A

- A judge's private room, without the press or the public being present - **In camera**
- A period of time in the past that was idyllically happy and peaceful - **Halcyon**
- A tax or levy - **Cess**
- An abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word - **Acronym**
- An ability to do several things at the same time - **Multitasking**
- An ability to express oneself well in speech - **Oracy**
- An ability to make good judgements and take quick decisions - **Acumen**
- An ability to see what will or might happen in the - **Foresight**
- An ability to stay calm in difficult or dangerous situations - **Sangfroid**
- An ability to use one's hands skillfully or an ability to think quickly and effectively - **Dexterity**
- An ability, talent, or special skill needed to do something - **Knack**
- Able to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens - **Resilient**
- Able to do many different things - **Versatile**
- Able to exist together without trouble or conflict going together well - **Compatible**
- Acceptable according to the law, fair or reasonable - **Valid**
- Accepting and closely following the traditional beliefs and customs of a religion - **Orthodox**
- An act of burying a dead person - **Interment**
- An act of carefully watching someone or something especially in order to prevent or detect a crime - **Surveillance**
- An act of causing two people or groups to become friendly again after an argument or disagreement - **Reconciliation**
- An act of committing a serious crime such as murder or rape - **Felony**
- An act of destroying or damaging something deliberately so that it does not work correctly - **Sabotage**
- An act of ending the employment of a worker or group of workers - **Layoff**
- An act of explaining something - **Exposition**
- An act of getting money back from people it has been paid to - **Clawback**
- An act of going or travelling to a place along a way that is different from the usual or planned way - **Detour**
- An act of identifying a disease, illness, or problem by examining someone or something - **Diagnosis**
- An act of illegally copying someone's product or invention without permission - **Piracy**
- An act of no longer caring for, using, or doing something, failure to do one's job or duty - **Dereliction**
- An act of officially charging someone with a crime - **Indictment**
- An act of printing a statement about somebody that is not true and that gives people a bad opinion of them - **Libel**
- An act of punishing or harming somebody in return for what they have done to you your family or friends - **Vengeance**
- An act of remembering or telling about past experiences - **Reminiscence**
- An act of returning something that was lost or stolen to its owner - **Restitution**
- An act of sending someone to another person or place for treatment, help, advice, etc. - **Referral**
- An act of treating a holy place or object in a way that does not show proper respect - **Sacrilege**
- An act of trying to impress someone by saying the names of well-known people that one knows or has met - **Name-dropping**
- An act or fact of having a romantic or sexual relationship with someone other than one's husband, wife, or partner - **Infidelity**
- An act or means of sealing off a place to prevent goods or people from entering or leaving - **Blockade**
- An act or remark that is calculated to gain an advantage - **Gambit**
- An act that is part of a usually religious ceremony - **Rite**
- An act, activity, or process of finding the way to get to a place when one is travelling in a ship, airplane, car - **Navigation**
- An action of making amends for a wrong or injury - **Atonement**
- An action of marrying a person of a superior caste or class - **Hypergamy**
- An action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt - **Redemption**
- An action or event that is a signal for somebody to do something - **Cue**
- An action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; profane talk - **Blasphemy**
- An activity or art of copying the behavior or speech of other people - **Mimicry**
- An activity or excitement that is unusual and that often is not wanted or necessary - **Fuss**
- An activity in that more and more people are becoming involved - **Bandwagon**
- Actor or actress - **Thespian**
- Add notes to (a text or diagram) giving explanation or comment - **Annotate**
- An additional fact or piece of information about a story that occurs after the main part - **Postscript**
- Advantages or gains secured as a result of corrupt practices - **Graft**
- An advice and future prediction based on the date of a person's birth and the positions of the stars and planets - **Horoscope**
- Agreed to by everyone - **Unanimous**
- An agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting, arguing, etc., for a certain period of time - **Truce**
- An alcoholic liquor especially when it is cheap or made illegally - **Hooch**
- All the plants that live in a particular area, time, period, or environment - **Flora**
- All the things that a person is able to do - **Repertoire**
- Allowed to know about (something secret) - **Privy**
- Always or often happening or existing - **Inveterate**
- An amount (such as an amount of money) that is more than the amount that is needed - **Surplus**
- An amount of money given to a retiring soldier or employee - **Gratuity**
- An amount of money paid for a service - **Honorarium**
- An amount of money that a company or the government pays to a person who is old or sick and no longer works - **Pension**
- An amount of money that is given to someone in return for providing help in a secret and dishonest business deal - **Kickback**
- An amount of money that is paid at one time - **Lump sum**
- An amount of money that is spent - **Outlay**
- An amount of money that must be paid and that is collected by a government or other authority - **Levy**
- An amount of something that is produced by a person or thing - **Output**
- An amount of time that a person holds a job, office, or title - **Tenure**
- Amusing and very strange - **Wacky**
- An angry and unpleasant woman, sexually attractive woman - **Vixen**
- An argument that is complicated and continues over a long period of time - **Wrangle**
- An invigilator at a university or college examination - **Proctor**
- An ancient text in the form of a book, official list of medicines or chemicals - **Codex**
- Anger caused by something that is unfair or wrong - **Indignation**
- An angry and usually long speech or piece of writing that strongly criticizes someone or something - **Diatribes**
- An angry woman who often complains about and criticizes other people - **Virago**
- An animal or plant that lives in or on another animal or plant and gets food or protection from it - **Parasite**
- An animal that has four feet - **Quadruped**
- Annoy (someone) by often complaining about his or her behavior, appearance - **Nag**
- Annoyance or distress at having failed or been humiliated - **Chagrin**
• An annual calendar containing important dates and statistical information such as astronomical data and tide tables - **Almanac**
• Any one of the large parts that some countries are divided into - **Province**
• Any one of the lines that go from the North Pole to the South Pole on maps of the world - **Meridian**
• Appearing, happening, or arriving soon - **Forthcoming**
• An area around or near a particular place - **Vicinity**
• An area in a desert where there is water and plants - **Oasis**
• An area of land that has a particular quality or appearance - **Landscape**
• An area of sea water that is separated from the ocean by a reef or sandbar - **Lagoon**
• An area of soft, wet ground; situation that is hard to deal with or get out of - **Quagmire**
• An area that is not close to any cities or towns - **Hinterland**
• An area with people who are different in some way from the people in the areas around it - **Enclave**
• An area within which someone or something has authority, influence, or knowledge - **Purview**
• Argue loudly about things that are not important - **Squabble**
• Argue with someone in a friendly way - **Spar**
• An arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence - **Chronology**
• An arrangement of leaves, flowers, fruits, etc., in the shape of a circle that is used for decoration - **Wreath**
• An arrangement to meet somebody at a particular time and place - **Rendezvous**
• Arrival of a large number of people - **Influx**
• An art of growing ornamental, artificially dwarfed varieties of trees and shrubs in pots - **Bonsai**
• An art, science, or profession of teaching - **Pedagogy**
• As compared with; as opposed to - **Vis-a-vis**
• Asking for or demanding and taking (something) for one's use - **Requisition**
• At or near the end of a piece of writing - **Ad fin**
• Attacking on the reputation and integrity of someone or something - **Aspersion**
• Attractive in a sexual way with large breasts and hips - **Voluptuous**
• An attractively arranged bunch of flowers, especially one presented as a gift or carried at a ceremony - **Bouquet**
• Average or ordinary - **Run-of-the-mill**
• Back in which the spine is curved in an abnormal way - **Hunchback**
• Bad or immoral behaviour or habits - **Vice**
• Bad or immoral behaviour that involves sex, drugs, alcohol, etc. - **Debauchery**
• Bad or unfavorable; not good - **Untoward**
• Based on random choices or personal whims, rather than any reason or system - **Arbitrary**
• Based on what is known or seen when something is first considered or dealt with - **Prima facie**
• Basic equipment and structures (such as roads and bridges) that are needed for a country, region, or organization to function properly - **Infrastructure**
• Be a sign of (something that is beginning to happen or will happen soon) - **Herald**
• Be angry or upset about something and to refuse to discuss it with other people - **Sulk**
• Be deprived of a close relation or friend through their death - **Bereave**
• Be repeated several times as it is reflected off different surface - **Reverberate**
• Beat or whip (someone) severely - **Flog**
• Beautiful woman; the most beautiful woman in a particular place - **Belle**
• Beginning or first appearance of something - **Dawning**
• Beginning or origin of something - **Genesis**
• Beginning to develop or exist - **Incipient**
• Beginning to exist; recently formed or developed - **Nascent**
• Behaviour that is accepted as socially or morally correct and proper - **Propriety**
• Behaviour that shows low morals and a great love of pleasure, money, fame, etc - **Decadence**
• Behaviour in which somebody pretends to have moral standards or opinions that they do not actually have - **Hypocrisy**
• Behaviour, in particular sexual or legally dubious behaviour; considered improper but not seriously so - **Hanky-panky**
• Beliefs or ideas that are very important to a group - **Tenet**
• Beliefs or opinions that do not agree with the official belief or opinion of a particular religion - **Heresy**
• Beliefs that particular events happen in a way that cannot be explained by reason or science - **Superstition**
• Belonging or relating to heaven - **Celestial**
• Belonging to a foreign country, supposedly from another world; unfamiliar and disturbing or distasteful - **Alien**
• Belonging to a particular place rather than coming to it from somewhere else - **Indigenous**
- Belonging to the basic nature of someone or something - **Inherent**
- Belonging to the middle class - **Bourgeois**
- Below or beneath (something) - **Underneath**
- Bending down or over; doing something that is not honest, fair, etc. - **Stoop**
- Benefits which one enjoys or is entitled to on account of one's job or position - **Perquisite**
- Best or most important part of something; the point of greatest success or achievement - **Pinnacle**
- Best or most important person or thing - **Numero uno**
- Best or most important thing owned or produced by a particular organization - **Flagship**
- Better than all others - **Par excellence**
- Blaming or insulting (someone) in strong or violent language - **Vituperate**
- Block of stone or wood that is used as the base for a pillar, statue, etc. - **Plinth**
- Body of remedial substances used in the practice of medicine - **Materia medica**
- Books, articles, etc., that discuss a subject carefully and thoroughly - **Treatise**
- Border or line that separates two things, such as types of work, groups of people or areas of land - **Demarcation**
- Boring or unpleasant work that does not require special skill and usually does not pay much money - **Menial**
- Bottom edge of a dress, skirt, or coat - **Hemline**
- Break off (a meeting, legal case, or game) with the intention of resuming it later - **Adjorn**
- Brief and direct in a way that may seem rude or unfriendly - **Terse**
- Brief and usually unplanned fight during a war - **Skirmish**
- Brief time when an action or activity stops - **Lull**
- Brief trips taken for pleasure - **Jaunt**
- Brief trips that people take for fun usually as a group - **Outing**
- Brief written messages or reports from one person or department in a company or organization to another - **Memorandum**
- Bringing (someone who is unconscious, not breathing, or close to death) back to a conscious or active state again - **Resuscitate**
- Broken parts of a vehicle, building, etc., that has been badly damaged or destroyed - **Wreckage**
- Brother or sister - **Sibling**
- Building and the area of land that it is on, statement or idea that is accepted as being true and that is used as the basis of an argument - **Premise**
- Building in which grain is stored - **Granary**
- Building in which the bodies of dead people are burned - **Crematorium**
• Building or chamber above or below the ground in which a dead body is kept - **Tomb**
• Building or room in which images of stars, planets, etc., are shown on a high, curved ceiling - **Planetarium**
• Building that is used for Jewish religious services - **Synagogue**
• Building where aircrafts are kept - **Hangar**
• Business of making fashionable and expensive clothes for women - **Haute couture**
• Businesses that make money through illegal activities, loud, unpleasant noise - **Racket**
• By or for each person - **Per capita**

