downright /ˈdaʊnrʌɪt/ I. adjective 1. [ attrib.] — (of something bad or unpleasant) utter; complete (used for emphasis) • it's a downright disgrace. 2. so direct in manner as to be blunt • her common sense and downright attitude to life surprised him.

lively /ˈlʌɪvli/

shop till they drop – ‘to shop till you drop’ is a colloquial phrase, literally meaning ‘to keep shopping until you faint’ but non-literally it means ‘to do lots of shopping’.

harrow /ˈharəʊ/

an implement consisting of a heavy frame set with teeth or tines which is dragged over ploughed land to break up clods, remove weeds, and cover seed.

at odds

in conflict or at variance.

"his behaviour is at odds with the interests of the company"

smack dab

exactly; precisely.

"I'm in Bolivia, smack dab in the heart of South America"

slap (one) five

slang To slap hands with one in an informal show of celebration, congratulation, or friendship; to give one five.

Hey man, what's up? Slap me five!

The players stood in a row, slapping each of their teammates five as they ran past.

stoop /stuːp/ I. noun (N. Amer.) a porch with steps in front of a house or other building.

slosh /slɒʃ/

(of liquid in a container) move irregularly with a splashing sound.

"water in the boat sloshed about under our feet"

jot something down

to write something quickly on a piece of paper so that you remember it:

I carry a notebook so that I can jot down any ideas.

kill two birds with one stone.

A septic tank is an underground chamber made of concrete, fiberglass, or plastic through which domestic wastewater (sewage) flows for basic sewage treatment.

direct

/dɪˈrɛkt,dʌɪˈrɛkt/

lupus /ˈluːpəs/

Any of a number of autoimmune diseases, the most common of which is systemic lupus erythematosus.

discrepancy

/dɪsˈkrɛp(ə)nsi/

an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts.

"there's a discrepancy between your account and his"

deft /dɛft/

neatly skilful and quick in one's movements.

"a deft piece of footwork"

daft /dɑːft/

silly; foolish.

"don't ask such daft questions"

postulate /ˈpɒstjʊleɪt/

suggest or assume the existence, fact, or truth of (something) as a basis for reasoning, discussion, or belief.

"his theory postulated a rotatory movement for hurricanes"

tether /ˈtɛðə/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. tie (an animal) with a rope or chain so as to restrict its movement • the horse had been tethered to a post.

ebullient

/ɪˈbʌljənt,ɪˈbʊljənt/

cheerful and full of energy.

"she sounded ebullient and happy"

languid

/ˈlaŋɡwɪd/

(of a person, manner, or gesture) having or showing a disinclination for physical exertion or effort.

"his languid demeanour irritated her"

misprision /mɪsˈprɪʒ(ə)n/

the deliberate concealment of one's knowledge of a treasonable act or a felony.

troth

/trəʊθ,trɒθ/

faith or loyalty when pledged in a solemn agreement or undertaking.

"a token of troth"

kilometre

/ˈkɪləˌmiːtə,kɪˈlɒmɪtə/

able to fog a mirror

Fig. Inf. alive, even if just barely. (Usually jocular. Alludes to the use of a small mirror placed under the nose to tell if a person is breathing or not. (Able to can be replaced with can.) Look, I don't need an athlete to do this job! Anybody able to fog a mirror will do fine!

It's high time you left for school, isn't it?

Their behaviour was an insult to the people they represent.

"he hurled insults at us"

detonate

/ˈdɛtəneɪt/

explode or cause to explode.

"two other bombs failed to detonate"

Definition of for life

: for the whole of one's life : for the rest of one's life

They met in college and have remained friends for life.

He was sentenced to prison for life.

Portuguese

/ˌpɔːtjʊˈɡiːz,ˌpɔːtʃʊˈɡiːz/

garland /ˈɡɑːlənd/ I. noun 1. a wreath of flowers and leaves, worn on the head or hung as a decoration.

give something off

to produce heat, light, a smell, or a gas:

That tiny radiator doesn't give off much heat.

spitting image

the exact double of (another person or thing).

"she's the spitting image of her mum"

be the spit of

look exactly like.

"Felix is the spit of Rosa's brother"

evict /ɪˈvɪkt/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. expel (someone) from a property, especially with the support of the law • a single mother and her children have been evicted from their home.

proceeds

/ˈprəʊsiːdz/

money obtained from an event or activity.

"proceeds from the event will go to aid the work of the charity"

tally

a record or count of a number of things:

Make sure to keep a tally of the number of customers going in and out.

history taking

the process of compiling background information about a patient or research participant

orifice /ˈɒrɪfɪs/

an opening, particularly one in the body such as a nostril or the anus.

spleen /spliːn/

an abdominal organ involved in the production and removal of blood cells in most vertebrates and forming part of the immune system.

regurgitate

/rɪˈɡəːdʒɪteɪt/

bring (swallowed food) up again to the mouth.

"gulls regurgitate food for the chicks"

eradicate /ɪˈradɪkeɪt/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. destroy completely; put an end to • this disease has been eradicated from the world.

water voles - a mouse-like animal which lives close to water.

legume /ˈlɛɡjuːm/ I. noun 1. a leguminous plant (member of the pea family), especially one grown as a crop. • he sows a mixture of grasses and legumes.

dairy /ˈdɛːri/

palaeo- /ˈpalɪəʊ, ˈpeɪlɪəʊ / ‹US› paleo- I. combining form older or ancient, especially relating to the geological past • Palaeolithic • palaeomagnetism.

subsistence farming – farming that provides for the basic needs of the farmer without anything extra to sell.

Oceania /ˌəʊsɪˈɑːnɪə, ˌəʊʃɪˈɑːnɪə/

rugged /ˈrʌɡɪd/ I. adjective 1. (of ground or terrain) having a broken, rocky, and uneven surface • a rugged coastline.

on a budget – ‘to be on a budget’ to plan how you will spend your limited money.

archipelago /ˌɑːkɪˈpɛləɡəʊ/ I. noun 1. an extensive group of islands. • the Indonesian archipelago. 2. a sea or stretch of water having many islands.

pastime /ˈpɑːstʌɪm/

restaurant /ˈrɛst(ə)rɒnt, ˈrɛst(ə)r(ə)nt, ˈrɛst(ə)rɒ̃/

lingua franca /ˌlɪŋɡwə ˈfraŋkə/

The need to program machines existed way before the development of computers

engine /ˈɛndʒɪn/

a locomotive.

poke around

look around a place, typically in search of something.

"she poked about in the cupboard for a minute or two"

saviour /ˈseɪvjə/

Mothballs are small balls of chemical pesticide and deodorant

icicle /ˈʌɪsɪk(ə)l/

a hanging, tapering piece of ice formed by the freezing of dripping water.

The expression at the expense of means "in a way that harms (something or someone)." Here are some examples in context: Malls flourished at the expense of small stores downtown. She acquired power at the expense of friendships.

scrounge /skraʊn(d)ʒ/

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

"he had managed to scrounge a free meal"

subject /ˈsʌbdʒɛkt,ˈsʌbdʒɪkt/

a member of a state other than its ruler, especially one owing allegiance to a monarch or other supreme ruler.

"the legislation is applicable only to British subjects"

plead /pliːd/

as per /ˌaz ˈpəː/

in accordance with.

