strew /struː/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. scatter or spread (things) untidily over a surface or area • a small room with newspapers strewn all over the floor.

bleat /bliːt/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. (of a sheep, goat, or calf) make a characteristic weak, wavering cry • the lamb was bleating weakly • (as noun bleating) the plaintive bleating of sheep.

commotion /kəˈməʊʃ(ə)n/ I. noun 1. a state of confused and noisy disturbance • she was distracted by a commotion across the street • [ mass noun] they set off firecrackers to make a lot of commotion. 2. [ mass noun] — civil insurrection • damage caused by civil commotion.

leeway /ˈliːweɪ/

the amount of freedom to move or act that is available.

"the government had greater leeway to introduce reforms"

disseminate /dɪˈsɛmɪneɪt/

spread (something, especially information) widely.

"health authorities should foster good practice by disseminating information"

from here on (out)

from this time forward

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

Matilda became an actress completely by chance.

proofread /ˈpruːfriːd/

read (printer's proofs or other written or printed material) and mark any errors.

"they must revise and proofread their work"

muss /mʌs/

make (someone's hair or clothes) untidy or messy.

"the wind was mussing up his hair"

bumptious /ˈbʌm(p)ʃəs/

irritatingly self-assertive.

"an impossibly bumptious and opinionated ass"

titular /ˈtɪtjʊlə/

holding or constituting a purely formal position or title without any real authority.

"the queen is titular head of the Church of England"

foal /fəʊl/

a young horse or related animal.

fallible /ˈfalɪb(ə)l/

capable of making mistakes or being wrong.

"experts can be fallible"

permeate /ˈpəːmɪeɪt/

spread throughout (something); pervade.

"the aroma of soup permeated the air"

decree /dɪˈkriː/

an official order that has the force of law.

"the decree guaranteed freedom of assembly"

altercation /ɒltəˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/

a noisy argument or disagreement, especially in public.

"I had an altercation with the ticket collector"

lavish /ˈlavɪʃ/

sumptuously rich, elaborate, or luxurious.

"a lavish banquet"

Suddenly two men barged in to the room.

Leeroy Jenkins

ruby /ˈruːbi/

quip /kwɪp/

a witty remark.

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

If you call in sick, you phone the place where you work to tell them you will not be coming to work because you are ill.

'Shouldn't you be at work today?'—'I called in sick.'

hilt/hɪlt/

the handle of a weapon or tool, especially a sword, dagger, or knife.

send word

to send someone to give another person a message:

She sent word with her secretary that she would be unable to attend the meeting.

covert /ˈkʌvət,ˈkəʊvəːt/

not openly acknowledged or displayed.

"covert operations against the dictatorship"

rafter1 /ˈrɑːftə/

a beam forming part of the internal framework of a roof.

"the rafters above his bed"

right off the bat

at the very beginning; straight away.

"I managed to have a disagreement with him right off the bat"

shears /ʃɪəz / a pair of shears I. plural noun a cutting instrument in which two blades move past each other, like scissors but typically larger • when cutting roses, always use a sharp, clean pair of shears.

rap on (something)

To strike something with one or more quick, light blows, as when getting someone's attention; to knock or tap at something swiftly and lightly.

I thought I heard someone rapping on my window in the middle of the night, so I was wide awake with fear until morning!

The wind was causing a tree branch to rap on the door in a most unsettling manner.

do away with something

to get rid of something or stop using something:

These ridiculous rules and regulations should have been done away with years ago.

Computerization has enabled us to do away with a lot of paperwork.

How could they do away with a beautiful old building like that and put a car park there instead?

slat /slat/ I. noun a thin, narrow piece of wood, plastic, or metal, especially one of a series which overlap or fit into each other, as in a fence or a Venetian blind. • sunlight filtered dustily through the slats of the door.

Because they were brought into UK legislation in a poor fashion they are an anomaly – a quad for driver licence purposes and emission regulations, but a standard car for road tax and insurance purposes.

become a people without a country

buzz cut

a very short haircut in which the hair is clipped close to the head with a razor.

Crimea /kraɪˈmiːə/

afoot /əˈfʊt/

in preparation or progress; happening or beginning to happen.

"plans are afoot for a festival"

leveret /ˈlɛv(ə)rɪt/

a young hare in its first year.

Special Snowflake is a derogatory term widely used on Tumblr to describe someone who often whines about deserving special treatment or sees oneself as exceptionally unique for no apparent reason, similar to the use of the expression check your privilege in the social justice blogosphere.

Manlet

A man who's height is above midget level, but is well below that of any other man.

duvet /ˈd(j)uːveɪ/

a soft quilt filled with down, feathers, or a synthetic fibre, used instead of an upper sheet and blankets.

clock in

register one's arrival at work, especially by means of a time clock.

"staff should clock in on arrival"

(typically of a young person) tending to commit crime, particularly minor crime.

