

finished

offence /ə'fɛns/

harbinger /'hɑ:bɪn(d)ʒə/

a person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another.

"witch hazels are the harbingers of spring"

wired /'waɪəd/

in a nervous, tense, or edgy state.

"not much sleep lately—I'm a little wired"

fear of missing out : fear of not being included in something (such as an interesting or enjoyable activity) that others are experiencing

If anyone in history should have died from FOMO, it would be Emily Dickinson, an agoraphobe who virtually never left her house

regress /rɪ'grɛs, ri:'grɛs/

1.

return to a former or less developed state.

"they would not regress to pre-technological tribalism"

entice /ɪn'taɪs, ɛn'taɪs/

verb

attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage.

"a show which should entice a new audience into the theatre"

This is the best beach in all of America.

bicker /'bɪkə/

argue about petty and trivial matters.

"couples who bicker over who gets what from the divorce"

snarl /snɑ:l/

a knot or tangle.

"snarls of wild raspberry plants"

medevac

/'mɛdɪvæk/

NORTH AMERICAN

noun

the evacuation of military or other casualties to hospital in a helicopter or aeroplane.

"we radioed Pleiku and asked for medevac"

transport (someone) to hospital in a helicopter or aeroplane.

"I was medevacked out of Freetown"

trippy /'trɪpi/

adjectiveINFORMAL

resembling or inducing the hallucinatory effect produced by taking a psychedelic drug.

"trippy house music"

dust /dʌst/

cover lightly with a powdered substance.

"roll out on a surface dusted with icing sugar"

slosh /sloʃ/

(of liquid in a container) move irregularly with a splashing sound.

"water in the boat sloshed about under our feet"

hit (someone) hard.

"Why did you slosh me?"

double whammy

nounINFORMAL

a twofold blow or setback.

"a double whammy of taxation and price increases"

whammy

/'wami/

nounINFORMAL

1.

an event with a powerful and unpleasant effect; a blow.

"the third whammy was the degradation of the financial system"

2.

US

an evil or unlucky influence.

"I've come to put the whammy on them"

heartburn

/'hɑ:tbə:n/

noun

a form of indigestion felt as a burning sensation in the chest, caused by acid regurgitation into the oesophagus.

wine gives me terrible heartburn

There can also be breathing problems and indigestion and heartburn are common.

hung-over adjective

suffering from a hangover after drinking alcohol.

"You look distinctly hung-over."

Drop push-ups are a challenging type of push-up that can help increase upper body strength, explosive power and endurance.

Person A says something to Person B and quickly realises that it could be offensive to Person B, so Person A quickly adds: “No offence” (meaning “I do not intend to offend you by this comment.”)

Person B might then respond “None taken” (meaning, “Don’t worry. I took no offense at your comment.”)

knock it off
phrase of knock
INFORMAL
stop doing something.

knock sb/sth out of the park
to do something much better than someone else, or to be much better than someone or something else:
Hotel Ferrero knocks everyone out of the park with their breakfast.
The BBC is hitting them all out of the park at the moment, in children's drama at least.

push someone's buttons
phrase of button
INFORMAL
arouse or provoke a reaction in someone.
"don't allow co-workers to push your buttons"

toodle-oo
/tuːd(ə)l'ʊː/
exclamation DATED • INFORMAL
exclamation: toodle-oo; exclamation: toodle-pip
goodbye.
"we'll see you later, toodle-oo!"

speak to
To give evidence regarding something; to attest or provide evidence for; to bespeak.

This definitely speaks to the fact that at Georgetown, beginning at the admissions process, you're not a number but a real person.

many a/an
idiom
formal + literary
—used with a singular noun to refer to a large number of things or people
I've been there many a time.
Many a tale was told.

Many a man has tried but few men have succeeded.

muggy /'mʌgi/

(of the weather) unpleasantly warm and humid.

"it was a hot, very muggy evening"

sultry /'sʌltri/

(of the air or weather) hot and humid.

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

dominatrix /,dɒmɪ'neɪtrɪks/

noun

a woman who takes the dominating role in BDSM sexual activities.

Mum's the word is a popular English idiom. It is related to an expression used by William Shakespeare, in Henry VI, Part 2.[1]

The word "mum" is an alteration of momme, which was used between 1350 and 1400 in Middle English with very close to the same meaning, "be silent; do not reveal".

palpitation /,pʌlpɪ'teɪʃn/

a noticeably rapid, strong, or irregular heartbeat due to agitation, exertion, or illness.

"the stimulants gave me palpitations"

inquiry /ɪn'kwɪɹ(ə)ri/

squirt gun

water gun

pervy /'pɜːvi/

adjective INFORMAL

sexually perverted.

"he paid people attention and made them feel special—and not in a pervy way"

satire /'satʌɪə/

noun

the use of humour, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose and criticise people's stupidity or vices, particularly in the context of contemporary politics and other topical issues.

"the crude satire seems to be directed at the fashionable protest singers of the time"

vamp /vamp/

repair or improve something.

"the production values have been vamped up"

frat boy

noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

a young man who behaves in a boisterous or foolish manner considered typical of members of some college fraternities.

repetition
/ˌrɛpɪˈtɪʃn/

BUT WHAT'S A REP AND WHAT'S A SET?

A "rep," short for "repetition," is a single execution of an exercise. One pushup is one rep, and 10 pushups are 10 reps. A "set" is a collection of reps. If your goal is to complete 20 pushups, you might break your workout up into two sets of 10 reps. This can help you effectively pace yourself.

tripod /ˈtrɪpɒd/
noun

1.
a three-legged stand for supporting a camera or other apparatus.
- 2.

ARCHAIC
a stool, table, or cauldron resting on three legs.

spot /spɒt/
INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN
give or lend (money) to (someone).
"I'll spot you \$300"
allow (an advantage) to (someone) in a game or sport.
"the higher-rated team spots the lower-rated team the difference in their handicaps"

mutton /ˈmʌtn/
the flesh of fully grown sheep used as food.
"a leg of mutton"

lubricate /ˈluːbrɪkeɪt/
apply a substance such as oil or grease to (an engine or component) so as to minimise friction and allow smooth movement.
"remove the nut and lubricate the thread"

statin /ˈstatɪn/
noun MEDICINE
any of a group of drugs which act to reduce levels of cholesterol in the blood.

ascribe /əˈskrɪb/
verb
regard something as being due to (a cause).
"he ascribed Jane's short temper to her upset stomach"

stunt /stʌnt/
verb
prevent from growing or developing properly.
"some weeds produce chemicals that stunt the plant's growth"

something unusual done to attract attention.

"the story was spread as a publicity stunt to help sell books"

diabetic /ˌdaɪəˈbetɪk/

adjective

(of a person) having diabetes.

noun

a person who has diabetes.

hog /hɒg/

take or use most or all of (something) in an unfair or selfish way.

"he never hogged the limelight"

twerp

/twɜːp/

noun DEROGATORY•INFORMAL

a silly or annoying person.

lipid /ˈlɪpɪd/

noun CHEMISTRY

any of a class of organic compounds that are fatty acids or their derivatives and are insoluble in water but soluble in organic solvents. They include many natural oils, waxes, and steroids.

The term 'crash course' stems from the term 'crash land' in which a landing has to be made, in unfavourable circumstances. Likewise, a crash course implies that there is an urgent need to learn something regardless of the circumstances.

If you say there is an elephant in the room, you mean that there is an obvious problem or difficult situation that people do not want to talk about.

But for some, ignoring the elephant in the room is pointless.

tide over

: to support or enable to survive temporarily

money to tide us over until payday

simmer /ˈsɪmə/

(of water or food that is being heated) stay just below boiling point while bubbling gently.

"the goulash was simmering slowly in the oven"

googly eye

noun

plural noun: googly eyes

1.

INFORMAL

an amorously adoring expression.

"all she does is make googly eyes at Bryson"

2.

a type of imitation eye used in toys and crafts, consisting of a plastic disc with white backing and a transparent top that encases a smaller freely moving black disc representing the iris or pupil.

"attach googly eyes with glue and paint on a little smile"

inherent

/ɪnˈhɛrənt, ɪnˈhɪərənt/

adjective

existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute.

"any form of mountaineering has its inherent dangers"

vulgar

/ˈvʌlgə/

adjective

1.

lacking sophistication or good taste.

