

finished

Gandy dancer is a slang term used for early railroad workers in the United States, more formally referred to as section hands, who laid and maintained railroad tracks in the years before the work was done by machines.

A minor's employment release, or parental consent, is a document that a minor's parent or legal guardian signs to authorize their child's employment.

tonsil /'tɒns(ə)l, 'tɒnsɪl/ I. noun either of two small masses of lymphoid tissue in the throat, one on each side of the root of the tongue.

tonsillitis /tɒnsɪ'laɪtɪs/ noun — [mass noun] 1. inflammation of the tonsils.

cannery /'kanəri/ noun a factory where food is canned.

lip smacking

smack /smak/ I. verb — [no obj.] (smack of) 1. have a flavour of; taste of • the tea smacked strongly of tannin. 2. suggest the presence or effects of (something wrong or unpleasant) • the whole thing smacks of a cover-up.

opus

/'ɒpəs, 'ɒpəs/

noun

1.

Music

a separate composition or set of compositions.

2.

an artistic work, especially one on a large scale.

"he was writing an opus on Mexico

feral /'fɛr(ə)l, 'fɪərəl/ I. adjective 1. (especially of an animal) in a wild state, especially after escape from captivity or domestication • a feral cat.

gestate

/dʒɛ'steɪt/

verb

carry a fetus in the womb from conception to birth.

"rabbits gestate for approximately twenty-eight days"

(of a fetus) undergo gestation.

develop over a long period.

"a series that has been gestating for three years"

gestation /dʒɛ'steɪʃ(ə)n/ I. noun — [mass noun] 1. the process or period of developing inside the womb between conception and birth. 2. the development of something over a period of time • a thorough and painstaking work which was a long time in gestation.

precocial /prɪ'keʊʃ(ə)l / <Zoology> I. adjective 1. (of a young bird or other animal) hatched or born in an advanced state and able to feed itself almost immediately. 2. (of a particular species) having precocial young.

staid /steɪd/ I. adjective sedate, respectable, and unadventurous • staid law firms.

usurp /jʊ'zə:p, jʊ'sə:p/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force • Richard usurped the throne.

lumbering /'lʌmb(ə)rɪŋ/ adjective moving in a slow, heavy, awkward way • Bob was a big, lumbering, gentle sort • <figurative> a lumbering bureaucracy.

three people contracted a killer virus.

remunerate

/rɪ'mju:nəreɪt/

verb

pay (someone) for services rendered or work done.

"they should be remunerated fairly for their work"

bust out

informal

1

: to begin (doing something) suddenly

She just busted out laughing.

2

bust out (something) or bust (something) out : to take (something) from the place where it is stored so that it can be used : to break out

He busted out the champagne.

3

: to escape from a prison, jail, etc.

Two prisoners busted out of jail.

tug/pull at one's heartstrings

idiom

: to stir one's emotions

That movie really tugs/pulls at your heartstrings.

A brick off the backboard is a missed basketball shot that bounces off the backboard or rim without going in. The term "brick" is used to describe a shot that falls like a brick after it misses.

call in

require payment of a loan or promise of money.

"the bank would call in loans and foreign donations"

"Call in a favor" is an expression that means to ask for a favor with the expectation of receiving something in return.

chit1 /tʃɪt/ n. [countable]

a signed note for money owed for food, drink, etc.

any receipt or similar document, esp. of an informal nature.

ocular /'ɒkjʊlə/ l. adjective [Medicine] of or connected with the eyes or vision • ocular trauma.

ride something out

to continue to exist during a difficult situation and until it ends, without serious harm:

Many companies did not manage to ride out the recession.

If a ship rides out a period of bad weather, it continues to float during it, without serious damage:

The ship managed to ride out the storm.

wallop noun

/'wɒləp/

[singular] (informal)

a heavy, powerful hit

fitted sheet

noun

a fabric sheet with elasticated corners designed to fit tightly over a mattress.

"this set includes a flat sheet, fitted sheet, and two pillowcases"

devise

/dɪ'vʌɪz/

verb

1.

plan or invent (a complex procedure, system, or mechanism) by careful thought.

"a training programme should be devised"

chaparajos /ˌʃapə'reɪhəʊs, ˌtʃapə'reɪhəʊs / chaparejos l. plural noun (N. Amer.) leather trousers without a seat, worn by a cowboy over ordinary trousers to protect the legs.

matchmaking

noun

noun: match-making

the arranging of marriages or initiation of romantic relationships between others.

"opportunities for matchmaking between her daughter and some suitable partners"

bender

/'bɛndə/

noun

1.

an object or person that bends something.

"a metal bender"

2.

informal

a wild drinking spree.

"he went off on a self-destructive bender"

pitch on

in American English

pitch upon

to choose, esp. casually or without forethought; decide on

We pitched on a day for our picnic

tend¹

/tɛnd/

US

direct or manage; work in.

"I've been tending bar at the airport lounge"

care for or look after; give one's attention to.

"Varela tended plants on the roof"

big lug (plural big lugs)

(colloquial, endearing) A man with a large, strong physique but a gentle personality.

hob¹

/hɒb/

noun

1.

British

a cooking appliance, or the flat top part of a cooker, with hotplates or burners.

"the oil needs to be heated in the oven or on the hob"

2.

a machine tool used for cutting gears or screw threads.

"the hob cuts material from the tooth spaces"

dole¹ /dəʊl/ I. noun 1. [mass noun] (usu. the dole) — (Brit.) <informal> benefit paid by the state to the unemployed • I was on the dole for three years • [as modifier] my next dole cheque. 2. [count noun] —<dated> a charitable gift of food, clothes, or money. • the customary dole was a tumblerful of rice. 3. <literary> a person's lot or destiny. • death be his dole who worst maintains the strife.

dole something out 1. distribute shares of something • the scanty portions of food doled out to them.

a trifle

phrase of trifle

a little; somewhat.

"his methods are a trifle eccentric"

pull one's weight

do one's fair share of work.

"he must pull his weight or leave"

at ease

free from worry or awkwardness; relaxed.

"she was never quite at ease with Phil"

Military

in a relaxed attitude with the feet apart and the hands behind the back (often as a command).

"all right, stand at ease!"

prude /pru:d/

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"

out of someone's hair

phrase of hair

informal

not or no longer annoying or causing inconvenience to someone.

"can you keep the kids out of my hair this afternoon?"

Dianetics

/ˌdaɪəˈnetɪks/

noun

a system developed by the founder of the Church of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard, which aims to relieve disorders by cleansing the mind of harmful mental images.

valentine

/ˈvæləntɪn/

a card sent, often anonymously, on St Valentine's Day, 14 February, to a person one loves or is attracted to.

a person to whom one sends a valentine card or with whom one is romantically involved.

repartee

/ˌreɪpɑːˈtiː/

noun

conversation or speech characterized by quick, witty comments or replies.

"he had a quick mind and a splendid gift of repartee"

catty1 /ˈkati/ I. adjective 1. deliberately hurtful in one's remarks; spiteful • catty comments.

font1 /font/ I. noun 1. a receptacle in a church for the water used in baptism, typically a free-standing stone structure. 2. a reservoir for oil in an oil lamp. 3. variant spelling of fount1.

ottoman
/'ɒtəmən/

Everyone button bashes when they play video games.

"Hog the blanket" is an idiom that describes someone who takes all the blankets in a bed, leaving their sleeping partner without any. A person who hogs the blanket might roll up in the covers like a cocoon, making their bedmate cold and shivering.

hog
/hɒg/
take or use most or all of (something) in an unfair or selfish way.
"he never hogged the limelight"

carcinogen
/kɑː'sɪnədʒ(ə)n, 'kɑːsɪnədʒ(ə)n/
noun
a substance capable of causing cancer in living tissue.

stub
/stʌb/
accidentally strike (one's toe) against something.
"I stubbed my toe, swore, and tripped"
2.
extinguish (a lighted cigarette) by pressing the lighted end against something.
"she stubbed out her cigarette in the overflowing ashtray"

Jerusalem
/dʒə'ruːsələm/

ululate
/'ʌljʊleɪt, 'juː(l)jʊleɪt/
verb
howl or wail as an expression of strong emotion, typically grief.
"women were ululating as the body was laid out"

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Coachella (officially called the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival and sometimes known as Coachella Festival) is an annual music and arts festival held at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, California, in the Coachella Valley in the Colorado Desert.

smudge¹
/smʌdʒ/
verb
cause (something) to become messily smeared by rubbing it.
"she dabbed her eyes, careful not to smudge her make-up"

mung1

/mʌŋ, muːŋ/

noun

1.

a small round green bean.

cloaca

/kləʊ'eɪkə/

noun

1.

Zoology

a common cavity at the end of the digestive tract for the release of both excretory and genital products in vertebrates (except most mammals) and certain invertebrates.

insufferable

/ɪn'sʌf(ə)rəbl/

adjective

too extreme to bear; intolerable.

"the heat would be insufferable by July"

trepidation

/ˌtrɛpɪ'deɪʃn/

noun

1.

a feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen.

"the men set off in fear and trepidation"

wake

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

"he was attending a friend's wake"

The wake will be held on Friday evening.

In social media, "gram" typically refers to Instagram, which is a popular photo and video sharing platform.

tacky2 /'tʌki/

showing poor taste and quality.

"even in her faintly tacky costumes, she won our hearts"

"Add to one's theory" means to provide an example, reason, or proof to support a theory.

stilted

/ˈstɪltɪd/

adjective

1.

(of a manner of talking or writing) stiff and self-conscious or unnatural.
"we made stilted conversation"

pussyfoot /'pʊsɪfʊt/ I. verb — [no obj., with adverbial] 1. act in a cautious or non-committal way • I realized I could no longer pussyfoot around. 2. move stealthily or warily • they make a great show of pussyfooting through the greenery.

A side hustle is a part-time job or small business that someone does in addition to their main job to earn extra income. Side hustles are also known as side jobs or side gigs.

congenital
/kən'dʒenɪtl/
adjective
(of a disease or physical abnormality) present from birth.
"a congenital malformation of the heart"

"An amputee" would work if the missing body part was the result of an amputation, if it was like that from birth I would recon"congenital amputee".

wired /'waɪəd/
in a nervous, tense, or edgy state.
"not much sleep lately—I'm a little wired"
under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
"wired on acid, Hendrix ran through his UK hits"

mechanical
/mɪ'kænɪkl/
adjective
1.
operated by a machine or machinery.
"a mechanical device"
2.
(of an action) done without thought or spontaneity; automatic.
"she stopped the mechanical brushing of her hair"

hopscotch /'hɒpskɒtʃ/ I. noun — [mass noun] 1. 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.

