premise /ˈprɛmɪs/

They had started with the premise that all men are created equal.

The research project is based on the premise stated earlier.

A sit-down meal is served to people who are sitting at a table: We're having a sit-down meal at our wedding, rather than a buffet.

We'll have a buffet lunch at about one o'clock and a sit-down meal in the evening.

• The cost of £35 per person includes a buffet lunch and all refreshments during the day.

• We're not having a big formal meal at the wedding - just a buffet.

• Try out all-you-can-eat buffet - only £5 per person

I had breakfast this morning. (Normal uncountable use.)

I had a hearty breakfast this morning.

What to Do Before, During, and After Going to a Buffet

In today’s world, buffet is the term used to refer to an all-you-can-eat meal for a fixed price. In a cruise ship, breakfast, lunch and dinner are all buffet affairs.

Before restaurant buffets became the craze, all-you-can-eat meals were called smorgasbord.

delicatessen /ˌdɛlɪkəˈtɛs(ə)n/

a shop selling cooked meats, cheeses, and unusual or foreign prepared foods.

nauseous /ˈnɔːsɪəs,ˈnɔːzɪəs/

affected with nausea; feeling inclined to vomit.

"a rancid odour that made him nauseous"

hard nut

a tough, aggressive, or insensitive person.

"a local hard nut awaiting trial for murder"

As a teenager, Jack was a real hard nut, always getting into fights.

sassy /ˈsasi/

"Toni was smart and sassy and liked to pretend she was a hard nut"

inexplicable

/ˌɪnɪkˈsplɪkəb(ə)l,ˌɪnɛkˈsplɪkəb(ə)l,ɪnˈɛksplɪkəb(ə)l/

unable to be explained or accounted for.

"for some inexplicable reason her mind went completely blank"

How are children placed with a foster family?

be (one's) type

To have the personality or physical appearance that one is typically attracted to. I'm not surprised she's flirting with John—he's definitely her type.

decade /ˈdɛkeɪd,dɪˈkeɪd/

vary on a spectrum

provocative /prəˈvɒkətɪv/

causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately.

"a provocative article"

intended or intending to arouse sexual desire or interest.

"a provocative sidelong glance"

call out

draw critical attention to someone's unacceptable actions or behaviour.

"people were calling him out for his negative comments"

subdue (someone or something) by force.

"the uprisings were repressed"

repress /rɪˈprɛs/

subdue (someone or something) by force.

"the uprisings were repressed"

confidant

/ˈkɒnfɪdant,ˌkɒnfɪˈdant,ˌkɒnfɪˈdɑːnt/

person with whom one shares a secret or private matter, trusting them not to repeat it to others.

"a close confidante of the princess"

avid /ˈavɪd/

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

"an avid reader of science fiction"

far afield

Wide-ranging, at a distance, as in

I started out identifying wild mushrooms, but since then I've gone far afield in other branches of botany

catch up on

do tasks that one should have done earlier.

"he normally used the afternoons to catch up on paperwork"

masthead /ˈmɑːsthɛd/

1. the highest part of a ship's mast or of the lower section of a mast.

2. the title of a newspaper or magazine at the head of the first or editorial page.

"the paper lists forty smart writers on its masthead"

radio mast ˈreɪdɪəʊ mɑːst

a tall upright structure that is used to transmit radio or television signals

I've got no reception here

I've got no bars! play

I'm out of contact with a radio mast

there is no reception

I have no signal

My network is bad

There is a problem with my network

dough /dəʊ/

A cold person does not show much emotion, especially affection, and therefore seems unfriendly and unsympathetic.

2. To cause something unpleasant to happen to oneself. In this usage, a noun or pronoun can be used between "bring" and "on."

I'm not sympathetic because he brought this on himself by mismanaging his money.

bring someone on

3. To make someone or something appear. Stated as part of a request.

We're celebrating tonight, so bring on the champagne!

Bring on the opening act!

bring up

OFTEN PASSIVEto look after a child until he or she becomes an adult

She brought up three sons on her own.

He was brought up by his grandmother.

colonel /ˈkəːn(ə)l/

yacht /jɒt/

a medium-sized sailing boat equipped for cruising or racing.

verb

choir /ˈkwʌɪə/

bring on

US

engage someone to perform a task or assume a role.

"Kevin's track record and experience make him a great fit, and I'm thrilled the board has brought him on to lead their efforts"

resolve /rɪˈzɒlv/

1. settle or find a solution to (a problem or contentious matter).

"the firm aims to resolve problems within 30 days"

2. decide firmly on a course of action.

"she resolved to ring Dana as soon as she got home"

blabber /ˈblabə/

talk foolishly, indiscreetly, or excessively.

"she blabbered on and on"

blab /blab/

reveal secrets by indiscreet talk.

"she blabbed to the press"

c'est la vie means “that's life,”

voila /vwʌˈlɑː/

Definition of go off on a tangent

: to start talking about something that is only slightly or indirectly related to the original subject She went off on a tangent about what happened to her last summer.

snippy /ˈsnɪpi/

curt or sharp, especially in a condescending way.

"a snippy note from our landlord"

What's your go-to Starbucks cold coffee order? Let us know and we'll tell you one way you can mix it up.

swung

vermicelli /ˌvəːmɪˈtʃɛli,ˌvɛːmɪˈtʃɛli,ˌvəːmɪˈsɛli/

1. pasta in the form of long slender threads.

2. BRITISH

shreds of chocolate used to decorate cakes or other sweet foods.