"a vulgar check suit"

in a rut

In a settled or established habit or course of action, especially a boring one. For example, We go to the seashore every summer—we're in a rut , or After ten years at the same job she says she's in a rut . This expression alludes to having a wheel stuck in a groove in the road. [Early 1800s]

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.

dote /dəʊt/

be extremely and uncritically fond of.

"she doted on her two young children"

swagger /ˈswagə/

a very confident and arrogant or self-important gait or manner.

"they strolled around the camp with an exaggerated swagger"

walk or behave in a very confident and arrogant or self-important way.

"he swaggered along the corridor"

The title is self-explanatory, but what is the appropriate response to "motivate your answer"? Should you prove your answer? Should you just explain it, or give the intuition for it?

motivate

/ˈməʊtɪveɪt/

verb

1.

provide (someone) with a reason for doing something.

"he was primarily motivated by the desire for profit"

SOUTH AFRICAN

request (something) and present facts and arguments in support of one's request.

"he said he would motivate funds to upgrade the food stalls"

The whole country cried

all of America cried

tote /təʊt/

carry, wield, or convey (something heavy or substantial).

"here are books well worth toting home"

snag /snag/

an unexpected or hidden obstacle or drawback.

"there's one small snag"

a sharp, angular, or jagged projection.

"keep an emery board handy in case of nail snags"

verb — [with obj.] 1. catch or tear (something) on a sharp projection • thorns snagged his sweater. INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

catch or obtain.

"it's the first time they've snagged the star for a photo"

comeuppance

/kʌm'ʌp(ə)ns/

noun INFORMAL

a punishment or fate that someone deserves.

"he got his comeuppance in the end"

get one's just deserts

phrase of deserts

receive what one deserves, especially appropriate punishment.

"those who caused great torment to others rarely got their just deserts"

What is it like to have golden child siblings?

segue

/ˈseɪɡweɪ/

verb

(in music and film) move without interruption from one piece of music or scene to another.

"allow one song to segue into the next"

spiel

/ˈpi:l,spi:l/

INFORMAL

noun

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"

glib

/glɪb/

adjective

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

"the glib phrases soon roll off the tongue"

act out

perform a narrative as if it were a play; translate something into action.

"students were encouraged to act out the stories"

2.

NORTH AMERICAN

behave badly, especially when unhappy or stressed.

"many children who act out while awaiting placement in a healthcare facility end up in juvenile detention"

swipe /swaɪp/

steal.

"someone swiped one of his sausages"

blister /'blɪstə/

a small bubble on the skin filled with serum and caused by friction, burning, or other damage.

"his heels were covered in blisters"

resourceful /rɪ'zɔ:sf(ʊ)l/

adjective

having the ability to find quick and clever ways to overcome difficulties.

"he maintained her reputation for being a resourceful problem-solver"

compendium /kəm'pendiəm/

noun: compendium; plural noun: compendia; plural noun: compendiums

a collection of concise but detailed information about a particular subject, especially in a book or other publication.

"an invaluable compendium of useful information about language"

Derby /'dɑ:bi/

an annual flat race for three-year-old horses, founded in 1780 by the 12th Earl of Derby and run on Epsom Downs in England in late May or early June.

floor /flo:/

knock (someone) to the ground, especially with a punch.

"the champion floored Close with an uppercut"

pipe dream /'paɪp dri:m/

an unattainable or fanciful hope or scheme.

"free trade in international aviation will remain a pipe dream"

breeches /'bri:tʃɪz/

britches /'brɪtʃ.ɪz/

trousers, especially those that do not cover the whole of the leg

be/get too big for your britches

(North American English)

(also be/get too big for your boots British and North American English)

to be/become too proud of yourself; to behave as if you are more important than you really are

a pair of britches

horticulture

/'hɔ:tɪ,kʌltʃə/

noun

the art or practice of garden cultivation and management.

"maize and manioc horticulture"

roomy

/'ru:mi, 'rʊmi/

adjective

(especially of accommodation) having plenty of room; spacious.

"the cabin is roomy and well planned"

lob /lɒb/

verb

throw or hit (a ball or missile) in a high arc.

"he lobbed the ball over their heads"

lobster

/'lɒbstə/

dispose /dɪ'spəʊz/

verb

1.

get rid of by throwing away or giving or selling to someone else.

"the waste is disposed of in the North Sea"

incline (someone) towards a particular activity or mood.

"prolactin, a calming hormone, is released, disposing you towards sleep"

wage /weɪdʒ/

a fixed regular payment earned for work or services, typically paid on a daily or weekly basis.

"we were struggling to get better wages"

carry on (a war or campaign).

"it is necessary to destroy their capacity to wage war"

rustle /'rʌsl/

make a soft, muffled crackling sound like that caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper.

"she came closer, her skirt swaying and rustling"

round up and steal (cattle, horses, or sheep).

"a murdered rancher whose cattle were being rustled"

tack /tak/

noun

1.

a small, sharp broad-headed nail.

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

grate /greɪt/

verb

1.

reduce (food) to small shreds by rubbing it on a grater.

"peel and roughly grate the carrots"

rind

/rʌɪnd/

noun

the tough outer skin of certain fruit, especially citrus fruit.

"decorate with fine shreds of orange rind"

abundant

/ə' bʌnd(ə)nt/

adjective

existing or available in large quantities; plentiful.

"there was abundant evidence to support the theory"

What Is a Line Cook?

Line cook is a term used in the foodservice industry for a cook who works on the "line" and prepares food orders. In a fine dining environment or a kitchen that follows a brigade system hierarchy, a line cook is considered a type of chef called a "commis" (section chef).

cookout

a party at which food is cooked outdoors

He tried planning a cookout in the middle of a building renovation project.

get in line, stand in line, line up

miss out

not be able to experience or fail to take advantage of an opportunity or chance.

"if you haven't tried this recipe, you're really missing out"

2.

BRITISH

fail to include someone or something; omit.

"she claimed that the newspaper missed out one important detail of her interview"

You've missed out your address on the form.

Don't miss out on the fantastic bargains in our summer sale.

We didn't have a TV at home when I was young, and I felt as though I missed out.

rustle up

phrasal verb of rustle

INFORMAL

produce something quickly when it is needed.

"see if you can rustle up a cup of coffee for Paula and me, please"

jim-jams¹

/ˈdʒɪm dʒɑːmz/

noun INFORMAL

a fit of depression or nervousness.

"pre-race jim-jams"

off and on

happening or existing only some of the time:

He worked off and on as a bicycle messenger, but he never found permanent work.

placid

/ˈplæsɪd/

adjective

not easily upset or excited.

"a placid, contented man"

condone /kənˈdəʊn/

verb

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

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

be friends with

phrase of friend

be on good or affectionate terms with.

"Carrie wanted to be friends with everyone"

In a broader sense, to "number your days" means to be mindful of the limited time you have on earth and to use it wisely.

press on

to continue moving forward in a forceful or steady way

The troops pressed on in spite of the snow.

2

: to continue to do something especially in a determined way
Now that we have answered that question, let's press on.

interpretative

/ɪn'tɜːprɪtətɪv/

adjective

adjective: interpretive

relating to or providing an interpretation.

"activities designed to reinforce students' interpretative skills"

If someone latches onto a person or an idea or latches on, they become very interested in the person or idea, often finding them so useful that they do not want to leave them.

[informal]

Rob had latched onto me. He followed me around and sat beside me at lunch. [VERB PARTICLE noun]

Other trades have been quick to latch on. [VERB PARTICLE]

work up

phrasal verb of work

1.

gradually bring someone to a state of intense excitement, anger, or anxiety.

"he got all worked up and started shouting and swearing"

2.

develop or produce something by activity or effort.

"I finally worked up the courage to ask if I had the job"

upstart /'ʌpstɑ:t/

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"

strangle /'strɑŋgl/

hamper or hinder the development or activity of.

"they allowed bureaucracy to strangle initiative"

broil¹

/brɔɪl/

verb NORTH AMERICAN

cook (meat or fish) by exposure to direct heat.

"he lightly broiled a wedge of sea bass"

draw a blank

to fail to get an answer or a result:

He asked me for my phone number and I drew a blank - I just couldn't remember it.

All their investigations have drawn a blank so far.

I just drew a blank on the last test question.

flirt /flə:t/

verb

1.

behave as though sexually attracted to someone, but playfully rather than with serious intentions.

"she began to tease him, flirting with other men in front of him"

divisor

/dɪ'vɪzə/

What was the number in the tens place?

remainder

/rɪ'meɪndə/

fiscal /'fɪskl/

adjective

relating to government revenue, especially taxes.