A scenic route, tourist road, tourist route, tourist drive, holiday route, theme route, or scenic byway is a specially designated road or waterway that travels through an area of natural or cultural beauty.

joyride
: a ride taken for pleasure (as in a car or aircraft)
especially : an automobile ride marked by reckless driving (as in a stolen car)
: conduct or action resembling a joyride especially in disregard of cost or consequences

Are you ready to rumble?: Are you ready to begin the fight? (Traditional phrase announced before a boxing or wrestling match) UK US

"I'm afraid this is also a fight to the death. Are you ready to rumble?"

Venmo is designed to be a peer-to-peer payments app that you can use to pay friends, local businesses, charities, and more.

non-starter

/nɒnˈstɑːtə/

noun

a person or animal that fails to take part in a race.

"Gawley wasn't the only non-starter at Donington"

informal

a person or plan that has no chance of succeeding or being effective.

"as a business proposition it's a non-starter"

teeter-totter /ˈtiːtətɒtə/ <N. Amer. dialect> I. noun a see-saw. • a playground with swings and teeter-totters. • <figurative> the teeter-totter of public opinion.

put one's affairs in order

ensure that one's financial and legal arrangements are properly organized, especially in preparation for one's death.

"before he died he put his affairs in order and updated his will"

refuse2

/ˈrefjuːs/

noun

noun: refuse

matter thrown away or rejected as worthless; rubbish.

"heaps of refuse"

repute

/rɪˈpjuːt/

noun

the opinion generally held of someone or something; the state of being regarded in a particular way.

"pollution could bring the authority's name into bad repute"

In a rap song, a "hook" refers to a catchy and memorable section that typically serves as the chorus.

cum laude

/ˌkʌm ˈlaʊdeɪ, kʌm ˈlɔːdeɪ/

North American

adverb

with distinction (with reference to university degrees and diplomas).

"he received his A.B. Degree cum laude"

adjective

denoting or holding a university degree achieved with distinction.

"Kathy is a cum laude graduate of Pennsylvania State University"

gibbous

/ˈɡɪbəʊs/

adjective

(of the moon) having the illuminated part greater than a semicircle and less than a circle.

convex or protuberant.

"his gibbous eyes"

so today my bio teacher told us to write in bullet point form in order to save time.

"Have you finished washing your car?" or "Are you done washing your car?"

An ectopic pregnancy is a pregnancy that occurs outside of the uterus, usually in a fallopian tube. It can also occur in the ovary, cervix, or abdomen, but this is rare.

eczema

/ˈɛks(ɪ)mə/

noun

a medical condition in which patches of skin become rough and inflamed with blisters which cause itching and bleeding.

out front

North American

at or to the front; in front.

"two station wagons stopped out front"

in the auditorium of a theatre.

"when Kieran did a soundcheck, I'd find a seat out front to watch"

The Brussels sprout is a member of the Gemmifera cultivar group of cabbages (*Brassica oleracea*), grown for its edible buds.

"That checks out" means "that makes sense" or "that is correct", but in the context here it is being used sarcastically to say that something doesn't make sense.

cootie

/ˈkuːti/

noun informal • North American

1.

a body louse.

"it has to be laundered immediately in case of cooties and is then tossed directly into the ironing basket."

2.

US

a children's term for an imaginary germ said to have infected a person of the opposite sex or someone considered socially undesirable.

"he would run around the playground and chase me around and I thought he had cooties"

go down

elicit a specified reaction.

"my slide shows went down reasonably well"

informal•North American

happen.

"you really don't know what's going down?"

stake /steɪk/

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

stake out

phrasal verb of stake

1.

mark an area with stakes so as to claim ownership of it.

"the boundary between the two manors was properly staked out"

keep a person or place under surveillance.

"they'd staked out Culley's house for half a day"

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

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

give away

reveal something secret.

"he gave away naval secrets"

reveal the true identity of someone.

"his strangely shaped feet gave him away"

yellow

/ˈjələʊ/

informal

not brave; cowardly.

"he'd better get back there quick and prove he's not yellow"

zesty /ˈzɛsti/

Something that's zesty is fun and exciting. The zesty crowd that attends your party is lively, enthusiastic, and maybe even a little bit loud.

on the skids

phrase of skid

informal

(of a person or their career) in a bad state; failing.

"I was on the skids but now I'm doing all right"

incontinence
/ɪnˈkɒntɪnəns/
noun

1.
lack of voluntary control over urination or defecation.
"causes of urinary incontinence"
2.
lack of self-restraint.
"the emotional incontinence of modern society"

welsh verb
/welʃ/
(also welch)
[intransitive] (disapproving, informal)
Verb Forms

welsh (on somebody/something) to not do something that you have promised to do, for example to not pay money that you owe
'I'm not in the habit of welshing on deals,' said Don.

"That's what's up" I think mostly means "That's what is happening." (where happening can also be an adjective meaning "trendy" ;))

vacay
/'veɪkeɪ/
noun informal • North American
a holiday.
"I'm in France right now, on vacay"

incel
/'ɪnsəl/
noun
a member of an online community of young men who consider themselves unable to attract women sexually, typically associated with views that are hostile towards women and men who are sexually active.
"self-identified incels have used the internet to find anonymous support"

"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.

celibate
/'sɛlɪbət/
adjective
abstaining from marriage and sexual relations, typically for religious reasons.
"a celibate priest"

avarice

/ˈav(ə)rɪs/

noun

extreme greed for wealth or material gain.

"he was rich beyond the dreams of avarice"

rout¹

/raʊt/

noun

1.

a disorderly retreat of defeated troops.

"the retreat degenerated into a rout"

defeat and cause to retreat in disorder.

"in a matter of minutes the attackers were routed"

stymie

/ˈstɪmi/

verb informal

prevent or hinder the progress of.

"the changes must not be allowed to stymie new medical treatments"

pine cone /ˈpaɪn kəʊn/

noun: pinecone

the conical or rounded woody fruit of a pine tree, with scales which open to release the seeds.

strident

/ˈstrɪdnt/

adjective

1.

(of a sound) loud and harsh; grating.

"his voice had become increasingly strident"

grating /ˈɡreɪtɪŋ/

sounding harsh and unpleasant.

"a high, grating voice"

discretionary

/dɪˈskrɛʃən(ə)rɪ/

adjective

available for use at the discretion of the user.

"there has been an increase in year-end discretionary bonuses"

pulmonary

/ˈpʌlmən(ə)rɪ/

adjective

relating to the lungs.

"pulmonary blood flow"

engender

/ɪnˈdʒɛndə, ɛnˈdʒɛndə/

verb

cause or give rise to (a feeling, situation, or condition).

"the issue engendered continuing controversy"

cabby /ˈkabi / cabbie noun <informal> a taxi driver. • the cabby had some trouble finding my address.

sepsis

/ˈsɛpsɪs/

noun Medicine

a serious condition resulting from the presence of harmful microorganisms in the blood or other tissues and the body's response to their presence, potentially leading to the malfunctioning of various organs, shock, and death.

/ˈglʌv kəmˌpɑːt.mənt/

A glove compartment, also known as a glove box, is a small storage container in a car that's located on the dashboard and faces the front passenger seat. It's used to store small items,

jawn

/dʒɔːn/

noun dialect • US

(chiefly in eastern Pennsylvania) used to refer to a thing, place, person, or event that one need not or cannot give a specific name to.

"these jawns are very inexpensive"

criss-cross

/ˈkrɪskrɒs/

noun

a pattern of intersecting straight lines or paths.

"the blotting paper was marked with a criss-cross of different inks"

make waves

phrase of wave

informal

create a significant impression.

"he has already made waves as a sculptor"

cause trouble.

"I don't want to risk her welfare by making waves"

The phrase "it takes one to know one" suggests that only someone who possesses a certain quality, characteristic, or behavior can recognize it in others. It's often used in a context where someone accuses another person of a negative trait, implying that the accuser shares that same trait.

Wind shear, sometimes referred to as wind gradient, is a difference in wind speed and/or direction over a relatively short distance in the atmosphere.

shear

/ʃɪə/

a strain produced by pressure in the structure of a substance, when its layers are laterally shifted in relation to each other.

"the water from the upper source is emitted at the same speed as the main flow; there is thus no shear

a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

proverbial saying

—used to say that it is better to hold onto something one has than to risk losing it by trying to get something better

whiplash noun

/ˈwɪplæʃ/

[countable, usually singular] a hit with a whip

Her sharp voice cut the air like a whiplash.

[uncountable] a neck injury caused when your head moves forward and back suddenly, especially in a car accident

He was very bruised and suffering from whiplash.

play it by ear

informal

proceed instinctively according to results and circumstances rather than according to rules or a plan.

"we'll just have to play it by ear until we can get something definite sorted out"

call for

publicly ask for or demand something.

"the report calls for an audit of endangered species"

The Richter scale (/ˈrɪktər/), also called the Richter magnitude scale, Richter's magnitude scale, and the Gutenberg–Richter scale, is a measure of the strength of earthquakes, developed by Charles Richter in collaboration with Beno Gutenberg

shan't /ʃɑːnt/

Drawbridge means that its parts are mobile from time to time and are lifted up to let ships pass.

put on airs

idiom

: to act in a way that shows one thinks one is better than other people

Some of her old friends have accused her of putting on airs since she became wealthy.

The most common collocation is "apoplectic with rage". He was apoplectic with rage.

bailiwick

/ˈbeɪlɪwɪk/

noun

1.

one's sphere of operations or area of interest.

"after the war, the Middle East remained his bailiwick"

2.

Law

the district or jurisdiction of a bailie or bailiff.

"the warden had the right to arrest all poachers found within his bailiwick"

tawdry

/ˈtɔːdri/

adjective

showy but cheap and of poor quality.

"tawdry jewellery"

skank /skaŋk/

derogatory•informal

a disreputable or sleazy person.

(derogatory, slang) A lewd and disreputable person, often female, especially an unattractive person with an air of tawdry promiscuity.

coddle¹

/ˈkɒdl/

verb

1.

treat (someone) in an indulgent or overprotective way.

"I was coddled and cosseted"

ambulatory

/ˈambjʊlət(ə)ri/

adjective

relating to or adapted for walking.

"continuous ambulatory dialysis"

apoplexy

/ˈapəpleksi/

informal

extreme anger.

"the decision has aroused apoplexy among environmentalists"

total

/ˈtəʊtl/

informal•North American

damage (something, typically a vehicle) beyond repair; wreck.

"he almost totalled the car"

bow out

withdraw or retire from an activity or role.

"she handed in a resignation letter, deciding it was an appropriate time for her to bow out"

surfeit

/ˈsəːfɪt/

noun

an excessive amount of something.

