conifer

pine tree; cone-bearing tree

According to geologists, the conifers were the first plants to bear flowers.

constraint

compulsion; repression of feelings

There was a feeling of constraint in the room because no one dared to criticize the speaker.

culmination

attainment of highest point

His inauguration as President of the United States marked the culmination of his political career.

culvert

artificial channel for water

If we build a culvert under the road at this point, we will reduce the possibility of the road at this point, we will reduce the possibility of the road's being flooded during the rainy season.

desolate

rob of joy; lay waste to; forsake

The bondits desolated the countryside, burning farms and carrying off the harvest.

dire

disastrous

People ignored her dire predictions of an approaching depression.

discombobulated

confused; discomposed

The novice square dancer became so discombobulated that he wandered g into wrong set.

enfranchise

admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote)

Although blacks were enfranchised shortly after the Civil War, women did not receive the right to vote until 1920.

factitous

artificial; sham

Hollywood actresses often create factitious tears by using glycerine.

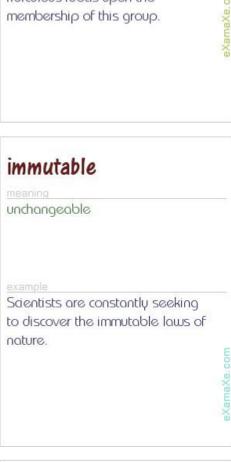
finale meaning conclusion example It is not until we reach the finale of this play that we can understand the author's message.



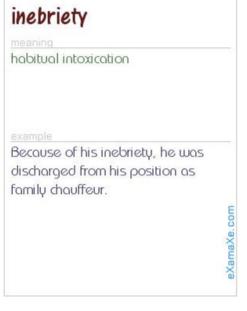








impenetrable meaning not able to be pierced or entered example How could the murderer have gotten into the locked room? To Watson, the mystery, like the room, was impenetrable.





maim meaning mutilate; injure

The hospital could not take care of all who had been mangled or maimed in the railroad accident.

mediocre

neaning

ordinary; commonplace

example

We were disappointed because he gave a rather mediocre performance in this role.

mollycoddle

meaning

pamper; indulge excessively

exampl

Don't mollycoddle the boy, Maud! You'll spoil him.

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nettle

neanino

annoy; vex

example

Do not let him nettle you with his sarcastic remarks.

optimist

meanino

person who looks on the bright side

example

The pessimist says the glass is half-empty; the optimist says it is half-full.

panacea

meanin

cure-all; remedy for all diseases

example

There is no easy panacea that will solve our complicated international situation.

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pestilential

meaning

causing plague; baneful

example

People were afraid to explore the pestilential swap.

ponderous

meaning

weighty; unwieldy

example

His humor lacked the light touch; his jokes were always ponderous.

premonitory

neanin

serving to warn

example

You should have visited a doctor as soon as you felt these premonitory chest pains.

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prune

neanino

cut away; trim

evamnle

With the help of her editor, she was able to prune her manuscript into publishable form.

random

meaning

without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard

example

Although the sponsor of the raffle claimed all winners were chosen at random, people had their suspicions when the grand prize went to the sponsor's brother-in-law.

reprobate

meanin

person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency

example

I cannot understand why he has so many admirers if he is the reprobate you say he is.

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saboteur

neaning

one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property

example

Members of the Resistance acted as saboteurs, blowing up train lines to prevent supplies from reaching the Nazi army.

sardonic

meaning

disdainful; sarcastic; cynical

example

The sardonic humor of nightclub comedians who satirize or ridicule patrons in the audience strikes some people as amusing and others as rude.

sensual

meaning

devoted to the pleasures of the senses; carnal; voluptous

example

I cannot understand what caused him to drop his sensual way of life and become so ascetic.

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slacken

meaning

slow up; loosen

example

As they passed the finish line, the runners slackened their pace.

somber

meaning

gloomy; depressing

example

From the doctor's grim expression, I could tell he had somber news.

subsequent

meaning

following; later

example

In subsequent lessons, we shall take up more difficult problems.

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tanner

person who turns animal hides into leather

Using a solution of tanbark, the tanner treated the cowhide, transforming it into supple leather.

temperate

restrained; self-controlled

Noted for his temperate appetite, he seldom gained weight.

tempo

speed of music

I find the conductor's tempo too slow for such a brilliant piece of music.

vintner

winemaker; seller of wine

The poet wondered what the vintners could buy that would be half as precious as the wine they sold.

arbitrate

act as judge

She was called upon to arbitrate the dispute between the union and the management.

beget

father; produce; give rise to

One good turn may deserve anothers it does not necessarily beget another.

cavil

make frivolous objections

I respect your sensible criticisms, but I dislike the way you cavil about unimportant details.

censorious

critical

censorious people delight in casting blame.

conflagration

great fire

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In the conflagration that followed the 1906 earthquake, much of San Francisco was destroyed.