make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement of the body out of pain or distress.

"he winced at the disgust in her voice"

pink /pɪŋk/

cut a scalloped or zigzag edge on.

"I pinked the edge of the fabric"

wound or nick (someone) slightly with a weapon or missile.

"Bernstein pinked him in the arm"

dip

(transitive, dance) To perform a dip dance move (often phrased with the leader as the subject noun and the follower as the subject noun being dipped)

parapet /ˈparəpɪt/

a low protective wall along the edge of a roof, bridge, or balcony.

"she stood on the bridge, leaning over the parapet to watch the water race by"

pull on

to fool, deceive, or swindle someone with a trick or joke. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "pull" and "on."

The billionaire has been arrested for allegedly pulling a con on millions of people, promising quick wealth and minimal effort by investing in what later turned out to be a Ponzi scheme.

You should have thought twice about pulling something on the Mafia—now they're looking to get even.

prone /prəʊn/

lying flat, especially face downwards.

"I was lying prone on a foam mattress"

crawl forward on one's stomach

hackneyed /ˈhæknɪd/

(of a phrase or idea) having been overused; unoriginal and trite.

"hackneyed old sayings"

putter /'pʌtə/

the rapid intermittent sound of a small petrol engine.

"the putter of an old aeroplane"

steno /'stɛnəʊ/

a shorthand typist.

"it was written by the little steno herself"

short for stenography.

modifier noun: steno

The name "slapstick" originates from the Italian batacchio or bataccio—called the "slap stick" in English—a club-like object composed of two wooden slats used in commedia dell'arte.

When struck, the Batacchio produces a loud smacking noise, though it is only a little force

that is transferred from the object to the person being struck. Actors may thus hit one

another repeatedly with great audible effect while causing no damage and only very minor, if any, pain.

Aside from that, browsing through the various uses found through a web search, it looks like

"witness to" is used when expressing that "someone gave witness to something" while

"witness of" is used to express that "someone is a witness of something".

do the honours

perform a social duty for others, especially the serving of food or drink to a guest.

"'Don't worry, I'll do the honours.' She reached for the teapot and poured"

revel /'rɛvl/

enjoy oneself in a lively and noisy way, especially with drinking and dancing.

"they spent the evening revelling with their guests"

top-notch I. adjective <informal> of the highest quality; excellent • a top-notch hotel. II.

derivatives top-notcher noun

pitch /pɪtʃ/

a form of words used when trying to persuade someone to buy or accept something.

"he put over a very strong sales pitch"

The pitch is the shortest, pithiest, catchiest, most enticing, meaningful, and appealing summary of a book possible.

You can choose from bread, soup, or salad for your side dish.

Is there a choice of sides?

What sides are there?

What side dishes are available?

garnish /'gɑ:nɪʃ/

decorate or embellish (something, especially food).
"garnish each serving with a dollop of sour cream"

bifocal /bɪˈfəʊk(ə)l/ I. adjective denoting a lens having two parts each with a different focal length, one for distant vision and one for near vision.

jam /dʒam/
push (something) roughly and forcibly into position or a space.
"he jammed his hat on"

jam on the brakes
operate the brakes of a vehicle suddenly and forcibly, typically in response to an emergency.

hymn /hɪm/ I. noun 1. a religious song or poem of praise to God or a god • a Hellenistic hymn to Apollo. 2. a formal song sung during Christian worship, typically by the whole congregation. • the traditional Easter hymn of rejoicing.

frigate /ˈfrɪɡɪt/
a warship with a mixed armament, generally lighter than a destroyer (in the US navy, heavier) and of a kind originally introduced for convoy escort work.

smoosh /smuːʃ/
squash, crush, or flatten.
"use a sharp knife so as not to smoosh the broccoli"

kick butt
(stative, slang, idiomatic) To be impressive; to be decisively good or pleasant.
I never thought I'd say it, but being the governor of California kicks butt!

expulsion
/ɪkˈspʌlʃn, ɛkˈspʌlʃn/
the action of forcing someone to leave an organization.
"his expulsion from the union"

retrofit
/ˈrɛtrə(ʊ)ˌfɪt/
verb
add (a component or accessory) to something that did not have it when manufactured.
"motorists who retrofit catalysts to older cars"

slip /slɪp/
a small piece of paper, typically a form for writing on or one giving printed information.
"his monthly salary slip"

sole /səʊl/
a marine flatfish of almost worldwide distribution, important as a food fish.