C

• Caption to a photograph or other illustration - **Cutline**
• Card from the pack that has been chosen as the most valuable for a particular card game - **Trump**
• Care or maintenance of buildings, equipment, etc - **Unkeep**
• Careful and persistent works or efforts - **Diligence**
• Careful plans or methods for achieving a particular goal usually over a long period of time - **Strategy**
• Cause (a material) to be filled or soaked with something - **Impregnate**
• Cause (someone or something) to receive or take in a large amount of things at the same time - **Inundate**
• Cause (someone) to fall down or be turned over - **Upend**
• Cause (things or people) to separate and go in different directions - **Scatter**
• Cause of pain or harm - **Affliction**
• Centre of public attention - **Limelight**
• Ceremony held for a dead person - **Funeral**
• Ceremony held in a university or college when students receive their degrees - **Convocation**
• Ceremony in which a crown is placed on the head of a new king or queen - **Coronation**
• Certain to die - **Mortal**
• Certain to work properly or succeed - **Infallible**
• Changing (something good) so that it is no longer as what it was or should be - **Pervert**
• Charging an important public figure with a serious crime - **Impeach**
- Changing (something) slightly in order to improve it; to make small adjustments to (something) - **Tweak**
- Changing an earlier statement, opinion or promise because of pressure from somebody/something - **Backtrack**
- Changing direction quickly or suddenly - **Veer**
- Changing from one state or condition to another - **Transition**
- Changing moods quickly and often - **Mercurial**
- Character and atmosphere of a place - **Ambience**
- Cheerful friendliness; geniality - **Bonhomie**
- Chemical processes that occur within a living organism in order to maintain life - **Metabolism**
- Claim or a piece of evidence that one was elsewhere when an act, typically a criminal one, is alleged to have taken place; excuse or pretext - **Alibi**
- Clear message or request for people to do something - **Clarion call**
- Clever trick or plan that is used to get someone to do something or to gain an advantage over someone - **ploy**
- Climb or moving with difficulty or a lot of effort, using one's hands and feet - **Clamber**
- Close friend one has worked with, been in the military with, etc. - **Comrade**
- Close relationship with someone or something - **Communion**
- Close-knit group of interrelated families, large family, or a group of people who are connected because of a particular thing - **clan**
- Clothes, especially fine or formal ones - **attire**
- Collecting or forming into a mass or group - **Agglomerate**
- Collectable object such as a piece of furniture or work of art that has a high value because of its age and quality - **Antique**
- Collection of different things - **Potpourri**
- Collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, orgroup of people - **Archive**
- Collection of things (such as photographs, stories, facts, etc.) that have been gathered together and presented as a group especially in the form of a book - **Compendium**
- Collection of things, which may be similar or different - **Collage**
- Collection of weapons and military equipment - **Arsenals**
- Collection of written or spoken texts - **Corpus**
- Combination of events, state of affairs - **Conjuncture**
- Come at a later time; to happen as a result - **Ensure**
- Comparing between one thing and another, typically for the purpose of explanation or clarification - **Analogy**
- Compelling attractiveness or charm that can inspire devotion in others - **Charisma**
• Competition for young women in which their beauty, personal qualities and skills are judged - **Pageant**
• Complete change of attitude or opinion - **Volte - Face**
• Complete control of the entire supply of goods or of a service in a certain area or market - **Monopoly**
• Complete freedom to act as one wishes - **Carte blanche**
• Complete lists of items, typically one in alphabetical or other systematic order - **Catalogue**
• Complete range of different opinions, people, etc. - **Spectrum**
• Completely unwilling to change - **Intransigent**
• Complex disputes or arguments - **Imbroglio**
• Complicated and confusing system of connected passage - **Maze**
• Complicated or unpleasant situations that is difficult to get out of or to move through - **Morass**
• Comprising or relating to all sorts or varieties - **Omnifarious**
• Conceal the nature or existence of (a feeling or situation) - **Disguise**
• Concentrated artillery bombardment over a wide area: large number of something, such as questions or comments, that are directed at somebody very quickly, one after the other, often in an aggressive way - **Barrage**
• Conclusion or opinions that are formed because of known facts or evidence - **Inference**
• Condition in which a part of one's body becomes red, swollen, and painful - **Inflammation**
• Condition in which someone is not able to think normally because of being drunk, drugged, tired, etc. - **Stupor**
• Confused struggles or fights involving many people - **Melee**
• Confusing or difficult problem - **Conundrum**
• Confusing or meaningless words or activities - **Mumbo-jumbo**
• Connected with particular circumstances - **Circumstantial**
• Connected with young people who are not yet adults - **Juvenile**
• Consequences or after-effects of a significant and unpleasant event - **Aftermath**
• Consisting of or using both letters and numerals - **Alphanumeric**
• Consisting of things or people that are all the same or all of the same type - **Homogeneous**
• Contests, disputes, competitions, etc., in which neither side can gain an advantage or win - **Stalemate**
• Continual increase in the price of goods and services - **Inflation**
• Continuing without stopping - **Incessant**
• Continuous rattling sound as of hard objects falling or striking each other - **Clatter**
• Control or affect (something, such as a game or election) in a dishonest way in order to get a desired result - **Rig**
• Controlling or influencing a situation in a skilful but sometimes dishonest way - **Manoeuvre**
• Controlled breeding and rearing of fish. - **Pisciculture**
• Conversations in which clever statements and replies are made quickly - **Repartee**
• Correcting something that is unfair or wrong - **Redress**
• Corrupt behaviour in a position of trust, especially in public office - **Malversation**
• Courage or bravery - **Valour**
• Courtesy and considerate behaviour towards others - **Comity**
• Course of action leading nowhere - **Blind alley**
• Covered passages with arches along one or both sides - **arcade**
• Covered with decoration - **Ornate**
• Created or done for a particular purpose as necessary - **Ad hoc**
• Crime of getting money from someone by the use of force or threat - **Extortion**
• Crime of trying to overthrow one's country's government or of helping one's country's enemies during war - **Treason**
• Crimes or other morally wrong acts : illegal or immoral behavior especially by young people - **Delinquency**
• Cruel and unfair treatment by people with power over others - **Tyranny**
• Cry very loudly and noisily - **Squall**
• Curved paths along which something (such as a rocket) moves through the air or through space - **Trajectory**
• Curved paths followed by a planet or an object as it moves around another planet, star, moon, etc - **Orbit**
• Customs or a way of acting or doing things that is widely accepted and followed - **Convention**
• Customers of a shop, bar, or place of entertainment - **Clientele**
• Cut made in something - **Incision**

