

finished

toss and turn

to move about from side to side or turn a lot in bed, especially because you cannot sleep:

I was tossing and turning all night.

When I wake up around three I know I'm going to be tossing and turning till morning.

I tossed and turned until I finally fell asleep at 2 a.m.

I just couldn't get comfortable in bed and tossed and turned all night.

He tossed and turned restlessly in his sleep.

He rolled over.

(彼は寝返りをした)

She is trying to roll over.

(彼女は寝返りしようとしてる)

When did your kid roll over?

(あなたの子供はいつ寝返りしましたか?)

"I often toss and turn in my sleep"

have pull with

have pull with (someone)

To be able to influence or sway someone.

Oh, she only got the job because her dad has pull with the CEO.

muck about

phrasal verb of muck

INFORMAL•BRITISH

1.

behave in a silly or aimless way.

"we just muck around in training and have a laugh"

quesadilla

/kəsə'di:jə/

noun

a tortilla filled with cheese and heated.

pager

/'peɪdʒə/

noun

a small radio device, activated from a central point, which emits a series of bleeps or vibrates to inform the wearer that someone wishes to contact them or that it has received a short text message.

then again

From another point of view; on the other hand; on second thought; again.

I think I'll take three pairs of shoes. Then again, I only plan to stay two days.

but then (again)

idiom

Add to word list

but when you think about the matter more or in another way:

I agree she types accurately, but then again, she's very slow.

then again

idiom (also there again)

Add to word list

C2

used when you have had a new thought that is different from or the opposite of what you have just said:

I like to travel but, then again, I'm very fond of my home.

beat the odds

idiom

: to succeed despite not having a good chance of succeeding

Most new restaurants fail, but this one somehow managed to beat the odds.

whistle-blower

noun

a person who informs on a person or organization regarded as engaging in an unlawful or immoral activity.

traipse

/treɪps/

verb

walk or move wearily or reluctantly.

"students had to traipse all over London to attend lectures"

duffle bag

noun. a large, cylindrical bag, esp. of canvas, for carrying personal belongings, originally used by military personnel.

detour

/'di:tʊə, 'di:tɔ:/

noun

a long or roundabout route that is taken to avoid something or to visit somewhere along the way.

"he had made a detour to a cafe"

stamp

/stamp/

verb

1.

bring down (one's foot) heavily on the ground or on something on the ground.

"he stamped his foot in frustration"

stump

/stʌmp/

verb

past tense: stumped; past participle: stumped

1.

INFORMAL

(of a question or problem) be too hard for; baffle.

"education chiefs were stumped by some of the exam questions"

pay down

phrasal verb of pay

NORTH AMERICAN

reduce an amount of money owed by paying some of it.

"she used the money to pay down her mortgage"

pay off

pay a debt in full.

"I've saved up enough to pay off my mortgage"

outright

adverb

/aʊtˈraɪt/

1.

wholly and completely.

"logging has been banned outright"

When you finish breakfast are you going to work?

That's a given.

If you are asked a question about what will happen next and you think the answer is obvious.

You could say "That's a given".

When watching a horror movie.

"When those girls go into that abandoned building do you think they will be attacked by the killer?"

"That's a given."

Idiom: That's a given

Meaning:

This means that there are no ifs or ands or buts about something; it's a sure thing.

be a given

To be something that can be assumed or relied upon to occur or come to pass.

My vote isn't a given, you know—you still need to prove to me that you can handle this job.

Everyone thought our team's victory was a given, so we were all shocked when the underdogs beat them.

finesse

/fɪˈnɛs/

noun

1.

impressive delicacy and skill.

"orchestral playing of great finesse"

privy

/ˈprɪvi/

adjective

1.

sharing in the knowledge of (something secret or private).

"he was no longer privy to her innermost thoughts"

hit below the belt

To say something that is often too personal, usually irrelevant, and always unfair: "To remind reformed alcoholics of their drinking problem is to hit below the belt." The expression comes from boxing, in which it is illegal to hit an opponent below the belt.

get to the bottom of

phrase of bottom

find an explanation for (a mystery).

"the health authority was determined to get to the bottom of what went wrong"

gripe

/ɡrɪp/

verb

1.

INFORMAL

complain about something in a persistent, irritating way.

"it's no use griping about your boss or your pay"

hassle

/ˈhasl/

INFORMAL

noun

irritating inconvenience.

"all the hassle involved in travel"

snag

(slang, Native American) To have noncommittal sexual relations.

You say well and good or all well and good to indicate that you would be pleased if something happens but you are aware that it has some disadvantages.

If they arrive before I leave, well and good. If not, the responsibility will be mine.

This is all well and good, but we have to look at the situation in the long term.

curt

/kə:t/

adjective

rudely brief.

"his reply was curt"

miff

/mɪf/

verb INFORMAL

annoy.

"I'll confess it miffed me slightly at the time"

frizz /frɪz/

verb

1.

form (hair) into a mass of small, tight curls.

"her hair was crimped and frizzed into a leonine mane"

2.

dress (chamois or a similar leather) with pumice or a scraping knife.

forlorn

/fə'lo:n/

adjective

1.

pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely.

"forlorn figures at bus stops"

douse

/daʊs/

verb

1.

pour a liquid over; drench.

"he doused the car with petrol and set it on fire"

on hold

phrase of hold

waiting to be connected while making a phone call.

"'I'll just see if he's free,' Rachel said, and put me on hold"

temporarily not being dealt with or pursued.

"he has had to put his career on hold"

anterior

/æn'tɪəriə/

adjective

1.

ANATOMY

nearer the front, especially in the front of the body, or nearer to the head or forepart.

"the veins anterior to the heart"

2.

FORMAL

coming before in time; earlier.

"an incident anterior to her troubles"

tick off

phrasal verb of tick

1.

BRITISH

mark an item in a list with a tick to show that it has been dealt with.

"I ticked several items off my 'to do' list"

list items one by one in one's mind or during a speech.

"he ticked the points off on his fingers"

2.

INFORMAL • BRITISH

reprimand or rebuke someone.

"he was ticked off by Angela"

make someone annoyed or angry.

"he really ticked me off"

winnow

/ˈwɪnəʊ/

verb

1.

blow a current of air through (grain) in order to remove the chaff.

"a combine cuts, threshes, and winnows the grain in one operation"

"Catching a body" is slang often used in some urban communities, especially in the context of street culture or crime. It typically means to commit a murder or kill someone.

regurgitate

/rɪˈɡə:dʒɪteɪt, riːˈɡə:dʒɪteɪt/

verb

1.

bring (swallowed food) up again to the mouth.

"gulls regurgitate food for the chicks"

devout

/dɪˈvaʊt/

adjective

having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.

"she was a devout Catholic"

flub

/flʌb/

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

verb

botch or bungle (something).

"she glanced at her notes and flubbed her lines"

botch

/bɒtʃ/

verb

verb: botch; 3rd person present: botches; past tense: botched; past participle: botched;

gerund or present participle: botching

carry out (a task) badly or carelessly.

"he was accused of botching the job"

participle

/'pɑ:tɪsɪpl, pɑ:'tɪsɪpl/

pull

damage (a muscle, ligament, etc.) by abnormal strain.

"he pulled a calf muscle in the first half of the game and had to be replaced"

hold out on

phrasal verb of hold

INFORMAL

refuse to give something, typically information, to someone.

"you've been holding out on me"

fly off the handle

phrase of fly

INFORMAL

lose one's temper suddenly and unexpectedly.

take off

mimic someone humorously.

"they kept us all in fits of laughter as they took off their teachers"

as bright as a button

phrase of bright

INFORMAL•BRITISH

intelligently alert and lively.

"some of them are frail physically but are as bright as a button in their minds"

putrid

/'pju:trɪd/

adjective

1.

(of organic matter) decaying or rotting and emitting a foetid smell.
"a butcher who sold putrid meat"

funeral parlour

noun

noun: funeral home

an establishment where the dead are prepared for burial or cremation.

bring something home (to someone)

idiom

Add to word list

to make someone understand something much more clearly than they did before, especially something unpleasant:

When I saw for myself the damage that had been caused, that really brought home to me the scale of the disaster.

in the hopper

in American English

informal

in preparation; about to be realised

Plans for the class reunion are in the hopper

flounce¹

/ˈflaʊns/

verb

go or move in an exaggeratedly impatient or angry manner.

"he stood up in a fury and flounced out"

Technicolor

/ˈteknɪˌkɒlə/

noun

TRADEMARK

a process of colour cinematography using synchronized monochrome films, each of a different colour, to produce a colour print.

"She ate", "he ate", or "they ate" is a slang phrase used to express admiration and praise for someone who has done a great job at something.

therapeutic

/ˌθɛrəˈpiu:tɪk/

adjective

relating to the healing of disease.

"diagnostic and therapeutic facilities"

A person can fill somebody in on something. This means 'tell them information that they are missing or don't know'.

walk in on

phrasal verb of walk

come upon a person or situation suddenly or unexpectedly.

"he was clearly not expecting her to walk in on him just then"

fill in for somebody phrasal verb [intransitive]

to do another person's job for a short period of time because they are not there or are unable to do it

for

The supervisor is forbidden by the union contract to fill in for an employee who is on a break.

get on

phrasal verb of get

1.

perform or make progress in a specified way.

"how are you getting on?"

get on with something

to start or continue doing something, especially work:

Stop talking and get on with it.

I like to be left to get on with the job.

