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1.Magnanimous



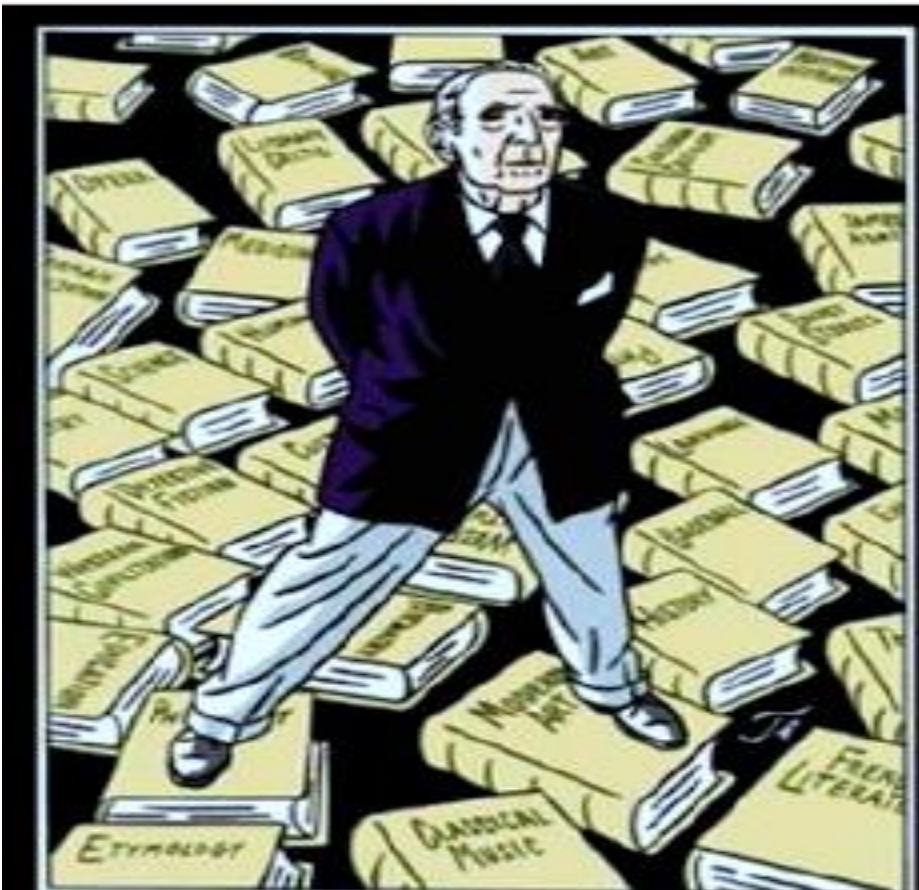
Definition: kind, generous, and forgiving, especially toward an enemy or a rival

Usage : He was magnanimous in defeat and raved about the victor

2.Erudition

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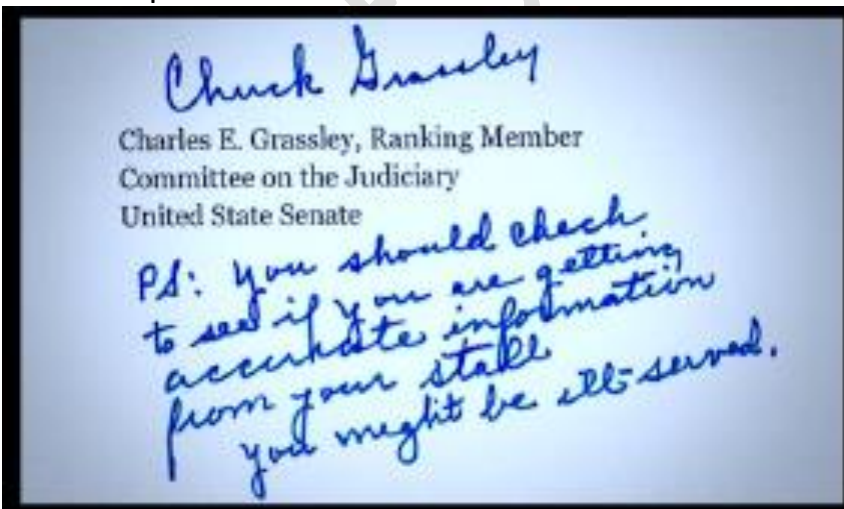
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Definition: The quality of having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarship.

