

The purpose of this dictionary and thesaurus of contemporary figurative language and metaphor is to identify all the words and phrases used figuratively and metaphorically in everyday contemporary English and to categorize each word or phrase not only by meaning but also by what cognitive linguists and others have described variously as figure and ground, target and source, physical basis and domain, in order to provide a reference for English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as a Foreign Language (EFL) teachers. The compiler is a lifelong EFL teacher of adult military students in Saudi Arabia. First, he identified and recorded words and phrases used figuratively, along with short examples of use that highlight collocates to create the alphabetized dictionary of collocations: the first entry is ablaze (set something ablaze) and the last entry is zoom (zoom out). Second, he used the tags to create the thesaurus. Examples of tags include container; allusion; direction; weight; movement; temperature; theater; sports & games; person; increase & decrease; resistance, opposition & defeat, etc. The result reinforces the important role figurative language plays in common and everyday language and the importance that collocation plays in distinguishing such language. The work provides many insights. For example, while much figurative language has arisen from the domain of the theater, the thesaurus shows the majority relates to three areas: development; attention, scrutiny & promotion; and performance. Another insight is to show how often words for people are used figuratively: outcast, butcher, author, guide, cheerleader, etc. The work has implications for ESL / EFL teaching, which tends to focus on the literal meanings of words, usually the first sense in a dictionary. Clearly, more attention should be paid to other senses of words, and this work will help to identify and classify them. Besides ESL / EFL teachers, the work will interest ESL / EFL curriculum developers and materials writers. It could be a part of an ESL / EFL teacher-training course. It provides a model for similar works created in the future by lexicographers and applied and cognitive linguists. Preliminary short discussions based on the work include (1) 60 + common metaphors (2) Collocation (3) Epithets (4) Persons (5) The “container” metaphor (6) Grammatical metaphor, fictive verbs, etc. (7) Past, present and future (8) Allusions (9) Euphemisms (10) Gestures and bodily processes (11) Shapes and parts-whole (12) Animacy (13) Persistence, survival and endurance (14) Old and new clichés (15) Quotations (16) Synonyms and opposites (17) Lessons and exercises, and (18) To the ESL / EFL teacher, which focuses on how the dictionary and thesaurus impacts the knowledge and experience base of the ESL / EFL teacher.

# A Dictionary and Thesaurus of Contemporary Figurative Language and Metaphor

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## Dedication

To my father—a teacher and a theater man. I thought of you every time I added a word or expression to the category of *theater* in the thesaurus.

And to my students—Emiratis, Hondurans, Mexicans, Moldovans, Ukrainians, Kosovars—past, present and future.

But this work is especially dedicated to the adult military students I taught in Saudi Arabia, starting in 1983 and ending in 2017.

The lyric from Mutanabbi that you taught me will beat in my heart as long as my heart beats.

I know the desert well,  
The night, the mounted men.  
The battle and the sword,  
The paper and the pen.

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## Introduction

I compiled this work with my adult Saudi Arabian military EFL students in mind. The second entry in this dictionary—*about-face*—is something I've seen my students do many times on the *maidan*, or parade ground, in Dhahran, in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. A literal about-face, not a figurative one. The literal tends to come first in English language teaching and learning, and in our dictionaries, but the figurative usage can be right behind, if only taught. Of course, the figurative meaning of *about-face* relates to reversal: a government can do an about-face on something such as a policy.

In my classroom, when I would casually mention that a hurricane had an eye (resemblance), or a bed had a foot and a head (orientation), and not only the earth but also a school had an atmosphere (environment), my students would often react with astonishment and dismay.

"English is crazy," one of my students said, memorably. A Harbi. Or a Mutairi, maybe.

And yet, those same students had no problem exemplifying figurative uses of words. When I taught a group of students the figurative use of *magnet*, and gave them a little time to think about it, one student shot his hand into the air and pronounced, "Makkah is a magnet for Muslims."

I highly praised him—a Zahrani, I recall...

The key for such exemplifications lies with collocation. With *magnet*, the important collocating preposition is *for*: X (be) a magnet *for* Y. This little formula with its collocating preposition allows students to create their own, novel exemplifications.

I remember once teaching basic English in a dusty classroom overlooking a parade ground ringed by date palms, in the early days of personal computers. The vocabulary item I was teaching was *window*. I introduced the word in the usual, literal way, but I also mentioned that TV shows could be a window (*portal*) to other countries and cultures. This was in the old days before smartphones.

And a bearded naval officer—a Qahtani?—shot his hand into the air and said, slyly, "Windows."

It took me just a second to get it. Well, of course! Microsoft Windows!

Another time, I remember teaching a lesson on shopping that included the word *mall*. This provided me the opportunity to speak for a brief moment about mall rats, girls and boys who go to malls to flirt. Saudi Arabia has malls, girls, and boys, of course, but flirting is not supposed to

occur, and premarital sex can be a death sentence. Not only that, but in Saudi Arabia comparing a man to an animal of any type is potentially a deadly insult.

After the lesson, a cadet approached me and confided in a whisper, "My brother is a *big* mall rat!"

I loved how he modified the phrase with *big*!

In fact, it was my Saudi students that got me interested in the figurative and metaphorical use of language in the first place. They would talk to me of Islam as a *path*, refer to the character of a person or nationality as being *straight* and *crooked*, insult people as *snakes*, *devils*, *dogs*, and *pigs*, and compliment me on my "white" heart. In Riyadh, the center of the country, I taught in view of a prominent ridge called "The Camel's Nose" in Arabic. When I taught in Jeddah, in the western part of the country, I learned from my students that the city was known as "The Bride of the Red Sea," and it was from Arabic poetry that I learned expressions like, "Her face gleamed like the moon on the 14th of the month."

I have not thought of pigs, hearts, geographical place names, cities, and the moon in the same way since.

It's interesting to reflect that there are no actual pigs in Saudi Arabia, the cradle of Islam where the Quran forbids the eating of pork. And yet, you hear the word all the time there, not in its literal sense as the animal, but as an insult. And that is how it is entered and categorized in this work. Animals are commonly related to insults, just as they are commonly related to character and personality and many other things, including predation and epithets.

I'm sure you can think of many examples.

"If you are not a wolf, a wolf will eat you," is a proverb I learned in Saudi Arabia.

I like the figurative world because it is connected to the natural world, a world I admire, and not just through the window of an automobile. It includes creatures from childhood like monsters and witches, as well as words that come from "grown up" subjects like astronomy, history, physics, and medicine. In the figurative world, words still refer to older technologies and practices like sailing, mills, farming, and hunting, and somehow I understand them. The figurative world maintains allusions to literature, to the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, Dickens, Mary Shelley, and the Bible. In the figurative world, drumbeats still carry a message, a simple object such as a coin or a chain can express a fundamental relationship, and a pancake can express a shape or configuration.

Figurative language offers synonyms, antonyms, and makes connections. You can be *up to your neck* or *up to your eyeballs* in something. Take your pick! If you have a problem, you can *tackle* it or *punt*. Both those words come from American football. Or, you can kick the can down the road, something I often did as a boy. You can *coast / waltz / or sail* to success. You can say, “That ship has sailed,” or you can say, “That train has left the station” depending on whether you are into ships or trains. When it comes to resolution and conclusion, you can *bury the ghosts*, or *put something to rest*.

And the figurative world just makes sense. Is it any surprise that words and expressions from the field of education often relate to assessment? Alcohol to restraint and lack of restraint? The family to relationship? The theater to attention? Gambling to fate, fortune and chance? A boat or a horse to control? Religion to messages? Sleep to consciousness and awareness? The tongue to speech? Health and medicine to condition and status? Targets to hunting? Weight to substance? Clothing to concealment? Chess to strategy? A table to negotiation, or inclusion? A door to access? Affliction to wounds and scars? Love and marriage to pursuit, capture and escape?

That last tends to surprise and delight those who haven't thought of it before.

The figurative world is a great way to organize words and phrases to produce language that really sounds natural, the type of language that we seldom if *ever* teach from our textbooks, and that our students often surprise us with by acquiring on their own, outside our classrooms. It is the difference between “I understand” which we teach and “I see” or “I don’t get it” which we don’t. As English language teachers, we tend to think of the future as a grammar lesson. But the future can also be thought of as movement, direction and even as a container. The future is forward. And if the future is forward, then the past is... behind! The same for progress. Achievement is up, decline is down. The same for proper conduct. Direction is very relevant to numbers. Sales are up! Down! Soaring! Plummeting! Sky-high! Rock-bottom! Through the roof!

Not to mention that the future may relate to the horizon.

In Saudi Arabia a young man might walk miles to get from one place to another. While walking, he will notice the *ashes* of old campfires, and the *footprints* of those who have walked the *path* before him. He will pay attention to the *weather*, and to the *light*. If he is out past sunset and has planned ahead and carried some wood, he might light a *fire* for warmth or companionship, and notice other such lights on the horizon, or across a valley, and he will notice the *stars* in the sky. Such a person will already know the physical bases of words like *trail*, *fire*, *footprint*, *beacon*, *weather*, and *star* and will feel the shock of recognition in their figurative and metaphorical usages.

And the figurative and the literal maintain a very interesting dynamic, and get tangled up and become controversial quite surprisingly often. A significant case occurred at the beginning of 2011 in the US, when the elected politician Gabrielle Giffords and others were shot in the US. Giffords' district had been targeted on a map with cross-hairs by an ideological opponent. Alas, the association of targets with weapons, or the association of conflict with war, cannot be easily undone, as those connections are woven into the very fabric of our language. Yet another case in the US involved an educator who appeared on the cover of a national magazine with a broom. Voters did not like the idea of their local teachers being associated with dirt to be swept out, and voted the mayor out, forcing the educator to resign. Another case regards the use of *crusade* in Arab countries.

Figurative usage and metaphor are not trivial. Wall Street "mines" newspaper articles and tweets for the figurative usage of words like *abyss*—as in "Greece is at the edge of a financial abyss"—which can spark declines in the market. In language, the idea of substance can be associated with weight, and cognitive linguists have conducted experiments based on the idea that the actual thickness and weight of something, like a paper file, can influence people's attitudes about the substance of a person.

Metaphor is nothing new: the ancient Greeks talked about metaphor, and many of the metaphors we use today come from the Bible. Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., in his book *Word Origins* (published by Grosset & Dunlap, New York), has several paragraphs and many good examples concerning what cognitive linguists currently refer to as the "up is good, down is bad" metaphor in the chapter titled "Word Oddities." My copy of his book is copyrighted 1950.

It took years for the fruits of research on collocation to get into our curriculums, materials, and dictionaries. The revised and updated version of the military curriculum I taught for so many years in Saudi Arabia—the American Language Course (ALC) created by the Defense Language Institute (DLI)—now contains many excellent exercises that are based on collocation. It is my hope that the next big effort in language teaching will be to incorporate the figurative uses of words into our curriculums.

This dictionary and thesaurus should encourage and help.



## 60+ common metaphors

These metaphors are based on the work and represent a lot of language. The bolded words are categories in the thesaurus. The first metaphor relates the hand to attainment and possession. A hand, of *course*, can relate to many other things: see the category **hand** in the glossary for the many things a hand can relate to. But the hand relating to attainment and possession is a common metaphor.

1. The **hand** can relate to **attainment** and also to **possession**: “It was *in my hands*, but it *slipped through my fingers* and now it is forever *out of my grasp / reach*.”
2. **Sleep** can relate to **consciousness & awareness**: “The government is *sleeping*, and our politicians need to *wake up*.” So can the **eye**: “A minority of *clear-eyed* scientists *saw it coming*. Still, non-scientists were *blindsided*, and, when the catastrophe occurred, it was a real *eye-opener*.”
3. **Royalty** often relates to the **superlative**: Burger *King*; Mattress *King*; Aretha, the *Queen* of Soul; “*aristocratic* wine at democratic prices” (an advertisement); “Banff, the Canadian National Park, is the *crown jewel* of the system.”
4. A name relates to **reputation**: “Life is for one generation; a good *name* is forever.” “You have *blackened our name*.” “That company has a *good name*.”
5. A **horse** can relate to **control & lack of control**: “We need to *rein in galloping / runaway* inflation.” “Hydroelectric dams *harness* the power of rivers.”
6. **Mining** can relate to **searching & discovery**: “I began to *dig into* the old case and *uncovered* some interesting facts. Not all the *leads panned out*. It was in the old police case file, however, that I struck *gold*.”
7. The **family** commonly relates to **relationship** and to **division & connection**: “Intelligence officers have always held an *orphan / stepchild* position in the military compared to the *favorite son* status of tacticians and logistics officers.”
8. Language from the **military** and **weapon** categories is often linked to **conflict** and **accusation & criticism**: “Facing *sniping* from his own party and a *fusillade* of criticism from the opposition, he has *fired a broadside* in his defense.”
9. The **theater** often relates to **development**, and also **attention, scrutiny & promotion**, and **performance**: “It is only the *first act* of the legal *drama*, but already the *spotlight* has focused on jury selection. The trial promises to be quite a *show*.”
10. **Chess** often relates to **strategy**: “It’s a geopolitical *chess game* and the *pawns* in the struggle have no idea what the *endgame* will be.”
11. A **table** can relate to **position, policy & negotiation**: *sit down at the table; on the table; off the table; come back to the table; turn the tables*. Or **inclusion & exclusion**: *a seat at the table*. A **tent** can relate to the same idea.
12. **Movement** and **direction** can relate to **action, inaction & delay** and **progress & lack of progress**: “We’ve got to *move*, and we’ve got to *move forward*, not *sideways* or *backwards*.”
13. The **center & periphery** often relate to **society**: *mainstream; center; fringe*.

14. **Height** can relate to **importance & significance** and **primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence** and **superiority & inferiority**: “LeBron James is literally and figuratively a *towering* figure at the *height* of his career, at the very *pinnacle* of success, *head and shoulders above* his rivals. And while his *star* may now be at its *zenith*, it must be that every *star* will *set*.”
15. **Journeys & trips** can represent life. After college, you *set out / embark* on a *course*. You encounter *crossroads* or *forks* in the road and choose your *direction*. You might *follow in someone else’s footsteps* or *blaze your own trail*. You will *cross that bridge* when you come to it, encounter *obstacles* in your *path* and take *shortcuts* and *detours*. *Milestones* along the way might include marriage, children, and promotions. Life can be a hard *slog*, and some *fall by the wayside*. But hopefully you will be happy and content when you *reach the end of the road*, especially if you are one of those who took “the [road] less travelled by.”
16. A **line** often relates to **behavior**: “You are *out of line*. You have *crossed the line*. You are *over the line*. You have crossed a *red line*.”
17. An **animal** can relate to **predation**, especially lions, wolves and sharks: “Famine still *stalks* the inhabitants of the Sahel.” “If you are not a *wolf*, a *wolf* will eat you.” “His critics are *circling*, they can smell *blood in the water*, and they are *out for blood*.”
18. **Smell** often relates to **evidence** and **corruption**: “I began *sniffing out* government corruption. And when I *got wind of* the business deal, I immediately detected something *fishy*. Something *stank*, and by the time I had finished my investigation, the *stench* filled my nostrils.”
19. **Affliction** can relate to a **creature** (like a ghost) and **health & medicine** and to a **mark** (like a scar): “He was never able to *exorcise* the *ghosts* of Afghanistan, *heal* his emotional *wounds*, and the mental *scars* of his service are still livid, raw and itchy.”
20. A **weight** or a **burden** can relate to **oppression**: “I was *weighed down* by a *heavy load* of debt that I knew I would never be able to *get out from under*, and the repossession of my car was *the straw that broke the camel’s back*.”
21. **Health & medicine** can relate to the **condition & status** of something: The economy is *on life support / moribund / weak / recovering / healthy / robust*, etc.
22. **Ruins** can relate to **destruction**. “Even though my company had *collapsed*, and my reputation was *in ruins*, I began to *rebuild*.”
23. **Water** can relate to the size and force of **movement**: “The number of asylum seekers began as a *trickle* or *stream* and is now a *flood*. A *groundswell* of immigration is threatening to *inundate* the border, and those opposed to migration are characterizing it as a *tsunami*.”
24. **Rain**, a **storm**, a **wind**, or natural disasters like an **avalanche**, a **landslide**, an **earthquake**, or **tsunami**, and great forces like a **volcano**, a **river**, the **sea**, a **fire**, a **wave** and **water** often relate to **amount and effect**: an *avalanche / blizzard / firestorm / flood / deluge / landslide / tidal wave / tsunami / storm / surge* of criticism, protest, etc.
25. **Direction** and **height** can relate to **behavior** and **character & personality**: “An *upright* man always *takes the high road* and does not *get down in the gutter* or *in the mud* with

his enemies of *low* repute. To such a man, morality is *straightforward*, and his opposite is a *snake*, taking a *twisted* path.”

26. **Astronomy** can relate to the idea of **primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence**: “One boxer’s *star is rising*, the current champion’s star is *at its zenith*, while the former champ’s star is *setting*.”
27. **Books & reading** can relate to **development**: “When I graduated from university, it was time to *close the book* on that stage of my life, *turn the page*, and start *a new chapter* in my life.”
28. **Food & drink** can relate to **consumption** and to **absorption & immersion**: “I developed a *taste* for exploration as a young boy. I *gorged on* the books of explorers, I *devoured* them, I *drank in / lapped up / gobbled up* and *digested* their lessons learned, and my *appetite* for them was *insatiable*. Soon I began taking little voyages of my own about the neighborhood and developed a *taste* for freedom. In fact, I became a *glutton* for it.”
29. **Sports & games** commonly relate to **competition**: the *contest* of measure and countermeasure (warfare); the space *race*; we are *ahead of them*; we must not *fall behind*; they are *outpacing* us and we will have to do better to *keep up*; when it comes to global warming, there will be *winners* and *losers*; she is *jockeying for position*; he is the *front-runner*, etc.
30. A **season** can relate to **growth & development** and **decline**: “I am in the *autumn* of my life;” nuclear *winter*; the Arab *Spring*...
31. The **day** can relate to **past & present** and **future**: *in the old days*; *back in the day*; *those days*; *yesterday*; *these days*; *nowadays*; *a new day*; *in the coming days*, “hopes and dreams for a better *tomorrow*.”
32. **Hygiene** is related, too often in a sinister way, to **violence** and **concealment & lack of concealment**: a military “*cleanup*” operation; ethnic *cleansing*; “wash the filthy *scum* off the streets,” *whitewash*, *sanitize*, *scrub*, *launder*, etc.
33. **Water** (swimming and drowning) often relates to **survival & endurance**: “My first semester at college, I felt like I was *I out of my depth* and *drowning*. I was just *treading water*, barely able to *keep my head above water* and stay *afloat*. Letters from home were a real *lifeline*. Things are much better now.”
34. **Equilibrium** is often related to **disruption**: “The company has *shaken up* the industry and *rattled* the major players by *overturning* accepted assumptions and norms.” It is also related to **fairness**: “The idea will *tilt* the *balance* and create an *unequal playing field*.”
35. **Temperature** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “Relations between the two countries, previously *frosty*, have begun to *thaw*, but they can in no way be described as *warm* yet.”
36. **Direction** up or down can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “You look *downhearted*. Cheer *up!* I can see you need a *lift*. Let’s do something to *raise* your spirits.”
37. A **clock** and the time of **day** sometimes relate to **timeliness & lack of timeliness**. So can a **window**: “We had better hurry. The *clock is ticking*. It’s no longer *early in the morning*, it’s *late in the day*. We’re *in a race with the clock* now, and the *clock is winding down*. Our *window of opportunity* is closing fast.”

38. Natural obstacles can relate figuratively to **obstacles & impedance**: *headwind; shoal; morass; mud; quagmire; quicksand; thicket; logjam; snag*, etc.
39. A **desert** or **oasis** or **jungle** or **swamp** or **island** or **sea** and other geographical features are often used figuratively to describe an **environment**. “Too many urban areas are food *deserts* with little access to fresh food.” “It’s a *jungle* out there, be careful.” “The area is an *island* of affluence in a *sea* of squalor.” “We must drain the *swamp* of Congress.” The **air**, the **atmosphere** and the **climate** can be used to talk about environment in general. “There is tension in the *air / atmosphere*, and a *climate* of fear.”
40. A **plant** and **farming & agriculture** are often related to **growth & development**: “Christianity found *fertile ground* in the Philippines, where the *seeds* the missionaries *planted took root* and *flourished / flowered / bore fruit*.”
41. **Standing, sitting & lying** can relate to many things, including **dominance & submission**, and **resistance, opposition, & defeat**, and also **action, inaction & delay**. These meanings are often combined in a series: “We can’t take this *lying down*. Why are we just *sitting on our hands*? We can’t *stand by* any longer. It’s time to *stand up* and make a *stand*.”
42. **Health & medicine; addiction; love, courtship & marriage; and religion** can all relate to **enthusiasm**: “I’m *crazy about* dragonflies”; “Adrenaline *junkies* risk life and limb at the X games for their sport”; “To meet a walrus is to *fall in love with* a walrus” (a walrus researcher); “It’s a bit of a *disease*” (Jay Leno on his vehicle collection); “Mountains are truly *cathedrals*” (the great “Big” Jim Whittaker, climber). The opening line of Norman Maclean’s book *A River Runs Through It* reads, “In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing.”
43. The Galapagos Islands have become an **epithet** for the **biodiversity** of endemic species. The fascinating Yemeni island of Socotra has been called the “*Galapagos of the Indian Ocean*.” Alaska’s Pribilof Islands are known as the *Galapagos of the North*. In Unesco’s World Heritage Site citation, Lake Baikal in eastern Russia is referred to as the *Galapagos of Russia*. The Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park has been referred to as the *American Galapagos*, and the Haida Gwaii have been referred to as the *Canadian Galapagos*.
44. Allusions from the **Iliad & Odyssey** relate to the following: **attraction** (*siren*); **affliction** (*hector*); **subterfuge** (*Trojan horse*); **journeys & trips** (*odyssey*); **message** (*Cassandra*); **protection & lack of protection** (*Achilles’ heel*), **superlative** (*epic* and *Homeric*), and **alternative & choices** and **danger** (between Scylla and Charybdis). This vocabulary will live in the language long after the details are forgotten.
45. **Alcohol** can relate to several things: **activity** (*ferment*); **behavior** (*binge, drunk, and inebriate*); **concealment & lack of concealment** (*bootleg* and *bootlegger*); **consciousness and awareness** (*black out*); **control and lack of control** (*drunk*); **feeling, emotion & effect** (*hangover, intoxicate, intoxicate, intoxicating, sober, and sobering*); **mixture** (*cocktail*); and **restraint & lack of restraint** (*binge, drunk, and inebriate*). You don’t have to be a drinker to be “drunk on power / success.”
46. Falling can relate to **fate, fortune & chance**. If you are *on thin ice*, you might fall through the ice and drown. Likewise, when you *go out on a limb*, the limb might break

and then you will fall to the ground and die. If you are *hanging on* to your job by a *thread*, that thread might break. If you are *walking a tightrope*, you might fall off and die. If you are *teetering on the edge of a precipice*, you might fall and die. The sky can fall. If your head is on the *chopping block*, the blade could fall on your neck and your head will roll. That blade might be the *Sword of Damocles*. Or perhaps you are waiting for a *shoe to drop* or *fall*.