I suppose I could get on with the ironing while I'm waiting.

get back to

phrasal verb of get

contact someone later to give a reply or return a message.

"I'll find out and get back to you"

come across

to be understood

He spoke for a long time but his meaning didn't really come across.

stick in one's craw in British English

or stick in one's throat. informal. to be difficult, or against one's conscience, for one to accept, utter, or believe.

polio

/ˈpəʊliəʊ/

noun

short for poliomyelitis.

poliomyelitis

/ˌpəʊliəʊˌmaɪəˈlaɪtɪs/

perpetrate

/ˈpəːptreɪt/

verb

carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action).

"a crime has been perpetrated against a sovereign state"

era

/ˈɪərə/

preach

/pri:tʃ/

verb

deliver a sermon or religious address to an assembled group of people, typically in church.

"he preached to a large congregation"

You've got some sleep in your eyes, buddy.

grit

/grɪt/

noun

1.

small loose particles of stone or sand.

"she had a bit of grit in her eye"

riveting

/ˈrɪvɪtɪŋ/

adjective

completely engrossing; compelling.

"the book is a riveting account of the legendary freedom fighter"

mysticism

/ˈmɪstɪsɪz(ə)m/

noun

1.

belief that union with or absorption into the Deity or the absolute, or the spiritual apprehension of knowledge inaccessible to the intellect, may be attained through contemplation and self-surrender.

"St Theresa's writings were part of the tradition of Christian mysticism"

regimen

/ˈredʒɪmən/

noun

noun: regimen; plural noun: regimens

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"

land a job

mushroom

/ˈmʌʃru:m, ˈmʌʃrʊm/

sure-fire

/ˈʃʊːfʌɪə/

adjective INFORMAL

adjective: surefire

certain to succeed.

"bad behaviour is a sure-fire way of getting attention"

clock out

to leave work, especially by recording the time you leave on a special machine

Today is Friday, August 10th.

When you get a chance, can you correct my English sentences?

prodigy

/ˈprɒdɪdʒi/

noun

a young person with exceptional qualities or abilities.

"a Russian pianist who was a child prodigy in his day"

paint the black

Most of the balls were thrown into the strike zone

Today, I will make a note of what to buy on my smartphone.

Today, I will write a note on my memo app on my phone of what to buy.

It should be "in my notebook" and "on a piece of paper". "In" has the sense of being enclosed; closing the covers keeps the writing "inside" the notebook. "On" refers to an exposed surface (with a nuance of "above" where relevant), such as a piece of paper.

I jotted down some notes during his speech.

She jotted down a few notes, and later transcribed them into an exercise book.

take note (of something)

to pay attention to something SYN notice

People were beginning to take note of her talents as a writer.

His first album made the music world stand up and take note.

hierarchy

/ˈhɪɪ(ə)rɑːki/

mouthpiece

/ˈmaʊθpiːs/

a person or organisation who speaks on behalf of another person or organisation.

"the media acts as a mouthpiece for the Party"

tosser

/ˈtɒsə/

a person who masturbates (used as a general term of abuse).

tang /tɑŋ/

A full tang extends the full length of the grip-portion of a handle, versus a partial tang which does not. A full tang may or may not be as wide as the handle itself, but will still run the full length of the handle.

the projection on the blade of a tool such as a knife, by which the blade is held firmly in the handle.

"a full tang is used for strength"

flick

/flɪk/

a cinema film.

"a Hollywood action flick"

splotch

/splɒtʃ/

INFORMAL

noun

noun: splotch; plural noun: splotches

a blob or smear of something, typically a liquid.

"a splotch of red in a larger area of yellow"

vasectomy

/vəˈsɛktəmi/

noun

the surgical cutting and sealing of part of each vas deferens, typically as a means of sterilisation.

"he couldn't have made Caroline pregnant, because he'd had a vasectomy"

bury the lede

phrase of lede

US

fail to emphasize the most important part of a story or account.

"one should always listen carefully to the president, as he has a tendency to bury the lede"

lede

/li:d/

nounUS

noun: lede; plural noun: ledes

the opening sentence or paragraph of a news article, summarising the most important aspects of the story.

"the lede has been rewritten and the headline changed"

Indoor shoes

House shoes

Please take your shoes off and change into slippers here.

stereo

/ˈstɛrɪəʊ/

I received a bonus today.

It'll be recess soon.

What game are we going to play at break

Buck naked is a very informal phrase meaning completely naked.

Describing someone as buck naked means they have on no clothing at all. The phrase is often used humorously to emphasise the absurdity or unusualness of being naked in a certain situation.

buck1

/bʌk/

noun

noun: buck; plural noun: bucks

1.

the male of some horned animals, especially the fallow deer, roe deer, reindeer, and antelopes.

not on your life

phrase of life

INFORMAL

said to emphasise one's refusal to comply with a request.

"'I want to see Clare alone.' 'Not on your life,' said Buzz"

it's something that you say in order to tell someone with a lot of force that you will not do something 'Would you kiss him?' 'Not on your life!' or *Not if your life depended on it!*

Similar (and some more polite ways to say this are:

In a word, no.

Not on your life.

Not likely.

Over my dead body.

Count me out.

I'd rather not (if you don't mind).

I'd love to, but...

No chance.

give in (to sth)

to finally agree to something that someone wants after first refusing:
If you want them to give in you'll have to offer them more than that.

the talk of the town

noun phrase

: a person or thing that many people in a town, city, etc., are talking about in an interested or excited way

The new restaurant is the talk of the town.

She got over her stage fright by the second act.

I get stage fright whenever I have to speak in front of a large group of people.

reverie

/ˈrɛv(ə)ri/

noun

a state of being pleasantly lost in one's thoughts; a daydream.

"a knock on the door broke her reverie"

bleary

/ˈbliəri/

adjective

(of the eyes) looking or feeling dull and unfocused from sleep or tiredness.

"Boris opened a bleary eye"

run in

arrest someone.

"I'm going to have to run you in"

Call off the Search

"Earn a living" typically refers to the act of making enough money to support oneself and one's dependents through employment or other means of generating income.

common sense

/ˌkɒmən ˈsɛns/

noun

good sense and sound judgement in practical matters.

"it is all a matter of common sense"

the basic level of practical knowledge and judgement that we all need to help us live in a reasonable and safe way:

Windsurfing is perfectly safe as long as you have/use some common sense.

a matter of common sense

It's common sense, isn't it?

Isn't that obvious?

That's basic knowledge, isn't it?

horse sense

noun

[noncount] informal

: the ability to make good judgments or decisions : common sense

He credits his success to good old-fashioned horse sense.

of your own accord

phrase

Add to word list

C2

If you do something of your own accord, you do it without being asked to do it:

She came of her own accord. No one asked her to come.

All the demonstrators took part of their own accord.

Did you sign the contract of your own accord?

take a drag (on something)

To inhale smoke from something, especially a cigarette.

The detective took a drag on his last cigarette and then crushed the butt beneath his heel.

I'm trying to quit smoking, but do you mind if I just take a drag?

rein in

phrasal verb

reined in; reining in; reins in

1

: to limit or control (someone or something)

Congress must rein in spending.

You had better rein that kid in before she gets hurt.

raspberry

/ˈrɑːzb(ə)ri/

noun

1.

an edible soft fruit related to the blackberry, consisting of a cluster of reddish-pink drupelets.

The blood orange is a variety of orange with crimson, near blood-coloured flesh. It is one of the sweet orange varieties (*Citrus × sinensis*). It is also known as the raspberry orange.

ameliorate

/əˈmiːliəreɪt/

verb FORMAL

make (something bad or unsatisfactory) better.

"the reform did much to ameliorate living standards"

deteriorate

/dɪˈtɪəriəreɪt/

verb

become progressively worse.

"relations between the countries had deteriorated sharply"

chasm

/ˈkæz(ə)m/

noun

a deep fissure in the earth's surface.

"a chasm a mile long"

stereotyped

/ˈstɛrɪə(ʊ)ˌtaɪpt/

adjective

viewed or represented as a stereotype.

"the film is weakened by its stereotyped characters"

make light of

phrase of light

treat as unimportant.

"I didn't mean to make light of your problems"

Yes, "put off till next week" is a correct and commonly used phrase, indicating a delay or postponement until the following week.

to decide or arrange to delay an event or activity until a later time or date:

The meeting has been put off for a week.

[+ -ing verb] I can't put off going to the dentist any longer.

On second thoughts and on second thought are established expressions that mean the same thing.

Both are used in situations in which a speaker is changing his/her mind about something, often a decision, expressed a few seconds earlier.

Google Books Ngram viewer finds the singular form twice as popular as the plural.

put on

tease or playfully deceive someone.

"I was only putting you on"

(usually used in the progressive tenses)

(North American English, informal) to try to make somebody believe something that is not true, usually as a joke

SYNONYM have somebody on

Oh, come on, you know I was only putting you on.

ameliorate

/əˈmi:lɪəreɪt/

verb FORMAL

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plonk¹

/plɒŋk/

INFORMAL•BRITISH

verb

1.

set down heavily or carelessly.

"she plonked her glass on the table"

2.

play unskillfully on a musical instrument.

"people plonking around on expensive instruments"

offstage

/ˌɒfˈsteɪdʒ/

adjective

adjective: off-stage

(in a theatre) not taking place on the stage and so not visible to the audience.

"she walked away as the clear winner of both onstage and offstage dancing"

snit

/snɪt/

noun INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

a fit of irritation; a sulk.