(so) sue me

I really don't care if you are offended or put off by what I said or did. The hyperbolic threat is meant to undermine how much importance another person is or may be giving something one did or said.

A: "You never make your bed in the morning." B: "Sue me! It's just going to get messed up again when I go to bed tonight."

Yeah, I like to have a beer or two each night after work—so sue me!

What is she so upset about? I got busy and didn't call her last night, so sue me!

acupuncture /'ækjʊpʌŋ(k)tʃə/

a form of complementary medicine in which fine needles are inserted in the skin at specific points along what are considered to be lines of energy (meridians), used in the treatment of various physical and mental conditions.

"he was willing to try anything for relief, including physical therapy and acupuncture"

on fire

in flames; burning.

"the house was on fire"

in a state of excitement.

"Wright is now on fire with confidence"

kick the (something)

slang To overcome an addiction to something.

It took gum, patches, and even hypnosis, but I've finally kicked the habit.

Unfortunately, the physical nature of heroin addiction means that kicking the habit isn't as simple as just wanting to stop.

After saying such horrible things to my parents, I decided it was finally time to kick the booze for good.

In the United States, pigs in a blanket are small hot dogs or other sausages individually wrapped in pastry. It is commonly served as an appetizer.

fartknocker (plural fartknockers)

(slang, derogatory) A contemptible or annoying person.

(slang, derogatory) A homosexual man.

(informal) An instance of being thrown from, or hitting the ground after being thrown from, a horse.

Daylight saving time (DST), also referred to as daylight saving(s), daylight savings time, daylight time (United States and Canada), or summer time (United Kingdom, European Union, and others), is the practice of advancing clocks to make better use of the longer daylight available during summer so that darkness falls at a later clock time.

vested interest (plural vested interests)

(law) An indefeasible right or title, distinguished from a contingent interest, which could be defeated (i.e. cease) if a certain event occurred.

sweepstake /'swi:psteɪk/

a form of gambling, especially on horse races, in which all the stakes are divided among the winners.

"a sweepstake ticket"

osmosis

/ɒz'məʊsɪs/

noun

1.

Biology•Chemistry

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

2.

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

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

Strudel (/ˈstruːdəl/ STROO-dəl, German: [ˈʃtʁuːdl̩] ⓘ) is a type of layered pastry with a filling that is usually sweet, but savoury fillings are also common.

fastidious /fa'stɪdɪəs/

very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.

"she dressed with fastidious care"

squeamish /'skwi:mɪʃ/

easily made to feel sick or disgusted.

"I've always been squeamish about bugs"

annunciation /əˌnʌnsɪ'eɪʃn/

the announcement of something.

"the annunciation of a set of rules applying to the relationships between states"

wake2 /weɪk/

a watch or vigil held beside the body of someone who has died, sometimes accompanied by ritual observances.

"he was attending a friend's wake"

nifty /'nɪftɪ/

adjective informal

particularly good, skilful, or effective.

"nifty footwork"

maroon1 /mə'ruːn/

leave (someone) trapped and alone in an inaccessible place, especially an island.

"a novel about schoolboys marooned on a desert island"

grifter /'grɪftə/

noun informal•North American

a person who engages in petty or small-scale swindling.

"I saw him as a grifter who preys upon people"

grift /grɪft/

informal•North American

engage in petty or small-scale swindling.