"made as per instructions"

fig /fɪɡ/

a soft pear-shaped fruit with sweet dark flesh and many small seeds, eaten fresh or dried.

"he inquired about cottages for sale"

The kids set off for school at 8 a.m.

danger /ˈdeɪn(d)ʒə/

stall /stɔːl/

2. an individual compartment for an animal in a stable or cowshed, enclosed on three sides.

espy /ɪˈspʌɪ, ɛˈspʌɪ/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. ‹literary› catch sight of • she espied her daughter rounding the corner.

privation /prʌɪˈveɪʃ(ə)n/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. a state in which food and other essentials for well-being are lacking • years of rationing and privation • [ count noun] the privations of life at the front.

cask /kɑːsk/ I. noun 1. a large barrel-like container used for storing liquids, typically alcoholic drinks. • the wine is stored in oak casks. 2. the quantity of liquid held in a cask • a cask of cider.

plumage /ˈpluːmɪdʒ/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. a bird's feathers collectively. • the male in full breeding plumage.

Aesop /ˈiːsɒp/

Cherry tomato

lemon /ˈlɛmən/

asunder /əˈsʌndə/

apart.

"those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

I woke up to the sound of my own snoring.

dolly /ˈdɒli/

a small platform on wheels used for holding heavy objects, typically film or television cameras.

"a dolly shot"

I often sing off-key at karaoke.

perineum

/ˌpɛrɪˈniːəm/

the area between the anus and the scrotum or vulva.

at the expense of

so as to cause harm to or neglect of.

"the pursuit of profit at the expense of the environment"

anorexia

/ˌanəˈrɛksɪə/

lack or loss of appetite for food (as a medical condition).

tinge

/tɪn(d)ʒ/

colour slightly.

"a mass of white blossom tinged with pink"

bird of passage

a migratory bird.

a person who passes through a place without staying for long.

vote through

to make something accepted officially by voting

We need to get the budget voted through.

stand down

withdraw or resign from a position or office.

"he stood down as leader of the party"

sauna /ˈsɔːnə/

a small room used as a hot-air or steam bath for cleaning and refreshing the body.

crock /krɒk/

an earthenware pot or jar.

"the runner beans were then packed in layers of salt in large crocks"

lentil /ˈlɛnt(ə)l/

the plant which yields lentils, native to the Mediterranean and Africa and grown also for fodder.

strudel /ˈstruːd(ə)l,ˈʃtruːd(ə)l/

a dessert of thin pastry rolled up round a fruit filling and baked.

"apple strudel"

muskrat /ˈmʌskrat/

tortellini

/ˌtɔːtəˈliːni/

tortelli which have been rolled and formed into small rings.

goulash /ˈɡuːlaʃ/

a highly seasoned Hungarian soup or stew of meat and vegetables, flavoured with paprika.

mongoose /ˈmɒŋɡuːs/

humus /ˈhjuːməs/

the organic component of soil, formed by the decomposition of leaves and other plant material by soil microorganisms.

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haggis /ˈhaɡɪs/

papaya /pəˈpʌɪə/

call for

stop to collect someone at the place where they are living or working.

"I'll call for you around seven"

Definition of on a first-name basis

: having a close personal relationship where each person addresses the other by their first name He was on a first-name basis with his boss. They know most of the officials on a first-name basis.

batter /ˈbatə/

a semi-liquid mixture of flour, egg, and milk or water, used for making pancakes or for coating food before frying.

"pancake batter"

borscht /bɔːʃt/

a soup made with beetroot and usually served with sour cream, associated with the cuisine of eastern and central Europe, especially Russia, Poland, and Ukraine.

faucet /ˈfɔːsɪt/

chutney /ˈtʃʌtni/

a spicy condiment of Indian origin, made of fruits or vegetables with vinegar, spices, and sugar.

"various chutneys and yogurt dips"

pesto /ˈpɛstəʊ/

a sauce of crushed basil leaves, pine nuts, garlic, Parmesan cheese, and olive oil, typically served with pasta.

poultry /ˈpəʊltri/

rhubarb

/ˈruːbɑːb/

the thick reddish or green leaf stalks of a cultivated plant of the dock family, which are eaten as a fruit after cooking.

"rhubarb pie"

proper /ˈprɒpə/

moor1 /mɔː, mʊə/ I. noun 1. (chiefly Brit.) a tract of open uncultivated upland, typically covered with heather. • a little town in the moors.

saucy /ˈsɔːsi/ I. adjective 1. ‹informal› (chiefly Brit.) sexually suggestive in a light-hearted and humorous way. • saucy postcards. 2. ‹informal› cheeky or impertinent. 3. ‹informal› (chiefly N. Amer.) having or expressing a bold, lively, or spirited manner. • the beret was perched at a saucy angle on her blonde hair.

fowl /faʊl/

poultry /ˈpəʊltri/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. domestic fowl, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese.

drake1 /dreɪk/ I. noun a male duck

disposition /dɪspəˈzɪʃ(ə)n/ I. noun 1. a person's inherent qualities of mind and character • a sweet-natured girl of a placid disposition • he has the disposition of a saint.

whet /wɛt/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. sharpen the blade of (a tool or weapon) • she took out her dagger and began to whet its blade in even, rhythmic strokes.

well off /wɛlˈɒf/

wealthy.

"her family are quite well off"

buckle down

tackle a task with determination.

"the pair buckled down and started to train seriously"

perforate

pierce and make a hole or holes in.

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

emanate /ˈɛməneɪt/

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

"warmth emanated from the fireplace"

moonlight

/ˈmuːnlʌɪt/

have a second job, typically secretly and at night, in addition to one's regular employment.

"he had been moonlighting for a rival tabloid"

denture /ˈdɛntʃə/

a removable plate or frame holding one or more artificial teeth.

"ideally, dentures should be renewed every three or four years"

jowl /dʒaʊl/

the lower part of a person's or animal's cheek, especially when it is fleshy or drooping.

"she had a large nose and heavy jowls"

carbon-14 dating, also called radiocarbon dating, method of age determination that depends upon the decay to nitrogen of radiocarbon (carbon-14).

Are you looking for a humble way to admit a mistake after someone corrects your error? You could say, “I stand corrected,” to accept defeat and move on with things. This post unpacks the meaning and origin of this expression.

plop /plɒp/

sit or lie down gently but clumsily.

"he plopped himself down on the nearest chair"

perpetrator

/ˈpəːpətreɪtə/

a person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act.

"the perpetrators of this horrific crime must be brought to justice"

despicable

/dɪˈspɪkəb(ə)l,ˈdɛspɪkəb(ə)l/

deserving hatred and contempt.

"a despicable crime"

jump the gun

act before the proper or appropriate time.

wagon /ˈwaɡ(ə)n/

Jump on the bandwagon

to join an activity that has become very popular or to change your opinion to one that has become very popular so that you can share in its success:

After a couple of politicians won elections by promising to cut taxes, most of the others jumped on the bandwagon.

refute /rɪˈfjuːt/

prove (a statement or theory) to be wrong or false; disprove.

"these claims have not been convincingly refuted"

To "throw (someone) under the bus" is an idiomatic phrase in English meaning to blame or abandon a person for selfish reasons.

in tandem

alongside each other.

