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coroner /'kɒrənə/

an official who holds inquests into violent, sudden, or suspicious deaths, and (in Britain) inquiries into cases of treasure trove.

death toll

the number of deaths resulting from a particular cause.

"this brought the death toll from cross-border clashes to eighteen"

at/on the double

very quickly and without any delay

pensive /'pɛnsɪv/

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

"a pensive mood"

shrew /ʃru:/

a bad-tempered or aggressively assertive woman.

"hold your nagging tongue, you miserable old shrew!"

bachelor pad

a home suitable for or typical of a young man who is not married:

This is surely one of the coolest bachelor pads in all of Los Angeles.

versed /və:st/

adjective

experienced or skilled in; knowledgeable about.

"a solicitor well versed in employment law"

pore over something

to read or look at something very carefully for a long time

She was poring over a book.

recuperate /rɪ'k(j)u:pəreɪt/

recover from illness or exertion.

"she has been recuperating from a knee injury"

take its toll

have an adverse effect.

"years of pumping iron have taken their toll on his body"

volley /'vɒli/

a number of bullets, arrows, or other projectiles discharged at one time.

"the infantry let off a couple of volleys"

roil /rɔɪl/

make (a liquid) turbid or muddy by disturbing the sediment.  
"winds roil these waters"

vertigo

/ˈvɜːtɪɡəʊ/

noun

a sensation of whirling and loss of balance, associated particularly with looking down from a great height, or caused by disease affecting the inner ear or the vestibular nerve; giddiness.

customs /ˈkʌstəmz/

the official department that administers and collects the duties levied by a government on imported goods.

"cocaine seizures by customs have risen this year"

agape<sup>1</sup>

/əˈgeɪp/

adjective

(of a person's mouth) wide open in surprise or wonder.

"Downes listened, mouth agape with incredulity"

infraction /ɪnˈfrækʃn/

a violation or infringement of a law or agreement.

cracked /krækt/

Extremely good at something (usually a video game).

20 kills? Dude, you're cracked.

fastidious

/fəˈstɪdiəs/

adjective

very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.

"she dressed with fastidious care"

pernickety /pəˈnɪkɪti/

adjective informal • British

placing too much emphasis on trivial or minor details; fussy.

"she's very pernickety about her food"

sport /spɔːt/

wear or display (a distinctive item).

"he was sporting a huge handlebar moustache"

capitol noun /ˈkæpɪtl/

(usually the Capitol) [singular] the building in Washington DC where the US Congress (= the national parliament) meets to work on new laws

chafe /tʃeɪf/

[intransitive] to feel impatient or annoyed

chafe at/against/under

Some hunters are chafing under the new restrictions.

delish /dɪˈlɪʃ/  
delicious.

grunt /grʌnt/  
informal•North American  
a low-ranking soldier or unskilled worker.  
"he went from grunt to senior executive vice president in five years"

in the thick of something  
in the most active or dangerous part of a particular situation or activity :  
in the thick of it He was always right there, in the thick of it when the fighting started.  
She loves being in the thick of the action.

alt-right  
/ˌɒltˈraɪt/  
noun  
(in the US) a right-wing ideological movement characterized by a rejection of mainstream politics and by the use of online media to disseminate provocative content, often expressing opposition to racial, religious, or gender equality.  
"an investigative reporter covering the alt-right"

irascible /ɪˈræsɪb(ə)/  
having or showing a tendency to be easily angered.  
"an irascible and difficult man"

PO box  
a numbered box in a post office assigned to a person or organization, where letters for them are kept until called for.  
"I have a PO box for correspondence"

bleeding edge  
the very forefront of technological development.  
"an architecture that many people believe is still too bleeding edge for large mission-critical systems"

sultry /ˈsʌltri/  
(of the air or weather) hot and humid.  
"the sultry late summer weather had brought swarms of insects"  
suggesting or expressing a passionate or strongly sexual nature or attraction.  
"she delivered a sultry look to the camera"

A sleeper (American English) or Q-car (British English) is a car that boasts high performance while having an unassuming exterior.

sit  
[transitive] sit somebody + adv./prep. to put somebody in a sitting position

He lifted the child and sat her on the wall.  
She sat him down in front of the fire with a hot drink.

sit over

vb

(Card Games) (intr, preposition) cards to be seated in an advantageous position on the left of (the player)

affront

/ə'frʌnt/

noun

an action or remark that causes outrage or offence.

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

newfangled /,nju:'fæŋɡld/

adjective: new-fangled

different from what one is used to; objectionably new.

"I've no time for such newfangled nonsense"

fangle /'fæŋ.gəl/

(obsolete or dialectal) To fashion, manufacture, invent, or create.

fester /'fɛstə/

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

"I developed a tropical sore that festered badly"

cuisine /kwɪ'zi:n/

[uncountable]

1 a particular style of cooking

French cuisine

vegetarian cuisine

yielding /'ji:ldɪŋ/

(of a substance or object) giving way under pressure; not hard or rigid.

"she dropped on to the yielding cushions"

stalk /stɔ:k/

stride somewhere in a proud, stiff, or angry manner.

"without another word she turned and stalked out"

reet

/ri:t/

Northern English

adjective

variant spelling of right (adjective).

"they're doing the reet thing"

adverb

variant spelling of right (adverb).

"United went reet off the boil in the second half"

latrine /lə'tri:n/

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

grouse /graʊs/

complain about something trivial; grumble.

"she heard him grouching about his assistant"

burly /'bɜ:li/

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

"I saw a burly figure approaching"

An all-points bulletin (APB) is an electronic information broadcast sent from one sender to a group of recipients, to rapidly communicate an important message.

rabble /'rabl/

a disorderly crowd; a mob.

"he was met by a rabble of noisy, angry youths"

rabble-rouser /'rabl,raʊzə/

a person who speaks with the intention of inflaming the emotions of a crowd of people, typically for political reasons.

drop someone a line

send someone a note or letter in a casual manner.

"drop me a line at the usual address"

The couple have a notoriously rocky relationship and both have been accused of cheating.

The relationship could be rocky due to finances, low sex drive, abuse but want to work it out, to even the pros and cons of couples therapy. Anything could define a rocky relationship.

sizeable /'saɪzəbl/

fairly large.

"a sizeable proportion of the population"

satiety

/sə'taɪti/

nountechnical

the feeling or state of being sated.

"a molecule that seems to regulate satiety"

sate /seɪt/

satisfy (a desire or an appetite) to the full.

"sate your appetite at the resort's restaurant"

A city proper is the geographical area contained within city limits.

T-bone

noun

a large choice piece of loin steak containing a T-shaped bone.

verb informal • North American

crash head-on into the side of (another vehicle).

"I put the train's emergency brakes on but the engine T-boned the truck"

A panel truck (also called a panel delivery<sup>[1]</sup> or pickup truck-based van) in U.S. and Canadian usage is a small delivery truck with a fully enclosed body.

It is past its expiration date.

It is past its best-before date.

sans /sanz/

preposition literary • humorous

without.

"a picture of Maughan sans specs"

sans pants

walk into something

3. To fall prey to some trap, deception, or joke exactly as intended by someone else.

Unfortunately, many people who are not well versed in technology walk right into these con-artists' scams.

I can't believe I walked into such an obvious prank like that.

A non-commissioned officer (NCO) is an enlisted leader<sup>[a]</sup>, petty officer, or in some cases warrant officer, who does not hold a commission.

whorehouse

/ˈhɔːhaʊs/

a business establishment where sex workers are available for hire : brothel

brothel

/ˈbrɒθl/

noun

a house where men visit prostitutes.

slog /slog/

work hard over a period of time.

"they were slogging away to meet a deadline"

hit (someone or something) forcefully and typically wildly, especially in boxing or cricket.

"batsmen careering down the pitch to slog the ball up in the air"

odd job

a casual or isolated piece of work, especially one of a routine domestic or manual nature.