Usage : He was a brave and energetic traveler an art historian of astonishing erudition and a profoundly perceptive connoisseur of civilizations.

3.Postscript



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Definition: 1) an extra message that you add at the end of a letter after your signature
2) extra facts or information about a story, an event, etc. that are added after it has ended

Usage: A brief handwritten postscript lay beneath his signature

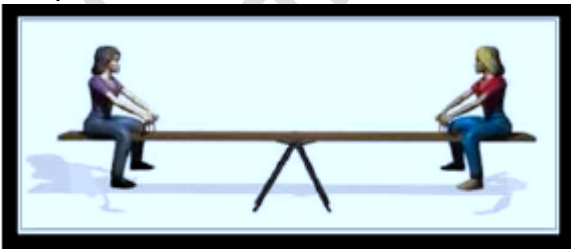
4.Preclude



Definition: to prevent something from happening or someone from doing something; to make something impossible

Usage: At 84 John feels his age precludes much travelling.

5.Equilibrium



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Definition: 1) a state of balance, especially between opposing forces or influences
2) a calm state of mind and a balance of emotions

Usage: He sat down to try and recover his equilibrium

6.Monarchy



Definition: 1) a country that is ruled by a monarch (such as a king or queen)

2) a form of government in which a country is ruled by a monarch

Usage: Italy used to be a monarchy which is a country ruled by kings and queens

7.Monochromatic

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Definition: having or made up of one color or shades of one color

Usage: It's a monochromatic room with a blue rug and blue furniture.

8.Epicurean

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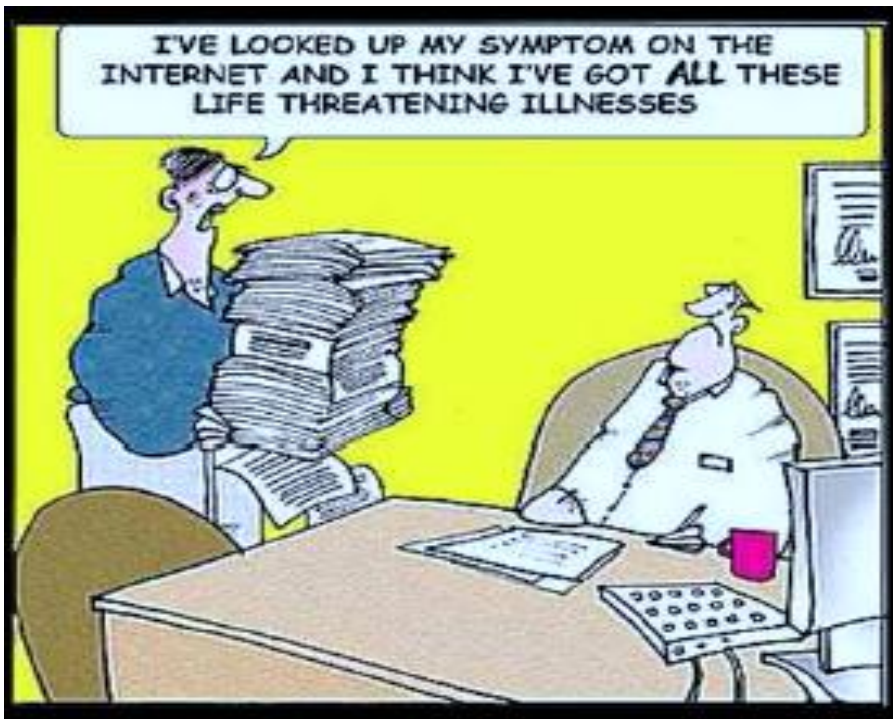


Definition: A person devoted to sensual enjoyment, especially that derived from fine food and drink.