D

• Dance or musical performance - **Recital**
• Dangers or problems that are hidden or not obvious at first - **Pitfall**
• Dark and dirty : not fresh or clean - **Dingy**
• Dark and underground prisons in castles - **Dungeon**
- Date or time when something must be finished: the last day, hour, or minute on that something will be accepted - **Deadline**
- Days when day and night are of the same length - **Equinox**
- Dead bodies of animals - **Carcass**
- Dead persons who leave the grave at night to bite and suck the blood of living people - **Vampire**
- Decayed mixture of plants (such as leaves and grass) that is used to improve the soil in a garden - **Compost**
- Decayed with usually a very bad or disgusting smell - **Putrid**
- Deceiving or to trick (someone) to persuade (someone) by telling lies - **Con(v)**
- Deep unconscious state, usually lasting a long time and caused by serious illness or injury - **Coma**
- Deep, wet sand into which heavy objects sink easily - **Quicksand**
- Deeply religious: devoted to a particular religion - **Devout**
- Defeating (someone or something) easily and Throughly - **Trounce**
- Defeating and gaining control of (someone or something) by the use of force - **Subjugate**
- Defeating or tricking (someone) by being more intelligent or clever - **Outsmart**
- Delay doing something until a later time because one does not want to do it, because one is lazy - **Procrastinate**
- Describing (someone or something) as unimportant, weak, bad, etc - **Disparage**
- Designed or intended to teach people something - **Didactic**
- Desire to cause harm to another person - **Malice**
- Determined not to change one's opinion or attitude; difficult to deal with, remove, etc. - **Stubborn**
- Developing friendly relations between countries or groups of people who have been enemies - **Rapprochement**
- Dictionary of the special terms in a particular field or job - **Glossary**
- Die because one is unable to breathe - **Suffocate**
- Difference between two opposite things: a division into two opposite groups - **Dichotomy**
- Difference especially between things that should be the same - **Discrepancy**
- Difficult and unpleasant to do or deal with - **Onerous**
- Difficult to handle, control, or deal with because of being large, heavy, or complex - **Unwieldy**
- Difficult to understand: having or seeming to have a hidden meaning - **Cryptic**
- Dilemma or difficult circumstances from which there is no escape because of mutually conflicting or dependent conditions - **Catch-22**
- Direct descent from an ancestor; ancestry or pedigree - **Lineage**
- Disappointing end to an exciting or impressive series of events - **Anticlimax**
• Disease or disorder that involves a particular group of signs and symptoms - **Syndrome**
• Disease that spreads over a whole country or the whole world - **Pandemic**
• Disguising of military personnel, equipment, and installations by painting or covering them to make them blend in with their surrounding - **Camouflage**
• Dishonest or immoralpersons - **Sleaze**
• Displaying wealth, knowledge, etc., in a way that is meant to attract attention, admiration, or envy - **Ostentatious**
• Distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian, measured in degrees - **Longitude**
• Distance of a place north or south of the equator (= the line around the world dividing north and south), measured in degrees - **Latitude**
• Doing activities for fun or enjoyment - **Play-off**
• Doing better than (someone or something) : to be more successful than (someone or something) - **Outdo**
• Doing something that is not allowed : to disobey a command or law - **Transgress**
• Doctor's opinion about how someone will recover from an illness or injury - **Prognosis**
• Done or given because one wants to and not because one is forced to - **Voluntary**
• Dramatic works in which all or most of the words are sung to music; works of this type as an art form or entertainment - **Opera**
• Drawing or pictures that show only the shape of an object - **Outline**
• Dull and ordinary - **Mundane**
• Dull or socially ineptperson, especially someone who is excessively studious - **Spod**

**E**

• Eager to own and collect things - **Acquisitive**
• Easily affected, influenced, or harmed by something - **Susceptible**
• Easily annoyed or angered and likely to argue - **Truculent**
• Easily hurt or harmed physically, mentally, or emotionally : open to attack, harm, or damage - **Vulnerable**
• Easily managed or controlled : willing to learn or be guided by another - **Tractable**
• Eating both plants and animals: eager to learn about many different things - **Omnivorous**
• Economic situations where there is high inflation (= prices rising continuously) but no increase in the jobs that are available or in business activity - **Stagflation**
• Effective from a particular date in the past - **Retrospective**
• Elaborate or glib speeches or stories, typically those used by a salesperson - **Spiel**
• E-mails that are not wanted: an e-mail that is sent to large numbers of people and that consists mostly of advertising - **Spam**
• Embarrassing social mistake - **Faux pas**
• Ending a romantic relationship with (someone) in a sudden and painful way - **Jilt**
• Ending an organization or group (such as a club) - **Disband**
• End or failure of an institution, an idea, a company, etc.: death of a person - **Demise**
• Enjoy (something) for a long time - **Savour**
• Enjoying oneself or celebrating in a noisy or boisterous way - **Roister**
• Enjoyable in a lively or noisy way - **Rollicking**
• Enjoyments that someone gets from being violent or cruel or from causing pain - **Sadism**
• Entering (someone) as a member of or being a participant in something - **Enroll**
• Entering or appearing somewhere suddenly and with a lot of force - **Irrupt**
• Enthusiastic and vocal supporters of someone or something - **Cheerleader**
• Enthusiastic clapping by an audience as a sign of their approval - **Ovation**
• Error in the way a law, rule, or contract is written that makes it possible for some people to legally avoid obeying it - **LOOPHOLE**
• Events causing great and usually sudden damage or suffering; a disaster - **catastrophe**
• Events involving destruction or damage on a catastrophic scale - **apocalypse**
• Events marked by festivities or celebration - **fiesta**
• Event or a short period of time that is important or unusual - **episode**
• Events or situations in which many people are killed and many things are destroyed especially by fire - **holocaust**
• Events that may or may not happen - **contingency**
• Exact or very close copy of something - **Replica**
• Examinations intended to qualify successful candidates for higher education - **Baccalaureate**
• Examples that represent or express something very well - **Epitome**
• Excessive emotional or psychological reliance on a partner - **Codependency**
- Exchanging goods, property, services, etc. for other goods, etc. without using money - **Barter**
- Excluding (someone) from a group - **Ostracize**
- Existing as a basic part of a person's nature or character - **Inbred**
- Existing from the beginning of time: very ancient - **Primordial**
- Existing or continuing in the same way for a long time - **Perennial**
- Existing or happening in the same time period - **Contemporary**
- Existing, but not yet very noticeable, active or well developed - **Latent**
- Experiences that are very unpleasant or difficult - **Ordeal**
- Experienced or felt by watching, hearing about, or reading about someone else rather than by doing something yourself - **Vicarious**
- Expressing doubts about whether something is right, honest, etc. - **Impugn**
- Expressing severe disapprovals of (someone or something), especially in a formal statement - **Censure**
- Expressing feelings or opinions in a very loud or forceful way - **Vociferous**
- Expressing opinions or criticism in a very forceful and often annoying or unpleasant way - **Strident**
- Expressions designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly: an indirect or passing reference - **Allusion**
- Expressions of strong anger or disapproval by many people - **Outcry**
- Extensive groups of islands - **Archipelago**
- Extra vote given by a chairperson to decide an issue when the votes on each side are equal - **Casting vote**
- Extracting money from (someone) by fine or taxation - **Mulct**
- Extreme anger: a strong feeling of unhappiness because of something bad, hurtful, or morally wrong - **Outrage**
- Extreme physical or mental sufferings - **Agony**
- Extreme self-confidence or audacity (usually used approvingly) - **Chutzpah**
- Extremely easy tasks - **Cinch**
- Extremely excited and enthusiastic about doing something - **Gung ho**
- Extremely good and deserving to be admired and copied - **Exemplary**
- Extremely or unusually small - **Diminutive**
- Extremely strong dislikes or fears of someone or something - **Phobia**

