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VOCABULARY

Unearth

- to find something after searching for it, especially something that has been buried in the ground or lost for a long time.

Get to the bottom of something:

- To find out the cause of a problem or situation

Diligence:

- that someone in a position of responsibility takes with their work

Formidable task/challenge :

- difficult to deal with and needing a lot of effort or skill.

Perseverance:

- determination to keep trying to achieve something in spite of difficulties – use this to show approval

Corroborate:

- to provide information that supports or helps to prove someone else's statement, idea etc

Headscratcher:

something that is hard to understand, explain, or decide about

Incessant:

continuing without stopping

Go awry:

if something goes awry, it does not happen in the way that was planned

Propellant

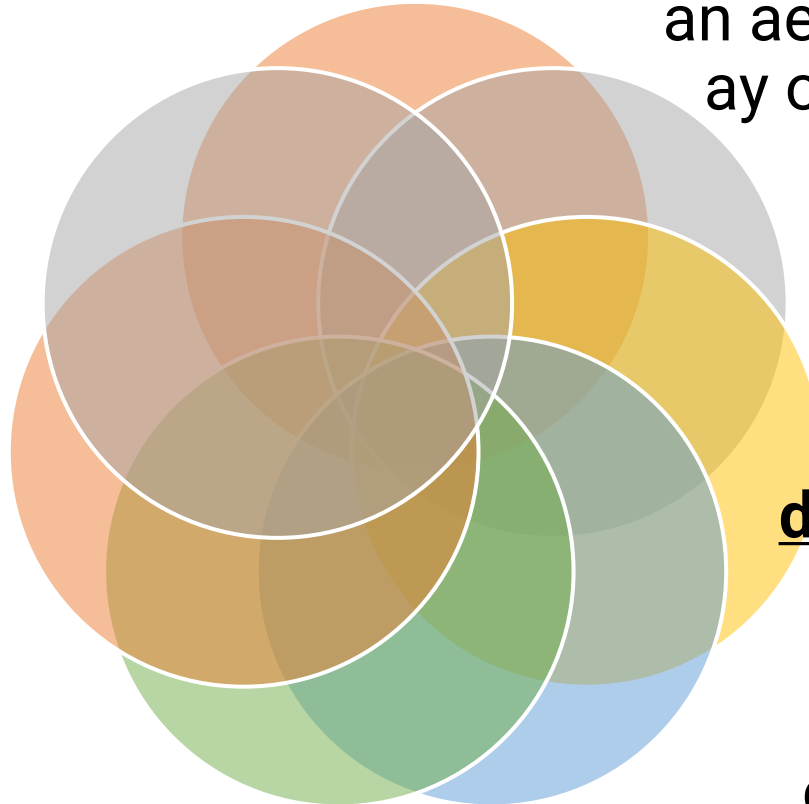
an explosive for firing a bullet or rocket-gas which is used in an aerosol to spray out a liquid

leftover

remaining after all the rest has been used, taken, or eaten

dribble : something

such as money or news dribbles somewhere, it comes or goes in small irregular amounts

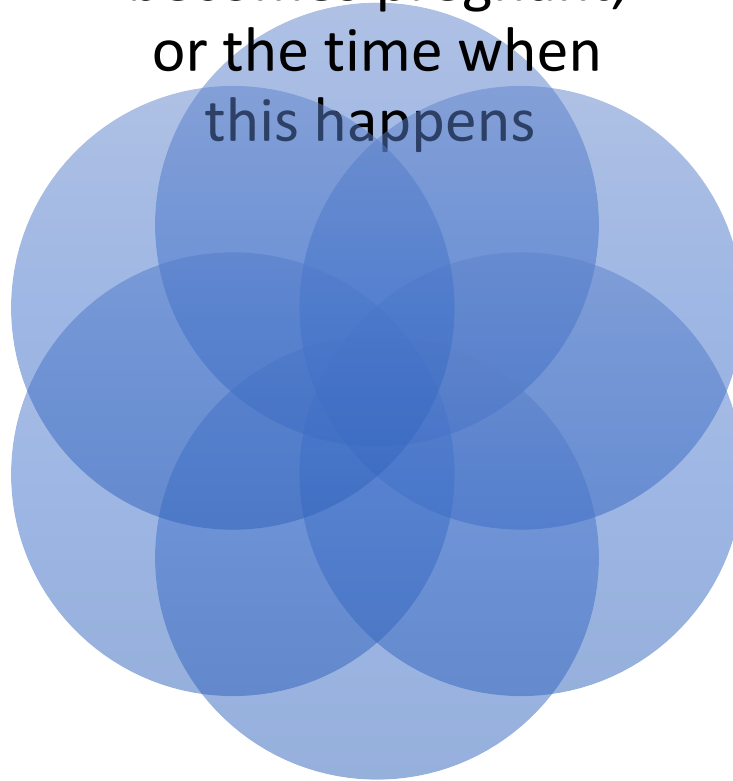


Conception: the process by which a woman or female animal becomes pregnant, or the time when this happens

Coating: a thin layer of something that covers a surface

Offspring
: someone's child or children – often used humorously

Inflammation: swelling and pain in part of your body, which is often red and feels hot



Remission
a period when a serious illness improves for a time

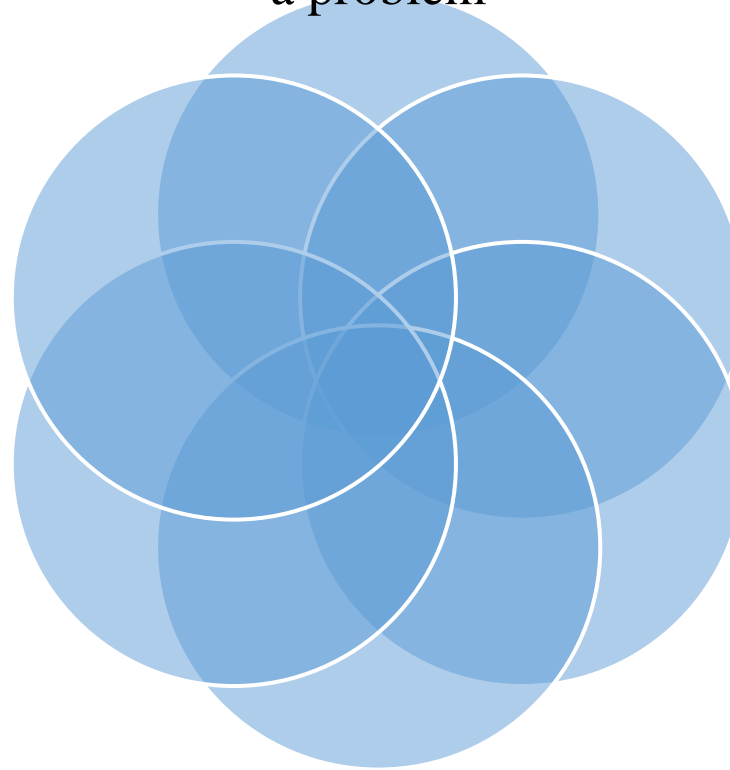
Relapse: to become ill again after you have seemed to improve

Resort

to something **to** do
something bad, extreme,
or difficult because you
cannot think of any other
way to deal with
a problem

