usurp

/jʊˈzəːp,jʊˈsəːp/

take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force.

"Richard usurped the throne"

eligible /ˈɛlɪdʒɪb(ə)l/

having the right to do or obtain something; satisfying the appropriate conditions.

"customers who are eligible for discounts"

Chonk

A fat or aggressively fluffy animal.

Aww look at that chonk!

Zorb /ˈzɔːb/

a large transparent ball containing an inner capsule into which a person is secured in the sport of zorbing.

"the Zorb veered off a snowy track and rolled into a gorge"

shore /ʃɔː/

support or hold up something with props or beams.

"rescue workers had to shore up the building, which was in danger of collapse"

precarious /prɪˈkɛːrɪəs/

not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse.

"a precarious ladder"

choreography /ˌkɒrɪˈɒɡrəfi/

the sequence of steps and movements in dance or figure skating, especially in a ballet or other staged dance.

"the rumbustious choreography reflects the themes of the original play"

Beer head is the frothy foam on top of beer and carbonated beverages which is produced by bubbles of gas, predominantly carbon dioxide, rising to the surface.

froth /frɒθ/

a mass of small bubbles in liquid caused by agitation, fermentation, or salivating.

"leave the yeast until there is a good head of froth"

thoroughbred /ˈθʌrəbrɛd/

“None” is an indefinite pronoun, meaning it can be both singular or plural. Learn how to properly use “none,” a word that’s commonly confused in English grammar.

take the plunge

commit oneself to a course of action about which one is nervous.

"she wondered whether to enter for the race, but decided to take the plunge"

I’ll be starting in the south and making my way north by train.

Nairobi

Despite smoking 40 cigarettes a day, my grandfather lived to 100.

munition /mjʊˈnɪʃ(ə)n/

military weapons, ammunition, equipment, and stores.

"reserves of nuclear, chemical, and conventional munitions"

come out in something

If you come out in something, such as spots, they appear on your skin:

This heat has made me come out in an itchy red rash.

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"

formidable

/ˈfɔːmɪdəb(ə)l,fəˈmɪdəb(ə)l/

inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.

"a formidable opponent"

insurgent /ɪnˈsəːdʒ(ə)nt/

a person fighting against a government or invading force; a rebel or revolutionary.

"an attack by armed insurgents"

Somalia /səˈmɑːliə/

trachea /trəˈkiːə,ˈtreɪkɪə/

windpipe /ˈwɪn(d)pʌɪp/

the air passage from the throat to the lungs; the trachea.

drought /draʊt/

go through with something

to do something unpleasant or difficult that has already been agreed or promised:

He'd threatened to divorce her but I never thought he'd go through with it.

The company has decided not to go through with the takeover of its smaller rival.

insinuate /ɪnˈsɪnjʊeɪt/

suggest or hint (something bad) in an indirect and unpleasant way.

"he was insinuating that I had no self-control"

Definition of wing it

informal

: to do or try to do something without much practice or preparation

I hadn't practiced the part, so I got up there and winged it.

twat /twat,twɒt/

a stupid or obnoxious person.

a woman's genitals.

hit or punch (someone).

"if my best mate said that I'd twat him"

ramp /ramp/

acoustic /əˈkuːstɪk/

canal /kəˈnal/

I would like to write on my blog tips for growing plants.

To grow plants

Definition of crack a smile

: to smile

I tried to get him to laugh, but he never even cracked a smile.

Definition of far-fetched

1: brought from a remote time or place

2: not easily or naturally deduced or introduced : IMPROBABLE

a far-fetched story

path /pɑːθ/

psychopath /ˈsʌɪkəpaθ/

reproach /rɪˈprəʊtʃ/

express to (someone) one's disapproval of or disappointment in their actions.

"her friends reproached her for not thinking enough about her family"

noun

divorce /dɪˈvɔːs/

We don’t use to or with after marry:

She married someone she met at college.

Not: She married to someone … or She married with someone …

We use to, not with, after get married + direct object and be married + direct object:

She got married to someone she met at college.

She’s married to someone she met at college.

Not: She got married with someone … or She’s married with someone …

We use from with get divorced and (less commonly) with be divorced:

She got divorced from her second husband.

She is divorced from her second husband.

She divorced her second husband.

confiscate

/ˈkɒnfɪskeɪt/

take or seize (someone's property) with authority.

"the guards confiscated his camera"

arson /ˈɑːs(ə)n/

the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property.

"police are treating the fire as arson"

sect /sɛkt/

a group of people with somewhat different religious beliefs (typically regarded as heretical) from those of a larger group to which they belong.

hide /hʌɪd/ I. noun 1. the skin of an animal, especially when tanned or dressed. • we'll skin them right here and preserve their hides.

slash

Verb. To take a piss/urinate, primarily used by men.

Mate, can you pull over? I need to take a slash ASAP.

hiatus /hʌɪˈeɪtəs/

Definition of go on hiatus

US

: to cease being broadcast for a period of time

The series went on hiatus for several months.

winsor

ˈwɪnzə

dispensable

/dɪˈspɛnsəb(ə)l/

able to be replaced or done without; superfluous.

"the captain's loss of form made him dispensable"

conscript /kənˈskrɪpt/

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

"they were conscripted into the army"

All of a sudden is an idiom that is a more poetic way of saying “suddenly.”

Definition of dote on/upon

: to give a lot of love or attention to (someone or something)

She doted on her new grandchild.

ballistic /bəˈlɪstɪk/

autonomic imbalance

cardinal

/ˈkɑːd(ɪ)n(ə)l/

of the greatest importance; fundamental.

"two cardinal points must be borne in mind"

The four cardinal directions, or cardinal points, are the four main compass directions: north, east, south, and west, commonly denoted by their initials N, E, S, and W respectively.

condolence

/kənˈdəʊl(ə)ns/

an expression of sympathy, especially on the occasion of the death of a person's relative or close friend.

"we offer our sincere condolences to his widow"

deride /dɪˈrʌɪd/

express contempt for; ridicule.

"the decision was derided by environmentalists"

one-trick pony

a person or thing with only one special feature, talent, or area of expertise.

first-hand /ˌfəːstˈhand/

from the original source or personal experience; directly.

"he knows first-hand how tough the job is"

wage /weɪdʒ/

carry on (a war or campaign).

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

at dawn

message /ˈmɛsɪdʒ/

weird /wɪəd/

hasta la vista /ˌhastə ˌla ˈvɪstə/

botanist /ˈbɒt(ə)nɪst/

bombardier /ˌbɒmbəˈdɪə/

forage /ˈfɒrɪdʒ/

evade window

I got carried away and spent too much.