"he takes odd jobs, but nothing that would lead to a career"

strike up a friendship He gets really jealous if his girlfriend strikes up a friendship with another man.

strike up a conversation It can be difficult to strike up a conversation with a complete stranger.

foment /fə(ʊ)'ment/

instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

"they accused him of fomenting political unrest"

status /'stetəs/

[uncountable, countable, usually singular] the legal position of a person, group or country

They were granted refugee status.

The party was denied legal status.

The company investigated the immigration status of its workers

be in over your head

to be involved in a difficult situation that you cannot get out of:

Sean tried to pay his gambling debts, but he was in over his head.

ruminate

/'ru:mineɪt/

verb

1.

think deeply about something.

"we sat ruminating on the nature of existence"

irreverence

/ɪ'rev(ə)rəns/

noun

a lack of respect for people or things that are generally taken seriously.

"an attitude of irreverence towards politicians"

bear witness

: to show that something exists or is true —+ to

His success bears witness to the value of hard work.

Rising ticket sales bear witness to the band's popularity.

formal : to make a statement saying that one saw or knows something

asked to bear witness to the facts

She was accused of bearing false witness at the trial.

pale /peɪl/

seem or become less important.

"all else pales by comparison"

rally1

/'rali/

verb

1.

(of troops) come together again in order to continue fighting after a defeat or dispersion.

"De Montfort's troops rallied and drove back the king's infantry"

assemble in a mass meeting.

"up to 50,000 people rallied in the city centre"

off the wall /,ɒf ðə 'wɔ:l/

eccentric or unconventional.

"a zany, wacky, off-the-wall weirdo"

angry.

"the president was off the wall about the article"

innocuous

/ɪˈnɒkjʊəs/

adjective

not harmful or offensive.

"it was an innocuous question"

compartmentalize

/ˌkɒmpɑ:tˈmentəlaɪz/

verb

divide into discrete sections or categories.

"he had the ability to compartmentalize his life"

If someone's voice or behaviour grates on you, it annoys you:

Her voice really grates on me.

nothing short of

the equivalent of; equal to (used for emphasis).

"what they have achieved is nothing short of a miracle"

chalice /ˈtʃaɪs/

noun historical

a large cup or goblet.

theatric /θɪˈatrɪk/

relating to the theatre; theatrical.

"the true theatric genius of Shakespeare"

The Pomp and Circumstance Marches are a series of five marches for orchestra composed by Edward Elgar, together with a sixth march created from sketches.

pomp

/pɒmp/

noun

ceremony and splendid display.

"entertaining overseas visitors with the right degree of pomp"



preamble

/ˈpri:əmbəl, priˈəmbəl/

noun

a preliminary or preparatory statement; an introduction.

"he could tell that what she said was by way of a preamble"

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 deceits.

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

mouth off informal

talk in an unpleasantly loud and boastful or opinionated way.

"he was mouthing off about society in general"

godawful

/ɡɒdˈɔːfʊl, ɡɒdˈɔːf(ə)l/

adjective informal

extremely bad or unpleasant.

"the most godawful row"

steeple /ˈstiːpl/

a church tower and spire.

place (the fingers or hands) together so that they form an upward-pointing V-shape.

My teacher doesn't approve of the first example that I have listed.

Means:

The teacher does not agree with the first example.

While

My teacher doesn't approve the first example that I have listed.

Means

The teacher doesn't accept the example.

prerogative

/priˈrɒɡətɪv/

noun

a right or privilege exclusive to a particular individual or class.

"in some countries, higher education is predominantly the prerogative of the rich"

expedient

/ɪkˈspiːdiənt, ɛkˈspiːdiənt/

adjective

(of an action) convenient and practical although possibly improper or immoral.

"either side could break the agreement if it were expedient to do so"

A chain of command is an organizational structure that documents how each member of a company reports to one another.

thinly

/ˈθɪnli/

in a weak and forced manner.

"the doctor smiled thinly"

a trifle

a little; somewhat.

"his methods are a trifle eccentric"

Yet he was also a mathematician and it is reasonable to assume that he took more than a passing interest in the structural aspects of his buildings.

Many, however, are of only passing interest: revealing little that is truly new, or written in a pedestrian and uninspiring style.

will do

expressing willingness to carry out a request or suggestion.

"'Might be best to check.' 'Righty-ho, will do.'"

address

uk /əˈdres/ us /ˈæd.res/

ruckus /ˈrʌkəs/

a row or commotion.

"a child is raising a ruckus in class"

A modus operandi (often shortened to M.O. or MO) is an individual's habits of working, particularly in the context of business or criminal investigations, but also generally. It is a Latin phrase, approximately translated as 'mode (or manner) of operating'.

as much as anything (else)

With the same importance as any other factor.

When you apply to colleges, you need to consider each school's curriculum as much as anything.

Caring for a sick child contributed to their decision to close the business as much as anything else.

Now that you're a manager, you must consider staff morale as much as anything else.

balaclava

/ˌbaləˈklɑːvə/

nounBritish

a close-fitting garment covering the whole head and neck except for parts of the face, typically made of wool.

not know any better

used to say that someone does something bad or stupid because they have not been told or taught that it is wrong

Drugs are being sold to children who don't know any better.

jockey

/ˈdʒɒki/

struggle by every available means to gain or achieve something.

"both men will be jockeying for the two top jobs"

posturing

/ˈpɒstʃ(ə)rɪŋ/

noun

behaviour that is intended to impress or mislead.

"a masking of fear with macho posturing"

sb wouldn't touch something/someone with a ten-foot pole

someone does not want a particular thing or person at all, or does not want to have anything at all to do with it or them:

If you're not successful, they won't touch you with a ten-foot pole.

How could she make him see she wouldn't touch him with a ten-foot pole?

If any attorney had asked me about the case I would have told them to stay away from that with a ten-foot pole.

unctuous

/ˈʌŋ(k)tʃʊəs/

adjective

1.

excessively flattering or ingratiating; oily.

"he seemed anxious to please but not in an unctuous way"

smarmy /ˈsmɑːmi/

adjective informal

ingratiating and wheedling in a way that is regarded as insincere or excessive.

"a smarmy, unctuous reply"

petty

/ˈpeti/

unduly concerned with trivial matters, especially in a small-minded or spiteful way.

"she thought readers were being petty in writing to complain about blocked paths"

get bent out of shape

idiom US informal

Add to word list

to become very angry or upset:

I'm not getting bent out of shape because people don't respect my opinion. I'm used to that.

limousine

/ˌɪməˈziːn, ˈɪməziːn/

If you've read my past pieces, you know that I am drawn to period musicals, or a musical that is based on historical events.

cherubic

/tʃɪˈruːbɪk/

adjective

having the innocence or plump prettiness of a young child.

"a round, cherubic face"

A pinwheel is a simple child's toy made of a wheel of paper or plastic curls attached at its axle to a stick by a pin.

tallow /ˈtæləʊ/

a hard fatty substance made from rendered animal fat, used (especially formerly) in making candles and soap.

stumble across/on/upon something/someone

to discover something by chance, or to meet someone by chance:

Workmen stumbled upon the mosaic while digging foundations for a new building.

stool

(chiefly medicine) Feces, excrement.

I provided the doctor with stool samples.

Most people look at arm wrestling as simply, whoever the biggest guy is will win.. This is far from the truth, arm wrestling is a complex, very technical sport.

salutary /ˈsəljuːt(ə)ri/

(especially with reference to something unwelcome or unpleasant) producing good effects; beneficial.

"it failed to draw salutary lessons from Britain's loss of its colonies"

come down with

phrasal verb of come

begin to suffer from a specified illness.

"I came down with influenza"

If something is at/in the back of your mind, you intend to do it, but are not actively thinking about it:

It's been at the back of my mind to call José for several days now, but I haven't got round to it yet.

camera-shy

reluctant to be photographed or filmed.

"he's a little camera-shy"

pen /pɛn/

a small enclosure in which sheep, pigs, or other farm animals are kept.

"a sheep pen"

up to now

prior to the present time

up to par

at an expected or usual quality.

"I can promise that the tipples will be up to par"

swat /swɒt/

swat something to hit something, especially an insect, using your hand or a flat object

He was trying to swat a fly with a rolled-up newspaper.