**F**

- Facts or the process of ending or being brought to an end - **Cessation**
- Failing to show proper respect and courtesy - **Impudent**
• Failure to fulfil an obligation: something that happens or is done when nothing else has been done or can be done - **Default**
• Familiar or humorous names given to a person or thing instead of the real name - **Nickname**
• Families of rulers who rule over a country for a long period of time - **Dynasty**
• Famous persons, especially in entertainment or sport - **Celebrity**
• Farmers in the past who owned a small amount of land: very good, hard, and valuable work that someone does especially to support a cause, to help a team, etc. - **Yeoman**
• Features (such as mountains and rivers) in an area of land - **Topography**
• Feeling a strong desire or wish for something or to do something - **Yearn**
• Feeling nervous because the ending is not known until the final moment - **Nail-biting**
• Feeling or showing great sadness because someone has died - **Mourn**
• Feeling sorrow or regretting for (something) - **Rue**
• Feeling of being sorry for doing something bad or wrong in the past - **Remorse**
• Feelings of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general - **Angst**
• Feelings of doubt or uncertainty about whether Qualm one is doing the right thing
• Feelings of enjoyment and enthusiasm - **Zest**
• Feelings of foolish or very strong love or admiration for someone or something - **Infatuation**
• Feelings of great happiness and excitement - **Euphoria**
• Feelings of guilt or regret - **Compunction**
• Feelings of like or dislike for someone or something especially when it is not reasonable or logical - **Prejudice**
• Feelings of sadness mixed with pleasure and affection when one thinks of happy times in the past - **Nostalgia**
• Feelings of strong dislike or disapproval of someone or something you think does not deserve respect - **Disdain**
• Feelings or beliefs that bad things will happen in the future - **Pessimism**
• Feelings or belief that good things will happen in the future - **Optimism**
• Feelings or expressing overwhelming happiness or joyful excitement - **Ecstatic**
• Feelings or a particular quality that is very noticeable and seems to surround a person or place - **Aura**
• Feelings or showing a lack of courage or confidence - **Timid**
• Feelings that someone or something gives you - **Vibe**
• Female ballet dancers - **Danseuse**
• Fictitious or factual works describing a series of events - **Chronicle**
• Fights between women - **Catfight**
- Fights, briefly and usually not very seriously - Scuffle
- Figures shaped like a human body that is used for making or displaying clothes - Mannequin
- Filled with or showing sexual desire - Lascivious
- First time an actor, musician, athlete, etc., does something in public or for the public - Debut
- Fixed sum of money paid to someone each year, typically for the rest of their life - Annuity
- Flat cases for carrying documents or drawings, investments that are owned by a person or organization - Portfolio
- Fleet of warships - Armada
- Flowing out of something in a fast and forceful way - Spew
- Following, watching, and bothering (someone) constantly in a way that is frightening, dangerous, etc. - Stalk
- Food that a person or animal usually eats - Diet
- Food that is cooked in a particular way, style of cooking - Cuisine
- Foolish talks or ideas - Guff
- Foolish, confused, or meaningless words - Gibberish
- For an intervening or temporary period of time - Ad interim
- Forcing someone to go somewhere with you, often using threats or violence - Abduction
- Forceful or angry speeches - Harangue
- Forming An opinion about something without definitely knowing the truth - Surmise
- Form of punishments or tortures that involved caning the soles of someone's feet - Bastinado
- Formal acts or the process of placing someone into a new job, position, government office, - Induction
- Formal ceremonies or series of acts that are always performed in the same way - Ritual
- Formal meetings in which representatives or experts discuss important matters, make decisions, etc. - Congress
- Formal processions of people walking, on horseback, or riding in vehicles - Cavalcade
- Formally choosing (someone) as a candidate for a job, position, office, etc. - Nominate
- Formations of clear and distinct sounds in speech - Articulation
- Fortresses, typically one on high ground above a city - Citadel
- Formal and serious promises to tell the truth or to do something - Oath
- Fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices - Rort
\begin{itemize}
  \item Fraudulent practices of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information - \textbf{Phishing}
  \item Freedom from being required to do something that others are required to do - \textbf{Exemption}
  \item Freedom from punishment, harm, or loss - \textbf{Impunity}
  \item Freedom to do something the way you want to do it - \textbf{Leeway}
  \item Friendly relationships - \textbf{Rapport}
  \item Friendly remarks and jokes - \textbf{Banter}
  \item Full and wide view of something - \textbf{panorama}
  \item Full of anger, arguments and bad feelings - \textbf{Acrimonious}
  \item Full of clever tricks : very clever - \textbf{Wily}
  \item Full of hate or anger, extremely or excessively harsh or strong - \textbf{Virulent}
  \item Funny and clever - \textbf{Witty}
  \item Funny plays or movies about ridiculous situations- \textbf{Farce}
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  \item General laws, rules, principles, or criteria by which something is judged - \textbf{Canon}
  \item General or basic quality or meaning of something - \textbf{Tenor}
  \item Generous and friendly treatment of visitors and guests - \textbf{Hospitality}
  \item Genuine, real or legal; not false - \textbf{Bona fide}
  \item Girlfriends of criminals - \textbf{Moll}
  \item Giving a brief summary of something - \textbf{Recapitulate}
  \item Giving or being a sign of (something that will happen or develop in the future) - \textbf{Presage}
  \item Giving somebody a signal using your finger or hand, especially to tell them to move nearer or to follow you - \textbf{Beckon}
  \item Giving up (something) : to give (something, such as power, control, or possession) to another person or group - \textbf{Relinquish}
  \item Giving help or support to the main group of workers - \textbf{Auxiliary}
  \item Going in a direction that is away from a group or from the place where one should be - \textbf{Stray}
  \item Going on someone's land without permission - \textbf{Trespass}
  \item Goods that are bought and sold - \textbf{Merchandise}
  \item Government departments that control public money - \textbf{Exchequer}
  \item Governments formed by two or more political parties working together - \textbf{Coalition}
\end{itemize}
• Government officials who are the representative of his or her country in a foreign country - **Consul**
• Government orders that limit trade in some way - **Embargo**
• Gradual increase in noise : the loudest point of a period of continuous noise - **Crescendo**
• Gradual reduction in the size of a business, activity, etc. - **Runown**
• Great and often wild or uncontrolled activities - **Frenzy**
• Great disaster or complete failure - **Debacle**
• Great number of things or people - **Multitude**
• Great technical skill and brilliance shown in a performance or activity - **Bravura**
• Great work : the greatest achievement of an artist, or a writer - **Magnum opus**
• Groups of animals or plants that are similar and can produce young animals or plants - **Species**
• Groups of members of the public who listen to the facts of a case in a court and decide whether or not somebody is guilty of a crime - **Jury**
• Groups of military ships commanded by the same person - **Fleet**
• Groups of musicians who play usually classical music together and who are led by a conductor - **Orchestra**
• Groups of officials led by an ambassador who represent their government in a foreign country ; building in which an embassy works - **Embassy**
• Groups of people or businesses that work together - **Syndicate**
• Groups of people who are doing something together - **Platoon**
• Groups of people who are the leaders of an action or movement in society, politics, art, - **Vanguard**
• Groups of people who are together for a particular - **Posse**
• Groups of people who go with and assist an important person - **Entourage**
• Groups of people who have gathered to watch or listen to something (a play, concert, somebody speaking, etc.) - **Audience**
• Groups of people who have the same job, interests, etc. - **Fraternity**
• Groups of people who operate a ship, airplane, or train - **Crew**
• Groups of people who share a common feature or aspect of behaviour - **Cohort**
• Groups of people with shared concerns within a political party or larger organization - **Caucus**
• Groups of people, companies, etc., that agree to work together - **Consortium**
• Groups of people, countries, organizations, etc., that are joined together in some activity or effort - **Confederation**
• Groups of people, especially traders or pilgrims, travelling together across a desert in Asia or North Africa - **Caravan**
• Groups of separate companies that agree to increase profits by fixing prices and not competing with each other - **Cartel**
• Groups of singers or dancers performing together in a supporting role in a musical or opera - **Chorus**
• Groups of vehicles or ships that are travelling together usually for protection - **Convoy**
• Groups or organization of nations or people united for a purpose - **League**
• Groups within a larger group that have different ideas and opinions than the rest of the group - **Faction**
• Guiding beliefs of a person, group, or organization - **Ethos**

