make a fool of

trick or deceive (someone) so that they look foolish.

behave in an incompetent or inappropriate way that makes one appear foolish.

poultry

/ˈpəʊltri/

domestic fowl, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese.

snag /snaɡ/

an unexpected or hidden obstacle or drawback.

"there's one small snag"

hypochondriacal /ˌhʌɪpə(ʊ)kənˈdrʌɪəkl/

of or affected by hypochondria.

"she was extremely hypochondriacal"

Fräulein /ˈfrɔɪlʌɪn/

a title or form of address for an unmarried German-speaking woman, especially a young woman.

"Fräulein Winkelmann"

nymphomania /ˌnɪmfəˈmeɪnɪə/

uncontrollable or excessive sexual desire in a woman.

liquor /ˈlɪkə/

to be able to drink alcoholic beverages without becoming too drunk

He can't hold his liquor at all.

/ˈdælaɪ ˈlɑːmə/

What are your opening hours?

I made it up to him by buying him dinner.

I'll say

used to express emphatic agreement.

"‘That was a good landing.’ ‘I'll say!’"

You can use 'at your service' after your name as a formal way of introducing yourself to someone and saying that you are willing to help them in any way you can.

in the same price range

rink /rɪŋk/ I. noun 1. (also ice rink) — an enclosed area of ice for skating, ice hockey, or curling. • a hockey rink.

bring round

restore someone to consciousness.

"she administered artificial respiration and brought him round"

persuade someone to agree to something.

"she's not keen, but I think I can bring her round"

not miss a beat

to not pause or show any uncertainty, usually when this is surprising:

"That's what I thought," replied Olivia, without missing a beat.

cheer at every goal

condiment

/ˈkɒndɪm(ə)nt/

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

plunge /plʌn(d)ʒ/

fall suddenly and uncontrollably.

"a car swerved to avoid a bus and plunged into a ravine"

in a bind

In a difficult, threatening, or embarrassing position; also, unable to solve a dilemma.

We produced the goods in the past.

They were fed well on her mother’s home cooking.

not fly

1. verb To not be considered acceptable or appropriate; to not gain approval or acceptance.

They'll set this mistake down to your inexperience, but that excuse won't fly for long.

However logical their explanation might be, the decision is simply not going to fly with customers.

I tried to feed my parents a story about where I'd been all night, but it didn't fly.

2. adjective, slang Not particularly hip, cool, or fashionable.

A: "No offense, but you aren't exactly my first choice for fashion advice." B: "That's all right. I've come to accept that I am just not that fly."

A: "What do you think of these sweet new shades?" B: "Yo, those ugly things are definitely not fly, dude."

get some help

What you say to a crazy person

Phytriatic inmate: I want to fuck a goat sideways

Me: get some help

We're working to a tight deadline (= we do not have much time to finish the work).

plethora /ˈplɛθ(ə)rə/

a large or excessive amount of something.

"a plethora of committees and subcommittees

nonchalant /ˈnɒnʃəl(ə)nt/

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

"she gave a nonchalant shrug"

A crucible is a ceramic or metal container in which metals or other substances may be melted or subjected to very high temperatures.

shear stress, force tending to cause deformation of a material by slippage along a plane or planes parallel to the imposed stress.

take on

acquire a particular meaning or quality.

"the subject has taken on a new significance in the past year"

contingent

/kənˈtɪn(d)ʒ(ə)nt/

subject to chance.

"the contingent nature of the job"

occurring or existing only if (certain circumstances) are the case; dependent on.

"his fees were contingent on the success of his search"

trapezium /trəˈpiːzɪəm/

a quadrilateral with one pair of sides parallel.

wage /weɪdʒ/

carry on (a war or campaign).

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

hostel

/ˈhɒstəl/

Learn to pronounce

noun

an establishment which provides inexpensive food and lodging for a specific group of people, such as students, workers, or travellers.

scratch a living

to earn barely enough money to live

He scratched a living as a farmer.

mouthful /ˈmaʊθfʊl/

a long or complicated word or phrase that is difficult to say.

"poliomyelitis is a bit of a mouthful"

look on [at] the bright [brighter, sunny] side (of things)

look on the bright side

you can always spin it in a good way.

own up

admit to having done something wrong or embarrassing.

"if whoever did it owns up I promise I won't punish them"

As a side note, I do plan to take my young kids to see this film.

On a side note, I don’t subscribe to the argument that patents encourage companies to invest in innovation.

The experiment turned up several dietary side notes worth exploring.

I figured as much

There’s a good cafe in my neighbourhood.

dialysis

/dʌɪˈalɪsɪs/

the clinical purification of blood by dialysis, as a substitute for the normal function of the kidney.

banish /ˈbanɪʃ/

send (someone) away from a country or place as an official punishment.

"a number of people were banished to Siberia for political crimes"

palpable /ˈpalpəbl/

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

"a palpable sense of loss"

shank /ʃaŋk/

a person's leg, especially the part from the knee to the ankle.

"the old man's thin, bony shanks showed through his trousers"

pastern /ˈpastn/

the sloping part of a horse's foot between the fetlock and the hoof.

a corresponding part in some other domestic animals.

trivet /ˈtrɪvɪt/

an iron tripod or bracket for a cooking pot or kettle to stand on.

a small plate placed under a hot serving dish to protect a table or surface.

The doctor tested me for coronavirus.

I tested negative for coronavirus.

crouton /ˈkruːtɒn/

a small piece of fried or toasted bread served with soup or used as a garnish.

fire away

used to give someone permission to begin speaking, typically to ask questions.

"‘I want to clear up some questions which have been puzzling me.’ ‘Fire away.’"

gimmick /ˈɡɪmɪk/

a trick or device intended to attract attention, publicity, or trade.

"it is not so much a programme to improve services as a gimmick to gain votes"

combat /ˈkɒmbat/

crucial in/to doing something

(I'm) delighted to make your acquaintance.

innovative /ˈɪnəveɪtɪv,ˈɪnəvətɪv/

roulette /rʊˈlɛt/

What does bars mean? In hip-hop slang, bars refers to a rapper's lyrics, especially when considered extremely good.

I drove my daughter to school.

If someone can't see the wood for the trees in British English, or can't see the forest for the trees in American English, they are very involved in the details of something and so they do not notice what is important about the thing as a whole.

assert yourself

to state one’s opinions confidently and act in a way that will make people take notice of one

You must assert yourself more if you want a promotion.

Hello, I’m Daisuke from WINZ. I have an appointment with Mr.Block at 1pm today.

Hello, I’m here for an appointment with your senior marketing manager Mr. Gruber at 3 o’clock.

My name is Eri Suzuki. I’m from ABC Company in Japan.

I have reservations under the name

I have reservations for John Smith.

Let's reserve a room at Hotel Tropics.

I have reservations under the name

check (in) (my/your) luggage

How many kilograms/stones are you?

What's your weight?

I'm about 55 kilograms

How long of a drive will it be?

It's too hot of a day for tennis.

How much of a problem will that cause the government?

There was too much of an uproar for the speaker to be heard.

cousin /ˈkʌzn/

catch on

(of a practice or fashion) become popular.

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

understand what is meant or how to do something.

"I caught on to what it was the guy was saying"

become aware of something.

"catch yourself on, Michael, people don't get arrested for no reason"

rivet /ˈrɪvɪt/

join or fasten (plates of metal) with a rivet or rivets.

"the linings are bonded, not riveted, to the brake shoes for longer wear"

attract and completely engross (someone).