My nephew is allergic to eggs.

blaspheme /blasˈfiːm/

To calumniate; to revile; to abuse.

blasphemy /ˈblasfəmi/

the action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; profane talk.

"he was detained on charges of blasphemy"

a new hotel chain that has won kudos for the way it treats guests

kudos to everyone who put the event together

the crack of sparrows

A combination of the terms "The Crack of Dawn" and "Sparrows Fart" both meaning very early in the morning.

crack of dawn

a time very early in the morning; daybreak.

"I've been up since the crack of dawn"

We'll have to leave at the crack of dawn.

sparrow-fart

very early in the morning:

We left at sparrow's fart.

I've been up since sparrow fart and I'm exhausted.

bronzer /ˈbrɒnzə/

a cosmetic liquid or powder applied to the skin to give it colour or shine, typically to give the appearance of a suntan.

contour /ˈkɒntʊə/

Contouring is a technique for sculpting and adding dimension to your face by using makeup that is slightly darker or lighter than your actual skin color.

strobe /strəʊb/

a stroboscope.

skinny-dip

swim naked.

"we spotted the local teenagers skinny-dipping"

matt /mat/

(of a colour, paint, or surface) dull and flat; without a shine.

"prints are available on matt or glossy paper"

"Glass Skin" is literally as its name suggests, skin that resembles glass. It means that it looks completely flawless, poreless, clear and translucent with not a blemish in sight.

blemish /ˈblɛmɪʃ/

a small mark or flaw which spoils the appearance of something.

"the girl's hands were without a blemish"

PG Tips is a brand of tea in the United Kingdom manufactured by Unilever UK.

Twinings (/ˈtwaɪnɪŋz/) is a British marketer of tea and other beverages, including coffee, hot chocolate and malt drinks, based in Andover, Hampshire

wring out

when you wring out a wet cloth or a wet piece of clothing, you squeeze the water out of it by twisting it strongly.

There was not a gleam of hope.

sliver /ˈslɪvə,ˈslʌɪvə/

a small, thin piece of something cut or split off a larger piece.

"a sliver of cheese"

exhilarate /ɪɡˈzɪləreɪt,ɛɡˈzɪləreɪt/

make (someone) feel very happy, animated, or elated.

"she was exhilarated by the day's events"

taxi rank

a place where taxis park while waiting to be hired.

spectrum /ˈspɛktrəm/

self-help books are covering a broader and broader spectrum

quirky /ˈkwəːki/

having or characterized by peculiar or unexpected traits or aspects.

"her sense of humour was decidedly quirky"

juxtapose /ˌdʒʌkstəˈpəʊz/

place or deal with close together for contrasting effect.

"black-and-white photos of slums were starkly juxtaposed with colour images"

clash with

To look visually displeasing when paired or juxtaposed with something, usually as of colors.

That eyeshadow totally clashes with her skin tone, unfortunately.

We're all wearing pink, so you're definitely going to clash with us if you wear orange.

Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, it will not be possible for me to attend your meeting

The time of the picnic clashes [=(more commonly) conflicts] with another picnic I'm invited to.

working dog

a dog trained to work with livestock.

"many graziers rely on working dogs to help round up goats"

backdrop /ˈbakdrɒp/

a painted cloth hung at the back of a theatre stage as part of the scenery.

green-eyed monster

jealousy:

Othello fell under the sway of the green-eyed monster

resent /rɪˈzɛnt/

feel bitterness or indignation at (a circumstance, action, or person).

"she resented the fact that I had children"

zeal /ziːl/

great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective.

"his zeal for privatization"

Pour enough water over the salt to bring the water up to about one inch deep in the pan.

squirrel /ˈskwɪr(ə)l/

bleak /bliːk/

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

"a bleak and barren moor"

abhorrent /əbˈhɒr(ə)nt/

inspiring disgust and loathing; repugnant.

"racism was abhorrent to us all"

from all quarters

from many people or places

Complaints came from all quarters.

courteous /ˈkəːtɪəs/

eclipse /ɪˈklɪps/

our schedules don't match up

potent /ˈpəʊt(ə)nt/

having great power, influence, or effect.

"thrones were potent symbols of authority"

Which carriage are you riding on?

One Way to Osaka is completely charming and also conveys an intimacy with Japan.

intimacy /ˈɪntɪməsi/

close familiarity or friendship.

"the intimacy between a husband and wife"

if me, I would like to use "Your birthday is coming up!" or "your birthday is around the corner!"

eclectic /ɪˈklɛktɪk/

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

"universities offering an eclectic mix of courses"

EVERY OTHER DAY

It's best to work out once every two to three days in order to let your muscles rest

5days a week

around the corner

about to happen.

"the commander was claiming that peace was just around the corner"

reprove /rɪˈpruːv/

reprove implies an often kindly intent to correct a fault.

Run down

4. adjective In poor health; feeling exhausted and sick. In this usage, the phrase is often hyphenated.

A: "I think I'm getting a sore throat." B: "You're probably run-down—you haven't gotten a full night's sleep in weeks!"

5. noun The general details about or a brief summary of something. In this usage, the phrase is usually spelled as one word.

MAKE MY DAY

There is a nuance that you are happy because of an unexpected event.

go to

1 informal : relied on and regularly turned to for expert knowledge, skill, or performance

the company's go-to guy

Brown became the go-to researcher for genetic conundrums.

2 informal : regularly or repeatedly chosen or employed for reliably good results

A waitress came by and Reacher ordered his go-to breakfast, which was coffee plus a short stack of pancakes with eggs, bacon, and maple syrup.

admonish /ədˈmɒnɪʃ/

warn or reprimand someone firmly.

