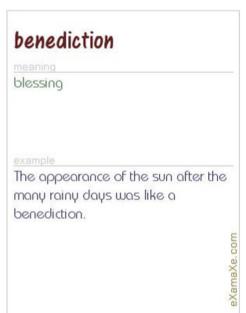
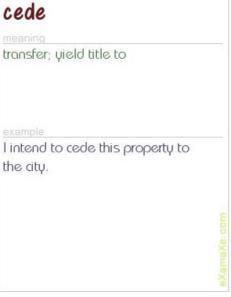
example I wish to aver that I am certain of success.

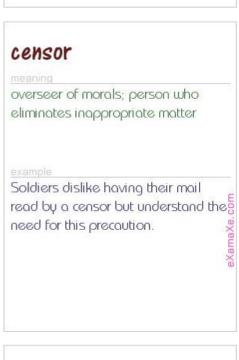




cavalcade meaning procession; parade example As described by Chaucer, the cavalcade of Canterbury pilgrims

was motley group.





pertaining to the universe; vast

cosmic rays derive their name from

the fact that they bombard the

earth's atmosphere from outer

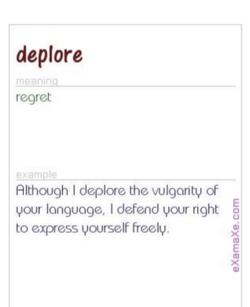
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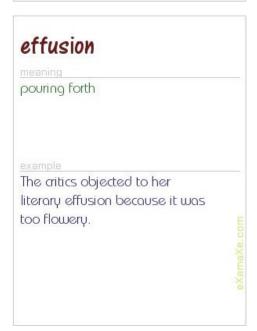
meaning mythical figure, half man and half horse example I was particularly impressed by the statue of the centaur in the Roman Hall of the museum.



delusive deceptive; raising vain hopes Do not raise your hopes on the basis of his delusive promises.











liable to	err	
example	am fallible, but I feel	
confident	that I am right this	XamaXe.com
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fluster meaning confuse example The teacher's sudden question flustered him and he stammered his reply.





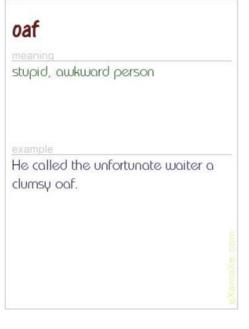
invidious meaning designed to create ill will or envy example We disregarded her invidious remarks because we realized how

iealous she was.





meaning done at night example Mr. Jones obtained a watchdog to prevent the nocturnal raids on his chicken coops.





pejorative

neanino

negative in connotation; having a belittling effect.

evamnle

Instead of criticizing Clinton's policies, the Republicans made pejorative remarks about his character.

peremptory

meaning

demanding and leaving no choice

example

From Jack's peremptory knock on the door, Jill could tell he would not give up until she let him in.

petty

neanin

trivial; unimportant; very small

exampl

She had no major complaints to make about his work, only a few petty quibbles that were almost too minor to state.

postulate

meaning

self-evident truth

example

We must accept these statements as postulates before pursuing our discussions any further.

prescience

meaning

ability to foretell the future

example

Given the current wave of Japan-bashing, it does not take prescience for me to foresee problems in our future trade relations with Japan.

render

meaning

deliver; provide; represent

example

He rendered aid to the needy and indigent.

reprisal

neaning

retaliation

example

I am confident that we are ready for any reprisals the enemy may undertake.

rigid

meaning

stiff and unvielding; strict; hard and unbending

example

By living with a man to whom she was not married, George Eliot broke Victorian society's most rigid rule of respectable behavior.

sanguine

neanin

cheerful; hopeful

example

Let us not be too sanguine about the outcome; something could go wrong.

sobriety

neaning

moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness

evamnle

Neither drunkards nor comics are noted for sobriety.

sophist

meanino

teacher of philosophy; quibbler; employer of fallacious reasoning

example

You are using all the devices of a sophist in trying to prove your case; your argument is specious.

stratum

meaning

layer of earth's surface; layer of society

exampl

Unless we alleviate conditions in the lowest stratum of our society, we may expect grumbling and revolt.

welt

neening

mark from beating or whipping

example

The evidence of child abuse was very clear; Jennifer's small body was covered with welts and bruises.

witticism

meaning

witty saying; facetious remark

example

What you regard as witticisms are often offensive to sensitive people.

accretion

meaning

growth; increase

exampl

The accretion of wealth marked the family's rise in power.

affinity

neaning

kinship

example

She felt an affinity with all who suffered; their pains were her pains.

alienate

meaning

make hostile; separate

example

Her attempts to alienate the two friends failed because they had complete faith in each other.

amiss

meanin

wrong; faulty

example

Seeing her frown, he wondered if anything were amiss.

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