"the ambassador and delegation had withdrawn in a snit"

cavalcade

/ˌkav(ə)lˈkeɪd, ˈkav(ə)lkeɪd/

noun

a formal procession of people walking, on horseback, or riding in vehicles.

"the royal cavalcade proceeded through the city"

in one's favour

in American English

to one's credit or advantage

All the comments were in your favor

The words "carrying to term" refers to staying pregnant the full nine months or until a baby is ready to be born, but the phrase has also come to mean the choice to continue with a pregnancy despite a terminal foetal diagnosis.

it's high time

idiom

informal

—used to say it is time to do something that should have been done a long time ago

It's high time we made some changes around here.

It's high time (that) you cleaned your room.

set (one) up for life

To provide enough money to sustain one for the rest of one's life. The phrase is typically understood to mean that one will no longer have to earn an income.
Most people assume that winning the lottery will set them up for life, but you really need to manage your money carefully to make it last.

What do you do for a living?
an income sufficient to live on or the means of earning it.
"she was struggling to make a living as a dancer"

gripe
/grɪp/
verb
1.
INFORMAL
complain about something in a persistent, irritating way.
"it's no use griping about your boss or your pay"

squire
/'skwɪə/
noun
1.
a man of high social standing who owns and lives on an estate in a rural area, especially the chief landowner in such an area.
"the squire of Radbourne Hall"

itinerary
/ˌɪtɪnəri, ɪˈtɪnəri/
noun
a planned route or journey.
"his itinerary included an official visit to Canada"
a travel document recording a route or journey.
"we will send you an itinerary"

liquorice
/'lɪk(ə)rɪ, 'lɪk(ə)rɪs/

You have some sleep around your eyes.

gunk
/gʌŋk/
noun
INFORMAL
an unpleasantly sticky or messy substance.
"factories spewing out unspeakable gunk"

twat
/twat, twɒt/
noun
VULGAR SLANG
1.

BRITISH

a stupid or obnoxious person.

2.

a woman's genitals.

waste not, want not

phrase of waste

PROVERB

if you use a commodity or resource carefully and without extravagance you will never be in need.

mirage

/mɪˈrɑːʒ, ˈmɪrɑːʒ/

If you stake a claim to something, you say or show that you have a right to it and that it should belong to you:

He marked the spot on his map where he had seen the gold and returned later that month to stake his claim.

Meet Victor Chevalier, the last character on Tekken 8's base roster

on a daily basis

make out with She had never even made out with a boy, let alone had sex with one.

bungee

/ˈbʌndʒi/

noun

a long nylon-cased rubber band used for securing luggage and in bungee jumping.

by all accounts

phrase of account

according to what one has heard or read.

"by all accounts he is a pretty nice guy"

get back at

phrasal verb of get

take revenge on someone.

"I wanted to get back at them for what they did"

Cornrows (sometimes called canerows) are a style of traditionally three-strand braids, originating in Africa

bat /bat/

verb

verb: bat; 3rd person present: bats; past tense: batted; past participle: batted; gerund or present participle: batting

flutter (one's eyelashes or eyelids), typically in a flirtatious manner.

"she batted her long dark eyelashes at him"

In general, the person to the left of the dealer acts first and action proceeds in a clockwise fashion.

In chess, the player who moves first is called White

have (got) game

slang

1. To be especially talented or adept at something, typically sports.

I know that guy's small, but don't underestimate him on the court—he's got game.

A: "Wow, she has game!" B: "Yeah, she used to play at the varsity level back in college."

2. To be very skilled at initiating a conversation with someone with the aim of having a romantic or sexual encounter with them.

Wow, you got his number? Dang, girl, you've got game!

He likes to think he has game whenever we're out at a club, but I have yet to see him take a girl home with him.

girthy

/ˈgə:θi/

adjective

thick and bulky or heavy.

"a girthy redwood tree"

(of a person) heavily built or overweight.

"big, wide, girthy guys"

obituary

/əˈbɪtʃʊəri/

noun

a notice of a death, especially in a newspaper, typically including a brief biography of the deceased person.

"his obituary of Samuel Beckett"

mongoose

/ˈmɒŋɡu:s/

noun

a small carnivorous mammal with a long body and tail and a grizzled or banded coat, native to Africa and Asia.

baguette

/baˈɡɛt/

omniscient

/ɒmˈnɪʃɪənt/

adjective

knowing everything.

"a third-person omniscient narrator"

rickets

/ˈrɪkɪts/

noun MEDICINE

noun: rickets

a disease of children caused by vitamin D deficiency, characterised by imperfect calcification, softening, and distortion of the bones typically resulting in bow legs.

rickety

/ˈrɪkɪti/

adjective

1.

(of a structure or piece of equipment) poorly made and likely to collapse.

"we went carefully up the rickety stairs"

sieve

/sɪv/

noun

a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh held in a frame, used for straining solids from liquids, for separating coarser from finer particles, or for reducing soft solids to a pulp.

"puree the potatoes through a sieve"

oversee

/ˌəʊvəˈsiː/

verb

supervise (a person or their work), especially in an official capacity.

"the Home Secretary oversees the police service"

a milk carton

trope

/trəʊp/

noun

a figurative or metaphorical use of a word or expression.

"both clothes and illness became tropes for new attitudes toward the self"

a significant or recurrent theme; a motif.

"she uses the Eucharist as a pictorial trope"

aesthetic

/iːsˈθetɪk, ɛsˈθetɪk/

adjective

concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty.

"the pictures give great aesthetic pleasure"

noun

a set of principles underlying the work of a particular artist or artistic movement.

"the Cubist aesthetic"

feature

/ˈfi:tʃə/

have as a prominent attribute or aspect.

"the hotel features a large lounge, a sauna, and a coin-operated solarium"

be a significant characteristic of or take an important part in.

"his later paintings feature prominently in the exhibition"

to be included as part of something such as a plan, calculation, etc.; figure:

feature in sth Wind farms, solar power, and other sources of renewable energy must now

feature in the environment policy of all responsible governments.

reclusive

/rɪˈkluːsɪv/

adjective

avoiding the company of other people; solitary.

"he led a reclusive life"

grow in number

adopt

/əˈdɒpt/

verb

1.

legally take (another's child) and bring it up as one's own.

"there are many people eager to adopt a baby"

I think adaptation sounds more appropriate, and is probably used more often than adaption.

This might just be my personal preference though, so take it for that.

upbeat

/ˈʌpbi:t/

noun

(in music) an unaccented beat preceding an accented beat.

adjectiveINFORMAL

cheerful; optimistic.

"he was upbeat about the company's future"

pull a fast one

idiom informal

Add to word list

to successfully deceive someone:

pull a fast one on You paid too much - I think he pulled a fast one on you.

lurk

/lə:k/

verb

be or remain hidden so as to wait in ambush for someone or something.

"a ruthless killer still lurked in the darkness"

mouth on (one)

To share or reveal compromising information about one to a figure or body of authority.
If you mouth on them to the cops, they'll definitely try to have you killed!
Why are you always mouthing on me like that! You're such a tattletale!

put the mouth on (someone or something)

1. To praise someone and bring bad luck to them as a result.

I don't want to put the mouth on you, but I think you have a real chance at winning the championship this year!

Not to put the mouth on myself, but I've been flying past my sales quotas each month.

2. To speak negatively or unflatteringly about someone or something.

Why are you always putting the mouth on Tiffany? You don't even know her that well!

Not to put the mouth on fast food restaurants, but they aren't exactly a dream job for most people.

first thing

phrase of first

early in the morning; before anything else.

"I have to meet Josh first thing tomorrow"

relish

/ˈrɛlɪʃ/

noun

1.

great enjoyment.

"she swigged a mouthful of wine with relish"

2.

a piquant sauce or pickle eaten with plain food to add flavour.

"use salsa as a relish with grilled meat or fish"

mast¹

/mɑːst/

noun

a tall upright post, spar, or other structure on a ship or boat, in sailing vessels generally carrying a sail or sails.

pane

/peɪn/

noun

1.

a single sheet of glass in a window or door.

Gorilla Tape is a brand of adhesive tape sold by Sharonville, Ohio based Gorilla Glue Inc.

LIFTER MEAT

Rib Blade Meat (Lifter Meat)_109B

BLADE/LIFTER MEAT

Also Known As: Blade Meat; Cap and Wedge Meat; Lifter Meat

Thin muscles removed from the outside of the Rib; also called cap and wedge meat.

May I ask, what is your profession?

pellicle

/ˈpɛlɪkl/

noun TECHNICAL

a thin skin, cuticle, membrane, or film.

porterhouse steak

/ˌpɔːtəhaʊs ˈsteɪk/

noun

a thick steak cut from the thick end of a sirloin.

granted

/ˈgrɑːntɪd/

adverb

admittedly; it is true (used to introduce a factor which is opposed to the main line of argument but is not regarded as so strong as to invalidate it).

"granted, Marie was two years older than her, but it wasn't a question of age"

lax1

/laks/

adjective

1.

not sufficiently strict, severe, or careful.

bricklayer

/ˈbrɪkleɪə/

noun

a person whose job is to build walls, houses, and other structures with bricks.

mug

to attack a person, using force or threats of force to steal the person's money or possessions:

He was mugged in broad daylight.

tang /tɑŋ/

noun

1.

a strong taste, flavour, or smell.

"the clean salty tang of the sea"

the projection on the blade of a tool such as a knife, by which the blade is held firmly in the handle.