"a tight fiscal policy working in tandem with a tight foreign exchange policy

seepage

/ˈsiːpɪdʒ/

the slow escape of a liquid or gas through porous material or small holes.

"the National Rivers Authority was called on to prevent further seepage"

prudish

/ˈpruːdɪʃ/

having or revealing a tendency to be easily shocked by matters relating to sex or nudity; excessively concerned with sexual propriety.

"the prudish moral climate of the late 19th century"

turn on

excite or stimulate the interest of someone, especially sexually.

"if that's what turns you on that's fine by me"

bristle

/ˈbrɪs(ə)l/

(of hair or fur) stand upright away from the skin, typically as a sign of anger or fear.

"the hair on the back of his neck bristled"

tundra /ˈtʌndrə/

stingy /ˈstɪn(d)ʒi/

mean; ungenerous.

"his boss is stingy and idle"

niggardly /ˈnɪɡədli/

adjective

ungenerous with money, time, etc.; mean.

"he accused the Government of being unbelievably niggardly"

no mean feat/achievement/task etc

something that is very difficult to do, so that someone who does it deserves to be admired

They sold 1 million cards in the first year of business – no mean feat, given the problems many businesses are facing.

bamboozle

/bamˈbuːz(ə)l/

cheat or fool.

"he bamboozled Canada's largest banks in a massive counterfeit scam"

stubble

/ˈstʌb(ə)l/

the cut stalks of cereal plants left sticking out of the ground after the grain is harvested.

"fields of yellow stubble"

buyout /ˈbʌɪaʊt/

the purchase of a controlling share in a company.

herring /ˈhɛrɪŋ/

red herring

a clue or piece of information which is or is intended to be misleading or distracting.

"the book is fast-paced, exciting, and full of red herrings"

white lie

a harmless or trivial lie, especially one told to avoid hurting someone's feelings.

"when I was young, I told little white lies"

paediatric

/piːdɪˈatrɪk/

relating to the branch of medicine dealing with children and their diseases.

"the hospital's paediatric ward"

ORIGIN OF THREE-SHEETS-TO-THE-WIND

Derived from sailing ships. The 'sheet' in the phrase uses the nautical meaning of a rope that controls the trim of sail. If a sheet is loose, the sail flaps and doesn't provide control for the ship. Having several sheets loose ("to the wind") could cause the ship to rock about drunkenly.

compos mentis

/ˌkɒmpɒs ˈmɛntɪs/

having full control of one's mind.

"are you sure he was totally compos mentis?"

clock in

1. To mark one's arrival at work, as on a time clock (a device that stamps the arrival and departure time onto each employee's timecard, or records the times digitally). In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "clock" and "in."

I got in trouble with the boss because I clocked in 20 minutes late today.

Go see Janet, she'll clock you in.

“Crow's feet” is the term given to those fine lines around the eye area.

alleviate /əˈliːvɪeɪt/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe • he couldn't prevent her pain, only alleviate it • measures to alleviate unemployment.

wok /wɒk/

a bowl-shaped frying pan used typically in Chinese cooking.

a (whole) host of (something)

A very large number or collection of people or things.

We had a whole host of problems on opening night, but I think most of the issues have been resolved.

While the film has been receiving positive reviews from critics, there's a host of fans who are upset with the way it turned out.

The beta testers have reported a whole host of issues with this latest software update.

satirical /səˈtɪrɪk(ə)l/

containing or using satire.

"a New York-based satirical magazine"

Diabetes is diagnosed with a blood test.

He had developed diabetes and high blood pressure.

gestational/adult-onset/juvenile diabetes

Eidetic memory (/aɪˈdɛtɪk/ eye-DET-ik; more commonly called photographic memory or total recall) is the ability to recall an image from memory with high precision – at least for a brief period of time – after seeing it only once and without using a mnemonic device.

bland /bland/ I. adjective 1. lacking strong features or characteristics and therefore uninteresting • bland, mass-produced pop music. 2. (of food or drink) unseasoned, mild-tasting, or insipid. • a bland and unadventurous vegetarian dish. • standardized bland beers of mediocre quality.

"If at all" is often used to make negatives stronger. It indicates that something is unlikely to happen, or rarely happens, and that it will occur in a negative or restricted way if it does happen. The use of if at all emphasizes notions of scarcity, restriction, smallness, etc.

trudge /trʌdʒ/ I. verb — [no obj., with adverbial of direction] 1. walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or harsh conditions • I trudged up the stairs • she trudged through blinding snow.

Santa Claus /ˈsantə klɔːz /

hamper /ˈhampə/ I. noun 1. a basket with a carrying handle and a hinged lid, used for food, cutlery, and plates on a picnic. • a picnic hamper.

instigate /ˈɪnstɪɡeɪt/

bring about or initiate (an action or event).

"they instigated a reign of terror"

s'more /smɔːr/

a layer of heated marshmallow (= a soft, sweet, pink or white food) and chocolate between two biscuits, usually graham crackers (= a thin rectangular biscuit usually flavoured with honey or cinnamon):

The kids were roasting marshmallows on the campfire to make s'mores.

trapeze /trəˈpiːz/

a horizontal bar hanging by two ropes and free to swing, used by acrobats in a circus.

ballyhoo /balɪˈhuː/

praise or publicise extravagantly.

"each company ballyhoos its product as though it were the most outstanding in all creation"

cherubic /tʃɪˈruːbɪk/

having the innocence or plump prettiness of a young child.

"a round, cherubic face"

It would depend on the context. One usually says that person A sends a message TO person B, if person B is presumably available now. However, person A LEAVES a message for person B, if it is understood that person B is currently unavailable and will pick up the message later.

sloth /sləʊθ/

albatross /ˈalbətrɒs/

freight /freɪt/

propulsion

/prəˈpʌlʃ(ə)n/

the action of driving or pushing forwards.

"they dive and use their wings for propulsion under water"

smuggle

/ˈsmʌɡ(ə)l/

move (goods) illegally into or out of a country.

"he's been smuggling cigarettes from Gibraltar into Spain"

frisk /frɪsk/

(of a police officer or other official) pass the hands over (someone) in a search for hidden weapons, drugs, or other items.

"he raised his arms to permit the officer to frisk him"

Munchausen's syndrome

/ˈmʌn.tʃaʊ.zənz ˌsɪn.drəʊm/

secrete /sɪˈkriːt/

(of a cell, gland, or organ) produce and discharge (a substance).

"insulin is secreted in response to rising levels of glucose in the blood"

fraternal

/frəˈtəːn(ə)l/

of or like a brother or brothers.

"his lack of fraternal feeling shocked me"

consult /ˈkɒnsʌlt/

venerate /ˈvɛnəreɪt/

regard with great respect; revere.

"Philip of Beverley was venerated as a saint"

vegetate /ˈvɛdʒɪteɪt/

live or spend a period of time in a dull, inactive, unchallenging way.

"if she left him alone, he'd sit in front of the television and vegetate"

lush /lʌʃ/

(of vegetation, especially grass) growing luxuriantly.

"lush greenery and cultivated fields"

extricate /ˈɛkstrɪkeɪt/

free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty.

"he was trying to extricate himself from official duties"

reticent /ˈrɛtɪs(ə)nt/

not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily.

"she was extremely reticent about her personal affairs"

The court let her off scot-free.

snout /snaʊt/

the projecting nose and mouth of an animal, especially a mammal.