"delinquent teenagers"

singe /sɪn(d)ʒ/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. burn (something) superficially or lightly • the fire had singed his eyebrows • (as adj. singed) a smell of singed feathers.

scallop /ˈskɒləp,ˈskaləp/

dismay /dɪsˈmeɪ/

herring /ˈhɛrɪŋ/

dominion /dəˈmɪnjən/ I. noun 1. [ mass noun] — sovereignty or control • man's attempt to establish dominion over nature.

gauze /ɡɔːz/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. a thin transparent fabric of silk, linen, or cotton. • a hat swathed in green gauze. • [ count noun] colourful gauzes.

brocade /brəˈkeɪd/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. a rich fabric woven with a raised pattern, typically with gold or silver thread

flight /flʌɪt/

10. a series of steps between floors or levels • I climbed the three flights of stairs which led to his office.

soldier /ˈsəʊldʒə/

let’s hear it for

used for saying that you think someone or something deserves a lot of praise

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"

wistful /ˈwɪs(t)fʊl, ˈwɪs(t)f(ə)l/ I. adjective having or showing a feeling of vague or regretful longing • a wistful smile.

by and by

before long; eventually.

brute /bruːt/ I. noun 1. a savagely violent man or animal • he was a cold-blooded brute.

stop short

stop (or cause to stop) suddenly or abruptly.

"she began to speak, but stopped short at the look on the other woman's face"

gulf /ɡʌlf/ a deep ravine, chasm, or abyss.

shaggy /ˈʃaɡi/ I. adjective 1. (of hair or fur) long, thick, and unkempt • the mountain goat has a long, shaggy coat. 2. having long, thick, unkempt hair or fur • a huge shaggy Alsatian. 3. having a covering resembling rough, thick hair.

jagged /ˈdʒaɡɪd/ I. adjective with rough, sharp points protruding • the jagged edges gashed their fingers •‹figurative› her jagged nerves.

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"

coalition /ˌkəʊəˈlɪʃ(ə)n/

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

"a coalition between Liberals and Conservatives"

krill /krɪl/

a small shrimplike planktonic crustacean of the open seas. It is eaten by a number of larger animals, notably the baleen whales.

stoat /stəʊt/

a small carnivorous mammal of the weasel family which has chestnut fur with white underparts and a black-tipped tail. It is native to both Eurasia and North America and in northern areas the coat turns white in winter.

in tow

being towed by another vehicle or boat.

"his boat was taken in tow by a trawler"

krill /krɪl/

a small shrimplike planktonic crustacean of the open seas. It is eaten by a number of larger animals, notably the baleen whales.

racket /ˈrakɪt/

a loud unpleasant noise; a din.

"the kids were making a racket"

squeaky clean

intel /ˈɪntɛl/

information of military or political value.

take/plead the Fifth

to refuse to answer questions in a court of law because the answers might be harmful to one or might show that one has committed a crime

When called to testify, he took the Fifth.

of one's own accord

voluntarily or without outside intervention.

"he would not seek treatment of his own accord"

take a drag (on something)

To inhale smoke from something, especially a cigarette.

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

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

This car has a very sensitive gas pedal, so please push it softly.

gas pedal

the pedal that controls the speed of a vehicle's engine.

cavalcade /ˌkav(ə)lˈkeɪd, ˈkav(ə)lkeɪd/ I. noun a formal procession of people walking, on horseback, or riding in vehicles. • the royal cavalcade proceeded through the city.

jaywalk /ˈdʒeɪwɔːk/ I. verb — [no obj., with adverbial of direction] 1. (chiefly N. Amer.) cross or walk in the street or road unlawfully or without regard for approaching traffic. • you jaywalked across a busy four-lane street.

dame /deɪm/

(in the UK) the title given to a woman with the rank of Knight Commander or holder of the Grand Cross in the Orders of Chivalry.

"Dame Vera Lynn"

dish out

dispense something in a casual or indiscriminate way.

"the banks dished out loans to all and sundry"

don /dɒn/

put on (an item of clothing).

"in the dressing room the players donned their football shirts"

penitentiary

/ˌpɛnɪˈtɛnʃ(ə)ri/

a prison for people convicted of serious crimes.

ricochet

/ˈrɪkəʃeɪ,ˈrɪkəʃɛt/

(of a bullet or other projectile) rebound off a surface.

"a bullet ricocheted off a nearby wall"

I don't see why not.

shipshape

in good order; trim and neat.

"he checked that everything was shipshape"

motley /ˈmɒtli/ I. adjective 1. incongruously varied in appearance or character; disparate • a motley crew of discontents and zealots.

caviar /ˈkavɪɑː,ˌkavɪˈɑː/

artisan /ˈɑːtɪzan,ɑːtɪˈzan/

a worker in a skilled trade, especially one that involves making things by hand.

"street markets where local artisans display handwoven textiles, painted ceramics, and leather goods"

master /ˈmɑːstə/

deter /dɪˈtəː/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences • only a health problem would deter him from seeking re-election.

We have the whole weekend ahead of us.

if (one) is a day

Used to emphasise that one must be a certain age.

How does he keep himself looking so young—he's got to be 60 if he's a day!

pass down the side of

jostle /ˈdʒɒs(ə)l/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. push, elbow, or bump against (someone) roughly, typically in a crowd • he was jostled by passengers rushing for the gates • [no obj.] people jostled against us.

pitch-black /pɪtʃˈblak/

completely dark.