Flood: if a river floods,
it is too full,
and spreads water over
the land around it

Lightning:
a powerful flash of light
in the sky caused
by electricity and
usually followed
by thunder



Imperceptible: almost
impossible to see or
notice

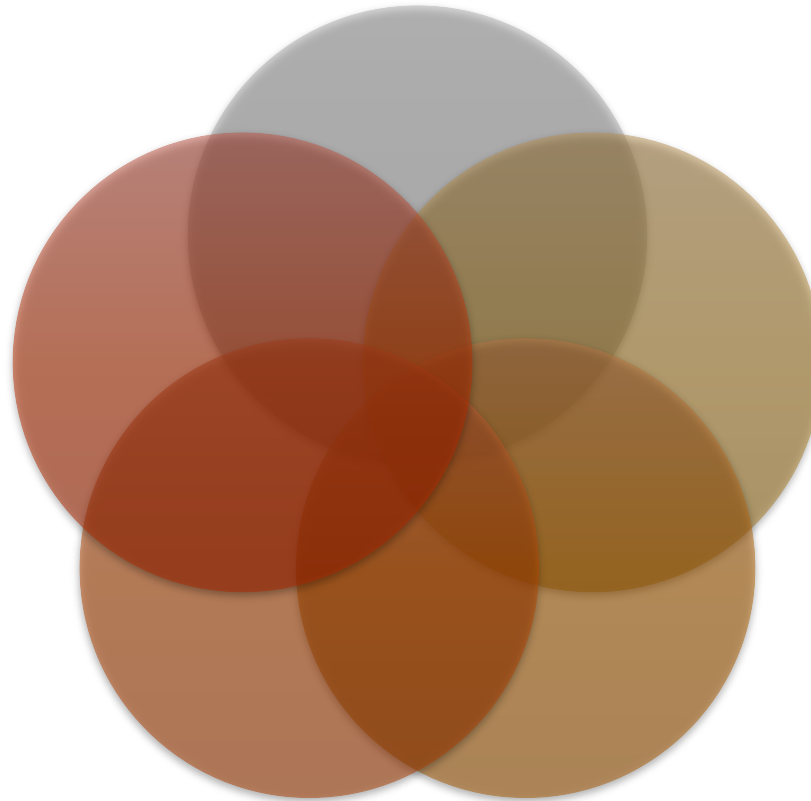
Current: a flow of electr
icity through a wire

Fleeting: lasting for only
a short time

somebody can ill afford (to do) something to be unable to do or have something without making the situation you are in very difficult

Malaria a disease that is common in hot countries and that you get when a type of **mosquito** bites you

Relay: a piece of electrical equipment that receives radio or television signals and sends them on



blackout a period of darkness caused by a failure of the electricity supply

Fuse a short thin piece of wire inside electrical equipment which prevents damage by melting and stopping the electricity when there is too much power

Sweat

- to have drops of salty liquid coming out through your skin because you are hot, ill, frightened, or doing exercise

Eradicate

- to completely get rid of something such as a disease or a social problem

Synaesthesia

- a medical condition which makes people experience a mixture of feelings from two of their five senses at the same time, for example seeing numbers as colours or experiencing colours as a smell

Spot

- to notice someone or something, especially when they are difficult to see or recognize

Strain

- to try very hard to do something using all your strength or ability

Blindfold to

- cover someone's eyes with a piece of cloth

Baffle

- if something baffles you, you cannot understand or explain it at all

Afficionado of

- someone who is very interested in a particular activity or subject and knows a lot about it

Prop

- to support something by leaning it against something, or by putting something else under, next to, or behind it

Garner

- to take or collect something, especially information or support

Rip

- to remove something quickly and violently, using your hands (paper)

Corpse

- the dead body of a person

Plea

- a statement by someone in a court of law saying whether they are guilty or not

a stone's throw from something/away (from something)

- very close to something (The hotel is just a stone's throw from ...)

Slanted

- providing facts or information in a way that unfairly supports only one side of an argument or one opinion – used to show disapproval

turn up

- to find something by searching for it thoroughly

Rekindle

- to make someone have a particular feeling, thought etc again

Exhume

- remove a dead body from the ground, especially in order to check the cause of death

Effigy

- a statue of a famous person

Mint

- to make a coin

Tribute

- something that you say, do, or give in order to express your respect or admiration for someone

Escapade

- an adventure or series of events that are exciting or contain some risk

Eschew

- to deliberately avoid doing or using something

interlocutor

- your interlocutor is the person you are speaking to

Plant/Animal Kingdom

- one of the three parts into which the natural world is divided

Ample

- more than enough, sufficient

Compound of

- a combination of two or more parts, substances, or qualities

Soak up

- if something soaks up a liquid, it takes the liquid into itself

the intricacies of something

- the complicated details of something

indigestion

- pain that you get when your stomach cannot break down food that you have eaten

hollow-out

- to make a hole or empty space by removing the inside part of something

dismissive

- refusing to consider someone or something seriously

embark on

- to start something, especially something new, difficult, or exciting

eugenics

- the study of methods to improve the mental and physical abilities of the human race by choosing who should become parents

strive to

- to make a great effort to achieve something

staple

- the main product that is produced in a country
- a small piece of thin wire that is pushed into sheets of paper and bent over to hold them together

padded cell

- a special room in a hospital for people who are mentally ill.

smashing

- very good

spate of something

- a large number of similar things that happen in a short period of time, especially bad things

unfold

- if a story unfolds, or if someone unfolds it, it is told

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busk

- british english to play music in a public place in order to earn money

melting pot

- a place where people from different races, countries, or social classes come to live together

grimmy

- covered with dirt

weather

- to come through a very difficult situation safely

hover

- if a bird, insect, or helicopter hovers, it stays in one place in the air

thrilling

- interesting and exciting

be on a par (with something)

- to be at the same level or standard

hurdle

- a problem or difficulty that you must deal with before you can achieve something

grasshopper

- an insect that has long back legs for jumping and that makes short loud noises

algae

- a very simple plant without stems or leaves that grows in or near water

hindrance

- something or someone that makes it difficult for you to do something

lessen

- to become smaller in size, importance, or value, or make something do this

infanticide

- the crime of killing a child

outlaw

- to completely stop something by making it illegal

precipitation

- rain, snow etc that falls on the ground, or the amount of rain, snow etc that falls

intercept

- to stop something or someone that is going from one place to another before they get there

cut a swathe through something

- to cause a lot of damage in a place or among a group of people

buck

- to oppose something in a direct way

sombre

- sad and serious

inimitable

- too good or skilful for anyone else to copy with the same high standard

authenticity

- the quality of being real or true

downshift

- if someone downshifts, they choose to do a less important or difficult job, so that they do not have to worry about their work and have more time to enjoy their life

bona fide

- real, true, and not intended to deceive anyone

suffocate

- to die or make someone die by preventing them from breathing

wreck

- to damage something such as a building or vehicle so badly that it cannot be repaired

inexorably

- an inexorable process cannot be stopped

cramped

- a cramped room, building etc does not have enough space for the people in it

drown in

- to have a very strong feeling or a serious problem that is difficult to deal with

