

finished

scone

/skəʊn, skɒn/

noun

1.

a small unsweetened or lightly sweetened cake made from flour, fat, and milk and sometimes having added fruit.

incumbent

/ɪnˈkʌmbənt/

adjective

1.

necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.

"the government realized that it was incumbent on them to act"

palpable /ˈpælpəb(ə)/ 1. adjective 1. (of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible • a palpable sense of loss. 2. plain to see or comprehend • to talk of dawn raids in the circumstances is palpable nonsense. 3. able to be touched or felt • the palpable bump at the bridge of the nose.

To "leg it" means to run very quickly, usually because the person running is being chased by someone else.

tear up the town

Share definition

go out (usually involves heavy partying), have a great time

on a tear

idiom

US, informal

: having great success over a period of time

The team has been on a tear in recent weeks.

The economy is on a tear, but can it last?

A "halfway house" is a term used to describe the midway point in a process. However, there is a second, more literal meaning of the phrase. Namely, "halfway house" is a center for the rehabilitation of people who lived in various institutions - former convicts, psychiatric patients, and other members of the society who are unaccustomed to life outside an institution.

ride on someone's coattails

hang on someone's coattails

US

to have one's success dependent on that of someone else

tariff

/ˈtɑːrɪf/

noun

a tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports.

"the reduction of trade barriers and import tariffs"

"education is the birthright of every child"

wistful

/ˈwɪs(t)f(ʊ)l/

adjective

having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing.

"a wistful smile"

Although again, there are exceptions.

confide

/kənˈfʌɪd/

verb

tell someone about a secret or private matter while trusting them not to repeat it to others.

"he confided his fears to his mother"

trust (someone) enough to tell them of a secret or private matter.

"he confided in friends that he and his wife planned to separate"

carve

/kɑːv/

verb

1.

cut (a hard material) in order to produce an object, design, or inscription.

"the wood was carved with runes"

"Shiver me timbers" (or "shiver my timbers" in Standard English) is an exclamation in the form of a mock oath usually attributed to the speech of pirates in works of fiction.

belligerent

/bɪˈlɪdʒ(ə)rənt/

adjective

hostile and aggressive.

"the mood at the meeting was belligerent"

broaden one's horizons/mind

idiom

: to increase the range of one's knowledge, understanding, or experience

Travel can help to broaden your horizons/mind.

"happy families toasting each other's health"

In Japan, you have to enter through the rear doors. In the case of crowded buses sometimes you end up shuffled to the very back of the bus.

latrine

/lə'tri:n/

noun

a toilet, especially a communal one in a camp or barracks.

divest

/dɪ'vest, dɪ'vest/

verb

deprive someone of (power, rights, or possessions).

"men are unlikely to be divested of power without a struggle"

gregarious

/grɪ'ɡe:riəs/

adjective

(of a person) fond of company; sociable.

"he was a popular and gregarious man"

You either die a champion or you live long enough to see yourself become the taric.

Am I Gonna Die A Champion?

snitch /snɪtʃ/

informal

verb

1.

steal.

"he snitched the umbrella for when he went fishing"

2.

inform on someone.

"she wouldn't tell who snitched on me"

hallmark

/'hɔ:lmd:k/

noun

a mark stamped on articles of gold, silver, or platinum by the British assay offices, certifying their standard of purity.

constellation

/.kɒnstɪ'leɪʃn/

noun

a group of stars forming a recognizable pattern that is traditionally named after its apparent form or identified with a mythological figure.

a group of associated or similar people or things.

"no two patients ever show exactly the same constellation of symptoms"

be resigned to something
idiom

Add to word list

If you are resigned to something unpleasant, you calmly accept that it will happen:
She seems resigned to losing the race.

artichoke
/'ɑ:tɪtʃəʊk/
noun

1.
a European plant resembling a thistle, cultivated for its large flower heads.
2.
British
short for Jerusalem artichoke.

Antipodean
/ænˌtɪpəˈdiən, ˌantɪpəˈdiən/
adjective
relating to Australia or New Zealand (used by inhabitants of the northern hemisphere).
"Antipodean wines"

acumen
/'ækjʊmən/
noun
the ability to make good judgements and take quick decisions.
"she hides a shrewd business acumen"

shortlist
/'ʃɔ:tlɪst/
noun
a list of selected candidates from which a final choice is made.
"a shortlist of four companies"
verb
put (someone or something) on a shortlist.
"the novel was shortlisted for the Booker Prize"

VA [noun] (ORGANIZATION)
[S]
abbreviation for Veterans Affairs: used to refer to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, a government organization that cares for people who have served in the armed forces:
VA's Veterans Health Administration is the largest integrated health care network in the United States.
This page will show you how to file for a VA disability increase.

bohemian
/bə(ʊ)'hi:mɪən/
noun

a socially unconventional person, especially one who is involved in the arts.
"Warhol and the artists and bohemians he worked with in the 1960s"

dregs /dregz/

the last drops of a liquid, mixed with little pieces of solid material that are left in the bottom of a container

coffee dregs

lurgy

/'lə:gi/

noun humorous • British

an unspecified or indeterminate illness.

"I had caught the dreaded lurgy"

gallivant /'galɪvənt/

verb informal

go around from one place to another in the pursuit of pleasure or entertainment.

"she quit her job to go gallivanting around the globe"

gaff /gaf/

noun informal • US

noun: gaff; plural noun: gaffs

rough treatment or criticism.

"if wages increase, perhaps we can stand the gaff"

choice /tʃɔɪs/

(especially of food) of very good quality.

"he picked some choice early plums"

(of words or language) rude and abusive.

"he had a few choice words at his command"

To "chew the fat" means to converse in a prolonged way and to take pleasure in it.

lesion /'li:ʒ(ə)n/ I. noun [chiefly Medicine] a region in an organ or tissue which has suffered damage through injury or disease, such as a wound, ulcer, abscess, or tumour.

impasse /am'pɑ:s, 'ɑmpɑ:s/ I. noun a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement; a deadlock • the current political impasse.