**H**

• Happening after death, medical examination of the body of a dead person to determine the cause of death - **Post-mortem**
• Happening as a result of something - **Consequent**
• Happening at the same time - **Concurrent**
• Happening often but not regularly: not constant or steady - **Sporadic**
• Happening or appearing again and again - **Recurrent**
• Happening or appearing in many places and not unusual: very common or ordinary - **Common place**
• Happening or popular at a particular time - **Du jour**
• Happening, done, or published after someone's death - **Posthumous**
• Happy and enjoyable scenes or experience - **Idyll**
• Happy and lively in a way that is attractive - **Vivacious**
• Harming (someone) through sexual contact to touch (someone) in a sexual and improper way - **Molest**
• Harsh and angry words - **Vitriolic**
• Harsh criticisms that show a lack of respect or approval for someone or something - **Scorn**
• Harsh discordant mixture of sounds - **Cacophony**
• Harsh or critical statements about someone - **Obloquy**
• Having (something) as a part, step, or result - **Entail**
• Having a speech problem that causes one to repeat the beginning sound of some words - **Stutter**
• Having a dull, uninteiting appearance, not attractive, or stylish - **Dowdy**
• Having a god or helpful result especially after something unpleasant has happened - **Salutary**
• Having a pleasant, spicy taste interesting and exciting - **Piquant**
• Having a strong and unpleasant smell or taste front no longer being fresh - **Rancid**
- Having a strong, sharp taste or smell - **Pungent**
- Having a very appealing taste or smell - **Luscious**
- Having a very noticeable quality that attracts a lot of attention - **Flamboyant**
- Having an obstinately uncooperative attitude towards authority or discipline - **Recalcitrant**
- Having complete or unlimited power - **Omnipotent**
- Having fair hair and a light complexion - **Blonde**
- Having many twists and turns: complicated, long, and confusing - **Tortuous**
- Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone - **Ambivalent**
- Having no legal power - **Nutt**
- Having no useful purpose - **Otiose**
- Having or relating to two sides affecting both sides, involving two parties, especially countries - **Bilateral**
- Having or showing a desire to hurt someone who has hurt or caused problems for you - **Vindictive**
- Having or showing a lot of courage or determination - **Plucky**
- Having or showing a lot of violence and blood - **Gory**
- Having or showing an ability to understand difficult ideas and situations and to make good decisions - **Sagacious**
- Having or showing courage: very brave or courageous - **Valiant**
- Having or showing knowledge that is learned by studying - **Erudite**
- Having people of different types or from different countries, and influenced by their culture: showing an interest in different cultures, ideas - **Cosmopolitan**
- Having the letters q, w, e, r, t, and y arranged in a querty row in the top row of letter keys - **Querty**
- Having the qualities or appearance considered to be typical of men - **Masculine**
- Having very fixed beliefs and being unlikely or unwilling to change them - **Hardliner**
- Heavy automatic guns that fire shells from an aircraft or tank - **Cannon**
- Height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level - **Altitude**
- Helping someone or something pay for the costs of (something) - **Subsidize**
- Highest point in the development of something: a climax or culmination - **Apogee**
- Highest point of a mountain: the top of a mountain - **Summit**
- History of the family members in a person's or animal's past especially when it is good or impressive - **Pedigree**
- Hitting (someone or something) very hard with a stick, whip, etc - **Thrash**
- Hitting (someone) on the buttocks with one's hand as a form of punishment - **Spank**
• Hitting or beating something or someone and make a loud, deep sound - **Thump**
• Hitting something with a loud, dull sound - **Thud**
• Honor or fame given for some achievement - **Laurel**
• Honor or respect that is felt for or shown to (someone or something) - **Reverence**
•Hopeful or romantic in a way that is not practical - **Quixotic**
• Houses or part of a house in which the women of a Muslim household live - **Harem**
• Houses where men visit prostitutes - **Brothel**
• Humour that shows the weaknesses or bad qualities of a person, government, society, etc. - **Satire**
• Humorous in a clever and often ironic way - **Wry**
• Humorous rhyming poem of five lines - **Limerick**
• Hundredth anniversary of a significant event - **Centenary**
• Husband's (or wife's) provision for a spouse after separation or divorce: maintenance - **Alimony**

**I**
• Ideas about doing something that is far removed from normal reality - **Fantasy**
• Ideas or beliefs that people are born again with a different body after death - **Reincarnation**
• Ideas or inventions which are considered to be a particular person's creation - **Brainchild**
• Ideas or sets of beliefs that guide the actions of a person or group - **Credo**
• Idea or a set of principles or religious beliefs - **Creed**
• Ideas or theories that are not proven but that leads to further study or discussion - **Hypothesis**
• Ideas suggested by a word in addition to its main meaning - **Connotation**
• Ideas or statements that are often false or exaggerated and that are spread in order to help a cause, a political leader, a government, etc. - **Propaganda**
• Ideas or stories that are not true but that many people have heard or read - **Folklore**
• (Illness) persisting for a long time or constantly recurring - **Chronic**
• Imaginary places in which the government, laws, and social conditions are perfect - **Utopia**
• Imaginary sea creatures that have a woman's head and body and a fish's tail instead of legs - **Mermaid**
• Impartial advisers to a court of law in a particular case - **Amicus curiae**
• Important, real, or meaningful - **Substantive**
• Impossible to defeat or discourage - **Indomitable**
• Impossible to defeat or overcome - **INVINCIBLE**
• Impossible to harm, damage, or defeat - **INVULNERABLE**
• Impossible to solve or get control of: impossible to overcome - **INSURMOUNTABLE**
• Impressive display or range of a particular type of thing - **ARRAY**
• In a careless and unplanned way - **WILLY NILLY**
• In a confused and careless way - **HELTER - SKELTER**
• In a state of tremulous excitement - **AFLUTTER**
• In a very bad condition and needing to be repaired - **RAMSHACKLE**
• In an uncertain or undecided state or condition - **LIMBO**
• In great disorder or confusion - **TOPSY - TURVY**
• In preparation or progress happening or beginning to happen - **AFOOT**
• In a very bad condition because of age or lack of care - **DILAPIDATED**
• Including many different things: full of variety - **VARIEGATED**
• Increased effectiveness that results when two or more people or businesses work together - **SYNERGY**
• Indefinite and very long period of time - **AEON**
• Independent persons or a body officially appointed to settle a dispute - **Arbitrator**
• Indirect and usually bad results of an action or event that may happen some time afterwards - **Repercussion**
• Influence or control over another country, a group of people - **Hegemony**
• Influence or power, especially in politics or business - **Clout**
• Informal ways of spreading information or rumors through conversation - **Grapevine**
• Information about a person and about what they have done in their life - **Biodata**
• Inscriptions on a building, statue, or coin - **Epigraph**
• Ill institutions, places, or persons strongly maintaining particular principles, attitudes, or activities - **Bastion**
• Insulting remarks made in public - **Brickbats**
• Intense military campaign intended to bring about a swift victory - **Blitzkrieg**
• Introduction to a book or speech - **Preface**
• Introduction to a book, play, etc. - **Prologue**
• Involving a chance that something bad or unpleasant could happen - **Dicey**
• Involving a lot of violence, confusion, or disorder - **Tumultuous**
• Involving death or violence in a way that is strange, frightening, or unpleasant - **Macabre**
- Involving only one group or country - **Unilateral**
- Items of additional material added at the end of a book or other publication - **Addendum**

**J**
- Japanese art of folding paper into shapes that look like birds, animals, etc. - **Origami**
- Japanese flower arranging, that has strict formal rules - **Ikebana**
- Japanese form of self-defence and martial art that uses locks, holds, throws, and the opponent's own movements - **Aikido**
- Jargon or slang of a particular group or class - **Argot**
- Jobs, activities, etc., that are very suitable for someone - **Niche**
- Journals or newspapers, especially the official one of an organization or institution - **Gazette**
- Journalists who are not on the regular staff of a newspaper but who write stories for that newspaper - **Stringer**
- Journeys especially by a group of people for a specific purpose - **Expedition**

**K**
- Killing (a person or animal) by squeezing the throat - **Strangle**
- Killing (an animal) for food, kill (many people) in a very violent way - **Slaughter**
- Killing (someone) illegally as punishment for a crime - **Lynch**
- Killing of a large number of people - **Carnage**
- Killing or wounding of people, typically on a large scale during a conflict - **Bloodshed**
- Kindness shown to somebody when they are being punished: willingness not somebody so severely - **Clemency**
- Knowing everything: having unlimited understanding or knowledge - **omniscient**
- Knowing or using several languages - **Polyglot**