exodus from

- a situation in which a lot of people leave a particular place at the same time

trek

- a long and difficult journey, made especially on foot as an adventure

cling to

- to continue to believe or do something, even though it may not be true or useful any longer

embroider

- to make a story or report of events more interesting or exciting by adding details that are not true

sweep something aside

- to refuse to pay attention to something someone says

come off it

- used to tell someone that you do not believe what they are saying

ambivalent about

- not sure whether you want or like something or not

quackery

- the activities of someone who pretends to be a doctor

bog standard

- not special or interesting in any way

disparage

- to criticize someone or something in a way that shows you do not think they are very good or important

fuss

- to worry a lot about things that may not be very important

bend

- to move part of your body so that it is not straight or so that you are not upright

stab at (doing) something

- an attempt to do something, often not successful

nod

- to move your head up and down, especially in order to show agreement or understanding

bark up

- to have a wrong idea, or do something in a way that will not give you the information or result you want

hollow something out

- to make a hole or empty space by removing the inside part of something

woes

- the problems and troubles affecting someone

sabbatical

- a period when someone, especially someone in a university job, stops doing their usual work in order to study or travel

ingrained

- ingrained attitudes or behaviour are firmly established and therefore difficult to change

dull

- not interesting or exciting

demeaning

- showing less respect for someone than they deserve, or making someone feel embarrassed or ashamed

futile

- actions that are futile are useless because they have no chance of being successful

stack up against

- used to talk about how good something is compared with something else

adjunct to

- something that is added or joined to something that is bigger or more important

throw down the gauntlet

- to invite someone to fight or compete over a disagreement

Sap

- to make something weaker or destroy it, especially someone's strength or their determination to do something

absenteeism

- regular absence from work or school without a good reason

confrontation

- a situation in which there is a lot of angry disagreement between two people or groups

Puny

- a puny person is small, thin, and weak

stagger

- to walk or move unsteadily, almost falling over

retch

- to try to vomit

arid

- arid land or an arid climate is very dry because it has very little rain

scattered

- spread over a wide area or over a long period of time

desiccated

- completely dry

probe

- to ask questions in order to find things out, especially things that other people do not want you to know

flicker

- if an emotion or expression flickers on someone's face or through their mind, it exists or is shown for only a short time

daunting

- frightening in a way that makes you feel less confident

faint

- difficult to see, hear, smell etc

coalesce

- if objects or ideas coalesce, they combine to form one single group

mummify

- to preserve a dead body by putting special oils on it and wrapping it with cloth

far-off

- a long way from where you are

on the spot

- done immediately while you are at a particular place

pipe dream

- a hope, idea, plan etc that is impossible or will probably never happen

hail

- to describe someone or something as being very good

wondrous

- good or impressive in a surprising way

groan

- to make a long deep sound because you are in pain, upset, or disappointed, or because something is very enjoyable

aspire

- to desire and work towards achieving something important

walk-on part/role

- a small acting part with no words to say in a play or film, or an actor who has a part like this

virtuous

- behaving in a very honest and moral way

unalloyed

- complete, pure, or total

convivial

- friendly and pleasantly cheerful

pop out

- if words pop out, you suddenly say them without thinking first

nauseous

- especially american english feeling that you are going to vomit

venomous

- a venomous snake, insect etc produces poison

kick in

- to start or to begin to have an effect

brush up on sth

- to practise and improve your skills or your knowledge of something that you learned in the past

rattle

- if you rattle something, or if it rattles, it shakes and makes a quick series of short sounds

furrow

- a deep line or fold in the skin of someone's face, especially on the forehead

plough

- to turn over the earth using a plough so that seeds can be planted

flimsy

- flimsy cloth or clothing is light and thin

a bout of depression/flu/sickness etc

- a short period of time during which you suffer from an illness

phantom

- something that exists only in your imagination

stroke

- to move your hand gently over something

uncanny

- very strange and difficult to explain

wince

- to suddenly change the expression on your face as a reaction to something painful or upsetting

perspiration

- liquid that appears on your skin when you are hot or nervous

override

- to use your power or authority to change someone else's decision

Forsake

- to leave someone, especially when you should stay because they need you

Hotbed

- a place where a lot of a particular type of activity, especially bad or violent activity, happens

Buckle

- to become bent or curved because of heat or pressure, or to make something bend or curve in this way

Fiddly

- difficult to do, especially because you have to deal with very small objects

Fling

- to throw something somewhere using a lot of force

squash

- to press something into a flatter shape, often breaking or damaging it

take a beating

- to lose very badly in a game or competition

maverick

- an unusual person who has different ideas and ways of behaving from other people, and is often very successful

Blob of

- a very small round mass of a liquid or sticky substance

Lay

- not trained or not knowing much about a particular profession or subject

Freestanding

- not fixed to a frame, wall, or other support

con

- to get money from someone by deceiving them

astrigent

- an astrigent liquid is able to make your skin less oily or stop a wound from bleeding - having a sharp acid taste

soluble

- a soluble substance can be dissolved in a liquid

Waterlogged

- a waterlogged area of land is flooded with water and cannot be used

Sediment

- solid substances that settle at the bottom of a liquid

excavate

- if a scientist or archaeologist excavates an area of land, they dig carefully to find ancient objects, bones etc

stitch

- to sew two pieces of cloth together, or to sew a decoration onto a piece of cloth

pad

- to fill or cover something with a soft material in order to protect it or make it more comfortable

Pad

- to make a speech or piece of writing longer by adding unnecessary words or details

plank

- one of the main features or principles of an argument etc

wreck

- to completely spoil something so that it cannot continue in a successful way

With hindsight

- the ability to understand a situation only after it has happened

insurmountable

- an insurmountable difficulty or problem is too large or difficult to deal with

lounge

- to stand, sit, or lie in a lazy or relaxed way

lounge

- a waiting room at an airport

Outright

- clearly and directly, without trying to hide your feelings or intentions

Stature

- the degree to which someone is admired or regarded as important

Etch

- if an experience, name etc is etched on your memory or mind, you cannot forget it and you think of it often

daguerreotype

- an old type of photograph, or the process used to make it

straddle

- to include different areas of activity, groups, time etc

straddle

- if something straddles a line, road, or river, part of it is on one side and part on the other side

Outreach

- when help, advice, or other services are provided for people who would not otherwise get these services easily

Replica of

- an exact copy of something, especially a building, a gun, or a work of art

Hull

- the main part of a ship that goes in the water

Maritime

- relating to the sea or ships

enunciate

- to express an idea clearly and exactly

Menial

- menial work is boring, needs no skill, and is not important

emphatic

- expressing an opinion, idea etc in a clear, strong way to show its importance

Flavour

- the particular taste of a food or drink

Relish

- to enjoy an experience or the thought of something that is going to happen

slight

- to offend someone by treating them rudely or without respect

Puff

- breathe quickly and with difficulty after the effort of running, carrying something heavy etc

savoury

- British English savoury food tastes of salt

Whiff of

- a very slight smell of something

Kerb

- the edge of the pavement (=raised path) at the side of a road

Pull out

- to drive onto a road from another road or from where you have stopped

Crack

- a thin line on the surface of something when it is broken but has not actually come apart

