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1. Innate- inborn; natural.



Definition: Present at birth but not necessarily hereditary

Usage: For most of us creative skills are not innate nor are we likely to develop them by accident.

2. Notorious- a bad reputation/name-

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Ramkumar is notorious boy

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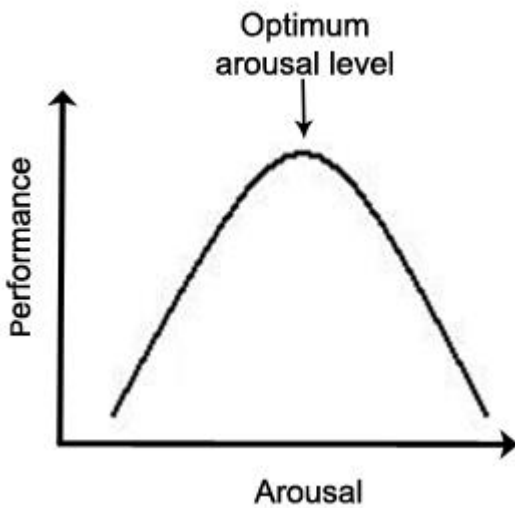


Definition: well known for being bad

Usage: The actress was involved in so many scandals she became a notorious companion to the director.

3.Optimum- உகந்த

மிகவும் பயன் தரும் அளவு, கருத்து முதலியன



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Maximum 100 degree; celcius boiling point of water

Definition: most favorable or desirable; best

Usage: A good working relationship between medical and nursing staff is essential to facilitate optimum care

4. Foster



Definition: to encourage something to develop

2) to take another person's child into your home for a period of time, without becoming his or her legal parents

Usage: She fostered a fierce ambition.

5. Hallucination- மாயத்தோற்றம்

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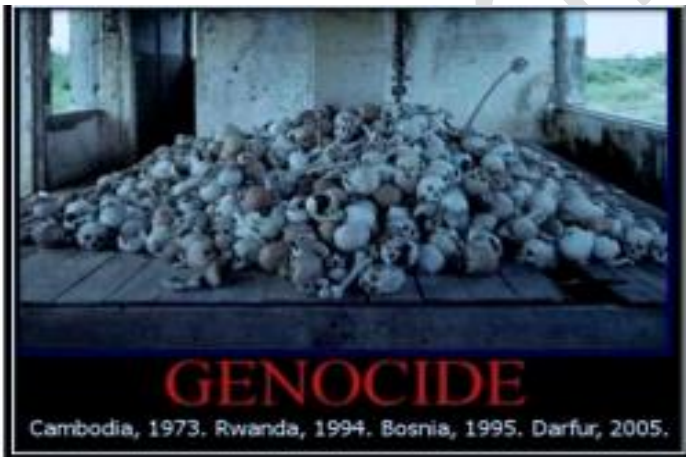


Definition: the fact of seeming to see or hear someone or something that is not really there, especially because of illness or drugs

2) something that is seen or heard when it is not really there

Usage: He could not tell if what he was seeing was real or if it was a hallucination.

6.Genocide



Definition: The deliberate killing of people who belong to a particular racial, political, or cultural group

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Usage: The Nazi party's attempt at cultural genocide led to WWII and one result was Mr. Hitler's suicide.

7.Emphasis



Definition: special importance that is given to something

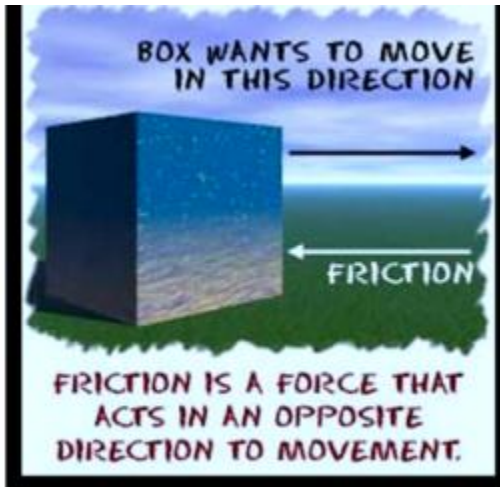
2) the extra force given to a word or phrase when spoken, especially in order to show that it is important; a way of writing a word (for example drawing a line underneath it) to show that it is important.

Usage: The school inspector was extremely pleased with the school's management because they placed great emphasis on individual and outdoor learning.

