

anoint

To choose by or as if by divine intervention.

选定，指定：被神或仿佛被神选定

apotheosis

An exalted or glorified example:
尊崇：颂扬或推崇的典型：

arrant

Completely such; thoroughgoing:
完全的；彻底的：

arriviste

A person who has recently attained high position or great power without due effort or merit; an upstart.

暴发户：一个没有付出努力或没能力，却新近获得高位或权势的人；暴发户

An unscrupulous, vulgar social climber; a bounder.

野心勃勃者：一个不择手段的，粗鲁的社会向上爬的人；粗俗的人

atavism

The return of a trait or recurrence of previous behavior after a period of absence.

重现：经过一段时间的缺失后，一特征的重现出现或以前特性的再次发生

bemoan

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To mourn over; lament.

为...哀痛；悲痛

benighted

Being in a state of moral or intellectual darkness; unenlightened.

蒙昧的：处于道德或智力的愚昧状态的；未启蒙的

bequeath

Law To leave or give (property) by will.

【法律】 遗赠：按照遗嘱留赠（财产）

besot

To muddle or stupefy, as with alcoholic liquor or infatuation.

使沉醉，使愚昧：使糊涂或失去知觉，象喝醉了酒或被冲昏头脑

bloviate

To discourse at length in a pompous or boastful manner:

自我膨胀的演说：自命不凡或自吹自擂地长时间演讲：

broadside

A forceful verbal attack, as in a speech or editorial.

抨击，谩骂：猛烈的言词攻击，如在一个演讲或社论中

broker

One that acts as an agent for others, as in negotiating contracts, purchases, or sales in return for a fee or commission.

经纪人：他人的代理，如在谈判签约、购买或为收佣金而出售时的代理人

cadaverous

Of corpse-like pallor; pallid:

面无人色的：死尸一样的苍白；无血色的：

Emaciated; gaunt:

瘦弱的；骨瘦如柴的：

cadence

Balanced, rhythmic flow, as of poetry or oratory. See Synonyms at **rhythm**

韵律：诗歌或演讲中持平稳的节奏参见 **rhythm**

canned

Totally unoriginal; devoid of individuality:

刻板的：完全没有创造性的；毫无特色的：

capacious

Capable of containing a large quantity; spacious or roomy. See Synonyms at **spacious**

宽敞的：能够容纳很大数量的；宽敞的或宽松的参见 **spacious**

cerebral

Appealing to or requiring the use of the intellect; intellectual rather than emotional:

理智的：求助于或需要运用理智的；理智而非情感的：

chasten

To correct by punishment or reproof; take to task.

申斥，斥责：通过惩罚或责备使改正；申斥

To restrain; subdue:

抑制；使顺从：

chastise

To punish, as by beating. See Synonyms at **punish**

惩罚：通过痛打等惩罚参见 **punish**

To criticize severely; rebuke.

严厉批评；责难

checkered

Marked by great changes or shifts in fortune:

盛衰无常的或有大变化的：

chic

Conforming to the current fashion; stylish:

时髦的：跟随现在时尚的；漂亮的：

chortle

A snorting, joyful laugh or chuckle.
欢乐的笑：欢乐的高声大笑或轻笑

chum

An intimate friend or companion.
挚友：亲密的朋友或伙伴

complacent

Eager to please; complaisant.
期望取悦的；殷勤的

conceit

A favorable and especially unduly high opinion of one's own abilities or worth.
自负：某人对自己的能力或价值的过高估价
The result of intellectual activity; a thought or an opinion.
思想，观点：智力活动产生的结果；思想或观点

conflate

To bring together; meld or fuse:
合成：混到一起；混合或融合：

confound

To cause to be ashamed; abash:
使窘迫：使窘困；使羞愧：
To frustrate:
挫败：
To cause to become confused or perplexed. See Synonyms at **puzzle**
使困惑：使混乱或使困惑参见 **puzzle**

consecrate

To declare or set apart as sacred:
使神圣：宣布为或隔离为神圣的：

consulate

The residence or official premises of a consul.
领事馆：领事（或执政官）的住所或办公场所

contingent

Liable to occur but not with certainty; possible.
可能的：可能但又有不确定性的；可能的

contumely

Rudeness or contempt arising from arrogance; insolence.
傲慢：由傲慢产生的无礼或轻视；无礼

crude

Being in an unrefined or natural state; raw.
天然的：处于天然的或未经加工状态的；生的

Lacking tact, refinement, or taste.