"she admonished me for appearing at breakfast unshaven"

A smoking jacket is an informal men's style of lounge jacket originally intended for tobacco smoking, designed in the 1850s.

quaint /kweɪnt/

attractively unusual or old-fashioned.

"quaint country cottages"

acclimatize /əˈklʌɪmətʌɪz/

become accustomed to a new climate or new conditions; adjust.

"it's unknown whether people will acclimatize to increasingly warm weather"

suave /swɑːv/

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

"all the waiters were suave and deferential"

lead /lɛd/ metal

at one’s own risk

thrift /θrɪft/

the quality of using money and other resources carefully and not wastefully.

"the values of thrift and self-reliance"

frugality /fruːˈɡalɪti/

the quality of being economical with money or food; thriftiness.

"he scorned the finer things in life and valued frugality and simplicity"

inert /ɪˈnəːt/

chemically inactive.

noun: convert; plural noun: converts

/ˈkɒnvəːt/

a person who has been persuaded to change their religious faith or other belief.

"he is a recent convert to the Church"

brunch /brʌn(t)ʃ/

a late morning meal eaten instead of breakfast and lunch.

"he cobbled together a brunch of cold remains from the fridge"

piss up

spoil or ruin something.

reprimand /ˈrɛprɪmɑːnd/

a formal expression of disapproval.

"the golfer received a reprimand for a breach of rules"

reprehend /ˌrɛprɪˈhɛnd/

"a recklessness which cannot be too severely reprehended"

reprehensive

/ˌrep.rɪˈhen.sɪv/ showing anger and disapproval about something someone has done: He shook a reprehensive head. Angry and displeased. acrimonious.

apprehensive /aprɪˈhɛnsɪv/

anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen.

"he felt apprehensive about going home"

reprehensible /ˌrɛprɪˈhɛnsɪb(ə)l/

deserving censure or condemnation.

"his complacency and reprehensible laxity"

censure /ˈsɛnʃə/

express severe disapproval of (someone or something), especially in a formal statement.

"the company was heavily censured by inspectors from the Department of Trade"

1. I'm glad tomorrow is Friday.

2. Are you going to work tomorrow or staying home?

3. I will either read a book or play a video game tomorrow night.

4. Either do the laundry or mow the grass please.

5. Thanks, Good night.

I will vacation alone since summer last 3 weeks. I will be home for 3 weeks.

eucalyptus /ˌjuːkəˈlɪptəs/

It’s hard to fit in the smaller size gloves

plummet /ˈplʌmɪt/

fall or drop straight down at high speed.

"a climber was killed when he plummeted 300 feet down an icy gully"

decrease rapidly in value or amount.

"hardware sales plummeted"

bulldoze (one's way) through

days old

"I grabbed his collar" tells us that you've got hold of a piece of his shirt and nothing else.

"I grabbed him by the collar" tells us that you've subdued him in some way – it doesn't have to literally mean you grabbed his collar.

much obliged in British English

or I am obliged to you. formal or old-fashioned. expressions used when one wants to indicate that one is very grateful for something. Much obliged for your assistance. Thank you very much indeed, Doctor, I am extremely obliged to you.

Definition of belly-up (Entry 1 of 2)

: hopelessly ruined or defeated

especially : BANKRUPT

the business went belly-up

: to move close or next to

bellied up to the bar

cold feet

loss of nerve or confidence.

"after arranging to meet I got cold feet and phoned her saying I was busy"

Flinglish

A Flinglish is the combining of the words 'Full' and 'English'.

This is often used when you are so drunk that your ability to seperate these two words becomes non existant.

overdue /əʊvəˈdjuː/

not having arrived, happened, or been done by the expected time.

"the rent was nearly three months overdue"

having been needed for some time.

"reform is now overdue"

low-key /ləʊˈkiː/

not elaborate, showy, or intensive; modest or restrained.

"their marriage was a very quiet, low-key affair"

to some extent.

"this is low-key freaking me out"

galvanize /ˈɡalvənʌɪz/

shock or excite (someone) into taking action.

"the urgency of his voice galvanized them into action

Black Maria, a slang term for a police van used to transport prisoners, originally these were horse drawn and so could take some time to arrive at a crime scene.

The Anatomy of a Floating Rib

The last two pairs of ribs at the very bottom of the rib cage do not attach to the sternum at all.

cocked

with one side higher than the other; not straight:

A leprechaun is usually shown wearing a cocked hat and shoes with large buckles.

His head was slightly cocked.

SMAR

What is P90X? It stands for Power 90 Extreme — and it's a favorite fitness routine used by Paul Ryan.

The Dougie (/ˈdʌɡi/ ( listen) DUG-ee) is a hip hop dance generally performed by moving one's body in a shimmy style and passing a hand through or near the hair on one's own head.

snuggies /ˈsnəgēz/

Definition of snuggies

: women's warm knitted undergarments

kick (one's) feet up

To relax or lounge with one's feet elevated, as on a sofa, recliner, bed, etc.

After such a long week, all I wanted to do for the evening was kick my feet up and watch some movies with a big bowl of popcorn.

discombobulate /ˌdɪskəmˈbɒbjʊleɪt/

disconcert or confuse (someone).

"this attitude totally discombobulated Bruce"

on all/several counts

in all/several ways

The theory is wrong on all/several counts.

rue /ruː/

bitterly regret (something one has done or allowed to happen) and wish it undone.

"Ferguson will rue the day he turned down that offer"

impetuous /ɪmˈpɛtjʊəs/

acting or done quickly and without thought or care.