"how long have you been grifting?"

a petty or small-scale swindle.

"a Sixth Avenue palmistry grift"

suit noun /su:t/

(also lawsuit) a claim or complaint against somebody that a person or an organization can make in court

to file/bring a suit against somebody

a divorce suit

slather /'slaðə/

spread or smear (a substance) thickly or liberally.

"slather on some tanning lotion"

a large amount.

The only difference is tense. "I second that" is present tense. "I'll second that" is "I will second that" and is future tense.

The phrase originates from a certain format of how to conduct meetings. When one person makes a motion, a second person has to "second it" for the motion to continue being discussed and decided on. If no one seconds the motion, the motion is dropped. That's how it came to mean simply lending support or agreeing.

raring /'rɛ:ɪŋ/

very enthusiastic and eager to do something.

"she was raring to get back to her work"

hubris /'h(j)u:brɪs/

excessive pride or self-confidence.

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

ribbed /rɪbd/

(especially of a fabric or garment) having a pattern of raised bands.

"a ribbed cashmere sweater"

(of a vault or other structure) strengthened with ribs.

"the nave and choir have the usual Gothic ribbed vault"

swanky /'swaŋki/

stylishly luxurious and expensive.

"directors with swanky company cars"

using one's wealth, knowledge, or achievements to try to impress others.

cranky /'kraŋki/

eccentric or strange.

"a cranky scheme to pipe ground-level ozone into the stratosphere"

North American

bad-tempered; irritable.

"he was cranky after eight hours of working"

Taurus and Aquarius are compatible.

guacamole

/,gwakə'məʊli, gwakə'məʊleɪ/

fester /'fɛstə/

(of a wound or sore) become septic; suppurate.

"I developed a tropical sore that festered badly"

septic /'sɛptɪk/

infected with microorganisms, especially harmful bacteria.

"his feet had gone septic"

ruck /rʌk/

a rucksack.

"I barely had time to repack my ruck"

battledress /'batldrɛs/

combat dress, particularly as worn by British soldiers during the Second World War.

in full gear

At the highest or maximum level of function, operation, or performance.

The project is in full gear now that we have Sally on board.

Campaigns for both sides are now in full gear ahead of the May election.

If you're not coming home for Christmas, you need to tell Mom because her planning is already in full gear.

jack all (uncountable)

(mildly vulgar, slang) Nothing.

brass /brɑ:s/

people in authority or of high military rank.

"the top brass of the Jockey Club"

money.

"they wanted to spend their newly acquired brass"

grizzle /'grɪzl/

(of hair or fur) having dark and white hairs mixed.

"grizzle-haired"

viable /'vaɪəbl/

capable of working successfully; feasible.
"the proposed investment was economically viable"

roil /rɔɪl/
make (a liquid) turbid or muddy by disturbing the sediment.
"winds roil these waters"
make (someone) annoyed or irritated.

inbound /'ɪnbʌʊnd/
travelling towards a particular place, especially when returning to the original point of departure.
"authorities set up roadblocks to stop all inbound traffic on tunnels and bridges"

take stock
make an overall assessment of a particular situation, typically before making a decision.
"he needed a period of peace and quiet in order to take stock of his life"

skewer /'skjuːə/
a long piece of wood or metal used for holding pieces of food, typically meat, together during cooking.
"thread the meat on to large skewers and grill over a gentle heat"

ingress /'ɪŋɡres/
the action or fact of going in or entering; the capacity or right of entrance.

egress /'iːɡres/
the action of going out of or leaving a place.
"direct means of access and egress for passengers"

insurgent /ɪn'səːdʒ(ə)nt/
a person fighting against a government or invading force; a rebel or revolutionary.
"an attack by armed insurgents"

coop /kuːp/
a cage or pen in which poultry are kept.

on the off chance
just in case.
"Joan phoned at noon on the off chance that he'd be home"

In aviation, "CAP" can refer to either Civil Air Patrol, a civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, or Combat Air Patrol, a tactical air defense strategy.

dearly /'diəli/ adverb 1. very much • he loved his parents dearly. 2. with much loss or suffering; at great cost • freedom to worship our religion has been bought dearly.

jake had to shut off his earpiece wit

epithet /'ɛpɪθet/

an adjective or phrase expressing a quality or attribute regarded as characteristic of the person or thing mentioned.