"a surfeit of food and drink"

sullen

/ˈsʌlən/

adjective

bad-tempered and sulky.

"a sullen pout"

vehement

/ˈviːɪm(ə)nt/

adjective

showing strong feeling; forceful, passionate, or intense.

"her voice was low but vehement"

efface

/ɪˈfeɪs/

verb

1.

erase (a mark) from a surface.

"with time, the words are effaced by the rain"

2.

make oneself appear insignificant or inconspicuous.

"to efface oneself is not the easiest of duties which the teacher can undertake"

gazette

/gəˈzɛt/

noun

a journal or newspaper.

"the Westmorland Gazette"

emissary

/ˈɛmɪs(ə)ri/

noun

a person sent as a diplomatic representative on a special mission.

stymie

/ˈstɪmi/

verbinformal

prevent or hinder the progress of.

"the changes must not be allowed to stymie new medical treatments"

forebode

/fɔːˈbəʊd/

verbarchaic

(of a situation or occurrence) act as an advance warning of (something bad).

"this lull foreboded some new assault upon him"

bode

/bəʊd/

verb

be a portent of a particular outcome.

"their argument did not bode well for the future"

Shawty (/ˈʃɔːti/), shorty, shauty or shortie is a slang term from African American Vernacular English used generally as a nonspecific term of endearment.

fanfare

/ˈfænfɜː/

consolidate

/kənˈsɒlɪdeɪt/

verb

1.

make (something) physically stronger or more solid.

"the first phase of the project is to consolidate the outside walls"

2.

combine (a number of things) into a single more effective or coherent whole.

"all manufacturing activities have been consolidated in new premises"

Do you have a desk job?"

gridlock /ˈɡrɪdlɒk/ 1. 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).

If traffic is backed up, the vehicles have to wait in a long line because there are too many of them:

The traffic is backed up for six miles on the road to the coast.

stifle1 /ˈstɪfl(ə)/

restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself acting on (an emotion) • she stifled a giggle. 3. prevent or constrain (an activity or idea) • high taxes were stifling private enterprise.

pouch

/paʊtʃ/

noun

1.

a small flexible bag, typically carried in a pocket or attached to a belt.

"a tobacco pouch"

A waist bag, fanny pack, belt bag, moon bag, belly bag (American English), or bum bag (British English) gee bag (Irish English) is a small fabric pouch worn like a belt around the waist by use of a strap above the hips that is secured usually with some sort of buckle.

penchant

/ˈpɒʃɒ̃/

noun

a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something.

"he has a penchant for adopting stray dogs"

effrontery

/ɪˈfrʌnt(ə)ri/

noun

insolent or impertinent behaviour.

"one juror had the effrontery to challenge the coroner's decision"

quash

/kwɒʃ/

verb

reject as invalid, especially by legal procedure.

"his conviction was quashed on appeal"

put an end to; suppress.

"a hospital executive quashed rumours that nursing staff will lose jobs"

and what have you

and other similar things:

There were a couple of bags full of old records, magazines, and what have you.

welter¹

/ˈwɛltə/

verb literary

1.

move in a turbulent fashion.

"the streams foam and welter"

2.

lie soaked in blood.

effulgent

/ɪˈfʌldʒ(ə)nt/

adjective literary

shining brightly; radiant.

(of a person or their expression) emanating joy or goodness.

"standing there was my father with the most effulgent smile on his face"

fulminate

/ˈfʊlmaɪnɪt, ˈfʌlmaɪnɪt/

verb

1.

express vehement protest.

"he fulminated against the evils of his time"

literary

explode violently or flash like lightning.

"thunder fulminated around the house"

meddlesome

/ˈmɛdls(ə)m/

adjective

fond of meddling; interfering.

"heaven rid him of meddlesome politicians!"

connive

/kəˈnɪv/

verb

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

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

obstreperous

/əbˈstreɪp(ə)rəs/

adjective

noisy and difficult to control.

"the boy is cocky and obstreperous"

ethereal

/ɪˈθɪəriəl/

adjective

1.

extremely delicate and light in a way that seems not to be of this world.

"her ethereal beauty"

tenable

/ˈtɛnəbl/

adjective

1.

able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection.

"such a simplistic approach is no longer tenable"

ableism

/ˈeɪbəlɪz(ə)m/

noun

discrimination in favour of able-bodied people.

"a person with a disability can struggle with ableism"

dispensary

/dɪˈspɛns(ə)ri/

noun

1.

a room where medicines are prepared and provided.

2.

a clinic provided by public or charitable funds.

roll with (someone or something)

1. To associate and spend time with someone.

Tom's been rolling with some really shady people lately.

The celebrity always rolls with an entourage of at least 10 people.

2. To deal with and adapt to unexpected changes, setbacks, or challenges.

Look, we've just got to roll with the committee's decision. There's no use whining about it.

I had no idea it was going to be a double date, but I decided to just roll with it, and it actually turned out to be fun.

jumbotron

/ˈdʒʌmbəʊtrɒn/

noun North American

a very large video display screen of a type used in venues such as sports stadiums.

copulate

/ˈkɒpjʊleɪt/

verb

have sexual intercourse.

"only the dominant male copulates with the female"

owie /ˈaʊ(w)i:/ (plural owies)

(colloquial, Canada, US, childish) A painful but minor injury.

flare

/flɛ:/

flair

/flɛ:/

noun

1.

a special or instinctive aptitude or ability for doing something well.

"she had a flair for languages"

stylishness and originality.

"she dressed with flair"

slew1

/slu:/

verb

1.

turn or slide violently or uncontrollably.

"the Renault slewed from side to side in the snow"

2.

(of an electronic device) undergo slewing.

a large number or quantity of something.

"he asked me a slew of questions"

Tabula rasa (/ˈtæbjələ ˈrɑːsə, -zə, ˈreɪ-/; Latin for "blank slate") is the idea of individuals being born empty of any built-in mental content, so that all knowledge comes from later perceptions or sensory experiences.

blandly

/ˈblandli/

adverb

in an uninteresting manner that lacks strong emotion, features, or characteristics.

"he smiled blandly at me"

gopher¹

/ˈgəʊfə/

noun

1.

a burrowing rodent with fur-lined pouches on the outside of the cheeks, found in North and Central America.

2.

a tortoise of dry sandy regions that excavates tunnels as shelter from the sun, native to the southern US.

Spur Point Drill Bits

three-way

adjective

1

: involving three people or groups

a three-way conversation/deal/partnership

2

: allowing movement in any one of three directions

a three-way intersection

Daniel "Danny" Zuko (born 1940) is one of the main characters in Grease.

void /vɔɪd/

excrete (waste matter).

"it cannot be metabolized and is voided in the urine"

carve out

take something from a larger whole, especially with effort or difficulty.

"the company hopes to carve out a greater share of the \$20 bn market"

2.

establish a career, role, or reputation for oneself through hard work.

"he managed to carve out a successful photographic career for himself"

carve up

divide something ruthlessly into separate areas or parts.

"West Africa was carved up by the Europeans"

one up

gain an advantage over.

"he deftly one-upped the interrogator"

agoraphobic

/,ag(ə)rə'fəʊbɪk/

agoraphobia

/,ag(ə)rə'fəʊbiə/

noun

extreme or irrational fear of entering open or crowded places, of leaving one's own home, or of being in places from which escape is difficult.

"he suffers from crippling agoraphobia, which prevents him from going outside"

engender

/ɪn'dʒɛndə,ɛn'dʒɛndə/

verb

cause or give rise to (a feeling, situation, or condition).

"the issue engendered continuing controversy"

sleazy

/'sli:zi/

adjective

1.

(of a person or situation) sordid, corrupt, or immoral.

"a sleazy private detective"

clerk

/klɑ:k/

wear a wire

To wear a concealed electronic device (traditionally involving wires taped to one's body) in order to record private conversations.

The FBI want me to wear a wire and incriminate my bosses.

If they discover that he's wearing a wire, they'll have him killed!

tumble

/'tʌmbəl/

perform acrobatic feats, typically handsprings and somersaults in the air.

Over the top" is an idiom that means something is exaggerated, excessive, or unacceptable.

impecunious

/ˌɪmpɪˈkjuːniəs/

adjective

having little or no money.

"a titled but impecunious family"

gerrymander

/ˈdʒɛrɪmændə/

verb

manipulate the boundaries of (an electoral constituency) so as to favour one party or class.

impeach

/ɪmˈpiːtʃ/

verb

1.

(especially in the US) charge (the holder of a public office) with misconduct.

demarcation

/ˌdiːmɑːˈkeɪʃn/

noun

the action of fixing the boundary or limits of something.

"the demarcation of the maritime border"

Doug

/dʌɡ/

gather (a)round (someone or something)

1. To convene or assemble around a particular person or thing.

All of the kids eagerly gathered around Santa Claus.

Come on, fellas, gather round the campfire!

Everyone, gather round—I only want to give these instructions once.

2. To cause people to convene or assemble around oneself or a particular person or thing. In

this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "gather" and "(a)round."

Santa Claus gathered all of the children around himself to hand out gifts.

Please gather everyone around the table for dessert.

Once I put out the birthday cake, can you gather the kids around it?

drone verb

/drəʊn/

to make a continuous low noise

A plane was droning in the distance.

a droning voice

I fell asleep to the sound of their voices droning through the warm afternoon.

soufflé /ˈsuːˌfleɪ/

power bottom

Bottom = is penetrated and top = does penetrating. Often this is stereotyped as bottom = submissive and top = dominant because of heteronormative views on sex, but the original meaning just refers to gay anal sex roles.

rank and file

/ˌrʌŋk (ə)n(d) ˈfaɪl/

noun

the ordinary members of an organization as opposed to its leaders.

"the rank and file of the Labour Party"

stenography

/stɪˈnɒɡrəfi, stɛˈnɒɡrəfi/

noun North American

the action or process of writing in shorthand and transcribing the shorthand on a typewriter.

smack¹

/smak/

a sharp slap or blow, typically one given with the palm of the hand.

"she gave Mark a smack across the face"

have a flavour of; taste of.

"the tea smacked strongly of tannin"

cud

/kʌd/

noun

partly digested food returned from the first stomach of ruminants to the mouth for further chewing.

ruminate

/ˈruːmɪneɪt/

verb

1.

think deeply about something.

"we sat ruminating on the nature of existence"

ruminant

/ˈruːmɪnənt/

noun

1.

an even-toed ungulate mammal that chews the cud regurgitated from its rumen. The ruminants comprise the cattle, sheep, antelopes, deer, giraffes, and their relatives.

flimsy

/ˈflɪmzi/

adjective

insubstantial and easily damaged.