"a sea lion balanced a ball on its snout"

narwhal /ˈnɑːw(ə)l/

I’ve got a splinter in my finger.

eczema /ˈek.sɪ.mə/

a skin condition in which areas of the skin become red, rough, and sore and make you want to rub them:

As a young boy he suffered from eczema.

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barf /bɑːf/

vomit.

imperative

/ɪmˈpɛrətɪv/

of vital importance; crucial.

"immediate action was imperative"

to kingdom come

into the next world.

"the truck was blown to kingdom come"

sonogram

/ˈsəʊnəɡram/

a graph representing a sound, showing the distribution of energy at different frequencies.

ounce /aʊns/

demarcation

/diːmɑːˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/

the action of fixing the boundary or limits of something.

"the demarcation of the maritime border"

alimony /ˈalɪməni/

one-night stand

a sexual relationship lasting only one night.

I look up to you a lot.

copay /ˈkəʊ.peɪ/

a fixed cost for a service paid by someone who has insurance (= an agreement that a company will pay certain costs for health care, etc.) each time they use that service. This system is used in the US, Germany, and some other countries:

Because she had health insurance, her only expense was a $10 copay.

A growing number of people don't have insurance or can't afford the copayments and deductibles their insurance policies require.

inhibit /ɪnˈhɪbɪt/

make (someone) self-conscious and unable to act in a relaxed and natural way.

"they felt inhibited by the presence of healthcare professionals"

vape /veɪp/

inhale and exhale vapour containing nicotine and flavouring produced by a device designed for this purpose.

"I'd rather people vaped indoors than smoked outside"

mug /mʌɡ/

attack and rob (someone) in a public place.

"he was mugged by three men who stole his bike"

benefaction /ˌbɛnɪˈfakʃ(ə)n/

a donation or gift.

"an exceptional benefaction"

disdain

/dɪsˈdeɪn/

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

"her upper lip curled in disdain"

Down Bad

When someone is depressingly horny

manger

/ˈmeɪn(d)ʒə/

a long trough from which horses or cattle feed.

binky /ˈbɪŋki/

the playful twisting leap that a rabbit makes, usually with a 180–turn in midair:

Horace is a Dutch rabbit with an exuberant binky.

in a city where real estate is among the most expensive on earth

among the most important are

among the most common illnesses

among the most advanced in the world

year-round

happening or continuing throughout the year.

"an indoor pool for year-round use"

come round

visit someone's house.

"Marcus starts coming round to Will's to watch TV and hang out"

porcelain

/ˈpɔːs(ə)lɪn/

baloney

/bəˈləʊni/

bologna

/bəˈlɒnjə,bəˈləʊnjə/

I'd love to ride a hot-air balloon, but it's expensive.

sedentary /ˈsɛd(ə)nt(ə)ri/

(of a person) tending to spend much time seated; somewhat inactive.

"we all walk a certain amount every day even if we are sedentary"

perspire /pəˈspʌɪə/

give out sweat through the pores of the skin as a result of heat, physical exertion, or stress.

"Will was perspiring heavily"

manure /məˈnjʊə/

animal dung used for fertilising land.

"plenty of fully rotted horse manure can be dug in this fall"

hermit crab

at length

in detail; fully.

"these aspects have been discussed at length"

after a long time.

"at length she laid down the pencil"

snug /snʌɡ/ I. adjective 1. comfortable, warm, and cosy; well protected from the weather or cold • she was safe and snug in Ruth's arms • a snug cottage.

burdock /ˈbəːdɒk/

a large herbaceous Old World plant of the daisy family. The hook-bearing flowers become woody burrs after fertilisation and cling to animals' coats to aid seed dispersal.

stork /stɔːk/

a very tall long-legged wading bird with a long heavy bill and typically with white and black plumage.

penal /ˈpiːn(ə)l/

relating to, used for, or prescribing the punishment of offenders under the legal system.

"the campaign for penal reform"

feign /feɪn/

pretend to be affected by (a feeling, state, or injury).

"she feigned nervousness"

scourge /skəːdʒ/

a whip used as an instrument of punishment.

mire /mʌɪə/

cause to become stuck in mud.

"sometimes a heavy truck gets mired down"

tapir

/ˈteɪpə,ˈteɪpɪə/

a nocturnal hoofed mammal with a stout body, sturdy limbs, and a short flexible proboscis, native to the forests of tropical America and Malaysia.

hesitating or doubting.

"I was rather dubious about the whole idea"

Stop picking your nose!

amass /əˈmas/

gather together or accumulate (a large amount or number of material or things) over a period of time.

"he amassed a fortune estimated at close to a million pounds"

clout

/klaʊt/

influence or power, especially in politics or business.

"I knew she carried a lot of clout"

get under your skin

to make you annoyed or angry:

I've noticed that little things have been getting under my skin lately – things that shouldn’t upset me.

catalyst

/ˈkat(ə)lɪst/

a substance that increases the rate of a chemical reaction without itself undergoing any permanent chemical change.

"chlorine acts as a catalyst promoting the breakdown of ozone"

a person or thing that precipitates an event.

"the prime minister's speech acted as a catalyst for debate"

servitude /ˈsəːvɪtjuːd/

the state of being a slave or completely subject to someone more powerful.

"you've got thousands of years of peasant servitude to make up for"

innate

/ɪˈneɪt,ˈɪneɪt/

inborn; natural.

"her innate capacity for organisation"

bilingual /bʌɪˈlɪŋɡw(ə)l/

somatic /səˈmatɪk/ I. adjective 1. relating to the body, especially as distinct from the mind. • patients completed a questionnaire about their somatic and psychological symptoms.

surrogate mother

/ˌsʌrəɡət ˈmʌðə/

surrogate /ˈsʌrəɡət/ I. noun 1. a substitute, especially a person deputising for another in a specific role or office • wives of MPs are looked on as surrogates for their husbands while the latter are at Westminster.

treasurer /ˈtrɛʒ(ə)rə/

a person appointed to administer or manage the financial assets and liabilities of a society, company, local authority, or other body.

coerce /kəʊˈəːs/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats • he was coerced into giving evidence. 2. obtain (something) from someone by using force or threats • their confessions were allegedly coerced by torture.

insomnia /ɪnˈsɒmnɪə/

laxative /ˈlaksətɪv/

overhaul /əʊvəˈhɔːl/

take apart (a piece of machinery or equipment) in order to examine it and repair it if necessary.

"the steering box was recently overhauled"

vamp /vamp/

repair or improve something.

"the production values have been vamped up"

revamp /riːˈvamp/

give new and improved form, structure, or appearance to.

"an attempt to revamp the museum's image"

pneumonia /njuːˈməʊnɪə/

punt /pʌnt/

kick (the ball) a long distance upfield.

"the Leeds player kindly punted the ball back to them"

morsel /ˈmɔːs(ə)l/

a small piece or amount of food; a mouthful.

"Juliet pushed a morsel of toast into her mouth"

insulate /ˈɪnsjʊleɪt/

protect (something) by interposing material that prevents the loss of heat or the intrusion of sound.

"insulate and draught-proof your home"

inert /ɪˈnəːt/

chemically inactive.

deter /dɪˈtəː/

discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

"only a health problem would deter him from seeking re-election"

phimosis /fʌɪˈməʊ.sɪs/

Phimosis is defined as the inability to retract the skin (foreskin or prepuce) covering the head (glans) of the penis.