"monetary and fiscal policy"

rib

/rɪb/

INFORMAL

tease good-naturedly.

"the first time I appeared in the outfit I was ribbed mercilessly"

pinhead

: a very dull or stupid person : FOOL

sore loser

noun

: a person who becomes very upset or angry when he or she loses a game, contest, etc.

There is no point in being a sore loser and whining about it all.

You can't call him a sore loser—he accepts defeat with grace and dignity.

quarantine

/'kwɒrənti:n/

insatiable

/ɪn'seɪ(ɪ)əbl/

adjective

(of an appetite or desire) impossible to satisfy.

"an insatiable hunger for success"

insentient

/ɪn'sɛnj(ə)nt/

adjective

incapable of feeling or understanding things; inanimate.

upward

/ˈʌpwəd/

dilapidate /dɪˈlæpɪdeɪt/

verbARCHAIC

cause (something) to fall into disrepair or ruin.

"a ruined Chappell, built by the Spaniard, and dilapidated by the Dutch"

The slang term "ballin'" or "balling" is often used colloquially in informal contexts, especially in hip-hop culture and everyday conversation. It generally means living a lavish or extravagant lifestyle, often characterised by having a lot of money, success, and indulging in luxury. When someone describes themselves or someone else as "ballin'," it's a way of expressing a high level of success, wealth, or an overall prosperous and enjoyable life.

call out

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

"people were calling him out for his negative comments"

hold back on sth

to wait for a period of time before doing something:

We held back on the product release until the third quarter.

verbatim

/və(ː)ˈbɜːtɪm/

compendium

/kəmˈpɛndɪəm/

noun

a collection of concise but detailed information about a particular subject, especially in a book or other publication.

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vitriol /ˈvɪtriəl/

bitter criticism or malice.

"her mother's sudden gush of fury and vitriol"

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

cleanliness /ˈkleɪnlɪnɪs/

macro

(colloquial, nutrition, countable, chiefly in the plural) Clipping of macronutrient. quotations

gruel /'gru:əl/

a thin liquid food of oatmeal or other meal boiled in milk or water.

orbit /'ɔ:bit/

an area of activity, interest, or influence.

"audiences drawn largely from outside the Party orbit"

desecrate

/ˈdɛsɪkreɪt/

verb

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

"more than 300 graves were desecrated"

petulant

/ˈpetjʊlənt/

adjective

adjective: petulant

(of a person or their manner) childishly sulky or bad-tempered.

"he was moody and petulant"

impudent

/ˈɪmpjʊd(ə)nt/

adjective

not showing due respect for another person; impertinent.

"he could have strangled this impudent upstart"

read off

1. To read the items of a list aloud. A noun or pronoun can be used between "read" and "off."
We started our way through the supermarket after she read off all the ingredients we would need.

Make sure you do roll call before class each morning—just read the students' names off and put a mark by anyone who isn't there.

per annum /pə:r ˈanəm/

adverb

for each year (used in financial contexts).

"an average growth rate of 2 per cent per annum"

trounce /traʊns/

defeat heavily in a contest.

"Essex trounced Cambridgeshire 5–1 in the final"

debenture /dɪˈbɛn(t)ʃə/

a long-term security yielding a fixed rate of interest, issued by a company and secured against assets.

NORTH AMERICAN

an unsecured loan certificate issued by a company.

noun: debenture bond; plural noun: debenture bonds

conscientious /ˌkɒnʃɪˈɛnʃəs/

wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.

"a conscientious man, he took his duties very seriously"

conscience /'kɒnʃns/

a person's moral sense of right and wrong, viewed as acting as a guide to one's behaviour.

"he had a guilty conscience about his desires"

give it up for someone

used to ask people to clap their hands to show their enjoyment or approval of a performance:

Ladies and gentlemen, will you give it up for Danny Jones.

Please give it up for a very talented young lady whose debut album hit number one on the pop charts - Keira!

Please give it up for Coventry's own Daniel Black!

Friends, will you give it up for my special guest, Jake Kennedy!

Performing tracks from his amazing new album, let's give it up for Leo Moss!

welcome /'welkəm/

(of a guest or new arrival) gladly received.

"I'm pleased to see you, lad—you're welcome"

attribute

verb

/ə'trɪbjʊ:t/

regard something as being caused by.

"he attributed the firm's success to the efforts of the managing director"

power through (something)

to continue in a strong and determined way until the end of something, even when this is difficult:

resilient companies that have powered through the economic downturn

The challenge will be overwhelming at times, but we just have to power (on) through.

predate /pri:'deɪt/

verb: pre-date

exist or occur at a date earlier than (something).

"here parish boundaries seem clearly to predate Roman roads"

Western Front, major theatre of World War I. The name refers to the western side of territory under the control of Germany, which was also fighting on its eastern flank for most of the conflict. The

ethos

/ˈiːθɒs/

noun

the characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community as manifested in its attitudes and aspirations.

"a challenge to the ethos of the 1960s"

rampant

/ˈramp(ə)nt/

adjective

1.

(especially of something unwelcome) flourishing or spreading unchecked.

"political violence was rampant"

slander /ˈslɑːndə/

nounLAW

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

"he is suing the TV company for slander"

synth /sɪnθ/

nounINFORMAL

short for synthesizer.

plasma

/ˈplazmə/

leave someone be

phrase of leave

INFORMAL

refrain from disturbing or interfering with someone.

"why can't you all just leave me be?"

leave somebody/something be

• Leave me be! I've got a lot of things to think about.

tortoise

/ˈtɔːtəs, ˈtɔːtɔɪs/

mnemonic

/nɪˈmɒnɪk/

sill /sɪl/

a shelf or slab of stone, wood, or metal at the foot of a window opening or doorway.
a strong horizontal beam forming a base in the frame of a timber-framed building.
each of the lower horizontal members of the frame of a cart or motor or rail vehicle.

contraption /kən'trapʃn/

a machine or device that appears strange or unnecessarily complicated, and often badly made or unsafe.

"repairing stereos and making contraptions out of spare electronic bits"

aurora

/ɔ:'rɔ:rə/

"I'm challenging myself to run the race this weekend."

gizzard /'gɪzəd/

a muscular, thick-walled part of a bird's stomach for grinding food, typically with grit.

sleet /sli:t/

noun

rain containing some ice, as when snow melts as it falls.

"driving sleet and rain made conditions horrendous"

sash /səʃ/

a long strip or loop of cloth worn over one shoulder or round the waist, especially as part of a uniform or official dress.

a frame holding the glass in a window, typically one of two sliding frames in a sash window.

I would say that to watch someone do something is a matter of seeing them at one particular instant in time, such as - kicking a ball. To watch them doing something is to watch throughout the process, such as - painting a room.

Do = an action. Doing = a process.

For me, there is a subtle difference:

If someone told me "I watched him eat the sandwich" I would probably assume they watched right through until he had finished the sandwich.

If they said "I watched him eating the sandwich" I would not necessarily make this assumption - they could have stopped watching before he finished.

queasy /'kwi:zi/

nauseous; feeling sick.

"in the morning he was still pale and queasy"

rummage /'rʌmɪdʒ/

search unsystematically and untidily through something.
"he rummaged in his pocket for a handkerchief"

scrabble about/around
to use your fingers to quickly find something that you cannot see:
She scrabbled around in her bag, trying to find her keys.

lively /'lʌɪvli/
adjective
full of life and energy; active and outgoing.
"a lively and uninhibited girl"

realm /rɛlm/

open face helmet
skid lid
full face helmet

permeate /'pə:miɪt/
spread throughout (something); pervade.
"the aroma of soup permeated the air"

shill /ʃɪl/
INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN
an accomplice of a confidence trickster or swindler who poses as a genuine customer to entice or encourage others.
"I used to be a shill in a Reno gambling club"

impregnate
/'ɪmpɹɛɡneɪt/
verb
past tense: impregnated; past participle: impregnated
1.
soak or saturate (something) with a substance.
"wood which had been impregnated with preservative"

chives
/tʃʌɪvz/
noun
noun: chive; modifier noun: chive
a small Eurasian plant related to the onion, with purple-pink flowers and long tubular leaves which are used as a culinary herb.
"freshly chopped chives"

follow on from something
to come or happen after something and as a result of it

My second point follows on from this.

The signing of the new contract follows on from a successful sales and distribution agreement.