"a flimsy barrier"

sultry

/ˈsʌltri/

adjective

1.

(of the air or weather) hot and humid.

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

dredge¹

/drɛdʒ/

bring something unwelcome and forgotten or obscure to people's attention.

"I don't understand why you had to dredge up this story"

rapt

/rapt/

adjective

1.

completely fascinated or absorbed by what one is seeing or hearing.

"a rapt teenage audience"

unitard

/ˈjuːnɪtɑːd/

noun

a tight-fitting one-piece garment of stretchable fabric which covers the body from the neck to the knees or feet.

Corinthian

/kəˈrɪnθiən/

adjective

1.

belonging or relating to Corinth, especially the ancient city.

"Corinthian vase-painters"

2.

involving the highest standards of amateur sportsmanship.

"a club embodying the Corinthian spirit"

convivial

/kənˈvɪvɪəl/

adjective

(of an atmosphere or event) friendly, lively, and enjoyable.

"a convivial cocktail party"

(of a person) cheerful and friendly; jovial.

"she was relaxed and convivial"

galosh

/gəˈlɒʃ/

noun

plural noun: galoshes
a waterproof overshoe, typically made of rubber.

booster seat
noun
an extra seat or cushion placed on an existing seat for a small child to sit on.

aforementioned
/ə'fɔːməntʃnd, ə'fɔː'mentʃnd/
adjective
denoting a thing or person previously mentioned.
"songs from the aforementioned album"

shiz /fɪz/(uncountable)

(vulgar, slang) shit; excrement
(vulgar, slang) something cool, e.g. 'That's the shiz' meaning 'That's awesome' or 'That's really cool'.

what (in) the deuce
An exclamation used to emphasize surprise, shock, or bafflement. ("Deuce" is a minced oath in place of the word "devil.")
Just what the deuce is going on here?
What in the deuce? I just put my sandwich down, and now it's gone!

pass out
informal.
intr to become unconscious; faint
intr (esp of an officer cadet) to qualify for a military commission; complete a course of training satisfactorily
General Smith passed out from Sandhurst in 1933

tr to distribute

bid1
/bɪd/
an attempt or effort to achieve something.
"he made a bid for power in 1984"

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

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

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

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

dong1

/dɒŋ/

vulgar slang

Hide definition

a man's penis.

tourniquet

/'tʊənɪkeɪ, 'tɔːnɪkeɪ, 'təːnɪkeɪ/

noun

a device for stopping the flow of blood through a vein or artery, typically by compressing a limb with a cord or tight bandage.

crunch (the) numbers

idiom

: to process numbers : to examine and analyze numbers, especially to determine exactly how much money is available, needed, etc.

When we sat down to crunch the numbers we realized that we couldn't afford a new car.

sepia

/'siːpiə/

noun

1.

a reddish-brown colour associated particularly with monochrome photographs of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

"old sepia photographs"

2.

a blackish fluid secreted by a cuttlefish as a defensive screen.

downright

/'daʊnrʌɪt/

adjective

1.

(of something bad or unpleasant) utter; complete (used for emphasis).

"it's a downright disgrace"

coarse

/kɔːs/

(of a person or their speech) rude or vulgar.

"a man of coarse speech"

A shotgun shack is a narrow, rectangular house with rooms arranged in a straight line, one behind the other, and doors at each end:

shack

/ʃæk/

noun

a roughly built hut or cabin.

verbinformal

move in or live with someone as a lover.

"they won't believe I've shacked up with someone so good-looking"

bigotry

/ˈbɪɡətɹi/

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"

ringlet

/ˈrɪŋlɪt/

noun

plural noun: ringlets

1.

a lock of hair hanging in a corkscrew-shaped curl.

"her hair fell loose in ringlets"

2.

a brown butterfly with wings bearing eyespots.

runaway

/ˈrʌnəweɪ/

noun

1.

a person who has run away, especially from their family or an institution.

"a teenage runaway"

water down phrasal verb

water something down

to make a liquid weaker by adding water


braised

/breɪzd/

adjective

(of food) fried lightly and then stewed slowly in a closed container.

"braised veal"

How do you get there from here? 

Can you tell me how to get from "Point A" to "Point B"?

complimentary

/ˌkɒmplɪˈment(ə)ri/

given or supplied free of charge.

"a complimentary bottle of wine"

trip1

/trɪp/

an exciting or stimulating experience.

"it was quite a trip talking to you"

mentor

/'mentɔː/

noun

an experienced and trusted adviser.

"he was her friend and mentor until his death"

pariah

/pə'ɹɪə/

noun

1.

an outcast.

"they were treated as social pariahs"

caveat

/'kævɪət/

noun

a warning or proviso of specific stipulations, conditions, or limitations.

"there are a number of caveats which concern the validity of the assessment results"

commonality

/'kɒmə'nælɪti/

noun

1.

the state of sharing features or attributes.

"the explanations show a high degree of commonality in their reasoning"

2.

another term for commonalty.

"noble intent lifts you as hero above the commonality"

get off on something

to become excited by something:

He really gets off on those little porcelain figurines.

digg

informal

a remark intended to mock or criticize.

"she never missed an opportunity to have a dig at him"

dead on

exactly right.

"her judgement was dead on"

ratty

/'rati/

informal•British

bad-tempered and irritable.

"I was a bit ratty with the children"

transgression

/trɑːnz'grɛʃn, trɑnz'grɛʃn/

noun

an act that goes against a law, rule, or code of conduct; an offence.

"I'll be keeping an eye out for further transgressions"

pensive

/'pɛnsɪv/

adjective

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

"a pensive mood"

perennial

/pə'reɪniəl/

adjective

1.

lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time; enduring or continually recurring.

"his perennial distrust of the media"

If you say that something happens all down the line, or right down the line, you mean that it happens in every case.

[informal]

Excellent acting all down the line captures the sound and feeling of that semi-feudal age.

Democrats and Republicans differed right down the line on what the proper responses were.

cone of silence

in American English

noun

a space, in the shape of an inverted cone, above a radio beacon, in which there is a sharp reduction in the intensity of transmitted signals

in force.

"a moratorium in effect since 1985 has been lifted"

in practice, even if not formally acknowledged.

"the minister's powers allow him, in effect, to ban programmes"

game something out

to plan how to deal with something by considering what could happen in various possible situations:

They spent four hours in a meeting gaming out a plan.

There are many things that can go wrong in an invasion and he really has not gamed it out.

attest

/ə'test/

verb

1.

provide or serve as clear evidence of.

"his status is attested by his becoming an alderman"

2.

historical

enrol as ready for military service.

"unfortunately for him, he attested"

collimate

/ˈkɒlɪmeɪt/

verb

make (rays of light or particles) accurately parallel.

"the caesium atoms are collimated into a narrow beam"

accurately set the alignment of (an optical or other system).

"manuals give detailed instructions for collimating the optics"

décolletage

/ˌdeɪkɒlɪˈtɑːʒ, deɪˈkɒltɑːʒ/

noun

a low neckline on a woman's dress or top.

a woman's cleavage as revealed by a low neckline on a dress or top.

magnate

/ˈmagneɪt/

noun

a wealthy and influential businessman or businesswoman.

"a property magnate"

cataclysm

/ˈkætəklɪz(ə)m/

noun

a large-scale and violent event in the natural world.

"the cataclysm at the end of the Cretaceous Period"

a sudden violent political or social upheaval.

"the cataclysm of the First World War"

lesion

/ˈliːʒn/

nounMedicine

a region in an organ or tissue which has suffered damage through injury or disease, such as a wound, ulcer, abscess, or tumour.

en garde

(fencing) The command to go to starting positions; used regardless of language of the participants; in the sequence "en garde, prêts, allez".

ruffle someone's feathers

idiom

Add to word list

to upset or annoy someone:

She knows how to ruffle his feathers.

takeaway /'teɪkəweɪ/

noun

1.

British

a restaurant or shop selling cooked food to be eaten elsewhere.

"a fast-food takeaway"

2.

a key fact, point, or idea to be remembered, typically one emerging from a discussion or meeting.

"the main takeaway for me is that we need to continue to communicate all the things we're doing for our customers"

incel

/ˈɪnsɛl/

noun

a member of an online community of young men who consider themselves unable to attract women sexually, typically associated with views that are hostile towards women and men who are sexually active.

"self-identified incels have used the internet to find anonymous support"

Don't juggle a map or GPS while driving; instead, pull over.

juggle /ˈdʒʌɡ(ə)/

organize (information or figures) in order to give a particular impression • the average first-time buyer spends many hours juggling figures as they try to budget for their first home.

• defence chiefs juggled the figures on bomb tests.

frazzled

/ˈfrazld/

adjectiveinformal

1.

showing the effects of exhaustion or strain.

"a long line of screaming children and frazzled parents"

2.

British

damaged by burning or exposure to heat.

"a leave-in conditioner for repairing frazzled hair"

flag down

phrasal verb of flag

signal to a vehicle to stop, especially by waving one's arm.

"she flagged down a police patrol car"

officious

/ə'fɪʃəs/

adjective

assertive of authority in a domineering way, especially with regard to trivial matters.

"the security people were very officious"

intrusively enthusiastic in offering help or advice; interfering.

"an officious bystander"

exonerate

/ɪg'zɒnəreɪt, ɛg'zɒnəreɪt/

verb

1.

(of an official body) absolve (someone) from blame for a fault or wrongdoing.

"an inquiry exonerated those involved"

stalwart

/'stɔːlwət, 'stɒlwət/

adjective

loyal, reliable, and hard-working.

"he remained a stalwart supporter of the cause"

encumber

/ɪn'kʌmbə, ɛn'kʌmbə/

verb

restrict or impede (someone or something) in such a way that free action or movement is difficult.

"she was encumbered by her heavy skirts"

fraudulent

/'frɔːdjʊlənt, 'frɔːdʒəl(ə)nt/

adjective

obtained, done by, or involving deception, especially criminal deception.

"fraudulent share dealing"

abjure

/əb'dʒʊə, əb'dʒɔː/

verb formal

solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim).

"MPs were urged to abjure their Jacobite allegiance"

punctilious

/ˌpʌŋ(k)'tɪlɪəs/

adjective

showing great attention to detail or correct behaviour.

"he was punctilious in providing every amenity for his guests"

haughty

/ˈhɔːti/

adjective

arrogantly superior and disdainful.

"a look of haughty disdain"

hauteur

/əʊˈtɜː/

noun

proud haughtiness of manner.

"she swept into the room with formidable hauteur"

obstreperous

/əbˈstreɪ(ə)rəs/

adjective

noisy and difficult to control.