Fender

- the side part of a car that covers the wheels

Scrape

- to remove something from a surface using the edge of a knife, a stick etc

Mishap

- a small accident or mistake that does not have very serious results

startling

- very unusual or surprising

Adept at

- good at something that needs care and skill

seize up

- if an engine or part of a machine seizes up, its moving parts stop working and can no longer move, for example because of lack of oil

Trip

- to hit something with your foot by accident so that you fall or almost fall

stumbling block

- a problem or difficulty that stops you from achieving something

get round

- if news or information gets round

get round

- to avoid something that is difficult or causes problems for you

Scuttle

- to move quickly with short steps, especially because you are afraid and do not want to be noticed

Bump against

- to hit or knock against something

buzz off

- used to tell someone in a rude way to go away

Wrap around

- if you wrap your arms, legs, or fingers around something, you use them to hold it

sprawl

- to lie or sit with your arms or legs stretched out in a lazy or careless way

Duct

- a pipe or tube that liquids, air, cables etc pass through

thread something through something

- to put a thread, string, rope etc through a hole

Stack

- to make things into a neat pile, or to form a neat pile

bolt

- to fasten two things together using a bolt

slot in

- to fit something or someone into a plan, organization etc, or to fit in

overhead

- a company's general costs for activities not related to particular products

hamper

- to make it difficult for someone to do something

insuperable

- difficulty or problem is impossible to deal with

set somebody/something on somebody

- to make people or animals attack someone

set sight on something

- to find a satisfactory way of dealing with a problem or difficulty

hastily

- quickly, perhaps too quickly

expedition

- a long and carefully organized journey, especially to a dangerous or unfamiliar place, or the people that make this journey

feeble

- extremely weak

run it fine

- arriving somewhere just by seconds

set off

- to start to go somewhere

hoist (flag)

- to raise, lift, or pull something up, especially using ropes

squeeze something out

- to do something so that someone or something is no longer included or able to continue

slash

- to greatly reduce an amount, price etc – used especially in newspapers and advertising

pesticide

- a chemical substance used to kill insects and small animals that destroy crops

fare well/badly/better etc

- to be successful, unsuccessful etc

prune

- to cut off some of the branches of a tree or bush to make it grow better

unease

- a feeling of worry or slight fear about something

epithet

- a word or short phrase used to describe someone, especially when praising them or saying something unpleasant about them

off-key

- wrong or not suitable for the situation

quirk

- something strange that happens by chance

pop up

- to appear, sometimes unexpectedly

ex nihilo

- from or out of nothing

Bard

- a poet

Redact

- to select or adapt (as by obscuring or removing sensitive information) for publication or release

mnemonic

- something such as a poem or a sentence that you use to help you remember a rule, a name etc

Coat

- to cover something with a thin layer of something else

Drape

- to cover or decorate something with a cloth

bask

- if a place basks in the sun, it is sunny and warm

Latitude

- the distance north or south of the equator (=the imaginary line around the middle of the world), measured in degrees

Latitude

- freedom to choose what you do or say

dwindle away

- gradually become less and less or smaller and smaller

reptile

- a type of animal, such as a snake or lizard, whose body temperature changes according to the temperature around it, and that usually lays eggs to have babies

bark up the wrong tree

- to have a wrong idea, or do something in a way that will not give you the information or result you want

broach the subject/question/matter etc

- to mention a subject that may be embarrassing or unpleasant or cause an argument

Beak

- the hard pointed mouth of a bird

wary

- someone who is wary is careful because they think something might be dangerous or harmful

Hint at

- to suggest something in an indirect way, but so that someone can guess your meaning

strap

- to fasten something or someone in place with one or more straps

Shuttle

- to travel frequently between two places

Refute

- to say that a statement is wrong or unfair

devour

- to read something quickly and eagerly, or watch something with great interest

Wonder

- something that makes you feel surprised and admiration

Mop

- to wash a floor with a wet mop

mop the floor with somebody

- American English to completely defeat someone, for example in a game or argument

Pop into head/mind

- to suddenly think of something

Spiral out of

- if a situation spirals, it gets worse, more violent etc in a way that cannot be controlled

ripple through

- to pass from one person to another like a wave

Stifle

- to stop something from happening or developing

serendipity

- when interesting or valuable discoveries are made by accident

uncharted

- a situation or activity that you have never experienced or tried before

Veracity

- the fact of being true or correct

Forge

- to develop something new, especially a strong relationship with other people, groups, or countries

Marvel

- to feel or express great surprise or admiration at something, especially someone's behaviour

Brush against

- to touch someone or something lightly when passing them

Get a grip

- used in order to tell someone to control their emotions

Tumble in

- to fall down quickly and suddenly, especially with a rolling movement

carnivore

- an animal that eats flesh

Secrete

- if a part of an animal or plant secretes a liquid substance, it produces it

Enlist

- to persuade someone to help you to do something

thrive on something

- to enjoy or be successful in a particular situation, especially one that other people find difficult or unpleasant

be flooded with something

- to receive so many letters, complaints, or inquiries that you cannot deal with them all easily

Enmeshed in

- very involved in an unpleasant or complicated situation

exhilarate

- to make someone feel very excited and happy

Fester

- if an unpleasant feeling or problem festers, it gets worse because it has not been dealt with

Anoint

- to put oil or water on someone's head or body, usually as part of a religious ceremony

Pliable

- able to bend without breaking or cracking

pituitary

- the small organ at the base of your brain which produces hormones that control the growth and development of your body

Cede

- to give something such as an area of land or a right to a country or person, especially when you are forced to

Recline

- to lie or lean back in a relaxed way

acclaim

- to praise someone or something publicly

surmount

- to succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty

surmount

- to be above or on top of something

Babble

- to speak quickly in a way that is difficult to understand or sounds silly

Scout out

- to examine a place or area in order to get information about it

Scout around/For

- to look for something in a particular area

Puny

- not effective or impressive

crawl

- to move along on your hands and knees with your body close to the ground

Stunt/pull

- a dangerous action that is done to entertain people, especially in a film

desalination

- the process of removing salt from sea water so that people can use it

Withstand

- to be strong enough to remain unharmed by something such as great heat, cold, pressure etc

cut somebody down to size

- to make someone realize that they are not as important, successful etc as they think they are

Smallholding

- British English a piece of land used for farming, that is smaller than an ordinary farm

resuscitate

- to make someone breathe again or become conscious after they have almost died

Evaporate

- if a feeling evaporates, it slowly disappears

Refuge

- shelter or protection from someone or something

Cup

- to hold something in your hands, so that your hands form part of a circle around it

Fiduciary

- someone who is responsible for the assets of people, organizations etc and, by law, must protect their interests