"the pitch-black night"

maize /meɪz/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. (Brit.) a Central American cereal plant which yields large grains (corn or sweetcorn) set in rows on a cob. The many varieties include some used for stockfeed and corn oil.

pounce /paʊns/

(of an animal or bird of prey) spring or swoop suddenly so as to catch prey.

"as he watched, a mink pounced on the vole"

Muesli (/ˈmjuːzli/ MEWZ-lee[1][2]) is a cold breakfast dish, the primary ingredient of which is rolled oats, which is set to soak overnight and eaten the next morning.

scuttle /ˈskʌt(ə)l/

run hurriedly or furtively with short quick steps.

"a mouse scuttled across the floor"

take off after

to start to move quickly in order to catch (someone or something)

He jumped in his car and took off after them.

quench /kwɛn(t)ʃ/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. satisfy (one's thirst) by drinking. 2. satisfy (a desire) • he only pursued her to quench an aching need.

stick up

rob someone or something at gunpoint.

"they had served time for sticking up a store in Akron, Ohio"

dearly /ˈdɪəli/ adverb 1. very much • he loved his parents dearly. 2. with much loss or suffering; at great cost • freedom to worship our religion has been bought dearly.

signet /ˈsɪɡnɪt/ I. noun 1. ‹historical› a small seal, especially one set in a ring, used instead of or with a signature to give authentication to an official document.

every nook and cranny ‹chiefly Indian› every nook and corner every part or aspect of something • the party reached into every nook and cranny of people's lives.

pot luck /ˈpɒtlʌk, pɒtˈlʌk/ noun 1. a situation in which one must take a chance that whatever is available will prove to be good or acceptable • he could take pot luck in a town not noted for its restaurants. 2. (usu. potluck) — (N. Amer.) a meal or party to which each of the guests contributes a dish

School bus yellow is a color that was specifically formulated for use on school buses in North America in 1939.

pail /peɪl/ I. noun a bucket. II. derivatives pailful /ˈpeɪlfʊl /

Tee-ball (also teeball, tee ball or T-ball) is a team sport based on a simplified form of baseball or softball.

Back rent is a rent owing from an earlier date. It

November /nə(ʊ)ˈvɛmbə/

curmudgeon /kəːˈmʌdʒ(ə)n/ I. noun a bad-tempered or surly person.

smush /smʌʃ/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. (N. Amer.) ‹informal› crush or smash • they smushed marshmallows in their mouths.

inventory

/ˈɪnv(ə)nt(ə)ri/

sow /saʊ/

noun: sow; plural noun: sows

an adult female pig, especially one which has farrowed.

squiggle /ˈskwɪɡ(ə)l/

a short line that curls and loops in an irregular way.

"some prescriptions are a series of meaningless squiggles"

caviar /ˈkavɪɑː,ˌkavɪˈɑː/

you can’t be picky when the cupboard is bare.

cock one's ear a. (of a dog) raise its ears to an erect position. • the animal responded to the noise by cocking its ears.

indigestion /ɪndɪˈdʒɛstʃ(ə)n/

alight1 /əˈlʌɪt/ I. verb 1. [no obj., with adverbial of place] —‹formal› descend from a train, bus, or other form of transport • visitors should alight at the Fort Road stop. 2. (of a bird) descend from the air and settle • one bird alighted on the arm of my chair.

pantomime /ˈpantəmʌɪm/

synopsis /sɪˈnɒpsɪs/ I. noun 1. a brief summary or general survey of something • a synopsis of the insurance cover provided is set out below. 2. an outline of the plot of a play, film, or book.

Jump shot Basketball

mass /mas/

disseminate /dɪˈsɛmɪneɪt/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. spread (something, especially information) widely • health authorities should foster good practice by disseminating information. 2. (usu. as adj. disseminated) — spread throughout an organ or the body • disseminated colonic cancer.

barter /ˈbɑːtə/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. exchange (goods or services) for other goods or services without using money • he often bartered a meal for drawings • [no obj.] they were able to buy or barter for most of what they needed.

bawl /bɔːl/ I. verb 1. [ reporting verb] — shout or call out noisily and unrestrainedly [with direct speech] •‘Move!’ bawled the drill corporal • [with obj.] we began to bawl out the words of the carol.

pre-K

a school or class for children who are younger than five years old. Pre-K is short for pre-kindergarten:

I didn't go to pre-K or kindergarten, but I still did well in school.

They insist their offspring attend only the best pre-Ks.

Qualifications for pre-K teachers vary from one state to another.

Not all pre-k programs are in public schools.

yank /jaŋk / ‹informal› I. verb — [with obj.] 1. pull with a jerk • her hair was yanked, and she screamed • he yanked her to her feet • [no obj.] Liz yanked at her arm.

fruition /frʊˈɪʃ(ə)n/

the realization or fulfilment of a plan or project.