"a full tang is used for strength"

interpolate

/ɪn'tə:pəleɪt/

verb

1.

insert (something of a different nature) into something else.

"illustrations were interpolated in the text"

A window of opportunity, also called a margin of opportunity or critical window, is a period of time during which some action can be taken that will achieve a desired outcome.

join up

phrasal verb

joined up; joining up; joins up

1

: to meet each other at a particular place

We're planning to join up (with each other) and have a few drinks after the game.

tundra

/ˈtʌndrə/

noun

a vast, flat, treeless Arctic region of Europe, Asia, and North America in which the subsoil is permanently frozen.

"tundra vegetation"

When your muscles are weak, it's hard to stop yourself mid-fall.

"the plane exploded in mid-air"

Alaska

/əˈlæskə/

northerly

/ˈnɔːðəli/

scratch a living

idiom

: to earn barely enough money to live

He scratched a living as a farmer.

pensive

/ˈpensɪv/

adjective

engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought.

"a pensive mood"

cotton bud

What's the difference between "in my mind" and "on my mind"?

In the US, at least, when someone says something is “on my mind” they mean they have been thinking about it a lot and probably want to say something about it. It isn't necessarily a bad thing, though.

If it is something serious that they have been worrying about, they might say it is “weighing on my mind” as though their mind was carrying a burden. (“Weighing on me” is a bit more common, though.)

And after they have talked about it, they might say “That's a load off my mind!” meaning that they are less worried now.

On the other hand, “in my mind” is a much more general and abstract phrase. It's not really an expression at all, but a literal statement that something (such as a thought or a fantasy) is a mental construct, as opposed to existing in the real world.

In many parts of the US, it is much more common for people to say “in my head” rather than “in my mind,” though they still mean it is in their mind, not physically inside their head.

I put up my friend for the night.

put someone through the mill

to cause someone to have a difficult and unpleasant experience, especially by asking them a lot of difficult questions:

I had the interview this morning - they really put me through the mill.

"Everyone has different attractions and rides they want to check out at Disneyland, so Let's try to work in everyone's best interests today." = "Let's make sure that everyone gets to see the attractions and rides that they want to go to the most"

in one's best interest (to do something): beneficial, advantageous, helpful for someone (to do something) idiom. It's in your best interest to clean up your desk, because you will be more efficient with more space to work.

have someone's (best) interests at heart

idiom

: to be concerned about and want to help (someone)

He claims that he has her (best) interests at heart.

Is it possible for anyone who was outed for harassment on social media to come back on and not ignore what happened but rather accept what happens and try to grow and learn from it?

put up

accommodate someone temporarily.

"we're going to put him up for a few days"

put out

cause someone trouble or inconvenience.

"would it put you out too much to let her visit you for a couple of hours?"

hassle

/ˈhasl/

INFORMAL

noun

irritating inconvenience.

"all the hassle involved in travel"

side hustle

plural side hustles also side-hustles

: work performed for income supplementary to one's primary job

These days, lots of people have a side hustle to help them earn extra income, develop new skills, become a business owner and quit their day job.

effluent

/ˈɛflʊənt/

noun

liquid waste or sewage discharged into a river or the sea.

"industrial effluent"

Ear Infection

Middle Ear Infection

Otitis Media

acoustic aid

acoustic

/əˈkuːstɪk/

adjective

1.

relating to sound or the sense of hearing.

"dogs have a much greater acoustic range than humans"

fodder

/ˈfɒdər/

noun

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

verb

give fodder to (cattle or other livestock).

"the animals need foddering"

crush

(figurative, colloquial) To do impressively well at (sports events; performances; interviews; etc.).

They had a gig recently at Madison Square—totally crushed it!

menstruation

/ˌmɛnstruˈeɪʃn/

noun

the process in a woman of discharging blood and other material from the lining of the uterus at intervals of about one lunar month from puberty until the menopause, except during pregnancy.

litmus

/ˈlɪtməs/

noun

a dye obtained from certain lichens that is red under acid conditions and blue under alkaline conditions.

confetti

/kənˈfɛti/

noun

small pieces of coloured paper traditionally thrown over a bride and bridegroom by their wedding guests after the marriage ceremony has taken place.

shallot

/ʃəˈlɒt/

a small bulb which resembles an onion and is used for pickling or as a substitute for onion.

penitentiary

/ˌpɛnɪˈtɛnʃ(ə)ri/

noun

1.

NORTH AMERICAN

a prison for people convicted of serious crimes.

2.

(in the Roman Catholic Church) a priest appointed to administer penance.

endogenous

/ɛnˈdɒdʒɪnəs/

adjective

having an internal cause or origin.

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

congruent

/ˈkɒŋgrʊənt/

adjective

1.

in agreement or harmony.

"the rules may not be congruent with the requirements of the law"

tabular

/ˈtæbjʊlə/

adjective

adjective: tabular

1.

(of data) consisting of or presented in columns or tables.

"a tabular presentation of running costs"

tabulate

/ˈtæbjʊleɪt/

verb

arrange (data) in tabular form.

"the system is designed to enable users to extract, analyse, and tabulate data"

squelch

/skwɛltʃ/

verb

make a soft sucking sound such as that made by treading heavily through mud.

"bedraggled guests squelched across the lawn to seek shelter"

sleuth

/sl(j)uːθ/

noun

a person who investigates crimes; a detective.

"they make MI5 look like a bunch of amateur sleuths"

petulant

/ˈpɛtjʊlənt/

adjective

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

"he was moody and petulant"

connive

/kəˈnɪv/

verb

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

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

fumble

/ˈfʌmbəl/

verb

do or handle something clumsily.

"she fumbled with the lock"

save one's/someone's ass

idiom

chiefly US, informal

: to help oneself/someone else in an important way

She saved my ass when she spoke up and said I was not to blame.

wear off phrasal verb

1 if pain or the effect of something wears off, it gradually stops

The effects of the anaesthetic were starting to wear off.

2 the novelty wears off used to say that you stop feeling interested or excited about something because it is no longer new

It was funny for a while but the novelty soon wore off.

Saturn noun

/ˈsætɜːn/, /ˈsætən/

/ˈsætɜːrn/

Studying plants does not exactly equip one to solve a murder.”

bleak1

/bli:k/

adjective

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

“a bleak and barren moor”

harbinger

/ˈhɑːbɪn(d)ʒə/

noun

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

“witch hazels are the harbingers of spring”

Charm the Pants Off Meaning

Definition: To be extremely charming or charismatic or to do something impressive, especially when making a first impression.

tether

/ˈtɛðə/

verb

1.

tie (an animal) with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement.

“the horse had been tethered to a post”

allergy

/ˈælədʒi/

barrage

/ˈbærɑː(d)ʒ/

noun

1.

a concentrated artillery bombardment over a wide area.

“his forces launched an artillery barrage on the city”

baffle

/ˈbɑːfl/

verb

past tense: baffled; past participle: baffled

1.

totally bewildered or perplex.

"an unexplained occurrence that baffled everyone"

inadvertent

/ˌɪnədˈvɜːt(ə)nt/

adjective

not resulting from or achieved through deliberate planning.

"an inadvertent administrative error occurred that resulted in an overpayment"

panhandle

/ˈpænˌhændl/

NORTH AMERICAN

verb INFORMAL

gerund or present participle: panhandling

beg in the street.

"she went back to the streets to panhandle for money"

beg for something from (someone) in the street.

"a bum panhandled him for a cup of coffee"

set the tone (for something)

idiom

Add to word list

to establish a particular mood or character for something:

The governor's speech set the tone for the whole conference.

The good financial news set an optimistic tone for the year.

bog-standard

/ˌbɒɡˈstændəd/

adjective DEROGATORY • INFORMAL

ordinary or basic.

"a bog-standard PC"

self-imposed

/ˌselfɪmˈpəʊzd/

adjective

(of a task or circumstance) imposed on oneself, not by an external force.

"he went into self-imposed exile"

to the hilt

idiom

Add to word list

as much as possible:

We're already being taxed to the hilt.

sever

/ˈseɪvə/

verb

divide by cutting or slicing, especially suddenly and forcibly.

"the head was severed from the body"

pull an all-nighter

idiom

Add to word list

to stay up all night, especially to study or work:

She pulled an all-nighter to study for an exam.

paywall

/ˈpeɪwɔːl/

noun

(on a website) an arrangement whereby access is restricted to users who have paid to subscribe to the site.

reciprocal

/rɪˈsɪprəkl/

adjective

1.

given, felt, or done in return.

"she was hoping for some reciprocal comment or gesture"

pass off

phrasal verb of pass

1.

falsely represent a person or thing as being someone or something else.

"the drink was packaged in champagne bottles and was being passed off as the real stuff"

lever

/ˈliːvə/

noun

a rigid bar resting on a pivot, used to move a heavy or firmly fixed load with one end when pressure is applied to the other.

"a tyre lever"

Getting your panties in a knot/in a twist usually means getting upset about something. When someone tells you not to get your panties in a knot, they are telling you not to be uptight or get overly emotional in regards to something.

disenfranchise

/ˌdɪs(ɪ)nˈfrantʃaɪz, dɪsɛnˈfrantʃaɪz/

ball out

throw oneself off the cliff(slang) To spend extravagant amounts of money (especially at a casino or nightclub).

pipe up

phrasal verb of pipe

say something suddenly.

"when she does pipe up, it's definitely worth listening to"

from here on (out)

idiom

US, informal

: from this time forward

From here on out, I'm making all the decisions.

entreaty

/ɪnˈtriːti, ɛnˈtriːti/

noun

an earnest or humble request.