We seem to have been forced into an impasse.

cursory /'kə:s(ə)ri/ I. adjective hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed • a cursory glance at the figures.

deference /'dɛf(ə)r(ə)ns/ I. noun — [mass noun] 1. polite submission and respect • he addressed her with the deference due to age. II. phrases in deference to out of respect for; in consideration of. • in deference to her wishes we spent two weeks on the coast.

non-com

noun informal • Military
noun: noncom
a non-commissioned officer.

trog1
/trɒɡ/
noun informal • British
a person regarded as contemptible or socially inferior. recant
/rɪˈkɑnt/
verb

say that one no longer holds an opinion or belief, especially one considered heretical.
"heretics were burned if they would not recant"

choice words, phrases, etc. (humorous) rude language that is used deliberately to have an effect

She summed up the situation in a few choice phrases.
He used some pretty choice language.

you live and (you) learn
idiom
informal
—used to say that one has learned something from an experience that is surprising and usually unpleasant
I thought I could trust him, but I couldn't. Oh well, you live and (you) learn.

credulous
/'kredʒjʊləs/
adjective
having or showing too great a readiness to believe things.
"a ceremony staged for credulous tourists"

scrounge
/skraʊn(d)ʒ/
informal
verb
seek to obtain (something, typically food or money) at the expense or through the generosity of others or by stealth.
"he had managed to scrounge a free meal"

He's always scrounging free meals off us.

scrounge something off/from somebody
I managed to scrounge some money off my dad.

can i bum a fag off you

bum1
/bʌm/

get by asking or begging.
"they tried to bum money off us"

sew

/səʊ/

verb

join, fasten, or repair (something) by making stitches with a needle and thread or a sewing machine.

"she sewed the seams and hemmed the border"

thimble

/ˈθɪmbl/

noun

1.

a small metal or plastic cap with a closed end, worn to protect the finger and push the needle in sewing.

2.

a short metal tube or ferrule.

conducive

/kənˈdjuːsɪv/

adjective

making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.

"the harsh lights and cameras were hardly conducive to a relaxed atmosphere"

luau

/ˈluːaʊ/

noun

a Hawaiian party or feast, especially one accompanied by some form of entertainment.

"the hotel's nightly luau has been moved indoors"

poi

/pɔɪ/

noun

a Hawaiian dish made from the fermented root of the taro which has been baked and pounded to a paste.

The four basic food groups are protein, dairy, vegetables, and grains.

project /prəˈdʒekt/

estimate or forecast (something) on the basis of present trends or data.

"spending was projected at £72,900 million"

affront

/əˈfrʌnt/

noun

an action or remark that causes outrage or offence.

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

verdant

/ˈvəːdnt/

adjective

(of countryside) green with grass or other rich vegetation.

"verdant valleys"

"If you listened to that episode within the first 24 hours of its release, you probably missed the edits."

if you've listened to that episode in the first twenty four hours of it being released you probably missed the edits.

"he appeared in court on a charge of attempted murder"

Read the criminal charges against Donald trump

See how many shuttle runs you can complete in the space of one minute. Make sure you are running right to the cones. No shortcuts!

How many trips up and down the stairs do you think it will take to move all the stuff to the new apartment?

If you train your lung capacity, you can exercise for a longer time.

Bias means to be in favor of something - show a bias for it. So it's very apt to call your favorite idol member your 'bias'. Clever use of language. A bias wrecker? Well, more clever slang.

Seat hogging is the act of taking up more than one seat, particularly on public transportation. It is an informal and derogatory term.

"To hog" means to keep or use all of something in an unfair or selfish way.

take up

occupy time, space, or attention.

"I don't want to take up any more of your time"

be a slave to/of something

to be so strongly influenced by something that you cannot make your own decisions – used to show disapproval

a slave to fashion

lead with something

to put a particular story first or in the most important position in a news report or newspaper: The Times leads with the coming mayoral elections.

Cured meat is meat that has been preserved using a process that removes moisture and adds chemicals to inhibit bacterial growth.

baffle

/ˈbɑːfl/

verb

1.

totally bewilder or perplex.

"an unexplained occurrence that baffled everyone"

whinge

/wɪn(d)ʒ/

British

verb

complain persistently and in a peevish or irritating way.

"stop whingeing and get on with it!"

broach¹

/brəʊtʃ/

verb

1.

raise (a difficult subject) for discussion.

"he broached the subject he had been avoiding all evening"

pierce (a cask) to draw out liquid.

"he watched a pot boy broach a new cask"

mollify \ ,mələˈfaɪ \ verb

1. cause to be more favorably inclined; gain the good will of

2. make more temperate, acceptable or suitable by adding something else; moderate

3. make softer or less rigid

bigamy

/ˈbɪɡəmi/

noun

the offence of marrying someone while already married to another person.

foil /fɔɪl/

verb

prevent (something considered wrong or undesirable) from succeeding.

"a brave policewoman foiled the armed robbery"

case the joint

to look at a place with the intention of stealing from it later:

He looked around shiftily, as if he was casing the joint.

If they had been casing the joint, they'd have found that the property was more secure than Fort Knox.

They eyed me suspiciously as if they thought I was casing the joint.

A burglar who is casing the joint is more likely to single out a house with trees where they can hide.

I can't stand here for too long or they'll think I'm casing the joint!

No, don't eat it. It's out of date.

Can I eat this? Is it in date?

streamline

/ˈstriːmlaɪn/

verb

1.

design or provide with a form that presents very little resistance to a flow of air or water, increasing speed and ease of movement.

"engineers can reduce a vehicle's fuel consumption by reducing its size and weight and by streamlining its body"

make (an organization or system) more efficient and effective by employing faster or simpler working methods.

"the company streamlined its operations by removing whole layers of management"

rescind

/rɪˈsɪnd/

verb

revoke, cancel, or repeal (a law, order, or agreement).

haddock

/ˈhədək/

noun

a silvery-grey bottom-dwelling fish of North Atlantic coastal waters, related to the cod. It is popular as a food fish and is of great commercial value.

tepid

/ˈtɛpɪd/

adjective

1.