"the plans have come to fruition rather sooner than expected"

manatee /ˌmanəˈtiː, ˈmanətiː/

bumbershoot /ˈbʌmbəʃuːt/ I. noun (US) ‹informal› an umbrella.

I voted for Joe Biden to be the next president.

carve out something

to create or obtain something that helps you by skillful activities:

She carved out a reputation for herself as a high-powered lawyer.

If something comes naturally to you, you find it easy to do and quickly become good at it. With football, it was just something that came naturally to me.

have had it with someone/something

to not be willing to continue to deal with someone or something:

I’ve had it with this job – I’m quitting.

not look a day over

: to appear to be no older than (a certain age)

"Today's my 50th birthday." "Really? You don't look a day over 40."

rein in

to limit or control (someone or something)

Congress must rein in spending.

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

palpable /ˈpalpəb(ə)l/

(of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible.

"a palpable sense of loss"

where do you go to school?

granola /ɡraˈnəʊlə/

In commercial aviation, a red-eye flight is a flight scheduled to depart at night and arrive the next morning.

adage /ˈadɪdʒ/

a proverb or short statement expressing a general truth.

"the old adage ‘out of sight out of mind’"

got arrested for speeding

got caught speeding

poem

/ˈpəʊɪm/

castigate /ˈkastɪɡeɪt/

reprimand (someone) severely.

"he was castigated for not setting a good example"

bluster /ˈblʌstə/

(of a storm, wind, or rain) blow or beat fiercely and noisily.

"a winter gale blustered against the sides of the house"

narcissistic /ˌnɑːsɪˈsɪstɪk/

jumble /ˈdʒʌmb(ə)l/

mix up in a confused or untidy way.

"a drawer full of letters jumbled together"

blazer /ˈbleɪzə/

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

a plain jacket not forming part of a suit but considered appropriate for formal wear.

secede /sɪˈsiːd/

withdraw formally from membership of a federal union, an alliance, or a political or religious organization.

"the kingdom of Belgium seceded from the Netherlands in 1830"

spool /spuːl/

a cylindrical device which has a rim or ridge at each end and an axial hole for a pin or spindle and on which material (such as thread, wire, or tape) is wound

xylitol /ˈzʌɪlɪtɒl/

fructose /ˈfrʌktəʊz,ˈfrʌktəʊs/

glucose /ˈɡluːkəʊs,ˈɡluːkəʊz/

lactose /ˈlaktəʊz,ˈlaktəʊs/

look the part

have an appearance or style of dress appropriate to one's role or situation.

"he had been a major in an infantry regiment and he looked the part"

make ends meet

earn just enough money to live on.

"they were finding it hard to make ends meet"

Many young people are struggling to make ends meet these days.

Unless I am missing something, I am baffled by the people moaning about the lack of ending to The Watcher Netflix

Spanx

Body shaping undergarments for women

He is twice as heavy as his wife.

The figure is double the last month’s sales.

The drinks in the US are double the size of those in Japan.

(stuck) in a rut

too fixed in one particular type of job, activity, method, etc., and needing to change:

I need to change jobs - after 15 years here I feel I'm (stuck) in a rut.

felony /ˈfɛləni/

a crime regarded in the US and many other judicial systems as more serious than a misdemeanour.

"he pleaded guilty to six felonies"

maul /mɔːl/

(of an animal) wound (a person or animal) by scratching and tearing.

"a man was mauled by a lion at London Zoo"

muttonhead

/ˈmʌtnhɛd/

a stupid person.

"straighten up there, you shambling muttonheads!"

mutt /mʌt/

a dog, especially a mongrel.

"a long-haired mutt of doubtful pedigree"

sleuth /sluːθ/

a person who investigates crimes; a detective.

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

rile /rʌɪl/

make (someone) annoyed or irritated.

"he has been riled by suggestions that his Arsenal future is in doubt"

ascetic /əˈsɛtɪk/

characterised by severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons.

"an ascetic life of prayer, fasting, and manual labour"

lethargy /ˈlɛθədʒi/

a lack of energy and enthusiasm.

"there was an air of lethargy about him"

point to/towards something

to make it seem likely that a particular fact is true or that a particular event will happen:

All the evidence points to suicide.

go round

(especially of food) be sufficient to supply everybody present.

"there was barely enough food to go round"

abrasive /əˈbreɪsɪv/

(of a substance or material) capable of polishing or cleaning a hard surface by rubbing or grinding.

"the wood should be rubbed down with fine abrasive paper"

showing little concern for the feelings of others; harsh.

"her abrasive and arrogant personal style won her few friends"

buttress /ˈbʌtrɪs/

a structure of stone or brick built against a wall to strengthen or support it.

"the cathedral's massive buttresses"

fledge /flɛdʒ/

(of a young bird) develop wing feathers that are large enough for flight.