Truancy

- when students deliberately stay away from school without permission

bereavement

- when someone loses a close friend or relative because they have died

spacious

- a spacious house, room etc is large and has plenty of space to move around in

Arable

- relating to growing crops

Assorted

- of various different types

Rear

- to look after a person or animal until they are fully grown

Suckle

- to feed a baby or young animal with milk from the breast

spectacle

- an unusual or interesting thing or situation that you see or notice – used especially in order to show disapproval

consternation

- a feeling of worry, shock, or fear

Trunk

- the thick central woody stem of a tree

Nascent

- coming into existence or starting to develop

Mounted

- fixed firmly to a larger thing

Unmanned

- an unmanned spacecraft does not have a person inside it

Still life

- a picture of an arrangement of objects, for example flowers or fruit

Rustic

- simple, old-fashioned, and not spoiled by modern developments, in a way that is typical of the countryside

transient

- continuing only for a short time

crumb

- a very small piece of dry food, especially bread or cake -a very small amount of something

carafe

- a glass container with a wide neck, used for serving wine or water at meals

Profess

- to say that you do, are etc something, especially when it is not really true

Easel

- a wooden frame that you put a painting on while you paint it

a figment of somebody's imagination

- something that you imagine is real, but does not exist

Prop

- to support something by leaning it against something, or by putting something else under, next to, or behind it

apparition

- something that you imagine you can see, especially the spirit of a dead person

Whip

- to hit someone or something with a whip

ephemeral

- existing or popular for only a short time

impute

- to say, often unfairly, that someone is responsible for something bad or has bad intentions

Hold sway

- to have a lot of influence or power

Fallible

- able to make mistakes or be wrong

bouquet

- an arrangement of flowers, especially one that you give to someone

provenance

- the place where something originally came from

Veracity of

- the fact of being true or correct

pierce somebody's heart

- to make someone feel a strong emotion such as pain, sadness, or love

In the rear

- the back part of an object, vehicle, or building, or a position at the back of an object or area

Rear

- to look after a person or animal until they are fully grown

Detractor

- someone who says bad things about someone or something, in order to make them seem less good than they really are

Zeal

- eagerness to do something, especially to achieve a particular religious or political aim

Grimace at

- to twist your face in an ugly way because you do not like something, because you are feeling pain, or because you are trying to be funny

contentment

- the state of being happy and satisfied

inscribe

- to carefully cut, print, or write words on something, especially on the surface of a stone or coin

Incite

- to deliberately encourage people to fight, argue etc

Unspoiled

- an unspoiled place is beautiful because it has not changed for a long time and does not have a lot of new buildings

Dispense with

- to not use or do something that people usually use or do, because it is not necessary

Rugged

- rugged behaviour is confident and determined but not always polite

mock

- to laugh at someone or something and try to make them look stupid by saying unkind things about them or by copying them

virility

- the typically male quality of being strong, brave, and full of energy – used to show approval

spoof

- a funny book, play, or film that copies something serious or important and makes it seem silly

dejected

- unhappy, disappointed, or sad

crass

- behaving in a stupid and offensive way which shows that you do not understand or care about other people's feelings

gild

- to cover something with a thin layer of gold or with something that looks like gold

run-of-the-mill

- not special or interesting in any way

Act on

- to do something because of another person's advice or order, or because you have received information or had an idea

Whimsical

- unusual or strange and often amusing

bespoke

- a bespoke product, especially computer software or a piece of clothing, has been specially made for a particular customer

Ploy

- a clever and dishonest way of tricking someone so that you can get an advantage

Opulent

- very beautiful, with a lot of decoration, and made from expensive materials

in deed

- in what you do

linguish

- if someone languishes somewhere, they are forced to remain in a place where they are unhappy

sanctity

- the quality that makes life, marriage etc so important that it must be respected and preserved

saintly

- completely good and honest, with no faults

Expound on

- to explain or talk about something in detail

Jostle

- to compete for something such as attention or a reward

Opulent

- very beautiful, with a lot of decoration, and made from expensive materials

Crass

- behaving in a stupid and offensive way which shows that you do not understand or care about other people's feelings

Gild

- to cover something with a thin layer of gold or with something that looks like gold

Barbed

- a barbed hook or arrow has one or more sharp curved points on it

straddle

- to sit or stand with your legs on either side of someone or something

hatching

- fine lines drawn on or cut into a surface

Trope

- words, phrases, images etc that are used for an unusual or interesting effect

Lap

- if an animal laps water, milk etc, it drinks it by putting its tongue into it

distaff

- a stick, used in the past for spinning wool

prelapsarian

- characteristic of or belonging to the time or state before the fall of humankind

Eden

- in the Bible story, the garden where Adam and Eve, the first humans lived, often seen as a place of happiness and innocence

expulsion

- the act of forcing someone to leave a place

Divest

- to remove something you are wearing or carrying

mattock

- a tool used for digging, with a long handle and a metal blade

Till

- to prepare land for growing crops

Strip

- to take off your clothes or take off someone else's clothes

progenitor

- someone who first thought of an idea

Bestial

- behaving like an animal, especially in a cruel way

Unshod

- not wearing or provided with shoes

Fanciful

- imagined rather than based on facts – often used to show disapproval

Shrine

- a place that is connected with a holy event or holy person, and that people visit to pray

Shaggy

- shaggy hair or fur is long and untidy

Sermon

- a talk given as part of a Christian church service, usually on a religious or moral subject

Concede

- admit that something is true or correct, although you wish it were not true

Sordid

- involving immoral or dishonest behaviour

abject poverty/misery/failure etc

- the state of being extremely poor, unhappy, unsuccessful etc

ecumenical

- supporting the idea of uniting the different branches of the Christian religion

Peninsula

- a piece of land almost completely surrounded by water but joined to a large area of land

sorcery

- magic that uses the power of evil forces

Profligate

- behaving in an immoral way and not caring that your behaviour is bad

Pretention

- an attempt to seem more important, more intelligent, or of a higher class than you really are

Jaunty

- jaunty music is fast and makes you feel happy

Errant

- behaving badly, usually by not obeying your parents or not being faithful to your husband or wife

Recline on/in

- o lie or lean back in a relaxed way

Rangy

- with long thin strong legs

voluptuous

- a woman who is voluptuous has large breasts and a soft curved body

voluptuous

- expressing strong sexual feeling or sexual pleasure

a moot point/question

- something that has not yet been decided or agreed, and about which people have different opinions

lascivious

- showing strong sexual desire, or making someone feel this way

Fecund

- able to produce many children, young animals, or crops

rapacious

- always wanting more money, goods etc than you need or have a right to

Hail from

- to have been born in a particular place

Delectation

- if you do something for someone's delectation, you do it to give them enjoyment, pleasure, or amusement

titillate

- if a picture or a story titillates someone, it makes them feel sexually interested

decorum

- behaviour that shows respect and is correct for a particular situation, especially a formal occasion

Litany of

- a long list of problems, excuses etc – used to show disapproval

throng of

- a large group of people in one place

venerate

- to honour or respect someone or something because they are old, holy, or connected with the past

Crop up

- if something such as a name or a subject crops up, it appears in something you read or hear

Rote

- when you learn something by repeating it many times, without thinking about it carefully or without understanding it

verisimilitude

- the quality of being true or real

Attendant

- relating to or caused by something

overarching

- including or influencing every part of something

ram something down somebody's throat

- to try to make someone accept an idea or opinion by repeating it many times, especially when they are not interested

unwittingly

- in a way that shows you do not know or realize something

Vaunted

- a plan, system, achievement etc that is vaunted is praised or talked about too much and in a way that is too proud

insular

- interested in your own group, country, way of life etc and no others – used to show disapproval

tantalizing

- making you feel a desire to have or do something

Temper of

- the general attitude that people have in a particular place at one time

pillory

- if someone is pilloried, they are publicly criticized by a lot of people, especially in newspapers etc

the upshot (of something)