47. **Cards** can relate to **fate, fortune & chance**: “The *cards were stacked* against Rubin Carter from birth. He was *dealt a hand* nobody could play. But by *the luck of the draw*, a sympathetic judge was selected to try his final case of habeas corpus.”
48. A **euphemism** is often used for death. Expressions include *pass away; the fallen; lose* (through death); *resting place*, etc. A set of sinister euphemisms relate violence to hygiene: *ethnic cleansing; brain washing; sanitize; scrub*; a military *cleanup*, etc.
49. **Money** can relate to **obligation**: “The grateful nation *owes a debt* of gratitude to the sacrifices of its military. We can never fully *repay* those who *paid* the ultimate *price* for our freedom.”
50. **Money** is often related to **cost & benefit**. “I made a *costly* mistake, I *paid a price* for my mistake, it took a *toll* on me, but in the end I *profited* from it, though it took years and years before I understood what exactly the *payoff* was.”
51. **Society** can relate to a **person** like a *leper, castaway, outcast, pariah, and hermit*. Such people might find themselves separated from the *mainland*, on an *island*, in the *wilderness*, left out *in the cold, outside of the tent, on the fringe*, etc.
52. **Noise** and **movement** are often related to **activity**: The factory floor was a *beehive* of activity, *swarming* with workers, with machines large and small *humming* and *buzzing*.
53. **Gesture** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “The latest college admissions scandal has some people *shaking their heads*, others *rolling their eyes*, and a few *wringing their hands*.”
54. **Cloth** can relate to **division & connection**: “We are used to traveling around on an *interwoven, tight-knit*, seemingly *seamless* system of highways. But some *strands* have become *frayed*.” So can a **rope**: “A nation is *bound / tied* together by its system of roads.”
55. **Containers** can relate to **situations**: “I got *into* trouble, I was *in* a tight spot, trapped, desperate to *get out*.”
56. **Love, courtship & marriage** can be connected to **attraction & repulsion** and to **pursuit, capture & escape**: “She was the *darling* of Wall Street, she had no problem *wooing* and *seducing* eager investors—including ex-generals, one ex-president, Henry Kissinger, and two nationally important families—and she had the media *swooning*.”
57. **Sound** can represent **conflict**: “His comments caused an *uproar* and *howls* of protest, with many *clamoring* for an apology, and *outcries* for his resignation.”
58. An **explosion** or a **weapon** from the **military** can represent **danger**: On a bad day academia can be a *minefield* full of *booby traps, trip wires* and hidden *landmines*.”
59. Verbs of **hitting, slamming & lashing** are often related to the force of storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes: “The hurricane *battered* the island with a horrific storm surge,

*pummeled* inland areas with winds and rain, and *knocked out* the power grid before moving on to *clobber* the mainland.”

60. **Direction** (up and down) can relate to **hierarchy**. “When I started out in my job, I started out at the *bottom*. I was *low* man on the *totem pole*, and literally everyone in the company was *over* me. With hard work and perseverance, I began to *rise up*. I began to *climb* the career *ladder*. When my *superiors* realized I wanted to take care of those *under* me, and not just please them, I *rose* even *higher*. Today I am not at the *top* of the *pyramid*, but I am very happy where I am, and I am ready to assume additional responsibility.”
61. **Religion** often relates to **message**: He has used his bully *pulpit* to *preach* the *gospel* of American exceptionalism, and his *crusade* has been wildly popular, particularly to the members of the *choir*.
62. **Sensation** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “That guy is *irritating*, he *rubs me the wrong way*.” “Yeah, he can be *abrasive*. But you’re too *sensitive*, you need to develop *thicker skin*.”
63. An **animal** often relates to **conflict**: You can *bristle*, *get your back up*, and *stand your ground*. You might then go *head to head* and *butt heads*, or *lock horns* with someone. You might be *out for blood*, *smell blood*, and *draw blood*. Or you might *give ground*, *turn tail* and run, or *lie down* and *roll over*.

## Collocation

Why compile a dictionary of collocations for words used figuratively, and not just a thesaurus? As Susan Hunston noted in a personal communication, “The crucial point that metaphoric uses are distinguished by collocation has...been made, most notably by Prof Alice Deignan of Leeds University.” Of course, *every* word is characterized by its collocations, and collocation is key for communication. But the collocations of words used figuratively and literally can differ.

*Pitfall*, entered in this work in **hunting**, and **danger**, and also **walking, running & jumping**, is an interesting word and worth discussing in terms of collocation. Like many words, most of us will only encounter this word in its figurative sense. People around the world still hunt and trap for a living, but most of them use more modern methods. I can only imagine that it takes a lot of work and time to dig a pitfall, unlike the fictional pitfall from “The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell, a short story I taught as the ESL co-teacher of a high-school language-arts class. What I know about these old methods of catching animals comes from films like *Chang: A Drama of the Wilderness* (1927) in which animals were most *definitely* harmed, or a book like *Dersu the Trapper* by V.K. Arseniev, when he writes about *ludevas*, or game fences. As he explains it, instinct impels an animal towards water or a salt lick. A game barrier prevents him from going in the direction he wants to go. So the animal walks along the fence, eventually coming to an opening in the fence it can get through. The trapper has dug the pitfall there, and the animal falls in.

The main collocating verbs for a literal *pitfall* would be *dig*, *cover*, *fall into* and *fill in*: a hunter must first dig a pitfall and then cover it and hope that an animal falls into it, and when he leaves the area, he should fill in the pitfall so as not to deplete the stock of game in a wasteful manner. Like the word *hole*, adjectives might be *deep* or *shallow*. In a series with *and* or a comma linking it to similar words, an attested example is “pitfalls, deadfalls, and snares.” *Trap*, *pitfall*, and *snares* are often used figuratively, but *deadfall* seems to have fallen by the wayside.

For a figurative pitfall, important collocating verbs are: *identify*, *avoid*, *navigate* and *skirt*. This makes sense as a series. *Skate around*, an attested example, makes me question the writer’s mental image of an actual pitfall, even if *skate* is being used figuratively. A figurative pitfall can *await* the unwary. Common adjectives for a figurative pitfall are almost always classifying: a medical / clinical / diagnostic / constitutional / legal pitfall. (Our curriculums tend to do a horrible job of teaching classifying adjectives.) Or adjectives relate to significance: biggest / greatest / main / major / important pitfall. Or possibility and frequency: a common / possible / potential pitfall. A common preposition for “pitfall + preposition” is *in*: pitfalls *in* diagnosis / evaluation / interpretation / management, etc.

Similar words used figuratively to express **danger** include: bomb, booby trap, landmine, minefield, powder keg, and tripwire, all from the military domain. A less used but perfectly apt word is “third rail” which refers to trains, electricity, and electrocution: “Social security reform / gun control is the third rail of US politics.”

## Epithets

Most of us learned epithets like “Rosy Fingered Dawn” (*The Iliad*) and “The Whale Road” and the “The Swan Road” (*Beowulf*) in high-school literature courses. In the early 1900s, when whaling, walrusing and sealing were still big industries, writers would refer to important and powerful men as the “great whales of their profession.” Times have changed. Nowadays, we use epithets like “Mick is the *Michael Jordan* of the dog-show world” and “We know that Bolivia / Afghanistan can become the *Saudi Arabia* of lithium” and “Majid Abdullah, the *Pele* of the desert...” and “The fight against Tamil rebels was Sri Lanka’s *Vietnam*.” In this work epithets are recorded in the dictionary, and they are collected in the thesaurus in the category **epithet**.

Epithets commonly occur in the form, “the X of Y.” Mick is *the Michael Jordan of the dog-show world* (a blue terrier). The Pribilofs are known as *the Galapagos of the North*.

Alternatives include “(the) Adj + X.” The Haida Gwaii Islands have been referred to as *the Canadian Galapagos*. The Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park is *the American Galapagos*. “He studied counterinsurgency at Duntroon, *the Australian West Point*.” In the early 19th century, in northwestern Illinois, lead was referred to as *gray gold*. In the 19th century guano was referred to as *white gold*. Oil is frequently referred to as *black gold*, and it is possible that the *blue gold* of the future will be bulk water shipments to arid countries.

Yet another pattern is “(the) Possessive s + X.” The coral Triangle has been called *the Ocean’s Amazon*. “Why Eritrea is called *Africa’s North Korea*.” Hubei Province is *China’s new Ruhr Valley*. The Bali bombing was *Australia’s 9/11*.

Epithets are commonly introduced by *called*: Why Eritrea is called Africa’s North Korea (*The Economist* magazine); West Virginia *has been called* the Saudi Arabia of coal; the Great Bear Rain Forest *is often called* the Amazon of the North; Cerén *is sometimes called* the Pompeii of the New World (El Salvador); Borneo and its forests *are sometimes called* the lungs of Southeast Asia.

Or there is the variation with *so-called*: Kamuzu Academy in Malawi is the *so-called* “Eaton of Africa.”

Or *considered (to be)*: the *Andrea Doria* is *considered* the Mount Everest of wreck diving; Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy *is considered to be* Thailand’s West Point.

*Described as* can be used: the campaign *is often described as* the Stalingrad of the East (Battles of Kohima and Imphal in World War II).

Or *dubbed*: Northern California’s Salinas Valley *is often dubbed* America’s salad bowl; Xiyuangualu lychees *were dubbed* “the king of fruit”; Travis Patriquin *has been dubbed* the T.E. Lawrence of Iraq.

*Known* is quite common: he *is known as* Korea’s Great Gatsby for his lavish lifestyle (Big Bang’s Seungri); the Pribilofs *are known as* the Galapagos of the North; Ibrahim Rugova *was*



*known as* the Gandhi of the Balkans; Bhutan, *once known as* the hermit kingdom of the Himalayas; the crash landing *became known as* the Miracle on the Hudson (Flight 1549).

Or *refer to* can be used: Unesco's citation *refers to Lake Baikal as* the "Galapagos of Russia"; El Paso *is often referred to as* the Ellis Island of the Southwest.

Finally, *said to be*: the Palestinians are *sometimes said to be* the Jews of the Arab world.

Note the tendency for the use of the passive, and the various adverbs of frequency.

Epithets often relate / compare (1) people to people (Ibrahim Rugova was known as the *Gandhi* of the Balkans) (2) geographical places and areas to geographical places and areas (Pipeline on the North Shore of Oahu is the *Mount Everest* of surfing waves) (3) institutions to institutions (Kamuzu Academy in Malawi is the so-called "*Eaton* of Africa") and (4) events to events (the Kuta Beach bombing was Australia's *9/11*).

Epithets can be quite thought provoking and the points of similarity (and dissimilarity) are always open for discussion and debate.

Consider *Vietnam* used as an epithet. That war has been compared to Egypt's intervention in Yemen, which occurred at the same time; Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in the 1980s; British involvement in that same country in 2006; and the Sri Lankan Civil War (1983-2009).

Both Colin Kaepernick and Meghan Rapinoe have been described as their generation's *Muhammed Ali*.

Such diverse peoples as Indo-Caribbean immigrants, Palestinians, Chinese, and Latinos have all been characterized as Jews, respectively of the Caribbean, the Arab world, the Far East, and of the 21st century. While the primary meaning relates to diaspora, nuances are certainly involved in every case.

Epithets for geographical places are quite common. Cities are often compared to a *pearl*: Manila, the *Pearl* of the Orient; or Dubrovnik, the *Pearl* of the Adriatic, etc. But my favorite is the one for Lake Baikal, "the Blue Eye of Siberia." On the BBC news world map, you can just see it to the east of the larger Black and Caspian Seas and the smaller Lake Balkhash. My eye never fails to note it due to its beautiful epithet. In every respect it is an amazing lake.

Finally, epithets often relate to **royalty**: Aretha Franklin, the *Queen* of Soul; Pat's *King* of Steaks; John George Bartholomew, the *Prince* of Cartography. Or to the **family**: Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the *father* of Pakistan; James Brown, the *Godfather* of Soul.

## Persons

A name for a **person** can figuratively relate to many things, especially a role. And these names come from a number of domains.

A person might relate to an occupation. A *butcher* is associated with oppression, warfare, and slaughter, even though the friendly butchers at the supermarket where I buy my meat seem to be perfectly normal, friendly and helpful folks. We should all be a good *steward* of the land, even if we don't work on ships, trains, or airplanes. You can be an *ambassador* without being a member of the State Department, as Mike Tyson was when he visited China to promote boxing. "Adjuncts are the *field hands* of education" doesn't mean that adjuncts literally labor in the fields and pick crops, as Cesar Chavez did. It means that they stoop to gain employment, get their hands dirty teaching actual classes, do all the heavy lifting, have little control over what they are paid, work seasonally, and have to travel a lot.

The names for members of a **family** used figuratively is a large category, no surprise, as the family is basic to every society. Some of the connotations seem as if they came from 19th century England as written about by Dickens, or from fairy tales. An *orphan* is bereft: "We need to develop orphan drugs for orphan diseases." A *stepchild* is neglected: "Intelligence officers have always held a stepchild position." The *favorite son* is favored: "Obama was welcomed to Ireland like a favorite son." The *stepmother* is evil and hates the poor *stepdaughter*: "The EU is a heartless stepmother trying to drive Greece out of the family." *Mother* and *father* commonly relate to creation: "Repetition is the mother of all learning" and "Ibrahim Rugova, the father of Kosovo..." Is it any surprise that *twin* represents connection? "The South's familiar twins, temperature and humidity..."

When we talk about **society**, we often use the words *outcast*, *leper* or *pariah* for those who are shunned and marginalized. Or *castaway*, like those poor unfortunates on Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean. Or *hermit*, for those who voluntarily or involuntarily withdraw, like the Japanese *hikikomori*, or modern-day hermits.

Persons who are mentioned in regards to the **future** and making predictions include *fortuneteller*, *oracle*, *prophet*, and *soothsayer*.

From the experience many of us had in our grade school and tweens and teens come *babysitter*, *bully*, *coach*, *chaperon*, *cheerleader*, *den mother*, *golden girl / boy* and *grownup*.

And many persons come from the domain of **religion**: *acolyte*, *choirboy*, *convert*, *crusader*, *devotee*, *disciple*, *evangelist*, *guru*, *heretic*, *iconoclast*, *martyr*, *missionary*, *oracle*, *prophet*, and *soothsayer*. A subset of these persons relate to **message**, no surprise, as every religion has its message.

All of the italicized words in this section have their entries in the dictionary, along with their collocations and exemplary sentences or fragments.

## The “container” metaphor

An expression like, “He has love / hatred *in* his heart for...” serves to remind us that the heart can be thought of as a **container**, just like a pitcher or a glass, based on the preposition *in*.

We have cognitive linguists to thank for identifying the container metaphor, and any ESL / EFL teacher will recognize its explanatory worth for idioms related to the heart, such as “I poured my heart into the job,” “I poured my heart out to her,” “She fills my heart with joy and laughter,” “The government wants to instill / put fear into the people’s hearts,” “They have goodness / hate / joy in their hearts,” “We’re going to hold / keep Lori Piestewa in our hearts forever,” etc. Idioms like these do not seem so arbitrary, random or odd when we think of the heart as being a container.

A situation can be thought of as a container: I got *in* / *into* trouble and I don’t know how to get *out*. I’m *in* the doghouse at work. I got *in* hot water with the boss. We’re *in* a tight spot.

Feelings and emotions can be thought of as being inside a container: Don’t *hold it in*. Don’t *bottle it up*. *Pent-up* frustrations can lead to violence. *Open up*. Let it *out*. I felt *drained* / *empty*. I felt a sense of *emptiness* (depression).

The container metaphor, while extremely interesting and useful, is not perfect. For example, the mind is a container in an expression like, “What do you have *in* mind?” or “He is *close-minded*,” or “Try to keep an *open* mind.” But the mind can be more like a platform in an expression like “What’s *on* your mind?” This can be discussed with students.

## Grammatical metaphor, fictive verbs, etc.

Angela Downing, in *English Grammar: A University Course* (Third Edition), devotes Chapter 27 to grammatical metaphor. She explains what that is, and gives good explanations for restatements that are not “typical.” She also gives excellent examples in that chapter, such as “Our evening walk along the river *took* us to Henley” and “August 12 *found* the travellers in Rome” (her examples) in which *take* and *find* are not used in their normal senses. Based on her work, I have included the following categories:

**Fictive communication** verbs include: *say*, *tell*, and *read*. “The sign *said*, “Do not enter.” “The data *told* us there was a problem.” “His watch *read* 2 PM.” *Read* especially collocates with gauges and dials. There are many more verbs like these.

**Fictive motion.** These verbs include *go*, *run*, and *follow* and are used for things like paths, trails, rivers, roads, ropes, etc. that are essentially lines. Of course, there are many more such verbs. In her wonderful article, “Fictive motion in the context of mountaineering,” Ekaterina Egorova identifies over 70 fictive motion verbs from the world of mountaineering.

**Fictive position.** These are verbs that relate to position: *stand*, *sit* and *lie*. “The house *sat* on a hill,” “A lamp *stood* in the corner,” “The city *lies* in a valley.” They make a nice teaching set and can be taught as alternatives when we teach the “there” construction lesson.

**Fictive meeting & seeing** includes verbs like *meet*, *encounter*, *find*, *see*, and *witness*. This takes care of Downing’s examples, “August 12 *found* the travellers in Rome,” and “The last decade has *witnessed* an unprecedented rise in agricultural technology.” An attested example I just included in this work was, “23 May *saw* over 250 climbers trying to summit Mount Everest.” Clearly, the use of *find*, *see*, and *witness* collocates with a date or period of time at the subject position.

**Fictive possession** includes verbs like *capture*, *grab*, *grip*, *hold*, *possess*, and *seize*. “Now that we have *captured your imagination*, don’t make us come after the rest of you” is a clever TV advertisement from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian Nation promoting tourism.

**Fictive transportation** verbs include ones like *take*, *carry*, *transport*, *bring*, etc. This is how I have categorized “Our evening walk along the river *took* us to Henley.”

**Verb to noun** collects nominalizations of verbs, a very important feature of grammatical metaphor, according to Downing. Five contemporary and popular examples include “It *looks* bad” / “That’s not a good *look*”; “When will she *reveal* her secret?” / “When will she make the big *reveal*?”; “What you *request* will be difficult to fulfill” / “That’s a big *ask*,”; “Chris Boswell doesn’t *panic*” / “Chris Boswell doesn’t do *panic*”; and “The company *failed*” / “It was a stunning *fail* (aeronautical software).”

The idea of grammatical metaphor helps us notice, explain and teach these usages.

## Past, present and future

We tend to think of the **past & present** and the **future** as lessons on grammar. But there are plenty of figurative and metaphorical ways to express the past, present and future, and they are all worth thinking about and mentioning to students.

A day can represent past, present and future. When we speak of the present, we can speak of *these days* and *nowadays*. And when we speak of the past, we can say *those days*, or *the old days*, or *back in the day*. When we speak of the future, we can say, “*Tomorrow...*”

The past, present and future is often thought of as movement based on a point of view. The statement, “Winter is approaching / coming” and “the big day has arrived” implies that things in the future come towards us. We commonly use this idea for scheduled events like deadlines, holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, seasons, etc. The idea is also expressed in statements like “We will have to stay here for a time to come” and “There might be problems in the coming months.”

But it can also seem like it is we who are moving toward the future: “We are approaching / coming up on the fifth anniversary of...,” etc. And “we” can be extended to inanimate things we would ordinarily never think of moving: “The region is heading towards war.”

Sometimes our forward movement makes it seem like we have all embarked on **journeys & trips**: “Nobody knows what is on the road ahead.” “Your job will get easier down the road.”

And time can relate to things, like the *horizon*: “War is on the horizon.” Or a *crystal ball* and *fortune teller*, especially in relation to predictions. The past can relate to a **clock**: “We don’t want to turn back the clock.” Or a *time capsule*. Or a *fossil* or *dinosaur* for something or someone old-fashioned.

Like the idea of heart mentioned above, we can think of the future as a container: “Nobody knows what is *in* the future.” “I wonder what the future *holds*.”

Way back in 1836 Emerson wrote, “Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope.” (*Nature*, Chapter 4, “Language.”) No doubt he was thinking of expressions like “Looking back on my life...” or “I’m looking forward to the wedding...” This sounds very much like the “the future is forward, the past is back” metaphor of today’s cognitive linguists.

I developed a special interest in Saudi Arabia in teaching language relating to the past, present and future. That is because, like many places in the world, Saudi Arabia is modernizing swiftly but unevenly. The past, present and future can all seem to exist in the same place at the same time. Generations, tribes, areas of the country, and even young men of the same age who grew up in the same place and tribe may be more modern, or less modern. As a teacher I donned the role of an elder, and would often make my students laugh by referring to myself as a fossil, or a dinosaur.

## Allusions

In this work a list of allusions in contemporary use can be found at **allusion**, allusions to history can be found at **history**, and allusions can also be noticed in the **epithet** category.

Adjectives that we often use for size are allusions: *behemoth*, *Brobdingnagian*, *colossal*, *gargantuan*, *Goliath*, *leviathan*, *Lilliputian*, *Olympian*, *Pharaonic*, *jumbo*, etc. On National Public Radio, I recently heard a commentator refer to Joe Biden as a political *behemoth*, which created an image in my mind that made me laugh. The word *jumbo* comes from the name of an Ethiopian elephant exhibited in the US and Canada by P.T. Barnum.

Other allusions come from old stories and children's stories. The *Goldilocks* fairytale has given us the modifier *Goldilocks* with the meaning of "just right" or "the sweet spot": the Goldilocks economy / place / principle / zone, etc. *Cinderella* relates to success in a phrase like "The school has become a viral Cinderella story."

Allusions like the *Overton window* and the *Matilda effect* have been coined recently and are perhaps less well known than the ones mentioned above. They may or may not survive in a hundred years.

Several allusions to Homer and the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* can be found in this work in the category **Iliad & Odyssey**. Five of them are very common: *odyssey* (the Mars Odyssey); *Trojan horse* (viruses, worms and Trojan Horses in computing); *Achilles' heel* (the knees are the skiers' Achilles' heel); *epic* (an epic day of surfing at Waimea Bay); and *siren* (seduced by the siren call of technology). These allusions will be remembered long after the details are forgotten of where each ship came from and who slew whom in what order.

In these strange times of fake news and the internet, it is interesting to consider contemporary allusions to **fantasy & reality**: *curiouser and curiouser*; *El Dorado*; *heffalump* (creature); *Kafkaesque* (adj), *never-never land*; *quixotic* (adj); *rabbit hole*; *Twilight Zone*; and *Walter Mitty*. Three of these allude to *Alice in Wonderland*.

And contemporary allusions to oppression include: *draconian*; *Gestapo*; *inquisition*; *Lord of the Flies*; *McCarthy*; *McCarthyite*; *Orwellian*; *pitchfork* (oppression); *procrustean*; *reign of terror / fear*; and *witch-hunt*.

Allusions reflect our more-or-less shared knowledge, memory, history, culture, and education. Explaining allusions gives us a chance to teach and talk about many things besides just grammar and vocabulary, including the biography and history of Jumbo the elephant.

In Saudi Arabia I was constantly amazed at what my Saudi military students knew and didn't know when it came to allusions.