Santa Claus /'sæ.n.tə ˌklɔːz/

burrito /buˈriːtəʊ, bʌˈriːtəʊ/

erectile

/ɪˈrɛktʌɪl/

erectile dysfunction ed

tangelo

/ˈtɑn(d)ʒələʊ/

noun

a hybrid of the tangerine and grapefruit.

tip off

phrasal verb of tip

Basketball

put the ball in play by throwing it up between two opponents.

to warn someone secretly about something that will happen, so that they can take action or prevent it from happening:

[ + that ] Somebody must have tipped the burglars off that the house would be empty.

The robber was caught when someone tipped off the police.

lozenge /ˈlɒz(ɪ)n(d)ʒ/

a rhombus or diamond shape.

"lozenge patterns"

"Clock that tea" is a phrase that I've heard a lot from my social circles. It's basically a combination of some of the definitions for "clock" and "tea." I would describe it as recognizing gossip or a secret before it is said.

labyrinth /ˈlæb(ə)rɪnθ/

Amalthea / ,æm əl'θi ə /

In Greek mythology, Amalthea or Amaltheia (Ancient Greek: Ἀμάλθεια) is the figure most commonly identified as the nurse of Zeus during his infancy.

Smelling salts, also known as ammonia inhalants, spirit of hartshorn, or sal volatile, are chemical compounds used as stimulants to restore consciousness after fainting.

He called in sick today.

purview

/ 'pə:vju: /

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"

purvey

/pə'veɪ/

verb formal

provide or supply (food, drink, or other goods) as one's business.

"shops purveying cooked food"

I have wide ass feet and I don't know if it's a condition or if it's just genetic.

vernacular

/və'nakjʊlə/

noun

1.

the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region.

"he wrote in the vernacular to reach a larger audience"

on (one's) last legs

Near physical collapse or death.

I knew I was on my last legs, so I was very relieved to see the marathon's finish line in the distance.

Ed's on his last legs—you should probably try to visit him in the hospital today.

He washed his hands of illegal business.

If you wash your hands of something that you were previously responsible for, you intentionally stop being involved in it or connected with it in any way:

She couldn't wait to wash her hands of the whole project.

see red

become very angry suddenly.

"the mere thought of Piers with Nicole made her see red"

belligerent /bɪˈlɪdʒ(ə)rənt/

hostile and aggressive.

"the mood at the meeting was belligerent"

"President Bush and I are forever seatmates because of protocol – that's how we sit at all the official functions," Obama said on NBC's "Today" show. "So he is my partner in crime at every major thing where all the formers gather."

"He's my partner in crime at every major thing."

"How can this channel still not be banned?"

how can this channel still not get banned?

build-up /ˈbɪldʌp/

a period of excitement and preparation before a significant event.

"the build-up to Christmas"

keep tabs on

informal

monitor the activities or development of; keep under observation.

"they liked to keep tabs on their former employees"

natter /ˈnætə/

talk casually, especially on unimportant matters; chat.

"they nattered away for hours"

product /ˈprɒdʌkt/

[countable, uncountable] a thing that is grown or produced, usually for sale

We need new product to sell (= a new range of products).

This product image is for illustration purposes only. Actual product may vary.

tip

British

a place where rubbish is left.

"a rubbish tip"

getting on a bit

euphemism Aging; becoming old.

Now that I'm getting on a bit, I can't stay up late every night like I used to.

So you're getting on a bit, so what? Age is just a number, after all.

I'm getting on a bit, and I can't eat all kinds of junk food without gaining an ounce the way I used to. Enjoy it while it lasts, kid!

A dive bar is typically a small, unglamorous, eclectic, old-style drinking establishment with inexpensive drinks;

be beat

1. To fail or be defeated.

Down by 10 points with only two minutes left, we knew we were beat.

The voting numbers so far suggest that my candidate's been beat.

I don't want to be beat by a child's toy, but I just have no idea how to put this thing together!

"Let's go for a #maccasrun", com'on you know this phrase - it's common Australian slang or according to the Urban Dictionary (which is the reliable source these days) it is an ancient Australian proverb. If for some reason you are not aware, the Maccas run is a very popular trip usually occurring in Australia where by young adults (in most cases) collect a group of friends go through the Drive-thru to order and then indulge in McDonalds.

not if I see you first

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

poetic licence

the freedom to depart from the facts of a matter or from the conventional rules of language when speaking or writing in order to create an effect.

"he used a little poetic licence to embroider a good tale"

It's very unusual to say "hundred hundred" if you mean "ten thousand." That usage is poetic license. But it's not grammatically wrong--it's just not how we say numbers.

scaffold

/ˈskafəʊld, ˈskaf(ə)ld/

noun

1.

a raised wooden platform used formerly for the public execution of criminals.

2.

a structure made using scaffolding.

"scaffold boards"

fun and games

amusing and enjoyable activities.

"teaching isn't all fun and games"

Adderall and Mydayis[11] are trade names[note 2] for a combination drug containing four salts of amphetamine.

range /reɪn(d)ʒ/

a large cooking stove with burners or hotplates and one or more ovens, all of which are kept continually hot.

"a wood-burning kitchen range"



"I never took this long break" is more concise and generally preferred in most casual and formal settings. It sounds more direct and natural.

"I never took this long of a break" is also correct, but it's slightly more informal and can sound a bit more conversational. It is also more common in some regional dialects.

The second is correct in UK English. "It's that big a deal", plus its question-equivalent, "Is it that big a deal?" - both are heard a lot. (It may help to note that the phrase "that big" doesn't define an exact size but implies large size, just as "that small" is imprecise but equally definitely small.)

The first phrase, "It's that big of a deal" and its equivalent question-form "Is it that big of a deal?" give us a knotty problem. The word "of" has started creeping in to size-phrases of this type in the US, and is completely unnecessary; size doesn't equal quantity or need possession, and "big of" (or indeed "small of") makes absolutely no sense.

Colorado

/ˌkɒləˈrɑːdəʊ/

sponge /spʌŋ(d)ʒ/

obtain or accept money or food from other people without doing or intending to do anything in return.

"they found they could earn a perfectly good living by sponging off others"

knock it off

stop doing something.

Vocal fry is a low, creaky sound produced by relaxed vocal cords vibrating slowly, often heard at the end of sentences or phrases.

berth /bɜːθ/ I. noun 1. a ship's allotted place at a wharf or dock. • the vessel had left its berth.

Mild cheddar is young and smooth, with a subtle, buttery taste.

fall into place

(of a series of events or facts) begin to make sense.

"once he knew what to look for, the theory fell quickly into place"

Deviled eggs, also known as stuffed eggs, curried eggs or dressed eggs, are hard-boiled eggs that have been peeled, cut in half, with the yolk scooped out and then refilled having been mixed with other ingredients such as mayonnaise, mustard and sprinkled with paprika, cinnamon or curry powder.

bridegroom /ˈbrɪdɡruːm/

noun

a man on his wedding day or just before and after the event.

"the bridegroom and bride can be seen leaving their wedding venue after getting married"

groom /gru:m/

brush and clean the coat of (a horse, dog, or other animal).

"the horses were groomed and taken to shows"

broom /bru:m/ I. noun 1. a long-handled brush of bristles or twigs, used for sweeping.

crumby /'krʌmi/

crummy /'krʌmi / <informal> crumby I. adjective 1. dirty, unpleasant, or of poor quality • a crummy little room. 2. unwell • I've been feeling pretty crummy the last few days.

all that matters

the only thing that is important, or the most important thing:

So long as he's happy - that's all that matters.

All that matters to me is that my son stays happy and healthy.

pass over

ignore the claims of someone to promotion or advancement.

"he was passed over for a cabinet job"

euphemistic die.

"by the time I reached the hospital he had passed over"

igloo /'ɪɡlu:/ I. noun a dome-shaped Eskimo house, typically built from blocks of solid snow.  
[as modifier] • an igloo village.

fad /fad/

an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for something, especially one that is short-lived; a craze.

"some regard green politics as no more than the latest fad"

prig /prɪɡ/

a self-righteously moralistic person who behaves as if they are superior to others.