**L**
- Lack of agreements between people, ideas, etc - **Discord**
• Lack of order: a confused or messy condition - **Disarray**
• Lack of respect or dislike for someone or something - **Contempt**
• Lack of seriousness - **Levity**
• Lack of solidity or substance; thinness - **Tenuity**
• Lack of the usual social or ethical standards in an individual or group - **Anomie** (anomy)
• Lacking confidence: not feeling comfortable around people, very careful about acting or speaking - **Diffident**
• (Land) used or suitable for growing crops - **Arable**
• (Language) used in conversation but not in formal speech or writing - **Colloquial**
• (Legislative body) having two chambers - **Bicameral**
• Language of ordinary speechs rather than formal writing - **Vernacular**
• Language or behaviour that is nonsense and is intended to hide the truth from people - **Hocus-pocus**
• Language that is intended to influence people and that may not be honest or reasonable - **Rhetoric**
• Language that is used among people who speak various different languages - **Lingua franca**
• Language used by a particular group of people - **Parlance**
• Language used for a particular activity or by a particular group of people - **Jargon**
• Large amount of money that has been given to a school, hospital, etc., and that is used to pay for its creation and continuing support: person's natural ability or talent - **Endowment**
• Large amount of rain that suddenly falls in an area: large amount of things that come at the same time - **Deluge**
• Large amount of something that is released suddenly - **Torrent**
• Large and beautiful view of an area of land or Vista water
• Large and very unpleasant amount of dirt - **Filth**
• Large areas of land that have been farmed, too much with the result that plants will not grow there - **Badlands**
• Large buildings or group of buildings for soldiers to live in - **Barracks**
• Large, burial ground, especially one not in a churchyard - **Cemetery**
• Large business that is made of different kinds of companies - **Conglomerate**
• Large cages, buildings, or enclosures for keeping birds in - **Aviary**
• Large group of people or things of a particular kind - **Bevy**
• Large group of people, especially an organized group with a particular purpose - **Battalion**
• Large group of people - **Throng**
• Large notices or signs put up in a public place or carried by people - **Placard**
- Large number of things that appear or happen in a short period of time - **Spate**
- Large open-air fire used for burning rubbish or as part of a celebration - **Bonfire**
- Large parties or celebrations - **Fete**
- Large parties or celebrations - **Jamboree**
- Large tents used for social or commercial functions; covered structures over the entrance to a building - **Marquee**
- Large-calibre guns used in warfare on land - **Artillery**
- Lasting for a very short time - **Evanescent**
- Lasting for a very short time - **Ephemeral**
- Late morning meals eaten instead of breakfast and lunch - **Brunch**
- Laws or regulations made by a government - **Ordinance**
- Laws or rules that limit or control something; strong criticism - **Stricture**
- Leaving (property) to a person or other beneficiary by a will - **Bequeath**
- Legal agreements in which a person borrows money to buy property (such as a house) and pays back the money over a period of years - **Mortgage**
- Legal right to be the only one to reproduce, publish, and sell a book, musical recording, etc., for a certain period of time - **Copyright**
- Letter or group of letters that is added at the beginning of a word to change its meaning - **Prefix**
- Level of respect that people have for a successful person, organization, etc. - **Stature**
- Light that is placed somewhere to guide vehicles and warn them of danger - **Beacon**
- Likely to change in a very sudden or extreme way; likely to become dangerous or out of control - **Volatile**
- Likely to have or produce good results - **Propitious**
- Limited to a small number of people - **Esoteric**
- Lines in a newspaper naming the writer of an article - **Byline**
- Lines notionally drawn on the earth equidistant from the poles - **Equator**
- Lines on a weather map that join places that have the same air pressure at a particular time - **Isobar**
- Lines on a weather map that join places that have the same temperature at a particular time - **Isotherm**
- Lines that have a series of short, sharp turns or angles - **Zigzag**
- Lists of items required, things to be done, or points to be considered, used as a reminder - **Checklist**
- Lists of the books referred to in a scholarly work, typically printed as an appendix - **Bibliography**
- Lists of the foods that may be ordered at a restaurant - **Menu**
• Lists of the people or things that belong to a particular group, team, etc. - **Roster**
• Lists of the people who work for a company and the amount of money that the company has agreed to pay them - **Payroll**
• Lists that show who must do a certain job - **Rota**
• Lively or energetic quality - **Vitality**
• Living in trees - **Arboreal**
• Long and angry fights or quarrels between two people or two groups - **Feud**
• Long and angry speeches - **Tirade**
• Long and complicated series of events - **Saga**
• Long and determined efforts to achieve something that one believes to be right or to stop something that onebelieves to be wrong - **Crusade**
• Long journeys to a distant or unknown place especially over water or through outer space - **voyage**
• Long poems that tell the story of a hero's adventures - **epic**
• Long speeches given by a character in a story, movie, play, etc., or by a performer - **Monologue**
• Long, complicated, and annoying process, descriptions - **Rigmarole**
• Long, narrow boxes, typically of wood, in which a dead body is buried or cremated - **COFFIN**
• Long, thin sticks used by a magician or during magic tricks - **WAND**
• Long, usually serious speeches that a character in a play make to an audience and that reveal the character's thoughts - **SOLILOQUY**
• Long-term security yielding a fixed rate of Debenture interest, issued by a company and secured against assets - **DEBENTURE**
• Looking at someone in an evil or unpleasantly Leer sexual way - **LEER**
• Looking for private information about someone Snoop or something - **SNOOP**
• Lots of energy and style - **Panache**
• Loud and confused noises, strongly expressed Clamour protest or demand from a large number of people - **CLAMOUR**
• Loud, confusing mixture of noises that lasts for a Din long time - **DIN**
• Loving and admiring oneself and especially one's Narcissism appearance too much - **NARCISSISM**

M

• Made by combining different substances : not natural - **Synthetic**
• Made or done without preparation - **Impromptu**
• Made to be useful rather than to be decorative or comfortable - **Utilitarian**
• Made to look like an exact copy of something in order to trick people - **Counterfeit**
• Made up of different things - **Sundry**
• Made up of many different people or things - **Motley**
• Made up of parts that are different - **Heterogeneous**
• Magical liquid that can cure illness or extend life - **Elixir**
• Main characters in a novel, play, movie, etc. - **Protagonist**
• Main group of people in a Communist government who make decisions about policy - **Politburo**
• Main or central part of a city or town - **Downtown**
• Major changes or a period of change that causes a lot of conflict, confusion, anger, etc. - **Upheaval**
• Make (an idea, belief, etc.) known to many people - **Promulgate**
• Making (someone or something) weaker or less effective usually in a secret or gradual way - **Undermine**
• Making (someone) feel or look young, healthy, or energetic again - **Rejuvenate**
• Making (someone) want to know more about something - **Intrigue**
• Men who want to marry a particular woman - **Suitor**
• Managing or using money in a careful or wise way - **Thrifty**
• Many changes or problems that happen over time - **Vicissitude**
• Marks or qualities that shows what something is or what it could be - **Earmark**
• Marks that are left on one’s skin after a wound heals: feeling of great emotional pain or sadness that is caused by a bad experience and that lasts for a long time - **Scar**
• Materials made of a network of wire or thread: Mesh complex or constricting situation - **MESH**
• Materials that are flowing out - **Efflux**
• Meals consisting of several dishes from which guests serve themselves - **Buffet**
• Meals to which everyone who is invited brings food to share - **Pot luck**
• Measures designed merely to humour or placate someone - **Placebo**
• Members of a group of people who move from place to place instead of living in one place all the time - **Nomad**
• Members of some religions (such as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam) who deliver messages that are believed to have come from God - **Prophet**
• Mental illness in which a person becomes very emotional or excited - **Mania**
• Mental states in which one is confused and not able to think or speak clearly: state of wild excitement and great happiness - **Delirium**
• Metals made by combining two or more metallic elements - **Alloy**
• Military groups controlling a government AFTER taking control of it by force - **GIMMICK**
• Money given as a reward - **BOUNTY**
• Money or food given to poor people - **Alms**
• Money or property that is given to you by somebody when they die - **Legacy**
• Money that is less than the amount that is needed - **Deficit**
• Money that is owed and should have been paid earlier - **Arrears**
• Money that is paid in order to free someone who has been captured or kidnapped - **Ransom**
• Moral fables, especially one with animals as characters - **Apologue**
• Morally good behavior or character - **VIRTUE**
• Most important and basic facts or details about something - **NittY GittY**
• Most important idea or parts of something - **Keynote**
• Most important parts of something (such as a Most important parts of something) - **Crux**
• Most successful or powerful group of people - **Quintessence**
• Moving about quickly from side to side or up and down - **Jiggle**
• Moving at a speed faster than walking by stepping with each front leg at the same time as the opposite back leg - **Trot**
• Moving or acting quickly to do, find, or get Scramble something often before someone else does - **scramble**
• Moving or acting too slowly - **Dawdle**
• Move or lift (something) so that it is no longer - **Ruffle**
• Moving quickly to one side in order to avoid being hit by (someone or something) - **Dodge**
• Moving to a new place - **Relocate**
• Movements away from a place or situation especially because it is dangerous, unpleasant, etc. : place that is quiet and private - **Retreat**
• Movies about crime that uses dark shadows and lighting to show the complicated moral nature of the subject - **Noir**
• Mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together - **Camaraderie**
• Mysteries that can only be resolved by assembling various pieces of information - **Jigsaw**

N

• Names that are wrong or not proper or appropriate - **Misnomer**
• Names that someone (such as a writer) uses instead of his or her real name - **Pseudonym**
• Narrow passageways between or behind building - **Alley**
• Natural likings for and understanding of someone or something - **Affinity**
• New activities, projects, business, etc., that typically involve risk - **Venture**
• New and experimental ideas and methods in art, music, or literature - **Avant-garde**
• Newspapers with small pages (usually half the size of those in larger papers) - **Tabloid**
• Newspapers that print a lot of shocking stories about people's private lives rather than serious news - **Gutter press**
• No longer active or effective: close to failure - **Moribund**
• No longer existing or being used - **Defunct**
• No longer used because something newer exists - **Obsolete**
• Noisy and overexcited reactions or responses to something - **Brouhaha**
• Noisy arguments or disagreements, especially in public - **Altercation**
• Noisy arguments or fights - **Fracas**
• Not able or willing to believe something - **Incredulous**
• Not able to be corrected or changed - **Incorrigible**
• Not able to be stopped or changed - **Inexorable**
• Not able to communicate with other people - **Incommunicado**
• Not acceptable to talk about or do - **Taboo**
• Not active, not now developing or causing symptoms - **Quiescent**
• Not as important as something else - **Subsidiary**
• Not capable of life - **Inanimate**
• Not clear in meaning: stated in a way that is general and not specific - **Vague**
• Not completely clear or transparent but clear enough to allow light to pass through - **Translucent**
• Not connected with spiritual or religious matters - **Secular**
• Not deserving serious attention - **Frivolous**
• Not doing or involving much physical activities - **Sedentary**
• Not easily described: having no special or interesting qualities, parts, etc.: typical and uninteresting - **Nondescript**
• Not easily stopped or pulled apart: very determined to do something - **Tenacious**
• Not giving enough thought to other people's feelings or needs - **Inconsiderate**
• Not having made a will - **Intestate**
• Not having or showing good judgment - **Indiscreet**
• Not having or showing good manners, good taste, or politeness - **Vulgar**
• Not intended or planned - **Inadvertent**
• Not interesting, funny, etc., because of being used too often - **Hackneyed**
• Not keeping anything secret or hidden: honest and direct - **Upfront**
• Not letting light through: not transparent, difficult to understand of explain - **Opaque**
• Not liking to work or be active - **Indolent**
- Not lively or interesting: dull or boring - **Vapid**
- Not made of physical substances: not able to be touched - **Intangible**
- Not necessary or appropriate: **Unwarranted**
- Not producing the desired effect: **Inefficacious**
- Not showing enough care and attention: **Remiss**
- Not strong or stable and likely to break: **Rickety**
- Not very developed or advanced: **Rudimentary**
- Not very easy to see or notice: **Inconspicuous**
- Not willing to tell people about things: **Reticent**
- Not within the range of what someone knows or understands: **Ken**
- Novels, movies, etc., that are very exciting: a story full of exciting action, mystery, adventure, or suspense - **Thriller**
- Number of people who are killed or injured in an accident, disaster, war - **Toll**