"he was riveted by the newsreels shown on television"

cut-out

/ˈkʌtaʊt,kʌtˈaʊt/

a shape cut out of board or another material.

"a life-size cut-out"

given

given the complexity of the task, they did a good job

tap dance

stand in

deputize.

"I'll stand in as coach"

myocardial infarction

cardiac infarction

You can use the gym and pool for a fee of £35 a month.

Lakitu (/ləˈkiːtuː/ lə-KEE-too or /ˈlækɪtuː/ LAK-it-oo)

blues /bluːz/

melancholic music of black American folk origin, typically in a twelve-bar sequence.

recount /rɪˈkaʊnt/

tell someone about something; give an account of an event or experience.

"I recounted the tale to Steve"

anecdote /ˈanɪkdəʊt/

a short amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person.

"he told anecdotes about his job"

enthral /ɪnˈθrɔːl,ɛnˈθrɔːl/

capture the fascinated attention of.

"she had been so enthralled by the adventure that she had hardly noticed the cold"

A stock character, also known as a character archetype, is a fictional character in a work of art such as a novel, play, or a film whom audiences recognize from frequent recurrences in a particular literary tradition.

unbeknown /ˌʌnbɪˈnəʊn/

unbeknownst

"unbeknown to me, she made some enquiries"

reclusive /rɪˈkluːsɪv/

avoiding the company of other people; solitary.

"he led a reclusive life"

rump /rʌmp/

the hind part of the body of a mammal or the lower back of a bird.

"the harrier is distinguished by its prominent white rump"

sterilise /ˈstɛrɪlʌɪz/

make (something) free from bacteria or other living microorganisms.

"babies' feeding equipment can be cleaned and sterilised"

A Bunsen burner, named after Robert Bunsen, is a kind of ambient air gas burner used as laboratory equipment; it produces a single open gas flame, and is used for heating, sterilisation, and combustion.

wrack (one's) brain(s)

To struggle very hard to recall or think of something. ("Rack" is considered the more correct spelling, though "wrack" has become acceptable through common usage.)

I've been wracking my brain, but I still can't remember what Lydia's husband's name is.

He wracked his brains all weekend trying to think of a solution to the problem.

off-putting /ɒfˈpʊtɪŋ/

unpleasant, disconcerting, or repellent.

"his scar is somewhat off-putting"

scoff2 /skɒf / ‹informal› I. verb — [with obj.] 1. eat (something) quickly and greedily • he can scoff a cannelloni faster than you can drink a pint.

subjugate /ˈsʌbdʒʊɡeɪt/

bring under domination or control, especially by conquest.

"the invaders had soon subjugated most of the population"

Is it fancy dress?

It's official merch and brand new, still in packaging.

grub /ɡrʌb/

the larva of an insect, especially a beetle.

"my onions are ruined by small grubs eating the roots"

food.

"a popular bar serving excellent pub grub"

Are you making any progress with your English?

Coriolis /kɒr.iˈəʊ.ləs ɪˌfekt/

The Coriolis force applies to movement on rotating objects.

pencil case

I'm not making much progress with my Spanish.

resultant /rɪˈzʌlt(ə)nt/

a force, velocity, or other vector quantity which is equivalent to the combined effect of two or more component vectors acting at the same point.

"the resultant of mechanical forces pulling in different directions"

centrifugal

/ˌsɛntrɪˈfjuːɡl,sɛnˈtrɪfjʊɡl/

moving or tending to move away from a centre.

influenza /ˌɪnflʊˈɛnzə/

She takes a vaccine against influenza every fall.

At the next corner, turn right and then if you go down the street, it is the third house on the right/right-hand side.

Go up this street 2 blocks and turn right.

Take the 2nd right.

locution /lə(ʊ)ˈkjuːʃn/

a word or phrase, especially with regard to style or idiom.

conscript /kənˈskrɪpt/

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

"they were conscripted into the army"

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culmination

/ˌkʌlmɪˈneɪʃn/

the highest or climactic point of something, especially as attained after a long time.

"the deal marked the culmination of years of negotiation"

traverse

/ˈtravəs,trəˈvəːs/

travel across or through.

"he traversed the forest"

draught beer

drɑːft bɪə

devious /ˈdiːvɪəs/

showing a skilful use of underhand tactics to achieve goals.

"he's as devious as a politician needs to be"

snob /snɒb/

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

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

Malding is a combination of “mad” and “balding” to refer to someone who gets so mad that they start balding.

A threaded pipe is a pipe with screw-threaded ends for assembly.

ladle /ˈleɪdl/

Spanish has masculine and feminine nouns.

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"

An elastic modulus (also known as modulus of elasticity) is the unit of measurement of an object's or substance's resistance to being deformed elastically (i.e., non-permanently) when a stress is applied to it.

restitution /ˌrɛstɪˈtjuːʃn/

the restoration of something lost or stolen to its proper owner.

"the ANC had demanded the restitution of land seized from black people"

noughties /ˈnɔːtɪz/

the decade from 2000 to 2009.

"he became one of the biggest stars of basketball in the noughties"

have [leave] a bad aftertaste

I can't drink alcohol.

quit drinking

Sorry man, I'm on the wagon.

Do you know how to knead dough?

If you say something happens all year round or all the year round, it happens continually throughout the year.

delaminate /diːˈlamɪneɪt/

divide into layers.

"delaminating the horn into thin sheets"

laminate

overlay (a flat surface, especially paper) with a layer of plastic or some other protective material.

"we will laminate your photos in clear plastic"

the tax was abolished in 1977

hydrant /ˈhʌɪdr(ə)nt/

a fitting in a street or other public place with a nozzle by which a hose may be attached to a water main.

serf /səːf/

an agricultural labourer bound by the feudal system who was tied to working on their lord's estate.

squire /ˈskwʌɪə/

a man of high social standing who owns and lives on an estate in a rural area, especially the chief landowner in such an area.

"the squire of Radbourne Hall"

camellia

/kəˈmiːlɪə,kəˈmɛlɪə/

an evergreen East Asian shrub related to the tea plant, grown for its showy flowers and shiny leaves.

magnolia /maɡˈnəʊlɪə/

a tree or shrub with large, typically creamy-pink or -white, waxy flowers.

add a dash of pepper to the soup

When was the last time you were in Japan?

When did you come to Japan last?

When were you last in Japan?

record /ˈrɛkɔːd/

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.

walk around for quite a while

photogravure /ˌfəʊtə(ʊ)ɡrəˈvjʊə/

an image produced from a photographic negative transferred to a metal plate and etched in.

the production of photogravure images.

I've got the munchies.

lay down

pay or bet money.

"when it comes to field sports, large sums of money are laid down"

lay (something) at the feet of (someone)

To make or hold someone, especially a group of people, responsible for something.

With every other department losing money each year, the managers have laid the company's success at the feet of our team.

Even though there is a wide range of factors to consider, voters are quick to lay any economic woes at the feet of elected officials.

size something/someone up

to examine something or someone carefully and decide what you think about it, him, or her:

Voters are still sizing up the candidates.

The two cats walked in circles around each other, sizing each other up.

What are you getting at?

A Fly is an opening on the crotch area of trousers, closed by a zip or buttons.

So, what you do is send Andy an sms saying, “Hi Andy, are we still on for 8.30?” It’s basically a friendly reminder.

Hey I heard the party’s still on.

