decomposition decay Despite the body's advanced state of decomposition, the police were able to identify the murdered man.

deliberate consider; ponder; unhurried Offered the new job, she asked for Offered the new joo, and time to deliberate before she made



discretion

prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances

Use your discretion in this matter and do not discuss it with anyone.

ensue

her decision.

follow

The evils that ensued were the direct result of the miscalculations of the leaders.

entrepreneur

businessperson; contractor

Opponents of our present tax program argue that it discourages entrepreneurs from trying new fields of business activity.

expedite

hasten

We hope you will be able to expedite delivery because of our tight schedule.

ghastly

horrible

The murdered man was a ghastly sight.

glaze

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cover with a thin and shiny surface

example
The freezing rain glazed the
streets and made driving hazardous.

glimmer

neanino

shine erratically; twinkle

example

In the darkness of the cavern, the glowworms hanging from the cavern roof glimmered like distant stars.

incorporeal

meaning

immaterial; without a material body

example

We must devote time to the needs of our incorporeal mind as well as our corporeal body.

intrepid

meanin

fearless

examp

For his intrepid conduct in battle, he was promoted.

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invoke

neaning

call upon; ask for

example

She invoked her advisor's aid in filling out her financial aid forms.

ironic

meaning

occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner

example

It is ironic that his success came when he least wanted it.

itinerary

meanin

plan of a trip

exampl

Before leaving for his first visit to France and England, he discussed his itinerary with people who had been there and with his travel agent.

knavery

neaning

rascality

example

We cannot condone such knavery in public officials.

legacy

meaning

a gift made by a will

example

Part of my legacy from my parents is an album of family photographs.

madrigal

meaning

pastoral song

example

His program of folk songs included several madrigals which he sang to the accompaniment of a lute.

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mortify meaning humiliate; punish the flesh

She was so mortified by her blunder that she ran to her room in tears.

opiate

meaning

sleep producer; deadener of pain

example

By such opiates, she made the people forget their difficulties and accept their unpleasant circumstances.

pallet

meaning

small, poor bed

exampl

The weary traveler went to sleep on his straw pallet.

parsimonious

meaning

stingy; excessively frugal

example

His parsimonious nature did not permit him to enjoy any luxuries.

perpetual

meaning

everlasting

example

Ponce de Leon hoped to find perpetual youth. inclined to; prostrate

prone

example

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She was prone to sudden fits of anger.

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provisional

meanino

tentative

example

The appointment is provisional; only on the approval of the board of directors will it be made permanent.

quell

meaning

put down; quiet

example

The police used fire hoses and teat gas to quell the rioters.

rationalization

meaning

bringing into conformity with reason

example

All attempts at rationalization at this time are doomed to failure; tempers and emotions run too high for intelligent thought to prevail.

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rife meaning abundant; current

In the face of the many rumors of scandal, which are rife at the moment, it is best to remain silent.

roster

neaning

list

example

They print the roster of players in the season's program.

sanction

meaning

approve; ratify

exampl

Nothing will convince me to sanction the engagement of my daughter to such a worthless young man.

seamy

neanino

sordid; unwholesome

example

In the Godfather, Michael Corleone is unwilling to expose his wife and children to the seamy side of his life as the son of a Mafia don.

shirk

meaning

avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malinger

example

Brian has a strong sense of duty; he would never shirk any responsibility.

stratified

meaning

divided into classes; arranged into strata

example

As the economic gap between the rich and the poor increased, Roman society grew increasingly stratified.

tesselated

meanino

inlaid; mosaic

example

I recall seeing a table with a tesselated top of bits of stone and glass in a very interesting pattern.

transpire

meaning

be revealed; happen

example

When Austen writes the sentence "It's had just transpired that he had left gaming debts behind him," her meaning is not that the debts had just been incurred, but the the shocking news had just leaked out.

vacuous

meaning

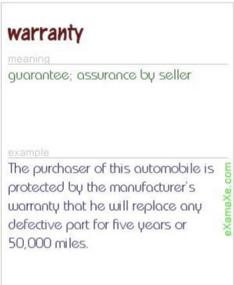
empty; lacking in ideas; stupid

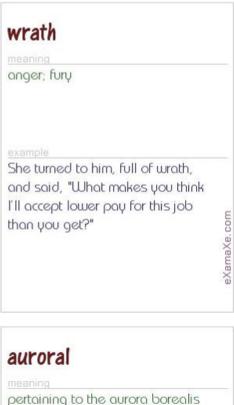
example

The candidate's vacuous remarks annoyed the audience, who had hope to hear more than empty platitudes

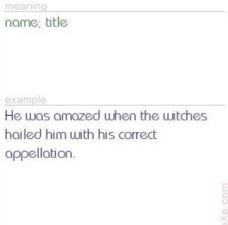
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vulnerable susceptible to wounds Achilles was vulnerable only in his heel.









appellation



carnivorous meat-eating The lion is a carnivorous animal.