Definition of go stale

1of a food : to become no longer fresh

The bread went stale.

2: to become dull or predictable

Their relationship went stale.

swot /swɒt/

study assiduously.

"kids swotting for exams"

a person who studies very hard.

constellation /ˌkɒnstəˈleɪʃ(ə)n/

Saran /səˈran/

polyvinyl choride (PVC), especially in the form of cling flim.

bide /bʌɪd/

remain or stay somewhere.

"how long must I bide here to wait for the answer?"

penultimate /pɪˈnʌltɪmət/

last but one in a series of things; second last.

"the penultimate chapter of the book"

boneless /ˈbəʊnlɪs/

bulldog /ˈbʊldɒɡ/

sleep like the dead

wage /weɪdʒ/

carry on (a war or campaign).

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

cocaine /kə(ʊ)ˈkeɪn/

an addictive drug derived from coca or prepared synthetically, used as an illegal stimulant and sometimes medicinally as a local anaesthetic.

minuscule /ˈmɪnəskjuːl/

dune /djuːn/

a mound or ridge of sand or other loose sediment formed by the wind, especially on the sea coast or in a desert.

"a sand dune"

opposition ambush

He needs to learn to curb his temper.

anaemia /əˈniːmɪə/

a condition in which there is a deficiency of red cells or of haemoglobin in the blood, resulting in pallor and weariness.

I’m a dollar short.（=I’m short by one dollar. / I’m short a dollar.)

be low on

I’ll have to go to the supermarket – we’re low on coffee and sugar.

fave /feɪv/

a favourite person or thing.

"a playlist of classic disco faves"

hale /heɪl/

(of an old person) strong and healthy.

"he's only just sixty, very hale and hearty"

sparingly /ˈspɛːrɪŋli/

in a restricted or infrequent manner; in small quantities.

"the sharply flavoured leaves should be used sparingly"

last /lɑːst/

grapheme /ˈɡrafiːm/

molecule /ˈmɒlɪkjuːl/

Definition of slack off

1: to do something with less effort or energy than before

I was exercising regularly last summer, but I've been slacking off recently.

2: to become less active, forceful, etc.

Their business has been slacking off in recent months.

anomalous

/əˈnɒm(ə)ləs/

deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected.

"an anomalous situation"

alms /ɑːmz/

(in historical contexts) money or food given to poor people.

"the riders stopped to distribute alms"

dangerous /ˈdeɪn(d)ʒ(ə)rəs/

bane /beɪn/

a cause of great distress or annoyance.

"the telephone was the bane of my life"

warranty /ˈwɒr(ə)nti/

a written guarantee, issued to the purchaser of an article by its manufacturer, promising to repair or replace it if necessary within a specified period of time.

"the car comes with a three-year warranty"

camouflage /ˈkaməflɑːʒ/

space out

become euphoric, disoriented, or unaware of one's surroundings.

"I kind of space out for a few minutes"

I hadn't slept for two days and was completely spaced out.

polka dot

one of a number of round dots repeated to form a regular pattern on fabric.

"a red and white polka-dot shirt"

lead on

mislead or deceive someone, especially into believing that one is in love with or attracted to them.

"she flirted with him and led him on"

carrion /ˈkarɪən/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. the decaying flesh of dead animals. • a crow wheeled over the hills in search of carrion.

snout /snaʊt/ I. noun 1. the projecting nose and mouth of an animal, especially a mammal. • a sea lion balanced a ball on its snout.

crash-land

(of an aircraft) land roughly in an emergency, typically without lowering the undercarriage.

"the plane crash-landed at the airport and caught fire"

back something up

reverse

You'll have to back up your car so that I can get out.

I asked around but nobody has seen my wallet.

(of the hair, teeth, etc.) become detached and drop out.

"the chemotherapy made my hair fall out"

2.

have an argument.

"he had fallen out with his family"

on the go

very active or busy.

"he's been on the go all evening"

cold sweat

break into a cold sweat

occasion /əˈkeɪʒ(ə)n/

currant /ˈkʌr(ə)nt/

a small dried fruit made from a small seedless variety of grape originally grown in the eastern Mediterranean region and much used in cooking.

"a currant bun"

coward /ˈkaʊəd/

consommé /kənˈsɒmeɪ/

broth /brɒθ/

privacy /ˈprɪvəsi,ˈprʌɪvəsi/

Australia /ɒˈstɹeɪliːə/ /ɔːˈstɹeɪlɪə/

citrus /ˈsɪtrəs/

rancid /ˈransɪd/

(of foods containing fat or oil) smelling or tasting unpleasant as a result of being old and stale.

"rancid meat"

sheath /ʃiːθ/

a close-fitting cover for the blade of a knife or sword.

churn /tʃəːn/

a machine for making butter by shaking milk or cream.

scald /skɔːld/

injure with very hot liquid or steam.

"the tea scalded his tongue"

dairy /ˈdɛːri/

diversion

/dʌɪˈvəːʃ(ə)n,dɪˈvəːʃ(ə)n/

something intended to distract attention from something more important.

"a subsidiary raid was carried out on the airfield to create a diversion"

botanist /ˈbɒt(ə)nɪst/

muck /mʌk/

dirt, rubbish, or waste matter.

"I'll just clean the muck off the windscreen"

constitution

/kɒnstɪˈtjuːʃ(ə)n/

a person's physical state as regards vitality, health, and strength.

"pregnancy had weakened her constitution"

subjective /səbˈdʒɛktɪv/

domesticate /dəˈmɛstɪkeɪt/

embed /ɪmˈbɛd,ɛmˈbɛd/

barge /bɑːdʒ/

a long flat-bottomed boat for carrying freight on canals and rivers, either under its own power or towed by another.

move forcefully or roughly.

"we can't just barge into a private garden"

tipsy /ˈtɪpsi/

slightly drunk.

"tipsy revellers"

indict someone for contempt of court

deplete /dɪˈpliːt/

use up the supply or resources of.

"reservoirs have been depleted by years of drought"

If you have something at your disposal, you are able to use it whenever you want, and for whatever purpose you want. If you say that you are at someone's disposal, you mean that you are willing to help them in any way you can.

Do you have this information at your disposal?

He has said he will use all the weapons at his disposal.

If I can be of service, I am at your disposal.

phial /ˈfʌɪəl/

a small cylindrical glass bottle, typically used for medical samples or for potions or medicines.

"a phial of blood"

affinity /əˈfɪnɪti/

a natural liking for and understanding of someone or something.