I’m down for that!

fall off the radar

to stop being noticed or talked about

an actor who has fallen off the radar

treaty /ˈtriːti/

a formally concluded and ratified agreement between states.

lay the ghost of something (to rest)

to finally stop being worried or upset about something that has worried or upset you for a long time:

With one stunning performance, he has laid to rest the ghost of all his defeats last season.

nodule

/ˈnɒdjuːl,ˈnɒdʒʊl/

a small rounded lump of matter distinct from its surroundings, e.g. of flint in chalk, carbon in cast iron, or a mineral on the seabed.

"flint nodules"

conundrum

/kəˈnʌndrəm/

a confusing and difficult problem or question.

"one of the most difficult conundrums for the experts"

pandemonium

/ˌpandɪˈməʊnɪəm/

wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar.

"there was complete pandemonium—everyone just panicked"

taut /tɔːt/

stretched or pulled tight; not slack.

"the fabric stays taut without adhesive"

oratory /ˈɒrət(ə)ri/

the art or practice of formal speaking in public.

"the gift of persuasive oratory"

zoom through

To complete or make progress through (some task or activity) very quickly or hastily.

I zoomed through the book when I was in high school, so I don't really remember anything that happens in it.

We need to be sure there aren't any errors in the manuscript, so please don't just zoom through when you are proofreading it.

pot luck

/ˈpɒtlʌk,pɒtˈlʌk/

a meal or party to which each of the guests contributes a dish.

plural noun: potlucks

"a potluck supper"

pollster /ˈpəʊlstə/

a person who conducts or analyses opinion

legume

/ˈlɛɡjuːm/

a leguminous plant (member of the pea family), especially one grown as a crop.

"he sows a mixture of grasses and legumes"

stock phrase (plural stock phrases) (idiomatic) A phrase frequently or habitually used by a person or group, and thus associated with them. Bart Simpson's stock phrase "I didn't do it" was once lampooned on the show itself.

clad /klad/

ironclad

very certain and unlikely to be changed:

ironclad rules

Who better to ask than a billionaire?

nape /neɪp/

veto /ˈviːtəʊ/

a constitutional right to reject a decision or proposal made by a lawmaking body.

"neither state was given a veto over amendments to the Act"

born to a family of nobility

measles /ˈmiːz(ə)lz/ はしか

mumps /mʌmps/ おたふくかぜ

The whole family has the flu.

(British English) She's got flu.

She was off work for four days because of a bout with the flu.

Her vocabulary is comparable to that of a teenager.

eradicate /ɪˈradɪkeɪt/

destroy completely; put an end to.

"this disease has been eradicated from the world"

I've been doing that for coming on three years now.

new parents suffering from lack of sleep

Too many teachers are treated with a lack of respect.

fetlock /ˈfɛtlɒk/

the joint of a horse's or other quadruped's leg between the cannon bone and the pastern

hough /hɒk/

the joint in a quadruped's hind leg between the knee and the fetlock, the angle of which points backwards.

The hollow behind the knee.

stop (dead) in your tracks

to suddenly stop moving or doing something:

I stopped dead in my tracks when I heard the scream.

gawk /ɡɔːk/

stare openly and stupidly.

"they were gawking at some pin-up"

stagnant /ˈstaɡnənt/

(of a body of water or the atmosphere of a confined space) having no current or flow and often having an unpleasant smell as a consequence.

"a stagnant ditch"

sediment /ˈsɛdɪm(ə)nt/

matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid; dregs.

"the ice freezes the wine and sediment at the base of the cork"

“One another”と“Each other”は両方とも全く同じ意味合いをもち、2人または3人以上における「お互い」を指します。

The lion will often stalk its prey for hours.

birds of prey (= birds that kill for food)

All Boy's school

all-girls [all-girl] school

gut feeling

(idiomatic) An instinct or intuition; an immediate or basic feeling or reaction without a logical rationale. quotations ▼

Don't think too hard about the answers to a personality test; just go with your gut feeling.

Houston had a gut feeling he was being followed, so he hurried to his car.

nape /neɪp/ I. noun — (also nape of the/one's neck) 1. the back of a person's neck. • her hair was coiled demurely at the nape of her neck.

if I say so myself

used when one is saying something that praises one's own work, skill, etc.

I'm a pretty good golfer, if I say so myself

Drop in on us if you happen to come this way.

gory /ˈɡɔːri/

involving or showing violence and bloodshed.

"a gory horror film"

diuretic /ˌdʌɪjʊ(ə)ˈrɛtɪk/

(chiefly of drugs) causing increased passing of urine.

dandruff /ˈdandrʌf/

slob /slɒb/

a person who is lazy and has low standards of cleanliness.

"he's a slob and expects others to clean up after him"

bustle /ˈbʌs(ə)l/

move in an energetic and busy manner.

"people clutching clipboards bustled about"

pigment /ˈpɪɡm(ə)nt/

the natural colouring matter of animal or plant tissue.

"carotenoid pigments are red, orange, or yellow"

listen in

listen to a private conversation, especially secretly.

"undercover detectives placed bugs in his family home and listened in as his relatives openly discussed the murder and cover-up"

listen to a radio broadcast.

"there were about 30 people in the audience, but thousands listened in as the session was broadcast live"

leave someone to their own devices

to allow someone to make their own decisions about what to do:

He seemed to be a responsible person, so I left him to his own devices.

albumen /ˈalbjʊmɪn/

egg white, or the protein contained in it.

ramp up

increase the level or amount of something sharply.

"they ramped up production to meet booming demand"

chuffed /tʃʌft/

very pleased.

"I'm dead chuffed to have won"

adroit /əˈdrɔɪt/

clever or skilful.

"he was adroit at tax avoidance"

(in bridge, whist, and other card games) play a card of the suit led.

conform to another's actions.

"Spain cut its rates by half a per cent but no other country has followed suit"

scuffle /ˈskʌf(ə)l/

a short, confused fight or struggle at close quarters.

"there were minor scuffles with police"

tell on

inform someone of the misdemeanours of someone else.

"friends don't tell on each other"

to tell someone in authority about the bad behaviour or actions of (someone else)

Please don't tell on me.

Siberia /saɪˈbɪə.ri.ə/

pathos /ˈpeɪθɒs/

anaemia /əˈniːmɪə/

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

asparagus /əˈsparəɡəs/

carnivorous plant

Pilates /pɪˈlɑːtiːz/

Pilates exercises

birch /bəːtʃ/

a slender hardy tree which has thin peeling bark and bears catkins. Birch trees grow chiefly in northern temperate regions and yield hard, pale, fine-grained timber.

efficacy /ˈɛfɪkəsi/

the ability to produce a desired or intended result.

"there is little information on the efficacy of this treatment"

zoonotic /ˌzuː.ˈnɒ.tɪk/

An animal disease, such as rabies or anthrax, that can be transmitted to humans.

asymptomatic /eɪˌsɪmptəˈmatɪk/

make something/someone out

to see, hear, or understand something or someone with difficulty:

The numbers are too small - I can't make them out at all.

I can't make out your writing.

She's a strange person - I can't make her out at all.

[ + question word ] Nobody can make out why you should have been attacked.

Oberon /ˈoʊbərɒn/

barley /ˈbɑːli/

a hardy cereal with coarse bristles extending from the ears, cultivated especially for use in brewing and stockfeed.

viscera /ˈvɪs(ə)rə/

the internal organs in the main cavities of the body, especially those in the abdomen, e.g. the intestines.

aquarium /əˈkwɛːrɪəm/

on the dot

exactly on time.

"he arrived on the dot at nine o'clock"

caper /ˈkeɪpə/

an illicit or ridiculous activity or escapade.