The water is tepid

The water is at room temperature

The water is unchilled

Coconut oil is shelf-stable for years and does not need to be refrigerated. (

It's so hot! (Speaker is outside or inside)

It's so hot out! (Speaker is outside or inside)

It's so hot out there! (Speaker is inside)

It's so hot out here! (Speaker is outside)

power trip

an action or way of behaving in which a person gets great pleasure from having control over others

Barnes has been on a power trip ever since he was promoted to head coach.

brine

/brʌɪn/

noun

water strongly impregnated with salt.

"other vegetables would be pickled in brine"

scape /skeɪp/

noun

1.

BOTANY

a long flower stalk coming directly from a root.

fleet /fli:t/ a group of military ships commanded by the same person

a fleet of destroyers

Nelson destroyed the Franco-Spanish fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar.

arch- /ɑ:tʃ/

combining form

prefix: arch-

chief; principal.

"archbishop"

fascia /'feɪʃ(ɪ)ə/

noun

1.

a detachable covering for the front part of a mobile phone.

2.

a board or other flat piece of material covering the ends of rafters or other fittings.

"a further piece of chipboard acts as a fascia to disguise the ceiling fixtures"

I'm going to try hard to pass the entrance exam. / I'm going to make a big effort to pass the entrance exam.

If you don't put in the effort, you will fail your exams.

The Solace of Water

solace /'sɒlɪs/

comfort or consolation in a time of distress or sadness.

"she sought solace in her religion"

thwart /θwɔ:t/

prevent (someone) from accomplishing something.

"he never did anything to thwart his father"

off-grid adjective

not using or depending on public utilities, especially the supply of electricity.

"off-grid housing"

propane

/'prɒʊpeɪn/

noun CHEMISTRY

a flammable hydrocarbon gas of the alkane series, present in natural gas and used as bottled fuel.

stake /steɪk/

a strong wooden or metal post with a point at one end, driven into the ground to support a plant, form part of a fence, mark a boundary, etc.

weed /wi:d/

remove unwanted plants from (an area of ground).

"I was weeding a flower bed"

tarp /tɑ:p/

noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

a tarpaulin sheet or cover.

A tarpaulin (/tɑ:r'pɔ:lɪn/ tar-PAW-lin,[1] also US: /'tɑ:rpəlɪn/[2]) or tarp

bill /bɪl/

noun: bill; plural noun: bills; noun: Bill

1.

the beak of a bird, especially when it is slender, flattened, or weak, or belongs to a web-footed bird or a bird of the pigeon family.

I think it's better without 'as', or with 'to be'. To me, these are exactly equivalent:

I consider something important.

I consider something to be important.

for services rendered

idiom

formal

: for something that a person, company, etc., has done
a fee/payment for services rendered

lead-off

adjective

adjective: leadoff

beginning a series or a process.

"the album's lead-off track"

mock surprise/horror/indignation etc

surprise etc that you pretend to feel, especially as a joke

She threw her hands up in mock horror.

give way

be replaced or superseded by.

"Alan's discomfort gave way to anger"

perforate /'pə:fəreɪt/

pierce and make a hole or holes in.

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

strain /streɪn/

pour (a mainly liquid substance) through a porous or perforated device or material in order to separate out any solid matter.

"strain the custard into a bowl"

cause liquid to drain off (food which has been boiled, soaked, or canned) by using a porous or perforated device.

"she turned to the sink to strain the noodles"

runt /rʌnt/

a small pig or other animal, especially the smallest in a litter.

vantage

/'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/

noun

noun: vantage point

a place or position affording a good view of something.

"from my vantage point I could see into the front garden"

go down on

phrasal verb of go

VULGAR SLANG

perform oral sex on someone.

sodomy /'sɒdəmi/

anal sexual intercourse.

give way

yield to someone or something.

"he was not a man to give way to this kind of pressure"

allow oneself to be overcome by or to succumb to (an emotion or impulse).

"she gave way to a burst of weeping"

(of a support or structure) be unable to carry a load or withstand a force; collapse or break.

"his aching legs gave way, and he almost fell"

billow

/'bɪləʊ/

noun

a large undulating mass of something, typically cloud, smoke, or steam.

When I ran too many appliances at once, the breaker tripped

I blew a fuse

The circuit breaker tripped when I used too many electrical appliances at once.

she has dementia

congenital

/kən'dʒɛnɪtl/

adjective

(of a disease or physical abnormality) present from birth.

"a congenital malformation of the heart"

fix (something) for breakfast/lunch/dinner/etc.

To make or prepare some dish for a particular meal.

I'm fixing spaghetti and meatballs for dinner tonight.

We better get out of here if Aunt Louise is fixing something for supper—you know she can't cook.

I'm not fixing anything for breakfast, but we do have a few types of cereal you can choose from.

fix something up

"If you are going to that fancy restaurant, you'd better fix yourself up."

3. To arrange or provide something for someone. A noun or pronoun can be used between "fix" and "up."

Any chance you can fix me up with a room for the night?

Well, I sure hope one of these companies can fix us up with a rental car! Otherwise, what are we going to do?

Wow, I can't believe your company fixed us up with front-row seats to a Broadway show!

steer clear of to get or keep away from (as a responsibility) through cleverness or trickery
After several disastrous family gatherings, she steered clear of any talk about hosting holiday celebrations.

to avoid someone or something that seems unpleasant, dangerous, or likely to cause problems:

Her speech steered clear of controversial issues.

They warned their children to steer clear of drugs.

buck/bʌk/

(of a horse) to perform a buck.

"he's got to get his head down to buck"

(of a vehicle) make sudden jerky movements.

"the boat began to buck in the water"

nub /nʌb/

the crux or central point of a matter.

"the nub of the problem lies elsewhere"

suck in a hissing breath

close but no cigar

phrase of cigar

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

(of an attempt) almost but not quite successful.

"they didn't catch him in the car—close but no cigar"

Good luck, we'll be rooting for you. [VERB PARTICLE noun]

It's one of those movies in which you're forced to root for the villain.

Good luck! We're all rooting for you.

You can do it – I'm rooting for you.

here goes nothing

(idiomatic) Indicates a lack of confidence or certainty about the activity about to be tried.

Well, I checked everything and I think it's wired up correctly, so I guess all that's left is to turn it on. Here goes nothing!

We're not half doing it. We're full sending it at this point.

Jesse and Kyle really know how to Full Send, aye?

WHAT DOES FULL SEND MEAN?

YOLO! If you do something full send, especially in extreme sports, you're doing it full-throttle and with 100% commitment—even if you end up failing.

In extended, popular slang, full send has the sense of “intense,” “hardcore,” or “without regard to consequences.”

engorge

/ɪnˈɡɔːdʒ, ɛnˈɡɔːdʒ/

verb

past tense: engorged; past participle: engorged

1.

cause to swell with blood, water, or another fluid.

"the river was engorged by a day-long deluge"

2.

ARCHAIC

eat to excess.

"you touch not one dish, leaving them afterwards for your servants to engorge themselves therewith"

snub /snʌb/

rebuff, ignore, or spurn disdainfully.

"he snubbed faculty members and students alike"

dexterity

/dɛkˈstɛrɪti/

descent /dɪˈsɛnt/

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

"the settlers were of Cornish descent"

to be of Scottish descent

descent from somebody He traces his line of descent from the Stuart kings.

I'd like to keep it on the down-low.

famished

/ˈfæmɪʃt/

adjective INFORMAL

extremely hungry.

"I'm famished—is there anything to eat?"

martin

/ˈmɑːtɪn/

noun

a swift-flying insectivorous songbird of the swallow family, typically having a less strongly forked tail than a swallow.

hook up

to meet or begin to work with another person or other people:

hook up with

He hooked up with the other members of the band in Amsterdam.

follow out

transitive verb

: to follow to the end or to a conclusion

: CARRY OUT, EXECUTE

followed out their orders

dish something out

to give or say things to people without thinking about them carefully:

A good doctor listens to the patient rather than just dishing out drugs.

He's very keen to dish out criticism.

He's mad at me for teasing him – he can dish it out, but he can't take it!

let up (informal)

to become less strong

The pain finally let up.

Good question. There is a subtle difference. The addition of "up" in the expression makes the request sound a bit softer.

In British English, we don't say "wait up", but instead "hold on" or "wait a sec". These two expressions are softer than simply saying "wait!", which might come across as a bit too direct.