"the young fledge around four weeks after hatching"

fledgling /ˈflɛdʒlɪŋ/

a young bird that has just fledged.

tern /təːn/

a seabird related to the gulls, typically smaller and more slender, with long pointed wings and a forked tail.

atoll /ˈatɒl,əˈtɒl/

a ring-shaped reef, island, or chain of islands formed of coral.

stork

diaphragm /ˈdʌɪəfram/

a dome-shaped muscular partition separating the thorax from the abdomen in mammals. It plays a major role in breathing, as its contraction increases the volume of the thorax and so inflates the lungs.

dormant /ˈdɔːm(ə)nt/

(of an animal) having normal physical functions suspended or slowed down for a period of time; in or as if in a deep sleep.

"dormant butterflies"

zealous /ˈzɛləs/ I. adjective having or showing zeal • the council was extremely zealous in the application of the regulations.

zeal /ziːl/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of

• his zeal for privatisation • Laura brought a missionary zeal to her work.

chauffeur /ˈʃəʊfə, ʃəʊˈfəː/ I. noun a person employed to drive a private or hired car. • a chauffeur-driven limousine.

ode /əʊd/

a lyric poem, typically one in the form of an address to a particular subject, written in varied or irregular metre.

report card

a teacher's written assessment of a pupil's work, progress, and conduct, sent home to a parent or guardian.

"he came home with a straight B report card"

A bolt cutter, sometimes called bolt cropper, is a tool used for cutting bolts, chains, padlocks, rebar and wire mesh.

dumbo /ˈdʌmbəʊ/

a stupid person.

impregnable

/ɪmˈprɛɡnəb(ə)l/

(of a fortified position) unable to be captured or broken into.

"a massive and impregnable fortress"

see off

repel an invader or intruder.

"the dogs saw them off in no time"

deal with the threat posed by someone or something.

"they saw off Cambridge in the FA Cup"

parch /pɑːtʃ/

make or become dry through intense heat.

"a piece of grassland parched by the sun"

bane /beɪn/

a cause of great distress or annoyance.

"the telephone was the bane of my life"

just as well

a good or fortunate thing.

"it was just as well I didn't know at the time"

alimony /ˈalɪməni/

stop short

stop (or cause to stop) suddenly or abruptly.

"she began to speak, but stopped short at the look on the other woman's face"

weed /wiːd/

verb — [with obj.] 1. remove unwanted plants from (an area of ground) • I was weeding a flower bed.

lush1 /lʌʃ/ I. adjective 1. (of vegetation, especially grass) growing luxuriantly

sprawl /sprɔːl/

sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out in an ungainly way.

"the door shot open, sending him sprawling across the pavement"

flourish /ˈflʌrɪʃ/

wave (something) about to attract attention.

"‘Happy New Year!’ he yelled, flourishing a bottle of whisky"

brandish /ˈbrandɪʃ/

wave or flourish (something, especially a weapon) as a threat or in anger or excitement.

"a man leaped out brandishing a knife"

every so often

from time to time; occasionally.

"every so often I need a laugh to stay sane"

jostle /ˈdʒɒs(ə)l/

push, elbow, or bump against (someone) roughly, typically in a crowd.

"he was jostled by passengers rushing for the gates"

grunion /ˈɡrʌnjən/

a small, slender Californian fish that swarms on to beaches at night to spawn.

scurf /skəːf/

flakes on the surface of the skin that form as fresh skin develops below, occurring especially as dandruff.

a flaky deposit on a plant resulting from a fungal infection.

Polaris /pəˈlɑː.rɪs/

Antarctica /ænˈtɑːk.tɪ.kə/

tract /trakt/

an area of land, typically a large one.

"large tracts of natural forest"

moor /mɔː,mʊə/

a tract of open uncultivated upland, typically covered with heather.

"a little town in the moors"

bleak /bliːk/

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

"a bleak and barren moor"

methane

/ˈmiːθeɪn,ˈmɛθeɪn/

a colourless, odourless flammable gas which is the main constituent of natural gas

talk smack

to make critical or insulting comments to someone, especially an opponent:

We argue and fight and talk smack to each other.

preach /priːtʃ/

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

"he preached to a large congregation"

percussion /pəˈkʌʃ(ə)n/

the striking of one solid object with or against another with some degree of force.

"the clattering percussion of objects striking the walls and the shutters"

repercussion /riːpəˈkʌʃ(ə)n/

an unintended consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one.

"the move would have grave repercussions for the entire region"

latent /ˈleɪt(ə)nt/

(of a disease) not yet manifesting the usual symptoms.

"diabetes may be latent for some years before diagnosis"

shingles /ˈʃɪŋɡ(ə)lz/

a painful acute inflammation of the nerve ganglia, with a skin eruption often forming a girdle around the middle of the body. It is caused by the same virus as chickenpox.

go south

fall in value, deteriorate, or fail.

"Lazio saw his poll numbers go south almost immediately"

kerplunk kəˈplʌŋk

informal

a sound of something landing noisily

(some) time (a)round

On the specified instance that something happens or occurs.

Thanks, Bill. Next time around, dinner is on me!

He vowed to pass the driving test the second time round.

Don't worry, not everyone does well on the SATs the first time around.

glum /ɡlʌm/ I. adjective looking or feeling dejected; morose • the princess looked glum but later cheered up.

appendage /əˈpɛndɪdʒ/

a thing that is added or attached to something larger or more important.