"she was religious but not a prig"

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"

hickey /'hɪki/ noun informal

North American

a love bite or pimple.

"a hickey will begin to fade in around 10 days to two weeks"

fork over/up something

to give something, especially money to someone, especially when you do not want to:

We had to fork over ten bucks to park near the stadium.

Hey, that's mine. Fork it over!

whittle /'wɪtl/

carve (wood) into an object by repeatedly cutting small slices from it.  
"he was sitting at the tent door, whittling a piece of wood with a knife"  
reduce something in size, amount, or extent by a gradual series of steps.  
"the shortlist of fifteen was whittled down to five"

cash grab

A product designed primarily or solely with the intent of generating profits or money.  
Considering some of the other offers that were made, allowing this one piece of merchandise was by no means a cash grab; this was merely Watterson putting a toe in the water.

devout

/dɪˈvaʊt/

adjective

having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.

"she was a devout Catholic"

tawdry

/ˈtɔːdri/

adjective

showy but cheap and of poor quality.

"tawdry jewellery"

realtor

/ˈriːlətə/

noun trademark • North American

a person who acts as an agent for the sale and purchase of buildings and land, in particular a member of the National Association of Realtors; an estate agent.

"it's been a long time since the home, built in 1945, went up for sale, and realtors expect plenty of interest"

veg /vɛdʒ/

verb informal

relax to the point of complete inertia.

"they were vegging out in front of the TV"

at the end of your rope

(also mainly UK at the end of your tether)

having no strength or patience left:

By six o'clock after a busy day I'm at the end of my rope.

You can crank up the heat for sure until you see those little bubbles just forming. That's a simmer. But you need to remove the pot from the heat so as not to end up with a 'boil'. Once you get the simmer turn down the heat and put the pot back on.

by eye

: by looking at something to get a rough idea of its size

I measured the distance by eye.

The muumuu /'mu:mu:/ or mu'umu'u (Hawaiian pronunciation: ['muʔu'muʔu]) is a loose dress of Hawaiian origin.

gimbal

/ˈdʒɪmb(ə)/

noun

a device for keeping an instrument such as a compass or chronometer horizontal in a moving vessel or aircraft, typically consisting of rings pivoted at right angles.

apogee

/ˈapədʒi:/

noun

1.

the highest point in the development of something; a climax or culmination.

"a film which was the apogee of German expressionist cinema"

2.

Astronomy

the point in the orbit of the moon or a satellite at which it is furthest from the earth.

esteemed /ɪˈsti:md,ɛˈsti:md/

held in great respect; admired.

"we dined in my esteemed friend's little room"

proctor /ˈprɒktə/

British- an officer (usually one of two) at certain universities, appointed annually and having mainly disciplinary functions.

North American- an invigilator at a university or college examination.

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on one's plate

occupying one's time or energy.

"you've got a lot on your plate at the moment"

"Say, Mister, Could You Stake a Fellow American to a Meal?"

stake /steɪk/

a sum of money or something else of value gambled on the outcome of a risky game or venture.

"playing dice for high stakes"

informal•North American

give financial or other support to.

"he staked him to an education at the École des Beaux-Arts"

stake (one) to (something)

1. To lend or gift something to one, especially money.

The boss offered to stake us to a fancy meal out as a thank you for all of our hard work.

I can stake you a couple hundred dollars to get you started, but the rest is up to you.  
2. To fasten one to something by impaling one with stakes.  
They staked the woman to the tree because they believed she was a witch.  
The tyrant staked dissenters to a post in the center of town to serve as a warning to others.

stake someone to something  
to provide someone with a particular thing or with what is needed to get it:  
The governor has promised to stake the city's homeless to what they need for a fresh start.

alms /ɑ:mz/  
(in historical contexts) money or food given to poor people.  
"the riders stopped to distribute alms"

adulteress /ə'dʌlt(ə)rɪs/  
a woman who commits adultery.

blouse /blaʊz/  
a woman's upper garment resembling a shirt, typically with a collar, buttons, and sleeves.

emaciated /ɪ'meɪʃɪeɪtɪd/ I. adjective abnormally thin or weak, especially because of illness or a lack of food • she was so emaciated she could hardly stand.

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

How do you like them apples

How do ya like them apples!?

Mary had been a model student all her life, but when she got to senior year of high school, she started hanging out with the wrong crowd, and her grades suffered as a result.  
Because there is no sort of network in place to keep young people active and engaged in this part of the city, it's all too easy for them to fall in with the wrong crowd.

Blue ribbons are typically a symbol of high quality.

If you say that someone has got their just deserts, you mean that they deserved the unpleasant things that have happened to them, because they did something bad.  
[feelings]  
At the end of the book, the bad guys get their just deserts.

cannery /'kænəri/  
a factory where food is canned.

a chip off the old block  
someone who is very similar in character to their father or mother

Water weight, also called edema, is the buildup of excess water or fluid in the body.

on the rocks

(of a relationship or enterprise) experiencing difficulties and likely to fail.

"his marriage was on the rocks"

The internet technology team — which is partly responsible for keeping the site functioning — became "a skeleton crew," two people said.

But you must keep skeleton staff on duty at all car parks while the event is still open.

skeleton crew

the smallest number of people needed to keep a business or organization operating:

On weekends the hospital has a skeleton staff.

dolt

/dəʊlt/

noun

a stupid person.

run in

informal

a disagreement or fight, especially with someone in an official position.

"a run-in with armed police"

informal

arrest someone.

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

mallet /'mælɪt/

a hammer with a large, usually wooden head.

come to terms with

come to accept (a new and painful or difficult event or situation); reconcile oneself to.

"she had come to terms with the tragedies in her life"

artichoke

/'ɑ:tɪtʃəʊk/

noun

plural noun: artichokes

1.

a European plant resembling a thistle, cultivated for its large flower heads.

2.

British

short for Jerusalem artichoke.

She is now fifth in the world rankings.

piety

/ˈpɪɪti/

noun

the quality of being religious or reverent.

"acts of piety and charity"

foreclose

/fɔːˈkləʊz/

verb

1.

take possession of a mortgaged property when the mortgagor fails to keep up their mortgage payments.

"the bank was threatening to foreclose on his mortgage"

2.

rule out or prevent (a course of action).

"the decision effectively foreclosed any possibility of his early rehabilitation"

shizzle /ˈʃɪzəl/

shiz /ʃɪz/

(vulgar, slang) shit; excrement

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

coeliac /ˈsiːliæk/

Anatomy

relating to the abdomen.

2.

Medicine

relating to or affected by coeliac disease.

"a coeliac child"

inflection /ɪnˈfleksjən/ noun

a change in the form of a word (typically the ending) to express a grammatical function or attribute such as tense, mood, person, number, case, and gender.

"a set of word forms differing only in respect of inflections"

put a spin on (something)

To report or relay information to someone else in a way that makes their interpretation or understanding of it more palatable, acceptable, or favorable.

Though the crime rate was still higher than anywhere else in the country, the police commissioner tried to put a positive spin on the report by applauding that the city had a 10% crime reduction from the previous year.

No matter what the facts are, they're going to try to put a spin on it one way or another—that's what PR companies do!

overt /ə(ʊ)ˈvɜːt/

done or shown openly; plainly apparent.

"an overt act of aggression"

tenure /'tɛnjə/

the conditions under which land or buildings are held or occupied.

the holding of an office.

"his tenure of the premiership would be threatened"

in your head

thinking or worrying too much about something, in a way that makes you less confident or less able to do something:

How do I stop being too in my head?

I was so in my head that I couldn't concentrate on what he was saying.

You're in your head too much, constantly replaying a conversation in your mind or imagining something bad happening.

get in your head Sometimes I get in my head before a performance and I just freeze up.

Good luck and don't get too "in your head" about it. You might just surprise yourself.

pimp /pɪmp/

A pimp is a person who procures customers for prostitutes.

To pimp someone is to employ them as a prostitute (to perform sex work on customers, not on yourself). I believe this is the definition used in "To Pimp a Butterfly".