New employee

New hire

Fresh recruit

down-low

adjective INFORMAL • US

discreet or secret.

"will James continue his down-low relationship with the high-profile surgeon?"

on the down-low

done secretly and not discussed, so that only a small number of people know about it:

Two colleagues were carrying on a relationship on the down-low.

Let's keep it on the down-low, okay?

cheesed off

adjective

Synonyms of cheesed off

chiefly British

: ANGRY, IRRITATED

give away

phrasal verb of give

1.

give something freely as a gift or donation.

"I gave away all my books"

2.

reveal the true identity of someone.

"his strangely shaped feet gave him away"

smut

[U] disapproving

magazines, books, pictures, films or jokes that offend some people because they relate to sex:

There's an awful lot of smut on television these days.

keep (one) in line

To ensure that one acts or behaves in the correct or desired manner.

You've got to keep your staff in line if you want your department to hit its targets.

Their eldest daughter has always been a troublemaker, and they've had a very hard time keeping her in line.

recline /rɪˈklaɪn/

lean or lie back in a relaxed position with the back supported.

"she was reclining in a deckchair"

rag on someone

to continually laugh at someone or say unkind things about them, either because you are joking or because you want to upset that person:

They've been ragging on me, but it's just in fun.

crack up

phrasal verb of crack

INFORMAL

1.

suffer an emotional breakdown under pressure.

"I feel I'm cracking up, always on the verge of tears"

seance

/ˈseɪəns, 'seɪɔ̃s, 'seɪə:ns/

noun

a meeting at which people attempt to make contact with the dead, especially through the agency of a medium.

jangle /'dʒaŋg(ə)/ I. verb 1. make or cause to make a ringing metallic sound, typically a discordant one [no obj.] • a bell jangled loudly

jungle /'dʒʌŋgl/

an area of land overgrown with dense forest and tangled vegetation, typically in the tropics.

"we set off into the jungle"

itinerary

/ɪ'tɪnərəri,ɪ'tɪnərəri/

noun

a planned route or journey.

"his itinerary included an official visit to Canada"

have an edge on (someone or something)

To have an advantage over someone or something; to be in a more favorable position than someone or something else.

I think I have an edge on her in the race because I've been training so much harder.

apologise

/ə'pɒlədʒaɪz/

quench one's/someone's thirst

idiom

: to cause oneself/someone to stop feeling thirsty

He quenched his thirst by drinking a bottle of water.

a drink that will quench your thirst

body bag

noun

a bag used for carrying a corpse from a battlefield or the scene of an accident or crime.

I Before E Except After C

personage

/'pɜːsənɪdʒ/

noun

a person (used to express importance or elevated status).

"it was no less a personage than the bishop"

gee /dʒiː/

command (a horse) to go faster.

"he geed up the horse"

encourage (someone) to put more effort into an activity.

"I was running around geeing people up"

When one is "pounding food," as in eating quickly, are they metaphorically pounding it into their mouth, or putting it into their mouth by the pound?

What is your address is the correct way to ask someone for their address.

gaff /gaf/

a stick with a hook or barbed spear, for landing large fish.

It is also known as bonito flakes or broadly as okaka (おかか).

back to square one

back to where one started, with no progress having been made.

vacillate

/ˈvæsɪleɪt, ˈvæsɪlət/

verb

waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive.

"I vacillated between teaching and journalism"

croak /krəʊk/

⟨informal⟩ die • the dog finally croaked in 1987. 5. [with obj.] — kill (someone) • there are a few people down there who'd like to croak him.

coop /ku:p/

noun

a cage or pen in which poultry are kept.

assortment

/əˈsɔ:tm(ə)nt/

noun

a miscellaneous collection of things or people.

"the room was filled with an assortment of clothes"

underfoot

/ˌʌndəˈfʊt/

constantly present and in one's way.

"the last thing my mother wanted was a child underfoot"

idyll

/ˈɪd(ɪ)l, ˈʌɪd(ɪ)l/

noun

an extremely happy, peaceful, or picturesque period or situation, typically an idealized or unsustainable one.

"the rural idyll remains strongly evocative in most industrialised societies"

fiasco /fɪˈaskəʊ/

noun

a complete failure, especially a ludicrous or humiliating one.

"his plans turned into a fiasco"

fend /fɛnd/

look after and provide for oneself, without any help from others.

"she left her 14-year-old daughter to fend for herself"

"in a hurry" is a lot more natural than "in hurry".

"she was really in a hurry when I last saw her"

"he missed the bus, so he was in a hurry to get to work"

"he was in a hurry, so we couldn't chat"

belie /bɪˈliː/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. (of an appearance) fail to give a true impression of (something) • his lively, alert manner belied his years. 2. fail to fulfil or justify (a claim or expectation) • the quality of the music seems to belie the criticism.

meagre /ˈmiːɡə/

adjective

adjective: meager

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

"they were forced to supplement their meagre earnings"

niggle

/ˈnɪɡl/

verb

cause slight but persistent annoyance, discomfort, or anxiety.

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

It's not your place (= your role) to give advice.

wry /rʌɪ/

adjective

1.

using or expressing dry, especially mocking, humour.

"a wry smile"

corridor

/ˈkɒrɪdɔː/

on the part of someone/on someone's part

done or experienced by someone:

This was a misjudgment on the part of the government.

A little humility on her part would be appreciated.

spiffy

/ˈspɪfi/

adjective INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

smart in appearance.

"a spiffy new outfit"

news

/nju:z/

high roller

/ˌhaɪ ˈrɒlə/

noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

a person who gambles or spends large sums of money.

"corporate jets still ferry in high rollers to the tables of Caesar's Palace"

allegation

/ˌalɪˈgeɪʃn/

noun

a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof.

"after leaving he made allegations of corruption against the company"

iconoclast

/ɪˈkɒnəklast/

noun

1.

a person who attacks or criticises cherished beliefs or institutions.

squabble

/ˈskwɒbl/

noun

a noisy quarrel about something trivial.

"family squabbles"

pent-up I. adjective 1. (of emotions, energy, etc.) unable to be expressed or released • pent-up frustrations. 2. closely confined or held back • a surge of pent-up water.

take turns

phrase of turn

(of two or more people) do something alternately or in succession.

"we took turns riding the go-cart down the road and back"

plethora

/ˈpleθ(ə)rə/

tout /taʊt/

a person soliciting custom or business, typically in a direct or persistent manner.

bandana

/bənˈdænə/

gynaecology

/ˌɡʌɪnəˈkɒlədʒi/

noun

noun: gynecology

the branch of physiology and medicine which deals with the functions and diseases specific to women and girls, especially those affecting the reproductive system.

attire

/əˈtʌɪə/

FORMAL•LITERARY

noun

clothes, especially fine or formal ones.

"holiday attire"

get it in the neck

To receive a very severe rebuke, scolding, or punishment for one's actions. Primarily heard in UK.

Boy, I really got it in the neck for screwing up the Lawson account. I'm lucky I didn't lose my job!

I'm really going to get it in the neck if my parents notice this dent in the car!

Listen, you're gonna get it in the neck from the other committee members if you keep blowing off meetings.

pigment

/ˈpɪgm(ə)nt/

noun

the natural colouring matter of animal or plant tissue.

"carotenoid pigments are red, orange, or yellow"

viridian

/vɪˈrɪdiən/

noun

a bluish-green pigment consisting of hydrated chromium hydroxide.

a bluish-green colour.

drown

/draʊn/

verb

die through submersion in and inhalation of water.

"a motorist drowned when her car plunged off the edge of a quay"

dairy /ˈdeəri/

seemly

/ˈsiːmli/

adjective

conforming to accepted notions of propriety or good taste; decorous.

"I felt it was not seemly to observe too closely"

plant

/plɑːnt/

a person placed in a group as a spy or informer.

"we thought he was a CIA plant spreading disinformation"

Gibraltar

noun

UK /dʒɪˈbrɔːl.tər/

strait /streɪt/

noun

1.

a narrow passage of water connecting two seas or two other large areas of water.

"the Straits of Gibraltar"

denominate /dɪˈnɒmɪneɪt/

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

"the borrowings were denominated in US dollars"

FORMAL

call; name.

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

throng /θrɒŋ/

a large, densely packed crowd of people or animals.

"he pushed his way through the throng"

bone

US, vulgar slang : to have sexual intercourse with (someone)

I swear on my life that'll become famous someday. This is how it is spoken today

I swear by my life that'll become famous someday. This is how it was spoken 200 years ago.

forgo /fəˈgəʊ,fɔːˈgəʊ/

go without (something desirable).