粗野的：缺乏机智、文雅或品味的

Displaying a lack of knowledge or skill.

拙劣的：显示出缺乏知识或技巧的

dander

Temper or anger:

脾气或愤怒:

debrief

To question to obtain knowledge or intelligence gathered especially on a military mission.

打听情报：盘问、询问以获得消息或情报，尤指关于军事任务的情况

decimate

To destroy or kill a large part of (a group).

破坏：毁灭或杀死（一群）中的大部分

despondent

Feeling or expressing despondency; dejected.

沮丧的，悲观的：感觉或表现出失望的；沮丧的

devolve

To pass on or delegate to another:

移交：同他人移交或委托：

dicey

Involving or fraught with danger or risk:

冒险的：涉及或充满危险或冒险的：

dishevel

To throw into disorder.

弄乱，使凌乱

dissemble

To disguise or conceal behind a false appearance. See Synonyms at **disguise**

掩盖；隐藏：掩饰或隐藏在假象后面参见 **disguise**

dither

A state of indecisive agitation.

慌乱，紧张；兴奋：优柔寡断的焦虑状态

dote

To show excessive love or fondness:

过分溺爱：表现出过分的疼爱或喜爱：

doughty

Marked by stouthearted courage. See Synonyms at **brave**

勇猛的参见 **brave**

duress

Constraint by threat; coercion:

强迫；胁迫：

eclectic

Made up of or combining elements from a variety of sources:

折衷的：从不同来源选辑或组成的：

Selecting or employing individual elements from a variety of sources, systems, or styles:

选择的，（从不同材料）挑选的：从不同的来源、体系或风格中选出单项成分加以应用：

embroil

To involve in argument, contention, or hostile actions:

使卷入：使卷入争论、斗争或敌对行动：

endue

To provide with a quality or trait; endow:

赋予，授予：赋以品格或特性；赋予：

enormity

The quality of passing all moral bounds; excessive wickedness or outrageousness.

穷凶极恶：超过所有道德限制的品性；穷凶极恶或凶暴

entail

To have, impose, or require as a necessary accompaniment or consequence:

承担，伴随，需要：施加或要求使成为必要的附属物或结果：

epiphany

A comprehension or perception of reality by means of a sudden intuitive realization:
对现实真谛的顿悟或洞察：

eponym

A person whose name is or is thought to be the source of the name of something, such as a city, country, or era. For example, *Romulus* is the eponym of *Rome*.

名祖：指姓名被或被认为用来命名某物，如城市、地区等，例如，罗穆卢斯是罗马的名祖

ersatz

Being an imitation or a substitute, usually an inferior one; artificial:

仿制的，模仿的：通常指用劣质品作为仿造物或替代物的；仿制的：

erstwhile

In the past; at a former time; formerly.

从前，往昔：在过去；在从前；从前

excoriate

To censure strongly; denounce:

非难：强烈谴责；公开指责：

expunge

To eliminate completely; annihilate. See Synonyms at **erase**

消除：完全剔除；使化为乌有参见 **erase**

finagle

To obtain or achieve by indirect, usually deceitful methods:

欺骗：通过非直接的、通常欺骗的方法获得或达到：

flagrant

Conspicuously bad, offensive, or reprehensible:

臭名远扬的，丑恶可耻的：明显地坏的、讨人厌的或应受谴责的：

flummox

To confuse; perplex.

使混乱；迷惑

fodder

A consumable, often inferior item or resource that is in demand and usually abundant supply:

来源：一种大量需求又通常供应充分的、可消耗的次品或低等资源，：

foolhardy

Unwisely bold or venturesome; rash. See Synonyms at **reckless**

莽撞的：不明智的、鲁莽的或冒险的；鲁莽的参见 **reckless**

forlorn

Appearing sad or lonely because deserted or abandoned.

孤独凄凉的：由于被遗弃或抛弃而呈伤心或孤独状的

forsake

To give up (something formerly held dear); renounce:

摒弃，抛弃：放弃（先前所坚持的某物）；抛弃：

forthcoming

About to appear or take place;

approaching:

即将到来的：即将出现或发生的；要来的：

forward

Ardently inclined; eager.