"she might live to rue this impetuous decision"

rash /raʃ/

acting or done without careful consideration of the possible consequences; impetuous.

"it would be extremely rash to make such an assumption"

domineer /ˌdɒmɪˈnɪə/

assert one's will over another in an arrogant way.

"she doesn't domineer, preferring to lead by inspiration rather than by intimidation"

imperious /ɪmˈpɪərɪəs/

arrogant and domineering.

"his imperious demands"

governess /ˈɡʌv(ə)nəs/

(especially in former times) a woman employed to teach children in a private household.

with all due respect

used as a polite formula preceding, and intended to mitigate the effect of, an expression of disagreement or criticism.

"with all due respect, Father, I think you've got to be more broad-minded these days"

dowry /ˈdaʊ(ə)ri/

an amount of property or money brought by a bride to her husband on their marriage.

"Elizabeth's dowry was to be £45,000 in diamonds"

throw that ass in a circle

Move your behind in a circular motion

commendation /kɒmɛnˈdeɪʃ(ə)n/

formal or official praise.

"the film deserved the highest commendation"

laudable /ˈlɔːdəb(ə)l/

(of an action, idea, or aim) deserving praise and commendation.

"laudable though the aim might be, the results have been criticized"

chaste /tʃeɪst/

abstaining from extramarital, or from all, sexual intercourse.

"what is required of celibate Catholic clergy is to remain chaste"

celebrate to commemorate

behind the wheel

driving a motor vehicle:

I'm a different person when I'm behind the wheel.

transient /ˈtranzɪənt/

lasting only for a short time; impermanent.

"a transient cold spell"

promiscuous /prəˈmɪskjʊəs/

demonstrating or implying an unselective approach; indiscriminate or casual.

"the city fathers were promiscuous with their honours"

Definition of far-fetched

1 : brought from a remote time or place. 2 : not easily or naturally deduced or introduced : improbable

a far-fetched story.

decorate /ˈdɛkəreɪt/

confer an award or medal on (a member of the armed forces).

"he was decorated for outstanding bravery"

bamboozle /bamˈbuːz(ə)l/

cheat or fool.

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

Coughing up white mucus

come to an end

(of a period or situation) finish.

"his career as an international referee is coming to an end"

jitter /ˈdʒɪtə/

feelings of extreme nervousness.

"a bout of the jitters"

To make (both) ends meet means "to pay for the things that you need to live when you have little money." This is a good example of an idiom that is often used in English but that is not transparent in meaning

have your (fair) share of sth

to have a lot of something and enough of it, usually something bad:

We've had our fair share of rain already this summer.

tertiary /ˈtəːʃ(ə)ri/

third in order or level.

"the tertiary stage of the disease"

ASF is a text and chat acronym that usually means as fuck

accumulate /əˈkjuːmjʊleɪt/

gather together or acquire an increasing number or quantity of.

"investigators have yet to accumulate enough evidence"

Deal Breaker

An issue that breaks up a relationship

A deal breaker is an issue or annoyance in a relationship that a person cannot deal with. It commonly occurs within intimate relationships where people's faults are magnified.

pull over.

(of a vehicle) move to the side of or off the road.

"I decided to pull over on to the hard shoulder"

Definition of pressed for time

: not having much time left to do what one needs to do

Definition of play for time

: to try to make something happen later instead of sooner : to try to delay something

They're just playing for time, hoping that the situation will resolve itself.

Is the time ok?

Are we running over?

I've never heard of anyone doing that.

Are you OK for time?

twenty-twenty hindsight

the full knowledge and complete understanding that one has about an event only after it has happened

With 20/20 hindsight we now see where our strategy went wrong.

He’s a buzzkill.

What do words mean from birth?

innate adjective

Definition of innate.

adjective. existing in one from birth; inborn; native: innate musical talent.

rapport /raˈpɔː/

a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well.

"she was able to establish a good rapport with the children"

affinity /əˈfɪnɪti/

natural liking for and understanding of someone or something.

"he had a special affinity with horses"

Similar: empathy rapport

She’s always had a strong affinity for animals, especially dogs.

resonate with (one)

To produce or evoke an appealing feeling of familiarity in one.

The show has achieved such huge success because its themes resonate with adults and children alike.

It's clear that the book series has been resonating with readers around the country.

uptight /ʌpˈtʌɪt,ˈʌptʌɪt/

anxious or angry in a tense and overly controlled way.

"he is so uptight about everything"

Toyota is back in the black.

I'm coffeed out.

come together

: to begin to work or proceed in the desired way

The project started slowly, but everything is finally starting to come together now.

rake /reɪk/

an implement consisting of a pole with a toothed crossbar or fine tines at the end, used especially for drawing together cut grass or smoothing loose soil or gravel.

The room is finally coming together.

mown /məʊn/

(of grass or a crop) cut down with a scythe or machine.

"their job was to rake the mown corn ready for carting"

swathe /sweɪð/

1. a broad strip or area of something.

"vast swathes of countryside"

2. a row or line of grass, corn, or other crop as it falls or lies when mown or reaped.

"if the day is windy, the swathes should be high and narrow"

markedly /ˈmɑːkɪdli/

to an extent which is clearly noticeable; significantly.

"new diagnoses have increased markedly since 1998"

spank /spaŋk/

slap with one's open hand or a flat object, especially on the buttocks as a punishment.