A conspiracy theory is an explanation for an event or situation that invokes a conspiracy by sinister and powerful groups, often political in motivation,[3][4][5] when other explanations are more probable.

flop /flɒp/

(of a performer or show) be completely unsuccessful; fail totally.

"the show flopped in London"

colloquial /kəˈləʊkwɪəl/

In colloquial English, "kind of" is often used for "somewhat" or "rather."

on mute.

I can't hear your voice. Are you on mute?

playing dice

masturbation, using the same gesture of "playing dice"

Oh yeah, he was totally playing dice while he was on the phone with me last night.

big-head

a conceited or arrogant person.

carry off

succeed in doing something difficult.

"he could not have carried it off without help"

napping during our downtime

shuttlecock /ˈʃʌt(ə)lkɒk/

a cork to which feathers are attached to form a cone shape, or a similar object of plastic, struck with rackets in the games of badminton and battledore.

fall heir to (something)

To inherit something.

Thank you! I fell heir to this pearl necklace when my grandmother died.

tapestry /ˈtapɪstri/

pointedly /ˈpɔɪntɪdli/

in a direct and unambiguous way, often indicating criticism or displeasure.

"he pointedly refused to shake hands"

We're coming down to the wire.

fallback /ˈfɔːlbak/

an alternative plan that may be used in an emergency.

"compulsory powers should be retained as a fallback"

centre around/on something

to have something as the main subject of discussion or interest:

The discussion centred around reducing waste.

steep

gentle slope

plateau /ˈplatəʊ/

learning curve

ideogram

/ˈɪdɪə(ʊ)ɡram,ˈʌɪdɪə(ʊ)ɡram/

phonogram /ˈfəʊnəɡram/

a symbol representing a vocal sound.

historical records

rabbit starvation

read a character with its Chinese(‐derived) pronunciation.

Milky Way

fabric softener

laundry detergent

clothespin

sputter /ˈspʌtə/

make a series of soft explosive or spitting sounds.

"the engine sputtered and stopped"

skillet /ˈskɪlɪt/

a small metal cooking pot with a long handle, typically having legs.

vocal fry

a way of speaking in which the voice is very low-pitched and has a characteristic rough or creaking sound.

"she tweaks the way teen girls actually talk, with high-rising terminals, vocal fry, and ‘like’ for emphasis"

shalom /ʃəˈlɒm/

used as salutation by Jewish people at meeting or parting, meaning ‘peace’.

"‘I'll be waiting for your call’. ‘Au revoir’. ‘Shalom’"

tenuous /ˈtɛnjʊəs/

very weak or slight.

"the tenuous link between interest rates and investment"

boast /bəʊst/

to speak with pride (often followed by of):

He boasted of his family's wealth.

insinuate /ɪnˈsɪnjʊeɪt/

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

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

insulate /ˈɪnsjʊleɪt/

protect (something) by interposing material that prevents the loss of heat or the intrusion of sound.

"insulate and draught-proof your home"

sinus /ˈsʌɪnəs/

a cavity within a bone or other tissue, especially one in the bones of the face or skull connecting with the nasal cavities.

fact /fakt/

at the same level as

as of

used to indicate the time or date from which something starts.

"I'm out of a job as of now"

Petri dish /ˈpɛtri, ˈpiːtri/

schmo /ʃməʊ/

a stupid person.

"the jerk disappeared—the tall schmo with the voice up his nose"

series /ˈsɪəriːz/

A doubting Thomas is a sceptic who refuses to believe without direct personal experience

casserole /ˈkasərəʊl/ I. noun 1. a kind of stew that is cooked slowly in an oven • a chicken casserole.

Definition of it's high time

informal

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

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

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

pilfer /ˈpɪlfə/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. steal (things of little value). • she produced the handful of coins she had managed to pilfer. • (as noun pilfering) no system is proof against pilfering if people are determined enough.

coral

/ˈkɒr(ə)l/

reef1 /riːf/ I. noun 1. a ridge of jagged rock, coral, or sand just above or below the surface of the sea.

embryo /ˈɛmbrɪəʊ/ I. noun 1. an unborn or unhatched offspring in the process of development.

prodigy /ˈprɒdɪdʒi/

a young person with exceptional qualities or abilities.

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

bummer /ˈbʌmə/

a disappointing or unpleasant situation or experience.

"the party was a real bummer"

chaperone

/ˈʃapərəʊn/

a person who accompanies and looks after another person or group of people.

nestle

/ˈnɛs(ə)l/

settle or lie comfortably within or against something.

"the baby nestled in her arms"

nestle (up) against (someone or something)

To lean or lie against someone or something in a gentle, cuddly manner; to snuggle up to someone or something.

The boy went over to the sofa and nestled up against his mother while they watched the movie.

I love to ne

The cow is grazing on the farm.

off the hook

no longer in difficulty or trouble.

"I lied to get him off the hook"

fluke1 /fluːk/ I. noun an unlikely chance occurrence, especially a surprising piece of luck • their victory was a bit of a fluke.

agrarian /əˈɡrɛːrɪən/ I. adjective 1. relating to cultivated land or the cultivation of land. • Brazil is rapidly diversifying its agrarian economy.

stringent /ˈstrɪn(d)ʒ(ə)nt/ I. adjective (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting • stringent guidelines on air pollution.

contractor /kənˈtraktə/ noun a person or firm that undertakes a contract to provide materials or labour to perform a service or do a job. • the school meals service is provided by private contractors. • building contractors.

taxidermy

/ˈtaksɪˌdəːmi/

the art of preparing, stuffing, and mounting the skins of animals with lifelike effect.

blazer

/ˈbleɪzə/

a coloured jacket worn by schoolchildren or sports players as part of a uniform.

crux /krʌks/

the decisive or most important point at issue.

"the crux of the matter is that attitudes have changed"

shag /ʃaɡ/

a carpet or rug with a long, rough pile.

"wall-to-wall shag carpet"

philately /fɪˈlat(ə)li/

the collection and study of postage stamps

benevolent

/bɪˈnɛv(ə)l(ə)nt/

well meaning and kindly.

"he was something of a benevolent despot"

infernal

/ɪnˈfəːn(ə)l/

relating to or characteristic of hell or the underworld.

"the infernal regions"

nit /nɪt/

the egg or young form of a louse or other parasitic insect, especially the egg of a human head louse attached to a hair.

nitwit

/ˈnɪtwɪt/

a silly or foolish person (often as a general term of abuse).

"I want nothing to do with that bunch of nitwits!"

fornicate

/ˈfɔːnɪkeɪt/

have sexual intercourse with someone one is not married to.

pillage /ˈpɪlɪdʒ/

rob a (place) using violence, especially in wartime.

"the abbey was plundered and pillaged"

The rack is a torture device consisting of a rectangular, usually wooden frame, slightly raised from the ground,[1] with a roller at one or both ends.

muddle through

cope in a more or less satisfactory way despite lack of expertise, planning, or equipment.

"while the children were young, we managed to muddle through"

hand-me-down

a piece of clothing given to a younger family member or friend because the person who owns it no longer wants it or it no longer fits:

Claudia had three older sisters, so she wore a lot of hand-me-downs.

slug /slʌɡ/

an amount of alcoholic drink that is gulped or poured.