Since pimps have a reputation for flashy over-the-top attire to pimp something could also mean to make something flashy and cool. "Pimp my ride" means to give your car a makeover to make it cool and fancy.

lash out phrasal verb

1 to suddenly speak angrily to someone or criticize someone angrily  
at

Olson lashed out at the media.

2 to try to hit someone with a series of violent uncontrolled movements  
at

She would suddenly lash out at other children.

skim

/skɪm/

read (something) quickly so as to note only the important points.

"he skimmed the report"

four-square

/,fɔː'skwɛː, 'fɔːskwɛː/

squarely and solidly.

"a castle standing four-square on a peninsula"

firmly and resolutely in support of someone or something.

"they stand four-square behind integration"

four square



: a children's game for four players in which each player stands in a quadrant of a square court, the server strikes a large ball so that it bounces in the quadrant of another player, the receiving player strikes it to bounce in another quadrant, and so on, with players being eliminated for failing to hit and direct the ball properly

At Grant Elementary School, I played four square with the children of immigrants from the Philippines, Czechoslovakia, Mexico, and Lebanon.

—Héctor Tobar

bad blood

ill feeling.

"there has always been bad blood between these families"

run round like a headless chicken

to be very busy doing a lot of things, but in a way that is not very effective

bare-bones

adjective

reduced to or comprising only the basic or essential elements of something.

"a bare-bones version of the story"

the bare bones of the story

I don't need all the details - just give me the bare bones.

vow /vaʊ/

a solemn promise.

emanate

/ˈɛməneɪt/

verb

(of a feeling, quality, or sensation) issue or spread out from (a source).

"warmth emanated from the fireplace"

disseminate

/dɪˈsɛmɪneɪt/

verb

spread (something, especially information) widely.

"health authorities should foster good practice by disseminating information"

be in over one's head

be involved in something that is beyond one's capacity to deal with.

"when I became a graduate student I knew at once I was in over my head"

quip /kwɪp/

a witty remark.

"Peter ate heartily with a quip about being a condemned man"

If you have had your fill of something, you have had enough of it, and do not want to experience it any more or do it any more.

We feel that we have had our fill of disappointments and emotional upsets.

haul /hɔ:l/

a distance to be covered in a journey • the thirty-mile haul to Boston.

for company

If you do something for company, you do it to make you feel as if you are not alone:

I usually have the radio on for company.

He brings his two dogs with him for company.

I went to look at the house, and took my mother along for company.

For company, she plays with her two tortoiseshell cats.

He used to put the TV on for company - a habit he'd picked up from his mother.

for show

Something that is for show has no practical value and is used only to improve the appearance of something else:

just/only for show Do the lights on this phone have any useful function or are they just/only for show?

It isn't a real drawer - it's just for show.

It's thought that the animal's horns didn't serve any useful purpose, and were just for show.

Mulch in the border keeps the weeds down - it isn't just for show.

No one actually reads these books - they're only for show.

Do those medals signify anything or are they for show?

leave well enough alone

to allow something to stay as it is because doing more might make things worse:

I could rewrite it, but I decided to leave well enough alone.

jack shit

noun vulgar slang•US

anything at all.

berth /bə:θ/

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

"the vessel had left its berth"

give a wide berth

steer a ship well clear of (something) while passing it.

"ships are advised to give the islands a wide berth"

stay away from (someone or something).

"I'd sworn to give women a wide berth"

dander /'dandə/

flakes of skin in an animal's fur or hair.

"you can keep your cat free of dander by proper care"

cut someone some slack

to not judge someone as severely as you usually would because they are having problems at the present time:

"Andrew's late again." "Cut him some slack - his wife just had a baby."

frequent

verb — [with obj.] frequent /frɪ'kwɛnt / 1. visit (a place) often • pubs frequented by soldiers • bears which persisted in frequenting developed areas • (as adj., with submodifier frequented) one of the most frequented sites.

call out

To confront one about one's misdeeds or unpleasant behavior. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "call" and "out."

If your intern keeps coming in late, you need to call her out on it.

If the boss thinks you're responsible for the printing mishap, he won't hesitate to call you out on it in front of the rest of the staff.

Thank goodness somebody finally called Andrew out on his lies!

"Called her on it." or "Called her out on it." are the preferred constructions. These are both the same, though the "out" might imply that the teacher is making the accusation more publicly.

on a roll

experiencing a prolonged spell of success or good luck.

"the organization is on a roll"

forge /fɔ:dʒ/

produce a fraudulent copy or imitation of (a document, signature, banknote, or work of art).

"the signature on the cheque was forged"

eidetic /aɪ'detɪk/

relating to or denoting mental images having unusual vividness and detail, as if actually visible.

"an eidetic memory"

hold (someone or something) in low regard

To view someone or something with a lack of respect or admiration.

I'll never be able to persuade the committee because they hold me in low regard.

If you keep showing up late and ignoring deadlines, the boss is going to hold you in low regard.

I hope they don't hold me in low regard for leaving my job so suddenly.

squeamish /'skwi:mɪʃ/

easily made to feel sick or disgusted.

"I've always been squeamish about bugs"

intrepid /ɪn'trepɪd/

fearless; adventurous (often used for rhetorical or humorous effect).

"our intrepid reporter"

obfuscate

/ˈɒbfʌskeɪt/

verb

make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.

"the spelling changes will deform some familiar words and obfuscate their etymological origins"

abstruse

/əbˈstruːs/

adjective

difficult to understand; obscure.

"an abstruse philosophical inquiry"

Extensive reading (ER) is the process of reading longer, easier texts for an extended period of time without a breakdown of comprehension, feeling overwhelmed, or the need to take breaks.

pander /ˈpandə/

gratify or indulge (an immoral or distasteful desire or taste or a person with such a desire or taste).

"newspapers are pandering to people's baser instincts"

vestige /ˈvestɪdʒ/

a trace or remnant of something that is disappearing or no longer exists.

navel-gazing

self-indulgent or excessive contemplation of oneself or a single issue, at the expense of a wider view.

"he lapsed into his customary navel-gazing"

be not feeling it

slang To be disinterested in or disapproving of something.

I'm just not really feeling this new hair style. I think it makes me look old.

There was just a weird vibe at the party—that's why I left early. I wasn't feeling it.

I know sequins are the standard on New Year's Eve, but I'm just not feeling the glitz this year.

(every) now and then/again

sometimes, but not very often:

We meet up for lunch now and then, but not as often as we used to.

discretion

/dɪˈskreʃn/

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"

absent

preposition formal•North American

/ˈabs(ə)nt/

without.

"absent a willingness to negotiate, you can't have collective bargaining"

folly

/ˈfɒli/

noun

1.

lack of good sense; foolishness.

"an act of sheer folly"

crass

/kras/

adjective

showing no intelligence or sensitivity.

"the crass assumptions that men make about women"

YES, I WALKED AWAY MID-CONVERSATION.

She began talking as though we were in mid conversation.

Obviously they had just fallen asleep mid conversation, their fingers intertwined.

compass /ˈkʌmpəs/

jaunt

/dʒɔːnt/

noun

a short excursion or journey made for pleasure.

"her regular jaunts to Europe"

posse

/ˈpɒsi/

noun

1.

historical•US

a body of men summoned by a sheriff to enforce the law.

2.

informal

a group of people who have a common characteristic or occupation.

"tea was handed round by a posse of mothers"

hang-out noun /ˈhæŋ aʊt/

a place where somebody lives or likes to go often

synonym haunt

This cafe is a popular hang-out for tourists.

esquire

/ɪˈskwɪɹə, ɛˈskwɪɹə/

noun

1.

British

a polite title appended to a man's name when no other title is used, typically in the address of a letter or other documents.

"J. C. Pearson Esquire"

2.

historical

a young nobleman who, in training for knighthood, acted as an attendant to a knight.

fickle /ˈfɪkl/

changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections.

"celebs trying to appeal to an increasingly fickle public"

head-on

/ˌhɛdˈɒn/

with direct confrontation.

"she's a serious writer who frequently tackles social issues head-on"

bottle up

repress or conceal feelings over time.