"they treat Scotland as a mere appendage of England"

formidable

/ˈfɔːmɪdəb(ə)l,fəˈmɪdəb(ə)l/

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

"a formidable opponent"

slumber /ˈslʌmbə/

sleep.

"Sleeping Beauty slumbered in her forest castle"

stalemate

/ˈsteɪlmeɪt/

a position counting as a draw, in which a player is not in check but cannot move except into check.

"last time I played him it ended up in stalemate"

straggle /ˈstraɡ(ə)l/

(of an irregular group of people) move along slowly so as to remain some distance behind the person or people in front.

"the children straggled behind them"

porpoise

/ˈpɔːpəs,ˈpɔːpɔɪs/

move through the water like a porpoise, alternately rising above it and submerging.

"the boat began to porpoise badly"

run the gauntlet

go through an intimidating or dangerous crowd or experience in order to reach a goal.

"they had to run the gauntlet of television cameras"

levee /ˈlɛvi, ˈlɛveɪ/ I. noun 1. an embankment built to prevent the overflow of a river. 2. a ridge of sediment deposited naturally alongside a river by overflowing water.

sandbank /ˈsan(d)baŋk/ noun a deposit of sand forming a shallow area in the sea or a river.

quay /kiː/ I. noun a stone or metal platform lying alongside or projecting into water for loading and unloading ships.

vulgar /ˈvʌlɡə/ I. adjective 1. lacking sophistication or good taste • a vulgar check suit. 2. making explicit and

obey /ə(ʊ)ˈbeɪ/

for now

until a later time.

"that's all the news there is for now"

pomp /pɒmp/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. ceremony and splendid display • entertaining overseas visitors with the right degree of pomp.

courtier /ˈkɔːtɪə/ I. noun a person who attends a royal court as a companion or adviser to the king or queen.

retinue /ˈrɛtɪnjuː/ I. noun a group of advisers, assistants, or others accompanying an important person. • the rock star's retinue of security guards and personal cooks.

plaintive /ˈpleɪntɪv/ I. adjective sounding sad and mournful • a plaintive cry.

betroth /bɪˈtrəʊð, bɪˈtrəʊθ/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. ‹dated› formally engage (someone) to be married • in no time I shall be betrothed to Isabel.

imperious /ɪmˈpɪərɪəs/ I. adjective arrogant and domineering • his imperious demands.

chronic disease

A disease or condition that usually lasts for 3 months or longer and may get worse over time. Chronic diseases tend to occur in older adults and can usually be controlled but not cured.

henchman /ˈhɛn(t)ʃmən/

a faithful follower or political supporter, especially one prepared to engage in crime or violence by way of service.

"the dictator's henchman"

If you give chase, you run after someone or follow them quickly in order to catch them.

Other officers gave chase but the killers escaped.

trounce /traʊns/

defeat heavily in a contest.

"Essex trounced Cambridgeshire 5–1 in the final"

If you say that someone has been put through the wringer or has gone through the wringer, you mean that they have suffered a very difficult or unpleasant experience.

defence /dɪˈfɛns/

muddle /ˈmʌd(ə)l/

bring into a disordered or confusing state.

"I fear he may have muddled the message"

meddle /ˈmɛd(ə)l/

interfere in something that is not one's concern.

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

despotism

/ˈdɛspətɪz(ə)m/

the exercise of absolute power, especially in a cruel and oppressive way.

"the ideology of enlightened despotism"

Pangea (/pænˈdʒiː.ə/)

mete /miːt/

dispense or allot justice, a punishment, or harsh treatment.

"punishments meted out to soldiers who violated army regulations"

allot /əˈlɒt/

give or apportion (something) to someone.

"equal time was allotted to each"

saviour /ˈseɪvjə/

regale /rɪˈɡeɪl/

entertain or amuse (someone) with talk.

"he regaled her with a colourful account of that afternoon's meeting"

wager /ˈweɪdʒə/

risk (a sum of money or valued item) against someone else's on the basis of the outcome of an unpredictable event; bet.

"a total of $770,700 was wagered by fans at other sites on the track"

averse /əˈvəːs/

having a strong dislike of or opposition to something.

"as a former CIA director, he is not averse to secrecy"

omnipotent /ɒmˈnɪpət(ə)nt/

(of a deity) having unlimited power.

"God is described as omnipotent and benevolent"

flaunt /flɔːnt/

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

"newly rich consumers eager to flaunt their prosperity"

gall /ɡɔːl/

bold and impudent behaviour.

"the bank had the gall to demand a fee"

don't teach fish to swim

frigate /ˈfrɪɡət/

a warship with a mixed armament, generally lighter than a destroyer (in the US navy, heavier) and of a kind originally introduced for convoy escort work.

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"

crag /kraɡ/

a steep or rugged cliff or rock face.

hew /hjuː/ hewn

chop or cut (something, especially wood or coal) with an axe, pick, or other tool.

"master carpenters would hew the logs with an axe"

May I put you on hold, please?

