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| To discount sth | (formal) to dismiss sth  e.g. We cannot discount the possibility of further strikes  e.g. This theory has now been largely discounted  e.g. An input that doesn’t yield any interesting results can be quickly discounted, saving time for investigation of inputs that look more promising |
| A flaw in sth | A weakness in sb’s character  e.g. This’s always a flaw in the character of a tragic hero  e.g. After a short time, the flaws in his new bride’s character became more apparent  e.g. The hero’s fatal flaw is ambition |
| Failure(n) to do sth | An act of not doing something, especially sth that you are expected to do  e.g. Failure to comply with the regulations will result in prosecution  e.g. Nothing can excuse your failure to ask my permission |
| Untold(a) | Immeasurable; used to emphasize how large, great, unpleasant, etc. sth is  e.g. These gases cause untold damage to the environment |
| Lead(n) | Clue; a piece of information that may help to find out the truth or facts about a situation, especially a crime  e.g. The police will follow up all possible leads  e.g. Did you find any leads when you searched it? |
| Dud(a) | That has no use  e.g. a dud battery  e.g. Almost every dud lead we encounter can be automatically classified with a followup node |
| Quiescence(n) | (formal) the state of being quiet or not active  e.g. An endpoint might check that a peer is still in possession of its address after a period of quiescence |
| Unsuspecting(a) | Not suspecting that anything is wrong; not aware of danger or of sth bad  e.g. They were accused of selling stolen bikes to unsuspecting customers |
| To instigate sth | (formal) to make sth start or happen, usually sth official; to bring sth about  e.g. The government has instigated a program of economic reform  e.g. The man responsible for instigating change was Robin Warwin  e.g. We will instigate a comprehensive review of defense policy |
| To recast sth as sth | To change sth by organizing or presenting it in a different way  e.g. She recast her lecture as a radio talkjk4 |
| To amount to sth | To be equal to or the same as sth  e.g. Her answer amounted to a complete refusal  e.g. Their actions amount to a breach of contract  e.g. It’ll cost a lot – well, take a lot of time, but it amounts to the same thing |
| Subtlety(n) | The small but important details or aspects of sth  e.g. She was too young to grasp the subtleties of the film |
| To divine sth | (formal) to find out sth by guessing  e.g. She could divine what he was thinking just by looking at him  e.g. Drozer provides a scanner module that brings together various ways to guess paths and divine a list of accessible content URIs |
| Sham(a) | False; not what sb claims it is but intended to seem real  e.g. a sham marriage / a sham certificate |