"he took a slug of whisky"

belch /bɛltʃ/

emit wind noisily from the stomach through the mouth.

"pardon me for belching"

prattle

/ˈprat(ə)l/

talk at length in a foolish or inconsequential way.

"she began to prattle on about her visit to the dentist"

pewter /ˈpjuːtə/

incandescent

/ɪnkanˈdɛs(ə)nt/

emitting light as a result of being heated.

"plumes of incandescent liquid rock"

cut down

reduce the size, amount, or quantity of something.

"I should cut down my sugar intake"

blow over

(of trouble) fade away without serious consequences.

"if he would simply cool off, the whole matter would soon blow over"

voyeur

/vwʌɪˈjəː,vɔɪˈjəː/

a person who gains sexual pleasure from watching others when they are naked or engaged in sexual activity.

"he stood transfixed, a voyeur feasting on the swell of her buttocks"

yucky

/ˈjʌki/

messy or disgusting.

"yucky green-grey slushy cabbage"

chum /tʃʌm/

a close friend.

"she shared the cake with her chums"

moonshot /ˈmuːnʃɒt/

an extremely ambitious and innovative project.

"the tech giant's latest moonshot"

branch /brɑːn(t)ʃ/

English has a tendency to absorb foreign words and neutralise them.

It's too long ago. I don't remember.

curfew

/ˈkəːfjuː/

a regulation requiring people to remain indoors between specified hours, typically at night.

"a dusk-to-dawn curfew"

liquefy /ˈlɪkwɪfʌɪ/

thaw /θɔː/

subsidise

/ˈsʌbsɪdʌɪz/

support (an organisation or activity) financially.

"the mining industry continues to be subsidised"

subsidy /ˈsʌbsɪdi/

a sum of money granted by the state or a public body to help an industry or business keep the price of a commodity or service low.

"a farm subsidy"

manteau

/ˈmantəʊ/

a loose gown or cloak worn by women in the 17th and 18th centuries.

a long, loose coat or overshirt worn by Muslim women.

suffice /səˈfʌɪs/

be enough or adequate.

"a quick look should suffice"

sesquicentenary

/ˌsɛskwɪsɛnˈtiːn(ə)ri,ˌsɛskwɪsɛnˈtɛn(ə)ri/

the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of a significant event.

"the year in which both celebrate their sesquicentenaries"

wet the bed at night

continence /ˈkɒntɪnəns/

the ability to control movements of the bowels and bladder.

"you can improve your continence by strengthening the muscles of the pelvic floor"

dangerous substances; hazardous material.

"hazmat shipments"

disaster /dɪˈzɑːstə/

Snitches get stitches.

tattletale /ˈtatlteɪl/

a person, especially a child, who reveals secrets or informs on others; a telltale.

crack /krak/

give it a crack

full on

so as to make a direct or significant impact.

"the recession has hit us full on"

enunciate /ɪˈnʌnsɪeɪt/

say or pronounce clearly.

"she enunciated each word slowly"

flick one’s forehead

rudiment

/ˈruːdɪm(ə)nt/

the first principles of (a subject).

"she taught the girls the rudiments of reading and writing"

demeanour

/dɪˈmiːnə/

outward behaviour or bearing.

"his happy demeanour"

latch /latʃ/

a metal bar with a catch and lever used for fastening a door or gate.

"lifting the latch, she pushed the gate open"

transpire

/tranˈspʌɪə,trɑːnˈspʌɪə/

(of a secret or something unknown) come to be known; be revealed.

"it transpired that millions of dollars of debt had been hidden in a complex web of transactions"

moustache /məˈstɑːʃ/

palpitate

/ˈpalpɪteɪt/

(of the heart) beat rapidly, strongly, or irregularly.

"his heart was palpitating and his palms sweated"

apologise

/əˈpɒlədʒʌɪz/

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!

cemetery plot

redact /rɪˈdakt/

edit (text) for publication.

"a confidential memo which has been redacted from 25 pages to just one paragraph"

censor or obscure (part of a text) for legal or security purposes.

Food made with flour

Flour based foods

prune /pruːn/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. trim (a tree, shrub, or bush) by cutting away dead or overgrown branches or stems, especially to encourage growth. • now is the time to prune roses. • [no obj.] to limit growth, prune in summer.

albeit /ɔːlˈbiːɪt/

though.

"he was making progress, albeit rather slowly"

comfort /ˈkʌmfət/

catnap /ˈkatnap/

a short sleep during the day.

mare /mɛː/

the female of a horse or other equine animal

ravenous

/ˈrav(ə)nəs/

extremely hungry.

"I'd been out all day and was ravenous"

How often do you watch TV?

bother /ˈbɒðə/

sic

used in brackets after a copied or quoted word that appears odd or erroneous to show that the word is quoted exactly as it stands in the original, as in a story must hold a child's interest and ‘enrich his (sic) life’.

Ratings and prices are accurate and items are in stock as of time of publication.

labyrinth /ˈlab(ə)rɪnθ/

incredulity /ɪnkrəˈdjuːləti/ noun — [ mass noun] 1. the state of being unwilling or unable to believe something • he stared down the street in incredulity.

exert /ɪɡˈzəːt, ɛɡˈzəːt/ I. verb 1. [with obj.] — apply or bring to bear (a force, influence, or quality) • the moon exerts a force on the Earth • how much control can he exert over his own life?

gormless

/ˈɡɔːmləs/

lacking sense or initiative; foolish.

"a constantly grinning, rather gormless boy"

pillock /ˈpɪlək/

a stupid person.

"a complete pillock!"

yoga /ˈjəʊɡə/

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!"

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"

chauffeur

/ˈʃəʊfə,ʃəʊˈfəː/

a person employed to drive a private or hired car.

"a chauffeur-driven limousine"

Definition of take a/one's cue from

: to do what is done or suggested by (someone or something)

Take a cue from the experts and get your taxes done early this year.

We should take our cue from their example.

amputate /ˈampjʊteɪt/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. cut off (a limb) by surgical operation • surgeons had to amputate her left hand.

solicitor /səˈlɪsɪtə/ I. noun 1. (Brit.) a member of the legal profession qualified to deal with conveyancing, the drawing up of wills, and other legal matters. A solicitor may also instruct barristers and represent clients in some courts.

harassment

/ˈharəsm(ə)nt,həˈrasm(ə)nt/

ate /ɛt,eɪt/

pedant

/ˈpɛd(ə)nt/

a person who is excessively concerned with minor details and rules or with displaying academic learning.

"the royal palace (some pedants would say the ex-royal palace)"

humble

/ˈhʌmb(ə)l/

decisively defeat (a sporting opponent previously thought to be superior).

"Wales were humbled at Cardiff Arms Park by Romania"

tumultuous

/tjʊˈmʌltjʊəs/

making an uproar or loud, confused noise.

"tumultuous applause"

herald

/ˈhɛr(ə)ld/

be a sign that (something) is about to happen.

"the speech heralded a change in policy"

regalia

/rɪˈɡeɪlɪə/

the emblems or insignia of royalty, especially the crown, sceptre, and other ornaments used at a coronation.

heirloom

/ˈɛːluːm/

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

"the violin was a family heirloom"

samen /ˈzaːmən/

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"

nefarious

/nɪˈfɛːrɪəs/

(typically of an action or activity) wicked or criminal.

