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### 1. Zealous



**Definition:** Showing great energy and enthusiasm for something, especially because you feel \_\_\_\_\_ strongly \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**Usage:** The young boy was zealous about his first day of school.

### 2. Rationale/ நியாயப்படுத்துதலில்

பகுத்தறிவை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட காரணம்



**Definition:** The principles or reasons that explain a particular decision, course of action, belief, etc.

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**Usage:** The rationale was that faster ferries would reduce traffic but no one considered the problem of the higher wakes.

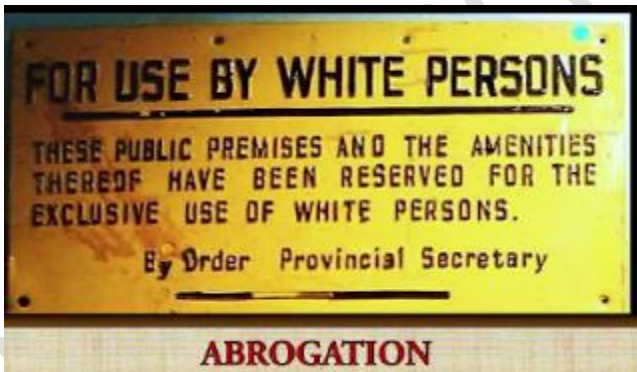
#### 3. Untenable



**Definition:** Incapable of being defended or justified.

**Usage:** The lawyer told his client that if he did not tell him the entire truth any defence that he adopted would fail and make his position more untenable.

#### 4. Abrogation



**Definition:** To officially end a law, an agreement, etc.

**Usage:** Nelson Mandela was the anti apartheid champion whose government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid through abrogation of institutionalised racism poverty and inequality and fostering racial reconciliation.

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#### 5. Optimistic



**Definition:** Expecting good things to happen or something to be successful.  
**Usage:** Being optimistic is when you are able to look on the bright side.

#### 6. Unseemly



**Definition:** Not proper or appropriate for the situation : not seemly.  
**Usage:** Wearing short tops and jeans is forbidden in colleges now as they are deemed to be unseemly and not in line with Indian traditions.

#### 7. Tongue-tied

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**Definition:** Unable to express clearly or fluently on account of being surprised.

**Usage:** When she suddenly came across the actor whom she had admired for years she was tongue tied and could not utter a single word before him.

**8. Eccentric**



**Definition:** A person of unconventional and slightly strange views or behaviour.

**Usage:** Geniuses may often be described as eccentric because they can see the world in a different way



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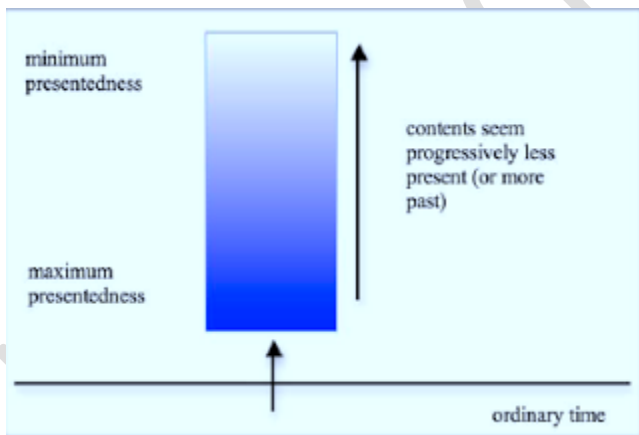
#### 9. Welter



**Definition:** A large and confusing amount of something.

**Usage:** Their house looked as if it had been hit by a hurricane with a welter of newspapers, magazines, tapes and clothes everywhere.