"I'm too old for this kind of caper"

heist /hʌɪst/

a robbery.

"a diamond heist"

disseminate

/dɪˈsɛmɪneɪt/

spread (something, especially information) widely.

"health authorities should foster good practice by disseminating information"

tracheotomy

/ˌtrakɪˈɒtəmi/

an incision in the windpipe made to relieve an obstruction to breathing.

"I had to do an emergency tracheotomy before we got to hospital"

write someone up

to report someone for not obeying a law or rule:

The cop said he'd have to write me up for not stopping at the red light.

amnesty /ˈamnɪsti/

an official pardon for people who have been convicted of political offences.

"an amnesty for political prisoners"

resuscitation /rɪsʌsɪˈteɪʃ(ə)n/

cardiopulmonary resuscitation

The debate was televised in front of a live audience.

Vocal fry happens when someone's voice sounds raspy or creaky.

whack-a-mole /ˈwakəməʊl/

a game in an amusement arcade in which players use a mallet to hit toy moles, which appear at random, back into their holes.

"next time you are near a kiddie amusement park, go in and play a round of whack-a-mole"

retreat /rɪˈtriːt/

a quiet or secluded place in which one can rest and relax.

"their country retreat in Ireland"

touch on

deal briefly with a subject in written or spoken discussion.

"her memoirs touch on her experiences in her long life"

blurb /bləːb/

roster /ˈrɒstə/

a list or plan showing turns of duty or leave for individuals or groups in an organisation.

"next week's duty roster"

seek somebody's opinion

distinguished /dɪˈstɪŋɡwɪʃt/

very successful, authoritative, and commanding great respect.

"a distinguished American educationist"

lamented /ləˈmɛntɪd/

a conventional way of describing someone who has died or something that has ceased to exist.

"the late and much lamented Leonard Bernstein"

coop /kuːp/

a cage or pen in which poultry are kept.

skosh /skəʊʃ/

a small amount; a little.

"the car could do with a skosh more room in the back"

No person is perfect, of course, but here are eight key qualities to look for in a partner:

off the wall

eccentric or unconventional.

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

peeve /piːv/

annoy or irritate.

"that was the one thing that peeved him"

perjury

/ˈpəːdʒ(ə)ri/

the offence of wilfully telling an untruth or making a misrepresentation under oath.

"he claimed two witnesses at his trial had committed perjury"

revenge is sweet

said when you feel satisfaction from harming someone who has harmed you

wreak /riːk/

cause (a large amount of damage or harm).

"torrential rainstorms wreaked havoc yesterday"

Aussie /ˈɒzi,ˈɒsi/

overcast ˈəʊvəkɑːst/

(of the sky or weather) marked by a covering of grey cloud; dull.

"a chilly, overcast day"

buckle /ˈbʌk(ə)l/

bend and give way under a weight or force.

"the bridge started shaking and then it began to buckle"

orgy /ˈɔːdʒi/

a wild party characterized by excessive drinking and indiscriminate sexual activity.

"he had a reputation for drunken orgies"

goof-off

a person who is habitually lazy or does less than their fair share of work.

"it miffed us that the goof-offs hardly ever got fired"

If something swamps a person, system, or place, more of it arrives than can be easily dealt with:

Foreign cars have swamped the UK market.

I'm swamped with work at the moment.

Don't let feelings of depression swamp you.

to cease being broadcast for a period of time

The series went on hiatus for several months.

eggnog /ˈɛɡnɒɡ/

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

It tastes too good to share. I might just have it all to myself.

"Play it off" in this context means to try and act casual, I believe, or to downplay the influence of something.

talk to the hand

used as a contemptuous way of dismissing what someone has said (often accompanied by a gesture in which the palm of the hand is held in front of the original speaker's face).

"talk to the hand, girl, 'cos the face ain't listening"

hit the nail on the head

find exactly the right answer.

molester /məˈlɛstə/

a person who sexually assaults or abuses someone, especially a woman or child.

"a serial child molester"

walk with arms linked

I saw Becky and her "friend" walking arm-in-arm.

gravid /ˈɡravɪd/

carrying eggs or young; pregnant.

"the retroverted gravid uterus"

lumbering /ˈlʌmb(ə)rɪŋ/

moving in a slow, heavy, awkward way.

"Bob was a big, lumbering, gentle sort"

snap back

recover quickly and easily from an illness or period of difficulty.

"our bodies can snap back pretty well from short-term bouts of stress"

In anatomy, the mandible, lower jaw or jawbone is the largest, strongest and lowest bone in the human facial skeleton.

double entendre /ˌduːb(ə)l ɒ̃ˈtɒ̃dr(ə)/

a word or phrase open to two interpretations, one of which is usually risqué or indecent.

"he was unable to get through two consecutive sentences without a smutty double entendre"

eclectic /ɪˈklɛktɪk/

deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources.

"universities offering an eclectic mix of courses"

Tricky on the tongue: how do you pronounce scallops?

Messi is a natural born talent.

eat crow

to admit that one was wrong or accept that one has been defeated

He was forced to eat crow when the company fired him.

lucrative /ˈluːkrətɪv/

producing a great deal of profit.

"a lucrative career as a stand-up comedian"

packed to the rafters

full

flag down

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

"she flagged down a police patrol car"

win (something) by a hair

To succeed or defeat someone in something by only a very narrow margin.

Making huge gains during the final lap, the underdog rookie managed to overtake the reigning champion and win the race by a hair.

We only won by a hair, but at least we got the conviction we were looking for.

hence /hɛns/

from now (used after a period of time).

"two years hence they might say something different"

Something is a far cry when you're disappointed by its difference from something else. You might say, "This hotel is a far cry from the way it looked on the web site" if you're let down by your tiny, windowless room.

beats me

used for saying that you do not know or understand something

“Why did he do such a stupid thing?” “Beats me.”

Synonyms and related

exemplary /ɪɡˈzɛmpləri, ɛɡˈzɛmpləri/ I. adjective 1. serving as a desirable model; very good • exemplary behaviour.

emphatic /ɪmˈfatɪk, ɛmˈfatɪk/ I. adjective 1. expressing something forcibly and clearly • the children were emphatic that they would like to repeat the experience • an emphatic movement of his hand.

resplendent /rɪˈsplɛnd(ə)nt/ I. adjective attractive and impressive through being richly colourful or sumptuous • she was resplendent in a sea-green dress.

scrupulous /ˈskruːpjʊləs/ I. adjective 1. (of a person or process) careful, thorough, and extremely attentive to details • the research has been carried out with scrupulous attention to detail.

if there is not much in the way of something, there is not much of that particular thing

What is there in the way of tools?

He doesn’t have much in the way of education.

seclusion

/sɪˈkluːʒ(ə)n/

the state of being private and away from other people.

"they enjoyed ten days of peace and seclusion

insecure

/ˌɪnsɪˈkjʊə,ˌɪnsɪˈkjɔː/

(of a person) uncertain or anxious about oneself; not confident.

"a rather gauche, insecure young man"

gargantuan /ɡɑːˈɡantjʊən/

enormous.

"a gargantuan appetite"

dubious /ˈdjuːbɪəs/

hesitating or doubting.

"I was rather dubious about the whole idea"

ampoule /ˈampuːl/

a small sealed glass capsule containing a liquid, especially a measured quantity ready for injecting.

"an ampoule of adrenaline"

red tape

excessive bureaucracy or adherence to official rules and formalities.