"the nefarious activities of the organized-crime syndicates"

as often as not more often than not

or more often than not

PHRASE

If you say that something happens as often as not, or more often than not, you mean that it happens fairly frequently, and that this can be considered as typical of the kind of situation you are talking about.

Yet, as often as not, they find themselves the target of persecution rather than praise.

Although sometimes I feel like bothering, as often as not I don't.

step out of line

to behave in a way that is unacceptable or not expected:

Step out of line one more time, Peters, and you're fired!

take out

kill, destroy, or disable someone or something.

"some say the Mob took him out for crossing them"

standard/ˈstandəd/

vindicate

/ˈvɪndɪkeɪt/

show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified.

"more sober views were vindicated by events"

semi

/ˈsɛmi/

lychee

/ˈlʌɪtʃiː,ˈlɪtʃiː/

Look me straight in the eye.

in respect of

as regards; with reference to.

"a difficult question arises in respect of this contract"

down the middle

divided or dividing something equally into two parts.

"draw a line down the middle of a sheet of paper"

goolie

/ˈɡuːli/

a testicle.

holistic

/həʊˈlɪstɪk,hɒˈlɪstɪk/

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

sermon /ˈsəːmən/

a talk on a religious or moral subject, especially one given during a church service and based on a passage from the Bible.

"I preached my first sermon on original sin"

vicar /ˈvɪkə/

(in the Church of England) an incumbent of a parish where tithes formerly passed to a chapter or religious house or layperson.

blow someone or something out of the water

completely discredit someone or something by far surpassing them or exposing their flaws.

"I thought the first season was good, but season two blows it right out of the water"

aristocracy

/ˌarɪˈstɒkrəsi/

the highest class in certain societies, typically comprising people of noble birth holding hereditary titles and offices.

"members of the aristocracy"

confederation

/kənfɛdəˈreɪʃ(ə)n/

an organization which consists of a number of parties or groups united in an alliance or league.

"a confederation of trade unions"

take a dig at (someone or something)

To make a mocking, sarcastic, or insulting remark, gibe, or criticism at someone's or something's expense.

I'm really not trying to take a dig at you. I'm just trying to give you some constructive feedback.

He's really nice to me when we hang out by ourselves, but he always starts taking digs at me when we're around his other friends.

I can speak the language very well, but she still couldn't resist taking a dig at my accent.

binge

/bɪn(d)ʒ/

a period of excessive indulgence in an activity, especially eating, drinking, or taking drugs.

"he went on a binge and was in no shape to drive"

monster /ˈmɒnstə/

crochet

/ˈkrəʊʃeɪ,ˈkrəʊʃi/

a handicraft in which yarn is made up into a textured fabric by means of a hooked needle.

"a crochet hook"

fraught /frɔːt/

(of a situation or course of action) filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable).

"marketing any new product is fraught with danger"

providence

/ˈprɒvɪd(ə)ns/

timely preparation for future eventualities.

"it was considered a duty to encourage providence"

hurtle /ˈhəːt(ə)l/

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

"a runaway car hurtled towards them"

thrive /θrʌɪv/

prosper; flourish.

"education groups thrive on organization"

deteriorate

/dɪˈtɪərɪəreɪt/

become progressively worse.

"relations between the countries had deteriorated sharply"

Definition of chum up

British, informal

: to become friendly —often + to

businessmen chumming up to politicians to get their support

crumpet /ˈkrʌmpɪt/

a thick, flat, savoury cake with a soft, porous texture, made from a yeast mixture cooked on a griddle and eaten toasted and buttered.

zodiac /ˈzəʊdɪak/

pelvic /ˈpɛlvɪk/

relating to or situated within the bony pelvis.

relating to the renal pelvis.

What colour mobile phone do you have?

What colour underwear should you wear under white?

Definition of on display

: put somewhere for people to see : in a display

Autographed baseballs are on display at the show.

In a slang, potato is someone uninteresting,dull,strange ,ugly or fat. Potato is also a word used by some people to describe themselves in a humorous way.

amen

/ɑːˈmɛn,eɪˈmɛn/

get on one's knees to ask for forgiveness

gig /ɡɪɡ/

a live performance by a musician or group playing popular or jazz music.

A headliner is the main act.

alter ego

/ˌɒltər ˈiːɡəʊ,ˌɔːltər ˈiːɡəʊ/

a person's secondary or alternative personality.

"in the flesh she is a million miles from her photographic alter ego"

an intimate and trusted friend.

cook the books

alter facts or figures dishonestly or illegally.

"he was an accountant, he could have cooked the books and made himself a lot more money"

blame (something) on (someone or something)

To foist or assign responsibility or guilt for something on someone or something.

My partner had been cooking the books for years, but because I was the CEO, our company's collapse was blamed on me.

Don't blame your unhappiness on me—I told you not to take that job!

The athlete blamed his poor performance during the game on faulty equipment.

foist /fɔɪst/

impose an unwelcome or unnecessary person or thing on.

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

vouch for something/someone

to say that you know from experience that something is true or good, or that someone is honest and has a good character:

Patricia has checked the reports and can vouch for the accuracy of the information.

aeon /ˈiːən/

an indefinite and very long period of time.

"he reached the crag aeons before I arrived"

a unit of time equal to a thousand million years.

superlative /suːˈpəːlətɪv/

of the highest quality or degree.

"a superlative piece of skill"

apt /apt/

appropriate or suitable in the circumstances.

"the theme could not be more apt"

hereditary

/hɪˈrɛdɪt(ə)ri/

(of a title, office, or right) conferred by or based on inheritance.

"the Queen's hereditary right to the throne"

muse /mjuːz/

be absorbed in thought.

"he was musing on the problems he faced"

entity

/ˈɛntɪti/

a thing with distinct and independent existence.

"Church and empire were fused in a single entity"

aftermath

/ˈɑːftəmaθ,ˈɑːftəmɑːθ/

the consequences or after-effects of a significant unpleasant event.

"food prices soared in the aftermath of the drought"

far right

the extreme right wing of a political party or group.

"while the far right may gain some seats, it is far from gaining power"

catch on

(of a practice or fashion) become popular.

"the idea of linking pay to performance has caught on"

moniker

/ˈmɒnɪkə/

a name.

"his real moniker is Dave Kennedy"

dominion /dəˈmɪnjən/

sovereignty or control.

"man's attempt to establish dominion over nature"

pellucid /pɪˈl(j)uːsɪd, pɛˈl(j)uːsɪd/ I. adjective 1. ‹literary› translucently clear • mountains reflected in the pellucid waters.

acolyte /ˈakəlʌɪt/ I. noun 1. a person assisting a priest in a religious service or procession. 2. an assistant or follower. • she runs the department through a small group of acolytes.

Occident /ˈɒksɪd(ə)nt/ I. noun — ( the Occident) 1. ‹formal›‹literary› the countries of the West, especially Europe and America.

zephyr /ˈzɛfə/

lingerie /ˈlãʒ(ə)ri/

women's underwear and nightclothes

colon /ˈkəʊlən,ˈkəʊlɒn/

sobriety

/səˈbrʌɪəti/

the quality of being staid or solemn.