"his supervisors have ignored his entreaties"

inexorable

/ɪnˈɛks(ə)rəb(ə)l/

adjective

impossible to stop or prevent.

"the seemingly inexorable march of new technology"

This all smacks of a cover-up,

be as pure as the driven snow

idiom

Add to word list

to be morally completely good:

How dare he criticise me for having an affair? He's not exactly as pure as the driven snow himself.

promiscuous

/prəˈmɪskjuəs/

adjective

1.

having or characterised by many transient sexual relationships.

"promiscuous teenagers"

sell someone/something short

phrase of short

fail to recognize or state the true value of.

"don't sell yourself short—you've got what it takes"

stint¹

/stɪnt/

verb

supply a very ungenerous or inadequate amount of (something).

"stowage room hasn't been stinted"

noun

1.

a person's fixed or allotted period of work.

"his varied career included a stint as a magician"

be/get/run low (on something)

to have nearly finished a supply of something:

We're running low on milk - could you buy some more?

The radio batteries are running low.

Several hospitals are running low on the vaccine.

Tests revealed that she was low on vitamin B12.

I should have checked the oil but I didn't realize it was getting low.

petrel

/ˈpɛtr(ə)l/

noun

noun: petrel; plural noun: petrels

a seabird related to the shearwaters, typically flying far from land.

prion1

/ˈprɪən/

noun

a small petrel of southern seas, having a wide bill fringed with comblike plates for feeding on planktonic crustaceans.

iota

/ɪˈəʊtə/

noun

1.

the ninth letter of the Greek alphabet (ι, ἰ), transliterated as 'i'.

2.

an extremely small amount.

"nothing she said seemed to make an iota of difference"

gruelling

/ˈgruːəlɪŋ/

adjective

adjective: grueling

extremely tiring and demanding.

"a gruelling schedule"

fiasco

/fɪˈʌskəʊ/

noun

a complete failure, especially a ludicrous or humiliating one.

"his plans turned into a fiasco"

dapple

/ˈdap(ə)/

verb

gerund or present participle: dappling

mark with spots or rounded patches.

"the floor was dappled with pale moonlight"

riparian

/rɪɪˈpeɪriən/

adjective

LAW

relating to or situated on the banks of a river.

"all the riparian states must sign an agreement"

disingenuous

/ˌdɪs(ɪ)nˈdʒɛnjʊəs/

adjective

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

"he was being somewhat disingenuous as well as cynical"

I can't eat anymore. I'm stuffed.

vole

/vəʊl/

noun

a small, typically burrowing, mouse-like rodent with a rounded muzzle, found in both Eurasia and North America.

glen

/glɛn/

noun

a narrow valley, especially in Scotland or Ireland.

few if any

idiom

: not very many or none at all

There are few if any details about the accident.

jink

/dʒɪŋk/

verb

change direction suddenly and nimbly, as when dodging a pursuer.

"she was too quick for him and jinked away every time"

leveret

/ˈlev(ə)rɪt/

noun

a young hare in its first year.

commodity

/kəˈmɒdɪti/

noun

plural noun: commodities

a raw material or primary agricultural product that can be bought and sold, such as copper or coffee.

"commodities such as copper and coffee"

record

noun

/ˈrɛkɔːd/

poach¹

/pəʊtʃ/

verb

1.

illegally hunt or catch (game or fish) on land that is not one's own or in contravention of official protection.

"20 tigers are thought to have been poached from national parks"

epiphany

/ɪˈpɪfəni/

noun

1.

the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12).

2.

a moment of sudden and great revelation or realization.

"a few years ago, I had an epiphany"

jacket

/ˈdʒækɪt/

memorabilia

/ˌmɛm(ə)rəˈbiːliə, ˌmɛm(ə)rəˈbiːliə/

noun

objects kept or collected because of their associations with memorable people or events.

"sixties memorabilia"

intrusive

/ɪnˈtruːsɪv/

adjective

1.

causing disruption or annoyance through being unwelcome or uninvited.
"that was an intrusive question"

penis
/'pi:nɪs/

scrawny
/'skrɔ:ni/
adjective
(of a person or animal) unattractively thin and bony.
"he had a scrawny physique and a protuberant Adam's apple"

booty call
noun INFORMAL • US
a sexual invitation or rendezvous.
"guys don't have to make the booty calls these days"

don't hold your breath
phrase of breath
INFORMAL
used to indicate that something is unlikely to happen.
"next thing you know I'll be knitting baby clothes—but don't hold your breath!"

diaphanous
/dʌɪ'afənəs/
adjective
(especially of fabric) light, delicate, and translucent.
"a diaphanous dress of pale gold"

impervious
/ɪm'pə:viəs/
adjective
1.
not allowing fluid to pass through.
"an impervious layer of basaltic clay"
unable to be affected by.
"he worked, apparently impervious to the heat"

stubble /'stʌbl/
the cut stalks of cereal plants left sticking out of the ground after the grain is harvested.
"fields of yellow stubble"
Similar:
stalks
straw
2.
short, stiff hairs growing on a part of the body that has not been shaved for a while,
especially on a man's face.
"she ran her fingers over the dark stubble on his cheeks"

string bean

uncanny

/ʌnˈkani/

adjective

strange or mysterious, especially in an unsettling way.

"an uncanny feeling that she was being watched"

crash1

/kraʃ/

enter (a party) without an invitation; gatecrash.

Some guys tried to crash the party but they weren't allowed in.

in the act

In the process of doing something. For example, The police caught the robber in the act, or I was in the act of closing the window. [Second half of 1600s]

rump

/rʌmp/

noun

1.

the hind part of the body of a mammal or the lower back of a bird.

"the harrier is distinguished by its prominent white rump"

2.

a small or unimportant remnant of something originally larger.

"once the profitable enterprises have been sold the unprofitable rump"

rump session meaning

[American slang]

a meeting held after a larger meeting.

A rump session continued after the meeting was adjourned.

A lot of business was conducted in the rump session.

drive up

phrasal verb of drive

cause a price, rate, quantity, etc. to increase; increase the amount or value of something.

"the crisis is driving up oil prices"

aphasia noun

/əˈfeɪziə/

/əˈfeɪzə/

[uncountable] (medical)

the loss of the ability to understand or produce speech, because of brain damage

switcheroo

/ˌswɪtʃəˈruː/

noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

a change, reversal, or exchange, especially a surprising or deceptive one.

Devious websites could pull a switcheroo on your home page and install spyware.

Lopez was at third base and Figgins at second - that's a switcheroo from what most expected.

makeover

/ˈmeɪkəʊvə/

noun

a complete transformation of the appearance of someone or something.

"win one of our special pampering makeovers"

scuff

/skʌf/

scrape or brush the surface of (a shoe or other object) against something.

"I accidentally scuffed the heel of one shoe on a paving stone"

Sick prisoners in the camp were 'cared for', in inverted commas, by guards, not nurses.

Inverted commas are punctuation marks that are used in writing to show where speech or a quotation begins and ends. They are usually written or printed as ' ' or " ". Inverted commas are also sometimes used around the titles of books, plays, or songs, or around a word or phrase that is being discussed.

lucrative

/ˈl(j)uːkrətɪv/

adjective

producing a great deal of profit.

"a lucrative career as a stand-up comedian"

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"

for the hell of it

just for fun.

"she walked on window ledges for the hell of it"

Christopher was too pretty, too turned out, too GQ.

win someone over

(UK also win someone round)

to persuade someone to support you or agree with you, often when they were opposed to you before:

He's not sure about the idea, but I'm sure we'll win him over in the end.

This is the last chance for the candidates to win over voters.

vet1

/vɛt/

make a careful and critical examination of (something).

"proposals for vetting large takeover bids"

ogle

/ˈəʊgl/

verb

stare at in a lecherous manner.

"he was ogling her breasts"

nourishing

/ˈnʌrɪʃɪŋ/

catcall

a loud shout or whistle (= high sound) expressing disapproval, especially made by people in a crowd

a loud, sexually suggestive call or comment directed at someone publicly (as on the street)

... every single time I go running in a public place without my male running partner, I am the target of catcalls.

emulous

/ˈɛmjʊləs/

adjective FORMAL

adjective: emulous

seeking to emulate someone or something.

motivated by a spirit of rivalry.

"emulous young writers"

empathic embarrassment

vicarious embarrassment

secondhand embarrassment

contrarian

/kənˈtrɔːrɪən/

noun

a person who opposes or rejects popular opinion, especially in stock exchange dealing.

"it has become fashionable to be a stock-market contrarian"

delineate

/dɪˈlɪniɛt/

verb

verb: delineate; 3rd person present: delineates; past tense: delineated; past participle: delineated; gerund or present participle: delineating

1.

describe or portray (something) precisely.

"the law should delineate and prohibit behaviour which is socially abhorrent"

pod people

informal

a person who behaves in a strange esp mechanical way, as if not fully human

That being said, the versions below sound more natural and current to my ears:

He considers me (to be) his best friend.

These workers are considered (to be) a high-ranking group.

I consider him clever.

I consider activities such as jogging and weightlifting unnatural.

lance

/lɑːns/

she-wolf

in American English

(ˈʃɪ,wʊlf)

NOUN

Word forms: plural -wolves

1. a female wolf

2. a predatory woman

not if I see you first

(informal, usually humorous) Used as a reply to see you, see you later, see you soon etc., implying that if the speaker sees the interlocutor first then the speaker will avoid the interlocutor.