热心的；乐意的

Lacking restraint or modesty; presumptuous or bold:

鲁莽的，冒失的，放肆的：缺乏约束力或谨慎的；傲慢的或无礼的：

fright

Sudden, intense fear, as of something immediately threatening; alarm. See

Synonyms at **fear**

惊恐：突然、紧张的恐惧，象某些可怖事物突然出现；惊恐参见 **fear**

fulsome

Offensively flattering or insincere. See

Synonyms at **unctuous**

令人不快地恭维的或虚伪的参见

unctuous

grovel

To behave in a servile or demeaning manner; cringe.

低声下气，卑从：表现出卑躬曲膝或自甘下贱的态度；阿谀奉承

gaunt

Emaciated and haggard; drawn.

消瘦的，憔悴的；细长的

Bleak and desolate; barren.

凄凉的，偏僻的；贫瘠的

gruesome

Causing horror and repugnance; frightful and shocking:

令人厌恶的，可憎的：引起恐惧和憎恶的；可怕和惊人的：

glean

To collect bit by bit:

收集：点点滴滴地收集获得：

grumpy

Surly and peevish; cranky.

粗鲁且坏脾气的；暴躁地

graft

To unite (a shoot or bud) with a growing plant by insertion or by placing in close contact.

嫁接，接枝：将（嫩枝或芽体）与一个生长的植物通过插入或紧密接合的方法联结成一体

guffaw

A hearty, boisterous burst of laughter.

哄笑，狂笑：开心的，兴高采烈的一阵大笑

gumption

Guts; spunk.

勇气；胆量

grim

Unrelenting; rigid.

无情的；严厉的

Dismal; gloomy:

阴沉的；阴暗的：

gusto

Vigorous enjoyment; zest. See Synonyms at **zest**

兴致勃勃；热情参见 **zest**

hail

To fall like hailstones:
象雪块一样下落:

hector

To intimidate or dominate in a blustering way.
威吓, 欺凌: 以威胁的方式恐吓或威迫

hegemony

The predominant influence of one state over others.
统治权: 一国对于他国之支配权力

heretic

adj. (形容词)

Heretical.

异端的, 异教的

hinge

To consider or make (something) dependent on something else; predicate:
使依靠, 使基于: 依靠其他事物而考虑或决定 (某事); 基于:

hobnob

To associate familiarly:
亲切交谈:

huddle

A densely packed group or crowd, as of people or animals.
群集, 聚集: 密密地挤成一团或一群, 如人或动物

huffy

Easily offended; touchy.
易被冒犯的; 易生气的

humongous

Extremely large; enormous:
极大的; 硕大的:

ignoble

Not noble in quality, character, or purpose; base or mean. See Synonyms at **mean** ²
卑鄙的, 不光彩的: 性质、特点或目的不高尚的; 可耻的或低下的参见 **mean** ²

imperious

Arrogantly domineering or overbearing. See Synonyms at **dictatorial**
专横的或傲慢的参见 **dictatorial**

imponderable

That cannot undergo precise evaluation:
无法精确估量的:

Impregnable

Impossible to capture or enter by force:
固若金汤的：不能被攻占或武力进入的：

Ineffable

Incapable of being expressed;
indescribable or unutterable. See
Synonyms at **unspeakable**
不可言喻的：难以表达的；难以描叙的参见

Insinuate

To introduce or otherwise convey (a
thought, for example) gradually and
insidiously. See Synonyms at **suggest**
暗示，旁敲侧击地说：逐渐而阴险地输入或
传达（例入某种思想）参见 **suggest**

Insouciance

Blithe lack of concern; nonchalance.
漫不经心；漠不关心

Junta

A **junto**.
团体，派别、小圈子

legion

A large number; a multitude. See
Synonyms at **multitude**
大量；众多参见 **multitude**

litany

A repetitive or incantatory recital:
反复或有魔力的复述：

lull

To cause to sleep or rest; soothe or calm.
使入睡：使睡着或安静，安慰或使镇定下来
To deceive into trustfulness:
哄骗：欺骗使信任：

magisterial

Of, relating to, or characteristic of a master
or teacher; authoritative:
硕士的，权威的：讲师的或硕士的、或与之
有关的、或具有其特征的；权威的：

manifesto

A public declaration of principles, policies,
or intentions, especially of a political
nature.
宣言：对理论、政策或动机的公开宣言，尤
指具有政治性质的

marrow

The inmost, choicest, or essential part; the
pith.
实质，精华，精髓：最深层、最紧要或最必
要的部分；精华

maunder

To talk incoherently or aimlessly.