"she was spanked for spilling ink on the carpet"

garage

/ˈɡarɑː(d)ʒ,ˈɡarɪdʒ,ɡəˈrɑːʒ/

combo /ˈkɒmbəʊ/

Hardly anybody ever tells you how hard it is for a person my size to find clothes that fit.

(stand at something) to reach a particular level, amount etc

The total amount of money raised so far stands at over £3,000.

At five feet four inches, I stand at an average height for a girl.

superficially /ˌsuːpəˈfɪʃ(ə)li/

as to the outward appearance only; on the surface.

"the theory is superficially attractive"

vial /ˈvʌɪəl/

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

ulterior /ʌlˈtɪərɪə/

existing beyond what is obvious or admitted; intentionally hidden.

"could there be an ulterior motive behind his request?"

hostess /ˈhəʊstəs,ˈhəʊstɛs,həʊˈstɛs/

The hostess of a party should introduce strangers to each other

It's the anniversary of my father's death.

funk /fʌŋk/

In a state of panic or terror. For example, Just because the bride's mother is late, you needn't get in a blue funk. This term originated in the mid-1700s as in a funk, the adjective blue, meaning “affected with fear or anxiety,” being added a century later.

innuendo /ˌɪnjʊˈɛndəʊ/

An innuendo is a hint, insinuation or intimation about a person or thing, especially of a denigrating or a derogatory nature.

Adverbial clause

figurative /ˈfɪɡ(ə)rətɪv/

departing from a literal use of words; metaphorical.

"a figurative expression"

repose /rɪˈpəʊz/

a state of rest, sleep, or tranquillity.

"in repose her face looked relaxed"

I found it going through some old clothes.

Dave says hello.

Say hello to Uncle Nic.

She traded up. (\*New boyfriend)

Was it something I said?

It has quite a kick.

couldn't-care-less

characterized by complete indifference.

"I started to get irritated by this couldn't-care-less attitude"

horrid /ˈhɒrɪd/

very unpleasant or disagreeable.

"the teachers at school were horrid"

Is it 'Drive Safe' or 'Drive Safely'?

In praise of flat adverbs

It has quite a kick.

I don’t wanna run into my ex looking like this.

Beggars can't be choosers.

Who's paying the refs?

We should cut our losses.

My jeans are falling apart.

My phone doesn’t get much reception.

I have bad reception.

assured /əˈʃʊəd/

confident.

"an extremely assured performance"

protected against discontinuance or change.

"an assured tenancy"

Danger is my middle name.

pathology /pəˈθɒlədʒi/

to give a reason or explanation for (something)

How do you account for your success?

US : to think about (something) before doing something : to take (something) into consideration

The researchers failed to account for the fact that most of the students were poor.

pathology /pəˈθɒlədʒi/

the science of the causes and effects of diseases, especially the branch of medicine that deals with the laboratory examination of samples of body tissue for diagnostic or forensic purposes.

"research people skilled in experimental pathology"

grace /ɡreɪs/

extra time you are given to pay money you owe without losing something or paying an additional amount:

You have a ten-day grace period in which to pay your insurance premium.

a one-and-done date

legate /ˈlɛɡət/

a member of the clergy, especially a cardinal, representing the Pope.

"a papal legate arrived in France on a peacemaking mission"

save face

avoid humiliation.

We said he left "to pursue other interests" to let him save face, but actually we fired him.

eta

estimated time of arrival

surge /səːdʒ/

a sudden powerful forward or upward movement, especially by a crowd or by a natural force such as the tide.

"flooding caused by tidal surges"

Japan rules out asking for blanket school closures amid virus surge

blanket /ˈblaŋkɪt/

covering all cases or instances; total and inclusive.

"a blanket ban on tobacco advertising"

curb /kəːb/

a type of bit with a strap or chain attached which passes under a horse's lower jaw, used as a check.

anaesthetic /ˌanɪsˈθɛtɪk/

a substance that induces insensitivity to pain.

intimate /ˈɪntɪmət/

closely acquainted; familiar.

"intimate friends"

(off) on a tangent

Addressing a topic or topics not relevant to the main discussion.

I tried to address the customer's problem, but she kept going off on a tangent and I couldn't understand what her true complaint was.

swindle /ˈswɪnd(ə)l/

use deception to deprive (someone) of money or possessions.

"a businessman swindled investors out of millions of pounds"

scullery /ˈskʌl(ə)ri/

a small kitchen or room at the back of a house used for washing dishes and other dirty household work.

stagnation /staɡˈneɪʃ(ə)n/

the state of not flowing or moving.

"blocked drains resulting in water stagnation"

It’s (high/about) time + past subjunctive

For example:

It’s time you stopped smoking.

It’s high time you stopped smoking.

It’s about time you stopped smoking.

We are suggesting something in the present moment; yet, we believe that it should have already happened by now.

Definition of woman's/feminine touch

: something created by and suitable to a girl or woman

This room needs a woman's/feminine touch.

premises /ˈprɛmɪsɪz/

a house or building, together with its land and outbuildings, occupied by a business or considered in an official context.

"the company has moved to new premises"

boyo /ˈbɔɪəʊ/

a boy or man (used chiefly as a form of address).

"how's it going, boyo?"

efficacy /ˈɛfɪkəsi/

the ability to produce a desired or intended result.

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

the faculty of hearing

faculty /ˈfak(ə)lti/

an inherent mental or physical power.

"her critical faculties"

prognosis

/prɒɡˈnəʊsɪs/

the kneecap.

If an event or period of time is drawing closer or is drawing nearer, it is approaching.

And all the time next spring's elections are drawing closer.

As the day set for departure drew near, I told Sophie that I could not accompany them.