"she wanted to forgo the tea and leave while they could"

refrain from.

"we forgo any comparison between the two men"

construct /ˈkɒnstrʌkt/

an idea or theory containing various conceptual elements, typically one considered to be subjective and not based on empirical evidence.

"history is largely an ideological construct"

In Italian cuisine, ragù (Italian: [raˈgu], from French ragoût) is a meat sauce that is commonly served with pasta.

If you crush it, you succeed completely in doing something.

elicit /ɪˈlɪsɪt/

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

"I tried to elicit a smile from Joanna"

bite off

To bite so hard as to remove something from its source.

(transitive, idiomatic, sometimes followed by on) To accept or commit oneself to a task, project, notion, or responsibility, especially one which presents challenges

smother

/ˈsmʌðə/

verb

1.

kill (someone) by covering their nose and mouth so that they suffocate.

"I dreamed a stranger was trying to kill me by smothering me with a pillow"

break a sweat

idiom

US

: to begin to sweat

He started running and soon broke a sweat.

He loaded all five boxes without breaking a sweat.

reconcile /ˈrɛk(ə)nsaɪl/

restore friendly relations between.

"the king and the archbishop were publicly reconciled"

moult /məʊlt/

gerund or present participle: molting

(of an animal) shed old feathers, hair, or skin to make way for a new growth.

"the adult birds were already moulting"

cameo

/ˈkæmɪəʊ/

cry for the moon

idiom

British, informal

: to ask for something that is very difficult or impossible to get

The striking workers say they just want to be paid what they're worth. They're not crying for the moon.

My boyfriend and I like wearing matching outfits.

scald /skɔːld/

injure with very hot liquid or steam.
"the tea scalded his tongue"

frugal
/'fru:gl/
adjective
sparing or economical as regards money or food.
"I'm a bit too frugal to splash out on designer clothes"

sled /slɛd/
NORTH AMERICAN
noun
another term for sledge1.

do a number on
in American English
US
Slang
to abuse or mistreat in some way, as by injuring, disparaging, cheating, or humiliating

lepton
/'lepton/
nounPHYSICS
noun: lepton; plural noun: leptons
a subatomic particle, such as an electron, muon, or neutrino, which does not take part in the strong interaction.

dilate
/dʌɪ'leɪt,dɪ'leɪt/
verb
make or become wider, larger, or more open.
"her eyes dilated with horror"

damp squib
nounBRITISH
a situation or event which is much less impressive than expected.
"my moment of power was a damp squib"

discreet
/dɪ'skri:t/
adjective
careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment.
"we made some discreet inquiries"

cheapskate
a person who is unwilling to spend money:
My dad's such a cheapskate that he cuts his hair himself.

容器は英語では container です。

Plastic container-プラスチックの容器

また、タッパ―は Tupperware といいます。

I always carry a Tupperware with me.
(わたしはいつもタッパ―を持ち歩いています)。

Plastic containers are convenient、especially if you have kids.
(プラスチックの容器は便利、特に子供がいる場合)。

supple /'sʌp(ə)l/
bending and moving easily and gracefully; flexible.
"her supple fingers"

Tears of joy.
Happy tears.

ripped /rɪpt/
having well-defined or well-developed muscles; muscular.
"through his slightly-too-tight shirt you could see he was ripped"

I'm really bad at studying English

chomp /tʃɒmp/
munch or chew noisily or vigorously.
"she chomped on a roll"

(countable) A beard is hair that grows on a man's face.
After living in the woods for three months, Tom had grown a big, bushy beard

flip someone off
to show someone in an offensive way that you are annoyed with them or do not like them by turning the back of your hand towards them and putting your middle finger up:
The player was fined \$5,000 for flipping off fans who had booed him.
An angry man in the crowd flipped off the mayor's vehicle as it passed.
One irate driver honked his horn and flipped us off.

antics /'antɪks/
noun
foolish, outrageous, or amusing behaviour.
"the antics of our political parties"

waive /weɪv/

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

"he will waive all rights to the money"

cohesion

/kə(ʊ)'hi:ʒn/

noun

the action or fact of forming a united whole.

"the work at present lacks cohesion"

disregard /,dɪsrɪ'gɑ:d/

verb

pay no attention to; ignore.

"the body of evidence is too substantial to disregard"

infatuate /ɪn'fatʃueɪt/

verb

be inspired with an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for.

"she is infatuated with a handsome police chief"

placid /'plasɪd/

adjective

not easily upset or excited.

"a placid, contented man"

three cheers

phrase of cheer

three successive hurrahs shouted to express appreciation or congratulation.

"three cheers for the winners!"

snorkel /'snɔ:kl/

a short tube for a swimmer to breathe through while keeping their face under water.

"bring a snorkel and flippers to explore the offshore reef"

stone the crows!

used as an expression of surprise:

Well, stone the crows - it's five o'clock already!

It's always the "key to becoming" or the "key to success." Note the point here is that you add either a gerund(which is a noun) or a noun after "to." Just cram it into your head.

rampart /'rampɑ:t/

noun

a defensive wall of a castle or walled city, having a broad top with a walkway and typically a stone parapet.

"a castle with ramparts and a moat"

"¡Ay, caramba!" (pronounced [ˈaj kaˈramba]), from the Spanish interjections ay (denoting surprise or pain) and caramba (a minced oath for carajo), is an exclamation used in Portuguese (Ai, caramba!) and Spanish to denote surprise (usually positive).

why

expressing surprise or indignation • why, that's absurd! 2. used to add emphasis to a response • "You think so?" "Why, yes."

armour /ˈɑːmə/ I. noun — [mass noun] 1. the metal coverings formerly worn to protect the body in battle • knights in armour • a suit of armour.

forsooth /fəˈsuːθ/

adverb ARCHAIC • HUMOROUS

indeed (often used ironically).

"it's a kind of wine bar for royals, forsooth"

in sooth

phrase of sooth

in truth; really.

aplomb

/əˈplɒm, ˈplɒ/

noun

self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation.

"Diana passed the test with aplomb"

The set phrase is "match for".

"Mike is a match for John" means "Mike is equal to John".

The "match to" doesn't make sense to me.

prim and proper

Having very traditional, morally conservative beliefs and behaviour.

I've never dated someone who is so prim and proper before. I'm not sure how he's going to react when he meets my family!

She's so prim and proper that I bet she's never even jaywalked before.

batchmate

/ˈbætʃmeɪt/

noun SOUTH ASIAN • PHILIPPINES

plural noun: batchmates

a member of the same school or college class as another; a classmate.

"all his batchmates went on to take comfortable jobs in accounting"

expiate /ˈɛkspiɪt/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. make amends or reparation for (guilt or wrongdoing) • their sins must be expiated by sacrifice.

We arrived at [on] a moment's notice after Betty hurriedly called.

at a moment's/minute's notice

idiom

: immediately after one has been told about something

They're prepared to help us at a moment's notice.

They can be ready to go at a moment's notice.

pulverise

/ˈpʌlvəraɪz/

verb

reduce to fine particles.

"the brick of the villages was pulverised by the bombardment"

small fry

somebody or something that is not considered to be important:

They may be key players in their own company, but they're small fry in the industry itself.

I am just a small fry compared to a lot of other people who invested.

Big international acts perform at the venue, as well as small-fry local bands.

Cleft sentences are used to help us focus on a particular part of the sentence and to emphasise what we want to say by introducing it or building up to it with a kind of relative clause.

traffic /ˈtrafɪk/

verb

past tense: trafficked; past participle: trafficked

deal or trade in something illegal.

"we must vigorously enforce our laws against those who traffic in drugs"

exquisite /ɪkˈskwɪzɪt, ɛkˈskwɪzɪt, ˈɛkskwɪzɪt/

extremely beautiful and delicate.

"exquisite, jewel-like portraits"

I was accepted by the company.

eyesore

an unpleasant or ugly sight in a public place:

These billboards by the side of the road are an eyesore.

dish out

phrasal verb of dish

put food on to a plate or plates before a meal.

"he begins dishing out bowls of strawberry ice cream"

dispense something in a casual or indiscriminate way.