"How many fingers am I holding up?"

bloodshot /ˈblʌdʃɒt/

(of the eyes) inflamed or tinged with blood, typically as a result of tiredness.

retina /ˈrɛtɪnə/

figurative /ˈfɪɡ(ə)rətɪv/

gloss over

try to conceal or disguise something unfavourable by treating it briefly or representing it misleadingly.

"the social costs of this growth are glossed over"

dissociate

/dɪˈsəʊʃɪeɪt,dɪˈsəʊsɪeɪt/

(especially in abstract contexts) disconnect or separate.

"the word ‘spiritual’ has become for many dissociated from religion"

yestermorn ˌjɛstəˈmɔːn

(now rare, archaic) During the morning of yesterday; yesterday morning.

Singers, how do you know if you are on key/in tune?

‘Make the trek’ to go into the effort of doing something, typically a journey. For example, I made the trek to the supermarket to buy milk.

It can imply a bit of unwillingness or hassle and can imply that the journey takes a while.

crease /kriːs/

a line or ridge produced on paper or cloth by folding, pressing, or crushing.

"khaki trousers with knife-edge creases"

second to none

: better than all others of the same kind

His cakes are second to none.

The city's public transportation system is second to none.

Madame /məˈdɑːm, ˈmadəm French madam//

grant /ɡrɑːnt/

archduchess /ˌɑːtʃˈdʌtʃəs/ noun 1. ‹historical› the wife or widow of an archduke.

imbecile /ˈɪmbɪsiːl/ I. noun ‹informal› a stupid person.

congruous

/ˈkɒŋɡrʊəs/

in agreement or harmony.

"this explanation is congruous with earlier observations"

motley /ˈmɒtli/

incongruously varied in appearance or character; disparate.

"a motley crew of discontents and zealots"

zealot /ˈzɛlət/

a person who is fanatical and uncompromising in pursuit of their religious, political, or other ideals.

carve up

divide something ruthlessly into separate areas or parts.

"West Africa was carved up by the Europeans"

Dead men tell no tales

aweigh /əˈweɪ/

(of an anchor) raised just clear of the seabed.

augment /ɔːɡˈmɛnt/

make (something) greater by adding to it; increase.

"he augmented his summer income by painting houses"

infuriate /ɪnˈfjʊərɪeɪt/

make (someone) extremely angry and impatient.

"I was infuriated by your article"

pass /pɑːs/

If you say that something has long since happened, you mean that it happened a long time ago.

Even though her parents have long since died, she still talks about them in the present tense.

panther /ˈpanθə/

ancestral /anˈsɛstr(ə)l/

squalor /ˈskwɒlə/

the state of being extremely dirty and unpleasant, especially as a result of poverty or neglect.

"they lived in squalor and disease"

forebode /fɔːˈbəʊd/

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

"this lull foreboded some new assault upon him"

omniscient /ɒmˈnɪsɪənt/

knowing everything.

"a third-person omniscient narrator"

alas /əˈlas,əˈlɑːs/

godforsaken

/ˈɡɒdfəseɪk(ə)n/

lacking any merit or attraction.

"what are you doing in this godforsaken place?"

reprieve /rɪˈpriːv/

cancel or postpone the punishment of (someone, especially someone condemned to death).

"under the new regime, prisoners under sentence of death were reprieved"

get the chair in American English

to be sentenced to die in the electric chair

vixen /ˈvɪks(ə)n/

a female fox.

a spirited or fierce woman, especially one seen as sexually attractive.

"an outrageous shaven-headed vixen"

at speed

quickly.

"a car flashed past them at speed"

butt into (something)

To interrupt something.

I'm sorry to butt into your discussion, but I have some information that might help.

Mom is always using the phone in her office to butt into my conversations!

frame /freɪm/

produce false evidence against (an innocent person) so that they appear guilty.

"he claims he was framed"

exponent

/ɪkˈspəʊnənt,ɛkˈspəʊnənt/

a person who supports an idea or theory and tries to persuade people of its truth or benefits.

"an early exponent of the teachings of Thomas Aquinas"

drop in on

to pay an informal visit to a person or a place

Drop by sometime.

I thought I'd drop in on you while I was passing.

Sorry we're late—we dropped into the pub on the way.

lynch /lɪn(t)ʃ/

(of a group of people) kill (someone) for an alleged offence without a legal trial, especially by hanging.

"her father had been lynched for a crime he didn't commit"

strand /strand/

nana /ˈnɑːnə/

a silly person; a fool (often as a general term of abuse).

"I was made to look a right nana"

grandmother /ˈɡran(d)mʌðə/

grand /ɡrand/

nana /ˈnanə/

one's grandmother.

opinionated /əˈpɪnjəneɪtɪd/

characterized by conceited assertiveness and dogmatism.

"an arrogant and opinionated man"

lateral /ˈlat(ə)r(ə)l/

of, at, towards, or from the side or sides.

"the plant takes up water through its lateral roots"

A rip current, often simply called a rip (or misleadingly a rip tide), is a specific kind of water current that can occur near beaches with breaking waves.

doff /dɒf/

remove (an item of clothing).

feign /feɪn/

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

"she feigned nervousness"

trough /trɒf/

a long hollow in the earth's surface.

