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1.Asterisk



Definition: the symbol (*) placed next to a particular word or phrase to make people notice it or to show that more information is given in another place

Usage: The student claimed there were so many allusions in the text that the asterisks made her "see stars".

2.Anesthetic



Definition: something (as a drug) that relieves pain

Usage : the dentist waited until the anesthetic took effect.

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3.Desolate



Definition: empty and without people, making you feel sad or frightened

2) very lonely and unhappy

Usage: A desolate house abandoned many years ago

4.Peroration



Definition: a flowery and highly rhetorical oration

Usage: Perorations were very much in practice in earlier times; today we prefer to be factual describing things as they are not as we imagine.

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5. Gourmand



Definition: a person who is devoted to eating and drinking to excess

Usage: The man was a gourmand not getting satiated with the variety and quantity of food he took endlessly.

6. Mellifluous



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Definition: sounding sweet and smooth

Usage: The mellifluous sound of the clarinet lulled angelina into a state of relaxation

7.Assorted



Definition: of various different sorts

Usage: A box of assorted chocolates

8.Peevish



Definition : easily annoyed by unimportant things

Usage: Lack of sleep always made him peevish.

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9. Dexterity



Definition: skill in using your hands or your mind

Usage : The medical student marvelled at the surgeon's dexterity in the smart incisions and stitches he made on the patient's body

10. Tepid



Definition: Moderately warm

Usage: It is advisable to wash a wound with clean tepid water not cold or hot.

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11. Brevity—வீரம் /சுருக்கம்/short time



Definition: the quality of using few words when speaking or writing the fact of lasting a short time

Usage: "the brevity of life"

12. Florid



Definition: having too much decoration or detail | red

Usage : " florid style of writing "

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13. Analogy



Definition: a comparison of one thing with another thing that has similar features; a feature that is similar

2) the process of comparing one thing with another thing that has similar features in order to explain it

Usage : The teacher drew an analogy between the human heart and a pump.

14. Unified



Definition: formed or united into a whole

Usage: Akbar not content with just invasion unified all his provinces to think in terms of belonging to one nation.

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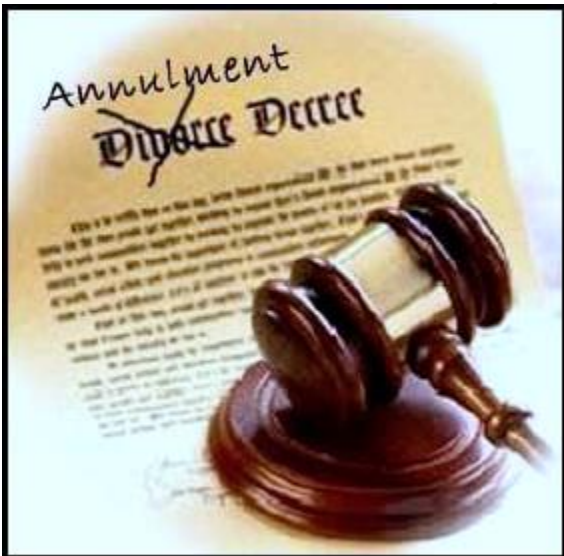
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15. Deterrence



Definition: a thing that makes someone less likely to do something
2) the act of preventing a particular act or behavior from happening
Usage: Hopefully his punishment will act as a deterrent to others.

16. Annul



Definition to state officially that something is no longer legally valid
Usage The new rule book was welcomed by all as it annulled all the older rules which were neither significant nor beneficial.

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17. Rabid



Definition *having very strong feelings about something and acting in an unacceptable way violent or extreme*

Usage *Police arrived in force to quell the riot set off by rabid soccer fans.*

18. Manifest



Definition *1) to show something clearly, especially a feeling, an attitude, or a quality
2) to appear or become noticeable*

Usage *Their sadness was manifest in their faces.*

19. Regressive

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Definition becoming or making something less advanced | having less effect on the rich than on the poor

Usage The boys were suddenly regressed when their team lost.

20. Bifurcation



Definition Division into two branches, parts, or aspects. Point at which division occurs.

Usage A divisive issue that caused the bifurcation of the political party

21. Amorous

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Definition showing sexual desire and love toward someone

Usage She is the object of his amorous intentions.