"old men are often unfairly awarded the epithet 'dirty'"

case /keɪs/

reconnoitre (a place) before carrying out a robbery.

"I was casing the joint"

runway /'rʌnweɪ/

a strip of hard ground along which aircraft take off and land.

"the jet braked hard as its wheels touched the runway"

North American term for catwalk (sense 1).

"models strut down the runway in mysterious sunglasses"

belie /bɪ'liː/

(of an appearance) fail to give a true impression of (something).

"his lively, alert manner belied his years"

"Coax away" means to persuade someone gently and patiently to leave or go somewhere else.

wear out one's welcome

: to be no longer welcome to stay in a place because one has stayed too long, been impolite, etc.

After staying for a week, she felt she had worn out her welcome.

shoot the breeze

have a casual conversation.

"we've been shooting the breeze for well over an hour now"

over the hump

past the most difficult part of something.

"now we have reached this point we are over the hump"

endorse /ɪn'dɔːs, ɛn'dɔːs/

declare one's public approval or support of.

"the report was endorsed by the college"

ostensible /ɒ'stɛnsɪbl/

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

"the real dispute which lay behind the ostensible complaint"

out of the woods

out of danger or difficulty.

"we are not out of the woods but we have been thrown a lifeline"

surmise /sə'maɪz/

suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it.
"he surmised that something must be wrong"

settle in | settle into something
to start to feel comfortable in a new home, job, etc.
How are the kids settling into their new school?
You'll soon settle into a routine.
It's not always easy for a new player to settle in.

uptick /'ʌptɪk/
a small increase or slight upward trend.
"an uptick in foreign tourism"

contingency /kən'tɪn(d)ʒ(ə)nsi/
a future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty.
"a detailed contract which attempts to provide for all possible contingencies"

snafu /sna'fu:/
informal•North American
noun
a confused or chaotic state; a mess.
"an enormous amount of my time was devoted to untangling snafus"

crate /kreɪt/
a slatted wooden case used for transporting goods.
"a crate of bananas"

O beautiful for halcyon skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the enameled plain!

spiel /ʃpi:l,spi:l/
an elaborate or glib speech or story, typically one used by a salesperson.
"he delivers a breathless and effortless spiel in promotion of his new novel"

downplay /ˌdaʊnˈpleɪ/
make (something) appear less important than it really is.
"this report downplays the seriousness of global warming"

cot /kɒt/
a small bed with high barred sides for a baby or very young child.
"he should be put back into his cot to sleep"

"At success" implies achieving a positive or desired outcome, or being successful in something, and can refer to achieving goals, becoming popular, or gaining wealth.

high and dry /ˌhaɪ ən ˈdraɪ/

out of the water, especially stranded by the sea as it retreats.

"when the tide goes out, a lot of boats are left high and dry"

without resources or help.

"your family would be left high and dry by the death of the breadwinner"

plap

To splash; fall with a splashing sound

play second fiddle

have a subordinate role to someone or something; be treated as less important than someone or something.

"the story line plays second fiddle to the action"

ancillary /an'sɪləri/

providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation of an organization, system, etc.

"ancillary staff"

extraneous /ɪk'streɪniəs, ɛk'streɪniəs/

irrelevant or unrelated to the subject being dealt with.

"one is obliged to wade through many pages of extraneous material"

brownout /'braʊnaʊt/

noun North American

a reduction in or restriction on the availability of electrical power in a particular area.

"the cities are experiencing brownouts as air conditioners are switched into overdrive"

heavyset /'heɪvɪ'set/

(of a person) broad and strongly built.