"his anger and frustration had been bottled up for years"

to put it another way

set phrase To rephrase something; to express something in a different way.

I'm afraid your sales figures haven't been in line with the figures generated by our estimates.

To put it another way, Tom, your performance has been really underwhelming.

The universe is huge and uncaring to our choices or ambitions. To put it another, more optimistic way, our fates are ours to decide for ourselves.

put another way

set phrase To rephrase something; to express something in a different way.

I'm afraid your sales figures haven't been in line with the figures generated by our estimates.

Put another way, Tom, your performance has been really underwhelming.

The universe is huge and uncaring to our choices or ambitions. Put another, more optimistic way, our fates are ours to decide for ourselves.

afterwards

/ˈɑːftəwədz/

adverb

at a later or future time.

"the offender was arrested shortly afterwards"

afterword

/ˈɑːftəwɜːd/

noun

a concluding section in a book.

inch forward

To proceed or move forward in very small increments or very gradually.

I inched forward toward the bug and then whacked him with the fly swatter.

You're fine—if you just inch forward out of the driveway, you won't hit anything.

I inched forward into the house after curfew as silently as possible—that is, until I knocked over the coat rack and woke everybody up.

parch /pɑːtʃ/

make or become dry through intense heat.

"a piece of grassland parched by the sun"

shy with new people

shy around strangers

take (something) in stride

: to deal with (something difficult or upsetting) in a calm way

I thought she'd be upset, but she has taken the news in stride.

voluptuous /vəˈlʌptʃʊəs/

curvaceous and sexually attractive (typically used of a woman).

A "star student" is a student who consistently excels academically, demonstrating a strong work ethic, active participation, and a love for learning, often serving as a positive role model.

take long

idiom

: to require a large amount of time

It won't take long to make dinner.

This is taking longer than I thought (it would).

Hurry up. You're taking too long.

stop dead

stop suddenly or abruptly.

"Rob stopped dead and turned to face me"

stand tall

be proud and confident.

"you must stand tall in this dark hour"

labyrinth

/ˈlæb(ə)rɪnθ/

chiffon

/ˈʃɪfən/

fester

/ˈfɛstə/

verb

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

"I developed a tropical sore that festered badly"

discovery

/dɪˈskʌv(ə)ri/

Law

the compulsory disclosure, by one party to an action to another, of relevant testimony or documents.

Pellagra /pəˈlæɡ.rə/ is a disease caused by a lack of the vitamin niacin (vitamin B3).[2]

I know you ain't talking about me coz you never called me babe

I know you ain't talking

Share definition

When someone is trying to roast you but he did something lamer than you.

-DAMN, your haircut is so ugly!

-BITCH! I know you ain't talking with that shitty ass fade.

shingle<sup>1</sup>

/ˈʃɪŋɡl/

nounBritish

a mass of small rounded pebbles, especially on a seashore.

"a wonderful beach of fine shingle"

clerk /klɑ:k/

a person employed in an office or bank to keep records, accounts, and undertake other routine administrative duties.

"a bank clerk"

chimpanzee

/ˌtʃɪmpənˈziː, ˌtʃɪmp(ə)nˈziː/

libtard

(US, slang, derogatory, politics) A stupid liberal or progressive; a person who presents or advocates liberal views in a stupid or illogical manner.

wage

/weɪdʒ/

noun

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

"we were struggling to get better wages"



carry on (a war or campaign).  
"it is necessary to destroy their capacity to wage war"

caste  
/kɑːst/  
noun  
each of the hereditary classes of Hindu society, distinguished by relative degrees of ritual purity or pollution and of social status.  
"members of the lower castes"

pitch in (with somebody/something)  
(informal) to join in and help with an activity, by doing some of the work or by giving money, advice, etc.  
Everyone pitched in with the work.  
Local companies pitched in with building materials and labour.

back-breaking  
(of manual labour) physically demanding.  
"a day's back-breaking work"

saline  
/'seɪlɪn/  
adjective  
containing or impregnated with salt.  
"saline alluvial soils"

Fahrenheit /'færənhaɪt/

ramp up  
increase the level or amount of something sharply.  
"they ramped up production to meet booming demand"  
sharply increase in level or amount.  
"the level of violence is ramping up"

bust out  
1. slang To escape from a place or thing (often prison).  
The criminal busted out, but he was caught only a few miles from the prison.  
2. slang To help one to escape from a place or thing (often prison). In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "bust" and "out."  
We can't just leave him here to rot in a jail cell—we have to bust him out!  
3. To bring out something for use. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "bust" and "out."  
Bust out the champagne—we've got an engagement to celebrate!  
4. To produce or create something very quickly. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "bust" and "out."  
He's been busting out a new book in his popular sci-fi series nearly every year.  
5. To suddenly perform a particular action. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "bust" and "out."

My mother seemed fine this morning but then busted out crying at the funeral.

The kids busted out laughing when the clown fell down on stage.

6. To dismiss or expel someone from school. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "bust" and "out."

The committee evaluating the plagiarism charges ultimately decided to bust the student out of school.

7. To seem to pop out of something, especially clothes that are too small. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "bust" and "out."

I'm sorry, but that top just doesn't fit you—you're practically busting out of it!

advertisement

/ədˈvɜːtɪsm(ə)nt/

gizmo

/ˈɡɪzməʊ/

noun informal

a gadget, especially one whose name the speaker does not know or cannot recall.

"the latest multimedia gizmo"

pensive /ˈpɛnsɪv/

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

"a pensive mood"

down to the wire

used to denote a situation whose outcome is not decided until the very last minute.

"it was probable that the test of nerves would go down to the wire"

my resolve failed me

pattern

/ˈpɑːtn/

dead on

exactly right.

"her judgement was dead on"

The liver bird (/ˈlaɪvərbɜːrd/ LY-vər-burd) is a mythical creature that is the symbol of the English city of Liverpool.

foray /ˈfɔːreɪ/

a sudden attack or incursion into enemy territory, especially to obtain something; a raid.

"the garrison made a foray against Richard's camp"

altruism

/ˈɹʌʊɪz(ə)m/

noun

disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others.

"some may choose to work with vulnerable elderly people out of altruism"

break even

reach a point in a business venture when the profits are equal to the costs.

"the firm will break even at the operating level this year"

locale /lə(ʊ)'kɑ:l/

a place where something happens or is set, or that has particular events associated with it.

"her summers were spent in a variety of exotic locales"

esoteric

/,i:sə(ʊ)'tɛrɪk, ɛsə(ʊ)'tɛrɪk/

adjective

intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest.

"esoteric philosophical debates"

quagmire

/'kwɑgmɪə, 'kwɒgmɪə/

a soft boggy area of land that gives way underfoot.

"torrential rain turned the building site into a quagmire"

chagrin

/'ʃɑgrɪn/

noun

annoyance or distress at having failed or been humiliated.

"to my chagrin, he was nowhere to be seen"

lackadaisical /,ləkə'deɪzɪkl/

lacking enthusiasm and determination; carelessly lazy.

"taking a lackadaisical approach can jeopardize the success of a project"

eloquent

/'ɛləkw(ə)nt/

wry

/rɪ/

adjective

1.

using or expressing dry, especially mocking, humour.

"a wry smile"

spurt

/spɜ:t/

verb

1.

gush out in a sudden and forceful stream.

"he cut his finger, and blood spurted over the sliced potatoes"

Lamaze

/lə'mɑːz,lə'meɪz/

adjective

relating to a method of childbirth involving exercises and breathing control to give pain relief without drugs.

snide

/snʌɪd/

adjective

1.

derogatory or mocking in an indirect way.

"snide remarks about my mother"

five o'clock shadow

noun

a dark appearance on a man's chin and face caused by the slight growth of beard that has occurred since he shaved in the morning.

suave /swɑːv/

charming, confident, and elegant (typically used of a man).

"all the waiters were suave and deferential"

urbane /əː'beɪn/

courteous and refined in manner (typically used of a man).

"the supposedly urbane, restrained English gentleman"

write home about

in American English

to comment especially on; remark on

The town was nothing to write home about

His cooking is really something to write home about

it was much of the same

ergonomic

/ˌɜːgə'nɒmɪk/

adjective

relating to or designed for efficiency and comfort in the working environment.