"he had a special affinity with horses"

grant /ɡrɑːnt/

grand /ɡrand/

(idiomatic, of a job) To provide enough income to sustain one's lifestyle.

It’s great to have a dream, but your dream doesn’t pay the bills.

Being a dentist isn't so glamorous, but it pays the bills.

in the bag

(of something desirable) as good as secured.

"the election is in the bag"

Die A Virgin

Charles stood silently as mourners fought back tears

To die without ever having had sex. For people who chose to die a virgin it's fine.

elaborate /ɪˈlabəreɪt/

add more detail concerning what has already been said.

"he would not elaborate on his news"

I'll bite

slang OK, I'll engage with you on this topic.

A: "I think I've figured out why Andrew is being such a jerk." B: "Are you not going to tell us any more? Fine, I'll bite—why is Andrew being such a jerk?"

I'll bite—what's the big surprise?

voluptuous

/vəˈlʌptjʊəs/

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

Dummy Thicc is a slang word that describes a woman who has a small fat over her middle lips.

Dummy Thicc

When your ass cheeks clap so loud everyone around you hears

hrrgnh colonel i'm trying to sneak around but i'm dummy thicc and the clap from my ass cheeks keeps alerting the guards

hold someone to something

to make someone do what they promised or agreed to do:

We'll hold him to the exact terms of the contract.

The first time he met her, he was completely swept off his feet.

Definition of sweep (someone) off his/her feet

: to make (someone) suddenly become very attracted to one in a romantic way

She says that he swept her off her feet, and they were married six months later.

grunt /ɡrʌnt/

a low-ranking soldier or unskilled worker.

"he went from grunt to senior executive vice president in five years"

warhead /ˈwɔːhɛd/

the explosive head of a missile, torpedo, or similar weapon.

"a nuclear warhead"

coup d’état /ˌkuː deɪˈtɑː/

coup /kuː/ a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government.

"he was overthrown in an army coup"

nude /njuːd/

The 6 is a nickname for the city of Toronto, Canada. You can thank the rapper Drake for (trying to make) it a thing.

In My Defense I’m An Aries

tram /tram/

a passenger vehicle powered by electricity conveyed by overhead cables, and running on rails laid in a public road.

jeweller /ˈdʒuːələ/

maquillage /ˌmakɪˈjɑːʒ/

ramification /ˌramɪfɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/

procrastinate

/prə(ʊ)ˈkrastɪneɪt/

delay or postpone action; put off doing something.

"the temptation will be to procrastinate until the power struggle plays itself out"

alternative

/ɔːlˈtəːnətɪv,ɒlˈtəːnətɪv/

compass /ˈkʌmpəs/

Bun in the Oven Meaning

Definition: Pregnant.

The idiom bun in the oven refers to pregnancy. The “bun” is the baby, and the “oven” is the mother’s womb. Perhaps it alludes to the warmth and shelter the mother’s womb provides.

collage

/ˈkɒlɑːʒ,kəˈlɑːʒ/

care to (do something)

1. To be interested in doing a particular action or activity. Often used in the negative to mean the opposite.

No thanks, I don't care to jog today—my legs still hurt from yesterday's trip to the gym.

2. Would you like to (do a particular action or activity)?

I'm going out for a jog—care to join me?

gollum

enhance

/ɪnˈhɑːns,ɛnˈhɑːns/

lieutenant /lɛfˈtɛnənt/

notorious

/nə(ʊ)ˈtɔːrɪəs/

famous or well known, typically for some bad quality or deed.

"Los Angeles is notorious for its smog"

Linux

/ˈlɪnʌks,ˈlʌɪnʌks/

Be careful with the phrasing of the question.

masculine /ˈmaskjʊlɪn/

If something is in the wind, people are talking about it and it may happen, but no one is sure:

Rumours of a takeover are in the wind.

lanky /ˈlaŋki/

(of a person) ungracefully thin and tall.

bow /bəʊ/

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

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

Chiba Inu is similar to Akita in the same family.

Definition of be had

: to be tricked or fooled by someone

She doesn't want to buy a used car because she's worried about being had by a dishonest salesman.

I don't trust them. I think we've been had.

black with a hint of blue

elated /ɪˈleɪtɪd/

ecstatically happy.

"after the concert, I felt elated"

a bad apple

a bad or corrupt person in a group, typically one whose behaviour is likely to have a detrimental influence on their associates.

"looks like we hired ourselves a bad apple"

bone

To have sexual intercourse. "Your aim is to bone" -- Tribe Called Quest (Classic example of a date rape).

2) (n) Penis. "You can act like a doggy, and play with my bone"

drama /ˈdrɑːmə/

resource /rɪˈsɔːs, rɪˈzɔːs/

scoundrel /ˈskaʊndr(ə)l/

a dishonest or unscrupulous person; a rogue.

"that scoundrel sets a bad example for the other young men"

conduit

/ˈkɒndjʊɪt,ˈkɒndɪt/

a channel for conveying water or other fluid.

"nearby springs supplied the conduit which ran into the brewery"

sneak /sniːk/

past tense snuck

excursion

/ɪkˈskəːʃ(ə)n,ɛkˈskəːʃ(ə)n/

a short journey or trip, especially one taken as a leisure activity.

"an excursion to London Zoo"

dubious /ˈdjuːbɪəs/

hesitating or doubting.

"I was rather dubious about the whole idea"

prompt /prɒm(p)t/

cause someone to take a course of action.

"curiosity prompted him to look inside"

cum laude

/kʊm ˈlaʊdeɪ,kʌm ˈlɔːdi/

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

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

subsequently /ˈsʌbsɪkwəntli/

pony /ˈpəʊni/

Definition of one too many

: too many alcoholic drinks

He had one too many at the bar last night.

We’ve got three too many.

Even if one child is hurt that is one too many.

"Restriction on" relates primarily to what person or thing is restricted.

Since his release from jail, the only restriction on Joe is his requirement to see his parole officer every Tuesday at 8 a.m.

"Restriction of" relates primarily to the kind of restriction involved.

Restriction of voting rights based on race is unconstitutional.

holism

/ˈhəʊlɪz(ə)m,ˈhɒlɪz(ə)m/

holistic

/həʊˈlɪstɪk,hɒˈlɪstɪk/

characterized by the belief that the parts of something are intimately interconnected and explicable only by reference to the whole.

MEDICINE

characterized by the treatment of the whole person, taking into account mental and social factors, rather than just the symptoms of a disease.

If you take a fancy to someone or something, you start liking them, usually for no understandable reason.

Sylvia took quite a fancy to him.