"this law will just create more red tape"

perfume /ˈpəːfjuːm/

alimony /ˈalɪməni/

Why do we ask people "What brings you here?" instead of "What has brought you here?"

pet peeve

something that a particular person finds especially annoying.

"one of my biggest pet peeves is poor customer service"

neurosis /ˌnjʊəˈrəʊsɪs/

amylase /ˈamɪleɪz/

lethargy /ˈlɛθədʒi/

a pathological state of sleepiness or deep unresponsiveness and inactivity.

"a history of weight loss, lethargy, and fluid retention"

flippant /ˈflɪp(ə)nt/

not showing a serious or respectful attitude.

"a flippant remark"

"blatant lies"

"I had no scruples about eavesdropping"

facetious /fəˈsiːʃəs/

treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humour; flippant.

"a facetious remark"

tenuous /ˈtɛnjʊəs/

very weak or slight.

"the tenuous link between interest rates and investment"

She went down on her knees to pray to God.

allegory /ˈalɪɡ(ə)ri/

a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.

"Pilgrim's Progress is an allegory of the spiritual journey"

pull something down

to destroy a building:

They pulled down the warehouse to build a new supermarket.

lax /laks/

not sufficiently strict, severe, or careful.

"lax security arrangements at the airport"

as per /ˌaz ˈpəː/

in accordance with.

"made as per instructions"

conscript /kənˈskrɪpt/

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

"they were conscripted into the army"

deteriorate /dɪˈtɪərɪəreɪt/

become progressively worse.

"relations between the countries had deteriorated sharply"

A lot more people died in World War II than in World War I.

era /ˈɪərə/

It occurred to me that he had done it on purpose.

The 'zenith' is the highest point while the 'nadir' is the lowest.

trough /trɒf/

a long, narrow open container for animals to eat or drink out of.

"a water trough"

invaluable

/ɪnˈvaljʊ(ə)b(ə)l/

extremely useful; indispensable.

"an invaluable source of information"

rave /reɪv/

speak or write about someone or something with great enthusiasm or admiration.

"New York's critics raved about the acting"

leprosy /ˈlɛprəsi/

a contagious disease that affects the skin, mucous membranes, and nerves, causing discoloration and lumps on the skin and, in severe cases, disfigurement and deformities. Leprosy is now mainly confined to tropical Africa and Asia.

You can put your luggage in the back of the room.

budge up

said to someone in order to ask them to move so that there is room for you

delinquent

/dɪˈlɪŋkw(ə)nt/

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

"delinquent teenagers"

patch ワッペン

wad /wɒd/

a bundle or roll of paper or banknotes.

"she held up a wad of greenbacks"

gradation /ɡrəˈdeɪʃ(ə)n/

tears well up in someone's eyes

be set in stone

used to emphasise that something is fixed and unchangeable.

"this pricing scheme is not set in stone and will likely change when the service has a full launch"

at (one's) command

Among one's available resources or skills.

With so much experience at his command, he's definitely the best candidate for the job we're trying to fill.

prosodic /prəˈsɒd.ɪk/

admirable /ˈadm(ə)rəb(ə)l/

have got something there

If you say that a person has got something there, you mean they have said or discovered an important or interesting thing.

By pumping your legs, you can increase your potential energy.

I had been standing in line for three hours.

hypnosis /hɪpˈnəʊsɪs/

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

I’ve always said “on a later date” when it came to talking about an unspecified point in the future, but I’ve always questioned myself.

at a later/future date

The details will be agreed at a later date.

well up

1. Of a container or vessel, to fill up (with liquid or an emotion) to the point of overflowing.

Drainage ditches have been welling up across the city as the heavy rains continue.

Her eyes welled up as she watched him walk away.

My body welled up with rage at the thought of such a cruel act.

2. Of a liquid or emotion, to fill up (a container or vessel) to the point of overflowing.

Water was welling up right to the edge of the sink, but I managed to turn off the taps before any spilled over.

Violent protests welled up in the city after the government announced its extreme new policies.

at heart

in one's real nature, in contrast to how one may appear.

"he's a good lad at heart"

derpy /ˈdəːpi/

foolish or stupid.

"they say some pretty derpy things"

brooch /brəʊtʃ/

an ornament fastened to clothing with a hinged pin and catch.

lace /leɪs/

a fine open fabric of cotton or silk, made by looping, twisting, or knitting thread in patterns and used especially for trimming garments.

"a dress trimmed in white lace"

negligee /ˈnɛɡlɪʒeɪ /

girdle /ˈɡəːd(ə)l/

a belt or cord worn round the waist.

"her waist was defined by a gold chain girdle"

regal /ˈriːɡ(ə)l/

of, resembling, or fit for a monarch, especially in being magnificent or dignified.

"her regal bearing"

doggone /ˈdɒɡɒn/

used to express feelings of annoyance, surprise, or pleasure.

"now just a doggone minute"

embroil

/ɪmˈbrɔɪl,ɛmˈbrɔɪl/

involve (someone) deeply in an argument, conflict, or difficult situation.

"she became embroiled in a dispute between two women she hardly knew"

remedial

/rɪˈmiːdɪəl/

giving or intended as a remedy or cure.

"remedial surgery"

ablution /əˈbluːʃ(ə)n/ I. noun — (usu. ablutions) 1. ‹formal›‹humorous› an act of washing oneself • the women performed their ablutions.

bellows /ˈbɛləʊz/

a device with an air bag that emits a stream of air when squeezed together with two handles, used for blowing air into a fire.

"stoking up the fire with the bellows"

banana /bəˈnɑːnə/

enthral /ɪnˈθrɔːl, ɛnˈθrɔːl / ‹US› enthrall I. verb — [with obj.] 1. capture the fascinated attention of • she had been so enthralled by the adventure that she had hardly noticed the cold.

mope /məʊp/ I. verb — [no obj.] 1. feel dejected and apathetic • no use moping—things could be worse. 2. ( mope around/about) — wander about listlessly and aimlessly because of unhappiness or boredom. • you spend too much time moping about the house.

as of today

I think it's a toss-up.

bridle /ˈbrʌɪd(ə)l/ I. noun 1. the headgear used to control a horse, consisting of buckled straps to which a bit and reins are attached. • grooms came at once to take the bridles.

“We might have to wait until Harry and I are a couple first.”

lost cause

a person or thing that can no longer hope to succeed or be changed for the better.

"their opposition to planning for full employment was a lost cause"

syphilis /ˈsɪfɪlɪs/

a chronic bacterial disease that is contracted chiefly by infection during sexual intercourse, but also congenitally by infection of a developing fetus.

at the drop of a hat

without hesitation or good reason.

"he used to be very bashful, blushing at the drop of a hat"

arthritis /ɑːˈθrʌɪtɪs/

a disease causing painful inflammation and stiffness of the joints.

pate /peɪt/

a person's head.

"he scratched his balding pate"

gallantry /ˈɡaləntri/

courageous behaviour, especially in battle.

"a medal awarded for outstanding gallantry during the raid"

mojo /ˈməʊdʒəʊ/

a magic charm, talisman, or spell.

"someone must have their mojo working over at the record company"

influence, especially magic power.

"the name has no mojo"

credo

/ˈkriːdəʊ,ˈkreɪdəʊ/

a statement of the beliefs or aims which guide someone's actions.

"he announced his credo in his first editorial"

anthropomorphize /ˌanθrəpəˈmɔːfʌɪz/

attribute human characteristics or behaviour to (a god, animal, or object).

"people's tendency to anthropomorphize their dogs"

dysplasia /dɪsˈpleɪzɪə/

the presence of cells of an abnormal type within a tissue, which may signify a stage preceding the development of cancer.