"ergonomic keyboard design"

You've got dark circles around your eyes. play icon

You have bags under your eyes.

tie up

bring something to a satisfactory conclusion; settle.

"he said he had a business deal to tie up"

malignant /məˈlɪgnənt/

evil in nature or effect; malevolent.

"in the hands of malignant fate"

"Slave away" is an informal idiom that means to work very hard, especially for a long time. For example, you might say "I've been slaving away all day trying to get this work finished".

household name

noun

a person or thing that is well known by the public.

"he'd never become a household name, unlike his famous younger brother"

chide /tʃaɪd/

scold or rebuke.

"she chided him for not replying to her letters"

charade

/ʃəˈrɑːd/

noun

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

"talk of unity was nothing more than a charade"

We are committed to withdrawing our troops by the end of the year.

"Said it best" means that someone has expressed an idea or feeling perfectly, in a way that is difficult to improve upon; essentially, they have articulated something in the most accurate and well-stated manner possible.

come/follow hard/hot on the heels of something

to happen very soon after something:

For Walter, disaster followed hard on the heels of his initial success.

pundit

/ˈpʌndɪt/

noun

1.

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

"political pundits were tipping him for promotion"

huddle

/ˈhʌdəl/

verb

1.

crowd together; nestle closely.

"they huddled together for warmth"

incidentally

/ˌɪnsɪˈdɛntəli, ˌɪnsɪˈdɛntli/

adverb

1.

used to add a further comment or a remark unconnected to the current subject; by the way.

"incidentally, it was many months before the whole truth was discovered"

sting in the tail

an unexpected, typically unpleasant or problematic end to something.

"the Budget comes with a sting in the tail—future tax increases"

rebate<sup>1</sup>

/ˈriːbeɪt/

noun

a partial refund to someone who has paid too much for tax, rent, or a utility.

"the scheme eases the move to the council tax by giving rebates in the first year"

a deduction or discount on a sum of money due.

"you will be entitled to a 20 per cent rebate off each standard fare"

backstop /ˈbækstɒp/

a thing placed at the rear of something as a barrier or support.

"pull back harder until you reach the backstop on the stick"

2.

Baseball

a high fence or similar structure behind the home plate area.

I didn't do it to get something in return from you.

sardonic

/sɑːˈdɒnɪk/

adjective

grimly mocking or cynical.

"Starkey attempted a sardonic smile"

plunk

/plʌŋk/

informal

verb

1.

play a keyboard or plucked stringed instrument in an inexpressive way.

"I got a guitar when I was twelve and started plunking away on it"

2.

US

hit (someone) abruptly.

"he plunked him in the back"

tinge

/tɪn(d)ɜ/

verb

colour slightly.

"a mass of white blossom tinged with pink"

I've seen too much of Howard recently.

We don't even see much of Washington.

parental /pə'rentl/

informal•US

a person's parents.

"I may revisit this diner if the parentals are in town"

mack on someone

1. in. to make a sexual proposition to someone. You try to mack on anything that wears a skirt!

2. in. to make out with someone. Sam is in the back room macking on Mary.

badger /'bʌdʒə/

repeatedly ask (someone) to do something; pester.

"Tom had finally badgered her into going"

risqué

/'rɪskeɪ, rɪ'skeɪ/

adjective

slightly indecent and liable to shock, especially by being sexually suggestive.

"his risqué humour"

be (one's) place (to do something)

To be something that one can or should rightfully do, due to having the proper authority or relationship. Often used in the negative to mean the opposite.

I know you're just trying to help, but it's not your place to discipline my kids.

As much as I want to tell my neighbors how to care for their home, I know it's not my place to.

A: "I'm just really worried about my brother's marriage." B: "I get that, but is it really your place to intervene? No one appreciates unsolicited advice."

stink /stɪŋk/

[intransitive] stink (of something) to have a strong, unpleasant smell

Her breath stank of garlic.

It stinks of smoke in here.

Don't go in there—it stinks.

reek

/ri:k/

verb

smell strongly and unpleasantly; stink.

"the yard reeked of wet straw and horse manure"

Reluctantly, he acquiesced to/in the plans.

slink

/sɪŋk/

verb

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

"the fox came slinking through the bracken"

patty

/'pɑti/

noun

1.

a small flat cake of minced or finely chopped food, especially meat.

fedora /fɪ'dɔ:rə/

a low, soft felt hat with a curled brim and the crown creased lengthways.

What line of work are you in?

I'm in marketing.

bucko

/'bʌkəʊ/

noun informal

a young man (often as a form of address).

"I know you, my bucko, you're a troublemaker"

fuddy-duddy

/'fʌdi,dʌdi/

derogatory•informal

noun

a person who is old-fashioned and fussy.

"he probably thinks I'm an old fuddy-duddy"

get off someone's back

used to tell someone to stop criticizing you:

Why don't you get off my back! I'm doing my best.

epiphany

/ɪ'pɪfəni/

a moment of sudden and great revelation or realization.

"a few years ago, I had an epiphany"

ho-hum

/həʊ'hʌm/

exclamation

used to express boredom or resignation.



adjective  
boring.  
"a ho-hum script"

This price changes based on the current market price.

faff  
gerund or present participle: faffing  
spend time in ineffectual activity.  
"we can't faff around forever"

chock-full /ˌtʃɒkˈfʊl/  
adjective informal  
filled to overflowing.  
"my case is chock-full of notes"

yowl /jaʊl/

make a loud wailing cry.  
"out in the street, a cat was yowling"

wryly  
/'rɪli/  
adverb  
in a way that expresses dry, especially mocking, humour.  
"he reflects wryly on his life and work"

Having said that, I still think he is a great player.

verge on phrasal verb  
verge on something  
to be very close to an extreme state or condition  
synonym border on something  
Some of his suggestions verged on the outrageous.  
a dislike verging on contempt  
The fabric is very dark blue, verging on black.

ovum  
/'əʊvəm/  
nounBiology  
a mature female reproductive cell, especially of a human or other animal, which can divide to give rise to an embryo usually only after fertilization by a male cell.  
"the ovum contributes one chromosome of each pair to the fertilized cell"

mugging /'mʌɡɪŋ/  
an act of attacking and robbing someone in a public place.  
"he was the victim of a brutal mugging"

conscript

verb

/kənˈskript/

enlist (someone) compulsorily, typically into the armed services.

"they were conscripted into the army"

tide someone over (something)

to help someone to work or operate normally through a difficult period, usually by lending them money:

Can you lend me some money to tide me over till the weekend?

Have another piece of cake. It'll tide you over till supper.

OCD

noun

short for obsessive-compulsive disorder or obsessive-compulsive personality disorder.

pizzle

/ˈpɪzl/

nounarchaic

the penis of an animal, especially a bull.

canteen /kanˈti:n/

a small water bottle, as used by soldiers or campers.

lay into

phrasal verb of lay

informal

attack someone violently with words or blows.

"three youths laid into him"

swell

/swɛl/

excellent; very good.

"you're looking swell"

Popular (pop) psychology is an umbrella term that covers any psychological ideology, therapy, or other technique that gained popularity through a book, TV show, or blog post.

My Italian-American grandparents would often use the phrase "va fa Napoli" (or sometimes shortened to "fa Napoli").

company noun /ˈkʌmpəni/

[uncountable] (formal) a group of people together

She told the assembled company what had happened.

in company It is bad manners to whisper in company (= in a group of people).

spinster

/ˈspɪnstə/

nunderogatory•dated

an unmarried woman, typically an older woman beyond the usual age for marriage.

fair game

/fɛ: 'geɪm/

noun

a person or thing that is considered a reasonable target for criticism, exploitation, or attack.

"when it came to practical jokes, he regarded anybody as fair game"

Here, "it's fair game" means "it's up for grabs," "it's available to be taken freely (by me)."

slacker /'slakə/

noun informal

a person who avoids work or effort.

"the slackers who let the side down by their want of team spirit"

baffling /'bʌflɪŋ/

impossible to understand; perplexing.