But blaming traffic makes you look like a tool who can’t take accountability—unless the rarer occasions of true multi car collision pileup highway shutdowns, which I have in fact been stuck in for over 3 hours

catch-as-catch-can

With, by, or having whatever is available; as best as or in any way possible.

Any new parent can tell you that sleep is catch-as-catch-can once your baby is born.

Flaker

Is someone who plans on attending an event and never calls to state they won't be there.

flake /fleɪk/ Slang

a. One who is undependable, as in keeping social engagements.

b. A somewhat eccentric person; an oddball.

6. Slang Cocaine.

How many minutes late is acceptable in LA in your opinion

Rounding up the crew for a large get-together or celebrating an event?

How late were you?

Can I talk to you alone?

Let's be honest with each other.

monobrow /ˈmɒnə(ʊ)braʊ/

a pair of eyebrows that meet above the nose, giving the appearance of a single eyebrow.

"his wealth and cool outweigh his potato head and monobrow"

It's good manners to say thank you.

I have a lot on my plate.

It's a wild guess.

cougar /ˈkuːɡə/

a large American wild cat with a plain tawny to greyish coat, found from Canada to Patagonia.

an older woman seeking a sexual relationship with a younger man.

I stayed out till 1 am last night and now I'm grounded for a week.

I’ve been slacking off recently.

Don't be so PC.

politically correct

try to do

Don’t try and rationalize what you did.

lack the clout to pull it off

I can’t put my finger on it, but there’s something suspicious about him.

I have no rhythm.

It's mouthwatering.

Definition of acquired taste

: something or someone that is not easily or immediately liked or appreciated.

It's an acquired taste.

That’s so tacky. He’s so tacky.

He did a Michael Jackson impersonation.

I went to the movies for the first time in 6 months.

based slang

I started embracing it like, 'Yeah, I’m based.' I made it mine. I embedded it in my head. Based is positive."

On cloud nine

Very happy

same old, same old

used to convey that something is drearily predictable or familiar.

"the game's fantasy setting is the same old, same old"

be subject to (something)

1. To be guided, controlled, or ruled by something.

Remember, when you travel to a foreign country, you are subject to their unique laws and traditions, not your own.

I'm afraid our stores are subject to the rules established by the corporate headquarters, so there's nothing we can do about it here.

Of course, all of our plans there will be subject to the weather—if we get nothing but rain, we'll be spending the vacation indoors.

2. To be required to receive, incur, or experience something.

During your stay at this institution, your room will be subject to weekly inspections.

Any company caught misrepresenting its tax liabilities will be subject to an external audit carried out by our regulatory branch.

3. To be prone or susceptible to something; to be likely or inclined to incur or experience something.

I've been subject to hay fever since I was a child.

While the small island usually gets blissful sunshine, its location means it is subject to awful storms every now and then.

"he was subject to bouts of manic depression"

penal /ˈpiːn(ə)l/

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

"the campaign for penal reform"

bludgeon /ˈblʌdʒ(ə)n/

beat (someone) repeatedly with a bludgeon or other heavy object.

"she was found bludgeoned to death in the basement"

deport /dɪˈpɔːt/

expel (a foreigner) from a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime.

"he was deported for violation of immigration laws"

foster /ˈfɒstə/

encourage the development of (something, especially something desirable).

"the teacher's task is to foster learning"

patriot /ˈpatrɪət,ˈpeɪtrɪət/

repatriate /riːˈpatrɪeɪt,riːˈpeɪeɪt

send (someone) back to their own country.

"the last German POWs were repatriated in November 1948"

go by the name (of)

To use the specific name (that is then stated).

My daughter Margaret has now decided that she goes by the name Calliope.

I'm looking for a man who goes by the name of Whitaker. Do you know him?

a crush of

Mack had to be escorted through a crush of reporters outside the Kerobokan Female Prison in Denpasar on Friday.

a crush of supporters

mask /mɑːsk/

chaperone /ˈʃapərəʊn/

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

There are a number of household names playing in the football team.

A household name

socialite /ˈsəʊʃəlʌɪt/

a person who is well known in fashionable society and is fond of social activities and entertainment.

a wealthy socialite

Her eyes are far apart.

‘Suitcase killer’ Heather Mack released early from prison for good behavior

How much time off for good behavior do you get in federal prison?

I'd say "two pieces of homework"

“Staff is” is best used when the “staff” is acting as a single unit.

metonymy /mɪˈtɒnɪmi/

Metonymy is a figure of speech in which a thing or concept is referred to by the name of something closely associated with that thing or concept.

narcotic /nɑːˈkɒtɪk/

a drug or other substance that affects mood or behaviour and is consumed for non-medical purposes, especially one sold illegally.

"cultivation of a plant used to make a popular local narcotic"

A person that turns you in for something you did wrong; specifically to any type of authority figure like parents, cops, teachers, boss, etc.

She is a classic narc.

Narc

Definition of narc

slang. : a person (such as a government agent) who investigates narcotics violations.

on the now odd occasion

for the ride

used to convey that someone is participating in activity for pleasure or as an observer only.

"she's obviously just along for the ride"

stammer /ˈstamə/

speak with sudden involuntary pauses and a tendency to repeat the initial letters of words.

"he turned red and started stammering"

take sth back

to admit that something you said was wrong:

All right, I take it all back. It wasn't your fault.

killjoy /ˈkɪldʒɔɪ/

a person who deliberately spoils the enjoyment of others.