"a vast glacial trough"

damn straight

a way of agreeing with something

-Ha! You so crazy!

-Damn strait.

look who's talking

used to convey that a criticism made applies equally well to the person who has made it.

"look who's talking; you haven't even gone out with a guy"

Skip To My Lou

lustrous /ˈlʌstrəs/

having lustre; shining.

"large, lustrous eyes"

princess /prɪnˈsɛs/

remonstrance /rɪˈmɒnstr(ə)ns/ I. noun 1. a forcefully reproachful protest • angry remonstrances in the Commons • [ mass noun] he shut his ears to any remonstrance.

amiable /ˈeɪmɪəb(ə)l/ I. adjective having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner • the amiable young man greeted me enthusiastically.

assailant /əˈseɪl(ə)nt/ noun a person who physically attacks another. • the police have no firm leads about the identity of his assailant.

jetty /ˈdʒɛti/

a landing stage or small pier at which boats can dock or be moored.

"Ben jumped ashore and tied the rowboat up to the small wooden jetty"

nail emery board

emery /ˈɛm(ə)ri/

a greyish-black form of corundum containing iron oxide or other impurities, used in powdered form as an abrasive.

porous /ˈpɔːrəs/

(of a rock or other material) having minute interstices through which liquid or air may pass.

"layers of porous limestones"

pore /pɔː/

a minute opening in a surface, especially the skin or integument of an organism, through which gases, liquids, or microscopic particles may pass.

metre high bird

he run out of ammunition

on cloud nine

extremely happy.

"I was on cloud nine once I had completed it"

clam up

abruptly stop talking.

"as soon as I ask if any of this can go on the record, he clams up"

Not so fast. You should help Mom with the dishes.

Definition of snow under

transitive verb. 1 : to overwhelm especially in excess of capacity to absorb or deal with something. 2 : to defeat by a large margin. Synonyms Example Sentences Learn More About snow under.

pitch1 /pɪtʃ/

set or aim at a particular level, target, or audience.

"he should pitch his talk at a suitable level for the age group"

out of touch with one's responsibilities

cadence /ˈkeɪd(ə)ns/

a sequence of notes or chords comprising the close of a musical phrase.

"the final cadences of the Prelude"

literacy /ˈlɪt(ə)rəsi/

Get down on your knees.

jest /dʒɛst/

a thing said or done for amusement; a joke.

"he laughed uproariously at his own jest"

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"

castigate /ˈkastɪɡeɪt/

Definition of castigation

noun. severe criticism or harsh scolding; censure: The speaker segued inexplicably from a calm informational tone into a full-throated castigation of anyone and everyone associated with the administration.

I Feel Good All Over

all over /ˌɔːl ˈəʊvə/

everywhere.

"there were bodies all over"

ancient /ˈeɪnʃ(ə)nt/

hunker down

to sit down on your heels:

We hunkered down around the campfire, toasting marshmallows.

metabolism /mɪˈtabəlɪz(ə)m/

the chemical processes that occur within a living organism in order to maintain life.

"the metabolism of fatty acids in the kidney"

foliage /ˈfəʊlɪɪdʒ/

plant leaves collectively.

"healthy green foliage"

When the bloodstream runs low on sugar, the body tries to save it for the brain.

low on water

My child is in a rebellious phase. As she already speaks clearly, sometimes I tend to treat her like she's 6 years old.

My daughter is going through a rebellious phase.

glaringly /ˈɡlɛːrɪŋli/

in a highly obvious or conspicuous manner.

"the theft glaringly exposes the lack of security"

BIRD HOUSE

EXHIBIT

In Rome we had nice accommodation not far from the coast.

If you make eyes at someone, you look at them in a way which shows that you find them attractive and which is intended to get their attention.

die of [from] old age

osteoporosis

/ˌɒstɪəʊpəˈrəʊsɪs/

a medical condition in which the bones become brittle and fragile from loss of tissue, typically as a result of hormonal changes, or deficiency of calcium or vitamin D.

clove /kləʊv/

the dried flower bud of a tropical tree, used as an aromatic spice.

"a teaspoon of ground cloves"

actor /ˈaktə/

Why is an actor sometimes called a 'ham'?

awry /əˈrʌɪ/

away from the usual or expected course; amiss.

"I got the impression that something was awry"

ham up

Exaggerate or overdo, especially with extravagant emotion,

prodigy /ˈprɒdɪdʒi/

a young person with exceptional qualities or abilities.

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

Bisexual invisibility or erasure is the idea of ignoring, or removing the evidence of bisexuality.

post-partum

/pəʊs(t)ˈpɑːtəm/

following childbirth or the birth of young.

"the custom of post-partum abstinence"

basil /ˈbaz(ə)l/

country /ˈkʌntri/

cutlery /ˈkʌtləri/

Thinking back to my childhood, I remember summers at the beach.

Think back to that night. What were you doing?

If someone sneaks up on you, they try and approach you without being seen or heard, perhaps to surprise you or do you harm. If something sneaks up on you, it happens or occurs when you are not expecting it.