Usage: The epicurean enjoyed every course of the long feast.

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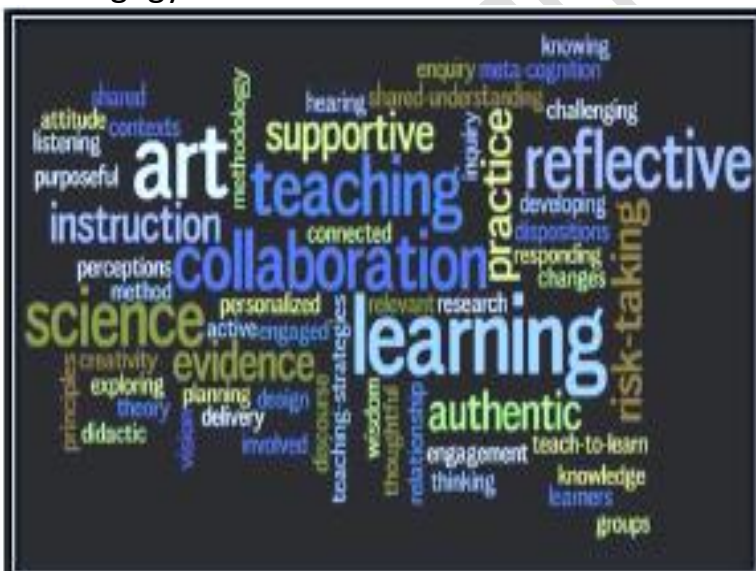
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Definition: One suffering from hypochondria ; a patient with imaginary symptoms and ailments

Usage: The doctor declared there was nothing wrong with the woman a hypochondriac who wished to attract attention by imagining

10. Pedagogy



Definition: the art, science, or profession of teaching

Usage : Successful completion leads to a postgraduate certificate in A level mathematics pedagogy

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11. Dissent



Definition: to have or express opinions that are different from those that are officially accepted

Usage : The staff dissented against the company's top management for its unilateral decision of laying off non-essential employees.

12. Recede

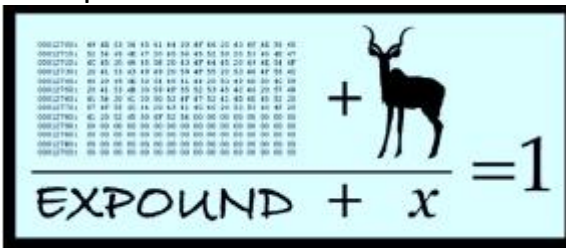
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Definition: 1) to move gradually away from someone, or away from a previous position
synonyms: diminish, lessen, grow less, decrease, dwindle, fade, abate, subside, ebb, wane, fall off, taper off, peter out, shrink; rarede-escalate
2) to become gradually weaker or smaller
3) to stop growing at the front of the head
Usage: The flood waters receded when the storm moved south.

13.Expound



Definition: to explain something by talking about it in detail
Usage: The article expounds the virtues of a healthy diet.

14.Dynamism

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Definition: 1. The quality of being characterized by vigorous activity and progress

2. The quality of being dynamic and positive in attitude.

Usage : The new CEO has brought tremendous dynamism energy and drive and is hugely respected by all the staff at all levels throughout the organization

15.Flamboyant



Definition: different, confident, and exciting in a way that attracts attention

2) brightly colored and noticeable

Usage: He was a flamboyant personality.