胡扯，胡说：语无伦次地或漫无边际地说

maze

A physical situation in which it is easy to get lost:

混乱，迷惑：很容易迷失的状况：

miasma

A noxious atmosphere or influence:

不良气氛或影响：

misgiving

A feeling of doubt, distrust, or apprehension. See Synonyms at

apprehension See Synonyms at **qualm**

怀疑：一种怀疑、不信任或害怕的感情参见 **apprehension** 参见 **qualm**

moot

To discuss or debate. See Synonyms at **broach** ¹

讨论，辩论参见 **broach**¹

muckrake

To search for and expose misconduct in public life.

揭丑，揭发：搜集并揭发社会生活中的丑闻

mutinous

Of, relating to, engaged in, disposed to, or constituting mutiny. See Synonyms at **insubordinate**

反叛的：与叛乱有关的、参与、策划、趋于或构成叛乱的参见 **insubordinate**

objurgate

ob.jur.gat.ed, ob.jur.gat.ing, ob.jur.gates

To scold or rebuke sharply; berate.

痛骂，斥责；责备

obtuse

Lacking quickness of perception or intellect. See Synonyms at **stupid**

迟钝的：缺少感觉或智力的参见 **stupid**

opinionated

Holding stubbornly and often unreasonably to one's own opinions.

固执己见的：固执地持有一种意见的，寸步不让的，毫无道理地坚持自己的观点而不改变的

pamper

To give in to; gratify:

迁就；使满足：

pathos

A quality, as of an experience or a work of art, that arouses feelings of pity, sympathy, tenderness, or sorrow.

引起怜悯的因素：在经验或艺术中引起同情、怜悯、敏感或悲伤的因素

pendulous

Hanging loosely; suspended so as to swing or sway.

松垂的；悬垂以使摇摆或摆动的

perpetual

Lasting for eternity.

永远的：永远持续的

perpetuate

To cause to continue indefinitely; make perpetual.

使无限期地延续下去；使永久

pester

To harass with petty annoyances; bother. See Synonyms at **harass**

打扰，纠缠：用琐碎的事情来烦扰；困扰参见 **harass**

peter=pan

To diminish slowly and come to an end; dwindle. Often used with *out*:

逐渐耗尽，逐渐枯竭，消失：慢慢地减少直到完结；使减少。常与 *out* 连用：

petulant

Unreasonably irritable or ill-tempered; peevish.

任性的，脾气坏的：无理由地激怒的或发脾气的；易怒的

phlegmatic

Having or suggesting a calm, sluggish temperament; unemotional.

迟钝的，冷淡的：有或暗含沉着、迟缓性情的；不动感情的

polymath

A person of great or varied learning.

博学者，博识者：有高深的或各类学问的人

posit

To affirm or assume the existence of; postulate. See Synonyms at **presume**

假定，断定：证实或假定...的存在；假设参见 **presume**

postulate

To make claim for; demand.

要求：声称对...拥有主权；要求

potent

Possessing inner or physical strength; powerful.

强有力的：具有内在的或身体力量的；强壮有力的

potentate

One who has the power and position to rule over others; a monarch.

君主，统治者：有权力和地位来统治别人的人；君王

protagonist

The main character in a drama or other literary work.

主角：戏剧或其他文学作品中的主要人物

putative

Generally regarded as such; supposed. See Synonyms at **supposed**

推断的；假定的：一般认为是如此的；假设的参见 **supposed**

qualm

An uneasy feeling about the propriety or rightness of a course of action.

忧虑，担心：关于行为过程的适当或正确性的不安的感觉

quisling

A traitor who serves as the puppet of the enemy occupying his or her country.

卖国贼、内奸：在敌人占领国土期间充当傀儡的卖国贼

raconteur

One who tells stories and anecdotes with skill and wit.

讲轶事的人：擅长讲故事和说轶事的人

raillery

Good-natured teasing or ridicule; banter.

打趣，取笑：善意的取笑或逗弄；打趣

rancid

Having the disagreeable odor or taste of decomposing oils or fats; rank.

腐臭的：具有变质食油或脂肪那种难闻气味或味道的；恶臭难闻的

rankle

To cause persistent irritation or resentment.

