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1. Diminutive



Definition: Very small.

Usage: The diminutive boy slipped easily through the fence.

2. Virile



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Definition: Characteristics of a man.

Usage: He thought of himself as a virile young man and put on a haughty manner whenever he met young ladies at parties.

3. Wangle



Definition: To get something that you want by persuading someone or by tricking them.

Usage: He tried to wangle a free meal from the chef by praising his dishes over enthusiastically.

4. Visage



Definition: A person's face.

Usage: The serious visage of the judge concealed a great sense of humour that lurked beneath.

5. Vicarious

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Definition: (Experience) Derived through putting oneself in the position of the one being imagined.

Usage: Films were her passion and she derived vicarious pleasure imagining herself as one of the characters on screen.

6. Vassal



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Definition: (Feudalistic) Lessee of a land owned by a superior.

Usage: The landlord demanded that his vassals pay more in taxes than the prevalent rate.

7. Umbrage/ மரங்களின் இலைக்/ குற்றம் அல்லது எரிச்சலை



Definition: Offence or annoyance , shade or shadow, especially as cast by trees.

Usage: She had no sense of humour and took umbrage at the slightest remark which makes even the slightest fun of her.

8. Undulating



Definition: Having a wavy outline or appearance.

Usage: The cheering squad egged their team on with an undulating display of swaying arms and loud cheers.

9. Untrammelled

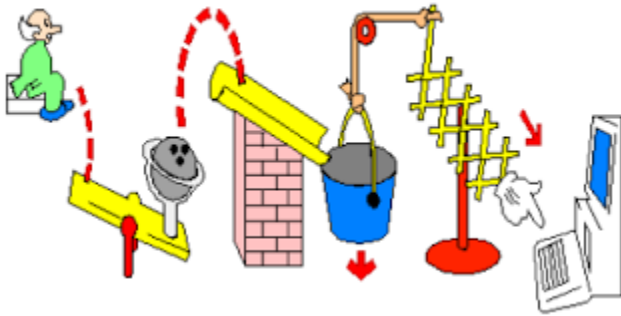
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Definition: Not restrained.

Usage: Her parents were unable to come to terms with her lifestyle which was untrammelled by the regular norms of society and disowned her.

10. Upshot



Definition: The final result or outcome ; the central idea or point.

Usage: The upshot of the boxing match was that the reigning champion was defeated by the new player in minutes.

11. Throng

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Definition: A crowd of people.

Usage: He was met by a throng of journalists and photographers.

12. Titter



Definition: Nervous laughter.

Usage: Though she looked calm and poised at the meeting her constant titter gave away her nervousness at meeting the chairperson.

13. Gist

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Definition: The main or general meaning of a piece of writing, a speech, or a conversation.

Usage: I missed the beginning of the lecture-can you give me the gist of what he said?

14. Accost



Definition: Be first to approach and speak.

Usage: She got extremely agitated when the salesman accosted her as she was window shopping and pressing product on her.

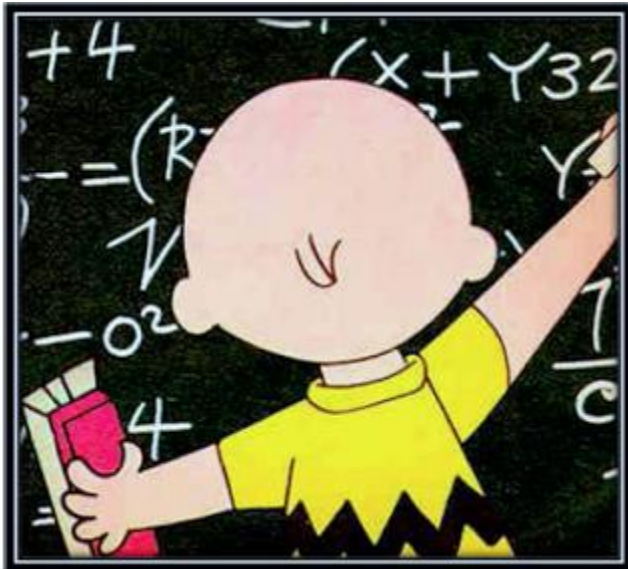
15. Acidulous

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Definition: Faintly sour or acid-like.

Usage: She never had any complimentary comment to make; they were always acidulous and sarcastic. 16. Obfuscate



Definition: to make something less clear and more difficult to understand, usually deliberately

Usage: Politicians keep obfuscating the issues.

17. Endeavor

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Definition : to try very hard to do something

Usage : The school endeavors to teach students to be good citizens18. Interdict



Definition : To forbid or debar, especially authoritatively.

Usage: The National Trust has placed an interdict on jet-skis.

19. Myriad



Definition: an extremely large number of something

Usage: Designs are available in a myriad of colors20. Extortion

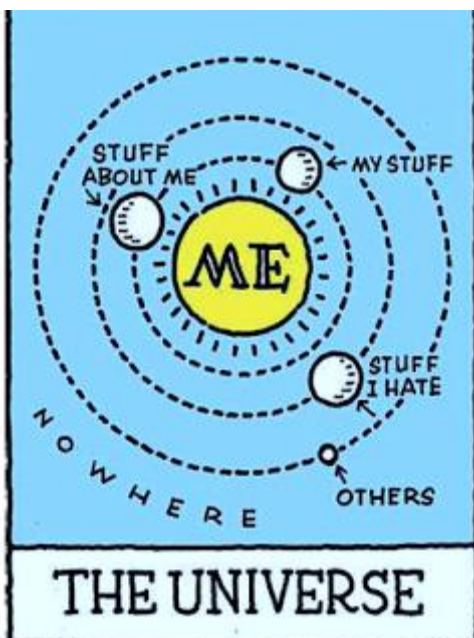
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Definition: the crime of getting money from someone by the use of force or threats

Usage: The kidnappers tried to extort money from the victim's family

21. Egocentric



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Definition: Thinking only of oneself, without regard for the feelings or desires of others; self-centered

Usage: The prevalence of mass marketing and consumerism has led to a selfish egocentric culture where one's own apparent needs and desires come first at the exclusion of the needs of others.

22. Scant



Definition :very small in size or amount

Usage: Food was in scant supply.

23. Prune

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Definition: 1) to cut off some of the branches from a tree, bush, etc. so that it will grow better and stronger

2) to make something smaller by removing parts; to cut out parts of something

Usage: Economic hard times are forcing the company to prune their budget.

24. Supernumerary



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Definition: more than you normally need; extra

Usage: The council has supernumerary members so that there will be the required number for voting will be present even when some members are absent.

25. Indignation



Definition: a feeling of anger and surprise caused by something that you think is unfair or unreasonable

Usage: The decision to close the factory has aroused the indignation of the townspeople.

26. Exhilarate

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Definition: to make someone feel very happy and excited

Usage: The beautiful weather will exhilarate the weary climbers.

27. Epitaph



Definition: 1. A phrase or form of words written in memory of a person who has died, especially as an inscription on a tombstone.~n2. Something by which a person, time, or event will be remembered.

Usage: He wanted her epitaph to include the word angel.

28. Divulge

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Definition: to give someone information that is supposed to be secret

Usage: The students were not willing to divulge the truth to the teachers.

29. Edict



Definition: an official order or statement given by someone in authority

Usage : The king's edict declared that all citizens would be charged higher taxes.

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30. Evade



Definition:1) to escape from someone or something or avoid meeting someone~n

2) Avoid dealing with or accepting (something unpleasant or morally or legally required)~n

3) to avoid dealing with or talking about something

Usage: He managed to evade the police for six months.