The King took a fancy to ordering disguises and masks.

duress

/djʊ(ə)ˈrɛs,ˈdjʊərɛs/

threats, violence, constraints, or other action used to coerce someone into doing something against their will or better judgement.

"confessions extracted under duress"

storey /ˈstɔːri/

a part of a building comprising all the rooms that are on the same level.

"a three-storey building"

miser /ˈmʌɪzə/

a person who hoards wealth and spends as little money as possible.

"a typical miser, he hid his money in the house in various places"

pang /paŋ/

a sudden sharp pain or painful emotion.

"Lindsey experienced a sharp pang of guilt"

well off /wɛlˈɒf/

wealthy.

"her family are quite well off"

: being in good condition or favorable circumstances

doesn't know when he's well-off

A sit-in or sit-down is a form of direct action that involves one or more people occupying an area for a protest, often to promote political, social, or economic change.

bombard /bɒmˈbɑːd/

bomb /bɒm/

bop /bɒp/

a dance to pop music.

"nightlife is good, whether you're looking for a drink or a bop in the disco"

used to reference a good song; to say that a song is really good

feral /ˈfɛr(ə)l,ˈfɪərəl/

(especially of an animal) in a wild state, especially after escape from captivity or domestication.

"a feral cat"

There he had gone feral, foraging for food.

handsome /ˈhans(ə)m/

Renaissance

/rɪˈneɪs(ə)ns,rɪˈneɪsɒ̃s,rɪˈneɪsɑ:ns/

condiment /ˈkɒndɪm(ə)nt/

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

meddle /ˈmɛd(ə)l/

interfere in something that is not one's concern.

"I don't want him meddling in our affairs"

October /ɒkˈtəʊbə/

bravo /brɑːˈvəʊ,ˈbrɑːvəʊ/

neuter /ˈnjuːtə/

of or denoting a gender of nouns in some languages, typically contrasting with masculine and feminine or common.

"the Spirit is a neuter word in Greek"

castrate or spay (a domestic animal).

"all pit bulls must be registered and neutered"

desolate /ˈdɛs(ə)lət/

feeling or showing great unhappiness or loneliness.

"I suddenly felt desolate and bereft"

DCed

It stands for "Disconnected".

He stood silently, clapping his hands.

flourish /ˈflʌrɪʃ/

forward /ˈfɔːwəd/

stand mute

The state of affairs that arises when a defendant in a criminal action refuses to plead either guilty or not guilty.

When a defendant stands mute, the court will generally order a not guilty plea to be entered.

clout /klaʊt/

influence or power, especially in politics or business.

"I knew she carried a lot of clout"

1dialectal, chiefly British : a piece of cloth or leather : RAG

topsy-turvy /ˌtɒpsɪˈtəːvi/

upside down.

"the fairground ride turned riders topsy-turvy"

tipsy /ˈtɪpsi/

slightly drunk.

"tipsy revellers"

pouch /paʊtʃ/

Cutting in line

Hey, no cutting in!

endow

/ɪnˈdaʊ,ɛnˈdaʊ/

give or bequeath an income or property to (a person or institution).

"he endowed the Church with lands"

provide with a quality, ability, or asset.

"he was endowed with tremendous physical strength"

prodigy /ˈprɒdɪdʒi/

a young person with exceptional qualities or abilities.

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

propriety /prəˈprʌɪəti/

the details or rules of behaviour conventionally considered to be correct.

plural noun: proprieties

"she's a great one for the proprieties"

subsist /səbˈsɪst/

maintain or support oneself, especially at a minimal level.

"he subsisted on welfare and casual labour"

longevity /lɒnˈdʒɛvɪti/

squabble /ˈskwɒb(ə)l/

a noisy quarrel about something trivial.

"family squabbles"

joust /dʒaʊst/

(of a medieval knight) engage in a sporting contest in which two opponents on horseback fight with lances.

"to joust, a man must have an opponent to ride against"

scour /ˈskaʊə/

clean or brighten the surface of (something) by rubbing it hard, typically with an abrasive or detergent.

"she scoured the cooker"

aftermath

/ˈɑːftəmaθ,ˈɑːftəmɑːθ/

tinder /ˈtɪndə/

dry, flammable material, such as wood or paper, used for lighting a fire.

"they slashed down the undergrowth for tinder"

deity /ˈdeɪɪti,ˈdiːɪti/

fixate /fɪkˈseɪt/

cause (someone) to develop an obsessive attachment to someone or something.

"he became fixated on the idea of a Third World War"

multitude /ˈmʌltɪtjuːd/

the mass of ordinary people without power or influence.

noun: the multitude

"placing ultimate political power in the hands of the multitude"

houses /ˈhaʊzɪz/

Lincoln ˈlɪŋkən

critique /krɪˈtiːk/

nonchalant /ˈnɒnʃ(ə)l(ə)nt/

(of a person or manner) feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm.

"she gave a nonchalant shrug"

offhand

/ɒfˈhand,ˈɒfhand/

ungraciously or offensively nonchalant or cool in manner.

"you were a bit offhand with her this afternoon"

dismiss /dɪsˈmɪs/

treat as unworthy of serious consideration.

"it would be easy to dismiss him as all brawn and no brain"

pittance /ˈpɪt(ə)ns/

a very small or inadequate amount of money.

"he paid his workers a pittance"

plight /plʌɪt/

a dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation.

"we must direct our efforts towards relieving the plight of children living in poverty"

slump

/slʌmp/

sit, lean, or fall heavily and limply.

"she slumped against the cushions"

rural /ˈrʊər(ə)l/

in, relating to, or characteristic of the countryside rather than the town.

"remote rural areas"

destitute

/ˈdɛstɪtjuːt/

extremely poor and lacking the means to provide for oneself.

"the charity cares for destitute children"

callous /ˈkaləs/

showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

"his callous comments about the murder made me shiver"

facetious

/fəˈsiːʃəs/

treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humour; flippant.

"a facetious remark"

reciprocal

/rɪˈsɪprək(ə)l/

given, felt, or done in return.

"she was hoping for some reciprocal comment or gesture"

disdain

/dɪsˈdeɪn/

the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect.

"her upper lip curled in disdain"

contemptuous

/kənˈtɛm(p)tʃʊəs/

showing contempt; scornful.

"she was intolerant and contemptuous of the majority of the human race"

dismissive

/dɪsˈmɪsɪv/

feeling or showing that something is unworthy of consideration.

"monetarist theory is dismissive of the need to control local spending"

flippant /ˈflɪp(ə)nt/

not showing a serious or respectful attitude.