- the final result of a situation

Ossify

- to become unwilling to consider new ideas or change your behaviour

be in the foreground

- to be regarded as important and receive a lot of attention

Subtend

- to be opposite to and extend from one side to the other of

Inbuilt

- an inbuilt quality, feature etc is part of the nature of someone or something

Bigoted

- having such strong opinions about a group of people that you are unwilling to listen to anyone else's opinions

palimpsest

- an ancient document on which the original writing has been covered over with new writing

embellish something with something

- to make something more beautiful by adding decorations to it

be suffused with something

- if someone is suffused with a feeling, they are full of that feeling

sanction

- to officially accept or allow something

Replete with

- full of something

iconoclastic

- iconoclastic ideas, opinions, writings etc attack established beliefs and customs

prey on somebody's mind

- to make someone worry continuously

impresario

- someone who organizes performances in theatres, concert halls etc

Founder on

- to fail after a period of time because something has gone wrong

internecine

- internecine fighting or struggles happen between members of the same group or nation

squabble

- to argue about something unimportant

scripture

- the holy books of a particular religion

Vain

- someone who is vain is too proud of their good looks, abilities, or position – used to show disapproval

Sojourn

- a short period of time that you stay in a place that is not your home

entourage

- a group of people who travel with an important person

Eminent

- an eminent person is famous, important, and respected

belligerent

- very unfriendly and wanting to argue or fight

renowned

- known and admired by a lot of people, especially for a special skill, achievement, or quality

crescendo

- if an activity or feeling reaches a crescendo, it gradually becomes stronger until it is very strong

Hold sway

- to have a lot of influence or power

Enshrine

- if something such as a tradition or right is enshrined in something, it is preserved and protected so that people will remember and respect it

Subsume

- to include someone or something as a member of a group or type, rather than considering it separately

exorcism

- a process during which someone tries to make an evil spirit leave a place by saying special words, or a ceremony when this is done

sumptuous

- very impressive and expensive

Attired

- dressed in a particular way

Succumb to

- to stop opposing someone or something that is stronger than you, and allow them to take control

Surpass

- to be even better or greater than someone or something else

Infidel

- an offensive word for someone who has a different religion from you

In the guise

- the way someone or something appears to be, which hides the truth or is only temporary

Awe

- a feeling of great respect and liking for someone or something

stumble on/across/upon something

- to find or discover something by chance and unexpectedly

blurt something out

- To say something suddenly and without thinking, usually because you are nervous or excited

Pun

- an amusing use of a word or phrase that has two meanings, or of words that have the same sound but different meanings

laconic

- using only a few words to say something

weave

- to put many different ideas, subjects, stories etc together and connect them smoothly

excavate

- if a scientist or archaeologist excavates an area of land, they dig carefully to find ancient objects, bones etc

Peer

- to look very carefully at something, especially because you are having difficulty seeing it

meticulous

- very careful about small details, and always making sure that everything is done correctly

intercession

- a prayer asking for someone to be helped or cured

allusion

- something said or written that mentions a subject, person etc indirectly

dilettante

- someone who is not serious about what they are doing or does not study a subject thoroughly

Litter

- if things litter an area, there are a lot of them in that place, scattered in an untidy way

Pungent

- having a strong taste or smell

be penned up/in

- to be restricted or forced to remain in a small place

Hapless

- unlucky

Proffer

- to offer something to someone, especially by holding it out in your hands

stymie

- to prevent someone from doing what they have planned or want to do

Abide by

- to accept and obey a decision, rule, agreement etc, even though you may not agree with it

mercurial

- having feelings that change suddenly and without warning

scoundrel

- a bad or dishonest man, especially someone who cheats or deceives other people

scribble

- to draw marks that have no meaning

Lure

- to persuade someone to do something, especially something wrong or dangerous, by making it seem attractive or exciting

admonition

- a warning or expression of disapproval about someone's behaviour

Exhort

- to try very hard to persuade someone to do something

Flit off

- to move lightly or quickly and not stay in one place for very long

Dominion

- the land owned or controlled by one person or a government

inn

- a small hotel or pub, especially an old one in the countryside

Weary

- very tired or bored, especially because you have been doing something for a long time

Debris

- the pieces of something that are left after it has been destroyed in an accident, explosion etc

Glacial

- relating to ice and glaciers, or formed by glaciers

Lament

- to express feelings of great sadness about something

rough

- a picture drawn very quickly, not showing all the details

disgruntled

- annoyed or disappointed, especially because things have not happened in the way that you wanted

Haggle with-over

- to argue when you are trying to agree about the price of something

endearing

- making someone love or like you

sobriquet

- an unofficial title or name

Simpleton

- someone who has a very low level of intelligence

Foible

- a small weakness or strange habit that someone has, which does not harm anyone else

capricious

- changing quickly and suddenly

Polish

- to make something smooth, bright, and shiny by rubbing it

Splendid

- beautiful and impressive

allure of

- a mysterious, exciting, or desirable quality

Blemish

- a small mark, especially a mark on someone's skin or on the surface of an object, that spoils its appearance

contortion

- something difficult you have to do in order to achieve something

Dwell on

- to think or talk for too long about something, especially something unpleasant

Drudgery

- hard boring work

Lapidary

- well-written and accurate

Exalted

- having a very high rank and highly respected

Exuberant

- happy and full of energy and excitement

ensconce

- to settle yourself in a place where you feel comfortable and safe

Sanctuary

- a peaceful place that is safe and provides protection, especially for people who are in danger

Banish

- to not allow someone or something to stay in a particular place

Adorn with

- to decorate something

Dispose

- to arrange things or put them in their places

Concur with

- to agree with someone or have the same opinion as them

anachronism

- someone or something that seems to belong to the past, not the present

Discerning

- having the ability to make good judgments, especially about art, music, style etc

Dovetail

- to fit together perfectly or to make two plans, ideas etc fit together perfectly

Tenuous

- a situation or relationship that is tenuous is uncertain, weak, or likely to change

Deflect

- to do something to stop people paying attention to you, criticizing you etc

Acumen

- the ability to think quickly and make good judgments

in the vernacular

- a form of a language that ordinary people use, especially one that is not the official language

impart

- to give information, knowledge, wisdom etc to someone

Accolade

- praise for someone who is greatly admired, or a prize given to them for their work

Chastity

- the principle or state of not having sex with anyone, or not with anyone except your husband or wife

Smug

- showing too much satisfaction with your own cleverness or success – used to show disapproval

toll on

- a very bad effect that something has on something or someone over a long period of time

Dainty

- small, pretty, and delicate

delicacy

- something good to eat that is expensive or rare

Sob

- to cry noisily while breathing in short sudden bursts

chauvinist

- someone, especially a man, who believes that their own sex is better or more important than the other sex

stultifying

- so boring that you feel as though you are losing your ability to think

Amenable

- willing to accept what someone says or does without arguing

Cop-out

- to not do something that someone thinks you should do

Yearn

- to have a strong desire for something, especially something that is difficult or impossible to get