"a heavyset, bull-necked man wearing a T-shirt that revealed his powerful musculature"

misgiving /mɪs'gɪvɪŋ/

a feeling of doubt or apprehension about the outcome or consequences of something.

"we have misgivings about the way the campaign is being run"

flounder /'flaʊndə/

struggle or stagger clumsily in mud or water.

"he was floundering about in the shallow offshore waters"

enormity /ɪ'nɔ:mɪti/

the great or extreme scale, seriousness, or extent of something perceived as bad or morally wrong.

"a thorough search disclosed the full enormity of the crime"

get on the horn

1. To make use of or speak (to someone) on the telephone.

Tom, get on the horn to the hospital and let them know we're coming in with a victim.

After our dreadful meal that night, I got on the horn to the manager the very next morning to complain.

Get on the horn to maintenance, and hurry! There's water spraying everywhere!

2. dated To become lustful or sexually excited, especially of a man; to get an erection.

Sarah became quite embarrassed when she noticed that her date was getting on the horn in the middle of the movie.

Wow, I only caught a glimpse of my wife in that skimpy outfit and I've already gotten on the horn!

small-time /'smɔ:ltʌɪm/

unimportant; minor.

"a small-time gangster"

classified /'klasɪfaɪd/

small advertisements placed in a newspaper and organized in categories.

take five

have a short break.

"there was a newsreel crew taking five at a little café nearby"

hardball /'hɑ:dbɔ:l/

baseball, especially as contrasted with softball.

"when I was 14 I started playing hardball in a semi-pro league"

conflate /kən'fleɪt/

combine (two or more sets of information, texts, ideas, etc.) into one.

"the urban crisis conflates a number of different economic, political, and social issues"

A "checkered past" refers to a history characterized by both good and bad periods, successes and failures, or a mixed record of actions and experiences.

ministration /,mɪnɪ'streɪʃn/

the provision of assistance or care.

"the kitchen was made spotless by the ministrations of a cleaning lady"

get (one's) panties in a bunch

To become overly upset or emotional over something, especially that which is trivial or unimportant. Primarily heard in US.

Ah, don't get your panties in a bunch, I'll have the car back by tomorrow morning!

In my opinion, people are getting their panties in a bunch over this election.

A: "Oh no, our picnic is ruined!" B: "It'll stop raining soon—don't get your panties in a bunch."

straightlaced

having or showing very strict moral attitudes.

"his strait-laced parents were horrified"

infirmary /ɪn'fə:m(ə)ri/

a hospital.

"the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary"

a place in a large institution for the care of those who are ill.

"the prison infirmary"

thumb drive

nountrademark

a flash drive or USB stick.

wise up

become alert to or aware of something.

"wise up and sort yourselves out before it's too late"

lilt /lɪlt/

a characteristic rising and falling of the voice when speaking; a pleasant gentle accent.

"he spoke with a faint but recognizable Irish lilt"

extricate /'ɛkstrikeɪt/

free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty.

"he was trying to extricate himself from official duties"

Pistol-whipping or buffaloing is the act of using a handgun as a blunt weapon, wielding it as an improvised club.

touch base

briefly make or renew contact with someone.

"they are travelling back to Star City, where they plan to touch base with relatives"

A "token effort" means making a minimal or superficial attempt, often just to appear as if one is trying, without genuine commitment or sincerity.

"The government has made only a token effort to address the issue of climate change".

commandeer /kəmən'diə/

officially take possession or control of (something), especially for military purposes.

"a nearby house had been commandeered by the army"

in for a penny (in for a pound)

something you say that means that since you have started something or are involved in it, you should complete the work although it has become more difficult or complicated than you had expected

catch a break

to have some luck or a lucky opportunity:

The Dodgers couldn't seem to catch a break against Arizona.

He caught a break that few aspiring screenwriters do: running into a studio boss at a party.