## Euphemisms

In this work a list of current euphemisms can be found in the category **euphemism**.

In the early part of the 20th century, at least, “to go West” meant the destruction of a thing or the death of a person. A World One member of a tank crew wrote, “It’s a mile to your objective now, but it’s a mile of thrills... A one-pounder in a hedge scares you with several well-placed shots before it ‘goes west’ [is destroyed].” Paul De Kruif, in his book about the heroes and heroines of public health titled *Men Against Death*, published in 1932, wrote: “In 1912 it [Rocky Mountain spotted fever] had sneaked into [Dr. Thomas B.] McClintic ... The Montana doctor, McCray...woke up with bloodshot eyes and an ache in his bones. In ten days McCray had gone West to join McClintic.” Dr. Arthur Howard McCray died in 1919.

What was the origin of this euphemism? I am speculating, but in the 19th century, America was on the move, settling the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There were many dangers, including disease, weather, violence, and accidents, especially drownings at river crossings. In *Ordeal of the Union*, Allan Nevins tells of the son of John James Audubon comforting a dying cholera victim on a wagon train in the Rio Grande Valley. “What hurts you, Ham?” Audubon asked. “My wife and children hurt me, Mr. John,” the man replied. Even if the pioneers survived, they might never be seen or heard from again back East. It would have been like they went West and died.

Nowadays, nobody uses the euphemism “to go West.” Contemporary euphemisms for death include: “He has passed (on).” “We mourn his passing.” “He is no longer with us.” “He has gone away (too soon).” “He is gone.” “We salute the fallen.” “The suspect is deceased.” “He succumbed to the injuries on the way to the hospital,” “He was pronounced,” etc. That last is astonishing, as it simply drops the predicate adjective *dead*, as though mentioning that word would be impolite.

Sinister euphemisms relate to **hygiene**. Having taught English in Kosovo, the phrase, “Ethnic cleansing” always makes me shiver. Near Ibrahim Rugova’s grave, a beautiful, peaceful spot high on a hill overlooking Pristina on one side and the countryside on the other, there is a park where mothers play with their babies. Alongside that park, there is a street with villas, and walking down that street I noticed a plaque by a door that informed me the villa was a clinic for the rehabilitation of torture victims... It was as though a cloud had covered the sun; I felt like I had been plunged into darkness. The Fulbright Scholar at the university once said to me, “Why is there a statue of a KLA guy with a Kalashnikov downtown? Why can’t they just get over it and move on?” And all I could think was, “Back home we’re *still* fighting the Civil War.”

The military is well known for its euphemisms. When a military airplane crashed through the roof of a civilian warehouse, a military spokesman said, “We have secured the armaments package, which will be properly disposed of. Safety is our utmost priority.” An aggressive reporter got him to reluctantly admit he was referring to live rounds and missiles, which thankfully had not gone off.

In the striking documentary film *A Sniper's War* the following exchange occurs: “What does it mean ‘to do your job’?” / “To get rid of their snipers and gunners, so that our infantry can move ahead.” / “What does it mean ‘get rid ‘ of them?” / “To eliminate. To kill.”

In the US, the police are a paramilitary organization, with corresponding language, as exemplified by an extract from a press release: “The officer involved in this particular OIS was wearing his BWC, which captured the OIS as it occurred... In the coming days, the... Department will be releasing our second Critical Incident Community Briefing, explaining what occurred during the OIS on July 5, 2019.” From such language you would have never guessed that the press release concerns the case of a 17-year-old girl who was shot to death after being pulled over for speeding. (An OIS is an officer-involved shooting and a BWC is a body-worn camera.)

Even public officials grow sick and tired of their euphemisms. Police Chief James Cervera of the Virginia Beach Police Department said the following at a press conference, following a mass shooting on May 31, 2019.

“Right now we have a lot of questions. The whys, they will come later. Right now, we have more questions really than we have answers. We are a little more than two hours into this event. And we use the word *event*, that’s a cop term, this devastating incident that happened, that none of us want to be here talking about, this devastating incident which is going to change the lives of a number of families from our city.”



## Gestures and bodily processes

In 1836 Emerson wrote, “*supercilious* [means] the *raising of the eyebrow* (*Nature*, Chapter 4, “Language”). His point was that physical gestures have meaning, along with all the things from the physical and natural world that he mentions in that chapter.

Every culture has its gestures, and gestures are an important nonverbal way to communicate. Gestures can relate to such basic meanings as signaling yes and no, or signaling a moving car to stop for you. I once noticed a book at a yard sale with the interesting title *How To Speak Italian*. Curious because it was so thin, I picked it up and opened it up. It simply consisted of photographs of Italians making gestures, with text explaining what those gestures meant. I laughed, because it does seem to me that the Italians gesture a lot.

But gestures, and the meaning of those gestures that are lexicalized in language, are not shared in every country. A person who reads, “He received the thumbs up on his proposal” must know that “thumbs up” refers to a positive judgment to understand the message. A person who reads, “His statement left a lot of people scratching their heads” must know that the gesture relates to incomprehension, even though no one actually does it. A person who hears, “I’ll keep my fingers crossed,” must know that that gesture relates to hope and fate. Language associated with gestures can confuse even those within the same country. For example, a Northerner in the US might take a second to process the meaning of a statement like, “When I heard what happened, I got chill bumps,” as said by a person from the southern Appalachians.

And gestures and particularly bodily processes are often used to express emotional effect. If the performance of a person in a play was wonderful, I might say it was *brehtaking* or it *took my breath away*. If it was boring, I might say it was a big *yawn*. If it was horrible for some reason, I might say it made me *retch*.

The importance of gesture in communication is an important part of the online experience. In text language, *smh* stands for “shaking my head,” and in 2015 a face-with-rolling-eyes Emoji became available. LMAO is an example of hyperbole.

Everyone nowadays should be knowledgeable about gestures. The thumbs-up symbol does not mean the same thing in every culture. In recent years the okay sign—the sign formed by making a circle with the thumb and index finger, has become an Alt-right meme. Using it in certain contexts nowadays can have repercussions. In academia, eye-rolling can be considered a sign of patriarchy and a micro-aggression, which causes some to roll their eyes. In different cultures, winking can have a meaning you might not suspect. Pointing at a person or snapping your fingers may or may not be appropriate.

## Shapes and parts-whole

How is a graph like the landscape? Well, both have *peaks* and *valleys* and *plateaus*. In addition, a graph can have a *spike*, and the line might be in the shape of a *bell curve*. Peaks, valleys, plateaus and spikes and bells are not just things, but shapes.

In the dictionary I use, the horn of an animal is the first sense, “shaped like or suggesting” is the seventh sense, and the tenth sense is geological: a horn is a geological feature. The Matterhorn, geologically speaking, is a horn. In case you were wondering, the musical instrument is the *eighth* sense. And that is the sense that we usually teach.

Many simple words we teach have the meaning of “resembling or having the shape of” or “suggesting” or “regarded as like.” Examples are everywhere.

The alphabet: A-frame; T-bone; V-neck; Z-drag.

Traffic and roads: bottleneck; dogleg; hairpin, T-intersection, U-turn, washboard (road).

Body shapes: heart (heart-shaped face); hourglass figure / waist; pear (pear-shaped body).

Parts of the body: A plane has a nose, tail, and belly. A bed has a foot and a head. A chair can have legs, a back and arms. Needles, potatoes, coconuts, and hurricanes all have eyes. A mountain range has foothills.

Words relating to shapes often appear in geographical place names: the banana *belt*; the Parrot’s *Beak* (Cambodia and Guinea); the *boot* of Italy; the *Wakhan Corridor*; the *Eye of the Sun* (in Monument Valley, Arizona); the *Horn of Africa*; the Florida *panhandle*; *Ribbon Reef*; *Table Mountain* (Cape Town); the *Coral / Afar Triangle*; *Wave Rock* (western Australia), etc.

Younger teachers might not know what the washboard in a *washboard road* refers to. But I can remember my mother using one, as well as an electric wringer, and a clothes line.

While I was teaching a high-school ESL lesson based on the map, a Honduran girl told me, “Chile is shaped like a chili.” It was something I had never heard before and have never forgotten.

In the dictionary I use, the very first main entry is *A*, and the first sense defines it as a letter. The second main entry is also *A*, and the first sense defines it as a shape. It is like that for every letter thereafter. The letters are not just letters, they are shapes.

Here’s a wonderful riddle: What has bridges, canals, cavities, clefts, fissures, floors, isthmuses, mounds, orbits, pipes, pits, roofs, tubes, and walls, but is not anything related to the earth or a building? A hint: the answer is closer than you think. Answer: the human body! This riddle makes us realize that the body has many parts resembling terrain features and buildings.

## Animacy

Anthropomorphism has been a feature of literature for ages. Anthropomorphic animal stories are as ancient as Aesop and include favorites like *White Fang* by Jack London and “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi” by Rudyard Kipling. People seem predisposed to attribute personalities to certain familiar objects. Traditionally things like a ship could be referred to as *she*. “Shelf *life*” is a relatively old term, and products have been referred to as a *family* and “first *generation* / second *generation*” for quite a long time. But the idea that technology is not only alive but sentient used to be pretty much relegated to science fiction. One thinks of HAL from the 1968 film *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

Well, 2001 has come and gone, and almost anything can be animate and sentient nowadays. The first obituary for a non-human being that I ever read was written by Henry Fountain way back in 2010 and appeared in the *New York Times* newspaper under the title, “ABE, Pioneering Robotic Undersea Explorer, Is Dead at 16.” I can still remember how surprised and delighted I was by the conceit.

Now technology is *dumb*, *smart*, or *brilliant* and can even teach itself (AI). One goal of the Internet companies has been to habituate everyone, especially children, to address machines as though they were people. They have given their virtual assistants names like Siri, Alexa and Cortana and encouraged us to ask them questions, as if that were normal. They have succeeded completely.

“*Roaring Meg* (an English Civil Wars-era mortar) *resides* at Goodrich Castle...” “Recent investigation has found that the annual Great Whirl in the southwest Arabian sea has an average *life span* of 198 days.” “So where did you find this comet, where is it *living*?” “We climb where the avalanche *lives*.” “A cave *breathes*...” Laird Hamilton has said, “Jaws doesn’t *like* a north swell,” and he ought to know. Colin Tudge wrote, “I *met* one in full bloom early one sunny July morning in the Cambridge University Botanic Garden.” Tudge was referring to a handkerchief tree.

An official at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, once said, “So the decision was made a number of years ago to take him off display and put him in storage... To have that step forward, just slightly, gives him more of a presence.” He was talking about Neil Armstrong’s *spacesuit*!

I suspect that I am not the only person in the world to have said, “Thank you” at the automatic bank teller machine after withdrawing a little cash, or to secretly feel relieved and grateful when “approved” appears on the machine that reads my debit card, or to mutter, “Okay, okay,” when the bossy self-scanner at the store tells me to make sure I have picked up my change, as if I would ever forget! That same scanner, which ends up saying, “Thank you for shopping at X,” might just be responsible for the sad death of “You’re welcome.” Just the other day the supermarket employ scanning my groceries at the checkout counter muttered “Come on, come on” when the scanner was momentarily unable to read a bar code of a particular item. Her tone was both irritated and imploring. There were people behind me.

In 1989, after a deranged person tried to kill the Treaty Oak in Austin with poison, Texas, thousands of kids addressed letters to the tree with messages like, “We’re sorry this happened, get well soon.”

It is common to give inanimate and non-human objects agency. A common pattern is as follows: “I hadn’t planned to write a book on this topic, but the topic chose me.” The extraordinary Bernard Tomic said, “Tennis chose me. It’s something I never fell in love with.” The last line of Jim Bouton’s baseball book, *Ball Four*, is: “You see, you spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball, and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around.” In the film *Xiu Xiu, the Sent Down Girl*, Xiu Xiu asks Lao Jin, “Are you really going to spend your entire life raising horses?” and Lao Jin replies, “They raise me, too.” A Japanese saying has it, “With the first glass a man drinks wine, with the second glass the wine drinks the wine, with the third glass the wine drinks the man.” Many of us have been there before! Another proverb like that, common in Saudi Arabia, says, “A miser does not own money; money owns the miser.”

There might be a bit of the animist in all of us. Colin Tudge’s quote above about “meeting” a handkerchief tree makes me think of what Fran James, a Lummi Indian, said about gathering bark from a cedar tree for a basket. “We talk to the trees. We say, ‘OK, we need some of your bark to help us; we’ll make something beautiful.’ You have to talk to it and thank it for giving you the bark. You have to go with a good heart. You can’t be cranky and fussy.” V. K. Arseniev once recorded Dersu on an early phonograph and played it back to him. Dersu listened, unsurprised to hear his own voice, and said, “Him talk true, not leave one word.”

See the dictionary entries for *born* and *live*.

On NPR, a person was talking recently about his favorite song. He said, “I’ll say I probably listen to this song a few times each week, whether it’s in the car or just telling Alexa to play it. There’s a story...” Suddenly, the voice of Alexa broke in: “Sorry. I don’t know that one.” And the interviewee went on, “I’m sorry, that was Alexa that said that, um...” before continuing to talk about his favorite song. This was not a toddler or a pet humorously upstaging an interviewee. This was *Alexa*. Interestingly, Alexa’s intrusion seemed to have made the interviewee lose his chain of thought and forget about the story he was about to tell. (“An NPR Listener Shares His Signature Song,” NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 20, 2019.)

The first obituary I read for a machine was in 2010. The first time I heard a personal assistant intrude into a nationally broadcast radio show was in 2019. What’s next?

## Persistence, survival and endurance

Isn't it interesting that people who have never hunted or trapped and who have never seen an actual pitfall much less dug one or filled one in still use the word? That medical textbooks list "pitfalls" in treatment? The use of a word like *pitfall* is a perfect example of how older technologies and activities and periods of life have disappeared yet persist in the language.

In 1870, railroading was the second largest occupation in the US, behind farming. Nowadays both occupations are much diminished. Grist mills used to dot our streams and rivers; these days we might only see their ruins on a hike. Yet "grist for the mill" and "term-paper mill" reference them. Figurative language from the category **train** and **farming & agriculture** continue to be used.

At one time in our history the **horse** was king of the road and bicycles, electric trains and cars shared the road with them, not vice versa. On May 3, 1908, a headline in the *New York Times* screamed: "J. B. SCHUCHMAN HURT IN A RUNAWAY / Horse He had Just Bought for Speedway Parade Dashes into a Trolley Car. / JUDGE THROUGH A WINDOW / Lands in the Lap of Little Girl Passenger and Both Are Cut by Glass—Horse Breaks His Leg." Nowadays in New York City about the only reminders from that era are fading ghost signs on brick walls with messages like: TO LET / CARRIAGES COUPES HANSOMS VICTORIAS LIGHT WAGONS / HORSES BOARD BY THE MONTH."

Of course, things have changed. Yet everyone still uses and understands language associated with horses. I was lucky as a boy: my grandfather had a horse, and I have fond memories of riding him along country roads and swimming him through the pond below my grandpa's shack. You have to cling on tightly to the mane of a horse when riding bareback, especially when the horse arises out of the water up a steep bank. Words like *runaway* and *reins* and *bridle* and *saddle* and *gallop* tend to be used figuratively nowadays in a sentence like, "We have got to find a way to reign in galloping inflation," but for me those words will always have a psychological reality. It can be hard for a small boy to control a very large horse. I know that.

After 1958, more people crossed the Atlantic by **boat** than **plane**, yet figurative language related to boats will always persist: the *spaceship* and *spaceport* pay homage to sailing ships, and our old space shuttles were named for famous ships associated with great explorers: the *Challenger*, *Discovery*, *Atlantis*, and *Endeavour*. Today, when we think of wireless communication we think of connection to the internet, instead of Marconi and wireless telegraphy. But "Internet communication has its roots in the wireless rooms aboard the great ocean liners" as Kat Long has noted. Speed is relative.

Religiosity has had its ups and downs in the US and elsewhere, but figurative language relating to **religion** will never disappear, no matter how secular the world becomes. And every religion, not just Christianity, has contributed words: *fetish* (West Africa), *taboo* (South Seas); *Delphic*, *oracle*, *Pandora's box*, *soothsayer* (Greek pagan); *karma*, *juggernaut*, *sacred cow*, *guru*, *mantra* (Hindu); *mecca* and *hegira / hejira* (Islam); *kowtow* (Confucianism); *mantra* (Buddhism), etc.

We Americans pride ourselves on our anti-monarchical revolution but we still and forever will link the idea of **royalty** with the **superlative** in **epithets** like “Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul,” “Burger King,” “Mattress King,” and the prom / 4H king and queen. I once attended a country-themed restaurant in Atlanta with family members. My brother-in-law held his young son up to a portrait of Elvis Presley and told him, “Say hello to the King.” We all laughed. Many persons associated with royalty are used figuratively, less obvious ones including *whipping boy* and *handmaiden*.

At one time spitjack was a job category and there was a dog, *Canis vertigus*, that was actually bred to turn a spit. Nowadays inserting a spit, once a common task, is a lost art. But the verb *skewer* will always exist, in the sense, “We skewered him at the comedy roast.” Of course, there are many words used figuratively that come from the category of **food & drink**. Likewise, there were once hundreds of job categories related to the manufacture of cloth that are anachronistic now in the States. And yet, figurative language associated with **cloth** persists.

Above, I mentioned my mother using a washboard. A washboard, a tub, and a then-modern electric wringer sat on the porch of a house I once lived in as a boy. Once I got my arm stuck in that wringer and had to be taken to the hospital. The pale scar on the inside of my arm just below my left elbow is a reminder that a part of me *went through the wringer*...literally! After my mother had scrubbed the laundry on the washboard, and wrung it in the electric wringer, she would hang it on a clothesline to dry. As a boy, I was literally *clotheslined* once while riding my bicycle, and when I got bigger and older the same thing happened on the football field, and clothesline injuries are an important part of emergency medicine. Finally I would watch her *iron out the wrinkles* with an electric iron. In the very old days before electricity, a clothes iron was filled with coals from a fire, and the woman would moisten a sheet by spitting water on it. Most of us don't go through this process anymore to clean our clothes. But these words associated with laundry and many others persist. What's on your laundry list of things to do today?

## Old and new clichés

English morphs and so do affectations and clichés. Following are ones that I have noticed.

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| 1. Old: Well...                     | Current: So. Sure. Right. Absolutely.   |
| 2. Old: important                   | Current: salient                        |
| 3. Old: what they believe           | Current: their own truth                |
| 4. Old: character assassination     | Current: a callout                      |
| 5. Old: mob                         | Current: pile-on                        |
| 6. Old: force, push                 | Current: nudge                          |
| 7. Old: switch                      | Current: toggle                         |
| 8. Old: place, area, field          | Current: space, ecosystem               |
| 9. Old: change things               | Current: move the needle                |
| 10. Old: responsibility             | Current: ownership                      |
| 11. Old: change, adjust             | Current: recalibrate                    |
| 12. Old: closer, more detailed      | Current: granular                       |
| 13. Old: What do you think?         | Current: What's your take?              |
| 14. Old: I understand...            | Current: I totally get it...            |
| 15. Old: criticize                  | Current: throw shade at                 |
| 16. Old: He's egotistical...        | Current: He's all about himself         |
| 17. Old: Let's calm down            | Current: Let's lower the temperature    |
| 18. Old: old-fashioned              | Current: old school                     |
| 19. Old: statistic                  | Current: data point                     |
| 20. Old: talents, qualifications    | Current: skill set                      |
| 21. Old: develop                    | Current: unfold                         |
| 22. Old: support (noun)             | Current: traction (noun)                |
| 23. Old: attached                   | Current: baked in / on                  |
| 24. Old: turning point              | Current: inflection point               |
| 25. Old: develop, raise, increase   | Current: grow                           |
| 26. Old: find one's way             | Current: negotiate / navigate           |
| 27. Old: a big request              | Current: a big ask                      |
| 28. Old: context                    | Current: big picture                    |
| 29. Old: environment, climate       | Current: weather                        |
| 30. Old: spectacular, amazing       | Current: epic                           |
| 31. Old: Can you describe...        | Current: What does that look like?      |
| 32. Old: What do believe in?        | Current: What do you stand for?         |
| 33. Old: a broadcast                | Current: a podcast                      |
| 34. Old: When will it air / launch? | Current: When will it drop?             |
| 35. Old: a telegram                 | Current: a text                         |
| 36. Old: a soap opera               | Current: a serial / podcast             |
| 37. Old: What did you learn from... | Current: What was your takeaway from... |
| 38. Old: story                      | Current: narrative                      |
| 39. Old: history                    | Current: story, backstory               |
| 40. Old: accept, want               | Current: embrace                        |

41. Old: accept	Current: buy into
42. Old: idea, stereotype, cliché	Current: notion, trope
43. Old: tchotchke	Current: meme
44. Old: raise a family	Current: grow a family
45. Old: opinion	Current: voice
46. Old: reduce, decrease	Current: dial back
47. Old: course	Current: trajectory
48. Old: exists	Current: lives
49. Old: initiate, set off, upset	Current: trigger
50. Old: comprehend something	Current: wrap one's head around something
51. Old: analyze	Current: unpack / tease out / drill down, etc.
52. Old: analysis	Current: autopsy
53. Old: affected by	Current: touched by
54. Old: the Yellow Pages	Current: Google
55. Old: upstage	Current: photobomb
56. Old: a tip / solution / optimization	Current: a hack
57. Old: mention someone	Current: namecheck
58. Old: delay	Current: kick the can down the road
59. Old: background	Current: back story
60. Old: area / environment	Current: space / terrain / landscape
61. Old: return	Current: circle back
62. Old: change the subject. turn to	Current: switch gears, pivot to
63. Old: reverse	Current: walk back
64. Old: see	Current: witness
65. Old: Has created a lot of attention	Current: Has blown up
66. Old: Tell us about... / Explain...	Current: Walk us through...
67. Old: a debate / discussion	Current: a conversation
68. Old: a description / picture	Current: a visual
69. Old: It looks bad...	Current: That's not a good look...
70. Old: Having 15 minutes of fame	Current: Having a moment
71. Old: something / fad / craze	Current: a thing
72. Old: aware, awake	Current: woke
73. Old: make something bigger	Current: big (verb)
74. Old: increase	Current: ramp up / amplify
75. Old: Mind your own business	Current: Stay in your own lane
76. Old: compartmentalized	Current: siloed
77. Old: contact	Current: reach out to
78. Old: wife / husband / spouse	Current: partner
79. Old: in the past	Current: in the rearview mirror, behind us
80. Old: very	Current: big, crazy, insanely, mad, seriously
81. Old: a shrinking violet / pansy	Current: a snowflake / teacup / orchid
82. Old: victim	Current: survivor, conqueror
83. Old: deformity, abnormality	Current: difference



84. Old: destroy, bring down	Current: blow up, break
85. Old: a bird's-eye perspective	Current: a helicopter view
86. Old: resist	Current: stand up to
87. Old: selected, organized, presented	Current: curated
88. Old: made / produced	Current: crafted
89. Old: active	Current: kinetic
90. Old: a secret	Current: a reveal
91. Old: Why?	Current: How come?
92. Old: pour fuel on	Current: provide oxygen to
93. Old: from the perspective of...	Current: through the eyes of...
94. Old: fooled online by an imposter	Current: catfished
95. Old: What's going to happen next?	Current: What's the next shoe to drop?
96. Old: a racing horse	Current: an (equine) athlete
97. Old: fat, obese (a boxer)	Current: rounded physique, rotund
98. Old: traditional, roots	Current: Americana
99. Old: They are doing very well...	Current: They are killing it...
100. Old: reaffirm	Current: double down

Some of the new language updates technology. In the 16th century people might relate a disaster to a *shipwreck*. Nowadays we can speak of a *train wreck* or a *car crash*. In the old days, we would speak of a bird's eye view. Nowadays, with helicopters and airplanes, we can speak of "a helicopter view" or "the 30,000-foot level." Is the person who uses *spiral* in an expression like "The tanker attacks sent the price of oil spiraling upward" referring to a hawk rising on a thermal of air or a plane ascending upwards in loops? Does a "wild ride" relate to a horse or some other conveyance like a roller coaster? It can be impossible to know for sure.