"she speaks with such sobriety, it's clear she speaks the truth"

delirious

/dɪˈlɪrɪəs/

in an acutely disturbed state of mind characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence; affected by delirium.

"he became delirious and couldn't recognize people"

Mood

Used to express that something is relatable. Similar to 'Same,' but 'Mood' became more common around 2016.

on the loose

having escaped from confinement.

"a serial killer is on the loose"

sauna /ˈsɔːnə/

scab /skab/

a person who refuses to strike or join a trade union or who takes the place of a striking worker.

gig

a job, especially one that is temporary or that has an uncertain future.

"working on the sea and spotting whales seemed like a great gig"

live off (of) (someone or something)

1. To acquire or provide for one's needs by benefiting from or taking advantage of someone or something else.

You can't just keep living off your brother—you need to get out there and find a job and a place of your own.

I've been living off of my trust fund until I find a new job.

live off

depend on someone as a source of income or support.

"if you think you're going to live off me for the rest of your life, you're mistaken"

lowball

/ˈləʊbɔːl/

offer a deceptively or unrealistically low bid or estimate to.

"are you being lowballed by someone who hopes to make money on extras later?"

potshot /ˈpɒtʃɒt/

a shot aimed at a person or thing that happens to be within easy reach.

"a sniper took a potshot at him"

a criticism, especially a random or unfounded one.

"the show takes wickedly funny potshots at as many movies as it can muster"

corroborate /kəˈrɒbəreɪt/

confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

"the witness had corroborated the boy's account of the attack"

cranium /ˈkreɪnɪəm/

the skull, especially the part enclosing the brain.

disclosure /dɪsˈkləʊʒə/

a fact, especially a secret, that is made known.

plural noun: disclosures

"the government's disclosures about missile programmes"

knock it off

stop doing something.

residual /rɪˈzɪdjʊəl/

royalty paid to a performer, writer, etc. for a repeat of a play, television show, etc.

"she has been awarded more than $4.5 million in residuals and profits from the highly successful television show"

If you put a bad experience or your own bad behaviour behind you, you do not let it affect your life now:

It's over. You need to put it behind you now, and make plans for the future.

get on with something

to start or continue doing something, especially work:

Stop talking and get on with it.

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

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

valedictory

/ˌvalɪˈdɪkt(ə)ri/

serving as a farewell.

"a valedictory wave"

I started studying English this year.

tectonic /tɛkˈtɒnɪk/

relating to the structure of the earth's crust and the large-scale processes which take place within it.

"the movements of the tectonic plates"

Peer pressure is the direct or indirect influence on peers, i.e., members of social groups with similar interests, experiences, or social statuses.

stoned

under the influence of drugs, especially cannabis.

very drunk.

"they're in the local pubs getting stoned"

inner circle

an exclusive group close to the centre of power of an organization or movement, regarded as elitist and secretive.

On the Internet, a RickRoll is a prank where a visitor who clicks on a specific link is intentionally misdirected to a video of pop star Rick Astley's hit "Never Gonna Give You Up."

snag /snaɡ/

an unexpected or hidden obstacle or drawback.

"there's one small snag"

liquid robot inspired by Terminator

put a dog on a leash

put a leash on a dog

The Distributive Singular

We have a nose

"we all have a"

bonnet /ˈbɒnɪt/

a woman's or child's hat tied under the chin and with a brim framing the face.

appease /əˈpiːz/

pacify or placate (someone) by acceding to their demands.

"amendments have been added to appease local pressure groups"

kernel /ˈkəːn(ə)l/

a softer, usually edible part of a nut, seed, or fruit stone contained within its shell.

"the kernel of a walnut"

dexterity /dɛkˈstɛrɪti/

skill in performing tasks, especially with the hands.

"her dexterity with chopsticks"

ebtitled

to give someone the right to do or have something:

Being unemployed entitles you to free medical treatment.

[ + to infinitive ] The employer is entitled to ask for references.

sarcastic /sɑːˈkastɪk/

dysphoria

/dɪsˈfɔːrɪə/

a state of unease or generalized dissatisfaction with life.

"adolescents with depression, dysphoria, mania, and anxiety disorders"

You won't die to a bee sting, unless you have allergies.

won /wʌn/

dizzy spell (ˈdɪzɪ spɛl ) a short period during which you feel dizzy. The cricketer is back in hospital with dizzy spells.

pube /pjuːb/

a pubic hair.

diminutive /dɪˈmɪnjʊtɪv/

extremely or unusually small.

"a diminutive figure dressed in black"

satchel /ˈsatʃ(ə)l/

a bag carried on the shoulder by a long strap and closed by a flap, used especially for school books.

on the hoof

(of livestock) not yet slaughtered.

"livestock on the hoof"

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without proper thought or preparation.

"policy was made on the hoof"

porcelain /ˈpɔːs(ə)lɪn/

a white vitrified translucent ceramic; china.

"a porcelain bowl"

lodestar /ˈləʊdstɑː/

a star that is used to guide the course of a ship, especially the Pole Star.

squirt /skwəːt/

cause (a liquid) to be ejected from a small opening in a thin, fast stream or jet.

"she squirted soda into a glass"

the principle of inertia

inertia /ɪˈnəːʃə/

a tendency to do nothing or to remain unchanged.

"the bureaucratic inertia of the various tiers of government"

wacky /ˈwaki/

funny or amusing in a slightly odd or peculiar way.

"a wacky chase movie"

vulcanize

/ˈvʌlkənʌɪz/

harden (rubber or a similar material) by treating it with sulphur at a high temperature.

"the development of a method for fixing vulcanized rubber firmly on to mild steel"

talcum

/ˈtalkəm/

a cosmetic or toilet preparation consisting of the mineral talc in powdered form, typically perfumed.

malleable /ˈmalɪəb(ə)l/

(of a metal or other material) able to be hammered or pressed into shape without breaking or cracking.

"a malleable metal can be beaten into a sheet"

in the works

being planned, worked on, or produced.

"a major consolidation of companies was in the works"

Accent aigu

acute accent

fungi/ ˈfʌŋɡaɪ/

ferment /fəˈmɛnt/

churro /ˈtʃʊ.rəʊ/

stunt /stʌnt/

an action displaying spectacular skill and daring.

"the stunt involved jumping out of a hot-air balloon while attached to a piece of elastic"

We need the sanction of the law to hunt in this place.

glitterbutt

thrifty /ˈθrɪfti/

using money and other resources carefully and not wastefully.

"he had been brought up to be thrifty and careful"

mansplain /ˈmanspleɪn/

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

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

goad /ɡəʊd/

provoke or annoy (someone) so as to stimulate an action or reaction.

"he was trying to goad her into a fight"

This movie is rated PG. Parental guidance is suggested.

delude /dɪˈl(j)uːd/

make (someone) believe something that is not true.

"too many theorists have deluded the public"

“What gave it away“ would mean what did you see that allowed you to understand the situation.

quid /kwɪd/

one pound sterling.

"we paid him four hundred quid"

chaperone /ˈʃapərəʊn/

a person who accompanies and looks after another person or group of people.

staff /stɑːf/

intestine /ɪnˈtɛstɪn / intestines I. noun 1. (in vertebrates) the lower part of the alimentary canal from the end of the stomach to the anus.