#### 10. Adumbrate

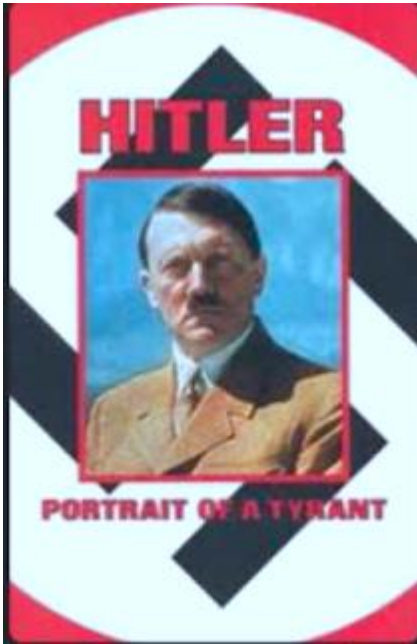


**Definition:** To give a general idea or description of something without details.

**Usage:** The statement of the witness was simply an adumbration

#### 11. Tyrannical

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**Definition:** Using power or authority over people in an unfair and cruel way.

**Usage:** Everyone was afraid of their overbearing and tyrannical boss.

**12. Accentuate**



**Definition:** To emphasize something or make it more noticeable.

**Usage:** Makeup is meant to accentuate a woman's natural beauty.

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**13. Immaculate**



**Definition:** Extremely clean and neat | having no flaw or error.  
**Usage:** He had an immaculate record of service.

**14. Duress**



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**Definition:** - Threats or force that are used to make someone do something.

**Usage:** "complied with the order only on duress".

#### 15. Complaisance



**Definition:** The inclination to comply willingly with the wishes of others.

**Usage:** She was a complaisant wife and dutiful daughter. 16. Brusque



**Definition:** Marked by rude or peremptory shortness.

**Usage:** She felt he could have refused more politely and that his brusque reply was unwarranted.



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**17. Inimical**



**Definition:** Harmful in effect.

**Usage:** The witness turned inimical under pressure from the rowdy elements and refused to attend the trial.

**18. Tightfisted**



**Tight Fisted**  
**Miser**

**Definition:** Unwilling to part with money.

**Usage:** Getting money from him was a difficult task as he was so tightfisted and asked so many questions that one gave up after a while.

**19. Lumber**

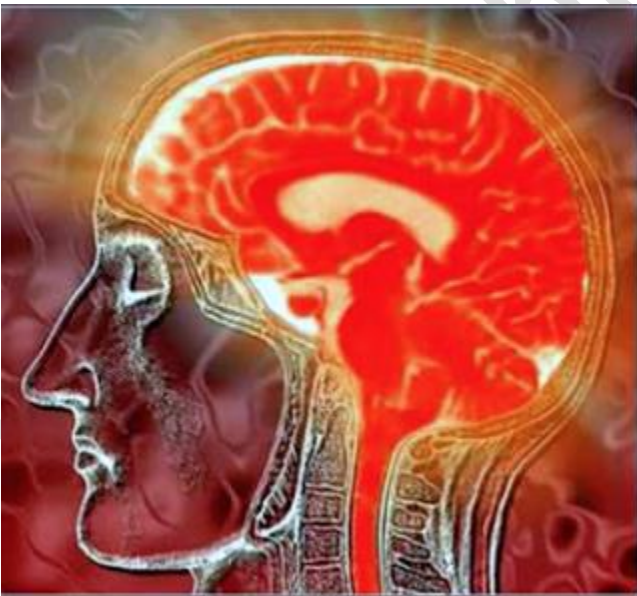
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**Definition:** Walk awkwardly because of excessive weight & size.

**Usage:** Added to his heavy weight and short stature the man had eaten heavily and lumbered into his bedroom and slumped.

**20. Intellect**



**Definition:** The ability to think in a logical way | a very intelligent person.

**Usage:** Ben is highly regarded for his intellect and experience.

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**21. Blow**



**Definition:** 1) a hard hit with the hand, a weapon, etc. 2) a sudden event which has damaging effects on someone or something, causing sadness or disappointment.

**Usage:** He was knocked out by a single blow to the head.

**22. Stygian – அந்தரங்கமான**

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**Definition:** Hellish.

**Usage:** The positive medical opinion about her child's condition lifted her mind from its erstwhile stygian state in which no hope had existed.

**23. Epilogue**



**Definition:** A speech, etc. at the end of a play, book, or movie that comments on or acts as a conclusion to what has happened.