"a flippant remark"

glance /ɡlɑːns/

alpha

/ˈalfə/

Sigma

A popular, successful, but highly independent and self-reliant person. Typically a male.

One step above an alpha male.

ligma

(chiefly Internet, humorous) A fictional disease designed to sound similar to "lick my balls" (especially used to trick a person into asking the meaning).

"Hey, have you heard of ligma?" "What's ligma?" "Ligma balls!"

This is the part where you flatter me.

Praise me, everyone.

Give me a compliment, everybody.

trepidation

/ˌtrɛpɪˈdeɪʃ(ə)n/

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

"the men set off in fear and trepidation"

indulge yourself (with something) I indulged myself with a long hot bath.

For a special treat, indulge yourself with one of these luxury desserts.

Chernobyl(tʃɛrˈnoʊbəl )

madagascar (ˌmædəˈgæskər )

resilient

/rɪˈzɪlɪənt/

(of a person or animal) able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

"babies are generally far more resilient than new parents realize"

ingratiate

/ɪnˈɡreɪʃɪeɪt/

bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them.

"a sycophantic attempt to ingratiate herself with the local aristocracy"

land /land/

wear the pants

be the dominant partner in a relationship.

"there's no doubt who'll wear the pants in that house"

heebie-jeebies

/hiːbɪˈdʒiːbɪz/

a state of nervous fear or anxiety.

"it takes a lot more than a measly poltergeist to give me the heebie-jeebies"

notorious /nə(ʊ)ˈtɔːrɪəs/

assail /əˈseɪl/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. make a concerted or violent attack on • the Scots army assailed Edward's army from the rear.

diffuse I. verb — diffuse /dɪˈfjuːz / 1. spread over a wide area or between a large number of people [no obj.] • technologies diffuse rapidly • [with obj.] the problem is how to diffuse power without creating anarchy.

ameliorate

/əˈmiːlɪəreɪt/

make (something bad or unsatisfactory) better.

"the reform did much to ameliorate living standards"

false charge

eligible

/ˈɛlɪdʒɪb(ə)l/

having the right to do or obtain something; satisfying the appropriate conditions.

"customers who are eligible for discounts"

smize /smʌɪz/

assume a playful or alluring expression of the eyes.

"I just need to learn how to smize"

mayfly /ˈmeɪflʌɪ/

in the flesh

in person or (of a thing) in its actual state.

"they decided that they should meet Alexander in the flesh"

lingerie /ˈlãʒ(ə)ri/

women's underwear and nightclothes.

fixer-upper

a house in need of repairs (used chiefly in connection with the purchase of such a house).

"$225,000 was a bargain-basement price—even for a fixer-upper"

plaque /plak,plɑːk/

wang /wæŋ/

Montana was naked, and so was Billy, of course. He had a tremendous wang, incidentally. You never know who’ll get one.

water biscuit

a thin, crisp unsweetened biscuit made from flour and water.

Definition of with someone's name on it

informal

: intended for someone specified

There's a piece of cake over there with your name on it.

He told me he had a bullet with my name on it.

orchid /ˈɔːkɪd/

oral

/ˈɔːr(ə)l/

glow-up (plural glow-ups) (slang) A major and impressive transformation in appearance, talent, power, etc.

cascade /kasˈkeɪd/

grammar /ˈɡramə/

sharp /ʃɑːp/

precisely (used after an expression of time).

"the meeting starts at 7.30 sharp"

uncanny valley

uncanny /ʌnˈkani/

strange or mysterious, especially in an unsettling way.

"an uncanny feeling that she was being watched"

clerk /klɑːk/

way round

a way of dealing with or avoiding a problem:

There's no way round this problem.

get back up

To return to an upright or standing position, especially after having fallen or after having sat or lain down.

I know you just sat down, but I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to get back up—those are not your seats.

He's taken a beating tonight, and this might be it for the champ. No, wait, he's getting back up!

get back up after a fall

beguile /bɪˈɡʌɪl/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. charm or enchant (someone), often in a deceptive way • he beguiled the voters with his good looks. 2. trick (someone) into doing something • they were beguiled into signing a peace treaty. 3. ‹literary› help (time) pass pleasantly • to beguile some of the time they went to the cinema.

boast /bəʊst/

[with obj.] — (of a person, place, or thing) possess (a feature that is a source of pride) • the hotel boasts high standards of comfort.

aurora /ɔːˈrɔːrə/

euphoria /juːˈfɔːrɪə/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. a feeling or state of intense excitement and happiness • in his euphoria, he had become convinced he could defeat them.

muster /ˈmʌstə/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. assemble (troops), especially for inspection or in preparation for battle • 17,000 men had been mustered on Haldon Hill.

elation /ɪˈleɪʃ(ə)n/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. great happiness and exhilaration • Richard's elation at regaining his health was short-lived.

overcast I. adjective — overcast /ˈəʊvəkɑːst / 1. (of the sky or weather) marked by a covering of grey cloud; dull • a chilly, overcast day. 2. (of the edge of a piece of fabric) sewn with long slanting stitches to prevent fraying.

hallow /ˈhaləʊ/

"the Ganges is hallowed as a sacred, cleansing river"

folder

/ˈfəʊldə/

snob /snɒb/

a person with an exaggerated respect for high social position or wealth who seeks to associate with social superiors and looks down on those regarded as socially inferior.

"her mother was a snob and wanted a lawyer as a son-in-law"

domain

/də(ʊ)ˈmeɪn/

random

/ˈrandəm/

medieval

/ˌmɛdɪˈiːv(ə)l,ˌmɛdˈiːv(ə)l/

resurrection

/rɛzəˈrɛkʃ(ə)n/

clash /klaʃ/

Womble /ˈwɒmb(ə)l/

The Wombles are fictional pointy-nosed, furry creatures created by Elisabeth Beresford and originally appearing in a series of children's novels from 1968.

innovative /ˈɪnəvətɪv/

classify /ˈklasɪfʌɪ/

Mercedes /mɚˈseɪdiz/

video /ˈvɪdɪəʊ/

blitz /blɪts/

an intensive or sudden military attack.

"a heavy artillery blitz"

sway /sweɪ/

control or influence (a person or course of action).

"he's easily swayed by other people"

vertebrate /ˈvəːtɪbrət/

an effect whereby the sound produced by an amplifier or an amplified musical instrument is made to reverberate slightly.

"the best available Barios recording, despite reverb"

reverb

/ˈriːvəːb,rɪˈvəːb/

an effect whereby the sound produced by an amplifier or an amplified musical instrument is made to reverberate slightly.