(especially of a liquid) only slightly warm; lukewarm.

"she soaked a flannel in the tepid water"

showing little enthusiasm.

"the applause was tepid"

sack up

1. To put or pack something into a sack or bag. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "sack" and "up."

My first job was sacking up people's groceries at the store down the road for \$5 an hour.

Don't worry about wrinkling the clothes. Just sack them up.

2. vulgar slang To start acting in a strong, confident, and/or courageous manner, especially after having previously failed to do so. In this usage, "sack" is slang for the scrotum, a reference to testicles, which are used figuratively to represent confidence, courage, bravado, etc. The phrase is not exclusively applied to males. Often used as an imperative.

You need to sack up and ask your boss for a raise already! What's he going to do, fire you?
Janet, I know you're nervous about asking Tom out on a date, but just sack up and give it a shot!

It is common to say there is a downside "to" doing something. However, it is not incorrect to say there is a downside "with" something, or a downside "of" a thing.

There is a downside to having a no-fly zone above Libya.

shit-faced

/ˈʃɪtfæɪst/

adjective vulgar slang

drunk or under the influence of drugs.

nip on

1. To give (someone or something) little bites.

Their dog kept nipping on my heels whenever I walked through the house.

I felt some nipping on my toes during the night, and I absolutely freaked out

2. To take small, frequent sips of some drink, especially alcohol.

I caught my grandma nipping on a flask, which she tried to pretend had medicine inside of it.

He nipped at a bottle of whiskey to help keep warm as he trudged through the snow.

cowardice

/ˈkaʊədɪs/

noun

1.

lack of bravery.

"my cowardice got the better of me and I crept out of the room"

prude

/pruːd/

noun

a person who is or claims to be easily shocked by matters relating to sex or nudity.

"the sex was so ambiguous and romantic that none but a prude could find it objectionable"

nonce²

/nɒns/

a person convicted of a sexual offence, especially against a child.

"every girl he meets soon gets a phone call warning them he's a nonce"

chuck out

informal

expel someone from a place, organization, or activity.

"their landlord chucked them out last night"

informal

throw something away.

"they were the least likely to chuck out food"

preclude /priˈkluːd/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. prevent from happening; make impossible • the secret nature of his work precluded official recognition. 2. (preclude someone from) — (of a situation or condition) prevent someone from doing something • his difficulties preclude him from leading a normal life.

secede

/sɪˈsiːd/

verb

withdraw formally from membership of a federal union, an alliance, or a political or religious organization.

"the kingdom of Belgium seceded from the Netherlands in 1830"

fuck off

vulgar slang

1.

go away (used to angrily dismiss someone).

2.

British

make someone angry.

barium

/ˈbɛːrɪəm/

noun

the chemical element of atomic number 56, a soft white reactive metal of the alkaline earth group.

PVA can stand for polyvinyl alcohol, which is a synthetic, water-soluble resin. It can also refer to polyvinylpyrrolidone.

"Park yourself" is an informal phrasal verb that means to sit or stand in a particular place for a period of time, especially for a long time. For example, "The kids parked themselves in front of the TV".

discotheque

/ˈdɪskətɛk/

noun

a club or party at which people dance to recorded pop music.

crop up

phrasal verb of crop

appear, occur, or come to someone's notice unexpectedly.

"some urgent business had cropped up"

eyeline

/ˈaɪlaɪn/

noun

a person's line of sight.

"I asked Helena to stand in my eyeline"

cervix

/ˈsəːvɪks/

noun

1.

the narrow passage forming the lower end of the uterus.

2.

technical

the neck.

Inducing labor is the process of artificially starting labor before it begins on its own. It's usually done when there's a risk to the mother or baby's health.

bint

/bɪnt/

nouderogatory•informal

a girl or woman.

inane

/ɪˈneɪn/

adjective

lacking sense or meaning; silly.

"don't badger people with inane questions"

jizz /dʒɪz/

vulgar slang

noun

semen.

cack

/kæk/

informal•British

noun

excrement; dung.

"cow cack"

chock-full /ˌtʃɒkˈfʊl/

filled to overflowing.

"my case is chock-full of notes"

to be getting places

To be making progress.

Examples:

After weeks of hard work, we're finally getting places with this project.

She's really getting places in her piano lessons.

A mood board is a type of visual presentation or 'collage' consisting of images, text, and samples of objects in a composition. It can be based on a set topic or can be any material chosen at random. A mood board can be used to convey a general idea or feeling about a particular topic. They may be physical or digital, and can be effective presentation tools.

Conservatory windows are windows used in conservatories, which are glass-enclosed spaces that can be used to extend the living space of a home.

I got railed at by my boss today because of a stupid mistake. Meaning: my boss complained angrily (usually using harsh or abusive vocabulary) at me about my mistake. In a sexual context, got railed means to be abused verbally and/or physically.

carafe

/kəˈrɑːf/

noun

an open-topped glass flask used for serving wine or water in a restaurant.

"wine is available by glass, bottle, or carafe"

consistency

/kənˈsɪst(ə)nsi/

the way in which a substance holds together; thickness or viscosity.

"the sauce has the consistency of creamed butter"

If I saw someone fall in the street with no additional context, I'd say, "Are you okay?"

If I had more context, I might say "Did you get hurt?" or "Did you hurt yourself?"

I always crave chocolate when I'm on a diet.

Her bones have been weakened by the chemo, so it is important to keep her on a diet high in calcium.

be skin and bone

phrase of skin

(of a person or animal) be very thin.

"she was nothing but skin and bone"

for the nonce — for the present; temporarily.

"its resources make it a major player for the nonce"

nonce2

/nɒns/

a person convicted of a sexual offence, especially against a child.

"every girl he meets soon gets a phone call warning them he's a nonce"

"You come highly recommended"

-something you might say to a new employee, or service employee (hairdresser, gardener, teacher). You heard they are very good. They were strongly recommended to you.

- <job interviewer>: "Ah, thank you for the resume! You come highly recommended, you know."