**O**
- Objects (such as a ring or stone) that is believed to have magic powers and to cause good things to happen to the person who has it - **Talisman**
- Objects or pictures used to suggest a thing that cannot be shown: person or thing that represents an idea - **Emblem**
- Object, pieces of evidence or some informations that help the police solve a crime - **Clue**
- Objects, activities, or ideas that are used as symbols of something else - **Metaphor**
- Objects or materials that are collected because they are related to a particular event, person, etc.: things collected as souvenirs - **Memorabilia**
- Objects that are used to do a particular activity: objects of a particular kind - **Paraphernalia**
- Occurring between members of the same country, group, or organization - **Internecine**
- Of, belonging to, or seeming to come from an early time in the very ancient past - **Primitive**
- (Of a person) not identified by name; of unknown name - **Anonymous**
- Offence of marrying someone while already married to another person - **Bigamy**
- Official agreements that are made between two or more countries or groups - **Treaty**
- Official announcements about a usually very important piece of news - **Communiqué**
- Open opposition toward a person or group in authority - **Rebellion**
Open to more than one interpretation: not having one obvious meaning - **Ambiguous**

Operations in which police or other forces surround a building and cut off supplies, with the aim of forcing an armed person to surrender - **Siege**

Opinions or beliefs of the majority - **Vox populi**

Opponents or enemies that are very difficult to defeat - **Nemesis**

Opponents that are easy to defeat - **Pushover**

Orders that must be followed - **Diktat**

Organized search for a person and especially for a criminal - **Manhunt**

Original copies of a play, book, piece of music, etc., before those have been printed - **Manuscript**

Ornaments or small pieces of jewellery thought to give protection against evil, danger, or disease - **Amulet**

Out of control with anger or excitement; wild or frenzied - **Berserk**

Outdoor meals or parties when food is cooked in this way - **Barbecue**

Outlines or outer edges of something - **Contour**

Outside edges of an area: the area that surrounds a place or thing - **Periphery**

**P**

Persons who are in charge of or takes care of something - **Warden**

Persons who are kept in a prison or mental hospital - **Inmate**

Persons who are killed or who suffer greatly for a religion, cause, etc. - **Martyr**

Persons who are not loyal to his or her own country, friends, etc. - **Traitor**

Persons who are not welcome or wanted in a place - **Intruder**

Persons who are running away to avoid being captured - **Fugitive**

Persons who are sent by one government to represent it in dealing with another government - **Envoy**

Persons who are skilled in magic or who has magical powers: a sorcerer or a magician, a person who is very good at something - **Wizard**

Persons who are unfairly blamed for something that others have done - **Scapegoat**

Persons who are very enthusiastic about something - **Fiend**

Persons who are walking in a city, along a road, etc. - **Pedestrian**

Persons who know a lot about something (such as art, wine, food, etc.) - an expert in a particular subject - **Connoisseur**

Persons who lack experience and knowledge - **Greenhorn**
- Persons who leave one political, religious, etc. group to join another that has very different views : someone or something that causes trouble and cannot be controlled - Renegade
- Persons who like or admire women. - Philogynist
- Persons who like seeing and talking or writing about something that is considered to be private - Voyeur
- Parts of checks, tickets, etc., that can be kept as a record when it is torn off - Counterfoil
- Parts of cities in which members of a particular group or race live usually in poor conditions - Ghetto
- Parts of theatres, concert halls, etc. in which the audiences sit - Auditorium
- Parts of the earth's surface that are directly above the place where an earthquake starts - Epicenter
- Parts of your mind that tell you whether your actions are right or wrong - Conscience
- Parts or elements of something - Facet
- Partial or total loss of memory - Amnesia
- Partial refunds to someone who has paid too much for tax, rent, or a utility - Rebate
- Particular subjects or issues that are discussed often or repeatedly - Theme
- Particular types or categories of literature or art - Genre
- Particular ways of thinking : a person's attitude or set of opinions about something - Mindset
- Particular ways of walking - Gait
- Passages between rows of seats in a building such as a church or theatre, an aircraft, or train - AISLE
- Paying money to get a publication or service regularly - SUBSCRIBE
- People in the future - POSTERITY
- People of high social status - GENTRY
- People who are extremely poor - DESTITUDE
- People who are famous, wealthy, and attractive - GLITTERATI
- People who can vote in an election - ELECTORATE
- Performances of something - RENDITION
- Periods immediately before an action or event - RUN UP
- Periods of 1,000 years - MILLENNIUM
- Periods of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activities are reduced - RECESSION
- Periods of time during which someone does not work at his or her regular job and is able to rest, travel, do research, etc. - SABBATICAL
- Periods of time that are very important in history - EPOCH
- Periods of time when people stay awake, especially at night, in order to watch a sick person, say prayers, protest, etc - **Vigil**
- Periods of time when something (activities or programs) are stopped - **Hiatus**
- Periods when days ending and nights beginning - **Twilight**
- Periods when many more babies are born than usual - **Baby Boom**
- Periods when something do not increase or advance any further - **Plateau**
- Permanent administrative offices departmeric; especially governmental ones - **Secretariat**
- Persons or things regarded as an exact copy of another - **Clone**
- Persons or things that attract a lot of attention or interest - **Cynosure**
- Persons or things that cause a change - **Catalyst**
- Persons or things that do not go or move as quickly as others - **Laggard**
- Persons or things that are connected with or related to another, often in a way that one would not expect - **Bedfellow**
- Persons or things that are extremely important or large in size - **Colossus**
- Persons or things that are the direct opposite of someone or something else - **Anthithesis**
- Persons or things that are the most important part of an organization, a plan, etc, because everything else depends on them or it - **Linchpin**
- Persons or things that one particularly dislike - **Bête Noire**
- Persons or things that take the place of someone or something else - **Substitute**
- Persons or things that take the place or perform the duties of someone or something else - **Surrogate**
- Persons or things which provide stability or confidence in an otherwise uncertain situation - **Anchor**
- Persons that somebody spend a lot of time with - **Crony**
- Persons who accompany and look after another persons or group of people - **Chaperone**
- Persons who actively oppose or are hostile to someone or something : an adversary - **Antagonist**
- Persons who actively use the Internet especially in a proper and responsible way - **Netizen**

Q

- Qualities of always behaving in the same way or of having the same opinions, standard, etc - **constituency**
• Qualities of being faithful to one's husband, wife, or sexual partner - **fidelity**
• Qualities of being honest and fair - **integrity**
• Qualities of being very similar or equal - **symmetry**
• Qualities of being very unwilling to spend money - **parsimoney**
• Qualities that causes people to feel sympathy and sadness - **pathos**
• Qualities that makes one person or thing different from another - **trait**
• Quantities of work that should have been done already, but has not yet been done - **backlog**
• Quick looks or glance - **dekko**
• Quick series of soft, light sounds caused when things (such as leaves or pieces of paper) rub against each other - **rustle**
• Quiet and peaceful - **tranquil**
• Quiet and polite, not showy or flashy - **demure**
• Quotations from or references to a book, paper, or author, especially in a scholarly work - **citation**