"the banks dished out loans to all and sundry"

to give or say things to people without thinking about them carefully:
A good doctor listens to the patient rather than just dishing out drugs.
He's very keen to dish out criticism.
He's mad at me for teasing him – he can dish it out, but he can't take it!

let up
phrasal verb of let
INFORMAL
(of something undesirable) become less intense.
"the rain's letting up—it'll be clear soon"
relax one's efforts.
"she was so far ahead she could afford to let up a bit"

sink in
(of words, an event, etc.) to be fully understood or realised
He paused to allow his words to sink in.
The full scale of the disaster has yet to sink in.
It took a moment for the implications of what she was saying to sink in.

sink in
(of words or facts) be fully understood or realised.
"Peter read the letter twice before its meaning sank in"

past one's prime
idiom
1
: no longer still active and in good health
The dog was past his prime.
2
: no longer as good at something as one once was
As a singer, he is past his prime.

soil oneself
To lose control of one's bowels and accidentally defecate on oneself.

a far cry from
idiom
: very different from (something or someone)
The movie is a far cry from the book.
He's a far cry from the idealistic young writer he once was.

instant transmission

be proof against something
literary to be too strong or good to be affected by something bad
Their defences are proof against most weapons.

stoic /'stəʊɪk/

a person who can endure pain or hardship without showing their feelings or complaining.

stately /'stetli/

adjective

impressive or grand in size, appearance, or manner.

"a stately 19th-century mansion"

proprietary /prə'prɪət(ə)ri/

relating to an owner or ownership.

"the company has a proprietary right to the property"

ardour /'ɑːdə/

great enthusiasm or passion.

"the rebuff did little to dampen his ardour"

proficient /prə'fɪʃnt/

competent or skilled in doing or using something.

"I was proficient at my job"

Do you mind!

used to say to someone that you are annoyed with them because of something they have just done or said

Do you mind! I just washed that floor!

unhinged

/ʌn'hɪŋ(d)ʒd/

adjective

mentally unbalanced; deranged.

"the violent acts of unhinged minds"

period piece

noun

an object or work that is set in or reminiscent of an earlier historical period.

"these novels are period pieces with roots in historical romance"

lousy

/'laʊzi/

adjective

1.

INFORMAL

very poor or bad.

"the service is usually lousy"

construe /kən'struː/

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

"his words could hardly be construed as an apology"

enmesh

/ɪnˈmɛʃ, ɛnˈmɛʃ/

verb

cause to become entangled in something.

"whales enmeshed in drift nets"

have something up your sleeve

to have secret plans or ideas:

If I know Mark he'll have one or two tricks up his sleeve.

repent /rɪˈpɛnt/

verb

feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin.

"the Padre urged his listeners to repent"

escapade

/ˈɛskəpeɪd/

noun

an act or incident involving excitement, daring, or adventure.

"he told of their escapade with a 'borrowed' truck"

kowtow /ˌkaʊˈtaʊ/

act in an excessively subservient manner.

"she didn't have to kowtow to a boss"

kneel and touch the ground with the forehead in worship or submission as part of Chinese custom.

abstinence

/ˈæbstɪnəns/

noun

the practice of restraining oneself from indulging in something, typically alcohol or sex.

"I started drinking again after six years of abstinence"

singular

/ˈsɪŋɡjʊlə/

hearse /hɜːs/

a vehicle for conveying the coffin at a funeral.

blot /blɒt/

a dark mark or stain made by ink, paint, dirt, etc.

"a blot of ink"

the long and (the) short of it

noun phrase

—used when making a statement that is brief and that tells someone only the most important parts of something

I could give you a lot of reasons for my decision, but the long and short of it is that I just don't want to go.

dead set on (doing) something

phrase

to be very determined to do or have something:

Martha's dead set on having a new bike.

Ethan is dead set on being an actor.

I'd like to travel around Europe this summer but Jacob is dead set on touring the US.

Her husband is dead set on expanding the business.

I don't think they should go ahead with the plan, but if they're dead set on it, there isn't much I can do.

pussyfoot

/ˈpʊsɪfʊt/

verb

act in a cautious or non-committal way.

"I realised I could no longer pussyfoot around"

highbrow

/ˈhaɪbraʊ/

adjective

intellectual or rarefied in taste.

"innovatory art had a small, mostly highbrow following"

sordid

/ˈsɔːdɪd/

adjective

1.

involving immoral or dishonourable actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt.

"the story paints a sordid picture of bribes and scams"

know the score

phrase of score

INFORMAL

be aware of the essential facts about a situation.

"he had already appeared in a dozen films, and knew the score before he reached Hollywood"

spring

[with obj.] (spring something on) — present or propose something suddenly or unexpectedly to (someone) • we decided to spring a surprise on them.

inclement

/ɪnˈkleɪm(ə)nt/

adjective

(of the weather) unpleasantly cold or wet.

"walkers should be prepared for inclement weather"

clement

/ˈkleɪm(ə)nt/

adjective

1.

(of weather) mild.

"it is a very clement day"

2.

(of a person or their actions) merciful.

mandible

/ˈmændɪbl/

nounANATOMY•ZOOLOGY

the jaw or a jawbone, especially the lower jawbone in mammals and fishes.

either of the upper and lower parts of a bird's beak.

"the drake is all black except for an orange mark on the upper mandible"

I'm thinking of getting braces. play icon

I'm going to get my teeth straightened. play icon

I'm gonna go to the orthodontist.

do damage to something

to cause harm or injury to something:

Exposure to the sun does damage to the cells of your skin.

Whatever course of action we take will do damage to some section of society.

rambunctious

/rəmˈbʌŋ(k)jəs/

adjectiveINFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

uncontrollably exuberant; boisterous.

"a rambunctious tyke"

lob /lɒb/

verb

throw or hit (a ball or missile) in a high arc.

"he lobbed the ball over their heads"

impudent

/ˈɪmpjʊd(ə)nt/

adjective

not showing due respect for another person; impertinent.

"he could have strangled this impudent upstart"

pudendum

/pʊˈdɛnd(ə)m/

noun

plural noun: pudenda

a person's external genitals, especially a woman's.

prurient

/ˈprʊəriənt/

adjective

having or encouraging an excessive interest in sexual matters, especially the sexual activity of others.

"she'd been the subject of much prurient curiosity"

prudent

/ˈpruːd(ə)nt/

adjective

acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

"no prudent money manager would authorise a loan without first knowing its purpose"

elicit

/ɪˈlɪt/

verb

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

"I tried to elicit a smile from Joanna"

superfluous

/suːˈpɛːflʊəs, suˈpɛːflʊəs/

parch

/pɑːtʃ/

verb

make or become dry through intense heat.

"a piece of grassland parched by the sun"

slick

/slɪk/

adjective

1.

done or operating in an impressively smooth and efficient way.

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

angst

/aŋ(k)st/

noun

a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general.

"the existential angst of the middle classes"

consign

/kənˈsaɪn/

verb

deliver (something) to a person's keeping.

"he consigned three paintings to Sotheby's"

tacit

/ˈtasi/

adjective

understood or implied without being stated.

"your silence may be taken to mean tacit agreement"

deluge

/ˈdɛljʊː(d)ʒ/

noun

a severe flood.

"this may be the worst deluge in living memory"

injunction

/ɪnˈdʒʌŋ(k)ʃn/

noun

an authoritative warning or order.

diamond

/ˈdʌɪəmənd, ˈdʌɪmænd/

talk smack

to make critical or insulting comments to someone, especially an opponent:

We argue and fight and talk smack to each other.

defile¹

/dɪˈfaɪl/

verb

damage the purity or appearance of; mar or spoil.

"the land was defiled by a previous owner"

Iceland

/ˈaɪs.lənd/

Switzerland

/ˈswɪt.sə.lənd/

take your temperature with a thermometer

lettuce /ˈletɪs/

raspberry

/ˈrɑːzb(ə)ri/

cacao

/kəˈkɑːʊ,kəˈkeɪʊ/

truce

/truːs/

noun

an agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting or arguing for a certain time.

"the guerrillas called a three-day truce"

surmise

verb

/səˈmɪz/

suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it.

"he surmised that something must be wrong"

perseverance

/ˌpɜːsɪˈvɪərəns/

If you crush it, you succeed completely in doing something.

[informal]

She certainly crushed it, finishing over three minutes ahead of her nearest rival.