Lent. noun. ˈlent. : a period of fasting and regret for one's sins that is observed on the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter by many churches. Lenten.

asbestos

/asˈbestəs,asˈbestos/

a highly heat-resistant fibrous silicate mineral that can be woven into fabrics, and is used in brake linings and in fire-resistant and insulating materials.

"asbestos was used for pipe insulation"

putrid

/ˈpjuːtrɪd/

adjective

1.

(of organic matter) decaying or rotting and emitting a fetid smell.

"a butcher who sold putrid meat"

wince¹

/wɪns/

verb

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

"he winced at the disgust in her voice"

remit

/rɪˈmɪt/

1.

cancel or refrain from exacting or inflicting (a debt or punishment).

"the excess of the sentence over 12 months was remitted"

send (money) in payment or as a gift.

"the income they remitted to their families"

Free and clear simply means for someone to own property in its entirety without any debt attached to the property. Free and clear usually applies to real estate but can apply to other items like cars or appliances.

free and clear

without debt or legal claims:

They paid off the mortgage and own their house free and clear.

absolution /ˌabsəˈluːʃn/

formal release from guilt, obligation, or punishment.

"absolution from the sentence"

doozy

/ˈduːzi/

noun INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN

something outstanding or unique of its kind.

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

Father Time is a personification of time.

at a moment's notice

(idiomatic) Immediately; instantaneously; without need of warning. The soldiers were ready

at a moment's notice.

migraine /'mi:greɪn, 'mʌɪgreɪn/ I. noun a recurrent throbbing headache that typically affects one side of the head and is often accompanied by nausea and disturbed vision. • I'm getting a migraine. • [mass noun] an attack of migraine.

sport

/spɔ:t/

wear or display (a distinctive item) • He was sporting a huge handlebar moustache.

Pacifiers have many different informal names: binky or wookie (American English), dummy (Australian English and British English), piece, paci, bo-bo, nookie, teething ring, device, sugar tit, teether, comforter, soother (Canadian English and Hiberno-English), and Dodie (Hiberno-English[1]).

seasoned

/'si:znd/

accustomed to particular conditions; experienced.

"she is a seasoned traveller"

give a rip (third-person singular simple present gives a rip, present participle giving a rip, simple past and past participle gave a rip)

(idiomatic) To care.

If anyone gives a rip about the team they will be at practice.

I can tell you do not give a rip about me or my opinions.

ramrod straight

idiom

: in a very straight and stiff way —used especially to describe the way someone stands or sits

He sat in the saddle, ramrod straight.

She was due a break after the horrific funeral,

I'm down to one source of transportation

jolt

/dʒəʊlt/

verb

push or shake (someone or something) abruptly and roughly.

"a surge in the crowd behind him jolted him forwards"

hurtle

/'hɜ:tl/

verb

move or cause to move at high speed, typically in an uncontrolled manner.

"a runaway car hurtled towards them"

attire

/əˈtʌɪə/

FORMAL•LITERARY

noun

clothes, especially fine or formal ones.

"holiday attire"

tootle

/ˈtuːtl/

verb

1.

make a series of sounds by blowing a horn, trumpet, or similar instrument.

"he tootled on the horn"

2.

INFORMAL

go or travel in a leisurely way.

"they were tootling along the coast road"

courtesy of

phrase of courtesy

given or allowed by.

"photograph courtesy of the Evening Star"

INFORMAL

as a result of.

"he booked his place in the final courtesy of a remarkable victory"

But damned if he wasn't going to try.

deadbolt

/ˈdɛdbəʊlt/

nounNORTH AMERICAN

a bolt engaged by turning a knob or key, rather than by spring action; a deadlock.

clusterfuck

/ˈklʌstəfʌk/

nounVULGAR SLANG•US

a disastrously mishandled situation or undertaking.

run out on someone/something

to leave someone you are having a relationship with or something you are responsible for, without warning and usually causing problems:

She ran out on him two months ago, leaving him to take care of their two children.

cad

/kad/

noun DATED • INFORMAL

a man who behaves dishonourably, especially towards a woman.

"her adulterous cad of a husband"

have that coming to one

〔主語にとって〕それは自業自得〔身から出たさび〕である◆主に過去形で使われる(すでに発生した悪い結果について)。

・He had that coming (to him). : それは彼の自業自得。／天罰が当たったんだろうね。

【表現パターン】have that coming (to one)

lose one's touch

idiom

: to no longer have the ability to do things that one was able to do successfully in the past

His last album flopped; he seems to be losing his touch.

aggravate

/ˈagrəveɪt/

verb

1.

make (a problem, injury, or offence) worse or more serious.

"military action would only aggravate the situation"

God help someone

used to give force to a statement of the danger or seriousness of a situation or action:

God help us if they attack now while we're still unprepared.

Well, that sealed it.

give something a whirl

phrase of whirl

INFORMAL

give something a try.

get the gist We got the gist, but not every word.

the gist of I was just about able to grasp the gist of their argument.

for gist Reading for gist requires less detailed comprehension.

Don't tell anybody about the conversation we had the earlier

Don't tell anybody about the talk we had a few days ago

salivate

/ˈsəlɪveɪt/

Learn to pronounce

verb

1.

secrete saliva, especially in anticipation of food.

"the delicious aroma of rich stews made us salivate"

2.

display great relish at the sight or prospect of something.

"I was fairly salivating at the prospect of a \$10 million loan"

bequest

/bɪ'kwɛst/

noun

a legacy.

"a bequest of over £300,000"

hang it (all)

British English old-fashioned used to say that you are disappointed or annoyed about something

shrewd

/ʃruːd/

adjective

1.

having or showing sharp powers of judgement; astute.

"she was shrewd enough to guess the motive behind his gesture"

nitty-gritty

/ˌnɪtɪ'ɡrɪti/

nounINFORMAL

the most important aspects or practical details of a subject or situation.

"let's get down to the nitty-gritty of finding a job"

give out

phrasal verb of give

1.

distribute something.

"I've been giving out leaflets"

2.

be completely used up.

"their allowances soon gave out"

heist

/hæɪst/

INFORMAL

noun

a robbery.

"a diamond heist"

escapade

/ˈɛskəpeɪd/

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

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

caper¹

/ˈkeɪpə/

verb

skip or dance about in a lively or playful way.

"children were capering about the room"

INFORMAL

an illicit or ridiculous activity or escapade.

"I'm too old for this kind of caper"

prudent

/ˈpruːd(ə)nt/

adjective

acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

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

strive

/straɪv/

verb

make great efforts to achieve or obtain something.

"national movements were striving for independence"

vale¹

/veɪl/

noun

a valley (used in place names or as a poetic term).

"the Vale of Glamorgan"

perpetuate

/pəˈpɛtʃueɪt/

verb

make (something) continue indefinitely.

"the confusion was perpetuated through inadvertence"

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.

hi-hat

noun

a pair of foot-operated cymbals forming part of a drum kit.

Can you take the lid/top/cover off

take up

phrasal verb of take

1.

become interested or engaged in a pursuit.

"she took up tennis at the age of 11"

get started on (something)

1. To begin doing some task

It's already 6:00, so I better get started on dinner.

Have you even gotten started on your homework?

2. To cause someone to start enthusiastically discussing some topic. In this usage, a noun or pronoun is used between "get" and "started."

Don't get Grandpa started on the weather unless you want to hear about the "Farmers' Almanac" all night.

All right, who got Uncle Fred started on tax reform?

antics

/ˈæntɪks/

noun

foolish, outrageous, or amusing behaviour.

"the antics of our political parties"

come over somebody if a strong feeling comes over you, you suddenly experience it

A wave of sleepiness came over me.

I'm sorry about that – I don't know what came over me (=I do not know why I behaved in that way).

pull into

phrasal verb

pulled into; pulling into; pulls into

1

of a car, train, etc. : to arrive at a particular place

The train pulled into the station right on time.

2

: to move a vehicle to (a particular place)

He pulled into the parking space.

He slowly pulled the car into traffic.

ignorance is bliss

charade

/ʃəˈrɑːd/

noun

an absurd pretence intended to create a pleasant or respectable appearance.

"talk of unity was nothing more than a charade"

sham

/ʃam/

noun

1.

a thing that is not what it is purported to be.

"our current free health service is a sham"

motile

/ˈməʊtaɪl/

adjective

1.

ZOOLOGY•BOTANY

(of cells, gametes, and single-celled organisms) capable of motion.

"males produce small motile gametes"

mofo

in British English

(ˈməʊfəʊ IPA Pronunciation Guide)

NOUN

Word forms: plural mofos

slang, mainly US short for the taboo word motherfucker

tarot

/ˈtærəʊ/

noun

playing cards, traditionally a pack of 78 with five suits, used for fortune-telling and (especially in Europe) in certain games. The suits are typically swords, cups, coins (or pentacles), batons (or wands), and a permanent suit of trumps.

"tarot is a powerful way of revealing the truth about your life"

interment

/ɪnˈtəːm(ə)nt/

the burial of a corpse in a grave or tomb, typically with funeral rites.

"the day of interment"

trigonometry

/ˌtrɪɡəˈnɒmɪtri/

Learn to pronounce

noun

the branch of mathematics dealing with the relations of the sides and angles of triangles and with the relevant functions of any angles.

controlling /kənˈtrəʊlɪŋ \$ -ˈtrɒl-/ adjective

always trying to make someone do what you want – used to show disapproval

She wanted to get away from her controlling parents.

celibate

/ˈsɛlɪbət/

adjective

abstaining from marriage and sexual relations, typically for religious reasons.