"a few killjoys try to reform the seasonal activities"

normie /ˈnɔː.mi/

a normal person, who behaves in the same way as most other people in society:

I wish I wanted to be normal, because then I could just be a normie, and I'd still have friends.

stomach /ˈstʌmək/

third wheel (plural third wheels) (idiomatic) A person or thing that serves no useful purpose. (idiomatic) An unwanted third party accompanying two people on a date.

It's only ten o'clock.

adolescence /adəˈlɛs(ə)ns/

the period following the onset of puberty during which a young person develops from a child into an adult.

"Mary spent her childhood and adolescence in Europe"

She got married at the age of 25.

Youth: Are you still young at 20?

Hell, I'm still young at 60.

have a ball

enjoy oneself greatly.

"I was miserable but he was having a ball"

A curb stomp, also called curbing, curb checking, curb painting, or making someone bite the curb is a form of assault in which a victim's mouth is forcefully placed on a curb and then stomped from behind, causing severe injuries and sometimes death.

depreciate /dɪˈpriːʃɪeɪt,dɪˈpriːsɪeɪt/

diminish in value over a period of time.

"the latest cars will depreciate heavily in the first year"

redeem oneself

: to succeed or do something good after one has failed or done something bad They can redeem themselves for yesterday's loss by winning today's game.

that's my cue

scaredy-cat /ˈskɛːdɪkat/

a timid person.

"we contemptuously called them scaredy-cats"

incumbent /ɪnˈkʌmb(ə)nt/

necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility.

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

rector

/ˈrɛktə/ (in the Church of England) the incumbent of a parish where all tithes formerly passed to the incumbent.

parish /ˈparɪʃ/

the smallest unit of local government, constituted only in rural areas.

noun: civil parish; plural noun: civil parishes

"a parish councillor"

Give away

to tell information or facts that you should keep secret

If captured, they might give away vital military secrets.

persevere /pəːsɪˈvɪə/

continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success.

"his family persevered with his treatment"

sonorous /ˈsɒn(ə)rəs,səˈnɔːrəs/

(of a person's voice or other sound) imposingly deep and full.

"he read aloud with a sonorous and musical voice"

superlative /suːˈpəːlətɪv/

1. of the highest quality or degree.

"a superlative piece of skill"

bequeath /bɪˈkwiːð/

leave (property) to a person or other beneficiary by a will.

"he bequeathed his art collection to the town"

pail /peɪl/

a bucket

enthral /ɪnˈθrɔːl,ɛnˈθrɔːl/

capture the fascinated attention of.

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

profusely /prəˈfjuːsli/

to a great degree; in large amounts.

"the book is profusely illustrated with period photos"

blemish /ˈblɛmɪʃ/

spoil the appearance or quality of (something).

"his reign as world champion has been blemished by controversy"

sewer /ˈsuːə/

an underground conduit for carrying off drainage water and waste matter.

sewer water

I got full marks for my presentation.

REGIONAL NOTE:

in AM, use a perfect score

minuscule /ˈmɪnəskjuːl/

diminutive /dɪˈmɪnjʊtɪv/

crowbar /ˈkrəʊbɑː/

do a cartwheel

I would say that to watch someone do something is a matter of seeing them at one particular instant in time, such as - kicking a ball. To watch them doing something is to watch throughout the process, such as - painting a room.

the cherry on (top of) the cake

(also the cherry on (top of) the sundae, the cherry on top)

something that makes something that is already good even better, or perfect:

For his career, the Olympic Games would be the cherry on the cake.

He put the cherry on top of the cake by scoring for the third time.

Finding this piece of evidence really was the cherry on the sundae for the prosecution's case.

The garden is not our main reason for buying this house, but it's the cherry on top.

What would happen to your feet if you wear opposite shoe to opposite foot for a year?

It’s back side front.

Look, you're wearing your shoes on the wrong feet.

Look, you’ve got your shoes on wrong.

please bear this in mind

slurp /sləːp/

drink or eat (something) with a loud sucking noise.

"she slurped her coffee"

noun

I shit you not

The expression means I am being honest.

pretentious /prɪˈtɛnʃəs/

attempting to impress by affecting greater importance or merit than is actually possessed.

"pretentious art films"

schooled

/skuːld/

educated or trained in a specified activity or in a particular way.

"a man well schooled in making money"

take on a task

gherkin /ˈɡəːkɪn/

the small green fruit of a plant related to the cucumber, used for pickling.

worship /ˈwəːʃɪp/

show reverence and adoration for (a deity).

"the Maya built jungle pyramids to worship their gods"

feel great admiration or devotion for.

"she adores her sons and they worship her"

immutable /ɪˈmjuːtəb(ə)l/

unchanging over time or unable to be changed.

"an immutable fact"

abstruse /əbˈstruːs/

difficult to understand; obscure.

"an abstruse philosophical inquiry"

obscure /əbˈskjʊə/

not discovered or known about; uncertain.

"his origins and parentage are obscure"

adversity /ədˈvəːsɪti/

a difficult or unpleasant situation.

"resilience in the face of adversity"

plethora /ˈplɛθ(ə)rə/

a large or excessive amount of something.

"a plethora of committees and subcommittees"

synergy /ˈsɪnədʒi/

the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects.

"the synergy between artist and record company"

figurative /ˈfɪɡ(ə)rətɪv/

departing from a literal use of words; metaphorical.

"a figurative expression"

plausible /ˈplɔːzɪb(ə)l/

(of an argument or statement) seeming reasonable or probable.

"a plausible explanation"

adhere /ədˈhɪə/

stick fast to (a surface or substance).