Female-led movies, especially comedies, have been crushing it lately.

natty¹

/ˈnati/

adjectiveINFORMAL

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

"a natty blue blazer"

malt

/mɔːlt,mɒlt/

noun

barley or other grain that has been steeped, germinated, and dried, used for brewing or distilling and vinegar-making.

faux pas

/ˌfəʊˈpɑː/

noun

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

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

dishevelled

/dɪˈʃeɪld/

adjective

adjective: dishevelled; adjective: disheveled

(of a person's hair, clothes, or appearance) untidy; disordered.

"a man with long dishevelled hair"

panorama

/ˌpænəˈrɑːmə/

goon /guːn/

a stupid, foolish, or eccentric person.

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

vacillate

/ˈvæsɪleɪt, ˈvæsɪlət/

verb

waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive.

"I vacillated between teaching and journalism"

itinerant

/ɪˈtɪnərənt, ɪˈtɪnərənt/

adjective

travelling from place to place.

"itinerant traders"

terse /tɜːs/

adjective

sparing in the use of words; abrupt.

"a terse statement"

using few words, sometimes in a way that seems rude or unfriendly:

"Are you feeling any better?" "No!" was the terse reply.

devastate

/ˈdevəsteɪt/

verb

1.

destroy or ruin.

"the city was devastated by a huge earthquake"

embroider

/ɪmˈbrɔɪdə, ɛmˈbrɔɪdə/

verb

gerund or present participle: embroidering

1.

decorate (cloth) by sewing patterns on it with thread.

"she embroidered a tablecloth"

derelict

/ˈdɛrɪlɪkt/

adjective

1.

in a very poor condition as a result of disuse and neglect.

"a derelict Georgian mansion"

dregs

/drɛgz/

noun

the remnants of a liquid left in a container, together with any sediment.

"coffee dregs"

the most worthless part or parts of something.

"the dregs of society"

ap·pli·ance /ə'plaɪəns/ noun [countable]

a piece of equipment, especially electrical equipment, such as a cooker or washing machine, used in people's homes

domestic/household etc appliance

There's plenty of space for all the usual kitchen appliances.

electrical/gas appliance

buckshot

/'bʌkʃɒt/

noun

coarse lead shot used in shotgun shells.

When someone who is struggling with drug abuse "hits rock bottom," it implies that they have hit their lowest possible point – perhaps they were arrested, hurt someone while high, or had an overdose scare. Essentially, "hitting rock bottom" means hitting a point where things cannot get any worse.

wont

/wəʊnt,wɒnt/

noun FORMAL•HUMOROUS

one's customary behaviour.

"Constance, as was her wont, had paid her little attention"

high-top

a type of shoe that covers the foot and the ankle:

a new pair of high-tops

high-top trainers

In music, number refers to an individual song, dance, or instrumental piece which is part of a larger work of musical theatre, opera, or oratorio.

frizzy /'frɪzi/

formed of a mass of small, tight curls.

"frizzy red hair"

multiplex

/'mʌltɪpleks/

a system or signal involving simultaneous transmission of several messages along a single channel of communication.

2.

a cinema with several separate screens.

do a number on

in American English

US

Slang

to abuse or mistreat in some way, as by injuring, disparaging, cheating, or humiliating

regimen

/ˈrɛdʒɪmən/

noun

1.

a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health.

"a regimen of one or two injections per day"

2.

ARCHAIC

a system of government.

knock oneself out

used to tell someone to go ahead and do something

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

The phrase "that's my jam" is an informal and colloquial expression in English. It's used to convey enthusiasm and enjoyment for a particular song, music genre, activity, or thing.

When someone says "that's my jam," they're expressing that they really like or connect with whatever is being referred to.

swag /swag/

a curtain or piece of fabric fastened so as to hang in a drooping curve.

money or goods taken by a thief or burglar.

"garden machinery is the most popular swag"

In the world of promotional products and branded merchandise, the term "swag" is commonly used to refer to free items given away by companies for promotional purposes.

pack a wallop

1. To be able to punch very powerfully.

For such a scrawny kid, George sure can pack a wallop—even the older kids are afraid of him!

2. By extension, to have a powerful effect or impact.

I don't like spicy food, so I hope this salsa doesn't pack a wallop.

push-up /ˈpuʃ ʌp/

exercise in which you lie on your stomach and raise your body off the ground by pressing down on your hands until your arms are straight

rowdy

/ˈraʊdi/

adjective

noisy and disorderly.

"it was a rowdy but good-natured crowd"

on a TV show

in a TV show

both are commonly used and practically interchangeable. It may be due to people trying to figure out where the TV show was when TV first came out.

GYATT

when anything has a phat ass

terse

/tɜːs/

adjective

sparing in the use of words; abrupt.

"a terse statement"

edict

/ˈiːdɪkt/

noun

an official order or proclamation issued by a person in authority.

"Clovis issued an edict protecting Church property"

mogul /ˈməʊɡl/

noun

1.

INFORMAL

an important or powerful person, especially in the film or media industry.

"the Hollywood movie mogul, Sam Goldwyn"

prevalent

/ˈpreɪv(ə)lənt, ˈpreɪvəl(ə)nt/

adjective

widespread in a particular area or at a particular time.

"the social ills prevalent in society today"

clout

/klaʊt/

noun

1.

INFORMAL

a heavy blow with the hand or a hard object.

"a clout round the ear"

deft

/dɛft/

adjective

neatly skilful and quick in one's movements.

"a deft piece of footwork"

demonstrating skill and cleverness.

"the script was both deft and literate"

daft

/dɑ:ft/

adjective INFORMAL • BRITISH

silly; foolish.

"don't ask such daft questions"

teem¹

/ti:m/

verb

be full of or swarming with.

"every garden is teeming with wildlife"

concert /kən'sə:t/

arrange (something) by mutual agreement or coordination.

"they started meeting regularly to concert their parliamentary tactics"

contend

/kən'tend/

verb

1.

struggle to surmount (a difficulty).

"she had to contend with his uncertain temper"

tacit

/'tɑsɪt/

adjective

understood or implied without being stated.

"your silence may be taken to mean tacit agreement"

discreet

/dɪ'skri:t/

adjective

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

"we made some discreet inquiries"

boggle

/ˈbɒɡl/

verb INFORMAL

(of a person or their mind) be astonished or baffled when trying to imagine something.

"the mind boggles at the spectacle"

If you describe someone as fey, you mean that they behave in a shy, childish, or unpredictable way, and you are often suggesting that this is unnatural or insincere.

[literary]

They are no longer anything like as fey and reserved as they once were.

Her fey charm and eccentric ways were legendary.

correct way to say it is "Mistake A for B"

glamour

/ˈɡləmə/

noun

noun: glamor

1.

an attractive or exciting quality that makes certain people or things seem appealing.

"the glamour of Monte Carlo"

nice weather we're having

The weather is very nice or pleasant. Used as a polite, if clichéd, conversation starter.

Sometimes used ironically when the weather is not nice at all.

Good morning, Tom—nice weather we're having!

A: "Oof, I just had to walk from my car to the office, and I got totally soaked!" B: "Yeah, nice weather we're having, huh?"

If you say that something is off limits, you mean that you are not allowed to do it.

Smoking was off limits everywhere.

off limits

/ˌɒf ˈlɪmɪts/

phrase of limit

out of bounds.

"the site was off limits to the public"

not to be mentioned or discussed.

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

blazer

/ˈbleɪzə/

noun

a coloured jacket worn by schoolchildren or sports players as part of a uniform.

"one supermarket offered a school blazer for just £10"

a plain jacket not forming part of a suit but considered appropriate for formal wear.

"the actress donned a black v-neck top which she paired with a matching blazer"

What Is a Plank?

A plank involves balancing on toes and forearms as you hold the rest of your body off the ground.

tribulation

/ˌtrɪbjʊˈleɪʃn/

a cause of great trouble or suffering.

"the tribulations of being a megastar"

misnomer

/mɪsˈnəʊmə/

noun

a wrong or inaccurate name or designation.

"morning sickness is a misnomer for many women, since the nausea can occur any time during the day"

a wrong or inaccurate use of a name or term.

"to call this 'neighbourhood policing' would be a misnomer"

rupture

/ˈrʌptʃə/

verb

1.

(especially of a pipe or container, or bodily part such as an organ or membrane) break or burst suddenly.

"if the main artery ruptures he could die"

rapture

/ˈraptʃə/

noun

1.

a feeling of intense pleasure or joy.

"Leonora listened with rapture"

gig /gɪg/

a job, especially one that is temporary or freelance and performed on an informal or on-demand basis.

"her husband picked up food-delivery gigs"