"the boy is cocky and obstreperous"

vitriolic

/ˌvɪtriˈɒlɪk/

adjective

filled with bitter criticism or malice.

"vitriolic attacks on the politicians"

exalt

/ɪɡˈzɔːlt, ɛɡˈzɔːlt/

verb

1.

think or speak very highly of (someone or something).

"the party will continue to exalt their hero"

reprisal

/rɪˈpraɪzəl/

noun

an act of retaliation.

"three youths died in the reprisals which followed"

inviolable

/ɪnˈvɪələbəl/

adjective

free or safe from injury or violation.

"an international memorial which must remain inviolable"

overbear

/ˌəʊvəˈbeɪ/

verb

overcome by emotional pressure or physical force.

"his will had not been overborne by another's influence"

to bear over or down by weight or force:

With his superior strength he easily overbore his opponent in the fight.

gnaw at somebody

to make someone feel anxious, frightened, or uncomfortable over a long period of time

The problem had been gnawing at him for months.

Fear gnawed at her soul.

nemesis

/ˈnɛmɪsɪs/

noun

1.

the inescapable agent of someone's or something's downfall.

"injury, consistently his nemesis, struck him down during the match"

2.

a long-standing rival; an arch-enemy.

"will Harry Potter finally defeat his nemesis, Voldemort?"

chasten

/ˈtʃeɪs(ə)n/

verb

(of a rebuke or misfortune) have a restraining or moderating effect on.

"the director was somewhat chastened by his recent flops"

chastise

/tʃəˈstaɪz/

verb

rebuke or reprimand severely.

"he chastised his colleagues for their laziness"

dated

punish, especially by beating.

"the General cruelly chastised them with a whip"

cyst /sɪst/

noun

1.

Biology

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

punctual adjective

/ˈpʌŋktʃuəl/

happening or doing something at the arranged or correct time; not late

She has been reliable and punctual.

a punctual start at 9 o'clock

Always be punctual for an interview.

Punctual attendance at all classes is required.

perfunctory

/pəˈfʌŋ(k)t(ə)ri/

adjective

(of an action) carried out without real interest, feeling, or effort.

"he gave a perfunctory nod"

cutting-edge

highly advanced; innovative or pioneering.

"cutting-edge technology"

not have a prayer

phrase of prayer

informal

have no chance at all of succeeding at something.

avail of

phrasal verb of avail

formal

use or take advantage of an opportunity or available resource.

"my daughter did not avail herself of my advice"

aquifer

/ˈakwɪfə/

noun

a body of permeable rock which can contain or transmit groundwater.

tachycardia

/ˌtɑːkɪˈkɑːdiə/

noun

an abnormally rapid heart rate.

niblet

/ˈnɪblɪt/

nountrademark

a small piece of food, in particular a kernel of sweetcorn.

"bite-size niblets of chocolate"

scuffle /ˈskʌf(ə)/ I. noun 1. a short, confused fight or struggle at close quarters • there were minor scuffles with police. 2. an act or sound of moving in a hurried, confused, or shuffling manner • he heard the scuffle of feet.

snag1 /snag/

verb — [with obj.] 1. catch or tear (something) on a sharp projection • thorns snagged his sweater. 2. [no obj.] — become caught on a sharp projection • radio aerials snagged on bushes and branches. 3. (N. Amer.) <informal> catch or obtain • it's the first time they've snagged the star for a photo.

bomb

(the (or da) bomb) — (US) <informal> an outstandingly good person or thing • the site would really be da bomb if its content were updated more frequently. 10. a long forward pass or hit in a ball game • a two-run bomb.

nebulous

/ˈneɪbjʊləs/

adjective

1.

in the form of a cloud or haze; hazy.

"a giant nebulous glow"

(of a concept) vague or ill-defined.

"nebulous concepts like quality of life"

traipse /treɪps/ I. verb — [no obj., with adverbial of direction] 1. walk or move wearily or reluctantly • students had to traipse all over London to attend lectures. 2. walk about casually or needlessly • there's people traipsing in and out all the time.

promise /ˈprɒmɪs/

2. [in sing.] — an indication that something is likely to occur • dawn came with the promise of fine weather.

on (one's) heels

1. (Following) very close behind one, often persistently and to one's annoyance.

I'm a preschool teacher, so I've had toddlers on my heels all day.

The interior designer can't get any work done with your puppy on her heels!

cisgender

/sɪsˈdʒɛndə/

adjective

denoting or relating to a person whose gender identity corresponds with the sex registered for them at birth; not transgender.

"this new-found attention to the plight of black trans folks by primarily cisgender allies is timely and necessary"

A chamber in the body is a closed space or hollow cavity within the body, such as a natural sinus.

brash¹

/braʃ/

adjective

self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way.

"he was brash, cocky, and arrogant"

self-assertion

/ˌsɛlfəˈsɜːʃn/

noun

noun: self-assertion

the confident and forceful expression or promotion of oneself, one's views, or one's desires.

"her self-assertion was born from a confident determination to succeed"

dewy

/ˈdjuːi/

adjective

1.

wet with dew.

2.

(of a person's skin) appearing soft and lustrous.

giddy-up

/ˈɡɪɪʌp, ɡɪɪˈʌp/

exclamation

said to make a horse start moving or go faster.

"'Giddy-up!' he cried and cracked his whip"

If you make a fool of someone, you make them seem silly by telling people about something stupid that they have done, or by tricking them.

spaz

/spaz/

offensive

noun

an incompetent or uncoordinated person.

verbUS

lose physical or emotional control.

I'm just high on caffeine twenty four sevs.

hurtle

/ˈhɜːtl/

verb

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

"a runaway car hurtled towards them"

peddle

/ˈpɛdl/

try to sell (something, especially small items) by going from place to place.

"he peddled printing materials around the country"

He worked as a door-to-door salesman peddling cloths and brushes.

to peddle illegal drugs

promote (an unreliable or untrue idea or view).

"he criticized his fellow candidate for peddling risky ideas"

peddle something (usually disapproving) to spread an idea or story in order to get people to accept it

to peddle malicious gossip

This line (= publicly stated opinion) is being peddled by all the government spokesmen.

outlast

/ˌaʊtˈlɑːst/

verb

live or last longer than.

"the kind of beauty that will outlast youth"

sharp

/ʃɑːp/

adverb

1.

precisely (used after an expression of time).

"the meeting starts at 7.30 sharp"

be no skin off someone's nose

idiom (US also be no skin off someone's back)

used when you want to say that it makes no difference to you what someone else does or thinks:

It's no skin off my nose if you don't take my advice.

discretion

/dɪˈskrɛʃn/

noun

1.

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"

solstice

/ˈsɒlstɪs/

noun

the time or date (twice each year) at which the sun reaches its maximum or minimum declination, marked by the longest and shortest days (about 21 June and 22 December).

and everything

phrase of everything

informal

used to refer vaguely to other things associated with what has been mentioned.

"you'll still get paid and everything"

Hasta la vista

elucidate

/ɪˈl(j)uːsɪdeɪt/

verb

make (something) clear; explain.

"work such as theirs will help to elucidate this matter"

lounge /laʊn(d)ʒ/ I. verb — [no obj., with adverbial of place] 1. lie, sit, or stand in a relaxed or lazy way • several students were lounging about reading papers.

breeze¹ /bri:z/

verb — [no obj., with adverbial of direction] 1. <informal> come or go in a casual or light-hearted manner • Roger breezed into her office.

the bane of somebody/something something that causes trouble and makes people unhappy
The neighbours' kids are the bane of my life.

The poor train service has been the bane of commuters for years.

bane /beɪn/ I. noun — [usu. in sing.] 1. a cause of great distress or annoyance • the telephone was the bane of my life. 2. <archaic> something, especially poison, which causes death.

make a crack

To say something particularly sarcastic, ironic, insolent, or snide.

I've had enough of you two making cracks from the back of class. Go to the principal's office, now!

Someone in the audience made a crack about his weight, and the whole place went deathly quiet.

be not above something

idiom

(also be not above doing something)

to be willing to do something, especially something that is not what people expect you to do or think you should do:

He's not above lying to protect himself.

For all her high mindedness, she was not above certain small deceptions.

Despite being assistant director, he was not above taking out the rubbish or sweeping the floor.

stupendous

/stju:'pɛndəs, stjʊ'pɛndəs/

adjective

extremely impressive.

"the most stupendous views"

daub

/dɔ:b/

verb

carelessly coat or smear (a surface) with a thick or sticky substance.

"the walls were daubed with splashes of paint"

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"

largesse /lɑː'(d)ʒɛs / largess l. noun — [mass noun] 1. generosity in bestowing money or gifts upon others • presumably public money is not dispensed with such largesse to anyone else. 2. money or gifts given generously • the distribution of largesse to the local population.

force someone's hand

make someone do something.

asterism /'astərɪz(ə)m/ l. noun 1. [Astronomy] a prominent pattern or group of stars that is smaller than a constellation. 2. a group of three asterisks (**) drawing attention to a piece of text.

gubernatorial

/,guːbəneɪ'tɔːriəl/

adjective

relating to a governor, particularly that of a state in the US.

"a gubernatorial election"

armistice /'ɑːmɪstɪs/ l. noun an agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time; a truce. • the Italian government signed an armistice with the Allies.

approbation

/,aprə(ʊ)'beɪʃn/

nounformal

approval or praise.

"a term of approbation"

a raw deal informal

a situation in which someone receives unfair or harsh treatment.

"pensioners have had a raw deal"

cavalier /,kavə'liə/

showing a lack of proper concern; offhand • Anne was irritated by his cavalier attitude.

Achilles heel /ə'kɪliːz'hiːl/

countermand /,kaʊntə'mɑːnd/ l. verb — [with obj.] 1. revoke or cancel (an order) • an order to arrest the strike leaders had been countermanded. 2. revoke or cancel an order issued by (another person) • he was already countermanding her. 3. declare (a vote or election) invalid. • the election commission has countermanded voting on the grounds of intimidation.

adroit

/əˈdrɔɪt/

adjective

clever or skilful.

"he was adroit at tax avoidance"

maladroit /ˌmaləˈdrɔɪt/ I. adjective inefficient or inept; clumsy. • both men are unhappy about the maladroit way the matter has been handled.

artefact

/ˈɑːtɪfakt/

proselytize

/ˈprɒsɪlɪtaɪz/

verb

convert or attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another.

"the programme did have a tremendous evangelical effect, proselytizing many"

posthumous

/ˈpɒstʃʊməs/

adjective

occurring, awarded, or appearing after the death of the originator.

"he was awarded a posthumous Military Cross"

(of a child) born after the death of its father.