- "You're the new hairstylist? I hear you come highly recommended! (I heard you are good at your job!)"

appalling

/ə'pɔ:lɪŋ/

adjective

causing shock or dismay; horrific.

"the cat suffered appalling injuries during the attack"

bags of something

British English spoken a lot of something SYN plenty

She's got bags of money.

No need to rush – we've got bags of time.

get/have your sums right/wrong

idiom mainly UK

Add to word list

to calculate the cost of something correctly/wrongly:

I must confess that I got my sums wrong - the house extension is costing a lot more than I expected.

differ

/'dɪfə/

defer1 /dɪ'fɜ:/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. put off (an action or event) to a later time; postpone • they deferred the decision until February.

deference /'dɛf(ə)r(ə)ns/ I. noun — [mass noun] 1. polite submission and respect • he addressed her with the deference due to age. II. phrases in deference to out of respect for; in consideration of.

"Go on a bender" means to go on a drinking spree. The "bender" in it refers to bending your elbow to pick up a drink.

Play a blinder is British slang for play exceptionally well, successfully execute a cunning plan, etc.

haggle

/ˈhɑɡl/

verb

dispute or bargain persistently, especially over the cost of something.

"the two sides are haggling over television rights"

To "pay the piper" means to pay the consequences for one's actions, usually self-indulgent or irresponsible behavior.

cack-handed

adjective

1.

informal•British

inept; clumsy.

"a great song ruined by cack-handed production"

"The devil is beating his wife" is an idiom that describes a weather occurrence commonly known as a sun shower, when it's raining and the sun is shining at the same time. This expression can be linked to folkloric tales of various cultures. Most of these tales include animals or tricksters being related or getting married to the devil.

subsidize

/ˈsʌbsɪdaɪz/

verb

support (an organization or activity) financially.

"the mining industry continues to be subsidized"

pay part of the cost of producing (something) to keep the selling price low.

"the government subsidizes basic goods including sugar, petroleum, and wheat"

septum

/ˈseptəm/

noun

a partition separating two chambers, such as that between the nostrils or the chambers of the heart.

pretext

/ˈpri:tɛkst/

noun

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

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

reticulate

verbrare

/rɪˈtɪkjʊleɪt/

divide or mark (something) in such a way as to resemble a net or network.

"the numerous canals and branches of the river reticulate the flat alluvial plain"

You'd say "it's fully charged"

Causal nexus is the connection between an action or event and its consequences. It can refer to the relationship between a cause and its effect.

mansplain

/ˈmanspleɪn/

verb informal

(of a man) explain (something) to someone, typically a woman, in a manner regarded as condescending or patronizing.

"I'm listening to a guy mansplain economics to his wife"

bedspread

/ˈbedsprɛd/

noun

a decorative cloth used to cover a bed when it is not in use.

counterpane

/ˈkaʊntəpeɪn/

noun dated

a bedspread.

A motor skill is a function that involves specific movements of the body's muscles to perform a certain task.

Motor function is the ability to move and control the body, including voluntary and involuntary movements.

contemporaneous

/kənˌtɛmpəˈreɪniəs/

adjective

existing at or occurring in the same period of time.

"Pythagoras was contemporaneous with Buddha"

cause

/kɔːz/

a principle, aim, or movement to which one is committed and which one is prepared to defend or advocate.

"she devoted her whole adult life to the cause of deaf people"

stanch1

/stɑːn(t)/

verb US

variant spelling of staunch2.

staunch2

/stɔːn(t), stɑːn(t)/

verb

verb: stanch

stop or restrict (a flow of blood) from a wound.

"he staunched the blood with whatever came to hand"

a nosebleed is a condition. "wipe" requires either a literal physical object, or an analogy to one.

I'd "staunch" a nosebleed, then wipe my nose, and clean the rest of my face.

In general, blowing up your skirt would mean "arouse you" or "make you happy". It could also be "spark your joy."

In addition to everything else that people said, when I was in college 30+ years ago, it meant to vomit after drinking too much.

"I can't believe I drank two bottles of Mad Dog. I think I'm going to boot."

"To boot" normally means "in addition to ". The example you provided makes no sense to me. May if there was more context it would.

"Each to their own" means that everyone is entitled to their own preferences and opinions,

atrium

/ˈeɪtrɪəm/

noun

1.

a central hall in a modern building, typically rising through several stories and having a glazed roof.

"plans call for a new atrium to be built behind the facade"

home in on

: to find and move directly toward (someone or something)

The missile was homing in on its target.

—often used figuratively

Researchers are homing in on the cause of the disease.

What Does 'Home in' Mean? "Home in" means to "focus attention" or "close in on a target."

The research initially homed in on just under 200 proteins that were associated with social isolation and loneliness.

extraneous

/ɪkˈstreɪniəs, ɛkˈstreɪniəs/

adjective

1.

irrelevant or unrelated to the subject being dealt with.

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

A double standard is when similar individuals are treated according to different sets of rules. So “double” as in two, “standard” as in rules or practices. Another way of saying it would be “two sets of rules.”

gird /gəːd/

verb

1.

literary

encircle (a person or part of the body) with a belt or band.

"a young man was to be girded with the belt of knighthood"

2.

prepare oneself for something difficult or challenging.

"they are girding themselves for the upcoming court case"

The talks have reached a complete deadlock.

a last-ditch effort to break the deadlock

Negotiations ended in deadlock.

gridlock /ˈɡrɪdlɒk/ I. noun 1. [mass noun] — a situation of very severe traffic congestion • the city reaches gridlock during peak hours. 2. another term for deadlock (sense 1 of the noun).

goad /ɡəʊd/ I. verb 1. [with obj.] — provoke or annoy (someone) so as to stimulate an action or reaction • he was trying to goad her into a fight. 2. [with obj. and adverbial of direction] — drive (an animal) with a spiked stick. • the cowboys goaded their cattle across the meadows.

reroute /riːˈruːt/ verb — [with obj.] 1. send by or along a different route • the police had rerouted the march.

vigour /ˈvɪɡə / <US> vigor

appose

/əˈpəʊz/

verb technical

place (something) side by side with or close to something else.