**Usage:** The real twist of the novel was hidden in the epilogue.



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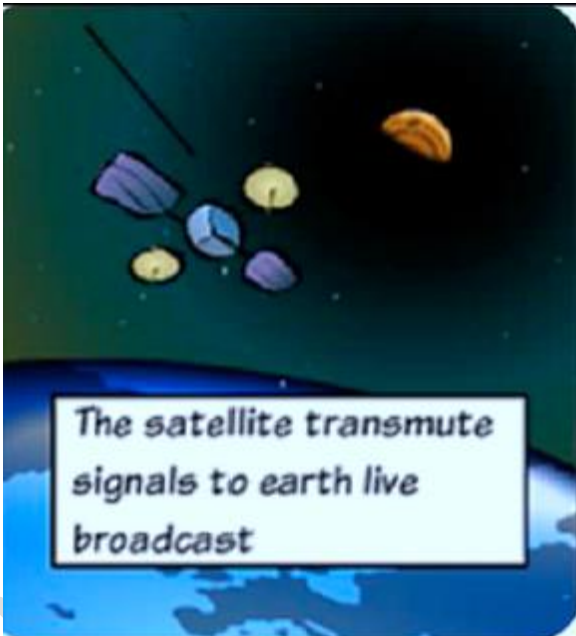
#### 24. Threadbare



**Definition:** Thoroughly worn out.

**Usage:** Stop making threadbare excuses otherwise you spoil the trust.

#### 25. Transmute



**Definition:** Alter the nature of (elements).

**Usage:** The science of chemistry stems from alchemy which had a flavour of magic claiming it could transmute lead into gold.

#### 26. Ancillary

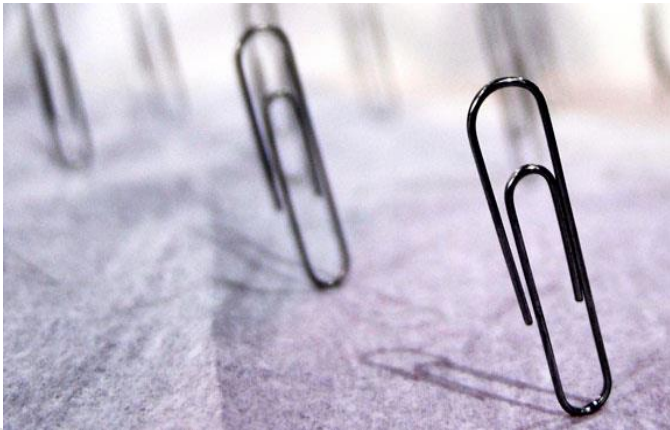
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**Definition:** Serving as a help.

**Usage:** He started the ancillary unit to help with the additional production requirements of his main unit when the demand exceeded supply for his product.

27. Addendum—பின்னிணைப்பு பிற்சேர்க்கை  
appendix, supplement, addendum, add back, annexure



**Definition:** A section of extra information that is added to something, especially to a book.

**Usage:** You may add an addendum to the letter if there are particulars not covered in the original.

28. Animadversion

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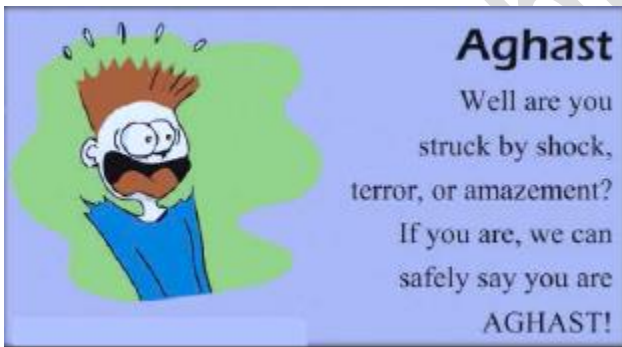
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**Definition:** Critical remark of a negative kind, powerfully expressed.

**Usage:** Animadversion if unbiased can help one get better but it also has to be taken in the right spirit to actually see any improvements.

#### 29. Aghast



**Definition:** Struck by shock, terror or amazement.

**Usage:** She was aghast when she realised that she had deleted her entire presentation from her computer system when she clicked the wrong button and that she had no time to redo it.

#### 30. Torpedo

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**Definition: Missiles launched from submarines.**

**Usage: During the second world war the Nazis dominated the Atlantic for a long time destroying ocean liners with powerful torpedoes launched from their submarines (known as U-Boats).**