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16.Dismay



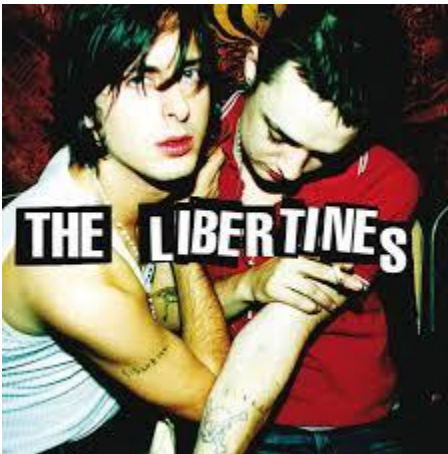
Definition : Concern and distress caused by something unexpected

Usage : They watched in dismay as the house burned.

17.Libertine

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Definition: a person, usually a man, who leads an immoral life and is interested in pleasure, especially sexual pleasure

Usage : The libertine was avoided by most decent people in the town.

18.Unrealistic



Definition: not showing or accepting things as they are

Usage: The dialogue in the movie was unrealistic

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19.Irrational



Definition: 1) not thinking clearly : not able to use reason or good judgment

2) not based on reason, good judgment, or clear thinking

Usage : He became irrational as the fever got worse.

20.Imbibe

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Definition: 1) to drink something, especially alcohol
2) to absorb something, especially information
Usage : She imbibed vast quantities of coffee.

21.Laborious



Definition: taking a lot of time and effort
Usage: The volunteers have been commendably laborious in their cleanup of the beach

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22.Egotism



Definition: The fact of being excessively conceited or absorbed in oneself

Usage: His vain egotism prevented him from apologizing for what was clearly his fault.

23.Eradicate



Definition: to destroy or get rid of something completely, especially something bad

Usage: The only dreaded disease to have been totally eradicated is smallpox which was wiped out more than two decades ago.

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24.Vitality



Definition : energy and enthusiasm

Usage : He fell in love with her for her vitality and sense of fun.

25.Ignite

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Definition: 1. To arouse the passions of; excite. To cause to burn.

Usage : The explosives ignited on coming in contact with the sparks generated by the electrical short circuit.

26. Illiterate



Definition: 1. Unable to read and write.

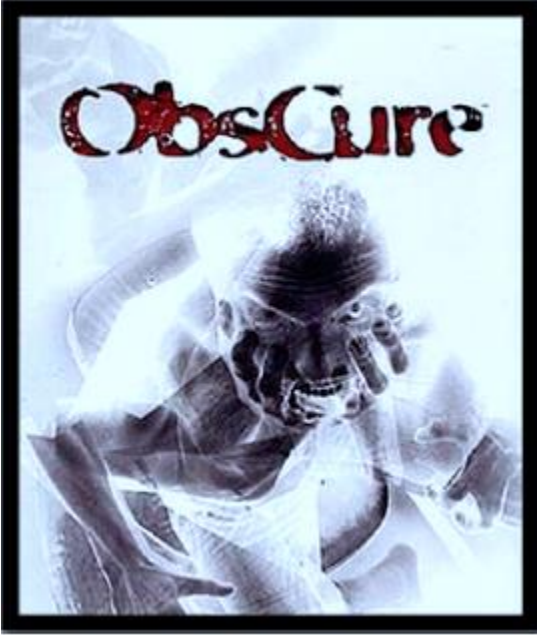
2. Having little or no formal education.

Usage: The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write but those who cannot learn unlearn and relearn.

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27. Obscure



Definition: 1) not well known
2) difficult to understand

Usage: The contract is written in obscure language.

28. Hereditary/ பரம்பரை

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Definition: given to a child by its parents before it is born

Usage : A hereditary title/monarchy

29. Infatuation



Definition : very strong feelings of love or attraction for someone or something, especially when these are unreasonable and do not last long

Usage : Teenagers have their own infatuations.

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30.Propulsion



Definition: The force that drives something forward

Usage: Sailboats use wind as their source of propulsion

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