"the specimen was apposed to X-ray film"

beset

/bɪˈsɛt/

verb

1.

(of a problem or difficulty) trouble (someone or something) persistently.

"the social problems that beset the UK"

windfall

/ˈwɪn(d)fɔːl/

noun

1.

an apple or other fruit blown down from a tree or bush by the wind.

2.

a large amount of money that is won or received unexpectedly.

"members are to get an average £520 cash windfall for voting 'yes' to the merger"

The hospital got a sudden windfall of £300 000.

windfall profits

She had an unexpected windfall when a cousin died.

"Crud" is an informal noun that means something is dirty, unpleasant, or disgusting. It can also be used as an interjection to express frustration or annoyance.

overthrow

verb

/ˌəʊvəˈθrəʊ/

1.

remove forcibly from power.

"military coups which had attempted to overthrow the King"

infernal

/ɪnˈfəːnl/

adjective

1.

relating to or characteristic of hell or the underworld.

"the infernal regions"

grizzle¹

/ˈɡrɪzl/

(of a child) cry fretfully.

"sometimes children grizzled, sometimes they wailed"

lash /lɑʃ/

strike or beat with a whip or stick.

"they lashed him repeatedly about the head"

bind together with a cord or rope

"Lash together these barrels!"

"Timey-wimey" is a phrase from the Doctor Who TV episode "Blink" (2007). The phrase describes time as a non-linear, non-subjective concept, rather than a strict progression of cause and effect.

ostensibly

/ɒˈstɛnsɪbli/

adverb

as appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so; apparently.

"the party secretary resigned, ostensibly from ill health"

thick

/θɪk/

informal

of low intelligence; stupid.

"he's a bit thick"

Fair hair is a hair color that is light or blond in color.

Just so you know, I have plans later in the evening, so I won't be able to stay for the entire shift.

forerunner

/ˈfɔːrʌnə, fɔːˈrʌnə/

a sign or warning of something to come.

"overcast mornings are the sure forerunners of steady rain"

harbinger

/ˈhɑːbɪn(d)ɪʒə/

noun

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

"witch hazels are the harbingers of spring"

cad

/kad/

noun dated•informal

a man who behaves dishonourably, especially towards a woman.

"her adulterous cad of a husband"

The person said to have a moral void is someone who cares not about anybody and does whatever they wish to do without a qualm. Seduction, theft, murder, lie, cheat, deceive.

I had to walk my bicycle to the repair shop because it had a flat tire and I don't have a car.

Please push your bicycle here.

"Ten a penny" is a British idiom meaning something is very common, readily available, or so plentiful that it has little value; essentially, it means something is "a dime a dozen" in American English.

rip you a new one

it's like tear you a new one, that is to kick someone's ass and threaten to rip/tear him a new asshole

If you don't stop harassing me I'll rip you a new one!

tarmac

/ˈtɑːmak/

noun trademark in UK

material used for surfacing roads or other outdoor areas, consisting of broken stone mixed with tar.

"the tarmac path"

hopscotch

/'hɒpskɒtʃ/

noun

a children's game in which each child by turn hops into and over squares marked on the ground to retrieve a marker thrown into one of these squares.

verbNorth American

travel from place to place.

"they hopscotched around eight Western states"

MonoShield is a barrier that prevents chemical vapors from entering brownfield redevelopment sites. It is made of a metalized film and asphalt latex.

steady

used as a warning to someone to keep calm or take care.

"Steady now! We don't want you hurting yourself"

righteous

/'raɪtʃəs/

adjective

1.

morally right or justifiable.

"feelings of righteous indignation about pay and conditions"

informal•US

very good; excellent.

"righteous eggs, man!"

abrogate

/'abrəgeɪt/

verbformal

1.

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

"a proposal to abrogate temporarily the right to strike"

"Help the cause" means to provide support, aid, or assistance to a cause or goal. This can be done by donating money or time, or by working to improve the cause.

The Sontarans (/sɒn'tɑːrən/ son-TAR-ən) are a fictional race of extraterrestrial humanoids principally portrayed in the British science fiction television programme Doctor Who and its spin-off series The Sarah Jane Adventures.

injunction

/ɪn'dʒʌŋ(k)ʃn/

noun

an authoritative warning or order.

Law

a judicial order restraining a person from beginning or continuing an action threatening or invading the legal right of another, or compelling a person to carry out a certain act, e.g. to make restitution to an injured party.

answerphone

/ˈɑːnsəfəʊn/

nounBritish

a telephone answering machine.

Druid

/ˈdruːɪd/

noun

a priest, magician, or soothsayer in the ancient Celtic religion.

a member of a present-day group claiming to represent or be derived from this religion.

stand /stand/

provide (food or drink) for (someone) at one's own expense.

"somebody in the bar would stand him a beer"

herald

/ˈhɛrəld/

noun

1.

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

liminal

/ˈlɪmɪnəl/

adjectivetechnical

1.

occupying a position at, or on both sides of, a boundary or threshold.

"I was in the liminal space between past and present"

2.

relating to a transitional or initial stage of a process.

"that liminal period when a child is old enough to begin following basic rules but is still too young to do so consistently"

Usually used in reference to someone that is being a cheapskate. I work in fast food and we have our \$1 menu. Might refer to someone as "Last of the Big Spenders" because they will only order or let their SO get something from it. We literally have one couple that are regulars and the husband refuses to let his wife get anything that is not on the \$1 menu. I know because I've heard her ask and he tells her "no". So in your mind your thinking, "Wow, last of the big spenders there." Even though what she wanted was like \$1.49. Cheap bastard.

ordain

/ɔːˈdeɪn/

order (something) officially.

"equal punishment was ordained for the two crimes"

make (someone) a priest or minister; confer holy orders on.

"he was ordained a minister before entering Parliament"

advise

/əˈpraɪz/

verb

inform or tell (someone).

"I thought it right to advise Chris of what had happened"

smelt1

/smelt/

verb

extract (metal) from its ore by a process involving heating and melting.