"Nut up, buttercup" is a slang phrase that means to be brave, courageous, or to toughen up. It's often used to encourage someone to overcome their fear or hesitation.

innocuous /ɪ'nɒkjʊəs/

not harmful or offensive.
"it was an innocuous question"

materially /məˈtɪəriəli/
in a significant way; considerably.
"materially different circumstances"

instruct /ɪnˈstrʌkt/
tell or order someone to do something, especially in a formal or official way.
"she instructed him to wait"

hive mind
a notional entity consisting of a large number of people who share their knowledge or opinions with one another, regarded as producing either uncritical conformity or collective intelligence.
"he has become one of those celebrities whose online presence has made him a favourite of the internet hive mind"
(in science fiction) a unified consciousness or intelligence formed by a number of alien individuals, the resulting consciousness typically exerting control over its constituent members.
"there is a Borg Queen who controls the hive mind"

overarching /ˌəʊvərˈɑːtʃɪŋ/
comprehensive or all-embracing.
"a single overarching principle"

impassive /ɪmˈpɑːsɪv/
not feeling or showing emotion.
"his cold, impassive face"

lend /lɛnd/
contribute or add (a quality) to.
"the smile lent his face a boyish charm"

supplicate
/ˈsʌplɪkeɪt/
verb
ask or beg for something earnestly or humbly.
"the plutocracy supplicated to be made peers"

hold (something) over (one's) head
To continually remind one of one's past mistakes, wrongdoings, or failures.
Greg is such jerk—I just know he'll keep holding it over my head if I don't land a sale soon.
You need to forgive and forget and stop holding the things she said in anger over her head.
She never meant to hurt you—you know that.
It was an honest mistake—how long do you plan to hold it over my head?

abreast /əˈbreɪst/

side by side and facing the same way.

"the path was wide enough for two people to walk abreast"
alongside or level with something.

"the cart came abreast of the Americans in their rickshaw"

up to date with the latest news, ideas, or information.

"keeping abreast of developments"

prone to something prone to injury

Working without a break makes you more prone to error.

prone to do something Tired drivers were found to be particularly prone to ignore warning signs.

prone to doing something people who are genetically prone to putting on weight

the construction is prone to + <noun>, hence why attacks (plural noun) sounds good.

However, gerunds can also be used since they are essentially verbal nouns, so prone to being (getting) attacked sounds OK to me, even if not quite as elegant. (It'd be fine in conversation.)

One thing is for sure: prone to be/get attacked :cross: is wrong because prone to does not take a verb.

call into question

to cause doubts about something:

The fact that a party can be voted into power by a minority of the electorate calls into question the country's electoral system.

enticing

/ɪnˈtʌɪsɪŋ, ɛnˈtʌɪsɪŋ/

attractive or tempting; alluring.

"an enticing prospect"

damper /ˈdampə/

a person or thing that has a subduing or inhibiting effect.

"there's nothing like a swarm of bees to completely put a damper on a graduation ceremony"

put a damper on

have a subduing or inhibiting effect on.

"he put a damper on her youthful excitement"

digress /dɪˈɡres/

leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing.

"I have digressed a little from my original plan"

bad call

used to express criticism of a person's decision or suggestion.

"not taking the deal would have been a bad call"

convalescence /ˌkɒnvəˈlesns/

time spent recovering from an illness or medical treatment; recuperation.

"a period of convalescence"

revisit /ˌriːˈvɪzɪt/

consider (a situation or problem) again or from a different perspective.

"the council will have to revisit the issue at a general meeting this summer"

That trumps everything = surpass

endorse /ɪnˈdɔːs, ɛnˈdɔːs/

declare one's public approval or support of.

"the report was endorsed by the college"

incontrovertible

/ɪnˌkɒntreɪˈvəːtəbl, ɪnkɒntreɪˈvəːtəbl/

not able to be denied or disputed.