"Newton was the posthumous son of an illiterate yeoman"

hubris

/ˈh(j)uːbrɪs/

noun

excessive pride or self-confidence.

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

facile

/ˈfasɪl/

adjective

1.

ignoring the true complexities of an issue; superficial.

"facile generalizations"

(especially of success in sport) easily achieved; effortless.

"a facile seven-lengths victory"

sordid

/ˈsɔːdɪd/

adjective

1.

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

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

squalid

/ˈskwɒlɪd/

adjective

(of a place) extremely dirty and unpleasant, especially as a result of poverty or neglect.

"the squalid, overcrowded prison"

travesty

/ˈtravɪsti/

noun

a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something.

"the absurdly lenient sentence is a travesty of justice"

get the shaft

To be exploited, cheated, or taken advantage of; to be treated unfairly.

Whenever a crappy job comes around, I'm always the one who gets the shaft.

Once again it's folks living in rural communities who end up getting the shaft.

Why did I get the shaft all of a sudden? I've been a loyal employee for 10 years!

"With all due haste" signifies an urgency in accomplishing

a task or goal. It implies a diligence and single-mindedness

in completing an assignment or filling a need.

The correct phrase is "invest in." You invest in something or someone. For example, you can say:

"I want to invest in stocks." "We should invest in technology companies." "They decided to invest in real estate."

Using "invest on" is not a standard or grammatically correct expression in this context.

bend over backwards

phrase of backwards

informal

make every effort to achieve something, especially to be fair or helpful.

"we have bent over backwards to ensure a fair trial for the defendants"

pious

/ˈpiːəs/

adjective

1.

devoutly religious.

"a deeply pious woman"

schmuck

/ʃmʌk/

noun informal•North American

a foolish or contemptible person.

"you've really got to be some schmuck to fall for that one"

drop the ball

phrase of drop

informal•North American

make a mistake; mishandle things.

"I really dropped the ball on this one"

infatuate

/ɪnˈfætʃueɪt/

verb

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

"she is infatuated with a handsome police chief"

replete

/rɪˈpli:t/

adjective

filled or well-supplied with something.

"sensational popular fiction, replete with adultery and sudden death"

fall in line

phrase of fall

conform with others.

"she defiantly pledges not to fall into line with the masses"

springboard

/ˈsprɪŋbɔ:d/

noun

1.

a strong, flexible board from which someone may jump in order to gain added impetus when performing a dive or a gymnastic movement.

nexus

/ˈnɛksəs/

noun

1.

a connection or series of connections linking two or more things.

"the nexus between industry and political power"

2.

a central or focal point.

"the nexus of any government in this country is No. 10"

bleed someone dry

idiom informal

Add to word list

to take a lot of money from someone over a period of time:

The West is bleeding poorer countries dry through interest payments on their debts.

on one's toes

ready for any eventuality; alert.

"he carries out random spot checks to keep everyone on their toes"

"Barrel down" is an idiom that means to move very fast in a straight line, often with a sense of urgency or force:

"The car barreled down the street at a crazy speed".

"He came barreling down the hill and smashed into the fence".

"They watched the boulder barrel down the hill".

shake up phrasal verb

shake something up

to make important changes in an organization, a profession, etc. in order to make it more efficient

The whole industry needs shaking up.

run for office, election, president, etc.

to compete in an election:

He's running for mayor again this year.

She is considering running for office.

After leaving the firm, he decided to run for a seat on the council.

She declared today her intention to run for president in the next national election.

Our organization's goal is to inspire more young people to run for election to local offices.

The two people running for sheriff in this year's election will have to answer difficult questions regarding funding and police presence in town.

jack something up a. raise something, especially a vehicle, with a jack. b. <informal> increase something by a considerable amount • France jacked up its key bank interest rate.

If you are drafted, you are ordered to serve in the armed forces, usually for a limited period of time.

tirade /tɪˈreɪd, tɪˈreɪd/ l. noun a long, angry speech of criticism or accusation • a tirade of abuse.

A commercial driver's license (CDL) is a driver's license required in the United States to operate large and heavy vehicles (including trucks, buses, and trailers) or a vehicle of any size that transports hazardous materials or more than 15 passengers (including the driver).

lackey /ˈlæki/ l. noun 1. a servant, especially a liveried footman or manservant. • lackeys were waiting to help them from the carriage. 2. <derogatory> a person who is obsequiously willing to obey or serve another person. • he denied that he was the lackey of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

wage war (on someone or something)

1. To instigate or initiate war against some other country or group of people.

Under the rule of its new dictator, the country has begun waging war on its neighbors in an attempt to consolidate power.

A severe depletion of resources led several tribes in the region to wage war for many years.

2. To attempt to eliminate, destroy, or overpower someone, something, or some group.

The new president vowed to wage war on corruption in Washington.

The extremist wing of the political party has been waging war on any and all groups that disagree with their opinion in any capacity.

palliative

/ˈpaliətɪv/

adjective

(of a medicine or form of medical care) relieving symptoms without dealing with the cause of the condition.

"palliative drugs"

palliate

/ˈpaliɪt/

verb

1.

make (a disease or its symptoms) less severe without removing the cause.

"treatment works by palliating symptoms"

adroit

/əˈdroɪt/

adjective

clever or skilful.

"he was adroit at tax avoidance"

pierce (a cask) to draw out liquid.

"he watched a pot boy broach a new cask"

cask

/kɑːsk/

noun

a large container like a barrel, made of wood, metal or plastic and used for storing liquids, typically alcoholic drinks.

"the wine is stored in oak casks"

broach¹

/brəʊtʃ/

verb

1.

raise (a difficult subject) for discussion.

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

Deposit and down payment—two words that are commonly used and often interchanged. While they're both upfront costs in the home buying process, the two terms are entirely different.

A deposit is money you attach to an offer to show a home seller that you're interested in buying their property. A down payment is a percentage of the home price you pay upfront to close the purchase of a house.

I have to make a down payment on the condo.

marquee

/mɑːˈkiː/

noun

1.

British

a large tent used for social or commercial functions.

2.

North American

a canopy projecting over the entrance to a theatre, hotel, or other building.

all in all

phrase of all

on the whole.

"all in all it's been a good year"

juncture

/ˈdʒʌŋ(k)tʃə/

noun

1.

a particular point in events or time.

"it is difficult to say at this juncture whether this upturn can be sustained"

nomenclature

/nə(ʊ)ˈmɛŋklətʃə/

noun

the devising or choosing of names for things, especially in a science or other discipline.

"the Linnean system of zoological nomenclature"

the body or system of names used in a particular specialist field.

plural noun: nomenclatures

"the students found it hard to decipher the nomenclature of chemical compounds"

formal

the term or terms applied to someone or something.

"'customers' was preferred to the original nomenclature 'passengers'"

A security detail is a team of people who are assigned to protect the safety of a person or group.

vindicate

/ˈvɪndɪkeɪt/

verb

clear (someone) of blame or suspicion.

"hospital staff were vindicated by the inquest verdict"
show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified.
"more sober views were vindicated by events"

exult
/ɪgˈzʌlt, ɛgˈzʌlt/
verb
feel or show triumphant elation or jubilation.
"exulting in her escape, Lisa closed the door behind her"

avail
/əˈveɪl/
verb
1.
literary
help or benefit.
"no amount of struggle availed Charles"

score
/skɔː/
informal
succeed in attracting a sexual partner for a casual encounter.
"he thought he could score with women by telling crude jokes"

kink
/kɪŋk/
a sharp twist or curve in something that is otherwise straight.
"a kink in the road"

The floss is a popular dance in which a person repeatedly swings their arms, with clenched fists, from the back of their body to the front, on each side.

A cuddle party (or a cuddle puddle or snuggle party) is an event designed with the intention of allowing people to experience nonsexual group physical intimacy through cuddling.

the long and (the) short of it
spoken used when you are telling someone the most important facts about something rather than all the details
The long and the short of it is that we missed the train.

burn1
/bɜːn/
informal
a particularly cutting insult.
noun: sick burn; plural noun: sick burns
"he's been on the receiving end of his fair share of sick burns"

inception

/ɪnˈsɛpʃn/

noun

the establishment or starting point of an institution or activity.

"she has been on the board since its inception two years ago"

brinkmanship

/'brɪŋkmənʃɪp/

noun

the art or practice of pursuing a dangerous policy to the limits of safety before stopping, especially in politics.

"in any game of brinkmanship, it is possible that one side will collapse suddenly"

overture

/'əʊvətʃʊə/

noun

1.

an orchestral piece at the beginning of an opera, play, etc.

"the overture to Mozart's 'Don Giovanni'"

an approach or proposal made to someone with the aim of opening negotiations or establishing a relationship.

"he began making overtures to British merchant banks"

quixotic

/kwɪkˈsɒtɪk/

adjective

adjective: quixotic

extremely idealistic; unrealistic and impractical.

"a vast and perhaps quixotic project"

tacky1

/'tʌki/

adjective

(of glue, paint, or other substances) not fully dry and retaining a slightly sticky feel.

"the paint was still tacky"

sprig1

/sprɪɡ/

noun

1.

a small stem bearing leaves or flowers, taken from a plant.

"a sprig of holly"

tack1

/tak/

noun

1.

a small, sharp broad-headed nail.

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

who can say?

no one knows:

"Is it possible?" "Who can say?"

show off

phrasal verb of show

1.

display someone or something that is a source of pride.

"her jeans were tight-fitting, showing off her compact figure"

"Show around" is a phrasal verb that means to act as a guide for someone visiting a place, leading them around and pointing out interesting or important things:

eggnog

/ˈɛɡnɒɡ/

noun

a drink consisting of rum, brandy, or other alcohol mixed with beaten egg, milk, and sugar.

cartridge

/ˈkɑːtrɪdʒ/

cartilage

/ˈkɑːtɪlɪdʒ/

jettison

/ˈdʒɛts(ə)n/

verb

throw or drop (something) from an aircraft or ship.

"six aircraft jettisoned their loads in the sea"

abandon or discard (someone or something that is no longer wanted).

"the scheme was jettisoned"

sanctimonious

/ˌsəŋ(k)ˈtɪməʊniəs/

adjectivederogatory

making a show of being morally superior to other people.

"what happened to all the sanctimonious talk about putting his family first?"

with a vengeance

1

: with great force or vehemence

undertook reform with a vengeance

2

: to an extreme or excessive degree

the tourists are back—with a vengeance

If a serious situation hangs by a thread, it means that even a slight change can decide what will happen and that a bad result such as death, failure, etc. is likely:

The mayor's political future has been hanging by a thread since the fraud scandal.