"a celibate priest"

"Incel" is a portmanteau of "involuntary celibate." In its most basic form, incel describes someone, usually a male, who is frustrated by their lack of sexual experiences.

talk something over

to discuss a problem or situation with someone, often to find out their opinion or to get advice before making a decision about it:

talk something over with someone. I'd like to talk it over with my wife first.

get something across

to manage to make someone understand or believe something:

get your point across We tried to get our point across, but he just wouldn't listen.

get a message across This is the message that we want to get across to the public.

highway robbery

a situation in which you have to pay far too much money for something:

\$20 for two drinks? That's highway robbery!

rebuff

/rɪˈbʌf/

reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner.

"I asked her to be my wife, and was rebuffed in no uncertain terms"

upset or annoy someone.

"he was not put out by the rebuff"

put out

cause someone trouble or inconvenience.

"would it put you out too much to let her visit you for a couple of hours?"

feel out

phrasal verb

felt out; feeling out; feels out

: to talk to or question (someone) in an indirect way in order to find out if something one wants to do or get will be possible

He tried to feel us out to see if we'd loan him more money.

use up one's supply of something.

"we've run out of petrol"

podium

/ˈpəʊdɪəm/

noun

a small platform on which a person may stand to be seen by an audience, as when making a speech or conducting an orchestra.

"he was at the podium facing an expectant conference crowd"

go through the roof

phrase of roof

INFORMAL

1.

(of prices or figures) reach extreme or unexpected heights.

"rents have gone through the roof"

2.

suddenly become very angry.

"if anything's not right, he'll go through the roof"

discretion /dɪˈskreʃn/

the quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offence or revealing confidential information.

"she knew she could rely on his discretion"

the freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation.

"local authorities should use their discretion in setting the charges"

up to speed

phrase of speed

operating at full speed.

performing at an anticipated or desired rate or level.

(of a person) fully informed or up to date.

"that reminds me to bring you up to speed on the soap opera"

coalition

/ˌkəʊəˈlɪʃn/

noun

a temporary alliance for combined action, especially of political parties forming a government.

"a coalition between Liberals and Conservatives"

eat one's words

PHRASE [VERB inflects]

If you say that someone has to eat their words, you mean that they have to admit that they were wrong about something they said in the past, especially when this makes them look foolish.

He has had to eat his words about the company being recession-proof.

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.

concentric

/kənˈsentrɪk/

adjective

of or denoting circles, arcs, or other shapes which share the same centre, the larger often completely surrounding the smaller.

"concentric circles indicate distances of 1 km, 2 km, and 3 km from the centre"

bigotry

/ˈbɪɡətəri/

noun

obstinate or unreasonable attachment to a belief, opinion, or faction, in particular prejudice against a person or people on the basis of their membership of a particular group.

"the difficulties of combating prejudice and bigotry"

for the love of God

phrase of love

used to accompany an urgent request or to express annoyance or surprise.

"for the love of God, get me out of here!"

Definitions of psyop. military actions designed to influence the perceptions and attitudes of individuals, groups, and foreign governments.

rift

/rɪft/

noun

noun: rift; plural noun: rifts

1.

a crack, split, or break in something.

"the wind had torn open a rift in the clouds"

from here on (out)

idiom

US, informal

: from this time forward

From here on out, I'm making all the decisions.

lock down

phrasal verb of lock

1.

restrict movement within or access to an area in the interests of public safety or health.

"these areas were locked down in order to prevent spread of the virus"

2.

confirm or finalize an arrangement.

"he may struggle to lock down a place in the side next year"

you're telling me

phrase of tell

INFORMAL

used to emphasise that one is already well aware of or in complete agreement with something.

"That was bad luck.' 'You're telling me!"

the straight and narrow

phrase of straight

the honest and morally acceptable way of living.

"he's making a real effort to get back on the straight and narrow"

cheese someone off

to annoy someone:

Her attitude to the whole thing really cheeses me off!

concede

/kən'si:d/

verb

1.

admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it.

"I had to concede that I'd overreacted"

trad

/trad/

INFORMAL

adjective

(especially of music) traditional.

"trad jazz"

box ticking

the fact of doing something just because there is a rule that says that you must do it:

A lot of what the care home inspectors do is simply box ticking.

Risk assessments are an essential part of ensuring health and safety. They are not just a box-ticking exercise.

grand

/grand/

a thousand dollars or pounds.

"he gets thirty-five grand a year"

bow¹

/bəʊ/

noun

noun: bow; plural noun: bows

1.

a knot tied with two loops and two loose ends, used especially for tying shoelaces and decorative ribbons.

"a girl with long hair tied back in a bow"

Retroactive continuity, or retcon for short, is a literary device in which facts in the world of a fictional work that have been established through the narrative itself are adjusted, ignored,

supplemented, or contradicted by a subsequently published work that recontextualizes or breaks continuity with the former.

disservice

/ˌdɪsˈsɜːvɪs,dɪ(s)ˈsɜːvɪs/

noun

a harmful action.

"you have done a disservice to the African people by ignoring this fact"

A-prefixing is a phenomenon where a prefix, a-, attaches to a verbal form with the suffix -ing, as in the following Appalachian English examples from Wolfram (1976):

1) a. I know he was a-tellin' the truth, but I was a-comin' home.

b. Well, she's a-gettin' the black lung now, ain't she?

time's a-wasting

You are wasting or running out of time! "Wasting" is often shortened to "wastin'."

Come on, get those chores done so we can get out of here. Time's a-wastin'!

Time's a-wasting, kids! You're going to fail the assignment if your experiments aren't finished by the end of the class.

psych

/saɪk/

verb

1.

INFORMAL

mentally prepare (someone) for a testing task or occasion.

"he had to psych himself for a tough conversation with his wife"

Locked and loaded means that a gun or similar device has ammunition in it, a round in its chamber, and has the safety lock engaged:

All of the guns we're taking on the hunting trip are locked and loaded.

It's also an idiom meaning prepared to do battle or prepared to start a task:

The team is locked and loaded to clear the forest of underbrush.

hangnail

/ˈhæŋneɪl/

noun

a piece of torn skin at the root of a fingernail.

cockatoo

/ˌkɒkəˈtuː/

noun

1.

a parrot with an erectile crest, found in Australia, eastern Indonesia, and neighbouring islands.

farce

/fɑ:s/

noun

noun: farce; plural noun: farces

a comic dramatic work using buffoonery and horseplay and typically including crude characterization and ludicrously improbable situations.

"he toured the backwoods in second-rate farces"

appliance

/ə'plaiəns/

noun

1.

a device or piece of equipment designed to perform a specific task.

"electrical and gas appliances"

subdue

/səb'dju:/

verb

overcome, quieten, or bring under control (a feeling or person).

"she managed to subdue an instinct to applaud"

catch on

understand what is meant or how to do something.

"I caught on to what it was the guy was saying"

slapstick

/'slapstɪk/

noun

1.

comedy based on deliberately clumsy actions and humorously embarrassing events.

"slapstick humour"

push your luck

to try too hard to get a particular result and risk losing what you have achieved:

She's agreed to help on Saturday, but I think I'd be pushing my luck if I asked her to be here the whole weekend.

hoagie /'həʊgi/

a long piece of bread filled with meat, cheese and salad

ream2

/ri:m/

verb

verb: ream; 3rd person present: reams; past tense: reamed; past participle: reamed; gerund or present participle: reaming

1.

widen (a hole) with a special tool.

"a fan which has a small enough hole to be reamed out to the correct size"

widen a bore or hole in (a gun or other metal object) with a special tool.

"the rods were marked out, drilled, and reamed"

NORTH AMERICAN

clear out or remove (material) from something.

"pierce, probe, and ream out the bony chambers of the crab's body"

condiment

/ˈkɒndɪm(ə)nt/

noun

plural noun: condiments

a substance such as salt, mustard, or pickle that is used to add flavour to food.

newfangled

/ˌnjuːˈfæŋɡld/

adjective DEROGATORY

adjective: new-fangled

different from what one is used to; objectionably new.

"I've no time for such newfangled nonsense"

venue

/ˈvenjuː/

noun

the place where something happens, especially an organized event such as a concert, conference, or sports competition.

"the club is the city's main venue for live music"

LAW

the jurisdiction within which a criminal or civil case may or must be heard.

the National Health Service

I got a hangnail on my ring finger and it hurts.

pew

/pjuː/

noun

a long bench with a back, placed in rows in the main part of some churches to seat the congregation.

an enclosure or compartment containing a number of seats, used in some churches to seat a particular worshipper or group of worshippers.

be lost on

phrase of lost

fail to be noticed or appreciated by (someone).

"the significance of his remarks was not lost on Scott"

shirk

/ʃɜ:k/

verb

avoid or neglect (a duty or responsibility).

"I do not shirk any responsibility in this matter"

randy

/'randi/

sexually aroused or excited.

"as nervous as a randy adolescent on a hot date"

imbecile

/'ɪmbɪsɪl/

noun

a stupid person.

dilapidated

/dɪ'lapɪdeɪtɪd/

adjective

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

"old, dilapidated buildings"

leek

/li:k/

noun

a plant related to the onion, with flat overlapping leaves forming an elongated cylindrical bulb which together with the leaf bases is eaten as a vegetable. It is used as a Welsh national emblem.

prat /prat/

an incompetent or stupid person; an idiot.

glade

/gleɪd/

noun

an open space in a wood or forest.