"the best available Barios recording, despite reverb"

anarchy /ˈanəki/

Is the graphics ok this time?

sketchy /ˈskɛtʃi/

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dishonest or disreputable.

"once the story does come out, the fact that you tried to hide it will seem sketchy"

kiosk /ˈkiːɒsk/

a small open-fronted hut or cubicle from which newspapers, refreshments, tickets, etc. are sold.

walk in place

march in place

accent aigu

front /frʌnt/

Back alley

morale /məˈrɑːl/

We found a set of trump cards so we played a game of Old Maid

The image quality is blocky

jack shit

anything at all; the least thing (usually used in the negative):

He doesn't know jack shit.

I don't know jack shit about that. / I know jack shit about that.

complexion /kəmˈplɛkʃ(ə)n/ I. noun 1. the natural colour, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially of the face • an attractive girl with a pale complexion.

oh-so = extremely

amble /ˈamb(ə)l/ I. verb — [no obj., with adverbial of direction] 1. walk or move at a slow, relaxed pace • they ambled along the riverbank.

lamp /lamp/

gobsmacked /ˈɡɒbsmakt/ I. adjective (Brit.) ‹informal› utterly astonished; astounded. • the locals were gobsmacked when us lot trooped in.

If you come to terms with something difficult or unpleasant, you learn to accept and deal with it. My dad needed to come to terms with the fact that I had become an adult.

The snow bunting is a passerine bird in the family Calcariidae.

fill/fit the bill idiom

to be exactly what is needed in a particular situation:

That box will fill the bill nicely.

omniscient

/ɒmˈnɪsɪənt/

knowing everything.

"a third-person omniscient narrator"

substantiate

/səbˈstanʃɪeɪt/

provide evidence to support or prove the truth of.

"they had found nothing to substantiate the allegations"

paraphrase /ˈparəfreɪz/

express the meaning of (something written or spoken) using different words, especially to achieve greater clarity.

"you can either quote or paraphrase literary texts"

charade /ʃəˈrɑːd/

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

"talk of unity was nothing more than a charade"

a game in which players guess a word or phrase from a written or acted clue given for each syllable and for the whole item.

misfortune

/mɪsˈfɔːtʃuːn,mɪsˈfɔːtʃ(ə)n/

go off the rails

begin behaving in an uncontrolled or unacceptable way.

"sport saved them from going off the rails as youngsters"

custard /ˈkʌstəd/

limpet /ˈlɪmpɪt/

used in comparisons to refer to people and things that cling tightly.

"the couples on the floor were clinging to each other like limpets

a marine mollusc which has a shallow conical shell and a broad muscular foot, found clinging tightly to rocks.

tenacity /tɪˈnasɪti/

the quality or fact of being able to grip something firmly; grip.

"the sheer tenacity of the limpet"

be/become second nature (to somebody)

something that is second nature to you is something you have done so often that you do it almost without thinking

Driving becomes second nature after a while.

fray /freɪ/

(of a fabric, rope, or cord) unravel or become worn at the edge, typically through constant rubbing.

"cheap fabric soon frays"

commend /kəˈmɛnd/

praise formally or officially.

"he was commended by the judge for his courageous actions"

with no detail too small to be left out.

Definition of go blind

: to become unable to see

She went blind at age 67.

It's not redundant. "In under a year" means "in less than a year", or "during a period less than a year".

"In" introduces the prepositional phrase. "Under" is here not really a preposition, but a quantifier.

Definition of up to no good

informal. : doing bad things or planning to do bad things If you ask me, that woman's up to no good.

effervesce /ˌɛfəˈvɛs/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. (of a liquid) give off bubbles. • the waves seemed to effervesce as they swept by. 2. be vivacious and enthusiastic. • managers are supposed to effervesce with praise and encouragement.

waft /wɒft, wɑːft/

noun 1. a gentle movement of air.

2. a scent carried in the air. • from the kitchen comes a waft of roasting meat.

loyal /ˈlɔɪəl/

second nature

a tendency or habit that has become characteristic or instinctive.

"deceit was becoming second nature to her"

Cooking is second nature to me. Everything turns out to be delicious.

jar /dʒɑː/

send a painful or damaging shock through (something, especially a part of the body).

"he jarred the knee in training"

Definition of downtime

1 : time during which production is stopped especially during setup for an operation or when making repairs. 2 : inactive time (such as time between periods of work) napping during our downtime an injured athlete facing months of downtime.

quintessential /ˌkwɪntɪˈsɛnʃ(ə)l/

"quint" means fifth. The "quintessence" is the fifth essence.

The fifth element was the one supposed to come after air, fire, earth, and water in the Medieval Age.

prevail /prɪˈveɪl/

prove more powerful or superior.

"it is hard for logic to prevail over emotion"

sty /stʌɪ/ a pigsty

a very dirty or untidy house or room.

"the place is a real sty, beer and wine bottles all over the place"

an inflamed swelling on the edge of an eyelid, caused by bacterial infection of the gland at the base of an eyelash.

Origin

On That Note Meaning

Definition: To transition from that topic; anyway.

cramp

/kramp/

painful involuntary contraction of a muscle or muscles, typically caused by fatigue or strain.

"an attack of cramp"

leg cramp

spell

(of letters) make up or form (a word).

"the letters spell the word ‘how’"

collapse in a heap straight into someone's arms

supersede /ˌsuːpəˈsiːd/

take the place of (a person or thing previously in authority or use); supplant.

"the older models of car have now been superseded"

The situation went on and on with Azalea demanding answers. There were even more jokes sent her way.

taunt /tɔːnt/ I. noun a remark made in order to anger, wound, or provoke someone. • pupils will play truant rather than face the taunts of classmates about their ragged clothes.

Definition of take a beating

: to be beaten badly in a game or contest

The team took a beating in last night's game.

—often used figuratively to suggest a setback or loss

Our plans took a real beating from the review committee.

scruffy /ˈskrʌfi/ I. adjective shabby and untidy or dirty • a teenager in scruffy jeans and a baggy T-shirt.

tatty /ˈtati/

worn and shabby; in poor condition.

"tatty upholstered furniture"

of poor quality.

"the generally tatty output of the current Celtic revival"

strapped /strapt/

short of money.

"I'm constantly strapped for cash"

relay /ˈriːleɪ/

a group of people or animals engaged in a task or activity for a period of time and then replaced by a similar group.

"the wagons were pulled by relays of horses"

hold in contempt

judge (someone) to have committed the offence of contempt of court.

"the advocate was held in contempt for subpoenaing the judge"

consider (someone or something) to be unworthy of respect or attention.