Other language, especially allusions, comes from films, reflecting the popularity of Netflix and HBO. Or from food, reflecting the popularity of food shows in America.

Certainly, social trends and political correctness have contributed: *husband*, *wife*, and finally *spouse* have morphed to *partner*. When a series of horses had to be "put down" due to injuries at an important racetrack, one national commentator referred to those horses as "equine athletes." The British announcers at the Ruiz-Joshua fight, commentating in the heat of the moment and no doubt in disbelief that their man had lost in a great upset, referred to Ruiz as obese and fat. In print, the BBC described the same boxer as having a rounded physique, or being rotund. The icon Nina Totenberg of National Public Radio (NPR) received criticism for asking if a person was a "nutcase" instead of simply asking if he had a mental illness, or mental disorder, or psychiatric illness.

The new language is starting to have its variations, and morph. *Survivor*, which replaced *victim*, has appeared as *conqueror*. *Climate*, which replaced *situation* or *environment*, has changed to *weather*. The old *shrinking violet* or *pansy* has become an *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*), no doubt for marketing reasons and book sales. The old "bird's-eye view" has morphed to the "3,000-foot

perspective,” gained altitude to the “30,000-foot perspective,” and there is no reason why that view can’t go into space. *Increase* changed to *ramp up* and now people seem to prefer *amplify*.

Not everyone gets the new language right. “I’ve read [the Mueller Report], tried to follow it, it’s astonishing what’s going on, and it’s important to try and get our arms around it and figure out what are the steps to take” sounds like the speaker actually wanted to say “wrap our heads around it” (**comprehension & incomprehension**) or perhaps “get a handle on it” (**control & lack of control**) and simply got confused. The same for the person who said, “How do we avoid spinning further fuel into that fire,” where the verb sounds strange. And again for the pundit who said, “He was already on thin footing with the White House.” The normal expression is “on thin ice.” Or “precarious footing.”

All the language reflects our identity as Americans and changes in our society: out with the old, in with the new and youthful (even if we are old), trendy, curated, boutique, artisanal, pop-up, kinetic, fluid, generational, intersectional, commercial. It will all be out of favor in 20 years, replaced by something different yet familiar.

## Quotations

There are many wonderful quotes relating to or utilizing metaphor and figurative language. Following are six that are meaningful to me.

1. “Words are signs of natural facts... *Right* means *straight*; *wrong* means *twisted*. *Spirit* primarily means *wind*; *transgression*, the crossing of a *line*; *supercilious*, the *raising of the eyebrow*. We say the *heart* to express emotion, the *head* to denote thought... / An enraged man is a lion, a cunning man is a fox, a firm man is a rock, a learned man is a torch. A lamb is innocence; a snake is subtle spite; flowers express to us the delicate affections. Light and darkness are our familiar expression for knowledge and ignorance; and heat for love. Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope. / Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence... / [M]an is an analogist... He is placed in the centre... / What is true of proverbs, is true of all fables, parables, and allegories.” (*Nature*, Chapter 4 (Language), by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)
  - I like the above because in a short space Emerson lists beautifully and concisely so many metaphors. The “circles that propagate themselves” is entered in this dictionary at *ripple*. A related word is *splash*. Both words are metaphors for **effect** that relate to **water**.
2. “It was doubtless an ingenious idea to call the camel the ship of the desert, but it would hardly lead one far in training that useful beast.” (George Eliot’s *The Mill on the Floss*.)
  - The above quote reminds us that, while a metaphor identifies something that two things have in common, plenty of things are still different. A ship does not have long eyelashes, has not been branded, nor does it roar, gurgle, bellow, foam from the mouth to the point of producing airborne balloons of saliva, or break your shoulder with a bite if it is aggrieved, or attract camel spiders, or harbor MERS. You can’t milk a ship. Or eat its meat. The Bedu do not refer to a ship as *Ata Allah*, or “God’s Gift.”
3. “I looked at *The Sixteenth Round* as puttin’ a letter in a bottle and throwin’ it out over those 36-foot-high walls into the ocean of life, like a bobbin’ bottle, and hoping upon hope that somebody, somehow, someday, will see this bobbin’ bottle in the water, take this bottle up, read my message, and come to help me. And that’s what happened. That’s what happened.” (Rubin “Hurricane” Carter. From “The Hurricane Tapes,” Ep6. Muhammad Ali and Bob Dylan, BBC Sounds.)
  - This strikes me as a particularly beautiful, eloquent and heartfelt use of figurative language, using one extended metaphor.
4. “Yeah, I generally think this is a fairly minor deal. At the same time, it could actually backfire on Bill Barr. Because, if he thinks it’s necessary to pre-spin this, that means that there’s something in there that needs to be pre-spun. And if he’s too heavy handed about that, it can actually just throw gasoline on the daily media feeding frenzies that we have [inaudible].” (The commentator Jonah Goldberg on “Before Mueller Report Is Released, Republicans And Democrats Take Sides,” NPR’s Morning Edition, April 18, 2019.)

- I love this quote for its contrast to the one above it.
5. Elisabeth Moss: I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we just went for it... / Rachael Martin: Did he ever have to pull you back. I mean did it ever feel too far, or were you like, “Nope...” / Elisabeth Moss: I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher... (“In ‘Her Smell,’ Elisabeth Moss ‘Turned It Up To 11,’ Then Turned It Up Some More,” Morning Edition, NPR, April 19, 2019.)
    - In the above, Elisabeth Moss is speaking about her performance in the film *Her Smell*. I like it because it is a fairly comprehensive litany of clichés relating to **commitment & determination**. She is an actor, and I respect her commitment. But when it comes to commenting on someone’s determination, I honor the following about a skateboarder: “He had a go-for-it mentality—‘Make it or take me to the hospital.’”
  6. “It can’t surprise us that our language began with metaphors. Words are being made today under our own eyes in precisely the same fashion. Witness the terse and vivid terms that the gangsters coin: gun moll, for the racketeer’s girl-friend; hot seat, for the electric chair; stool pigeon, for the traitor who acts as a spy for the police.” (*Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., 1950.)
    - This is a good reminder that language is constantly evolving, and what sounds dated to us today was novel back in the day, just as our new expressions will sound as dated as Funk’s in twenty years.

It is common for people to say a non-figurative word and then pair it with an expression used figuratively, like a translation: “We must *oppose* him, we must *stand up to* him.” And it is also common for people to double- and even triple-up on clichés as Elisabeth Moss did in the quote above. Sam(antha) Bruce, speaking about the sorely missed Ben Raemers, once said, “Yeah, when we were on tour, I was like a *mother hen* to them, I was like *big sister*...”

And, of course, people often mangle and mix their metaphors, as the commentator in the fourth quote did so hyperactively. To “throw gasoline on the daily media feeding frenzies” creates a very bizarre image in the mind! It would be more natural to throw red meat, or chum, *to* a feeding frenzy. The political pundit who wrote about the need for a candidate to “kickstart a moribund campaign” also made me laugh heartily. I, personally, would never try to do such a thing! I would try to *revive*, *reinvigorate*, *resuscitate*, or *breathe life into* that poor campaign. I would only try to *kickstart* it if it had *stalled*. But then, to paraphrase Mary Norris, “You can have friends or you can point out their mixed metaphors.”

## Synonyms and opposites

As vocabulary teachers, we are accustomed to mentioning synonyms, opposites, and patterns like succeed / fail / give up / try again. We can do the same with figurative language, and this dictionary and thesaurus will help.

1. You can *launch, roll out, unveil, take the wraps off* a product, or *drop* it.
2. The opposite of *tone deaf* is... *pitch perfect*. A person can also *strike all the right notes*, or have a *tin ear*.
3. If you achieve something, people might *sing your praises*, but more than likely your achievement will be *unsung*.
4. You can *face* a problem or *turn a blind eye* to it or *look away*. You can *kick the can down the road* or *push something* (like a decision) *down the road*. You can *tackle* a problem or *punt* or try to *run out the clock*. Or, you can *throw your hands up in the air* and engage in *handwringing*.
5. You can *give a hand, lend a hand*, or *pitch in*.
6. You can try to save your *neck* or your *skin*.
7. Socially, a person might be a *castaway, hermit, leper, outcast, outsider, pariah*, or an *untouchable*, on the *fringes* of society, *in exile, in the wilderness*, out of the *mainstream*, in the *shadows*, a *ghost*.
8. A new job might be a *plum* position or a *poisoned chalice*.
9. In bad times your life might be *on hold*, and you might find yourself *in purgatory* or *in limbo*. In a *drought* or a *dry spell*. You might be *adrift*, in the *doldrums*, unable to make *headway, going in circles, rudderless. Chasing your tail. Standing still. In a blind alley. Or mired, sidetracked, stuck, stalled, in a rut and spinning your wheels. Going nowhere, or backwards and lagging behind. Losing ground. Stumbling* or taking a *step backward*.
10. Or, you can be *on a roll* with lots of *momentum and traction, advancing, getting ahead, going forward, making headway, gaining ground, leaping or vaulting ahead*.
11. Somebody can *add fuel* to a controversy, *pour gasoline on it, fan* it, or provide *oxygen* for it. Something can become an *accelerant*.
12. You can be *up to your elbows / neck / eyeballs, in over your head, drowning, buried alive, immersed, enmeshed, entangled, or ensnared* in something like debt or some other situation.
13. You can *hold* your employees *feet to the fire* or *light a fire under* them. You can *nudge, push, prod, goad, cudgel, hector*, or *bully* them, *lean on* them, *twist their arms, strongarm* them, *hold a gun to their heads, crack the whip, ride herd* over them, etc. Just don't expect them to attend your birthday party!
14. You can *coast, waltz* or *sail* to success.
15. If you are searching for something, you might hit *pay dirt* or *fool's gold*.
16. A division might be the *favorite son* or *stepchild / stepdaughter / orphan* of its parent organization.
17. You can say, "That ship has sailed" or "That train has left the station."
18. You can try and *throw somebody off the scent, throw somebody off the trail*, or *cover your tracks*.

19. The president might *bypass*, *go around*, or make an *end run* around congress.
20. In terms of interest and responsibility, something can be *in your wheelhouse*, *in your lane*, or *up your alley*. Or not.
21. You can *bury* or *exorcise the ghosts* or *put something to rest / bed / sleep*. *Bury the hatchet* or *close the book* on something. *Put it behind you*, *let it go*. *Move on*. Emotional and psychological *wounds* can *heal* or *scab over*.
22. In terms of sports, you can *drop the ball*, *fumble*, *miscue*, *drop the baton*, *strike out*, or *score an own goal*.
23. If you *pull the plug* on something like a project, it will *go down the drain / pipes / tubes*.
24. You can be the *father*, *godfather*, *midwife*, *architect* or *author* of something like a plan or policy or program.
25. Urban warfare versus warfare in open spaces can be described as *a different animal / a different beast / or a different kettle of fish*.
26. You might find *a place at the table* or *under the tent*. Or you might be left *outside*, *in the wilderness*, *frozen out* or *left out in the cold*.

## Lessons and exercises

1. A lesson and exercise might focus on words related to **health & medicine** used figuratively with the meaning of **condition and status**. Write the following on the board: the peace process is *dead and buried*; the economic recovery has been *robust*; businesses are *ailing*; the soccer team is *on life support*; small businesses are *hurting*; earnings have been *anemic*; the economy remains badly *wounded*; the pace of economic growth is *moribund*; reform is *dead*; the economy is *healthy*. Ask students to identify (or underline) the words relating to **health & medicine** and also identify or underline the non-human subjects. Discuss. Ask the students to organize the vocabulary on a cline from *robust* to *dead and buried*.
2. Create a simple matching exercise to illustrate a simple pattern of figurative usage that links problems (**flaws & lack of flaws**, etc.) to **amelioration & renewal**: If there is a *wrinkle* in the plan, then we must *iron it out*. If an idea is *stale*, we need a *fresh* one. If there is a security *hole*, we must *patch it* or *fill it in*. If our project encounters some *bumps in the road*, we must try to *smooth them out*. If an argument is *shaky*, we had better *support* or *buttress* it (or it might completely collapse and lie in ruins). If our skills have grown *dull*, we need to *sharpen* or *hone* them. If a situation is *explosive*, we must *defuse* it. If our *wheels are spinning*, we must find a way to *gain traction* and get unstuck. If the *wheels are turning very slowly*, we will want to find a way to *grease* them. If we are feeling a great *burden*, then we must find a way to *get out from under* it. If our society suffers from a particular *sickness*, we must find a *cure* or *remedy* for it, etc.
3. Words and phrases for **increase & decrease** include: rise; explode; shoot up; soar; grow; skyrocket; jump; go / shoot through the roof; peak, and sky-high. Words for decrease include: plummet; dip; slide; drop; plunge; fall; tumble; and sink. The verbs *plateau* and *level off* are also usefully taught to talk about things that can be represented on graphs. We commonly use these words and phrases when we talk about prices, numbers, rates, ages and levels. These words make a good simple category exercise. Write the words and phrases in alphabetical order on the board and ask students to categorize them as “increase” or “decrease.” If your classroom has a smartboard with “Vortex” software, create two vortices labeled “increase” and “decrease” and call on a student to slide each word into the correct vortex. My students in Saudi Arabia liked Vortex exercises, because if the student standing in front of the classroom at the board slid a word to the wrong vortex, it was spit out to his consternation and the delight of the other students. Ask students about important rates, prices and ages: the crime rate; the price of bread and medicine; the age of first marriage, etc. Are they low, high or sky high / through the roof? How have they changed over time? How do they compare with other countries or geographical areas?
4. To focus on all the ways to talk about the **future**, including the idea that the future is a **container**, ask students to select a piece of paper from a container. The piece of paper would be like the piece of paper inside a fortune cookie. Each student would get a little message about what lies *in* his future, what is *ahead* for him, what is *on his horizon*, what

is *down the road*, the fate that is *approaching* him. This exercise can lend itself to humor. In some context and cultures, of course, such an exercise would not be appropriate.

5. The following is a simple fill-in-the-blank exercise that focuses on some of the figurative language associated with **fire**: extinguish (verb); conflagration (noun); die out (verb); spark (noun); die down (verb); ashes (noun). “The region is a *tinderbox*, and it will only take a \_\_\_\_\_ to set the whole area *on fire*. The result will be a \_\_\_\_\_ that will burn out of control and that no force, not even United Nations Peacekeepers, will be able to \_\_\_\_\_. The fire will eventually \_\_\_\_\_, but I doubt it will ever completely \_\_\_\_\_. We can only hope something positive will eventually arise from the \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. A matching exercise focusing on synonyms and antonyms that reflects natural language use follows: “So people were able to *keep it under wraps*.” “Yes, they *covered it up*, is what they did.” / “So you *lost your patience*.” “Yeah, I couldn’t *hold my horses*.” / “You weren’t *making any progress*.” “No, we were just *spinning our wheels*.” / “Did he *betray* you?” “Yeah, he *threw me under the bus / stabbed me in the back*.” / “Was the film *boring*?” “Yeah, it was a *big yawn*.” / “Did the announcement *surprise* people?” “Yeah, it *raised eyebrows*.”



## To the ESL / EFL teacher

1. Because figurative language is such an integral part of common, everyday language, we EFL / ESL teachers should teach the terms *literal* and *figurative* at the beginning level and say them at least as often as we say *noun*, *verb*, *adjective*, and *adverb* in our classrooms. I don't use the terms *metaphor* or *idiom*, because the former is so closely attached to literary studies and cognitive linguistics, and the latter is associated with dictionaries of idioms that include expressions like "It's raining cats and dog" and seem to imply that figurative language is somehow separate or supplementary to "real" language. To explain figurative usage to our students, we can use the same language that we teach them: "like," "as," "resemble," "similar to," "analogous to," "suggests," "equivalent of," "has the shape of," "comparison," "has the role of," "acts as a," etc.
2. We teachers should get in the habit of looking at the dictionary entry for each vocabulary item we teach. I must confess this is advice I didn't always take during my career. In most dictionaries, the first sense of a word is literal, and the second or further senses are usually figurative, on the principle of metaphorical extension. The metaphoric extensions are not always obvious to students, especially in curriculums that teach only the literal meanings of words. It is the case that for many words students will encounter a figurative sense far more often than the literal sense. Different senses reinforce the meaning of the first sense and recycle the word in a different context, thus increasing the chances the student will acquire and use the word. "Extra" senses can also provide real communicative utility. For example, a simple word like *path* can allow us and our students to talk about conduct, easiness and difficulty, and the future, not simply a walk from point A to point B.
3. Just about every part of speech can be used figuratively: nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, and prepositions, even interjections. Seals are a *magnet* for sharks. He *killed* the proposal. She greeted me *warmly*. It was a *stinging* rebuke. I am *with* you. Her performance *wowed* me.
4. As English teachers, we all know the importance of collocation in vocabulary teaching. And as Susan Hunston has said, "metaphoric uses are distinguished by collocation." That is why every word or phrase in the thesaurus is recorded in the dictionary of collocations. Often there is a collocating preposition. Or the phrase is pre-modified by a classifying adjective: a *political* firestorm; *financial* doping in soccer; an *astronomical* rate, a *stellar* record, etc. Most curriculums do a poor job of presenting classifying modifiers. When *read* means **fictive communication**, and the thing being read is a measuring device, then the object is usually a number: My watch read 1:17 P.M; My altimeter read 27,500 feet; the radar read 31,500 (altitude of plane). We can mention this in our classrooms every time we introduce a word for a gadget with a dial. When *see* or *find* are used for **fictive witnessing**, they are often preceded by a time expression or date: "23 May *saw* over 250 climbers trying to summit Mount Everest" or "August 12 *found* the travelers in Rome." Again, we can mention this usage during our regular lessons on dates and times.
5. Prepositions. In our dictionaries, a preposition's first sense is always spatial, and that is how we generally teach it. Metaphoric extensions are listed *after* the first sense. Three prepositions relate to **allegiance, support & betrayal**: "I am *for* the measure. We stand

*behind* the new law. I am *with* you in your attempts to change things.” When it comes to **hierarchy**, a person can be *above* or *below* another person. To see a list of prepositions and their non-spatial meanings, look in the glossary under **prep, adv, adj, particle**. Prepositions are a big problem both in teaching and learning, and the more help we can give our students, the better.

6. As noted above, we tend to think of the past, present and future as grammar. But the future can also relate to direction and movement or vocabulary and expressions like *fossil*, *dinosaur*, *time capsule*, *those days*, *back in the day*, *nowadays*, in the *coming days*, *tomorrow*, *horizon* and *crystal ball*. View **future** and **past & present** in the glossary to see all the possibilities. Many of them relate to movement. These words and expression can be included in the appropriate grammar lessons.
7. Don't be afraid to think about and teach grammatical metaphor, which I mentioned above. Grammatical metaphor simply provides alternatives to the structures we already teach. You can say, “There is a lamp in the corner.” But you can also say, “A lamp stands in the corner.” Offer both choices. You can say, “We walked to town along the road” but you can also say, “The road took us to town.” You can say, “I got home in early May,” but you can also say, “Early May saw me back home.” You can say, “I had a lot of problems,” but you can also say, “I encountered a lot of problems” or “I was met with a lot of problems.” We tend to teach the former only and neglect the latter.
8. When you teach a “bland” verb, try to think of a synonym that is figurative: Can you *help* me? Can you *lend a hand*? / What did you *find*? What did you *dig up*? / He *betrayed* me. He *stabbed me in the back*, *he threw me under the bus*. / *Be patient*. *Hold your horses*. / I *support* you. I am *with* you, I *stand with* you, I *stand behind* you, I will *back you up*, I've *got your back*. / I *understand*. I *see*. I *get it*. / You must *resist* him. You must *stand up to* him. You must *take him on*. Most of the figurative language is easy to explain and can be pantomimed.
9. Never miss a chance to add value to a word. Is it also a shape? What are its parts? Is it a part of a proper noun? A geographical feature? The name of a company or product? Is there a euphemism for it? Does the word have an interesting history (etymology)? Can you use the word as a springboard for a bit of content?
10. As English teachers, we know all about teaching parts-wholes. And those parts are often figurative. A chair has legs and a back, a mouth has a roof, a book has a spine. A bed has a head and a foot. A mountain has foothills. Whole-parts like these are the basis of simple riddles we learn as children: I have legs but can't run. I have a back, but I can't bend. What am I?”
11. We always teach *sweet*, *sour*, *bitter* and *salty* in a set relating to the taste of such things as sugar, lemons, coffee and salt. And this vocabulary is often a part of a lesson on predicate verbs and adjectives. But all four words can relate to **personality & character**. I always mentioned this to my students in Saudi Arabia, and they were always amused by it.
12. Try to think of and include non-human subjects and objects for the words you teach. A *car* / *Winter* is approaching. She / The *altimeter* read... He / *This case* called out for justice. He dove into the *water* / *his studies*. Or, the opposite: I'm allergic to *penicillin* / *people who think they know it all*.