"incontrovertible proof"

avenue /ˈævɪnjuː/

a way of approaching a problem or making progress towards something.

"three possible avenues of research suggested themselves"

precipitate /prɪˈsɪpɪteɪt/

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

"the incident precipitated a political crisis"

intel /ˈɪntəl/

information of military or political value.

"I need some intel, and I need it fast"

glean /gliːn/

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

"the information is gleaned from press cuttings"

If you say that someone or something is a liability, you mean that they cause a lot of problems or embarrassment.

Team-mates and coach began to see him as a liability.

What was once a vote-catching policy is now a political liability.

stubble /ˈstʌbl/

the cut stalks of cereal plants left sticking out of the ground after the grain is harvested.

"fields of yellow stubble"

ignominious

/ˌɪɡnə(ʊ)ˈmɪniəs/

deserving or causing public disgrace or shame.

"the party risked ignominious defeat"

reconnoitre

/ˌrɛkəˈnɔɪtə/

verb

make a military observation of (a region).

"they reconnoitred the beach some weeks before the landing"

juice up

liven something up.

"a friend needed help juicing up a fashion show"

supply a device with electricity.

"the charger lets you juice up any USB-based gadget"

Freebasing is a process that can increase the potency of a substance. The term is typically used in reference to cocaine, though it's possible to freebase other substances, including nicotine and morphine.

defer to phrasal verb

defer to somebody/something

(formal) to agree to accept what somebody has decided or what they think about

somebody/something because you respect him or her

We will defer to whatever the committee decides.

shot caller (plural shot callers) (slang) Someone in charge, especially the leader of a street gang. (US, prison slang) A prison inmate who holds informal authority over other inmates and who masterminds criminal activity.

guess at something

to try to imagine something when you have little knowledge or experience of it:

There are no photographs of him, so we can only guess at what he looked like.

catch wind of (something)

To become aware of something, especially something being kept secret, through indirect means.

If Mom catches wind of this prank we're planning, we'll be grounded for the rest of the summer.

If the press catches wind of this, the campaign will be over.

Tom found a stash of gold hidden at the old abandoned quarry? Well, we better get over there before anyone else catches wind of it!

cut ties

To abruptly and/or permanently end a relationship. [with with 'someone/something']

steel /sti:l/

mentally prepare (oneself) to do or face something difficult.

"his team were steeling themselves for disappointment"

besmirch /bɪ'smeɪtʃ/

damage (someone's reputation).

"he had besmirched the good name of his family"

haphazard

/ˌhæp'hæzəd/

adjective

lacking any obvious principle of organization.

"the music business works in a haphazard fashion"

egghead /'ɛghɛd/

noun informal

a highly academic or studious person; an intellectual.

"the TV egghead who brought science to the masses"

You could say something like "a few tens" maybe, but that would specify that you are holding 10 dollar bills. If I had somewhere around \$30-\$60 on my person (but not in 10 dollar bills), I'd probably say something less specific like "I have a fair amount of cash."

lay down one's life

sacrifice one's life for a cause.

"the willingness of British troops to lay down their lives for their country is a humbling thought"

15 minutes of fame is short-lived media publicity or celebrity of an individual or phenomenon.

in an attempt to do something Two factories were closed in an attempt to cut costs.

attempt at something The couple made an unsuccessful attempt at a compromise.

attempt at doing something They were praised for making an attempt at solving the problem.

"A hell of a ride" or "one hell of a ride" is an idiom that means something has been extremely difficult, challenging, or eventful, often with a mix of ups and downs.

talking point noun [C]

something that encourages discussion

fly a desk

To be assigned, as a member of a flying organization (air force, air line, etc.) to office duty, usually said of a person who is, or has previously been, qualified to fly an aircraft.

pundit

/ˈpʌndɪt/

noun

1.

an expert in a particular subject or field who is frequently called upon to give their opinions to the public.

"political pundits were tipping him for promotion"