"coal was used to smelt the steel for the tinplate"

extract a metal from (ore) by smelting.

"the ores are smelted in a blast furnace"

Why do doctors and nurses say "sharp scratch!" to warn they are about to give an injection or take blood when it's not a scratch at all? Did someone decide that "prick" is too rude?

"Dead ahead" is an adverb that means exactly in front or right ahead. For example, "The island is dead ahead of us".

loaves and fishes

Tangible benefits or rewards, especially when they serve as one's motivation for action. The phrase refers to the Bible story in which Jesus blesses a small amount of fish and loaves of bread, resulting in the disciples having enough food to distribute to thousands of people.

Paul hasn't helped us with this project at all, but you know he'll be there for the loaves and fishes if we win the contest!

verger

/ˈvɜːdʒə/

noun

1.

an official in a church who acts as a caretaker and attendant.

2.

an officer who carries a rod before a bishop or dean as a symbol of office.

eta estimated time of arrival

diegetic

/ˌdɪɪˈdʒetɪk/

adjective

(of sound in a film, television programme, etc.) occurring within the context of the story and able to be heard by the characters.

"the music used is strictly diegetic"

only just

by a very small margin; almost not.

"the building survived the earthquake, but only just"

that would be telling

That would give away the secret or surprise.

A: "Does this mean that we're getting a puppy after all?" B: "Now, now, that would be telling. Just have patience!"

used to convey that one is not prepared to divulge confidential information.

keen²

/ki:n/

wail in grief for a dead person.

"the body of Johnny was taken by his own people who keened over him"

sweet cheeks (informal, often offensive) A term of address implying the person addressed has attractive buttocks.

term "Catch-22" comes from the 1961 novel of the same name by Joseph Heller. The term describes a situation that is impossible or irrational, and is often used to describe a dilemma or difficult circumstance.

fandango

/fan'daŋgəʊ/

noun

1.

a lively Spanish dance for two people, typically accompanied by castanets or tambourine.

aeolian

/i:ˈəʊliən/

adjectiveGeology

relating to or arising from the action of the wind.

"fluvial and aeolian sediments"

The Aeolian mode is a musical mode or, in modern usage, a diatonic scale also called the natural minor scale.

kip /kɪp/

informal British

a sleep or nap.

"I might have a little kip"

Scottish

a bed.

infrasound

/ˈɪnfərəsaʊnd/

noun

sound waves with frequencies below the lower limit of human audibility.

"infrasound generators"

spoor

/spʊə,spɔː/

noun

the track or scent of an animal.

"they searched around the hut for a spoor"

verb

follow the track or scent of (an animal or person).

"taking the spear, he set off to spoor the man"

crock2

/krɒk/

an old person who is considered to be feeble and useless.

"I'm an old crock and he's an old buffer"

an old and worn-out vehicle.

vamoose

/vəˈmuːs/

verb informal

depart hurriedly.

"we'd better vamoose before we're caught"

babes

Alternative form of babe ("as a term of endearment to a loved one")

Are you all right, babes?

knacker

/ˈnækə/

tire (someone) out.

"this weekend has really knackered me"

damage (something) severely.

"I knackered my ankle playing on Sunday"

summat

/ˈsʌmət/

pronoun Northern English

non-standard form of something.

"there's summat wrong with him"

reprise

/rɪ'pri:z/

repeat (a piece of music or a performance).

"he reprises his role as the vigilante architect"

TARDIS is an acronym of "Time And Relative Dimension in Space".

peruse

/pə'ru:z/

verb

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

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

examine carefully or at length.

"Laura perused a Caravaggio"

bog-standard

/ˌbɒg'stændəd/

adjective derogatory•informal

ordinary or basic.

"a bog-standard PC"

blinder

/ˈblʌndə/

noun

1.

informal•British

an excellent performance in a game or race.

"Marinello played a blinder in his first game"

anorak

/ˈənərək/

derogatory•informal

Hide definition

a studious or obsessive person with unfashionable and largely solitary interests.

"with his thick specs, shabby shoes, and grey suit, he looks a bit of an anorak"

terminus

/ˈtɜːmɪnəs/

noun

1.

British

the end of a railway or other transport route, or a station at such a point; a terminal.

bagsy

/ˈbæɡzi/

verb informal•British

succeed in securing (something) for oneself.

"I'd managed to bagsy the front seat"

usually you would state why all credit went to Peter - "All credit goes to Peter - he drew it."

fare

/fɛ:/

perform in a specified way in a particular situation or over a particular period.

"his business has fared badly in recent years"

fare well/badly/better etc

to be successful, unsuccessful etc

Although Chicago has fared better than some cities, unemployment remains a problem.

He wondered how Ed had fared in the interview.

confound

/kən'faʊnd/

verb

1.

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

"the inflation figure confounded economic analysts"

Men need to park prejudices after being outmanoeuvred by women

Park prejudices and work with Trump

informal

leave (something) in a convenient place until required.

"come on in, and park your bag by the door"

unison

/'ju:nɪs(ə)n/

seismic

/'saɪzmi:k/

adjective

relating to earthquakes or other vibrations of the earth and its crust.

"after a few days of seismic activity the volcanic eruption started"

bask

/bɑ:sk/

verb

lie exposed to warmth and light, typically from the sun, for relaxation and pleasure.

"sprawled figures basking in the afternoon sun"

busker

/'bʌskə/

noun

a person who performs music or other entertainment in the street or another public place for monetary donations.

"on any given corner you will be entertained by buskers"

How do they look means you want to know overall condition, usually on a scale of comparison. Emotionally, how do they seem to be feeling? Physically, do they look okay? Is today better than yesterday?

What do they look like is an inquiry into physical features - hair color and length and texture and style, eye color and shape, nose shape, skin color, etc.

A wet wipe, also known as a wet towel, wet one, moist towelette, disposable wipe, disinfecting wipe, or a baby wipe (in specific circumstances) is a small to medium-sized moistened piece of plastic^[1] or cloth that either comes folded and individually wrapped for convenience or, in the case of dispensers, as a large roll with individual wipes that can be torn off.

concur

/kənˈkəː/

verb

1.

be of the same opinion; agree.