"the speed limit is held in contempt by many drivers"

I would never hold someone in contempt for making a few mistakes in English.

I think history will hold us in contempt for what we are doing to the planet.

He had always held sport in contempt, preferring intellectual pursuits.

The party has now become tolerable to people who previously held it in contempt.

I hated spending time with them, as it was clear they held me in contempt.

groggy /ˈɡrɒɡi/

dazed, weak, or unsteady, especially from illness, intoxication, sleep, or a blow.

"the sleeping pills had left her feeling groggy"

Fahrenheit /ˈfar(ə)nhʌɪt/

transfer

/transˈfəː,trɑːnsˈfəː,tranzˈfəː,trɑːnzˈfəː/

entropy /ˈɛntrəpi/

If you do something in that (or this) vein, you do it in the same distinctive manner or style.

prod /prɒd/

poke with a finger, foot, or pointed object.

"he prodded her in the ribs"

nudge /nʌdʒ/

prod (someone) gently with one's elbow in order to attract attention.

"people were nudging each other and pointing at me"

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

"Boris opened a bleary eye"

set (someone, something, or oneself) apart (from someone or something)

To do something that makes someone, something, or oneself noticeable, remarkable, or distinct (in comparison to someone or something else).

The author's brilliant wit really sets her apart from other contemporary writers today.

The city sets itself apart by incorporating its metropolitan elements with the surrounding forestry, rather than supplanting it.

But it's the incredible display that really sets this device apart from other smartphones in the same price range.

uncanny /ʌnˈkani/

strange or mysterious, especially in an unsettling way.

"an uncanny feeling that she was being watched"

3chiefly US slang : intoxicated by alcohol or drugs

especially : DRUNK

They got loaded at the party.

… no matter how loaded he got, Billy did his drinking at home and always put the cans in the recycling bin …

— Stephen King

protest /ˈprəʊtɛst/

clout /klaʊt/

influence or power, especially in politics or business.

"I knew she carried a lot of clout"

Few companies have the clout to handle such large deals.

An official protest could carry considerable clout.

bite me

used to express defiance against or contempt for someone.

"it's just my opinion; if you don't like it, bite me!"

audacious /ɔːˈdeɪʃəs/

showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks.

"a series of audacious takeovers"

intrepid /ɪnˈtrɛpɪd/

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

"our intrepid reporter"

pomegranate /ˈpɒmɪɡranɪt/

a petty quarrel, especially one between friends or lovers.

"Joanna had a tiff with her boyfriend"

an abnormally low blood sugar level

queasy /ˈkwiːzi/

nauseous; feeling sick.

"in the morning he was still pale and queasy"

forgo /fɔːˈɡəʊ,fəˈɡəʊ/

go without (something desirable).

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

I was in sex ed

dominatrix /ˌdɒmɪˈneɪtrɪks/

a dominating woman, especially one who takes the sadistic role in sadomasochistic sexual activities.

The idiom "the straw that broke the camel's back" describes the minor or routine action that causes an unpredictably large and sudden reaction, because of the cumulative effect of small actions. It alludes to the proverb "it is the last straw that breaks the camel's back".

top dog

a person who is successful or dominant in their field.

"he was a top dog in the City"

blip /blɪp/

an unexpected, minor, and typically temporary deviation from a general trend.

"the Chancellor dismissed rising inflation as a blip"

write off

cancel the record of a bad debt; acknowledge the loss of or failure to recover an asset.

"he urged the banks to write off debt owed by poorer countries"

astute /əˈstjuːt/ I. adjective having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage • an astute businessman.

hitch /hɪtʃ/

a temporary difficulty or problem • everything went without a hitch.

calf /kɑːf/

the fleshy part at the back of a person's leg below the knee.

"the calf muscles"

relic /ˈrɛlɪk/

an object surviving from an earlier time, especially one of historical interest.

"a museum of railway relics"

I’m on good terms with my former colleagues.

Pearly Gates

the gates of heaven.

"I am getting less fond of poems about old age as I near the Pearly Gates"

shuffle off

get out of or avoid a responsibility or obligation.

"some hospitals can shuffle off their responsibilities by claiming to have no suitable facilities"

concision /kənˈsɪʒən/

concise /kənˈsʌɪs/

giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.

"a concise account of the country's history"

slander /ˈslɑːndə/

make false and damaging statements about (someone).

"they were accused of slandering the head of state"

accumulate /əˈkjuːmjʊleɪt/

gather together or acquire an increasing number or quantity of.

"investigators have yet to accumulate enough evidence"

custodian /kʌˈstəʊdɪən/

a person who has responsibility for taking care of or protecting something.

"the custodians of pension and insurance funds

stand/stick out like a sore thumb

If someone or something stands/sticks out like a sore thumb, everyone notices them because they are very different from the people or things around them:

Everyone else was in jeans and T-shirts and I had my office clothes on - I stuck out like a sore thumb.

motor /ˈməʊtə/

scalp /skalp/

the skin covering the head, excluding the face.

"hair tonics will improve the condition of your hair and scalp"

accolade /ˈakəleɪd,ˌakəˈleɪd/

an award or privilege granted as a special honour or as an acknowledgement of merit.

"the hotel has won numerous accolades"

fallible /ˈfalɪb(ə)l/

capable of making mistakes or being wrong.

"experts can be fallible"

gruff /ɡrʌf/

(of a voice) rough and low in pitch.

"she spoke with a gruff, masculine voice"

gravelly

/ˈɡrav(ə)li/

(of a voice) deep and rough-sounding.

sergeant /ˈsɑːdʒ(ə)nt/

"with a clear road ahead he shifted into high gear"

wear down

To damage, diminish, erode, or consume something by long or hard use, attrition, or exposure: The weather wore the shingles down. The heavy crowds wore down the carpets.

bleed out

to die from loss of blood:

He bled out on the operating table.

They cut off the chicken's head and let it bleed out before plucking it.

hammer /ˈhamə/

hammer down

To use a hammer to fix something in place and/or make it even with the area around it. A noun or pronoun can be used between "hammer" and "down."

Hey, hammer down these tiles before someone trips!

padlock /ˈpadlɒk/

a detachable lock hanging by a pivoted hook on the object fastened.

"a padlock on the garden gate"

Prima nocta is the semi-historical legal right of a monarch to have sex with any female subject, particularly on her wedding night.

go south

(idiomatic) To become unfavorable; to decrease; to take a turn for the worse. quotations ▼

I should have walked away from the casino when my luck went south, but I stayed and ended up in the hole.

ancestor /ˈansɛstə/

act /akt/

prospect

verb /prəˈspɛkt/

noun /ˈprɒspɛkt/

pole vault

an athletic event in which competitors attempt to vault over a high bar with the aid of an extremely long flexible pole.