Devolve on

- if you devolve responsibility, power etc to a person or group at a lower level, or if it devolves on them, it is given to them

Astute

- able to understand situations or behaviour very well and very quickly, especially so that you can get an advantage for yourself

obfuscate

- to deliberately make something unclear or difficult to understand

opprobrium

- strong criticism or disapproval, especially expressed publicly

Dwarf

- to be so big that other things are made to seem very small

Lurk in

- to wait somewhere quietly and secretly, usually because you are going to do something wrong

Lurk in

- if you lurk in a chat room on the Internet, you read what other people are writing to each other, but you do not write any messages yourself

syllogism

- a statement with three parts, the first two of which prove that the third part is true, for example 'all men will die, Socrates is a man, therefore Socrates will die'

Dabble in/at/with

- to do something or be involved in something in a way that is not very serious

Psyche

- someone's mind, or their deepest feelings, which control their attitudes and behaviour

grandeur

- impressive beauty, power, or size

oeuvre

- all the works of an artist or writer

Dissect

- to cut up the body of a dead animal or person in order to study it

Frivolous

- a frivolous person likes having fun rather than doing serious or sensible things – used to show disapproval

Excell

- do something very well, or much better than most people

Apostle of

- someone who believes strongly in an idea and tries to persuade other people about it

Prowess

- great skill at doing something

instigate

- to make a process start, especially one relating to law or politics

Boisterous

- someone, especially a child, who is boisterous makes a lot of noise and has a lot of energy

poignant

- making you feel sad or full of pity

Portent of

- a sign or warning that something is going to happen

Tame

- to reduce the power or strength of something and prevent it from causing trouble

inchoate

- inchoate ideas, plans, attitudes etc are only just starting to develop

extemporize

- to speak or perform without preparation or practice

nymph

- one of the spirits of nature who, according to ancient Greek and Roman stories, appeared as young girls living in trees, mountains, streams etc

Fecund

- able to produce many children, young animals, or crops

Scorn

- to show that you think that something is stupid, unreasonable, or not worth accepting

Receptacle

- a container for putting things in

Embroid

- to involve someone or something in a difficult situation

conflagration

- a very large fire that destroys a lot of buildings, forests

Discreet

- careful about what you say or do, so that you do not offend, upset, or embarrass people or tell secrets

Blatant

- something bad that is blatant is very clear and easy to see, but the person responsible for it does not seem embarrassed or ashamed

consummation

- when people make a marriage or relationship complete by having sex

consummation

- the point at which something is complete or perfect

corporeal

- relating to the body, rather than to the mind, feelings, or spirit

sublimate

- to use the energy that comes from sexual feelings to do something, such as work or art, that is more acceptable to your society

Wry

- a wry expression or wry humour shows that you know a situation is bad, but you also think it is slightly amusing

Scruple

- a belief about what is right and wrong that prevents you from doing bad things

odyssey

- a series of experiences that teach you something about yourself or about life

Bawdy

- bawdy songs, jokes, stories etc are about sex and are funny, enjoyable, and often noisy

Vie

- to compete very hard with someone in order to get something

Arid

- not having any new, interesting, or exciting features or qualities

Dismember

- to cut a body into pieces or tear it apart

it's (a case of) the tail wagging the dog

- used to say that an unimportant thing is wrongly controlling a situation

Tinged

- showing a small amount of a colour, emotion or quality

Bellicose

- behaving in a way that is likely to start an argument or fight

Ruminate

- to think carefully and deeply about something

Blush

- to become red in the face, usually because you are embarrassed

acrimonious

- an acrimonious meeting or discussion is one in which people argue a lot and get very angry

Germ of an idea/theory/feeling etc

- the early stage of an idea, feeling etc that may develop into something bigger and more important

Feign

- to pretend to have a particular feeling or to be ill, asleep etc

Deny a something

- not one

agglutination

- the process of making new words by combining two or more words, such as combining 'ship' and 'yard' to make 'shipyard'

agglutination

- the state of being stuck together

Adduce

- to give facts or reasons in order to prove that something is true

Torso

- your body, not including your head, arms, or legs

Impart

- to give a particular quality to something

Anguish

- mental or physical suffering caused by extreme pain or worry

the sinews of something

- something that gives strength or support to a government, country, or system

connoisseur

- someone who knows a lot about something such as art, food, or music

clinch

- to finally agree on something or get something after trying very hard

exegetis

- a detailed explanation of a piece of writing, especially a religious piece of writing

under the aegis of somebody/something

- with the protection or support of a person or organization

Steadfast

- faithful and very loyal

Moribund

- a moribund organization, industry etc is no longer active or effective and may be coming to an end

Shelve

- to decide not to continue with a plan, idea etc, although you might continue with it at a later time

efflorescence

- the action of something forming and developing, or the period of time when this happens

Hew out

- to cut something with a cutting tool-sculpture

Coterie

- a small group of people who enjoy doing the same things together, and do not like including others

fin de siècle

- typical of the end of the 19th century, especially its art, literature, and attitudes

Disavow

- to say that you are not responsible for something, that you do not know about it, or that you are not involved with it

self-willed

- very determined to do what you want, whatever other people think

Tide of

- the way in which events or people's opinions are developing

Mutable

- able or likely to change

Drown out

- if a loud noise drowns out another sound, it prevents it from being heard

Mourn

- to feel very sad and to miss someone after they have died

scathing

- a scathing remark criticizes someone or something very severely

disdainful

- showing that you do not respect someone or something, because you think that they are not important or good enough

Imperil

- to put something or someone in danger

Besiege

- to surround a city or castle with military force until the people inside let you take control

disgruntled

- annoyed or disappointed, especially because things have not happened in the way that you wanted

pestilence

- a disease that spreads quickly and kills a lot of people

conflagration

- a very large fire that destroys a lot of buildings, forests etc

Wring your hands

- to rub and twist your hands together because you are worried and upset

Festoon

- to cover something with flowers, long pieces of material etc, especially for decoration

Idolatry

- when you admire someone or something too much

consternation

- a feeling of worry, shock, or fear

Regalia

- traditional clothes and decorations, used at official ceremonies

retinue

- a group of people who travel with someone important to help and support them

Gleam

- to shine softly

gruesome

- very unpleasant or shocking, and involving someone being killed or badly injured

Condone

- to accept or forgive behaviour that most people think is morally wrong

Muse

- to say something in a way that shows you are thinking about it carefully

Belittle

- to make someone or something seem small or unimportant

Sap

- to make something weaker or destroy it, especially someone's strength or their determination to do something

engulf

- to completely surround or cover something

delectation

- if you do something for someone's delectation, you do it to give them enjoyment, pleasure, or amusement

Huddle

- if a group of people huddle together, they stay very close to each other, especially because they are cold or frightened

beguiling

- attractive and interesting

Rendition

- someone's performance of a play, piece of music etc

insouciance

- a cheerful feeling of not caring or worrying about anything

blandishments

- pleasant things that you say in order to persuade or influence someone

tranquil

- pleasantly calm, quiet, and peaceful

abomination

- someone or something that is extremely offensive or unacceptable

infatuated

- having strong feelings of love for someone or a strong interest in something that makes you unable to think in a sensible way