"the authors concurred with the majority"

sell someone/yourself/something short

idiom

Add to word list

to not consider someone or something to be as valuable or good as he, she, or it deserves:

Don't sell yourself short - you've got the skills and the experience.

10-4 is a signal for "Okay," or "understood." It is mainly used by police officers all across North America.

denomination

/dɪˌnɒmɪˈneɪʃn/

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

"high-denomination banknotes"

the action of naming or classifying something.

"the denomination of a consideration as relevant or irrelevant"

slobber

/ˈslɒbə/

verb

have saliva dripping copiously from the mouth.

"Fido tended to slobber"

for old times' sake

idiom

Add to word list

If you do something for old times' sake, you do it in order to remember a happy time that you had in the past:

We should all meet up again - just for old times' sake.

busload

/ˈbʌsləʊd/

noun

a group of people travelling in a bus.

"they have two busloads of kids coming to the museum"

A gravity assist, gravity assist maneuver, swing-by, or generally a gravitational slingshot in orbital mechanics, is a type of spaceflight flyby which makes use of the relative movement (e.g. orbit around the Sun) and gravity of a planet or other astronomical object to alter the path and speed of a spacecraft, typically to save propellant and reduce expense.

handful

/ˈhɑn(d)fʊl/

informal

a person or group that is very difficult to deal with or control.

"the kids could be such a handful"

Chutes and Ladders

noun trademark in US

a board game in which players move counters towards a goal at the top of the board, gaining an advantage by moving up pictures of ladders or a disadvantage by moving down pictures of slides.

"Chutes and Ladders can be beneficial for young children"

slinky

/ˈslɪŋki/

adjective informal

(of a garment) fitting closely to the lines of the body.

"a slinky black evening dress"

graceful and sinuous or seductive in movement.

"slinky models sashayed down the catwalk"

slink

/slɪŋk/

move smoothly and quietly with gliding steps, in a stealthy or sensuous manner.

"the fox came slinking through the bracken"

stay put

phrase of stay

remain somewhere without moving or being moved.

"she told Clarissa to stay put"

gather dust

remain unused.

"some professors let their computers gather dust"

hit/reach rock bottom

idiom

: to reach the lowest point possible

Prices have hit/reached rock bottom.

wyle

to go crazy out of anger or drunkenness or simply a desire to fool around

Let's go wyle out!

That's wylin'!

A panel discussion, or simply a panel, involves a group of people gathered to discuss a topic in front of an audience, typically at scientific, business, or academic conferences, fan conventions, and on television shows.

If an idea or thought hits you, you suddenly think of it: That's when it hit me that my life would never be the same again.

disenfranchise

/ˌdɪs(ɪ)nˈfrʌntʃaɪz, dɪsɛnˈfrʌntʃaɪz/

deprive (someone) of the right to vote.

"the law disenfranchised some 3,000 voters on the basis of a residence qualification"

deprive (someone) of a right or privilege.

"we strongly oppose any measure which would disenfranchise people from access to legal advice"

archaic

deprive (someone) of the rights and privileges of a free inhabitant of a borough, city, or country.

bellwether

/ˈbɛlˌwɛðə/

noun

the leading sheep of a flock, with a bell on its neck.

something that leads or indicates a trend.

"Basildon is now the bellwether of Britain's voting behaviour"

It's more common to say "my foot fell asleep" "my arm fell asleep" than it is to say "my foot went numb". Both are understood, but 'asleep' is most common.

for starters

idiom informal

used to say that something is the first in a list of things:

Try this exercise for starters.

"Why did you decide not to go to the concert?" "Well, for starters, the tickets were ridiculously expensive."

out out a fire

put out fires

idiom

US (UK firefight)

to spend time on problems that need to be dealt with quickly, instead of working in a calm, planned way:

She spends much of her time putting out fires and navigating red tape.

catch fire

phrase of fire

begin to burn.

"the driver had got out before the car had caught fire"

become interesting or exciting.

"the show never caught fire"

Paint the town red - To have a wild and enjoyable time, especially when going out at night

Other fish to fry - Expresses a lack of interest or priority in a particular matter, or to indicate that one has more important tasks or goals to focus on.

expiate

/ˈɛkspiːt/

verb

make amends or reparation for (guilt or wrongdoing).

"their sins must be expiated by sacrifice"

If someone has an "ace up their sleeve," that means that they hold a secret advantage in reserve that they can use at any time and without others anticipating it.

A pogo stick is a vehicle for jumping off the ground in a standing position—through the aid of a spring, or new high performance technologies—often used as a toy, exercise equipment or extreme sports instrument.

coatroom

/ˈkəʊtruːm, ˈkəʊtrʊm/

nounNorth American

a cloakroom.

cop out

avoid doing something that one ought to do.

"he copped out at the last moment"

catchall

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

"the stigmatizing catch-all term 'schizophrenia'"

slob

/slob/

noun

1.

informal

a person who is lazy and has low standards of cleanliness.

"he's a slob and expects others to clean up after him"

swat

/swɒt/

verb

hit or crush (something, especially an insect) with a sharp blow from a flat object.

"I swatted a mosquito that had landed on my wrist"

droop /dru:p/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. bend or hang downwards limply • a long black cloak drooped from his shoulders. 2. sag down from or as if from weariness or dejection • his eyelids drooped and he became drowsy.

spent /spent/

tired:

We arrived home spent after our long journey.

cop out

phrasal verb of cop

informal

avoid doing something that one ought to do.

"he copped out at the last moment"

outspoken

/ˌaʊtˈspəʊk(ə)n/

adjective

frank in stating one's opinions, especially if they are shocking or controversial.

"he has been outspoken in his criticism"

forty winks

phrase of forty

informal

a short sleep, especially during the day.

"I could do with forty winks right now"

hacksaw

/ˈhaksɔː/

noun

a saw with a narrow fine-toothed blade set in a frame, used especially for cutting metal.

parley

/ˈpɑːli/

noun

a conference between opposing sides in a dispute, especially a discussion of terms for an armistice.

