choreography

meaning

art of dancing

example

Martha Graham introduced a form of choreography that seemed awkward and alien to those who had been brought up on classic ballet.

collaborate

meaning

work together

example

Two writers collaborated in preparing this book.

commodious

meaning

spacious and comfortable

example

After sleeping in a small roadside cabins, they found their hotel suite commodious.

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conformity

meaning

harmony; agreement

example

In conformity with our rules and regulations, I am calling a meeting of our organization.

disclaim

meaning

disoun; renounce claim to

example

If I grant you this previlege, will you disclaim all other rights?

dishearten

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discourage

exampl

His failure to pass the bar exam disheartened him.

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divulge

neaning

reveal

example

I will not tell you this news because I am sure you will divulge it prematurely.

downcast

meaning

disheartened; sad

example

Cheerful and optimistic by nature, Beth was never downcast despite the difficulties she faced.

embroil

meaning

throw into confusion

example

He became embroiled in the heated discussion when he tried to arbitrate the dispute.

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ferret meaning ardent; hot example She felt that the fervent praise was excessive and somewhat undeserved.

gawk meaning stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe example The country boy gawked at the skyscrapers and neon lights of the big city.





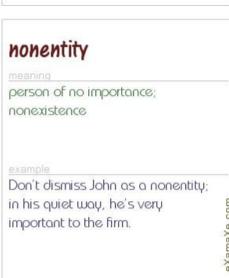


indignity



intransigence meaning state of stubborn unwillingness to compromise example The intransigence of both parties in the dispute makes an early settlement almost impossible to obtain.





obelisk

tall column tapering and ending in a pyramid

Cleopatra's Needle is an obelisk in New York City's Central Park.

odium

repugnance; dislike

I cannot express the odium I feel at your heinous actions.

ordeal

severe trial or affliction

Terry Anderson spoke movingly of his long ordeal as a hostage in Lebanon.

palette

board on which a painter mixes pigments

At the present time, art supply stores are selling a paper palette that may be discarded after use.

paradox

statement that looks false but is actually correct; a contradictory statement

example

Wordworth's "The child is father to the man" is an example of paradox.

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patriarch

father and ruler of a family or tribe

In many primitive tribes, the leader and lawmaker was the patriarch.

pittance

a small allowance or wage

He could not live on the pittance he received as a pension and had to look for an additional source of revenue.

precipice

cliff; dangerous position

Suddenly Indiana Jones found himself dangling from the edge of a precipice.

requiem

mass for the dead; dirge

They played Mozart's Requiem at the funeral.

saline meaning salty example The slightly saline taste of this mineral water is pleasant.





somnambulist

meaning

sleepwalker

example

The most famous somnambulist in literature is Lady Macbeth; her monologue in the sleepwalking scene is one of the highlights of Shakespeare's play.

stipple

meaning

paint or draw with dots

example

Seurat carefully stippled dabs of pure color on the canvas, juxtaposing dots of blue and yellow that the viewer's eye would interpret as green.

synoptic

meanin

providing a general overview; summaru

example

The professor turned to the latest issue of Dissertation Abstracts for a synoptic account of what was new in the field.

talisman

neaning

charm

example

She wore the talisman to ward off evil.

unsullied

neaning

untarnished

example

I am happy that my reputation is unsullied.

valid

neanin

logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable

example

You're going to have to come up with a better argument if you want to convince me that your reasoning is valid.

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veneer

thin layer; cover

Casual acquaintances were deceived by his veneer of sophistication and failed to recognize his fundamental shallowness.

wean

accustom a baby not to nurse; give up a cherished activity

He decided he would wean himself away from eating junk food and stick to fruits and vegetables.

actuarial

calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

According to recent actuarial tables, life expectancy is greater today than it was a century ago.

avert

prevent; turn away

She averted her eyes from the dead cat on the highway.

beneficiary

person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy

You may change your beneficiary as E often as you wish.

biennial

every two years

The group held biennial meetings instead of annual ones.

bloated

swollen or puffed as with water or air

Her bloated stomach came from drinking so much water.

brindled

tawny or gravish with streaks or spots

He was disappointed in the litter because the puppies were brindled; he had hoped for animals of uniform. color.

cascade

small waterfall

We could not appreciate the beauty of the many cascades as we made detours around each of them to avoid getting wet.