22.Cataclysm



Definition a sudden disaster or a violent event that causes change, for example a flood or a war

Usage The country barely survived the cataclysm of war.

23.Renege

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Definition to break a promise, an agreement, etc.

Usage She reneged on her promise to buy her son a bike

24. Ramshackle



Definition in a very bad condition and needing repair | badly organized or designed and not likely to last very long

Usage "ramshackle set of buildings"

25. Retaliate

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Definition to do something harmful to someone because they have harmed you first
Usage " need to take action before the enemy retaliates"

26. Contravene

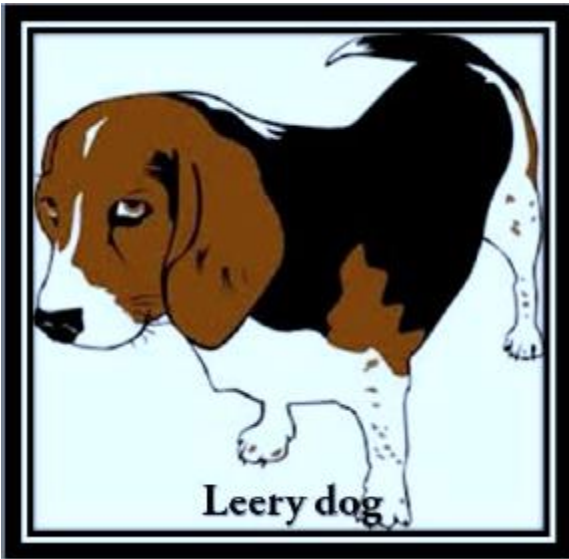


Definition to do something that is allowed by a law or rule
Usage The overcrowded dance club contravened safety regulations

27. Leery

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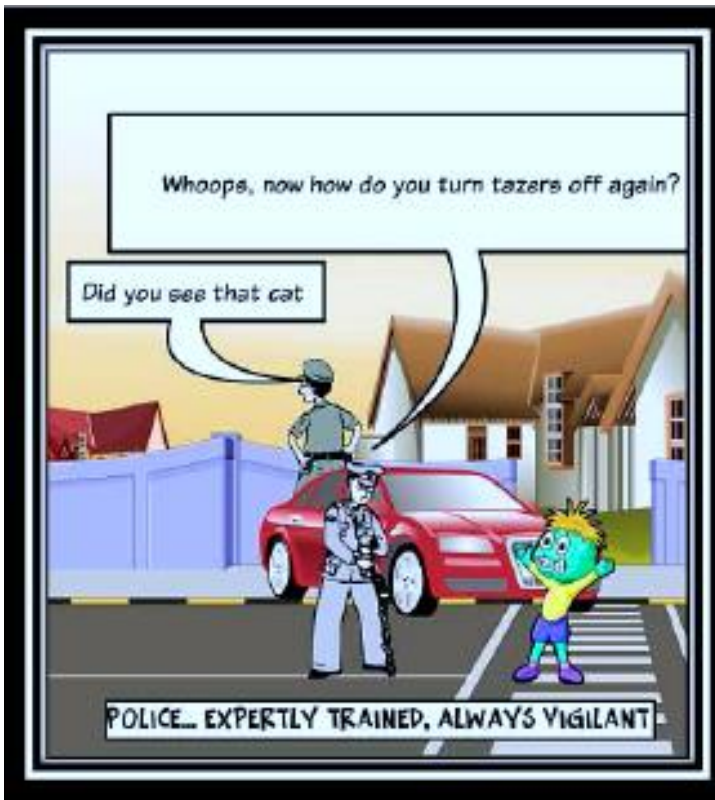
Definition *suspicious or careful about something or someone, and trying to avoid doing it or dealing with them*

Usage *She hesitated stepping into the friendly crowd because she was leery of strangers.*

28. Vigilant

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Definition very careful to notice any signs of danger or trouble

Usage The vigilant police officer noticed the robber sneaking into the jewelry store.

29. Extensive



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Definition: 1) covering a large area; great in amount
2) including or dealing with a wide range of information
Usage The blast caused extensive damage.

30. Fluctuate



Definition to change frequently in size, amount, quality, etc., especially from one extreme to another

Usage Body temperatures can fluctuate when you are ill.