The Republican Party, also known as the Grand Old Party (GOP), is one of the two major contemporary political parties in the United States.

reel verb /ri:l/

[intransitive] (+ adv./prep.) to move in a very unsteady way, for example because you are drunk or have been hit

synonym stagger

I punched him on the chin, sending him reeling backwards.

She was reeling after several glasses of wine.

He reeled under the blow.

lose one's balance and stagger or lurch violently.

"he punched Connolly in the ear, sending him reeling"

walk in a staggering or lurching manner, especially while drunk.

"the two reeled out of the bar arm in arm"

feel shocked, bewildered, or giddy.

"we are reeling from the response we've had"

filial

/ˈfɪliəl/

adjective

1.

relating to or due from a son or daughter.

"a display of filial affection"

trot something out

(informal, disapproving) to give the same excuses, facts, explanations, etc. for something that have often been used before

They trotted out the same old excuses for the lack of jobs in the area.

halfway house

/ˌhɑːfweɪ ˈhaʊs/

noun

1.

the halfway point in a progression.

"suspension of the talks was only a halfway house towards complete termination"

2.

a centre for rehabilitating former prisoners, psychiatric patients, or others unused to non-institutional life.

benign

/bɪˈnɪn/

adjective

1.

gentle and kindly.

"his benign but firm manner"

get/find your bearings

to discover your exact position:

The road system was so complicated that we had to stop to get our bearings several times.

To get your bearings, remember that the river runs almost directly west.

He stopped running and looked around to get his bearings.

She found her bearings by looking at the stars.

to succeed in becoming familiar with a new situation:

It takes a while to get your bearings when you start a new job.

This is yet another burden for new teachers who are still trying to get their bearings in the classroom.

The country is struggling to find its bearings after decades of authoritarian rule.

After a tentative start, the orchestra soon found its bearings and delivered a stirring performance.

Once they found their bearings, some of the prisoners began to develop creative ways of coping.

bearing /'be:ɪŋ/ noun 1. a person's way of standing or moving • a man of precise military bearing. 2. the way a person behaves or conducts themselves • she has the bearing of a First Lady. 3. [mass noun] — relation; relevance • the case has no direct bearing on the issues being considered. 4. [mass noun] — the ability to tolerate something bad or to be tolerated • school was bad enough, but now it's past bearing.

Education chiefs were stumped by some of the exam questions.

stupid

/'stju:pɪd/

adjective

having or showing a great lack of intelligence or common sense.

"I was stupid enough to think she was perfect"

genius

/'dʒi:niəs/

noun

counsellor

/'kaʊns(ɪ)lə/

She has a yoga instructor certification.

actuary /'æktʃʊ(ə)ri/ I. noun a person who compiles and analyses statistics and uses them to calculate insurance risks and premiums.

Ambulance chasing, also known as barratry, is an American term which refers to a lawyer soliciting for clients at a disaster site.

quibble

/ˈkwɪbl/

noun

1.

a slight objection or criticism about a trivial matter.

"the only quibble about this book is the price"

germane

/dʒəˈmeɪn/

adjective

relevant to a subject under consideration.

"that is not germane to our theme"

detract

/dɪˈtrakt/

verb

1.

diminish the worth or value of (a quality or achievement).

"these quibbles in no way detract from her achievement"

jettison

/ˈdʒɛts(ə)n/

verb

throw or drop (something) from an aircraft or ship.

"six aircraft jettisoned their loads in the sea"

unfazed

/ʌnˈfeɪzd/

adjectiveinformal

not disconcerted or perturbed.

"the protestors were unfazed by the prospect of arrest"

on/at the double

phrase of double

at running speed; very fast.

"he disappeared at the double"

flagrant

/ˈfleɪgr(ə)nt/

adjective

(of an action considered wrong or immoral) conspicuously or obviously offensive.

"a flagrant violation of the law"

indoctrinate

/ɪnˈdɒktrɪneɪt/

verb

teach (a person or group) to accept a set of beliefs uncritically.

"broadcasting was a vehicle for indoctrinating the masses"

pull for (someone or something)

To encourage, support, or root for someone or something; to wish the best for someone or something in an endeavor or activity.

His whole hometown was pulling for him as he made his professional boxing debut on live television.

I've always pulled for the company to succeed, since they made some of my most cherished games growing up.

We're all pulling for you, kiddo. You're going to do great.

catacomb

/ˈkætəkuːm, ˈkætəkəʊm/

an underground cemetery consisting of a subterranean gallery with recesses for tombs, as constructed by the ancient Romans.

do a number on someone

idiom US slang

to injure someone or something, or to hurt or embarrass someone:

I really did a number on my ankle when I fell.

She really did a number on her old boyfriend, making him beg her to come back and then turning him down.

premeditate

/ˌpriːˈmedɪteɪt/

verb

think out or plan (an action, especially a crime) beforehand.

"apparently he did not premeditate her murder"

affront

/əˈfrʌnt/

noun

an action or remark that causes outrage or offence.

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

purview

/ˈpɜːvjʊː/

noun formal

the scope of the influence or concerns of something.

"such a case might be within the purview of the legislation"

range of experience or thought.

"social taboos meant that little information was likely to come within the purview of women generally"

chancellor

/ˈtʃɑːnsələ, ˈtʃɑːnslə/

noun

a senior state or legal official.

"the Lord chancellor and the judges will consider the application"

hubris

/ˈh(j)uːbrɪs/

noun

excessive pride or self-confidence.

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

about

To change the course of a ship by tacking. "Ready about" is the order to prepare for tacking.

Hard about is a nautical term meaning to turn a sailship around.

anoint

/əˈnoɪnt/

verb

smear or rub with oil, typically as part of a religious ceremony.

"high priests were anointed with oil"

have a/some/no etc bearing on something

to have an effect or influence on something, or not have any effect or influence

Exercise has a direct bearing on how healthy you are.

commerce

/ˈkɒməːs/

quick on the draw

phrase of draw

very fast in taking one's gun from its holster.

very fast in acting or reacting.

lock1

/lɒk/

informal•North American

a person or thing that is certain to succeed; a certainty.

"all of this makes him a lock to make the Hall of Fame"

hold up

support and prevent something from falling.

"concrete pillars hold up the elevated section of the railway"

out of touch

phrase of touch

lacking up-to-date knowledge or information.

"he seems out of touch with recent economic thinking"

lacking in awareness or sympathy.

"they are utterly out of touch with popular feeling"

pub crawl
informal•British
noun

a tour taking in several pubs or drinking places, with one or more drinks at each.

A divisive figure is someone who causes disagreement or strong opinions among people, often leading to arguments and conflict.

lathe
/leɪð/
noun

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

extemporaneous
/ɪkˌstɛmpəˈreɪniəs, ɛkˌstɛmpəˈreɪniəs/
adjective
spoken or done without preparation.
"an extemporaneous speech"

tacky¹
/'tʌki/
adjective
(of glue, paint, or other substances) not fully dry and retaining a slightly sticky feel.
"the paint was still tacky"
showing poor taste and quality.
"even in her faintly tacky costumes, she won our hearts"

garrulous
/'gar(j)ʊləs/
adjective
excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters.
"a garrulous cab driver"

dorky /'dɔ:ki/ I. adjective 1. <informal> socially inept or awkward • he teases all the dorky kids.
2. <informal> unfashionable • why would anyone wear such dorky glasses?

prattle /'prat(ə)/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. talk at length in a foolish or inconsequential way • she began to prattle on about her visit to the dentist.

pleonasm
/'pli:ənaz(ə)m/
noun

the use of more words than are necessary to convey meaning (e.g. see with one's eyes), either as a fault of style or for emphasis.

tawny /'tɔːni/ I. adjective of an orange-brown or yellowish-brown colour • tawny eyes. II. noun — [mass noun] 1. an orange-brown or yellowish-brown colour • pine needles turning from tawny to amber.

flit /flɪt/ I. verb — [no obj., with adverbial of direction] 1. move swiftly and lightly • small birds flitted about in the branches • <figurative> the idea had flitted through his mind.

quoth /kwəʊθ/ I. verb — [with direct speech] 1. <archaic><humorous> said (used only in first and third person singular before the subject) • 'Ah,' quoth he, as soon as the bike started, 'a blown cylinder head gasket.'

morsel /'mɔːs(ə)/ I. noun 1. a small piece or amount of food; a mouthful • Juliet pushed a morsel of toast into her mouth. 2. a small piece or amount • there was a morsel of consolation for the British team.

blitz /blɪts/

<informal> a sudden concerted effort to deal with something • Katrina and I had a blitz on the cleaning.

curt /kɜːt/ I. adjective rudely brief • his reply was curt.

miss out

phrasal verb of miss

1.

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

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

2.

British

fail to include someone or something; omit.

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

revile

/rɪ'veaɪl/

verb

criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner.

"he was now reviled by the party that he had helped to lead"

let on

phrasal verb of let

informal

1.

reveal information.

"she knows a lot more than she lets on"

pretend.

"they all let on they didn't hear me"

sluice

/slu:s/

noun

1.

a sliding gate or other device for controlling the flow of water, especially one in a lock gate.

"the water gushed through the sluices"

2.

an act of rinsing or showering with water.

"a sluice with cold water"

brazen

/'breɪzn/

adjective

1.

bold and without shame.

"he went about his illegal business with a brazen assurance"

gall¹

/gɔ:l/

noun

1.

bold and impudent behaviour.

"the bank had the gall to demand a fee"

the contents of the gall bladder; bile (proverbial for its bitterness).

annoyance or resentment.

"he was filled with gall at the suspected ambitions of his old enemies"

alkaline

/'alkəlaɪn/

abalone

/ˌæbə'ləʊni/

noun

an edible mollusc of warm seas, with a shallow ear-shaped shell lined with mother-of-pearl

and pierced with a line of respiratory holes.

garish

/'gɛ:ɹɪʃ/

adjective

obtrusively bright and showy; lurid.

"garish shirts in all sorts of colours"

coalesce

/ˌkəʊə'les/

verb

come together to form one mass or whole.

"the puddles had coalesced into shallow streams"

remiss

/rɪ'mɪs/

adjective

lacking care or attention to duty; negligent.

"it would be very remiss of me not to pass on that information"

adulterate

verb

/ə'dʌltəreɪt/

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

"the brewer is said to adulterate his beer"

ramshackle

/'ram,ʃakl/

adjective

(especially of a house or vehicle) in a state of severe disrepair.

"a ramshackle cottage"

paragon

/'parəɡ(ə)n/

a perfect diamond of 100 carats or more.

aye2

adverb archaic • Scottish

adverb: aye

always or still.