"paint won't adhere well to a greasy surface"

adhesive /ədˈhiːsɪv,ədˈhiːzɪv/

able to stick fast to a surface or object; sticky.

"an adhesive label"

taut /tɔːt/

stretched or pulled tight; not slack.

"the fabric stays taut without adhesive"

lenient /ˈliːnɪənt/

(of a punishment or person in authority) more merciful or tolerant than expected.

"in the view of the Court the sentence was too lenient"

cut some slack

informal. to not judge someone as severely as you usually would because they are having problems at the present time: "Andrew's late again." "Cut him some slack - his wife just had a baby."

illiterate /ɪˈlɪt(ə)rət/

a person who is unable to read or write.

preventive /prɪˈvɛntɪv/

designed to keep something undesirable such as illness or harm from occurring.

"preventive medicine"

Rapunzel /ɹəˈpʌnzəl/

The lights are on but no one's home

do a runner

proverbial /prəˈvəːbɪəl/

well known, especially so as to be stereotypical.

"the Welsh people, whose hospitality is proverbial"

earnest /ˈəːnɪst/

resulting from or showing sincere and intense conviction.

"an earnest student"

You can't have your cake and eat it

smoulder /ˈsməʊldə/

burn slowly with smoke but no flame.

"the bonfire still smouldered, the smoke drifting over the paddock"

plume /pluːm/

a long, soft feather or arrangement of feathers used by a bird for display or worn by a person for ornament.

"a hat with a jaunty ostrich plume"

A bunker is a defensive military fortification designed to protect people and valued materials from falling bombs, artillery, or other attacks.

refute /rɪˈfjuːt/

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

"these claims have not been convincingly refuted"

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(of a punishment or person in authority) more merciful or tolerant than expected.

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slander /ˈslɑːndə/

the action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation.

"he is suing the TV company for slander"

Definition of not sleep a wink

: to not sleep at all I didn't sleep a wink last night.

despise /dɪˈspʌɪz/

feel contempt or a deep repugnance for.

"he despised himself for being selfish"

contempt /kənˈtɛm(p)t/

the feeling that a person or a thing is worthless or beneath consideration.

"Pam stared at the girl with total contempt"

on point

extremely good, attractive, or stylish.

"her outfit was on point

hamper /ˈhampə/

a basket with a carrying handle and a hinged lid, used for food, cutlery, and plates on a picnic.

"a picnic hamper"

Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.

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obligatory /əˈblɪɡət(ə)ri/

: MANDATORY, REQUIRED

obligatory military service

also : so commonplace as to be a convention, fashion, or cliché

the obligatory death scene in opera

The thriller included the obligatory chase scene.

downright /ˈdaʊnrʌɪt/

Learn to pronounce

adjective

1.

(of something bad or unpleasant) utter; complete (used for emphasis).

"it's a downright disgrace"

Within the legal profession, condonation is a defence argument sometimes made when an accuser has previously forgiven or chosen to ignore an act about which they are now legally complaining.

condone /kənˈdəʊn/

accept (behaviour that is considered morally wrong or offensive).

"the college cannot condone any behaviour that involves illicit drugs"

"Excuse me, can I get through right here?"

outlier /ˈaʊtlʌɪə/

a person or thing situated away or detached from the main body or system.

"a western outlier in the Andaman archipelago"

They probably wanted a means of charging the cancellation fee from you.

the fact or quality of being on time.

"he was a stickler for punctuality"

Although I'm fed up with this job, I have to stick at it if I want to get paid.

Definition of far between

: separated by considerable intervals good workhorses are few and far between these days.

no dice

1. A rejection or refusal.

2. An explanation that something did not occur.

I asked if we could go to the party, but Mom said no dice.

blatant /ˈbleɪt(ə)nt/

(of bad behaviour) done openly and unashamedly.

"blatant lies"

tamper /ˈtampə/

interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations.

"someone tampered with the brakes of my car"

sloppy /ˈslɒpi/

careless and unsystematic; excessively casual.

"we gave away a goal through sloppy defending"

reputed /rɪˈpjuːtɪd/

generally believed to exist or be something specified, but not definitely the case.

"a reputed budget of $165 million"

putative /ˈpjuːtətɪv/

generally considered or reputed to be.

"the putative author of the book"

assimilation /əsɪmɪˈleɪʃ(ə)n/

the process of taking in and fully understanding information or ideas.

"the assimilation of the knowledge of the Greeks"

respiratory

/rɪˈspɪrət(ə)ri,ˈrɛsp(ə)rət(ə)ri,rɪˈspʌɪrət(ə)ri/

Learn to pronounce

relating to or affecting respiration or the organs of respiration.

"respiratory disease"

Mucus /ˈmjuːkəs/

is a slippery aqueous secretion produced by, and covering, mucous membranes.

Sputum /ˈspjuːtəm/

Phlegm /flɛm/

lint /lɪnt/

short, fine fibres which separate from the surface of cloth or yarn during processing.

"some fabrics leave tiny specks of lint on the glass"

ewe /juː/

a female sheep.

grab a cab

curry favour

to seek to gain favour by flattery or attention

ingratiate oneself with someone through obsequious behaviour.

"a wimpish attempt to curry favour with the new bosses"

(all) on your ˈown

1 alone; without anyone else: Why are you sitting here on your own?

2 without help: She made it all on her own.

rule of thumb /ˌruːl əv ˈθʌm/

a broadly accurate guide or principle, based on practice rather than theory.

"a useful rule of thumb is that about ten hours will be needed to analyse each hour of recorded data"