13. Clines are always useful for organizing vocabulary. In “Lessons and exercises” above, the first lesson involves organizing words relating to **health & medicine** on a cline. A similar lesson could be given based on words relating to temperature that relate to **emotion**. Our curriculums are good at teaching *hot*, *warm*, and *cold*. Less good at teaching *tepid*, or *lukewarm*, or combinations like *boiling-hot* and *freezing-cold*.
14. An easy lesson is to simply think of an object you and your students might be interested in. For example, students studying academic English would be very interested in words and expressions related to **analysis, interpretation & explanation**. Some teachers are interested in the expression of **feeling, emotion & effect**, and they will find a comprehensive listing of such language in the glossary. My military students in Saudi Arabia—the home of the Arabian horse—always enjoyed idioms associated with the **horse**, and I was also pleased to discover many of them shared my interest in **boxing**. Of course, they had their Muslim favorites! Nothing could be so basic to all people as the **hand**, so try doing a lesson just devoted to that. Meanings range from **help & assistance** to **oppression**. And it is easy to pantomime expressions like *hand out* and *give / lend a hand* and *have the upper / whip hand*. That would make a nice lesson in a place like Kosovo, where you might have no materials, no support, and your classroom is a café where your students—poor as they are—will insist on paying for your coffee. You want to give something meaningful to students like that!
15. Teach expressions related to **gesture**. I went to the director to get his *approval* and he gave me *the thumbs up*. / I didn’t *realize* that, thank you for *opening my eyes*. / That film *bored* me, it was *a big yawn*. Gestures and physical movements are easy to show in class, and pairs like these make easy matching exercises.
16. As mentioned above, a name for a **person** like *pioneer*, *acolyte*, *steward*, *leper*, *butcher*, *warrior* and *clown* is often used figuratively. You can find a list at **person** in this work. It requires very little grammar at all to say, “You are a bully!” Or, “You are a big bully!” Or, “You are such a bully! and “Why are you (such) a bully?” Change the subject to a non-human subject and add a category noun and you get, “And your country is a *regional* bully.” Use the negative imperative + noun pattern and you get, “Don’t be a bully!” Use stop + being + noun and you have “Stop being a bully!” Figurative language, used with the most basic grammar, is truly a communicative force multiplier. Suddenly, you can talk about international politics.
17. Use analogies. I usually introduce them in the following form: Blood is to the body as X is to a machine. The center is to a circle as X is to a hurricane. Spring is to a young man as X is to an old man. A period of time is to the life of a man as X is to a book. A ship is to the sea as X is to the desert. When students give answers to analogies like these, even when they gave me the anticipated answer, I always ask them to explain their answers using complete sentences. Or, you can use the frame, “If... (then).” One attested example is, “If Buterin... is a kind of blockchain messiah, Lubin is its Paul...” (“The Stuff Dreams Are Made Of” by Nick Paumgarten, *The New Yorker*, October 22, 2018.) Yet another variation is the form, “Oman was to Egypt as Vietnam was to the US.” Analogies like these can be used at the most basic level and students find them novel and interesting.
18. Teachers can incorporate figurative language into routine classroom language. If your students get too noisy, you can say, “Hey, turn down the volume!” or “Lower the

temperature!” or “Cool down” or “Keep cool!” or “Let’s dial it back!” or “Don’t be such a hothead!” If a student becomes too impatient, you can say, “Hold your horses!” Instead of asking if a student understands or not, you might ask, “Are you in the dark?” You can use lexicalized gestures to praise: “I salute you,” “I applaud you,” “I take my cap off to you.” When a student’s feelings get hurt, you can say, “A military man needs thick skin!” Students tend to hear, note, and acquire such figurative language, especially if it is repeated day after day. More importantly, though, it gives the figurative nature of language its due.

19. Feel free to say a little bit about the literal meaning for those words we use figuratively more often than we use literally. If you ever teach or explain the figurative use of *castaway*, for example, you might spend a few minutes telling your students about those actual poor wretches on Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean. At the entry for *scuttle* I mention two instances where entire fleets of ships were scuttled. Below the entry for *amok* in the dictionary of collocations in this work is a quote from *The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace about that practice. Below the entry for *earthquake (effect)* is a rather long entry from the same author, which will make those of us who have never experienced an earthquake think about how incredibly destabilizing they can be. In the entry for *whirlwind* is an eyewitness account of a black buran experienced in Lop Nur, Xinjiang, by Sven Hedin. At *blizzard*, I have included a short quote from V.K. Arseniev and Dersu about an actual blizzard, or *purga*. Below the entry for *pioneer (person)* in the dictionary, I note Rudyard Kipling’s stirring poem “The Explorer.” There will always be a few students who will find that poem on the internet nowadays and read it, based on your recommendation.
20. Take a page from the quote from Emerson above and use the frames he uses to get your students thinking about metaphor and even create new ones. “*Right* means...; *wrong* means...; the crossing of a line means...; we say *heart* to express... ; a cunning man is...; attention is...; an effect is... Words and phrases for that last are entered in the category **effect**. They remind us that an effect is often thought of as a wave in a medium: ripples as in water, with the related word *splash*; waves in the air like a *shock wave*; and sound waves like *reverberation* and *repercussion*. That is the reason for expressions like: “His surprise resignation caused ripples / shock waves / reverberations around the world.”
21. Get students to notice language use in longer passages of speech or text. Vocabulary choices are often predictable. For example, a crime story or crime podcast is bound to have words based on **hunting** and **searching & discovery**. Many of those words will be figurative. Articles about famous people will usually have language, both literal and figurative, relating to **importance & significance**.
22. Here’s a good idea to make the figurative and the literal real to your students within the four walls of your classroom. First, consult the category of **books & reading** in the thesaurus of this work. Write “literal” on one side of the board, “figurative” on the other, hold up a book, and go to work. There will be at least 24 literal and figurative pairs for you to talk about with your students. The dictionary of collocations will give you attested examples of use and help you with the collocations. If you have a flair for the dramatic and a perfect sense of timing, as you no doubt do, because you are a teacher, you will save “close the book” with its meaning of **reconciliation, resolution & conclusion** for the end, the bell, the smiles, and the break.

# The dictionary of collocations

## A

### ablaze (set something ablaze)

set social media ablaze  
his murder has ~ (of a young rapper)

**initiation: fire**

### abort (verb)

aborted the attack  
President Trump ~ at the last moment

aborted the (test) launch  
a technical snag~ (satellite rocket)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: baby / birth / health & medicine**

### about (character)

about clothes, cars, or fashion  
he was not ~, but the love of the game (Larry Bird)

**identity & nature: prep, adv, adj, particle**  
**character & personality: prep, adv, adj, particle**

### about-face (in an about-face)

in an about face  
~, the President abandoned his plan to...

in an about face from a year ago  
~, Congress voted to expand...

in an embarrassing about face  
~, officials acknowledged that...

**reversal: direction / military**

### about-face (other)

about face for Pakistan  
his policies, if successful, will mean a real ~

about-face for the government  
the request is an ~ (Afghanistan)

about-face from a year ago  
the space agency's new policy is an ~

about-face on the bill  
he deserves credit for his ~

about face with regard to  
he has done an ~ Israel

abrupt about-face

the admission was an ~

belated about-face  
the ~ won't fool the people (by a government)

ecological about-face  
earth has done an ~ (NASA statement)

ideological about-face  
the literature of ~ includes...

about-face came  
his ~ after...

did an about-face  
the military ~

done an about face  
he has ~ with regard to Israel (a leader)

♦ "Ready front!" "Present arms!" "Order, arms!" "Forward, march!"  
"Column halt!" "About face!" (Military commands.)

**reversal: direction / military**

### about-turn (noun)

about-turn on the subject  
the government's seeming ~ of Islamic law

government's about-turn  
the ~ on the subject of Islamic law

**reversal: direction**

### above (above the fray, etc.)

above the fray  
he is trying to stay ~ (a politician)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: prep, adv, adj, particle**

**behavior: direction**

### above (above the law, etc.)

above the law  
not even the president is ~  
nobody is ~ (judge arrested)

**superiority & inferiority: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle**

### aboveboard

aboveboard  
everything I did was ~

♦ This could come from the world of cards, and its opposite would be *underhanded*.

**subterfuge: cards / direction**

**behavior: direction**

### abrasive (adjective)

abrasive and annoying  
he is ~

brilliant and abrasive (m)  
a ~ engineer named...

**character & personality: sensation**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**

### **absorb (a country, etc.)**

absorbed Kyrgyzstan  
Imperial Russia ~ and its nomadic tribes

ability to absorb  
their language's ~ new words (German)

**absorption & immersion: verb / water**

### **absorb (books, culture, etc.)**

absorbed books  
he ~ by the dozen (self-learning at library)

absorb the culture  
a lot of the girls didn't really ~ (US models in Japan)

absorbed a gothic sensibility  
he ~ which would imprint itself on his work

absorbed (Islamic) principles and traditions  
the young prince ~

**absorption & immersion: verb / water**

**consumption: water**

### **absorb (punishment, etc.)**

absorbed the (full ) force  
he ~ of the explosion with his body (hero soldier)

absorbed (a lot of) punishment  
he ~ in the last round (a boxer)

**absorption & immersion: verb / water**

### **absorbed**

absorbed into Saudi Arabia  
Qatar might well have been ~ (history)

absorbed by the society  
they were ~ they invaded (Mongols)

forcibly absorbed  
the three Baltic republics were ~ into the Soviet Union

**absorption & immersion: water**

### **abuzz (activity)**

abuzz with warnings  
a nervous Muslim world is ~ of a threat from the West

had people abuzz  
the news ~ this morning (politics)

**activity: animal / insect / sound**

### **abyss (noun)**

financial abyss  
there seems to be no way out of this ~

on the brink of a (sectarian) abyss  
the country is walking ~ (protests)

fall into an abyss  
women ~, and they can't get out (eating disorders)

plunged into a (political) abyss  
the country ~ after...

plunges (further) into the abyss  
as Greece's blighted economy ~

pulled the (financial) system back from the abyss  
the government ~

sliding into the abyss  
the country is ~ (economy)

teetering towards the abyss  
the city is ~ of bankruptcy

worked his way out of the abyss  
he ~ of crime and hopelessness

♦ In an article in *The New York Times*, "Computers That Trade on the News," Graham Bowley reports that the word *abyss* in an article about the Greek financial crisis caused computers to initiate sell orders. Wall Street mines such words from news articles and Twitter feeds to analyze the market.

**destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

### **accelerant (noun)**

accelerant  
Twitter is the ~ for so many to spew outrage

**increase & decrease: fire**

### **accelerate (verb)**

accelerate learning  
pupils use pedal power to ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb**

**increase & decrease: movement / verb**

**speed: movement / verb**

### **ace (noun)**

ace  
it was time for me to bring out my ~

ace in the hole  
my ~ is that I can...  
the fear card is his ~ (national security)  
our nuclear arsenal is our ~

**strength & weakness: cards / gambling**

### **Achilles' heel (noun)**

Achilles' heel  
security was our ~ (US AID project in Afghanistan)

Achilles' heel of 3-D TV  
clunky glasses were the ~ (remedied)

Achilles' heel of the system  
the ~ lies...

Achilles' heel of the West  
the Persian Gulf is the ~ (oil and Iran)

Achilles heel for Chelsea  
this is the ~—marking in the box (soccer)

angioplasty's Achilles' heel  
the problem is ~ (regrowth of tissue)

company's Achilles' heel  
the ~ is that...

skiers' Achilles' heel  
the knees are the ~

**strength & weakness: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**  
**protection & lack of protection: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**

### **acid (acid debate, etc.)**

acid asides  
she is famous for her ~ (a comic)

acid blogger  
people are disgusted with radio ranters and ~s (civility)

acid debate  
the controversy has sparked ~ (religion)

**feeling, emotion & effect: chemistry / materials & substances**

**speech: chemistry / materials & substances**

### **acid-tongued**

acid-tongued (m)  
the ~ comedian (Groucho Marx)

**feeling, emotion & effect: chemistry / materials & substances**

**speech: chemistry / materials & substances / tongue**

### **acolyte (noun)**

acolyte of big business  
he is an ~ and corporate greed

acolytes of (US) capitalism  
he is like most ~

Obama acolyte  
he is an ~ who... (politics)

tones of an acolyte  
he described her in ~

swarmed by (young) acolytes  
the was ~ (a film director)

**enthusiasm: person / religion**

**person: religion**

### **acrobatics (noun)**

acronymic acrobatics  
the artificiality and awkwardness of the ~ (LGBTTIQQ2SA)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: circus**

### **act (insincere show)**

hard-ass act

beneath their ~ they were...(young soldiers)

maturity act  
kids put on this ~ (high school)

own act  
they came to believe too much in their ~ (Hitler, etc.)

hard-to-get act  
ditch the ~ (relationships)

ditch the (hard-to-get) act  
you should ~

keep up the act  
how long can he ~

put on an act  
con artists know how to ~

putting on an act  
a lot of guys seem nice, but they are just ~  
he's lying, he's just ~  
everyone in high school is to some extent ~

**performance / role: theater**

### **act (performance)**

circus act  
he's a ~ and he's killing boxing

vagabond act  
they morphed their ~ into today's World Tour (surfers)

balancing act  
setting limits, encouraging independence is a real ~

juggling act  
trying to build a team is a hard ~ (basketball)

difficult act  
the King's got a lot more ~ than in the last decade

tough act  
their father is a ~ to follow

**performance / role: theater**

### **act (clean up one's act)**

cleaned up its act  
the CIA director said the company had ~ (security)  
the city has clamped down on violence and ~  
in the 1990s, Manhattan ~

cleaned up her act  
she checked herself into rehab, then ~  
we thought she had ~, but... (athlete)

clean up your act  
you need to ~

**amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb**

**behavior: hygiene / verb**

### **act (development)**

final act

the hostage drama saw its ~ played out (plane)  
the family is trying to interpret his ~ (suicide)

#### first act

on the world soccer stage, it was a stunning ~ (loss)  
the ~ has closed with a tremendous finale (Civil War)  
the first act of the tragedy has been enacted (war)  
you've just seen the ~, the finale is yet to come (trial)

#### last act

and then began the long ~ of his life (a writer)

#### main act

there was no preparation for the ~ (combat)  
this is only the prologue to the ~ (banks fail)  
the sideshow became part of the ~ (war)  
he quickly became the ~ at the meeting (politician)

#### second acts

I think there are ~ in life, people can move on but...

#### development: theater

### addict (chess addict, etc.)

#### chess addicts

the Internet is great for ~

#### movie addict

an adolescent ~

#### TV addict

I love TV, I'm a total ~

#### crossword puzzle addict

he is a ~

#### tanning addict

tanning beds spawned a generation of ~s

#### bone fishing addict

hard-core yachtsmen and ~s

#### total (TV) addict

I love TV, I'm a ~

#### generation of (tanning) addicts

tanning beds spawned a ~

#### enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine / person

### addicted (enthusiasm)

#### addicted to his sport

he was so ~ that he rarely spent a weekend indoors

#### addicted to fly fishing

my friend and I were ~ for wild brook trout

#### enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

### addicted (dependency)

#### addicted to oil

we are ~ from the Middle East

#### addicted to (modern) technology

as we grow increasingly more ~

#### increasingly more addicted

as we grow ~ to modern tech

#### grow (increasingly more) addicted

as we ~ to modern technology

#### dependency: addiction / health & medicine

### addiction (enthusiasm)

#### Ives addiction

my ~ started one summer at music camp

#### enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

### addiction (dependency)

#### entertainment addiction

corporate greed, ~ and political impotence (the US)

#### sex addiction

~ is not yet recognized as a psychiatric disorder

#### get off our (oil) addiction

we need to ~ (dependence on foreign oil)

#### dependency: addiction / health & medicine

### addictive (adjective)

#### addictive

Thai food is ~

combat can be ~

#### addictive (computer) games

~ are a moral hazard to youth (China)

#### addictive thing

this is an ~ that hurts the students (laptops in class)

#### behavior: addiction / health & medicine

#### enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

#### feeling, emotion & effect: addiction / health & medicine

### address (verb)

#### addressed more specific rumors

she ~ as well (cold case)

#### fictive communication: speech / verb

### add up (verb)

#### add up

her story didn't ~

#### added up

she knew in an instant that it all ~ (signs of glue sniffing)

#### analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

### adhere (adhere to something)

#### adhere to

the have a code that they ~, blue silence (cops)

#### adhere to the norms

countries should strictly ~ of international law

#### attachment: materials & substances / verb



## adrift

adrift in the new multiparty sea  
politicians, ~, now needed campaign funds

seemed adrift  
he ~ without the army for structure (troubled soldier)

spent years adrift  
they had ~ in their diaspora (Somalis in Lewistown)

**control & lack of control: boat / direction**  
**direction: boat**  
**progress & lack of progress: boat / direction**  
**adult (person)**

adults in the room  
the cypherpunk kids versus the ~

**experience: person**

## advance (verb)

advanced in jumps  
his career ~

advanced with giant steps  
nuclear science has ~

advanced from guarded to good condition  
the twins ~ (operation)

advance their cause through leadership  
people who ~ or example

advance the cause  
~ of freedom in Africa (US)

advance medicine  
the goal of the partnership is to ~, lower costs

advance our (own negotiating) position  
as we ~

advance (cancer) research

advanced rapidly  
mine technology ~ after World War II

career advanced  
his ~ in jumps

science has advanced  
nuclear ~ with giant steps

efforts to advance  
~ pain research

**progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / verb**  
**advance (noun)**

advances in medicine  
the 20th century saw great ~

brehtaking advance  
this is a ~ (legislative act)

great advance  
anesthesia was a ~ in surgery

major advance  
US physicians made another ~ in endocrinology

medical advance  
animal testing has led to many ~s

**progress & lack of progress: direction / movement**  
**aegis (noun)**

under his aegis  
he insists the newspaper is not ~

♦ An aegis (pronounced EE-jus) was a breastplate or shield. It means protection or sponsorship.

**protection & lack of protection: military / weapon**  
**Aegis Combat System**

Aegis Combat System  
the ~ protects ships

**proper name: military / weapon**

## afford (verb)

afford  
doubt is a luxury they can't ~ (soldiers on way to Iraq)

afford to fall  
we can't ~ further behind

afford to lose  
the President cannot ~ Iraq

afford to remain  
we cannot ~ passive spectators to such acts...

afford another Somalia  
the UN cannot ~

afford the disruption  
we can't ~ that would bring (company policies)

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

## afloat

stay afloat  
Iran can ~ without Western investment  
he struggled to ~ (low-paying job)  
he got us disaster relief to ~ (politician)

keep the studio afloat  
sentiment alone cannot ~ (MGM / debt woes)

keeping the regime afloat  
oil is ~

stay afloat  
the economy is struggling to ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: water**  
**afterglow (in the afterglow)**

in the afterglow

~ that follows the performance, the audience lingers

in the afterglow of another championship  
a decade later, ~, he said... (an athlete)

in the afterglow of (Obama's) election  
she found it easier to run ~ (a politician)

in the afterglow of his (first big) role  
he moved into the Chateau Marmont ~ (L.A. actor)

in the afterglow of our (rafting) trip  
we relaxed and drank wine ~

in the (mellowing) of victory  
~, they don't seem so fierce (elected women)

in the afterglow of their Tony wins  
the films received increased business ~

basking in the afterglow  
we're still ~ of the president's (marvelous) speech

♦ A full-page print ad for the Subaru Legacy asks the question, "Can a drive have an afterglow?" In the foreground is the sedan, parked on a scenic overlook. In the background is a dramatic vista of the sea and clouds just after sunset. Of course, the beautiful lingering light is the *actual* afterglow.

**feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / sky**

### afterglow (other)

afterglow of those visits  
the ~ has never worn off (celebrity visits restaurant)

afterglow of victory  
the ~ was brief (political reformers)

post-World Cup afterglow  
how will the ~ be reflected in attendance (US soccer)

happiness and afterglow  
the party is flushed with ~ (elections)

**feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / sky**

### aftershock (noun)

aftershocks from 9/11  
the ~ forced the company to cut jobs nationwide (airline)

aftershocks from the (shareholder) revolt  
the ~ will be felt across the business world

political aftershocks  
the ~ of the 2004 tsunami... (Sri Lanka)

feel the aftershocks  
we will ~ of the financial crisis for a long time

**amount & effect: earthquake**

**feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake**

**effect: earthquake**

### against (opposition)

against everything  
I am ~ he stands for (politics)

against it

the government has to get behind it and the Prime Minister is ~ (a proposal)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle**  
**resistance, opposition & defeat: prep, adv, adj, particle**  
**against (up against)**

up against  
this is what cities are ~ (hacked for ransom)

up against a history  
we were ~ of social injustice (prosecuting O.J. Simpson)

**obstacles & impedance: prep, adv, adj, particle**  
**age (come of age)**

come of age  
will this be the year they ~ (soccer team in Champions League)

**growth & development: death & life**

### agile (adjective)

agile development  
~ means constantly making small improvements

agile and adaptive  
security must be ~ (terrorism)

agile and responsive  
government must become more ~ to business

ideologically agile  
he was brilliant, funny, and ~ (a politician)

lean and agile  
the company is ~

lean, agile and focused  
the company is ~ on building better cars

pragmatic and agile  
we must be ~ in pursuit of human rights (diplomacy)

smaller, (more) agile and innovative (m)  
~ will survive

remains (as) agile (as ever)  
her mind ~

**ability & lack of ability: body**

### agility (noun)

agility  
~ requires quick-minded, flexible leaders (military)

mental agility (m)  
~ skills include physical toughness and ~ (military)

tactical agility  
~ is first of all a mental state (military)

**ability & lack of ability: body**

## aground (run aground)

run aground  
the promises have ~ on the shoals of changing sex ratios

relationship can run aground  
the author-biographer ~

♦ The ship ran aground, broke in two, and began leaking oil.

**failure, accident & impairment: boat / verb**

## Aha! (Aha! moment)

"Aha!" moment  
she says that she had an ~ in 2005 (administrator)

Aha! instant  
the ~ in cognitive science, the Eureka moment...

**consciousness & awareness: speech**  
**comprehension & incomprehension: speech**

## ahead (future)

ahead of him  
he has a great future ~ (athlete)

ahead of us  
the single most important task we have ~  
we've got a good deal of work ~

ahead for you and your baby  
you probably have questions about what is ~

challenges ahead  
prepare students for the ~ (military school)

choices ahead  
he understands the hard ~ (a politician)

days ahead  
there are better ~

road ahead  
no one knows what lies on the ~ (course of war)

**STORMS AHEAD**  
~ (newspaper)

task ahead  
the ~ for engineers and scientists is to...

book ahead  
it's good to ~ (camping reservations)

lie ahead  
your best days ~  
our best days ~

lies ahead  
no one knows what ~  
I don't know what ~  
we are ready for the struggle that ~ (war)

look ahead  
let's ~ to the future

looking ahead

~, clouds appear on the horizon (economy)

plan ahead  
it's good to ~

**future: direction / journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.)

ahead of his times  
he was ~ (a comedian)

ahead of schedule  
we are ~

get ahead of the conversation  
I'm not going to ~ that will take place (speculation)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## ahead (get ahead, etc.)

far ahead  
rich countries are ~ of poor ones in adapting to warming

forging ahead  
other countries are ~ (aquaculture)

get ahead  
never pass up an opportunity to ~

marching ahead  
the science is ~ (genetic tests)

move ahead  
mentally ill people struggle to ~ in their lives  
we must ~ into the future

moving ahead  
his friends were ~ while he was standing still

pressing ahead  
we are ~ in our efforts (government official)

push ahead  
we are trying to ~

surging ahead  
Southeast Asia is ~ (aquaculture)

♦ Don't get mad, don't get even, get ahead.

**progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## ahead (competition)

ahead of those  
Swedish living standards are way ~ in the US

miles ahead  
it was ~ of every similar application

way ahead  
Swedish living standards are ~ of those in the US

come out ahead  
I'm going to beat him, I'll ~ (mixed-martial arts)

puts them ahead  
their strategy ~ of other banks

**competition: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## ahead (go ahead, etc.)

moved ahead  
he cautiously ~ with privatization

pressing ahead  
the Russians are ~ with fake social media accounts

went ahead  
the program ~ and was deemed a success

**starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb**

## ailing (adjective)

ailing  
businesses are ~ because of government regulation

ailing economy  
companies are feeling the effects of the ~  
the government is pumping money into the ~

ailing Macs  
she tends to ~ (tech worker)

ailing (housing) market  
ending the deduction could cripple an already ~

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## aim (verb)

aim to please  
we ~ (a store motto)

aiming for  
and that's what we're ~ (making it easy for shoppers)

aimed for a Friday night liftoff  
the space agency ~

aim for a fun, less sanitized view  
reenactors ~ of the Old West

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb / weapon**

## aim (noun)

aim  
if the ~ is to destroy vehicles, use mines (military)  
their ~ is to trigger fear and chaos (political assassins)  
their ~ is to survive (peasants)

aims of the campaign  
ridding Iraq of WMD is one of the main ~

aim of the ceremony  
the ~ is to... (Swazi reed dance)

aim of that operation  
the ~ was to... (Russian military in Chechnya)

aim of the symposium

the broad ~ was to report on and discuss the...

aim of a show of force  
the ~ is deterrence (military)

aim of storing  
Glen Canyon Dam was finished with the ~ water for...

aim of overthrowing  
it has the stated ~ the government (an opposition group)

aim in (my) life  
before Qeis, I had no ~ (a student)

aim in (this) life  
everyone has his own ~, and mine is to be a martyr

nomads' (traditional) aim  
the Tibetan ~ of maximizing herd size (vs. slaughter)

terrorists' aim  
if the ~ was to...

intended aim  
regulating the forces and means toward an ~ (military)

stated aim  
it has the ~ of overthrowing the government

dual aim  
the immunizations have a ~ (protect and prevent)

first aim  
our ~ was to be competitive at the World Cup...

initial aim  
having sex might have been his ~, but... (murderer)

primary aim  
a ~ of ED intervention is to.. (domestic abuse)

strategic aim  
application of military capability in support of ~s

traditional aim  
the Tibetan nomads' ~ of maximizing herd size

ultimate aim  
his ~ is to...

unselfish aim  
most seem motivated by ~s

one aim  
the staff has only ~, turning fantasy into reality

several aims  
President Clinton and his advisers had ~

achieve this aim  
to ~, we will have to...

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: weapon**

## aim (take aim at something)

take aim at (pretty much every) race  
his monologues ~ he can

took aim at America

other veterans of the Russian-Afghan war ~

taking dead aim

his company is ~ at... (a competitor)

**target: verb / weapon**

## aimed

aimed at Muslims

a string of attacks by extremist Christians ~

aimed (specifically) at children

products ~

aimed at the (US) military

protest ~ have waxed and waned (S. Korea)

aimed at the superstitious

attention-grabbing advertisements ~ (muti)

aimed at abortion clinics and their workers

attacks ~ (US)

aimed at Pakistan's foreign community

an assault ~ (on a church)

aimed at modernizing

he announced a series of reforms ~ the bureau

aimed at preventing

mosquito-control programs ~ further cases (West Nile)

aimed at punishing

laws ~ habitual criminals

aimed at reducing

regulations ~ noise pollution

**target: weapon**

## air (appearance)

air of authority

you'll carry an ~

air of indifference

she has a calculated ~ (teen girl)

air of invincibility

America's ~ is gone (international basketball)

air of make-believe

diplomacy can have an ~ (protocol, etc.)

air of respectability

toy drives give bikers an ~

air of sophistication

she exudes an ~

air of superiority

he detected an ~

arrogant air

he had a preppie, ~ about him

carry an air

you'll ~ of authority

exudes an air

she ~ of sophistication

**appearance: air / atmosphere**

## air (environment)

air he breathes

that's the ~ he has internalized so much of that (Nazi website)

**environment: air / atmosphere**

**identity & nature: air / atmosphere**

## air (in the air)

in the air

change was ~ (the law)

spring is ~

war is ~

the threat of litigation was always ~ (corporation)

anger in the air

there is much ~ (Xinjiang during the Olympics)

electricity in the air

there is a new ~ (after combat and death)

fear in the air

with the general ~, people are paying off debt, not buying

**environment: air / atmosphere**

## air (up in the air)

up in the air

the school year ended with her plans ~

where things go from here is quite honestly ~

up in the air whether

it's still ~... (making a decision)

still up in the air

her quest to land an internship is ~

when they can return to their homes is ~ (wildfires)

remains up in the air

the reason for the Moon Illusion ~

**certainty & uncertainty: air / atmosphere**

## air (breath of fresh air)

breath of fresh air

she's a ~ (politician)

the blog is a ~ (field notes from scientists)

his lay status is a ~ (new college president)

I thought he was a ~, but it turns out he is an elitist

breath of fresh air for the city

the mayor has been a ~

breath of fresh air after the scandal

he seemed to be a ~ of Watergate (politics)

unexpected breath of fresh air

their designs were an ~ (fashion show)

brings a breath of fresh air to the magazine

she ~ (new editor)

**feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere**  
**amelioration & renewal: air / atmosphere / wind**

### **air (hot air)**

hot air

a plan without action is ~  
global warming is ~ (an opinion)

just (a lot of) hot air

people talk about mine safety, but it's ~

a lot of hot air

~ blows out of Washington (politics)

full of hot air

he's ~ (a politician)

**substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere**

### **air (into thin air)**

disappeared into thin air

she ~ (wanted for a crime)

vanished into thin air

it was like she just ~ (woman vanishes)

**appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky**

### **air (out of thin air)**

appeared out of thin air

investors have ~

come out of thin air

ideas just don't ~ (nothingness)

emerge out of thin air

the fear of the undead didn't ~

create credit out of thin air

the Federal Reserve can ~

create profit out of thin air

Wall Street can ~

**appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky**

**origin: air / atmosphere / color / sky**

### **air (clear the air)**

clear the air

they had a meeting to ~ (athlete and coach)  
an interview so she could ~ about what happened  
if you had any lingering doubts, this should ~

clear the air entirely

wouldn't that just ~ (making documents public)

**amelioration & renewal: air / atmosphere / verb**

### **airtight (adjective)**

airtight alibi

his lawyers say he has an ~

airtight case

prosecutors believe they have an ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere**

### **alarm (feeling)**

alarm

~ as dump sites fill up and overflow

alarm over the (rotten-egg) odor

alarm over (gun) violence

alarm about (the military's) conduct

the case raises ~ in Iraq (atrocities)

rising alarm

~ over gun violence

reason for alarm

stay calm, there is no ~  
so there was plenty of ~

raises alarm

the case ~ about the military's conduct in Iraq

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound**

### **alarm (warning)**

sounded alarms

Doctors Without Borders ~ (famine in Niger)

sounding the alarm

groups have been ~ about the Arab drug problem

**warning: sound**

### **albatross (noun)**

albatross of debt

the ~ he had been dealing with (a politician)

**affliction: allusion / animal / bird**

### **Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)**

Alcatraz of the Rockies

ADX Florence in Colorado, sometimes called the ~

Alcatraz of the South

Angola, the ~ (prison bordered on 3 sides by Mississippi)

**punishment & recrimination: place / epithet / justice**

**epithet: justice**

### **alight (activity)**

alight with posts

social networking sites are ~ from...

alight with (conspiracy) theories

the blogosphere is ~

♦ The night sky can be alight with stars. The forest across the river can be alight with fireflies.

**activity: light & dark**

### **alight (fire)**

set the region alight

conflicts could ~ (Caucasus)

**initiation: fire**

## **alive (status)**

alive

my business is ~, but not thriving

still alive

the talks are ~ (negotiations)

the two teams are ~ in the playoffs (sports)

very much alive

jazz is ~, in Paris...

stay alive

it's tough to ~ in today's economy (a business)

**condition & status: death & life**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life**

## **alive (alive and well)**

alive and well

interagency coordination is ~

alive and well in the UK

regional stereotypes are ~

remains alive and well

the movement ~

**condition & status: death & life**

## **alive (activity)**

alive with rats

the alley was ~ that evening...

alive with rumor

residential areas and offices were ~ (following attack)

**activity: death & life**

## **alive (come alive)**

come alive

they ~ (characters in a book / book review)

come alive at night

rats ~

came alive

the Peruvians ~ in the second half (World Cup soccer)

came alive in the second quarter

the team ~

came alive with a great tube ride

he suddenly ~ (surfing competition)

comes alive when

he ~ he talks about his passion

**substance & lack of substance: death & life**

**activity: death & life**

**amelioration & renewal: death & life**

## **alive (keep something alive)**

keep awareness alive

the need to ~ (of the Holocaust)

keep history alive

part of our mission is to ~ (Trail of Tears)

keep hope alive

doctors have a duty to ~

kept the initiative alive

the administration has ~

keep memory alive

portraits can ~

keep romance alive

it's important to ~ (in a marriage)

keep the spark alive

the dreams of what were ahead helped ~ for me (love)

keep the tradition alive

he does his part to ~ (sumo in Brazil)

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb**

## **allergic (adjective)**

allergic to (small) boats

for those ~ in stormy seas...

allergic to the concept

economists are ~ of fairness (reform)

allergic to him

I'm ~ (the two don't get along)

**avoidance & separation: health & medicine**

## **allergy (noun)**

allergy to stardom

he has an ~ (a successful actor, to Hollywood)

**avoidance & separation: health & medicine**

## **alley (Ambush Alley, etc.)**

"Ambush Alley"

fighting in Nasiriya, nicknamed ~ by the Marines (Iraq)

sniper alley

this part of town was called ~ (Sarajevo)

Machine Gun Alley

they called the area ~ (7th Cavalry / Iraq)

RPG Alley

an ambush on a stretch of road known as ~ (Baqouba)

**proper name: route**

**route: epithet**

## **alley (Bat Alley, etc.)**

Bat Alley

bats have been seen flying down ~ (passage in a cave)

Shark Alley  
a wave rolled along an area known as ~ (Farallones)

**proper name: route**  
**route: epithet / infrastructure**  
**alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)**

Cyclone Alley  
Bangladesh sits on "~"

cyclone alley  
Madagascar sits on a type of ~ in the Indian Ocean

Hail Alley  
where Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming meet is “~”

iceberg alley  
the Bonavista peninsula is the province’s so-called “~”  
it’s been a busy season in ~ (Newfoundland and Labrador)

"Lightning Alley"  
the corridor is known as ~ (Tampa Bay to Titusville)

tornado alley  
spring in ~ (U.S.)

Tornado Alley  
~ runs from Texas through Oklahoma and Kansas

**proper name: route**  
**route: epithet**  
**epithet: infrastructure**  
**alley (Death Alley, etc.)**

Blood Alley  
Death Alley, ~, that's what they call it (a highway)

Death Alley  
U.S. 61 is known as ~ (fatal crashes in Missouri)

**proper name: route**  
**route: epithet**  
**alley (Silicon Alley)**

Silicon Alley  
the dot com companies of ~ (NYC)

**computer: place**  
**alley (Cancer Alley)**

Cancer Alley  
they live in a region known as ~ (southwestern Louisiana)

**affliction: health & medicine / infrastructure**  
**alley (up one's alley)**

right up your alley  
you have to read this, it's ~  
check this out, it's ~

**experience / interest: infrastructure**  
**all-star (adjective)**

all-star (legal) team

he had an ~ (rich pedophile)

**group, set & collection: sports & games**  
**superlative: sports & games**  
**alluring (adjective)**

alluring  
the pitch is ~ (an educational fad)

**attraction & repulsion: sex**  
**altar (at / on / upon the altar)**

at the altar of disruption  
today's tech world worships ~

on the altar of (environmental) correctness  
he would sacrifice energy independence ~

on the altar of greatness  
we are witnessing human flesh ~ (a boxer)

upon the altar of freedom  
you have laid so costly a sacrifice ~ (Lincoln)

on the altar of Radicalism  
he sacrificed the South ~ (southern view of Grant)

sacrifice (energy) independence on the altar  
he would ~ of environmental correctness

sacrifice rights on the altar of terrorism  
we can't ~ (facial recognition)

laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar  
you have ~ of freedom (President Lincoln)

**sacrifice: religion**

**amalgam (noun)**

amalgam of (different) influences  
Turkish cooking is an intriguing ~

amalgam of (changing death-penalty) politics  
there is an ~ and concerns about the system

amalgam of speed, timing, work-rate and pressure  
he beat Baranchyk with an ~ (Scot boxer Josh Taylor)

**mixture: materials & substances**

**Amazon (epithet)**

Amazon of the North  
the Great Bear Rain Forest is often called the ~ (BC)

Ocean's Amazon  
the Coral Triangle has been called the ~

**biodiversity: epithet / place**

**ambassador (role)**

ambassador of skateboarding  
he serves as the ~ (Tony Hawk)

ambassador for the Cherokee  
she will be an ~ (Miss Cherokee Fair / Eastern Band)



ambassador for the (Jaguar) brand  
she had been the ~ (endorsement / athlete)

ambassador for the sport  
he is a great ~ (Vitali Klitschko / boxing)

ambassador for UNESCO  
she is a goodwill ~ (a famous film actor)

ambassador to the world  
Ali is the goodwill ~ (the boxer)

goodwill ambassador  
she is a ~ for UNESCO (a famous film actor)

de facto ambassador  
he serves as the ~ of skateboarding (Tony Hawk)

sees himself as an ambassador  
he ~ for his sport (Tito Ortiz and mixed martial arts)

♦ "I don't even know what an ambassador really was. When I think of ambassadors I think of living off government money and jet-setting with girlfriends." (The great boxer Mike Tyson, on a trip to China to promote boxing.)

**representation: government / person**

## ambush (verb)

ambush him with the news  
so tonight I ~

**readiness & preparedness: military**

## ambushed

felt ambushed  
one man ~ by her appearance

**readiness & preparedness: military**

## ammunition

ammunition for critics  
this will provide ~

ammunition for lawsuits  
it could be used as ~

political ammunition  
the "missile gap" provided ~ to air-power advocates

give ammunition  
the video is sure to ~ to critics

**accusation & criticism: military / weapon**

## amnesia

collective amnesia  
a ~ surrounds the Civil War (attitudes to slavery, etc.)  
his participation in the ~ that surrounds those wars...

historical amnesia  
this will deepen our ~ about the Civil War  
the design displays a sense of ~ (a monument)

**consciousness & awareness: health & medicine**

## amputate (remove)

amputate  
~ before the infection spreads (poor players at Man United)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: health & medicine**

## amok (run amok)

ran amok  
the regulators sat by while the financial industry ~

run amok  
this is the result of a system ~ (justice)

"Macassar is the most celebrated place in the East for "running a muck." There are said to be one or two a month on the average, and five, then, or twenty persons are sometimes killed or wounded at one of them... A man thinks himself wronged by society—he is in debt and cannot pay—he is taken for a slave or has gambled away his wife or child into slavery—he sees no way of recovering what he has lost, and becomes desperate. He will not put up with such cruel wrongs, but will be revenged on mankind and die like a hero. He grasps his kris-handle, and the next moment draws out the weapon and stabs a man to the heart. He runs on, with bloody kris in his hand, stabbing at everyone he meets. 'Amok! Amok!' then resounds through the streets. Spears, krisses, knives and guns are brought out against him. He rushes madly forward, kills all he can—men, women, and children—and dies overwhelmed by numbers amid all the excitement of a battle." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

**behavior: mental health**

**control & lack of control: mental health**

## amped (strength)

amped up with (plenty of) chilies  
the dish is ~

amped up audio system  
the car has an ~

**strength & weakness: electricity**

## amped (feeling)

amped up  
the importance of the game has both teams ~  
he was so ~ that he didn't notice...

amped up on sugar and carbs  
kids who are ~ can't learn as well

amped up men  
she had no business walking through a mob of ~

remain amped up  
after a performance he would ~ (musician)

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity**

## amplify (verb)

amplified flaws  
the media, desperate to get it out, ~ in the reporting

amplify those ideas  
a conservative media ecosystem helps ~ (alt-right)

amplify their message  
they use social media to ~ (extremists)

amplify his message

he counted on his critics to ~

**increase & decrease: sound / verb**

### amplified

amplified by the media echo chamber  
their views are ~ (stock analysts, commentators, etc.)

amplified by the media megaphone  
an analyst, his voice ~, can send a stock soaring or sinking

**increase & decrease: sound**

### amp up (verb)

amped up the discussion  
the film really ~ about global warming

amping up their rhetoric  
Republicans are ~ (politics)

amped up the violence  
high tackles led with the helmet have ~ in football

**increase & decrease: electricity**

### anchor

anchor of the (Egyptian) government  
the military is the ~ right now (2011)

anchor for the development  
the golf course is the ~ (apartments, condos)

anchor baby  
opponents of immigration talk about "~s"

anchor tenant  
malls need ~s

**bases: boat**

### anemic (adjective)

anemic  
earnings have been ~  
sales have been ~  
economic growth has been ~  
turnout was ~ (election)

anemic 1.5 percent  
the rate of economic growth slowed to an ~

anemic attempt  
their ~s to address the issue

anemic economy  
our ~ is a result of higher taxes (politics)

anemic (job) growth  
he produced very ~ (a leader)

anemic recovery  
poverty is on the rise in the recession and the ~ continues

anemic response  
people are upset by the military's ~ to the provocation

**strength & weakness: health & medicine**

**condition & status: health & medicine**

### angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.)

Angel of the Battlefield  
Clara Barton was known as the ~ (Civil War)

**superlative: creature / epithet / religion**

### angel (appearance)

princess or angel  
I want to be Britney Spears, no more ~ (Halloween girl)

**appearance: creature / religion**

### angel (snow angel)

snow angel  
kids create ~s in the snow  
it's a great place to make ~s (Dubai mall)

made a snow angel  
she ~ and posted it on YouTube (Johannesburg)

make a snow angel  
they go outside and ~ after a sauna (Finland)

♦ A New England Patriots football player was once fined \$10,000 for making a snow angel after scoring a touchdown.

**shape: creature / religion**

### angel (behavior)

angels  
in fairness, the North Koreans have been no ~

perfect angel  
he's a ~ with everyone but us (a 15-month-old)

**behavior / character & personality: creature / religion**

### angel (superlative)

Angel of the Battlefield  
Clara Barton was known as the ~ (Civil War)

lost an angel  
Macedonia and the Balkans ~ (Tose Proeski)

♦ When the Macedonian pop star Tose Proeski died in 2007 at age 26 in a car crash in Croatia, Archbishop Stefan, the head of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, said, "Macedonia and the Balkans lost an angel." It was a sentiment felt across the Balkans.

**superlative: creature / religion**

### angel (angel-faced)

angel-faced (m)  
the ~ child who tells lies

**appearance: creature / religion**

### angel (Guardian Angels, etc.)

Guardian Angels  
*Gardiens de Nuit* is a French version of New York's ~

**proper name: creature / religion**

## angel (guardian angel)

guardian angel

tell my son I will always be his ~ (suicide note)

self-appointed guardian angel

Chen Si is the bridge's ~ (stops suicides)

**help & assistance: creature / religion**

## angel (trail angel, etc.)

lay-away angels

generous acts of kindness doled out by so-called ~ (Christmas)

trail angel

~s provide water, food, even lodging for hikers

~s figure out where hikers are likely to run into trouble

~s are a tradition on long-distance footpaths (AT, PCT)

~s left 30 1-gallon jugs of water and a note

a ~s left a cooler stocked with soda, water and beer

♦ Lay-away angels are anonymous people who pay for Christmas items put on lay-away at stores. Trail angels leave water, food, and other supplies along trails like the Appalachian Trail for the trail walkers, who are not able to carry much.

**help & assistance: creature / religion**

## angle (from an angle)

from every angle

I have considered the issue ~

from a new angle

these conclusions help us look at the tragedy ~

considered the problem from every angle

I have ~

look at the tragedy from a new angle

these conclusion help us ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: geometry**

## animal (different animal)

different animal

urban warfare is a ~ than fighting in the open

the new style of aggressive ad is a ~ (Internet)

completely different animal

a virtual lab is totally different from a classroom, it's a ~

two very different animals

the map of the Pacific before and after Cook are ~

**taxonomy & classification: animal**

## animal (political animal, etc.)

political animal

he's a ~ and will probably go along with Israel (Obama)

**identity & nature: animal**

## animal (insult)

animals come out

all the ~ at night (the film *Taxi Driver*)

**insult: animal**

## anodyne (adjective)

anodyne drone

the ~ typing away in her silent cubicle

tend to be anodyne

its public comments on due process tend to be ~

♦ An anodyne is a drug that soothes pain.

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

## anoint (verb)

anointed him one of the beautiful people

*People* magazine ~

anointed him as the candidate

the Democratic establishment has ~ (Joe Biden)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb**

## anointed

anointed the (art world's newest) star

he has been ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## antenna

antennae

I walk around with my ~ up, ready for trouble (gang)

antenna for (racial) slights

he has no ~ (Nigerian immigrant in US)

**consciousness & awareness: tools & technology**

## anthem

anthem

it's been an ~ ever since (Aretha sings "Respect")

anthem of a (celebrity) campaign

Dylan's "Hurricane" was the ~ to release Rubin Carter

anthem among Pentecostals in the Appalachians

the song became an ~ ("There ain't no grave...")

angry young man's anthem

"Custer Died for Your Sins" was an ~

rock anthem

"Born to Run" is one of the best ~s ever

**identity & nature: music**

## antidote (noun)

antidote to adversity

a cheerful disposition and a sunny smile are the ~

antidote to the boredom

provide an ~ of teaching numbers, months, etc.

antidote to criminality

empathy is the ~ (versus idea of "bad seed")

antidote to cynicism

this book is an ~ ("Stolen Voices")

antidote to the (poisonous) doctrine

he was an ~ of extremism

antidote to violence

violence is not an ~ (capital punishment)

antidotes to hatred and intolerance

caring and sympathy are the best ~

antidote against self-pity

our callousness was an ~ (hospital ward)

antidote for stress

a break from work is a necessary ~ (vacations)

view (Tibetan) Buddhism as an antidote

some Han Chinese ~ to the materialism and greed...

♦ In "Seldom Disappointed," the great Tony Hillerman writes about the seemingly callous banter and traditions of badly wounded soldiers on a hospital ward in Europe. For example, a soldier has his right arm amputated and when he returns to the ward he is greeted by his comrades as "Lefty!" Hillerman makes the point that, while such behavior seems "barbarous," it is, in fact, an antidote against self-pity.

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## antique (adjective)

antique

it seems so ~ now... (a sentiment)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques**

**past & present: antiques**

## antique (noun)

antique

the revenue system is an ~ (economy)

turned the telegraph into an antique

the telephone ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques**

## apart (division)

apart

they reunited after years of being ~

wide apart

the two sides remained ~

grew apart

we ~ (divorce)

**division & connection: prep, adv, adj, particle**

**avoidance & separation: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## apex (highest point)

at the apex of the boom

he invested ~

apex (of the fad's popularity) came

the ~ when...

reached its apex

their rivalry ~ last year (two athletes)

**growth & development: direction**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## apex (achievement)

apex of their profession

women can still have kids and reach the ~

at the apex of her career

she is ~

**achievement, recognition & praise: direction**

## apex (apex animal, etc.)

apex animal

the tuna is an ~

apex predator

mankind is the ~ on earth

orcas are ~s

so-called ~s, like sharks, groupers and jacks

~s have no natural predators of their own

**hierarchy: position / animal**

**predation: animal**

## apogee (at an apogee)

at its apogee

the British Empire was ~

at his creative apogee

when he was ~...