**R**

• (Route or journey) longer than the most direct way - **Circuitous**
• Raised platforms for a speaker, performer, or the leader of an orchestra - **Podium**
• Raised platforms in a large room or hall that people stand on when performing or speaking to an audience - **Dais**
• Range or series of related things - **Gamut**
• Ready and excited to start to do something - **Raring**
• Reasons or explanations for something - **Rationale**
• Reasons that you give to hide your real reason for doing something - **Pretext**
• Records of events year by year - **Annals**
• Refers to the fact that something has been done or repeated so often that it has become annoying or tiresome - **Ad nauseam**
• Referring to sex in a rude but humorous way - **Ribald**
• Refusing (something, such as an offer or suggestion) in a rude way - **Rebuff**
• Refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind - **Adamant**
• Regular period of sleep or rest in the afternoon in some hot countries - **Siesta**
• Regular, repeated patterns of sounds or movements - **Rhythm**
• Reinforced underground shelters, typically for use in wartime - **Bunker**
• Returning to an earlier and usually worse state or condition - **retograde**
• Rich persons who have at least a million dollars, pounds - **millionaires**
• Rights or benefit that is given to some people and not to others - **privilege**
• Rights or the capacity to bring an action or to appear in a court - **local standi**
• Rights or privileges - **prerogative**
• Rights to choose what should be done in a particular situation - **discretion**
• Rights to vote in an election - **suffrage**
• Ritual suicides by cutting open one's stomach with a sword - **hara - kiri**
• Robots with a human appearance - **android**
• Rooms in a public building where outdoor clothes or luggage may be left - **clockroom**
• Rough or noisy - **rowdy**
• Roughly made model of a person that is made in order to be damaged or destroyed as a protest - **effigy**
• Roughly or quickly thrust (a sharp or pointed object) someone or something - **jab**
• Routine tasks, especially a household one - **chores**
• Rules or principles that most people believe to be true - **axiom**
• Rules that say how people should behave - **precept**
• Rules about the proper and polite way to communicate with other people when one is using the Internet - **netiquette**

S

• Sad moods or feelings - **melancholy**
• Said to somebody who is leaving on a journey, to wish them a good journey - **bon voyage**
• Sailors who attacked ships at sea and stole from them: the person who acts in a recklessly adventurous and often unscrupulous way, especially in business - **buccaneer**
• Saying or writing very harsh and critical things about (someone or something) - **vilify**
• Saying that (something) is smaller, less important, etc., than it really is - **understate**
• Saying that something you said or wrote is not true or correct - **retract**
• Saying that you are not responsible for (something): to deny that you know about or are involved in (something) - **disavow**
• Scenes full of noise and confusion - **bedlam**
• Searching for something especially by moving and looking through the contents of a place - **rummage**
• Searching through waste, junk, etc., for something that can be saved, used or eaten - **scavenge**
• Seats for passengers on a motorcycle - **pillion**
- Secret agreements especially in order to do something dishonest or to trick people - **collusion**
- Secret or disguised ways of writing : a code - **cipher**
- Secretly try to ruin or destroy a government, political system, etc. - **subvert**
- Sections or tables of subsidiary matter at the end of a book or document - **Appendix**
- Seeming like real life because it is very clear, bright, or detailed, very bright in color - **Vivid**
- Seeming to be seen everywhere - **Ubiquitous**
- Selling (a business, property, etc.) especially to pay off debt - **Liquidate**
- Sending (a person who has been accused of a crime) to another state or country for trial - **Extradite**
- Sending away (some of a company's work) to be done by people outside the company - **Outsource**
- Series of changes - **Flux**
- Series of three novels, movies, etc., that are closely related and involve the same characters or themes - **Trilogy**
- Sets of clothes that are worn together : group of people working together in the same activity - **Outfit**
- Sets of ideas that somebody believes in and tries to persuade others to accept - **Gospel**
- Sets of principles concerned with the nature and appreciation of beauty - **Aesthetics**
- Sets of tools or supplies that a person uses for a particular purpose or activity - **Kit**
- Severe mental or physical pain or suffering - **Anguish**
- Severe snowstorms with high winds : large quantity of things that may seem to be attacking you - **Blizzard**
- Sexually attracted to people of the same sex - **Homosexual**
- Shared by, including or typical of a whole group of things : not specific - **Generic**
- Shiny quality of a surface that reflects light - **Luster**
- Someone who predicts things that will happen in the future
- Someone who saves something or someone from danger, harm, failure, etc.
- Someone who supports a particular cause, belief, etc
- Someone who talks about something with great enthusiasm
- Someone who teaches or gives help and advice to a less experienced and often younger person
- Someone who tends to criticize, reject, or ignore people who come from a lower social class and have less education, etc.
- Someone who travels to a holy place
- Someone who tries to get an advantage or something valuable from a situation without thinking about what is fair or right
- (Something unwelcome) flourishing or spreading unchecked, unrestrained in action or performance
- Something (such as a business) that develops from something larger
- Something (such as a force, campaign, or movement) that is extremely large and powerful and cannot be stopped
- Something (such as a greeting) that people say in order to be polite
- Something (such as a situation) that is made up of two opposite things and that seems impossible but is actually true or possible
- Something (such as a special ceremony) that is intended to honor an important event or person from the past

T

- Tending to be quiet: not speaking frequently - Taciturn
- That can be done: that will be successful - Viable
- The last of a series - Omega
- The same book or piece of writing as the one that has just been mentioned - Ibid
- The thing added to something else as a supplementary rather than an essential part - Adjunct
- The thing or a person that has no chance of success - Noose
- The thing that existed before or logically precedes another - Antecedent
- The thing that hides or covers somebody/something - Cloak
- The thing that is added or attached to something larger or more important - Appendage
- The thing that is inappropriate, especially a remark or expression - Infelicity
- The thing that is most important to someone or something - Raison detre
- The time at which something begins - Inception
- The time that something of quality was produced - Vintage
- The traditional knowledge, beliefs, and stories that relate to a particular place, subject, or group - Lore
- The treatment to improve the appearance and health of the feet or toenails - Pedicure
- The trusted follower or supporter who performs unpleasant, wrong, or illegal tasks for a powerful person - Henchman
- The two-hundredth anniversary of a significant event - Bicentenary
- Theories or a group of ideas about how something should be done, made, or thought about - **Paradigm**

**U**

- Unusual habits or way of behaving, something strange that happens by chance - **Quirk**
- Unusual or excessive concern about one's health - **Hypochondria**
- Unusual ways in which a particular person behaves or thinks - **Idiosyncrasy**
- Urging or requesting (someone) solemnly or earnestly to do something - **Adjure**
- Using (something) in a foolish or wasteful way - **Squander**
- Use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose - **Chicanery**
- Use of machines to do work that was previously done by people - **Automation**
- Use of many words where fewer would do, especially in a deliberate attempt to be vague or evasive - **Circumlocution**
- Use of tricks especially to hide, avoid, or get something - **Subterfuge**
- Use of words that mean the opposite of what one really wants to say especially in order to insult someone, to show irritation, or to be funny - **Sarcasm**
- Use of words to exchange thoughts and ideas - **Discourse**
- Used in reference to luxurious accommodations - **Ritz**
- Used to describe something that exists but that is not officially accepted or recognized - **De facto**
- Used to express excitement or joy - **Yahoo**
- Used to express excitement when a discovery has been made - **Eureka**
- Used to indicate that a named person is also known or more familiar under another specified name - **Alias**
- Used to refer to a process in which actors are chosen for a film/movie, etc. if they have sex with the person in charge of choosing the artnrc - **Casting couch**

**V**

- (Victory) won at too great a cost - **Pyrrhic**
- Valuable stolen goods, especially those seized in war - **Booty**
- Various forms in which the atoms of a chemical element can occur - **Isotope**
- Very angry or violent disagreement between two or more people or groups - **Strife**
- Very bad : causing great fear or worry - **Dire**
- Very bad or frightening experience or situation - **Nightmare**
• Very big and powerful companies or organizations - Behemoth
• Very careful about behaving properly and doing things in a correct and accurate way - Punctilious
• Very careful about doing something in an extremely accurate and exact way - Meticulous
• Very close to being something without actually being it - Virtual
• Very comfortable and expensive - Opulent
• Very complicated and difficult to understand - Turgid
• Very determined or loyal - Diehard
• Very different, strange, or unusual - Exotic
• Very dirty and unpleasant, immoral or dishonest - Squalid
• Very dirty or untidy state or condition - Mess
• Very eager or curious to hear or see something - Agog
• Very excited or upset - Overwrought
• Very famous or successful person - Luminary

W
• Ways of life, an attitude, an idea, etc. that has become very popular, system of religious beliefs and rituals - Cult
• Ways of protecting oneself against the loss of something - Hedge
• Way that a person thinks about things - Outlook
• Ways that a room or the inside of a building is decorated - Decor
• Ways that prevents other people from finding out who you are - Incognito
• Wealthy persons who give money and time to help make life better for other people - Philanthropist
• Well-known phrases that express a general truth about life or a rule about behaviour - Maxim
• Wild and drunken celebrations - Bacchanal
• Wild and noisy celebrations - Revelry
• Willing to do dishonest things in return for money - Venal
• Wise, skilled, and respected government leaders - Statesman
• Without a future date being arranged - Sine die
• Women who control a family, group, or government - Matriarch
• Women who have control or power over others - Mistress
• Women who are paid to care for a young child usually in the child's home - Nanny
• Women who are thought to have magic powers - Witch
• Women who use their sexual charm to make men do what they wants - Vamp
• Women who work in a bar, serving drinks - Bartender
- Women whose job are to be in charge of children or other women - Matron

- Young children who are just learning to walk – toddler
- Young women who is not married – damsel
- Young Person who are usually talented in some way – prodigy
- Young person who are taught and helped by someone who has a lot of knowledge and experience - protege