惹怒，使生厌：引起不断的恼怒或怨恨

recrudesce

To break out anew or come into renewed activity, as after a period of

quiescence. See Synonyms at **return**

复发：重新爆发或重新进入活动状态，如在一阵平静之后的再发作参见 **return**

rehash

To bring forth again in another form without significant alteration:

重复：没有经过明显的修改而以另一种形式出现：

relegate

To assign to an obscure place, position, or condition.

把...降级：把...指派到一个微贱的地方，地位或状况

remission

The act of remitting.

宽恕：宽恕的行为

renown

The act of remitting.

宽恕：宽恕的行为

reprisal

Retaliation for an injury with the intent of inflicting at least as much injury in return.

报复：对所受的伤害带有以牙还牙意图的回报

resent

To feel indignantly aggrieved at.

生气，憎恶，怨恨：对...感到愤怒地怨恨

reservoir

A large or extra supply; a reserve:

储藏：大量的或额外的贮备；储藏所：

resort

To have recourse:

诉诸，依靠：进行求助：

retiring

Shy and reserved; modest.

离群索居的，孑身独处的：害羞而寡言保守的；谦虚的

scant

Barely sufficient:

贫乏的：不足的：

schmooze

To talk casually; chat.

闲聊：不经意地谈；聊天

screed

A long, monotonous harangue or piece of writing.

冗长，单调的说话或者文章

silt

To fill, cover, or obstruct with silt:

使淤积：用沙充满、覆盖或阻碍：

slander

A false and malicious statement or report about someone.

口头诽谤：关于某人的错误的、恶意的言论

sleuth

A detective.

侦探

smite

To inflict a heavy blow on, with or as if with the hand, a tool, or a weapon.

重打，猛击：使用或似乎使用拳头、工具或武器重重地击打

snide

Derogatory in a malicious, superior way; sarcastic.

险恶的，不诚实的：恶毒、自以为是的方式贬损的；讽刺的

specious

Having the ring of truth or plausibility but actually fallacious:

似是而非的：具有似乎正确的，但实际却是谬误的事实或理由的：

speculative

Of, characterized by, or based upon contemplative speculation. See Synonyms at **theoretical**

深思熟虑的，以深思熟虑为基础的参见 **theoretical**

spotty

Lacking consistency; uneven.

缺乏连续性的；不稳定的

stance

Mental posture; point of view:

理性态度；看法：

stoop

To descend from a superior position; condescend.

屈从：从高位下到低位；降低

strife

Heated, often violent dissension; bitter conflict. See Synonyms at **discord**

斗争：激烈的，常为有冲突的不合；激烈的斗争参见 **discord**

stultify

To render useless or ineffectual; cripple.

使无效：使失效或削弱；使残废

subversive

Intended or serving to subvert, especially intended to overthrow or undermine an established government:

颠覆性的：意在颠覆的，为了颠覆的，尤指欲图推翻或削弱现政府的：

surge

To increase suddenly. Used of electric current or voltage.

猛增：突然增加。用于电流或电压

take issue with

争论

thrall

One, such as a slave or serf, who is held in bondage.

奴隶：如奴隶或农奴等受枷锁束缚的人

trample

To beat down with the feet so as to crush, bruise, or destroy; tramp on.

踩、踏：用脚压倒以便粉碎、挫伤或毁坏...；
踩在...之上

tribulation

Great affliction, trial, or distress; suffering:
苦难：巨大的磨难、考验或苦恼；痛苦：

trounce

To thrash; beat.

痛打；猛击

unconscionable

Beyond prudence or reason; excessive:
过度的，不合理的：不谨慎的，不理智的；
过分的：

underwrite

To assume financial responsibility for;
guarantee against failure:

承担财政责任；对破产给予保险：

unnerve

To make nervous or upset.
使...紧张或慌张

untimely

Occurring or done at an inappropriate time;
inopportune.

不适当的：在一个不适当的时候出现的或做的；
时间上不利的

vie

To strive for victory or superiority;
contend. See Synonyms at **rival**
竞争：为胜利或者优势而争斗；竞争参见
rival

virtuous

Having or showing virtue, especially moral
excellence:

有德行的：有或表现美德的，尤指道德上的
优点：

whereupon

In close consequence of which:
随之，据此：与...有密切因果联系：

zeitgeist

The spirit of the time; the taste and outlook characteristic of a period or generation:

时代精神：时代精神；具有某时期或某代人特征的品味和观点：

inasmuch as

because of