**growth & development: astronomy / direction**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## apogee (noun)

apogee of chic

Paris is the ~

apogee of his career

the film was the ~

apogee of a trend

we have simply reached an ~ (minimalism in fashion)

movement's apogee

it was the ~

ascent, apogee and decline

sport compresses life's natural trajectory of ~

reached its apogee

the island ~ in the early Christian era

**growth & development: astronomy / direction**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## apostle (noun)

apostle of niceness

he is the ~ (a poetry critic)

apostle of positive thinking  
he is an ~

**message: religion**

## **apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.)**

Twelve Apostles  
the ~ are a popular attraction (Victoria, Australia)

**proper name: religion**

## **apparatus (government)**

security apparatus  
he disappeared within the state ~

**government: mechanism**

## **appetite (whet the appetite)**

whet audiences' appetites for films  
movie trailers ~

whet people's appetite for spending  
museums try to ~

whet the appetites of fans  
the ad campaign is designed to ~ (TV)

whet the appetites of investors  
the company's performance will not ~

whet appetites for a rematch  
their fight ~ (boxing)

**increase & decrease: blade / knife**

## **appetite (appetite for fur, etc.)**

appetite for adventure  
baby boomers who have an ~

appetite for electricity  
the nation's ~

appetite for fur  
Russia's growing ~ (new wealth)

appetite for gold  
India's seemingly insatiable ~ (jewelry, dowries, temples)

appetite for (royal) gossip  
the tabloids' ~

appetite for a (ground) invasion  
commanders have little ~

appetite for (our) money  
a government that has an endless ~ (taxes)

appetite for oil  
we must reduce our ~

appetite (of the European rich) for porcelain  
the ~ was insatiable

appetite for pornography  
the ~ seems to be insatiable

appetite for profit  
their ~ sharpened by years of drought (farmers)

appetite for scores  
our voracious ~ that we can use to rank our kids (ed)

appetite for sensationalism  
the ~ (on part of broadcast media)

appetite for success  
he had an ~ (a poet)

appetite for timber  
China's voracious ~ is deforestating Siberia (Russia)

appetite for cars, cell phones, appliances and services  
the ~ increases daily (China)

appetite for gambling  
North Carolinians appear to have a strong ~

appetite for skateboarding  
the local ~

India's (seemingly insatiable) appetite  
~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, etc.)

nation's appetite  
the ~ for electricity

endless appetite  
a government that has an ~ for our money (taxes)

insatiable appetite  
India's seemingly ~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, temples)

little appetite  
commanders have ~ for a ground invasion...

local appetite  
the ~ for skateboarding

low (sexual) appetite  
my boyfriend has a very ~

public appetite  
the Y has increased the number of debates to feed the ~

sexual appetite  
my boyfriend has a very low ~

strong appetite  
North Carolinians appear to have a ~ for gambling

voracious appetite  
our ~ for scores that we can use to rank our kids (education)  
for the last few years, China has had a ~ for bauxite  
China's ~ for timber is deforestating Siberia

control over his appetites  
he has no ~ (sex)

appetite (for consumer goods) increases  
their ~ daily (China)

have (no) appetite  
I ~ for confrontation

feed the (public) appetite

the Y has increased the number of debates to ~

reduce our appetite

we must ~ for oil

satisfies the appetite

nothing ~ for allegory quite like a zombie film

suppress the appetite

perils and jitters ~ for private and corporate risks

**consumption: food & drink**

## appetizer (noun)

appetizer

this is just the ~, the main course will come later (battle)

**development: food & drink**

## applaud (verb)

applaud the administration

I ~ for doing that (politics)

applaud his decision

many people ~

applaud her

her fans ~

applauded and denounced

they launched a movement that has been both ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sound**

**achievement, recognition & praise: clapping / gesture / verb**

## apple (gift)

apple

a stone from the hand of a friend is an ~ (Morocco)

**gift: fruits & vegetables**

## apple (Golden Apple)

Golden Apple (m)

she received a ~ (a teacher in North Carolina)

**achievement, recognition & praise: school & education / apple / fruits & vegetables**

## apple (bad / rotten apple)

bad apple

one ~ spoils it for everyone else

~s tend to find one another

rotten apple

there are ~s in every barrel (bad cops)

work of (a few) bad apples

the Pentagon said the abuse was the ~ (military prison)

**character & personality: apple / fruits & vegetables**

## apple (product)

apple

those ~s long ago fell from the Marxist tree (ideas)

♦ **The apple doesn't fall far from the tree!** (Often said of fathers and sons.)

**product: fruits & vegetables**

## approach (verb)

date is approaching

the application ~

end is (fast) approaching

the ~

war is approaching

deadlines are approaching

holiday shipping ~

♦ **"When you don't know what's coming down the pike, you worry."** (A businesswoman, speaking about government regulation.)

**future: direction / movement / verb**

## approaching

approaching elections

the US has called the ~ unfair

approaching spring

melting snow and ~ brings thoughts of...

**future: direction / movement**

## aquifer (noun)

huge aquifer

I had this ~ underneath of stories (Stephen King)

♦ **"I had this huge aquifer underneath of stories that I wanted to tell and I stuck a pipe down in there and everything just gushed out. There's still a lot of it, but there's not as much now."** (Stephen King: *The Rolling Stone Interview*.)

**source: water / ground, terrain & land**

**amount: water**

## archipelago (noun)

archipelago of enclaves

in Kosovo, most Serbs live in an ~ (Strpce, etc.)

archipelago of decency

they saw themselves as a small ~ in a rising sea of moral

pollution

**configuration: sea / island**

## architect (creation)

architect of apartheid

a statue of Hendrik Verwoerd, the ~ (South Africa)

architect of change

she was a legendary ~ (a feminist)

architects of the doctrine

the ~ remain its strongest defenders (military)

architect of (Iraq's) program

"Dr. Germ," the chief ~ for biological weapons (BW)

architects of the Final Solution  
Eichmann was one of the ~

architect of the war on terrorism  
he is the ~

deal's (chief) architect  
after the ~ was eased out... (hospital merger)

chief architect  
after the deal's ~ was eased out... (hospital merger)

**creation & transformation: infrastructure**

## area (territory)

my area  
biology isn't ~

**area: ground, terrain & land**

## arena (in / inside the arena)

in the mental health arena  
this has become an issue ~

in the legislative arena  
they would lose this battle ~

inside the legislative arena  
Republicans have the upper hand ~

in academic and professional arenas  
develop their languages for use ~

lose (this battle) in the legislative arena  
they would ~

**conflict: history / infrastructure / sports & games**

## arise (verb)

crisis (of enormous gravity) has arisen  
a ~

**growth & development: direction**

**appearance & disappearance: direction / verb**

## aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.)

aristocratic wines  
~ at democratic prices (commercial)

**superlative: royalty**

## arithmetic

parliamentary arithmetic  
Johnson faces exactly the same ~ (as Theresa May)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: number**  
**strategy: number**

## arm (twist arms, etc.)

twisted arms to limit  
behind the scenes, the US government ~...

twist some arms  
the President needs to ~

**coercion & motivation: arm / verb**

## arm (arm of an organization)

arm of the Kremlin  
as an ~, Gazprom usually gets its way

distribution arm  
Disney's ~, Buena Vista (movies)

commercial arm  
the Indian Space Research Organization has a ~

political arm  
the group's ~

evolved into an arm  
Teach for America has ~ of the charter-school movement

**division: arm**

## arm (right arm)

Arafat's right arm  
Abu Jihad was ~ (Kalil al-Wazir)

General Lee's right arm  
"Stonewall" Jackson was ~

strong right arm  
the Home Fleet was the ~ of Britain's naval power

**importance & significance: arm**

## arm (open arms)

open arms, hostility, and indifference  
US troops were greeted with ~

greeted us with open arms  
they ~

welcome them (back) with open arms  
we will ~ (rebellious soldiers)

♦ "This country has a history of opening its arms. Today, its arms were closed..." (Senator Barbara Boxer, on the failure of the Dream Act that would have given a path to citizenship to young migrants.)

**welcome: arm**

## arm (long arm)

long arm of Iran  
Hezbollah is the ~

long-arm statute  
they are subject to jurisdiction pursuant to Virginia's ~

♦ When workers stayed in boarding houses and ate communally in a dining room, they had to develop a "boardinghouse reach" or risk going hungry!

**coercion & motivation: arm**

**extent & scope: arm**

## arm (up in arms)

up in arms over rising crime  
the community is ~

got critics up in arms

her response only ~

**conflict: weapon**

## Armageddon

turned a Sunday afternoon into Armageddon  
the crane collapse ~

**destruction: allusion / Bible**

## armed

armed with the information  
~, officials tracked down the criminals

armed with a microscope  
~, he measured... (a scientist)

armed with her new mobility  
the child begins exploring the world ~

armed with vast computing power  
~, scientists will try to model a nuclear blast

armed (only) with her five senses  
she makes diagnoses ~ (doctor)

armed with (fresh) search warrants  
police arrived ~

armed with cash, good will, and local knowledge  
they practice "public diplomacy" ~

**help & assistance: military / weapon**

## armor (protection)

opponent's armor  
she uncovered a critical chink in her ~

chink in his armor  
she found a ~  
the one ~ has been... (an athlete)  
he has not been able to find a ~ (tennis)

**protection & lack of protection: Middle Ages / military / weapon**

## arm's length (at arm's length)

kept his daughter at arm's length  
he ~ (because she was a manipulative drug addict)

held at arm's length  
he was ~ by the US for years (an authoritarian leader)

**avoidance & separation: arm / distance**

## arm-twisting

a lot of arm-twisting  
his job requires a ~

**coercion & motivation: arm / violence**

## army

army of followers  
he'll have an ~ (Apolo Ohno at Olympics)

army of pastors  
evangelicals are spreading rapidly through an ~

army of people  
it takes an ~ to get you ready (Sandra Oh / Oscars)

army of statistics  
he bolsters his analysis with an ~

army of (volunteer) workers  
an ~ pounded nails (community playground)

army of zombies  
they band these computers together into an ~ (botnets)

army of Ph.D.s  
the vast ~ now roaming the universities

army of (poorly paid) migrant workers  
an ~ works in Saudi Arabia

**amount: military**

## arsenal (amount)

arsenal of medicines  
the ~ against biological weapons is limited

arsenal of (top-of-the-line) technology  
the team set out last month with an ~ (search team)

arsenal of tools  
their ~ for evaluating applicants (colleges)

arsenal of (fire-fighting) tools  
a growing ~

beauty arsenal  
the ~ you can count on (cosmetics)

growing arsenal  
there is a ~ of fire-fighting tools on the market

♦ On Sunday, January 27, 2002, an arms depot blew up on a military base in the densely packed Ikeja area of Lagos. A series of blasts shook the city, and chaos reigned as thousands fled, not knowing what was happening. At a canal several miles away, in the darkness, more than a thousand people drowned in a great crowd stampede. As is common in such stampedes, many of the victims were women and children.

**amount: weapon / military**

**help & assistance: weapon / military**  
**group, set & collection: weapon / military**

## artery (route)

artery  
the ~ poured across the US fueled development

artery on the (old) Silk road  
the street was an ~ (Jibek Joly in southern Kazakhstan)

artery of commerce  
the Mississippi River is an ~

arteries of (global) trade  
it is in all our interests that the ~ are kept free (shipping)

artery of water  
the canal is a life-giving ~ (agriculture)



clogged artery  
Boston's ~ (the Central Artery)

bustling artery  
the seventh floor overlooks a ~ (an avenue)

Central Artery  
the ~ is clogged with traffic day and night (Boston)

north-south artery  
Route One, a ~ (Jerusalem)

**route: blood**

**branching system: blood**

## ascent (on the ascent)

on the ascent  
India is ~ (militarily & economically)  
China is ~, and the US seems on the descent  
his career is ~ (an athlete)

seems to be on the ascent  
plagiarism ~

**growth & development: direction**  
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## ascent (with the ascent)

with the ascent of the Nazis  
her worst political fears came true ~

with the ascent of Chomsky  
linguistics changed drastically ~

**growth & development: direction**  
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## ascent (other)

ascent of his party  
the ~ to power in 1968 led to...

rapid ascent  
the company has seen a ~

slow the ascent  
action to ~ of their currencies

ascent, apogee and decline  
sport compresses life's natural trajectory of ~

**growth & development: direction**  
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## ashes (from the ashes)

from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire  
Turkey rose ~

from the ashes of apartheid  
~, Soweto is emerging as a vibrant place...

from the ashes of despair  
adoption is a miracle that arises ~

emerged from the ashes  
the League ~ of World War I

rose from the ashes  
the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ~ of WW II

**destruction / origin: fire**  
**amelioration & renewal: fire**

## ask (big ask, etc.)

big ask  
what you want is a ~  
asking for a change is a ~  
he is demanding government documents, a ~

big ask of Trump  
the Polish President went to Washington with a ~

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb to noun**

## asleep (adjective)

asleep  
all the governments are ~ (Middle East)  
♦ "I hope this film shakes people from their slumber." (Spike Lee.)

**consciousness & awareness: sleep**

## asleep (at the switch, etc.)

asleep at the switch  
the regulators were ~ (oil spill)

asleep at the wheel  
several Republican incumbents have been ~ (election)  
many states have been ~ (girls marrying too young in US)  
the World Health Organization was ~ (response to epidemic)

**consciousness & awareness: sleep**

**control & lack of control: sleep**

**failure, accident & impairment: sleep**

## assassination (character assassination)

character assassination  
to call him an anti-Semite is ~  
calling him a racist is ~

character assassination through silence  
inaction can be ~

right-wing character assassination  
the film is ~ masquerading as "history"

cleverly orchestrated character assassination  
the FBI conducted ~ (US)

anonymous character assassination  
early uses of the printing press included ~

political character assassination  
it was ~ (a script about John F. Kennedy)

posthumous character assassination  
the Jackson estate calls the HBO documentary a ~

cesspool of character assassination  
the Web site is a ~ (gossip site in rural towns)

victim of character assassination  
he was the ~

accused her of character assassination  
he ~

conduct character assassination  
I'm not trying to ~

used character assassination  
they ~ against him

smells of character assassination  
the criminal case against him ~

**accusation & criticism: speech / violence**

**speech: violence**

## **astray (direction)**

gone astray  
science has ~, gone off the rails, many times (Havana syndrome)

**failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction**

## **astronomical**

astronomical  
the odds are ~

astronomical prices  
the ~ of the so-called glamour health spas

astronomical (suicide) rate  
a nation plagued by an ~ (Japan)

astronomical sum  
this is an ~ (salary)

**size: astronomy**

## **atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere)**

in an atmosphere of suspicion  
they live ~

in an atmosphere of tension and gloom  
people resumed their lives ~ (after rioting)

in a post-Sept. 11 atmosphere  
security concerns ~

in a carnival atmosphere  
discussion should not have to be conducted ~

in a welcoming atmosphere  
have people come together ~ (party)

within the cloistered atmosphere  
she felt secure ~ (psychiatric ward)

in this highly charged atmosphere  
~ the bombings started (Saudi Arabia)

in a calm atmosphere  
~ we tend to win the debate (gay marriage)

in an (intensely) partisan atmosphere  
~, reform is very difficult (US Congress)

in a safe, discreet atmosphere  
exploring her girl/girl fantasies ~ (brothel)

**environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate**

## **atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.)**

atmosphere  
the ~ inside the MGM Grand arena was festive  
at the opening of the trial, the ~ was electric

atmosphere of acceptance  
promote an ~ for new staff members

atmosphere of (open) access  
an ~ at administrative buildings (pre-9/11)

atmosphere of (such sacred) ceremonies  
the spiritual ~ (Wicca)

atmosphere of distrust  
adding to the ~ was... (Middle East)

atmosphere of (funereal) gloom  
an ~

atmosphere of stereotypes  
an ~ among the restaurant workers (who tips)

atmosphere of tolerance  
the ~ he had seen on US television (towards gays)

atmosphere of trust  
they established an ~ (US company in China)

atmosphere of denial and repression  
an ~ (pedophilia and the priesthood)

atmosphere of hopelessness and poverty  
Gaza's ~

atmosphere of hostility and distrust  
the ~ (Middle East)

atmosphere of a (medieval) market-pilgrim town  
the old quarter had the ~ (Lhasa)

atmosphere at Central Command  
the ~ was one of confidence

atmosphere on the plane  
the ~ remained calm (hijacking)

carnival atmosphere  
there was a ~ (peaceful anti-war protest)

family atmosphere  
companies used to have a ~  
it's a ~ (Wild West Weekend at historic village)

party atmosphere  
a ~ had taken over  
the ~, the trinket booths (Gay Pride parades)

team atmosphere  
create a ~ (sports)

work atmosphere  
a ~ notorious for backbiting

classroom atmosphere  
he created a ~ in which we could say anything

hometown atmosphere  
creating a ~ for Atlanta's transplants (sports bars)

pressure-cooker atmosphere  
the accusations underscore the ~ in the region

anti-immigration atmosphere  
Sept. 11 has not yet led to a massive ~

accepting atmosphere  
Amigos in the Dominican Republic has an ~ (gays)

inviting atmosphere  
US's ~ makes terrorist activities inevitable

freewheeling atmosphere  
Krasnoyarsk's ~

electric atmosphere  
the ~ in the city when a pride event is in town

friendly atmosphere  
the ~ that originally drew foreigners to Wisconsin

liberal atmosphere  
Khujand had a surprising ~ (Tajikistan)

peaceful atmosphere  
preserving the ~ (synagogue after 9/11)

poisonous atmosphere  
a "~" has descended on the Times (firings)

supportive atmosphere  
this ~ (at a psychiatric hospital)  
a ~ for scholarly development (university)

toxic atmosphere  
political leaders have contributed to a ~ (politics)

volatile atmosphere  
it's a ~ (national outrage over child abuse by clergy)

carnival-like atmosphere  
a ~ outside the soccer stadium

cauldron-like atmosphere  
the energy of the crowd in the ~ (World Cup)

quiet, safe and orderly atmosphere  
promote a ~ (public library)

cost, taste and atmosphere  
~ are important in a restaurant

food, atmosphere, music  
~ (New Orleans)

size, location and atmosphere  
think about company ~ (looking for a job)

atmosphere prevails  
an accepting ~ throughout the Dutch Caribbean (gays)

enjoy that atmosphere  
some people don't ~ (Virgin Galactic vs. SpaceX)

poison the atmosphere  
fear and distrust can quickly ~ (epidemic)

♦ "For me to be here and to sample the atmosphere, I don't think I'll see or hear an atmosphere like this again. The atmosphere was just something that took my breath away... I have never seen anything like this before. I've played at Anfield when there is a superb atmosphere but this is something else, something special." (Alan Shearer on Liverpool's amazing victory against Barcelona in the Champion's League second leg semifinal.)

**environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate**

## atrophy (verb)

has atrophied  
its military capacity ~ (NATO)

**condition & status: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

**attenuation: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

**functioning: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## attached (attributed)

attached to depression  
there is a severe social stigma ~

attached to it  
cross burning has a history of racial intimidation ~

attached to that  
no undue significance should be ~

**attachment: materials & substances**

## attachment (noun)

attachment to him  
younger black folk have less of an ~ (older celebrity)

**acceptance & rejection: materials & substances**

## attack (under attack, etc.)

under attack  
the feeling in Egypt was that all Arabs were ~  
South Korean culture is ~ (insults about food)

under attack worldwide  
he read of how Muslims were ~

come under attack  
such practices have ~ as cruel to animals (cages)  
his methodology has ~

**accusation & criticism: military / weapon**

**conflict: military / weapon**

## attack (noun)

attacks on athletes  
personal ~ at games (fan abuse)

attacks on their self-esteem  
dealing with ~ and dignity (stereotypes, etc.)

attacks against Saudi Arabia  
he condemned Western media ~ (Abdullah)

attack ad

we are seeing ~s of every kind (election)

attack mode

she is in a real ~

media attack

he condemned Western ~s against Saudi Arabia

direct attack

under ~ you could use the quivering-lip approach

latest attack

this ~ stung local parole officials (calls to end system)

personal attacks

~ on athletes at games (fan abuse);

larding criticism or indulging in ~

fend off some (major) attacks

he has had to ~ (a politician)

**accusation & criticism: weapon**

## aura (noun)

aura of assertiveness

she projects an ~ and self-confidence

aura of prosperity

Turkish businessmen sported an irresistible ~

aura of an (18th-century English) landscape

the pond possesses the ~

aura of a shrine

the images in the hall add the ~ (SuAnne Big Crow)

aura of unreality

an ~ descended over the mountain (disaster)

aura of doom and gloom

an ~

archive's aura

the exhibit has an ~ of dense, ordered information

romantic aura

the pond possesses the ~ of s landscape portrait

projects an aura

she ~ of assertiveness and self-confidence

punctured Slater's aura

he ~ of invincibility (surfing)

**appearance: atmosphere**

## author (person)

author of his own misfortune

he fully accepts he was the ~ (arrested)

authors of our own life stories

we are not the ~ (addiction versus free will)

**creation & transformation: books & reading / person**

**person: books & reading**

## autopilot (on autopilot)

on autopilot

he's ~, his fingers go to the same place (gamer)

**behavior / consciousness & awareness: plane**

## autopsy (analysis)

autopsy of the Cuban vote

so what's your ~ in Florida (radio show)

♦ "So what's your autopsy of the Cuban vote in Florida?" (Asked by Lulu Garcia Navarro to her guest on NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, "The Cuban Vote in Florida," November 11, 2018.)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life**

## avalanche (noun)

avalanche of applications

it failed to prepare for an ~ (passports)

avalanche of (prejudicial) comment

the murder trial was nearly derailed by an ~ on social media

avalanche of data

an ~ given the Russians

avalanche of publicity

the disappearance triggered an ~ (Chandra Levy)

avalanche of (unfavorable) publicity

the ~ that resulted from... (politician)

avalanche of e-mail

his most recent column drew an ~ to Salon editors

avalanche picked up speed

as the ~... (calls for politician's resignation)

**amount & effect: avalanche / snow & ice**

## autumn (in the autumn)

in the autumn of his life

he was ~

**decline: season**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: season**

## avenue (portal)

avenue of advancement

India's dalits need a new ~

new avenue

India's dalits need a ~ of advancement

**portal: infrastructure**

## avenue (route)

avenue of attack

his wrongdoing gave lawyers an ~

fruitful avenue

this might be a ~ for further research

legal avenue

pursue all reasonable ~s

reasonable (legal) avenue  
pursue all ~s

all avenues  
Canada will pursue ~ to assist the jailed men

pursue (all legal) avenues  
we will ~

**route: infrastructure**

## awake (adjective)

awake to what happened  
everyone seems to be wide ~ (elections)

awake American  
he signs his posts, "an ~"

awake electorate  
the answer is reform and an ~

♦ Sam Sanders, in "Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep" (NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018) argues that the term *woke* has had its day and should be retired. Interestingly, nobody heard on the segment connects the term to *awake* from which the term must originate.