"a procedure to treat cervical dysplasia"

spin a web

amble /ˈamb(ə)l/

walk or move at a slow, relaxed pace.

"they ambled along the riverbank"

tatty /ˈtati/

worn and shabby; in poor condition.

"tatty upholstered furniture"

tend /tɛnd/

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

"Varela tended plants on the roof"

scruffy /ˈskrʌfi/

shabby and untidy or dirty.

"a teenager in scruffy jeans and a baggy T-shirt"

glum /ɡlʌm/

looking or feeling dejected; morose.

"the princess looked glum but later cheered up"

concoction /kənˈkɒkʃn/

a mixture of various ingredients or elements.

"the facade is a strange concoction of northern Mannerism and Italian Baroque"

pompous /ˈpɒmpəs/

conundrum /kəˈnʌndrəm/

a confusing and difficult problem or question.

"one of the most difficult conundrums for the experts"

riveting /ˈrɪvɪtɪŋ/

completely engrossing; compelling.

"the book is a riveting account of the legendary freedom fighter"

revet /rɪˈvɛt/

face (a rampart, wall, etc.) with masonry, especially in fortification.

"the steep slopes are revetted with dry stone walling"

from the get-go

from the very beginning

She didn't like me from the get-go.

They were involved in the project from the get-go.

groups who are generally supportive of the government

by one's own account

according to what one has said about one's own life or experiences

By her own account, that was the worst performance of her career.

They had, by their own account, a wonderful time.

Camilla Figg was sitting at attention, staring at a spot on the wall in front of her.

despicable

/dɪˈspɪkəb(ə)l,ˈdɛspɪkəb(ə)l/

deserving hatred and contempt.

"a despicable crime"

volley /ˈvɒli/

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

"the infantry let off a couple of volleys"

especially /ɪˈspɛʃ(ə)li,ɛˈspɛʃ(ə)li/

If two people are the best of friends, they are close friends, especially when they have had a disagreement or fight in the past.

Still, it isn't long before the two rivals become the best of friends.

If someone has first refusal on something that is being sold or offered, they have the right to decide whether or not to buy it or take it before it is offered to anyone else.

The agreement gives the two co-chairmen first refusal on each other's shares.

A tenant may have a right of first refusal if a property is offered for sale.

first refusal

the privilege of deciding whether to accept or reject something before it is offered to others.

"group employees have first refusal on the tickets"

I took a trip down memory lane last weekend when I met one of my oldest friends and we talked about our wild times in university!

Pick a lane.

prefecture /ˈpriːfɛktjʊə/

sleuth /sluːθ / ‹informal› I. noun a detective. • they make MI5 look like a bunch of amateur sleuths.

Rome was not built in a day.

to be well rested from sleep

gumdrop /ˈɡʌmdrɒp/

a firm, translucent sweet made with gelatin or gum arabic.

adagio /əˈdɑː(d)ʒɪəʊ/

(especially as a direction) in slow time.

"the music is played adagio with very slight dynamic change"

decode /diːˈkəʊd/

diffuse defuse

chimpanzee /tʃɪmpanˈziː/

wrinkle /ˈrɪŋk(ə)l/

a slight line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face.

"she smoothed out the wrinkles from her skirt"

peer /pɪə/

look with difficulty or concentration at someone or something.

"Faye peered at her with suspicion"

I will call you when I have finished my homework.

fumble /ˈfʌmb(ə)l/

do or handle something clumsily.

"she fumbled with the lock"

in the soup

in trouble.

"I've lost the money—I'm in the soup"

stump /stʌmp/

(of a question or problem) be too hard for; baffle.

"education chiefs were stumped by some of the exam questions"

smite /smʌɪt/ I. verb 1. [with obj.] —‹literary› strike with a firm blow • he smites the water with his sword.

4. ( be smitten) — be strongly attracted to someone or something • she was smitten with the boy.

feign /feɪn/

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

"she feigned nervousness"

know best

have better knowledge or more appropriate skills.

"a mother always knows best where her children are concerned"

worship /ˈwəːʃɪp/

the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity.

"worship of the Mother Goddess"

If you say that someone or something keeps you on your toes, you mean that they cause you to remain alert and ready for anything that might happen. His fiery campaign rhetoric has kept opposition parties on their toes for months.

pucker /ˈpʌkə/

(especially with reference to a person's face) tightly gather or contract into wrinkles or small folds.

"the child's face puckered, ready to cry"

abode /əˈbəʊd/

noun: abode; plural noun: abodes

a place of residence; a house or home.

"my humble abode"

candid /ˈkandɪd/

truthful and straightforward; frank.

"his responses were remarkably candid"

nervous wreck

a person suffering from stress or emotional exhaustion.

"by the end of the day I was a nervous wreck"

potable /ˈpəʊtəb(ə)l/

safe to drink; drinkable.

"there is no supply of potable water available"

douche /duːʃ/

an obnoxious or contemptible person (typically used of a man).

"that guy is such a douche"

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madam /ˈmadəm/

Madame

/məˈdɑːm,ˈmadəm,French madam/

margarine /ˌmɑːdʒəˈriːn/

On the one hand I'd like a job that pays more, but on the other hand I enjoy the work I'm doing at the moment.

Look, I grew up around this stuff. I know what these people are capable of.

schadenfreude

/ˈʃɑːd(ə)nˌfrɔɪdə,German ˈʃɑːdənˌfrɔydə/

nonchalant /ˈnɒnʃ(ə)l(ə)nt/

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

"she gave a nonchalant shrug"

free-for-all

a disorganised or unrestricted situation or event in which everyone may take part, especially a fight, discussion, or trading market.

"a free-for-all on the topic ‘Woman and Writing’"

alleviate /əˈliːvɪeɪt/

make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe.

"he couldn't prevent her pain, only alleviate it"

電話が切れちゃった。

We got cut off.

chicken tender (plural chicken tenders) (cooking, usually in the plural) A deep-fried strip of chicken without bones or skin.

incessantly /ɪnˈsɛsntli/ adverb without interruption; constantly • she talked about him incessantly.

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ardour /ˈɑːdə / ‹US› ardor I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. great enthusiasm or passion • the rebuff did little to dampen his ardour. • he kissed her with an ardour that left her breathless.

culinary /ˈkʌlɪn(ə)ri/ I. adjective of or for cooking • culinary skills • savour the culinary delights of the region.

proprietor /prəˈprʌɪətə/ I. noun the owner of a business, or a holder of property. • Chinese restaurant proprietors. • by 1640 he was himself the proprietor of a three-hundred-acre tract.

parsley /ˈpɑːsli/

emphatically /ɪmˈfatɪkli/ adverb 1. in a forceful way. • she closed the door behind her emphatically. •‘No way,’ he said emphatically.

apartheid /əˈpɑːtheɪt,əˈpɑːtʌɪd/

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"

gravid /ˈɡravɪd/

carrying eggs or young; pregnant.

"the retroverted gravid uterus"

in the blink of an eye

very quickly.

"software that would do lots of boring calculations in the blink of an eye"

heyday /ˈheɪdeɪ/

the period of a person's or thing's greatest success, popularity, activity, or vigour.

"the paper has lost millions of readers since its heyday in 1964"

fleeting /ˈfliːtɪŋ/

lasting for a very short time.

"for a fleeting moment I saw the face of a boy"

decimate /ˈdɛsɪmeɪt/

kill, destroy, or remove a large proportion of.