8.Friction

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Definition: the action of one object or surface moving against another

2) the resistance (the force that stops something moving) of one surface to another surface or substance moving over or through it

3) disagreement or a lack of friendship among people who have different opinions about something

Usage: It was difficult to reach an agreement because of the friction between the two sides.

9. Dulcet



Definition: sounding sweet and pleasant

Usage: The dulcet sounds of the birds at dawn were soon drowned out by the roar of traffic in the city.

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10. Primeval



Definition: from the earliest period of the history of the world; very ancient
2) very strong and not based on reason, as if from the earliest period of human life
Usage: Primeval forests slowly disappearing as the climate changed

11. Effeminate



Definition: (Of a man) having characteristics regarded as typical of a woman; unmanly
Usage: The crowd made fun of the skinny effeminate guy who was wearing lipstick and earrings

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12. Juxtaposition



Definition: to put people or things together, especially in order to show a contrast or a new relationship between them

Usage: The juxtaposition of realistic and surreal situations in the novel

13. Inflation



Definition: 1. a general increase in the prices of services and goods in a particular country, resulting in a fall in the value of money

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2. the act or process of filling something with air or gas

Usage: Life jackets with usually contain an automatic inflation device.

14. Excavation



Definition: the activity of digging in the ground to look for old buildings or objects that have been buried for a long time

2) a place where people are digging to look for old buildings or objects

3) the act of digging, especially with a machine

Usage: The growth of black rat populations is being traced through analysis of rat bones from excavations.

15. Feasible

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Definition: that is possible and likely to be achieved

Usage: It's just not feasible to manage the business on a part-time basis.

16.Reimburse



Definition: to pay back money to someone that they have spent or lost

Usage: The instructors were not reimbursed for the materials that they purchased for the class

17.Dusk

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Definition: the time of day when the light has almost gone, but it is not yet dark

Usage: She turned and disappeared into the dusk

18. Pecuniary



Definition: relating to or connected with money

Usage: The judge recused himself from the case because he had a pecuniary interest in the company that was being sued

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19. Fidelity



Definition: the quality of being loyal to someone or something

- 2) the quality of being faithful to your husband, wife, or partner by not having a sexual relationship with anyone else
- 3) the quality of being accurate

Usage: Fidelity to your principles

20. Ossify



Definition: to become or make something fixed and unable to change

- 2) to become or make something hard like bone

Usage: An ossified political system

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21.Jargon



Definition: words or expressions that are used by a particular profession or group of people, and are difficult for others to understand

Usage: Medical jargon that the layman cannot understand

22.Relapse



Definition: the fact of becoming sick again after making an improvement

Usage: He was relapsing into his usual gloom.

23.Dogma



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Definition: a belief or set of beliefs held by a group or organization, that others are expected to accept without argument

Usage: He believes that when living in a certain society you should become a real part of it by sticking to its rules dogmas and principles

24. Ecstatic



Definition: very happy, excited, and enthusiastic

Usage: He was ecstatic when he heard that he was going to be a father.

25. Sham



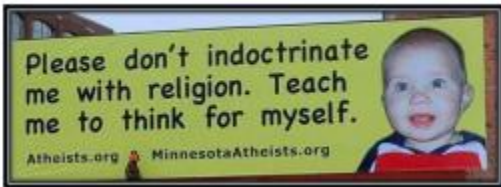
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Definition: not genuine but intended to seem real

Usage: Street vendors selling sham designer handbags to gullible tourists

26. Indoctrinate



Definition: Instill one's own ideas into someone with force

Usage: He was an accomplished speaker and managed to indoctrinate the crowd with his ideals and philosophy

27. Magnate

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Definition: a person who is rich, powerful, and successful, especially in business

Usage: The business magnate was reputed to have made many millions of dollars for the company.

28. Intrigue



Definition: to make someone very interested so that they want to know more about something

2) to secretly plan with other people to harm someone

Usage: She detected her husband in an intrigue with a prostitute.

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29. Furtive



Definition: behaving in a way that shows that you want to keep something secret and do not want to be noticed

Usage: The thief gave a furtive glance at the defense attorney when the judge read the charges.

30. Interregnum



Definition: A period of time when a country or organization has no ruler or leader, and they are waiting for a new one

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Usage: The ruler of the country has already decided on his successor to prevent any interregnum upon his death.

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