"the crime is a baffling mystery for the police"

break into a smile

To start smiling.

Even though she scolded me for disrupting class, I'm pretty sure I saw Ms. Miller break into a smile for a second.

No matter how hard my day was, I always break into a smile when I get home and see my dog.

I had to break into a smile when one of my favorite songs came on the radio.

concede

/kən'si:d/

verb

1.

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

"I had to concede that I'd overreacted"

flaunt

/flɔ:nt/

verb

display (something) ostentatiously, especially in order to provoke envy or admiration or to show defiance.

"newly rich consumers eager to flaunt their prosperity"

royalty noun /'rɔɪəlti/

(plural royalties)

[uncountable] one or more members of a royal family

The gala evening was attended by royalty and politicians.

We were treated like royalty.

She behaved as if she were in the presence of royalty.  
(figurative) Hollywood royalty (= very famous film stars)

[countable, usually plural] a sum of money that is paid to somebody who has written a book, piece of music, etc. each time that it is sold or performed

All royalties from the album will go to charity.

in royalties She received £2 000 in royalties.

a royalty payment

on a roll

informal experiencing a period of success or good luck:

They've won nine games in a row, so they're obviously on a roll.

collateral /kə'lætərəl/

[uncountable] (finance)

property or something valuable that you promise to give to somebody if you cannot pay back money that you borrow

We had put our house up as collateral for our bank loan.

I'm paid a salary of £15,000 a year.

He earns a good wage.

"I got tired of working for slave wages, so I quit".

"I want people to have livable wages instead of slave wages".

cockle<sup>1</sup>

/ˈkɒkl/

noun

1.

an edible burrowing bivalve mollusc with a strong ribbed shell.

pull out

(of a vehicle) move out from the side of the road, or from its normal position in order to overtake.

"as he turned the corner a police car pulled out in front of him"

run rings around someone

to outshine or outperform someone

You don't know (how hypocritical you are) vs (how much of a hypocrite you are)

both work

exorbitant

/ɪgˈzɔːbɪt(ə)nt, ɛgˈzɔːbɪt(ə)nt/

adjective

(of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high.  
"some hotels charge exorbitant rates for phone calls"

software /'softweə(r)/  
[uncountable]

"Can I add to that?"

"Can I expand on that?"

"You may want to consider the following points."

dupe1  
/dju:p/  
verb  
deceive; trick.  
"the newspaper was duped into publishing an untrue story"

mosh  
/mɒʃ/  
verb informal  
dance to rock music in a violent manner involving jumping up and down and deliberately colliding with other dancers.  
"the boys began to mosh, slamming shoulder to shoulder with abandon"

grimoire  
/ɡrɪm'waɪə/

upkeep  
/'ʌpki:p/  
noun  
the process of keeping something in good condition.  
"we will be responsible for the upkeep of the access road"

granular  
/'ɡrænjʊlə/  
adjective  
1.  
resembling or consisting of small grains or particles.

"Any tea going?"  
"Yeah, I'll put the kettle on / The kettle is boiling / There's some in the pot."

going  
adjective [ after noun ] uk /'gəʊ.ɪŋ/ us /'goʊ.ɪŋ/ UK  
available or existing  
Examples:

I wouldn't trust him if I were you - he's the biggest crook going (= he's the most dishonest person that exists).

I don't suppose there's any left-over pie going, is there?

precursor

/prɪˈkə:sə/

noun

a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner.

"a three-stringed precursor of the violin"

publicity stunt

something unusual that is done to attract people's attention to a particular person, product, or organization:

The all-night debate is nothing more than a publicity stunt.

make (one's)/the rounds

1. Of a doctor or nurse in a hospital, to visit each hospitalized patient assigned to them. In this usage, "the" or a pronoun has to be used between "make" and "rounds."

Dr. Murphy is making her rounds right now. I think she's with the patient in room 21.

2. To circulate through a group or place.

Oh, I'm just making my rounds, but I'll be back to chat some more before the night is over.

All the big news makes the rounds after homeroom, and everyone has the most current gossip by lunch.

3. To go from place to place.

While working on my novel, I've been making the rounds through all the coffee shops in town.

ticket gate

turnstile

/ˈtɜːnstʌɪl/

noun

a mechanical gate consisting of revolving horizontal arms fixed to a vertical post, allowing only one person at a time to pass through.

chatter away

1. Of a person, to talk idly or incessantly.

Now that she can talk, my little girl will just chatter away all day long.

Well, he's still chattering away, but I stopped listening a while ago.

Uncle Ned is already chattering away about politics, so I'd steer clear of him if I were you.

2. Of an animal, to make a series of noises.

The chipmunk started chattering away as I got closer to it.

A: "What's all that racket?" B: "Ah, just some squirrels chattering away and chasing each other up the trees."

A: "I've never heard a cat chatter away so much!" B: "Oh, our Fluffy chirps and squeaks constantly!"

psych up

mentally prepare someone for a testing task or occasion.

"we had to psych ourselves up for the race"

teeter

/ˈti:tə/

verb

move or balance unsteadily; sway back and forth.

"she teetered after him in her high-heeled sandals"

dishevel

/dɪˈʃeɪvəl/

verb

make (a person's hair or clothes) untidy.

"he ran one hand through his hair, further disheveling it"

ledger

/ˈledʒə/

noun

1.

a book or other collection of financial accounts.

"the total balance of the purchases ledger"

snicker

/ˈsnɪkəl/

verb

give a half-suppressed, typically scornful laugh; snigger.

"he could imagine them snickering as he passed"

You can often see meteor showers on this island

depot

/ˈdeɪpəʊ/

noun

1.

a place for the storage of large quantities of equipment, food, or goods.

"an arms depot"

cauterize

/ˈkɔ:təraɪz/

verb

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

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

squab

/skwɒb/

noun

1.

a young unfledged pigeon.

To fall plump; to strike at one dash, or with a heavy stroke.

swill

/swɪl/

verb

1.

British

wash or rinse out (an area or container) by pouring large amounts of water or other liquid over or into it.

"I swilled out the mug"

informal

alcohol of inferior quality.

"the beer was just warm swill"

on a tear

idiom

US, informal

: having great success over a period of time

The team has been on a tear in recent weeks.

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

pissant

/'pɪsənt/

noun vulgar slang • US

an insignificant or contemptible person or thing.

particular

/pə'tɪkjʊlə/

a detail.

"he is wrong in every particular"

klick

/klɪk/

noun informal

a kilometre.

"about 200 klicks northwest of Moscow"

A common term is "on the backside" or "in the flip side". It means on the opposite side of something, literally or figuratively. This example is not a typical way to use it, but she gets her point across.

She's basically saying that there's gotta be a catch.

turn on a tap

Run some cold water into the bath before turning on the hot tap.



on tap  
available to be used at any time  
We have this sort of information on tap.

green-eyed monster  
Synonyms of green-eyed monster  
: jealousy imagined as a monster that attacks people —usually used with the  
Finally, he suffered from professional jealousy, although, at least in public, he kept the green-eyed monster at bay most of the time.  
Can it be that Suzanne was envious because you had a date? It sounds as if the green-eyed monster may have taken over and clouded her judgment.

cheek /tʃi:k/  
talk or behaviour regarded as rude or lacking in respect.  
"he had the cheek to complain"

The static from my sweater shocked me as I took it off.

I was zapped by static.

In addition to his academic background, he has extensive experience in the software industry.

in assets  
Kaiser in San Mateo, California, which manages \$ 1 billion in assets.

canapé  
/'kanəpeɪ/

take a fancy to sb/sth  
to start liking sb/sth without any obvious reason

Examples:  
I can't explain it, but I took a fancy to pickles recently.  
It looks like she took a fancy to you! How did you do it?

unforthcoming  
/,ʌnfɔːθ'kʌmɪŋ/  
adjective

1.  
(of a person) not willing to divulge information.  
"the sergeant seemed unforthcoming, so he enquired at the gate"
2.  
(of something required) not ready or made available when wanted or needed.  
"with money unforthcoming from the company, the project has had to be delayed"