"the inhabitants of the country had been decimated"

lumber /ˈlʌmbə/

gerund or present participle: lumbering

move in a slow, heavy, awkward way.

"a truck lumbered past"

up to the mark

up to the required standard.

"concern has been growing that economic forecasts are not up to the mark"

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.

sinew /ˈsɪnjuː/ I. noun 1. a piece of tough fibrous tissue uniting muscle to bone; a tendon or ligament. • the sinews in her neck. • [ mass noun] he was all muscle and sinew.

corrugate /ˈkɒrʊɡeɪt/

contract or cause to contract into wrinkles or folds.

"Micky's brow corrugated in a simian frown"

lacerate /ˈlasəreɪt/

tear or make deep cuts in (flesh or skin).

"the point had lacerated his neck"

peel out

leave quickly.

"he peeled out down the street"

train something on/at) — point or aim something, typically a gun or camera, at • the detective trained his gun on the side door.

three sheets to the wind

drunk

The Vatican has reintroduced a system of clocking in, nearly 50 years after it was last phased out.

perjury /ˈpəːdʒ(ə)ri/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. [Law] the offence of wilfully telling an untruth or making a misrepresentation under oath. • he claimed two witnesses at his trial had committed perjury.

perjure /ˈpəːdʒə/ I. verb — ( perjure oneself or be perjured) 1. [Law] wilfully tell an untruth or make a misrepresentation under oath; commit perjury • she admitted that she had perjured herself.

Don’t be a picky eater!

Don’t be picky with your food!

spurn /spəːn/

reject with disdain or contempt.

"he spoke gruffly, as if afraid that his invitation would be spurned"

bastion /ˈbastɪən/

a projecting part of a fortification built at an angle to the line of a wall, so as to allow defensive fire in several directions.

If you say that the writing is on the wall, you mean that there are clear signs that a situation is going to become very difficult or unpleasant.

After two defeats, the writing is on the wall for the manager.

purport /pəˈpɔːt/

appear to be or do something, especially falsely.

"she is not the person she purports to be"

break out

escape.

"a prisoner broke out of his cell"

scrape /skreɪp/

apply (a hard or sharp implement) to a surface so as to remove dirt or other matter.

"he scraped the long-bladed razor across the stubble on his cheek"

the eye of a needle

manger /ˈmeɪn(d)ʒə/

a long trough from which horses or cattle feed.

pristine /ˈprɪstiːn,ˈprɪstʌɪn/

in its original condition; unspoilt.

"pristine copies of an early magazine"

incumbent /ɪnˈkʌmb(ə)nt/

necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.

"the government realized that it was incumbent on them to act"

Intensive Care Unit

bin liner

a plastic bag used for lining a rubbish bin.

horizon

asthma /ˈasmə/

inflammation /ɪnfləˈmeɪʃ(ə)n/

pneumonia /njuːˈməʊnɪə/

lung inflammation caused by bacterial or viral infection, in which the air sacs fill with pus and may become solid. Inflammation may affect both lungs ( double pneumonia ) or only one ( single pneumonia ).

dentine /ˈdɛntiːn/

hard dense bony tissue forming the bulk of a tooth, beneath the enamel.

We read and hear so much about Karma being cosmic payback for our actions. Can we therefore say karma is similar to the natural order of things?

catch a break

to have some luck or a lucky opportunity:

The Dodgers couldn't seem to catch a break against Arizona.

He caught a break that few aspiring screenwriters do: running into a studio boss at a party.

scour /ˈskaʊə/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. subject (a place, text, etc.) to a thorough search in order to locate something • David scoured each newspaper for an article on the murder. 2. [no obj., with adverbial of direction] — move rapidly in a particular direction, especially in search or pursuit of someone or something • he scoured up the ladder.

osmosis

/ɒzˈməʊsɪs/

hassle /ˈhas(ə)l/

irritating inconvenience.

"the hassle of child care"

relish /ˈrɛlɪʃ/

great enjoyment.

"she swigged a mouthful of wine with relish"

yellow

in the sense of cowardly

cowardly or afraid (informal)

You yellow dogs!

hoodlum /ˈhuːdləm/

a person who engages in crime and violence; a hooligan or gangster.

"they were the ‘professional’ gangsters of New York, hoodlums and racketeers"

polecat /ˈpəʊlkat/

a weasel-like Eurasian mammal with mainly dark brown fur and a darker mask across the eyes, noted for its fetid smell.

lily-livered

weak or lacking in courage; cowardly; pusillanimous.

Male dominance is one of the earliest known and most widespread forms of inequality in human history.

call (one) on (something)

3. To confront one about one's misdeeds or unpleasant behaviour.

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

ampersand /ˈampəsand/

boggle /ˈbɒɡ(ə)l/

(of a person or their mind) be astonished or baffled when trying to imagine something.

"the mind boggles at the spectacle"

Drop someone a line.

remainder /rɪˈmeɪndə/

arithmetic /əˈrɪθmətɪk/

diffraction /dɪˈfrakʃn/

the process by which a beam of light or other system of waves is spread out as a result of passing through a narrow aperture or across an edge, typically accompanied by interference between the wave forms produced.

fraction /ˈfrakʃ(ə)n/

a numerical quantity that is not a whole number (e.g. 1/2, 0.5).

alacrity /əˈlakrɪti/

brisk and cheerful readiness.

"she accepted the invitation with alacrity"

Word frequency effect

pastiche /paˈstiːʃ/

an artistic work in a style that imitates that of another work, artist, or period.

"the operetta is a pastiche of 18th century style"

collocation /kɒləˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/

the habitual juxtaposition of a particular word with another word or words with a frequency greater than chance.

"the words have a similar range of collocation"

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.

at/in one sitting

during one limited period of time, without stopping:

I enjoyed the book so much that I read it all in one sitting.

burgeon /ˈbəːdʒ(ə)n/

begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish.

"the city's suburbs have burgeoned, sprawling out from the centre"

troll1 /trɒl,trəʊl/

purge /pəːdʒ/

remove (a group of people considered undesirable) from an organization or place in an abrupt or violent way.

"he purged all but 26 of the central committee members"

vandalism /ˈvand(ə)lɪz(ə)m/

action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property.

"an act of mindless vandalism

Toxic positivity happens when people believe that negative thoughts about anything should be avoided.

The stakes are high.

avid /ˈavɪd/

having or showing a keen interest in or enthusiasm for something.

"an avid reader of science fiction"

be big on something

to like something very much:

I'm not very big on classical music.

termite /ˈtəːmʌɪt/

a small, pale soft-bodied insect that lives in large colonies with several different castes, typically within a mound of cemented earth. Many kinds feed on wood and can be highly destructive to trees and timber.

truant /ˈtruːənt/

a pupil who stays away from school without leave or explanation.

boisterous /ˈbɔɪst(ə)rəs/

noisy, energetic, and cheerful.

"a group of boisterous lads"

pleat /pliːt/

a double or multiple fold in a garment or other item made of cloth, held by stitching the top or side.

fold into pleats.

"she was absently pleating her skirt between her fingers"

vicinity /vɪˈsɪnɪti/

the area near or surrounding a particular place.

"the number of people living in the immediate vicinity was small"

toe to toe

(of two people) standing directly in front of one another, especially in order to fight or argue.

"there's little skill involved—you just stand toe to toe and hit each other!"

dox /dɒks/

search for and publish private or identifying information about (a particular individual) on the internet, typically with malicious intent.