"I've aye fancied seeing Edinburgh"

rappel

/ra'pɛl/

verb

descend a rock face or other near-vertical surface by using a doubled rope coiled around the body and fixed at a higher point; abseil.

"they had to rappel down a long steep ice face"

Lie down facing up.

Lie faced up.

Lie down facing down.

Lie faced down.

over the moon

extremely happy; delighted.

"they're going on holiday on Wednesday so they're all over the moon"

mascara /ma'skɑ:rə/

back to front

/ˌbæk tə ˈfrʌnt/

phrase of back

British

with the back at the front and the front at the back.

"the exhausts had been fitted back to front"

know something back to front

idiom informal (UK also know something backwards); (US also know something backward(s) and forward(s))

to have very good and detailed knowledge of something:

She knows her part in the play back to front.

go round in circles

do something for a long time without achieving anything apart from purposeless repetition.

"the discussion went round and round in circles"

aspire /əˈspaɪə/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. direct one's hopes or ambitions towards achieving something • we never thought that we might aspire to those heights • [with infinitive] other people will aspire to be like you. 2. <literary> rise high; tower. • above the domes of loftiest mosques these pinnacles aspire.

aspersion /əˈspɜːʃ(ə)n/ I. noun — (usu. aspersions) 1. an attack on the reputation or integrity of someone or something • I don't think anyone is casting aspersions on you.

ascertain /ˌasəˈteɪn/

arbiter /ˈɑːbɪtə/ I. noun 1. a person who settles a dispute or has ultimate authority in a matter • the Secretary of State is the final arbiter. 2. a person whose views or actions have influence in a particular sphere • an arbiter of taste.

approbation /ˌaprəˈbeɪʃ(ə)n/ I. noun — [mass noun] 1. <formal> approval or praise • a term of approbation.

anxiety /æŋˈzɪɪti/

at someone's expense

with someone as the victim, especially of a joke.

"my friends all had a good laugh at my expense"

ballad

/ˈbæləd/

cupidity

/kjuːˈpɪdɪti, kjuˈpɪdɪti/

noun

noun: cupidity

greed for money or possessions.

"new wealth, however tainted by cupidity and egoism, tends to be favourable for the arts"

staunch1

/stɔːn(t)ʃ, stɑːn(t)ʃ/

adjective

1.

very loyal and committed in attitude.

"a staunch supporter of the anti-nuclear lobby"

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

"he staunched the blood with whatever came to hand"

admonition

/ˌadməˈnɪʃn/

noun

a firm warning or reprimand.

"he received numerous admonitions for his behaviour"

admonish

/ədˈmɒnɪʃ/

verb

warn or reprimand someone firmly.

"she admonished me for appearing at breakfast unshaven"

tawny /ˈtɔːni/ l. adjective of an orange-brown or yellowish-brown colour • tawny eyes.

mammoth /ˈmaməθ/

adulation

/ˌadjʊˈleɪʃn/

noun

excessive admiration or praise.

"he found it difficult to cope with the adulation of the fans"

consternate

/ˈkɒnstəneɪt/

verb

fill (someone) with anxiety.

"the letter consternated me and flung me into a depression"

brute

/bruːt/

noun

1.

a savagely violent person or animal.

"he was a cold-blooded brute"

A sterile bandage is a bandage that is free from germs and is used to treat wounds

antiseptic /ˈæntɪˈseptɪk/ I. adjective 1. preventing the growth of disease-causing microorganisms. • garlic has powerful antiseptic properties. • his breath smelt of antiseptic mouthwash. 2. scrupulously clean or pure, especially so as to be bland or characterless • their squeaky-clean home epitomizes this antiseptic respectability.

gash1 /gɑʃ/ I. noun 1. a long, deep cut or wound • a bad gash in one leg became infected. 2. a cleft made as if by a slashing cut • the blast ripped a 25-foot gash in the hull.

weave one's way

It basically means how one goes through something.

For example: weaving my way through life would mean how I live my life

Weaving one's way to their destiny would mean how one goes to their destiny, the journey so to speak, what they do and how they do it.

asphalt /ˈæsfalt, ˈæsfəlt/

toss over (thought)

consider something briefly

She will toss over the idea before making a decision.

Sleep in often means intentionally staying longer in bed

It doesn't necessarily mean asleep at the end interestingly enough, and might include activities such as breakfast in bed

He knew that he would have a good sleep in the next day

Oversleep often means accidentally sleeping too long

Suddenly she woke up and realized she had overslept

If you are late for work you would apologize for having overslept but if you said you had a sleep in your boss would give you a strange look (US culture).

sizzle /ˈsɪz(ə)/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. (of food) make a hissing sound when frying or cooking • the bacon began to sizzle in the pan.

halter /ˈhɔːltə/

3. [usu. as modifier] — a strap around the neck that holds a dress or top in place, leaving the shoulders and back bare • tourists in halter tops and shorts.

scrunch /skrʌn(t)/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. make a loud crunching noise • crisp yellow leaves scrunched satisfyingly underfoot. 2. [with obj. and adverbial] — crush or squeeze (something) into a compact mass • Flora scrunched the handkerchief into a ball.

onlooker /ˈɒnlʊkə/ I. noun a non-participating observer; a spectator • a crowd of fascinated onlookers.

voucher /'vaʊtʃə/ I. noun 1. a small printed piece of paper that entitles the holder to a discount, or that may be exchanged for goods or services. 2. (chiefly Brit.) a receipt.

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

blubber2 /'blʌbə/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. <informal> cry noisily and uncontrollably; sob • he was blubbering like a child • [with direct speech] 'I don't like him,' blubbered Jonathan.

crochet /'krəʊʃeɪ, 'krəʊʃi/ I. noun — [mass noun] 1. a handicraft in which yarn is made up into a textured fabric by means of a hooked needle [as modifier] • a crochet hook. 2. crocheted fabric or items • the bikini is tiny, three triangles of cotton crochet.

hamper1

/ 'hampə/

noun

a basket with a carrying handle and a hinged lid, used for food, cutlery, and plates on a picnic.

"a picnic hamper"

heirloom

/ 'ɛ:lu:m/

noun

a valuable object that has belonged to a family for several generations.

"the violin was a family heirloom"

haphazard

/ ,hap'hazəd/

adjective

lacking any obvious principle of organization.

"the music business works in a haphazard fashion"

stumper /'stʌmpə/ noun 1. <informal> (chiefly N. Amer.) a puzzling question. • this one's a stumper. 2. <informal> [Cricket] a wicketkeeper.

assume

/ə 'sju:m/

take or begin to have (power or responsibility).

"he assumed full responsibility for all organizational work"

compendium

/kəm'pendiəm/

noun

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

"an invaluable compendium of useful information about language"

quibble

/ˈkwɪbl/

noun

1.

a slight objection or criticism about a trivial matter.

"the only quibble about this book is the price"

shirk

/ʃə:k/

verb

avoid or neglect (a duty or responsibility).

"I do not shirk any responsibility in this matter"

thorax

/ˈθɔ:raks/

nounAnatomy•Zoology

the part of the body of a mammal between the neck and the abdomen, including the cavity enclosed by the ribs, breastbone, and dorsal vertebrae, and containing the chief organs of circulation and respiration; the chest.

grand

/grand/

noun

1.

informal

a thousand dollars or pounds.

"he gets thirty-five grand a year"

snazzy

/ˈsnazi/

adjectiveinformal

stylish and attractive.

"snazzy little silk dresses"

Your hair is on fleek. Where did you get your haircut?

Your outfit is snatched. I want something like yours.

endothermic

/ˌɛndə(ʊ)ˈθə:mɪk/

adjective

1.

Chemistry

(of a reaction or process) accompanied by or requiring the absorption of heat.

2.

Zoology

(of an animal) dependent on or capable of the internal generation of heat.

nadir

/ˈneɪdɪə/

noun

1.

the lowest or most unsuccessful point in a situation.

"asking that question was the nadir of my career"

sentry

/ˈsɛntri/

noun

a soldier stationed to keep guard or to control access to a place.

"sentries patrolled the border"

recourse

/rɪˈkɔ:s/

noun

a source of help in a difficult situation.

"surgery may be the only recourse"

resource

/rɪˈzɔ:s/

clump

/klʌmp/

noun

1.

a small group of trees or plants growing closely together.

"a clump of ferns"

a small, compact group of people.

"they sat on the wall in clumps of two and three"

onus /ˈəʊnəs/

something that is one's duty or responsibility.

"the onus is on you to show that you have suffered loss"

amenable

/əˈmi:nəbl/

adjective

open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled.

"parents who have amenable children"

If you say "I hope you like it" you're talking about something you have just shown the other person. If you say "I hope you'll like it" you're talking about something that the other person doesn't have or has seen yet.

Take in

fully understand or absorb something heard or seen.

"she took in the scene at a glance"

hemp

/hɛmp/

noun

the cannabis plant, especially when grown for fibre.

the fibre of the cannabis plant, extracted from the stem and used to make rope, strong fabrics, fibreboard, and paper.

used in names of other plants that yield fibre, e.g. Manila hemp.

remunerate

/rɪ'mju:nəreɪt/

verb

pay (someone) for services rendered or work done.

"they should be remunerated fairly for their work"

by dint of

by means of.

"he had got to where he was today by dint of sheer hard work"

concomitant

/kən'kɒmɪt(ə)nt/

formal

adjective

naturally accompanying or associated.

"she loved travel, with all its concomitant worries"

bog

/bɒg/

noun

1.

an area of wet muddy ground that is too soft to support a heavy body.

"a peat bog"

emeritus

/ɪ'merɪtəs/

adjective

(of the former holder of an office, especially a university professor) having retired but allowed to retain their title as an honour.

"emeritus professor of microbiology"

berth

/bɜːθ/

noun

1.

a ship's allotted place at a wharf or dock.

"the vessel had left its berth"

rudder

/'rʌdə/

noun

a flat piece hinged vertically near the stern of a boat or ship for steering.

presage

/ˈpreɪsɪdʒ/

verb

be a sign or warning of (an imminent event, typically an unwelcome one).

"the heavy clouds above the moorland presaged snow"

perforate

verb

/ˈpəːfəreɪt/

pierce and make a hole or holes in.

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

testimonial

/ˌtɛstɪˈməʊniəl/

noun

1.

a formal statement testifying to someone's character and qualifications.

testimony

/ˈtɛstɪməni/

noun

a formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law.

"the testimony of an eyewitness"

defect²

/dɪˈfɛkt/

abandon one's country or cause in favour of an opposing one.

"he defected to the Soviet Union after the war"

injunction /ɪnˈdʒʌŋ(k)ʃn/

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.