"a parley is in progress and the invaders may withdraw"

cauterize /'kɔ:təraɪz/

burn the skin or flesh of (a wound) with a heated instrument or caustic substance in order to stop bleeding or to prevent infection.

"I'll freeze the hand and cauterize the wound"

Scope out" is an informal American English phrasal verb that means to look at or examine something or someone, especially to get information.

rug muncher

nounoffensive

a lesbian.

It has been pouring down with rain since two o'clock.

scrounge

/skraʊn(d)ʒ/

informal

verb

seek to obtain (something, typically food or money) at the expense or through the generosity of others or by stealth.

"he had managed to scrounge a free meal"

expound

/ɪk'spaʊnd,ɛk'spaʊnd/

verb

present and explain (a theory or idea) in detail.

"he was expounding a powerful argument"

profanity

/prə'fanɪti/

noun

blasphemous or obscene language.

"an outburst of profanity"

adage

/'adɪdʒ/

noun

a proverb or short statement expressing a general truth.

"the old adage 'out of sight out of mind'"

pipe dream

/'paɪp dri:m/

noun

an unattainable or fanciful hope or scheme.

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

rug

/rʌg/

noun

1.

a floor covering of thick woven material or animal skin, typically not extending over the entire floor.

"a Persian rug"

up the road a ways

"There was a farming country and timber each way up the road. Up the road a ways was the Methodist church and down the road the other direction was the township school."

taco-bender (plural taco-benders)

(US, slang, ethnic slur) A Mexican.

up the creek, [uncountable] Slang. in a difficult or hopeless situation:

No job, no money, no food —we're really up the creek now.

testament

/ˈtɛstəmənt/

noun

1.

a person's will, especially the part relating to personal property.

"father's will and testament"

2.

something that serves as a sign or evidence of a specified fact, event, or quality.

"growing attendance figures are a testament to the event's popularity"

cohort

/ˈkəʊhɔ:t/

noun

1.

a group of people with a shared characteristic.

"a cohort of civil servants patiently drafting legislation"

cyst /sɪst/

a thin-walled hollow organ or cavity in an animal or plant, containing a liquid secretion; a sac, vesicle, or bladder.

a membranous sac or cavity of abnormal character in the body, containing fluid.

rub someone the wrong way

to annoy someone without intending to:

As soon as they met they started to rub each other the wrong way.

make room

phrase of room

move aside or move something aside to allow someone to enter or pass or to clear space for something.

"the secretary entered with the coffee tray and made room for it on the desk"

opt

/ɒpt/

verb

make a choice from a range of possibilities.

"consumers will opt for low-priced goods"

diddly-squat

pronoun informal

pronoun: diddly

anything.

"Hiram didn't care diddly-squat about what Darrel thought"

swoon

/swu:n/

verb

1.

literary

faint, especially from extreme emotion.

"Frankie's mother swooned and had to be helped to the headmaster's office"

2.

be overcome with admiration, adoration, or other strong emotion.

"you can have them swooning over you with a few well-placed words"

noun literary

an occurrence of fainting.

"I fell down in a swoon"

lot noun /lɒt/

[countable + singular or plural verb] (especially British English) a group or set of people or things

The first lot of visitors has/have arrived.

I have several lots of essays to mark this weekend.

(informal) What do you lot want?

Shall I put this lot with the others?

bimble

/'bɪmbəl/

informal • British

verb

walk or travel at a leisurely pace.

"on Sunday we bimbled around Spitalfields and Brick Lane"

noun

a leisurely walk or journey.

"we were enjoying a pleasant bumble over the rocks"

Mavity

Share definition

The retcon of the word "Gravity" in British Science Fiction Television Programme Doctor Who.

plum

/plʌm/

noun

1.

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

of a morning/afternoon/evening

1. Very often at this time of day; on most occasions at this time of day.

My father has a ritual of an evening, enjoying the newspaper with a measure of whiskey after dinner in front of the fire.

There's nothing better of a morning than taking your first sip of coffee.

2. At some point at this time of day.

There's a soccer club playing at the park if you're ever stuck for something to do of a morning in the summertime.

Why don't we go for a quick hike? There are worse things to do of a Saturday afternoon than get some fresh air and exercise in the mountains!

get round

deal successfully with a problem.

flat¹

/flat/

informal

completely; absolutely.

"I thought you'd turn me down flat"

used with an expression of time to emphasize how quickly something can be done or has been done.

"you can prepare a healthy meal in ten minutes flat"

callisthenics

/ˌkælɪsˈθɛnɪks/

noun

gymnastic exercises to achieve bodily fitness and grace of movement.

"three women swung Indian clubs while performing callisthenics in unison"

decrepit

/dɪˈkreɪt/

adjective

worn out or ruined because of age or neglect.
"a row of decrepit houses"

It's "at midnight". Midnight is a single point, not a period of time.

In songs, you might hear "in the midnight hour".

pram1
/pram/
nounBritish
a four-wheeled carriage for a baby, pushed by a person on foot.

Gaudete (English: /ɡoːˈdiːtiː/ gaw-DEE-tee or English: /ɡaʊˈdeɪtɪ/ gow-DAY-tay,
Ecclesiastical Latin: [ɡauˈdɛtɛ]; "rejoice [ye]" in Latin)[a] is a sacred Christmas carol, thought
to have been composed in the 16th century.

give it some welly
(British English, informal) to use a lot of physical effort

welly
/'wɛli/
a wellington (= one of a pair of long rubber boots, usually reaching almost up to the knee,
that you wear to stop your feet getting wet)
a pair of green wellies

sample
/'sɑːmpl/

foundling
/'faʊndlɪŋ/
noun
an infant that has been abandoned by its parents and is discovered and cared for by others.

palaver
/pəˈlɑːvə/
informal
noun
1.
unnecessarily elaborate or complex procedure.
"there's a lot of palaver involved"
2.
historical
an improvised conference between two groups, typically those without a shared language or
culture.