"hackers and online vigilantes routinely dox both public and private figures"

nitty-gritty /nɪtɪˈɡrɪti/

the most important aspects or practical details of a subject or situation.

"let's get down to the nitty-gritty of finding a job"

ditto /ˈdɪtəʊ/

the same thing again (used in lists and accounts and often indicated by a ditto mark under the word or figure to be repeated).

humble /ˈhʌmb(ə)l/

having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's importance.

"I felt very humble when meeting her"

timbre /ˈtambə/

the character or quality of a musical sound or voice as distinct from its pitch and intensity.

"trumpet mutes with different timbres"

jump the queue

push into a queue of people in order to be served or dealt with before one's turn.

"he jumped the queue at the ticket counter"

take unfair precedence over others.

"the old boy networks were one way of jumping the promotion queue"

I'm big on manners. I'm big on politeness. I'm big on gratitude.

mirth /məːθ/ I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. amusement, especially as expressed in laughter • his six-foot frame shook with mirth.

A jack-in-the-box is a children's toy that outwardly consists of a box with a crank.

limbo /ˈlɪmbəʊ/

(in some Christian beliefs) the supposed abode of the souls of unbaptized infants, and of the just who died before Christ's coming.

borough /ˈbʌrə/

zero in

take aim with a gun or missile.

"jet fighters zeroed in on the rebels' positions"

focus one's attention.

"they zeroed in on the clues he dropped about himself"

megalomania /ˌmɛɡ(ə)lə(ʊ)ˈmeɪnɪə/

obsession with the exercise of power.

flexitime /ˈflɛksɪtʌɪm/

pull a stunt

: to do something foolish or dangerous

Don't ever pull a stunt like that again!

tail off

to become smaller or quieter in a gradual way

Our productivity tailed off last year.

She started to ask a question and then her voice tailed off.

pipe up

say something suddenly.

"when she does pipe up, it's definitely worth listening to"

draggle /ˈdraɡ(ə)l/ I. verb — [with obj.] 1. make (something) dirty or wet, typically by trailing it through mud or water (as adj. draggled) • she wore a draggled skirt.

A man lies on the beach while people walk past in the distance

The view from my apartment on the fourth floor is quite nice. I can see way off in the distance and it's beautiful.

he began to drive slowly past the houses

photosynthesis /ˌfəʊtə(ʊ)ˈsɪnθɪsɪs/

soliloquy /səˈlɪləkwi/

an act of speaking one's thoughts aloud when by oneself or regardless of any hearers, especially by a character in a play.

"Edmund ends the scene as he had begun it, with a soliloquy"

crevasse /krɪˈvas/

a deep open crack, especially one in a glacier.

Gluggle jugs are named from the unique noise they emit when pouring.

astrologer /əˈstrɒlədʒə / astrologist /əˈstrɒlədʒə/ noun a person who uses astrology to tell others about their character or to predict their future • he was advised by astrologers to delay his departure.

subjunctive /səbˈdʒʌŋ(k)tɪv/

relating to or denoting a mood of verbs expressing what is imagined or wished or possible.

kerosene /ˈkɛrəsiːn / kerosine I. noun — [ mass noun] 1. (chiefly N. Amer.) a light fuel oil obtained by distilling petroleum, used especially in jet engines and domestic heating boilers; paraffin oil.

Ungulates (/ˈʌŋɡjəleɪts, -ləts/ UNG-gyə-layts, -⁠ləts) are members of the diverse clade Ungulata which primarily consists of large mammals with hooves.

stick up

rob someone or something at gunpoint.

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

A chipped tooth is a common dental injury.

stroke (one's) ego

To appeal to one's pride or vanity.

You're not going to get what you want by stroking the boss's ego. If anything, that's a good way to get in trouble with her!

I couldn't resist stroking my ego a bit by reading some of the good reviews for my latest film.

drop off the radar

to be forgotten or ignored because people's attention has moved to something more important

Stories in the news drop off the radar with people after a couple of weeks.

surly /ˈsəːli/ I. adjective bad-tempered and unfriendly • the porter left with a surly expression.

grandiloquent /ɡranˈdɪləkwənt/

pompous or extravagant in language, style, or manner, especially in a way that is intended to impress.

"a grandiloquent celebration of Spanish glory"

mammoth /ˈmaməθ/

jaundice /ˈdʒɔːndɪs/

a medical condition with yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes, arising from excess of the pigment bilirubin and typically caused by obstruction of the bile duct, by liver disease, or by excessive breakdown of red blood cells.

reinstate /riːɪnˈsteɪt/

restore (someone or something) to their former position or state.

"the union threatened strike action if Owen was not reinstated"

heist /hʌɪst/

a robbery.

"a diamond heist"

The heist film or caper film is a subgenre of crime film focused on the planning, execution, and aftermath of a significant robbery.

robot /ˈrəʊbɒt/

clingy /ˈklɪŋi/

(of a person) too emotionally dependent.

"at about 18 months my son became very clingy"

reverie /ˈrɛv(ə)ri/ I. noun 1. a state of being pleasantly lost in one's thoughts; a daydream • a knock on the door broke her reverie • [ mass noun] I slipped into reverie.

bleary /ˈblɪəri/ I. adjective (of the eyes) looking or feeling dull and unfocused from sleep or tiredness • Boris opened a bleary eye • bleary-eyed business travellers.

pallor /ˈpalə/ I. noun — [in sing.] 1. an unhealthy pale appearance. • the deathlike pallor of his face.

turn heads

to attract a lot of attention

Her new car was turning heads wherever she went.

eat (away) at (someone or something)

1. To continually bother or worry someone.

The precarious state of my finances has really begun to eat at me.

I'm worried that your critical comments have begun to eat away at Tiffany—she seems very subdued these days.

2. To erode or wear something away.

Don't use that harsh cleaner—it will eat away at a soft metal like this.

drop someone a line

send someone a note or letter in a casual manner.

"drop me a line at the usual address"

sluggish /ˈslʌɡɪʃ/ I. adjective 1. slow-moving or inactive • a sluggish stream. 2. lacking energy or alertness • Alex woke late feeling tired and sluggish. 3. slow to respond or make progress • the car had been sluggish all morning.

make do

to manage to live without things that you would like to have or with things of a worse quality than you would like:

We didn't have cupboards so we made do with boxes.

guinea /ˈɡɪni / gn. I. noun 1. (Brit.) the sum of £1.05 (21 shillings in pre-decimal currency), now used mainly for determining professional fees and auction prices. 2. ‹historical› a former British gold coin that was first minted in 1663 from gold imported from West Africa, with a value that was later fixed at 21 shillings. It was replaced by the sovereign from 1817.

squire /skwʌɪə/ I. noun 1. a man of high social standing who owns and lives on an estate in a rural area, especially the chief landowner in such an area • the squire of Radbourne Hall • [as title] Squire Trelawny.

ruffian /ˈrʌfɪən/ I. noun a violent person, especially one involved in crime.

gander /ˈɡandə/ I. noun 1. a male goose. 2. [in sing.] —‹informal› a look or glance • take a gander at the luggage, will ya?

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

epiphany /ɪˈpɪf(ə)ni, ɛˈpɪf(ə)ni/ I. noun 1. ( Epiphany) — the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12). 2. the festival commemorating the Epiphany on 6 January. 3. a moment of sudden and great revelation or realization.

Satyr /ˈsatə/ I. noun 1. [Greek Mythology] one of a class of lustful, drunken woodland gods. In Greek art they were represented as a man with a horse's ears and tail, but in Roman representations as a man with a goat's ears, tail, legs, and horns.