"a forest glade"

foist

/fɔɪst/

verb

impose an unwelcome or unnecessary person or thing on.

"she had no desire to have an elderly relative foisted on her"

restitution

/ˌrestrɪ'tjuːʃn/

Learn to pronounce

noun

1.

the restoration of something lost or stolen to its proper owner.

"the ANC had demanded the restitution of land seized from black people"

lump1

/lʌmp/

noun

plural noun: lumps

1.

a compact mass of a substance, especially one without a definite or regular shape.

"there was a lump of ice floating in the milk"

ruction

/ˈrʌkʃn/

nounINFORMAL

a disturbance or quarrel.

"she acted as if there'd been no earlier ruction"

draught

/dra:ft/

Learn to pronounce

noun

1.

a current of cool air in a room or other confined space.

"heavy curtains at the windows cut out draughts"

I took off work yesterday because I didn't want to give anyone my cold.

pass on a cold

tear away

phrasal verb of tear

leave despite a strong desire to stay.

"she couldn't tear herself away from the view"

benevolent

/bɪˈnevələnt/

pump1

/pʌmp/

a sports shoe; a plimsoll.

BRITISH

a light shoe for dancing.

bankroll

/ˈbæŋkrəl/

nounNORTH AMERICAN

a roll of banknotes.

verb INFORMAL

support (a person, organization, or project) financially.

"the project is bankrolled by wealthy expatriates"

five-spot

a playing card or the upward face of a die bearing five pips; a domino one half of which bears five pips.

canal

/kəˈnəl/

noun

1.

an artificial waterway constructed to allow the passage of boats or ships inland or to convey water for irrigation.

"they travelled on by canal"

garnish

/ˈɡɑːnɪʃ/

verb

1.

decorate or embellish (something, especially food).

"garnish each serving with a dollop of sour cream"

jeer

/dʒiə/

verb

make rude and mocking remarks, typically in a loud voice.

"some of the younger men jeered at him"

frighten someone out of their wits

idiom (also scare someone out of their wits)

to cause extreme fear in someone:

That strange noise during the night scared me out of my wits.

with bated breath

Eagerly; with great anticipation.

We are waiting with bated breath for the release of the new version.

follow suit

(in bridge, whist, and other card games) play a card of the suit led.

conform to another's actions.

"Spain cut its rates by half a per cent but no other country has followed suit"

wedlock

/ˈwɛdlɒk/

noun

the state of being married.

children born in/out of wedlock (= whose parents are/are not married)

If you say that you might as well do something, or that you may as well do it, you mean that you will do it although you do not have a strong desire to do it and may even feel slightly unwilling to do it.

If I've got to go somewhere I may as well go to Birmingham.

Anyway, you're here; you might as well stay.

I'll come with you if you like. I might as well.

grub

/grʌb/

noun

1.

the larva of an insect, especially a beetle.

"my onions are ruined by small grubs eating the roots"

grubby

/'grʌbi/

adjective

covered with dirt; grimy.

"the grubby face of a young boy"

out of one's league

In a situation in which one is mismatched with one or more others whose accomplishments, preparedness, or other characteristics are on a significantly higher or lower level than one's own.

snigger

/'snɪgə/

verb

laugh in a half-suppressed, typically scornful way.

"the boys at school were sure to snigger at him behind his back"

The idiom "thunder thighs" refers to someone who has large or muscular thighs.

jamb

/dʒʌm/

noun

noun: jamb; plural noun: jambs

a side post or surface of a doorway, window, or fireplace.

"he leaned against the door jamb"

peter¹

/'pi:tə/

verb

decrease or fade gradually before coming to an end.

"the storm had petered out"

preposterous

/prɪˈpɒst(ə)rəs/

adjective

contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous.

"a preposterous suggestion"

plonk¹

/plɒŋk/

INFORMAL•BRITISH

verb

1.

set down heavily or carelessly.

"she plonked her glass on the table"

guzzle

/ˈɡʌzl/

verb

eat or drink (something) greedily.

"he would guzzle his ale"

The Second Amendment (Amendment II) to the United States Constitution protects the right to keep and bear arms.

whiplash

/ˈwɪpləʃ/

noun

1.

the flexible part of a whip or something resembling it.

2.

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

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

give away

reveal the true identity of someone.

"his strangely shaped feet gave him away"

reveal information which incriminates someone.

"I won't give you away"

Similar:

reveal something secret.

"he gave away naval secrets"

scratch that (third-person singular simple present scratches that, present participle scratching that, simple past and past participle scratched that)

(idiomatic, usually as imperative) To disregard, omit, or ignore the previous statement.

I'll have eggs and sausage. No, scratch that. I'll have eggs and bacon.

listless

/ˈlɪs(t)lɪs/

adjective

(of a person or their manner) lacking energy or enthusiasm.

"bouts of listless depression"

mooch

/mu:tʃ/

verb

1.

INFORMAL•BRITISH

wander in a casual or listless manner.

"we went for a drive to Chatswood and mooched around the shopping centre there for a bit"

start over from the top

from the top

phrase of top

INFORMAL

from the beginning.

"they rehearsed Act One from the top"

FOMO

noun [U] informal

UK /ˈfəʊ.məʊ/ US /ˈfoʊ.moʊ/

Add to word list

abbreviation for "fear of missing out": a worried feeling that you may miss exciting events that other people are going to, especially caused by things you see on social media:

Don't get FOMO. Get a ticket now!

merc

in British English

(mɜ:k IPA Pronunciation Guide)

NOUN

informal

a person hired to fight for a foreign army; a mercenary

playa¹

/ˈplʌɪə/

noun

an area of flat, dried-up land, especially a desert basin from which water evaporates quickly.

crib /krɪb/

NORTH AMERICAN

a child's bed with barred or latticed sides; a cot.

"tiptoeing over to the crib, he looked down at the sleeping child"

INFORMAL•NORTH AMERICAN

a person's apartment or house.

"there's a chance you might not get back to your crib tonight"

grilling

/ˈɡrɪlɪŋ/

noun INFORMAL

an intense interrogation or period of questioning.

"they faced a grilling over the latest results"

choir

/ˈkwɔːtə/

pursuant

/pəˈsjuːənt/

in accordance with (a law or a legal document or resolution).

"the local authority applied for care orders pursuant to section 31 of the Children Act 1989"

shellfire

/ˈʃɛlˌfaɪə/

noun

bombardment by shells.

"their house was destroyed by shellfire"

shell-shocked

/ˈʃɛlʃɒkt/

adjective

1.

shocked or confused because of a sudden alarming experience.

"he told shell-shocked investors that the company needed still more money to survive the year"

2.

affected with the condition of shell shock.

vet /vɛt/

verb

past tense: vetted; past participle: vetted

make a careful and critical examination of (something).

"proposals for vetting large takeover bids"

meander

/mɪˈændə/

verb

(of a river or road) follow a winding course.

"a river that meandered gently through a meadow"

gear up

change to a higher gear.

prepare or equip oneself for something; get ready.

"the region geared up for the tourist season"

I don't remember what her name was—my memory is a little foggy.

I haven't the foggiest [=faintest] idea what she's talking about. [=I don't understand what she is talking about at all]

"Where did I put my keys?" "I haven't the foggiest." [=I have no idea; I don't know]

rule out

exclude someone or something as a possibility.

"further testing had ruled out any infection"

touchdown

/ˈtʌtʃdaʊn/

noun

1.

the moment at which an aircraft's wheels or part of a spacecraft make contact with the ground during landing.

"two hours until touchdown"

balcony

/ˈbalkəni/

stan1

/stan/

INFORMAL

noun

plural noun: stans

an overzealous or obsessive fan of a particular celebrity.

"he has millions of stans who are obsessed with him and call him a rap

cicada

/sɪˈkɑːdə/

straddle

/ˈstrɑdl/

verb

verb: straddle; 3rd person present: straddles; past tense: straddled; past participle:

straddled; gerund or present participle: straddling

sit or stand with one leg on either side of.

"he turned the chair round and straddled it"

"Stood up" is a phrase that can be used in a few different ways, but generally means to have been left waiting or neglected by someone who was supposed to meet with you.

I got stood up by him.

puny

/ˈpjuːni/

adjective

small and weak.

"white-faced, puny children"

poor in quality, amount, or size.

"the army was reduced to a puny 100,000 men"

runner-up

/ˌrʌnər'ʌp/

noun

a competitor or team taking second place in a contest.

"he was runner-up in the 200 m individual medley"

pageant

/'pædʒ(ə)nt/

noun

1.

a public entertainment consisting of a procession of people in elaborate, colourful costumes, or an outdoor performance of a historical scene.

"they brought the history books to life at the town's pageant"

prolific

/prə'lifɪk/

adjective

1.

(of a plant, animal, or person) producing much fruit or foliage or many offspring.

"in captivity tigers are prolific breeders"

sporadic

/spə'reɪdɪk/

adjective

occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.

"sporadic fighting broke out"

crayfish

/'kreɪfɪʃ/

noun

a nocturnal freshwater crustacean that resembles a small lobster and inhabits streams and rivers.

clay

/kleɪ/

noun

1.

a stiff, sticky fine-grained earth that can be moulded when wet, and is dried and baked to make bricks, pottery, and ceramics.

"the soil is mainly clay"

feckful /'fɛk.fəl/

(Scotland, Northern English) Powerful, effective, efficient, vigorous.