Rig s out

- to dress someone in special or unusual clothes

Gait

- the way someone walks

Betake

- to cause (oneself) to go

variegated

- variegated plant, leaf etc has different coloured marks on it

Wanton

- deliberately harming someone or damaging something for no reason

Grin

- To smile widely

consecrate

- to officially state in a special religious ceremony that a place or building is holy and can be used for religious purposes

gaiety

- when someone or something is cheerful and fun

Brothel

- a house where men pay to have sex with prostitutes

ludicrous

- completely unreasonable, stupid, or wrong

fracture

- if a bone or other hard substance fractures, or if it is fractured, it breaks or cracks

protrusion

- something that sticks out

seclusion

- the state of being private and away from other people

incognito

- if a famous person does something incognito, they do it without letting people know who they are

chaperone

- American English someone, usually a parent or teacher, who is responsible for young people on social occasions

Clandestine

- done or kept secret

Tout

- to praise something or someone in order to persuade people that they are important or worth a lot

Anticlimax

- a situation or event that does not seem exciting because it happens after something that was much better

enchanting

- very pleasant or attractive

The gist

- the main idea and meaning of what someone has said or written

Loathing

- a very strong feeling of hatred

irruption

- a sudden rush of people or things into a place

rejuvenate

- to make something work much better or become much better again

Bemoan

- to complain or say that you are disappointed about something

Eulogize

- to praise someone or something very much

Frenzied

- frenzied activity is fast and uncontrolled, usually because it is done by someone feeling very anxious or excited

Crippling

- causing so much damage or harm that something no longer works or is no longer effective

Concoct

- to invent a clever story, excuse, or plan, especially in order to deceive someone

untrammelled

- not limited by anyone or anything

credo

- a formal statement of the beliefs of a particular person, group, religion etc

Tumult

- a confused, noisy, and excited situation, often caused by a large crowd

Whiff

- a very slight smell of something

Vagaries

- unexpected changes in a situation or someone's behaviour, that you cannot control but which have an effect on your life

Expedite

- to make a process or action happen more quickly

prodigious

- very large or great in a surprising or impressive way

Fastidious

- very careful about small details in your appearance, work etc

Efface

- to destroy or remove something

Cajole

- to gradually persuade someone to do something by being nice to them, or making promises to them

prostrate body/figure/form

- lying on your front with your face towards the ground

prostrate with

- too shocked, upset, weak etc to be able to do anything

Edify

- to improve someone's mind or character by teaching them something

Venerate

- to honour or respect someone or something because they are old, holy, or connected with the past

Upkeep of

- the process of keeping something in good condition

Affable

- friendly and easy to talk to

pious

- having strong religious beliefs, and showing this in the way you behave

dexterity

- skill and speed in doing something with your hands

Evince

- to show a feeling or have a quality in a way that people can easily notice

Grandeur

- impressive beauty, power, or size

Embolden

- to give someone more courage

Erudite

- showing a lot of knowledge based on careful study

Veer

- if opinions, ideas, attitudes etc veer in a particular direction, they gradually change and become quite different

Profundity

- when someone or something shows great knowledge and understanding, or strong serious feelings

Elucidate

- to explain something that is difficult to understand by providing more information

Mainstay

- an important part of something that makes it possible for it to work properly or continue to exist

Cum

- used between two nouns to show that something has two purposes

Lofty

- lofty ideas, beliefs, attitudes etc show high standards or high moral qualities – use this to show approval

vociferous

- expressing your opinions loudly and strongly

Gratify

- to make someone feel pleased and satisfied

Hinder

- to make it difficult for something to develop or succeed

Vitality

- great energy and eagerness to do things

Propitious

- good and likely to bring good results

Stammer

- to speak with a lot of pauses and repeated sounds, either because you have a speech problem, or because you are nervous, excited etc

Aberration

- an action or event that is very different from what usually happens or what someone usually does

Rapport

- friendly agreement and understanding between people

Disparage

- to criticize someone or something in a way that shows you do not think they are very good or important

volition

- the power to choose or decide something without being forced to do it

surreptitious

- done secretly or quickly because you do not want other people to notice

Prescient

- able to imagine or know what will happen in the future

imminent

- an event that is imminent, especially an unpleasant one, will happen very soon

symbiotic

- a symbiotic relationship is one in which the people, organizations, or living things involved depend on each other

Assuage

- to make an unpleasant feeling less painful or severe

beyond the pale

- offensive or unacceptable

repel

- if something repels you, it is so unpleasant that you do not want to be near it, or it makes you feel ill

Emulate

- to do something or behave in the same way as someone else, especially because you admire them

extol

- to praise something very much

Instigate

- to make a process start, especially one relating to law or politics

wrench yourself away/free

- to use your strength to pull yourself away from someone who is holding you

Repulsion

- a feeling that you want to avoid something or move away from it, because it is extremely unpleasant

centenary of

- the day or year exactly 100 years after a particular event

abridged

- an abridged book, play etc has been made shorter but keeps its basic structure and meaning

hark back to something

- to be similar to something in the past

peripatetic

- travelling from place to place, especially in order to do your job

Allot

- to use a particular amount of time for something, or give a particular [share](#) of money, space etc to someone or something

Behemoth

- something that is very large

perpetrator

- someone who does something morally wrong or illegal

lexis

- all the words in a language

poignant

- making you feel sad or full of pity

scathing

- a scathing remark criticizes someone or something very severely

Galvanize

- to shock or surprise someone so that they do something to solve a problem, improve a situation etc

entangle

- to involve someone in an argument, a relationship, or a situation that is difficult to escape from

procrastinate

- o delay doing something that you ought to do, usually because you do not want to do it

waspish

- bad-tempered and cruel in the things that you say

incredulity

- a feeling that you cannot believe something

Shroud

- to cover or hide something

Sidestep

- to avoid dealing with something difficult

convoluted

- complicated and difficult to understand

With aplomb

- in a confident and skilful way, especially when you have to deal with difficult problems or a difficult situation

be stigmatized

- to be treated by society as if you should feel ashamed of your situation or behaviour

be gorged with something

- to be completely full of something

Engulf

- if an unpleasant feeling engulfs you, you feel it very strongly

unpick

- to examine the different parts of a subject, deal etc, especially in order to find faults

iridescent

- showing colours that seem to change in different lights

Connive

- to not try to stop something wrong from happening

Scaffold

- a structure built next to a wall, for workers to stand on while they build, repair, or paint a building

recuperate

- to get better again after an illness or injury

be wrapped up in something

- to give so much of your attention to something that you do not have time for anything else

Disdain

- a complete lack of respect that you show for someone or something because you think they are not important or good enough

prophecy

- to say what will happen in the future, especially using religious or magical knowledge

Shun

- to deliberately avoid someone or something

in somebody's/something's thrall

- controlled or strongly influenced by someone or something

seal somebody's fate

- to make something, especially something bad, sure to happen

Intonation

- the way in which the level of your voice changes in order to add meaning to what you are saying, for example by going up at the end of a question

Perspex

- a strong type of plastic that can be used instead of glass

Bogus

- not true or real, although someone is trying to make you think it is

Relic

- an old object or custom that reminds people of the past or that has lived on from a past time