"the pole vault has always been easy for him"

scratch /skratʃ/

Definition of at the top of one's lungs

: as loudly as possible

She shouted at the top of her lungs.

juror /ˈdʒʊərə/

a member of a jury.

epitome /ɪˈpɪtəmi,ɛˈpɪtəmi/

a person or thing that is a perfect example of a particular quality or type.

"she looked the epitome of elegance and good taste"

repartee /ˌrɛpɑːˈtiː/

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

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

adamant

/ˈadəm(ə)nt/

refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.

"he is adamant that he is not going to resign"

extradite /ˈɛkstrədʌɪt/

hand over (a person accused or convicted of a crime) to the jurisdiction of the foreign state in which the crime was committed.

"Brazil refused to extradite him to Britain"

at stake

at risk.

"people's lives could be at stake"

at issue or in question.

"the logical response is to give up, but there's more at stake than logic"

vase /vɑːz/

vial /ˈvʌɪəl/

a small container, typically cylindrical and made of glass, used especially for holding liquid medicines.

Definition of have/keep (something) up one's sleeve

: to have/keep a secret method, trick, etc., that one can use when it is needed

The coach always keeps a few tricks up his sleeve.

They still have some surprises up their sleeves.

tinker /ˈtɪŋkə/

attempt to repair or improve something in a casual or desultory way.

"he spent hours tinkering with the car"

spank /spaŋk/

example /ɪɡˈzɑːmp(ə)l,ɛɡˈzɑːmp(ə)l/

patrol /pəˈtrəʊl/

stroll /strəʊl/

incubus /ˈɪŋkjʊbəs/

a male demon believed to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women.

a cause of difficulty or anxiety.

"debt is a big incubus in developing countries"

hyperbole /hʌɪˈpəːbəli/

exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally.

"he vowed revenge with oaths and hyperboles"

On August 29, 1997, it's gonna feel pretty f...in' real to you too! Anybody not wearing two million sunblock is gonna have a real bad day. Get it?

Sunblock or sunscreen comes in different strengths known as the SP factor or something like that. Most sunscreens have an SPF of below 100 if I remember right. The speaker's saying that on that day, people will need extremely strong sunscreens. "Two million" is hyperbole.

strobe

/strəʊb/

an electronic flash for a camera.

stroboscope

/ˈstrəʊbəskəʊp/

to be able to sing the correct musical sounds of a tune:

Neither of my brothers can carry a tune, but my sister is a good singer.

crown prince

(in some countries) a male heir to a throne.

net worth

the total wealth of an individual, company, or household, taking account of all financial assets and liabilities.

"with a net worth of £150 million, he is among the richest golfers in the sport today"

deputy /ˈdɛpjʊti/

a person who is appointed to undertake the duties of a superior in the superior's absence.

"his deputy has been largely running the business for the past year"

Definition of keep oneself to oneself

chiefly British

: to stay apart from other people : to avoid other people

She was a shy girl who kept herself to herself.

in one's prime

Definition of in one's prime

: active and in good health

She just retired, but she's still in her prime.

wretched

/ˈrɛtʃɪd/

(of a person) in a very unhappy or unfortunate state.

"I felt so wretched because I thought I might never see you again"

import

/ɪmˈpɔːt,ˈɪmpɔːt/

gondola /ˈɡɒndələ/

bona fide

/ˌbəʊnə ˈfʌɪdi,ˌbəʊnə ˈfiːdeɪ/

Learn to pronounce

adjective

genuine; real.

"she was a bona fide expert"

long haul

a long distance (in reference to the transport of goods or passengers).

"a long-haul flight"

a prolonged and difficult effort or task.

"implementing the White Paper is likely to be a long haul"

caress /kəˈrɛs/

wrath

/rɒθ,rɔːθ/

upholstery

/ʌpˈhəʊlst(ə)ri,ʌpˈhɒlst(ə)ri/

soft, padded textile covering that is fixed to furniture such as armchairs and sofas.

"leather upholstery"

tip-top /tɪpˈtɒp/

of the very best class or quality; excellent.

"an athlete in tip-top condition"

How do you take it? (-With milk and one sugar.): -How would you like this (drink)? (-With added milk and one lump of sugar.) idiom.

get down to brass tacks

To deal with the important details. quotations

Debbie Downer

Prepositions of central coincidence can be either overt or covert.

covert

adjective

/ˈkʌvət,ˈkəʊvəːt/

not openly acknowledged or displayed.

"covert operations against the dictatorship"

purposeful

/ˈpəːpəsfʊl,ˈpəːpəsf(ə)l/

intentional.

"if his sudden death was not accidental, it must have been purposeful"

so you came

vouch /vaʊtʃ/

assert or confirm as a result of one's own experience that something is true or accurately so described.

"the explosive used is of my own formulation, and I can vouch for its efficiency"

diction /ˈdɪkʃ(ə)n/

the choice and use of words and phrases in speech or writing.

"Wordsworth campaigned against exaggerated poetic diction"

health benefit

a payment made by the state or an insurance scheme to cover the cost of medical care.

"health benefits for married partners are not taxed"

generous /ˈdʒɛn(ə)rəs/

showing a readiness to give more of something, especially money, than is strictly necessary or expected.

"a generous benefactor to the University"

conform /kənˈfɔːm/

comply with rules, standards, or laws.

"the kitchen does not conform to hygiene regulations"

potential

/pə(ʊ)ˈtɛnʃ(ə)l/

ramification

/ˌramɪfɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/

a complex or unwelcome consequence of an action or event.

"any change is bound to have legal ramifications"

come through in the clutch

Definition of in the clutch

US

: in a very important or critical situation especially during a sports competition

He is known for his ability to come through in the clutch.

She scored a basket in the clutch.

What Is a Haul Video?

Essentially, a haul video is a recording of someone going over a collection of purchases.

haul /hɔːl/

all the products purchased by someone during a particular episode of shopping.

"I'm really pleased with my haul as I think I got some great bargains"

snarky /ˈsnɑːki/

critical or mocking in an indirect or sarcastic way.

"snarky remarks"

bad-tempered or irritable.

"Bobby's always a bit snarky before his nap"

notwithstanding

/nɒtwɪðˈstandɪŋ,nɒtwɪθˈstandɪŋ/

in spite of.

"notwithstanding the evidence, the consensus is that the jury will not reach a verdict"