1.**Backpedal:**

The cabinet may **backpedal** on these commitments.

2.**Compound:**

Salt is a **compound** of sodium and chlorine.

3.**Caustic:**

She's famous in the office for her **caustic** wit.

4.**Voracious:**

Shivam Singh was a **voracious** book collector.

5.**Accost:**

A man had **accosted** me in the street.