**consciousness & awareness: sleep**

## awaken (awareness)

awakened to the horrors  
on that day, the world ~ of apartheid (South Africa)\

awakening in Algeria, Sudan, Morocco, and Jordan  
Arab peoples are also ~ (after Tunisia, Egypt and Libya)

awaken people  
we're trying to do what we can to ~

people are awakening  
slowly the ~

**consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb**

## awaken (nature, etc.)

awakening from (its winter) sleep  
nature is ~

nature is awakening  
~ from its winter sleep

**resemblance: sleep**

## awakening

9/11 awakening  
part of it was a ~ (desire to "do more" for others)

religious awakening  
the ~ is partly an outgrowth of the war (Bosnia )

spiritual awakening  
she had a ~

**consciousness & awareness: sleep**

## awash

awash with (at least 10,000) floral bouquets  
the church is ~ (for murdered girls)

awash with weapons  
the Horn of Africa is ~

awash with corruption, venality and graft  
the government is ~

awash in allegations  
India is ~ of corruption

awash in cash  
the company is ~ and looking to buy

awash in flowers, firecrackers and fine foods  
Chinatown is ~ (Chinese New Year)

**amount & effect: water**

## AWOL

went AWOL  
the Federal government ~ (in defending a health act)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: military**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: military**

## ax (noun)

budget ax  
many state programs will succumb to the ~ (shortfall)  
the camp may fall to the ~ (for teens)

faces the ax  
the show still ~ (TV)

fall to the (budget) ax  
the camp may ~ (for teens)

succumb to the ax  
many state programs will ~ (budget shortfall)

taking an ax  
he is ~ to spending

**dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / tools & technology**

## ax (ax to grind)

ax to grind  
he just has an ~ (criticism)  
sometimes a source has an ~ (journalism)

ax to grind with the CIA  
he has an ~

an to grind with midwives  
many in traditional medicine have ~

ax to grind about something  
there are always going to be people with an ~

ideological ax to grind  
he has no ~ (a writer writing about capitalism)

personal ax to grind  
he has a ~ (a critic)

political axes to grind  
unions and companies often have ~

**punishment & recrimination: ax / blade**

## B

### baby (relationship)

his baby  
the Gulf of Mexico is ~

my baby  
this is ~ and I want to keep growing it (a business)  
it's ~ (Ferrari 458 Italia)

our baby  
this is ~ (fire spotter speaking of his tower)

♦ "I don't have kids but I feel that it's like letting your baby go and grow up. So she's on her next step before she goes up to the moon. And you have to do it." (Dafna Jackson, an advisor at SpacEL, after the *Beresheet* spacecraft was shipped to Cape Canaveral, to be launched into space by a Space X Falcon 9 rocket. Sadly, there was a glitch at the last moment, and the spacecraft crash-landed on the moon.)

**enthusiasm / relationship: baby**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: baby**

### baby (younger)

baby of the family  
I lost my brother, the ~ (his age was sixty-five)

**age: baby**

### baby (baby face, etc.)

baby face  
he grew a full beard to hide his ~

**appearance: baby / face**

### baby (vocative)

baby  
so tell me, ~, do you want me to...

honey, baby, sweetie  
he addresses me as ~ and other inappropriate names

**vocative: speech**

### babysitter (role)

babysitter for the world  
I'm tired of America being a ~ (illegal immigration)

electronic babysitter  
they were the perfect "~" (Disney animated films)

\$40,000-a-year baby-sitter  
I'm a ~ (an unhappy corrections officer)

**dependency: baby / family / person**

**person: baby**

### back (go back in time, etc.)

go back  
let's ~ to where it all began (a podcast)

go back in time  
walking backwards encouraged their mind to ~ (experiment)

go (too far) back in time  
I don't want to ~, but... (exposition)

transported audiences back in time  
he ~ (a singer)

takes you back in time  
a trip to Abkhazia ~ to the Soviet past

♦ "Five Ways you could become a memory champion" by Claudia Hammond, BBC, 29 March 2019, mentions an interesting experiment at the University of Roehampton that links the past (and memory) to actual physical backward movement.

**past & present: direction / journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb**

### back (verb)

back Obama  
will Hispanics ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position / verb**

### back (on the back, etc.)

getting rich on the backs  
publishers are ~ of libraries and academics

**allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position / verb**

### back (behind somebody's back)

behind her friend's back  
she went after him ~ (dated friend's boyfriend)

went behind my back  
he ~

whispered behind her back  
people ~

whispered "queer" behind his back  
people ~ (student)

badmouth your spouse behind his or her back  
don't ~

ridicule (negative) leaders behind their backs  
people typically ~

talk about bosses behind their backs  
if you want a promotion, don't ~ (gossip)

♦ "Out here, people had a smile on their face and a dagger behind their back." (Bigotry and discrimination.)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: back**

**subterfuge: back**

### back (scratch somebody's back)

scratch my back

you ~, I'll scratch your back (mutual aid and assistance)

**social interaction: back / verb**

### **back (back and forth)**

back and forth on that  
there has been a lot of ~ (political issue)

**position, policy & negotiation: movement**

### **back (pat on the back / verb)**

pat yourselves on the back  
you did well, ~ (praise)

**achievement, recognition & praise: back / gesture**

### **back (pat on the back / noun)**

pat on the back  
give yourselves a ~ (praise from teacher)

**achievement, recognition & praise: back / gesture**

### **back (off one's back)**

get off my back  
~ and leave me alone

get them off my back  
try and ~ (superiors)

**affliction: animal / back**

**oppression: animal / back**

**conflict: animal / back**

### **back (carry something on one's back)**

carried the team on his back  
he ~ (football player)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: back / burden / weight**

### **back (turn one's back)**

turned her back on Hollywood  
Jamie Lee Curtis ~ (chose to live elsewhere)

turned its back on the victims  
the West ~ (Rwanda genocide)

turned his back to anyone  
he never ~ who needed help (a priest)

**acceptance & rejection: back / verb**

### **back (break the back)**

backs of defenders  
the plan is designed to break the ~s (Baghdad)

break the backs  
the plan is designed to ~ of defenders (Baghdad)

break your back  
she'll ~ if you're not paying attention to her (basketball)

**destruction: back / verb**

### **back (back to the wall)**

backs are to the wall  
our ~

backs are (really) against the wall  
our ~ (sports tournament)

**survival, persistence & endurance: back**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: back**

### **back (vulnerability, attack)**

got your back  
I've ~

guard your back  
you've got to ~

watch your back  
~ (a warning)

watch his back  
he failed to ~ (leader deposed in coup)

watching my back  
it's good to know that you are ~ (protecting, supporting)

**protection & lack of protection: back**

### **back (get one's back up, etc.)**

got his back up  
a good bowler ~ and we couldn't stop him (Ashes cricket)

got my back up  
his tone just ~

got my back up about the request  
he ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / back / dog / verb**

**conflict: animal / back / dog / verb**

### **back away (verb)**

back away from the issue  
Democrats are starting to ~ (impeachment)

**avoidance & separation: verb / walking, running & jumping**

### **backbiting**

backbiting, exclusion, rumors  
girls use ~ (girls bullying girls)

**behavior: animal / back / predation**

**conflict: animal / back**

### **backbone (basis)**

backbone of Al Qaeda  
Uzbeks and other Central Asians are the ~ in the area

backbone of the (rebel) army  
the Dinka tribe, which formed the ~ (southern Sudan)

backbone of the company  
these people are the ~

backbone of the (Louisiana) economy  
shrimping is the ~ (oil spill)

backbone of (the Navy's) leadership  
surface warfare officers are the ~

backbone of his (political) party  
they are the ~

backbone of rigor  
in science, sharp criticism is the ~

Backbone of the World  
Native Americans called these jagged peaks the “~” (Glacier NP)

backbone and nervous system  
the Nile provides Egypt with a natural ~

financial backbone  
the oil pipeline serves as the ~ of the country

infrastructure backbone  
Amazon provides the ~ for major firms (servers)

transportation backbone  
Greyhound is the ~ for people who can't afford...

**bases: back**

### **backbone (branching system)**

backbone of the Kamchatka Peninsula  
the Sredinny Range, the ~

Guinean backbone  
Mount Nimba is part of the so-called ~ (Guinea)

**branching system: back**

### **backbone (courage)**

takes backbone  
for Republicans, it ~ to stand up to Trump

**courage & lack of courage: back**

**strength & weakness: back**

### **backbone (Devil's Backbone, etc.)**

Devil's Backbone  
the road is called El Espinazo del Diablo—the ~...

♦ There are Devil's Backbones in New Zealand, Ireland and South Africa.

**proper name: back**

### **backbreaking**

backbreaking labor  
a coal miner's capacity for ~

backbreaking shift  
after a ~ (at a nursing home)

backbreaking work  
~ for 50 cents a day (Africa)

backbreaking and dangerous (m)  
it was ~ labor (diamond mining)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: back**

### **back burner (on the back burner)**

on the back burner  
that all seems to be ~ now

on the budget back burner  
the environment is ~

remained on the back burner  
the tax issue ~ (politics)

sits on the back burner  
the climate-change issue ~ in Washington

put the issue on the back burner  
he ~ (a politician)

put on the back burner  
a lot of the department's works has been ~ (priorities)

**priority: direction / position**

**importance & significance: direction / position**

### **back burner (to the back burner)**

relegated to the back burner  
major problems have been ~ (Saudi Arabia)

pushed (climate) issues to the back burner  
the economic crisis has ~

**priority: direction / position**

**importance & significance: direction / position**

### **back down (verb)**

back down  
the compromise allows both politicians to ~  
she's an artist who won't ~ or bow to convention

backed down  
faced with a coup, the government ~  
the government ~ and commuted the death sentences

backing down  
she is holding her ground and not ~

back down from a confrontation  
analysts believe he will ~

refused to back down  
the protestors have ~

forced him to back down  
a political firestorm ~ (King)

backing down  
she is holding her ground and not ~

**dominance & submission: animal / back / gesture /**

**standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / back / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**conflict: animal / back / verb**



## backdrop (against a backdrop)

against that backdrop  
~, it's not a huge surprise (attack on consulate)

against the backdrop of the Cold War  
it was ~ that... (Eisenhower speech)

against a backdrop of (ongoing) violence  
negotiations go on ~ (Middle East)

**context: theater**

## backed

backed by Iran  
the rebels are ~

backed by the US  
he has been ~ and other countries (Guaido vs. Maduro)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position**

## backfire (verb)

backfire  
the campaign may succeed but it could also ~ (military)

"circle-the-wagons mentality" backfired  
the ~

**reversal: verb / weapon**

## background (fade into the background)

fade into the background  
many prefer to ~ (teen-model sites on Internet)

faded into the background  
the doctor-patient relationship has ~ (vs. money)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture / verb**

**appearance & disappearance: picture / verb**

**perception, perspective & point of view: picture / verb**

## backing (support)

backing from the university  
she received some ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position**

## backlash

backlash against (bilingual) education  
today in the climate of ~

anti-American backlash  
the government has struggled to prevent an ~ (Yemen)

climate of backlash  
today in the ~ against bilingual education

backlash has started  
the ~

sparked a backlash  
his crusade has ~ (make school lunches more healthful)

♦ A backlash against Facebook and technology has been referred to as a *techlash*.

**resistance, opposition & defeat / reversal: violence / whip**  
**hitting, slamming & lashing: violence / whip**

## backlog (amount)

backlog  
prolonging the process and swelling the ~ (visa requests)

backlog of cases  
the FBI has a huge ~ (security clearances)

backlog of planes  
because the weather will create a ~ waiting to land...

backlog of work  
the NTSB needs to move on to the ~ that...

paperwork backlog  
reducing the overall INS ~

processing backlog  
foster kids remain orphans due to a ~ (adoptions)

♦ The backlog is the large log at the back of a hearth

**amount / timeliness & lack of timeliness: fire**

## backpedal (verb)

backpedaling on key demands  
China has been ~ (trade dispute)

backpedals on (tax) pledge  
top Republican ~

back-pedal from his comments  
he continued to ~ (a politician / BBC)

**reversal: direction / mechanism / movement / verb**

## back seat (take a back seat)

take a backseat to my job  
my job and family began to ~

take a back seat to unseating  
issue must ~ the current president

**priority: direction / position**

**importance & significance: direction / position**

## backstabber

backstabber  
he's a ~, watch out  
he's the worst kind of ~, he poses as a friend

backstabber or turncoat  
being a ~ is offensive to most people

two-faced backstabber  
he's a ~

traitor, a backstabber and a fraud  
former fans have been waiting to call him a ~ (basketball)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: knife**

**behavior: knife**

**character & personality: knife**

## backstabbing

backstabbing

~ is an art (African politics)

back-stabbing and bad-mouthing

~ on the "Survivor" TV show

backstabbing and betrayal

~ remain a function of all our lives

**allegiance, support & betrayal: knife**

**behavior: knife**

## backstage (adjective)

backstage advisor

he remains a ~ to Putin

backstage contacts

there have been ~ between them (diplomacy)

backstage diplomacy

~ has turn to more open confrontation

backstage look

the documents and testimony provide a ~ at why...

backstage negotiations

approval of the nominations came after ~

backstage politics

the organization is rife with ~ (sports)

backstage role

the administration playing a ~ in trying to resolve...

he played a pivotal ~ in persuading...

backstage self

we have a private, ~, versus our public self

backstage political struggle

he settled the ~ by choosing... (UN)

backstage lobbying

there has been ~ by Washington (diplomacy)

backstage maneuvering

there has been a lot of ~ (diplomacy)

backstage wrangling

after weeks of ~, the Party has decided...

backstage policy making

he was a master of ~ (Labor Party)

operates backstage

he operates ~ (an athletic booster)

**concealment & lack of concealment: theater**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater**

## backtrack (go back in time)

backtrack

I think we have to ~ a bit (a history discussion)

**past & present: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## backtrack (reversal)

backtrack

the union has had to ~ on its demands

**reversal: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## back up (verb)

back up

let's ~ and get big picture for a second (NPR radio show)

**past & present: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## backward (adjective)

backward Turkey

Ataturk took a ~ and made it modern

backward tack

I am embarrassed by the ~ of this administration

backward traditions

the Prophet (PBUH) did his utmost to eradicate ~

culturally backward (m)

stoning takes place in remote and ~ areas

**progress & lack of progress: direction**

## backwards (progress)

step backwards

to me this seems like a huge ~

go backwards

we should not ~ down the road toward nuclear power

sliding backwards

we are ~ to a less enlightened time

move us backwards

the election will ~ economically

**progress & lack of progress: direction / movement**

## backwards (past)

go backwards

they want to ~ to a romanticized past that never existed

look backward

New Year's day is a time to ~ and forward

some ~ to a (reputedly) glorious past for answers

marching backwards

it feels like this country is ~ to the Middle Ages (religion)

**past & present: direction / movement**

## backwater (noun)

backwater

in 1831, Southampton County was a ~

backwater of the Office of International Affairs

he was transferred into the relative ~

long-ignored (rural) backwater

in ~s

remote backwater  
Darien remained a ~

rural backwater  
Darien remained a ~

sleepy backwater  
oil transformed Khartoum from a ~ to a modern city

stereotype of Turkey as an (agricultural) backwater  
the ~ persists

became a backwater  
there were a lot of other reasons that Spain ~ for so long

**isolation & remoteness: river**  
**progress & lack of progress: river**  
**center & periphery: river**

## backyard (in somebody's backyard)

in China's (own) backyard  
~, Southeast Asia...

in Russia's backyard  
Kyrgyzstan is ~ (politics, etc.)

**proximity: house**

## backyard (other)

backyard  
the Sunset Beach wave was my ~ (Hakman)

historical and rightful backyard  
China sees northeast Asia as its ~

not-in-my-backyard (m)  
this is one of those ~ issues (Nimby)

**proximity: house**

## badge (badge of honor)

badge of honor  
playing from memory is a ~ (pianists)

became a badge of honor  
the "one-percenter" label ~ (bikers)

tarnishes the badge  
this ~ we all wear proudly on our chests (bad cop)

wore his scorn as a badge of honor  
she ~

♦ The Medal of Honor is the US military's highest honor. Unlike other medals, it has never—arguably—been devalued. Two recipients—Desmond T. Doss and Thomas W. Bennett—were conscientious objectors.

**achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol**

## badger (verb)

badgered him  
the lawyer ~ (trial)

**speech: animal / verb**

## badlands (environment)

badlands of real life  
students leave the sanctuary of academe for the boorish ~

**environment: ground, terrain & land**

## baggage

baggage of marriage  
the ~ (gender, religion, culture, etc.)

baggage of the South  
the racial ~ (US)

baggage from his (ancestral) past  
each person comes into the world with ~ (race, religion, class, etc.)

baggage and attitude  
he dealt with all the ~ we had (poor kids)

complicated baggage  
soldiers take home some more ~ (from overseas)

generational baggage  
Boomers, Xers go to work carrying lots of ~

historical baggage  
the word *crusade* has largely shed its ~ in the West

political baggage  
the ~ of its anti-establishment origins (black studies)

pseudoscientific baggage  
*gay* had a long linguistic history and no ~ (vs. *homosexual*)

psychological baggage  
students can arrive with ~ (suicides at MIT)

racial baggage  
the ~ of the South (US)

a lot of baggage  
Biden has been around a long time and has a ~ (politics)

cultural and historical baggage  
the ~ that rugby lugs (in South Africa)

historical, cultural and religious baggage  
the ~ (of marriage)

social and economic baggage  
students with ~ (alternative school)

carrying (lots of generational) baggage  
Boomers, Xers go to work ~

freighted with (historical and cultural) baggage  
the N-word is ~ (racial epithets)

**history: burden / journeys & trips / weight**  
**oppression: weight**

## bailout (noun)

bailout  
~s are unpopular (of banks, national economies)

**survival, persistence & endurance: boat**  
**amelioration & renewal: boat**

### **bail out (save)**

bail out Mexico  
the IMF helped ~ in the 1990s

bailing out (big) banks  
the taxpayers are ~

bailed out the company  
the government ~ (with loans)

**survival, persistence & endurance: boat / verb**  
**amelioration & renewal: boat / verb**

### **bail out (leave)**

bailed out  
high-profile guests have ~ (attending a party)

bailed out of school  
he ~ in 2008 (an athlete)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane / verb**

### **bailed out**

bailed out by the EU and the I.M. F.  
Ireland was ~ in 2010

**survival, persistence & endurance: boat**  
**amelioration & renewal: boat**

### **bait (noun)**

bait  
the Iraqis didn't take the ~ (fire and expose themselves)

take the bait  
you can ~ or learn to pick your battles (relationships)

rise to the bait  
he refused to ~ (speech)

rises to the bait  
trolls ask stupid questions to see who ~ (Internet)

took the bait  
I made a nice feint and he ~ (chess)  
the news media ~ (picked up story that was not true)

**attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting**  
**pursuit, capture & escape / hunting**

### **bake (attach)**

baked delays into their schedules  
airlines have ~ instead of improving operations

**attachment: cooking**  
**identity & nature: cooking**  
**configuration: cooking**

### **baked (baked in / into)**

baked into that term  
some evangelicals don't like the assumptions that are ~

baked in the cake  
it was ~ (a man's vice)

**attachment: cooking**  
**identity & nature: cooking**  
**configuration: cooking**

### **balance (verb)**

balance the demands  
trying to ~ of work and family

balance a home and a career  
for women trying to ~

balance militancy versus moderation  
his speech had to ~ (MLK)

balance (energy) needs and the land  
an example for how to ~

balance security and synchronization  
~ (special operations / military)

balance civil liberties and national security  
how to ~ in a war on terror

balance tradition with changes  
Inuit leaders try to ~

balance the need (for openness) with national security  
policies to ~

balance the benefits against the difficulties  
you need to ~

balance the human cost against the cost to the animal  
we must ~

balance the need against the risks  
we must ~ (combat rescues)

balance their assignments against their safety  
photojournalists have to ~

how to balance  
an example for ~ energy needs and the land

struggling to balance  
young women ~ work and family priorities

trying to balance  
~ the demands of work and family

**equilibrium & stability: scale / verb**

### **balance (hang in the balance)**

hanging in the balance  
lives are ~ (tornado forecasting)

hangs in the balance  
Britain's future ~ (elections)

hung in the balance  
his life ~ (penalty phase of trial)

**fate, fortune & chance: equilibrium & stability / scale**

## balance (off balance)

kept the actors off-balance  
he ~ by interrupting their line readings (film)

keep the enemy off balance  
try to ~

throw the Soviets off balance  
an assault to ~ and regain the initiative

throws the show off balance  
his realistic portrayal ~ (a play)

throw the system off balance  
it will ~ (the body)

**readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability / scale**

**disruption: equilibrium & stability / scale**

**equilibrium & stability: scale**

**flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / scale**

## balance (out of balance)

out of balance  
in a person with depression, these chemicals are ~  
my priorities and life are ~

wildly out of balance  
the sauce was ~, overloaded with... (food)

woefully out of balance  
the system is ~ (politics)

priorities are out of balance  
our societal ~

values (as a nation) are (sadly) out of balance  
our ~

swung (way) out of balance  
the financial sector has ~

**equilibrium & stability: scale**

**flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability**

## balance (work and job, etc.)

balance in my life  
the ocean represents ~ (Ken Bradshaw / surfer)

balance between modesty and sexiness  
aim to strike a ~

work / life balance  
the generations disagree on authority, teamwork, ~  
workers who value a ~  
know your limits to maintain a happy ~ and avoid burnout

wholeness, balance, wellbeing, health  
pay attention to your ~ (Hozho)

keeps his balance  
he ~ by leaving his work behind when he returns home

strike a balance  
aim to ~ between self-denial and overindulgence

**equilibrium & stability: scale**

## balance (noun)

balance of chemicals  
restoring the normal ~ in the brain (antidepressants)

balance of the region  
the dams would disrupt the ecological ~

balance of freshwater and saltwater  
a dike collapse could destroy the delicate ~ (estuary)

balance of stability and flexibility  
the ankle joint is designed for a ~

balance between existence and annihilation  
the ~ was precarious (Homer)

balance between stability and mobility  
the elbow joint displays an elegant ~

balance between racing and safety  
you have to find a ~ (5 Oceans race)

balance between usability and security  
the ~ is a tricky one (computers)

fluid balance  
her ~ needs to be restored (medicine)

trade balance  
control the ~

basic balance  
the ~ of sweet, salty, sour, and bitter (Cambodian cuisine)

delicate balance  
a dike collapse could destroy the ~ of fresh / saltwater

ecological balance  
the dams would disrupt the ~ of the region

fragile balance  
the ~ between production and conservation (natural gas)

sense of balance  
we must restore a ~ to the debate (energy / conservation)

checks and balances  
she didn't go through the regular process of ~ (corruption)

balance (of the Supreme Court) has shifted  
now that the ~

attain a balance  
~ between mission accomplishment and environmental  
protection (war)

destroy the (delicate) balance  
a dike collapse could ~ of fresh and saltwater (estuary)

find a balance  
you have to ~ between racing and safety (Velux 5)

restore balance  
a decrease in OPEC's output would be needed to ~

strike a balance  
~ between what is possible and what is probable (combat)

**equilibrium & stability: scale**

## balanced

balanced approach

- a ~ for the listing of adult items on eBay
- a ~ might involve asking... (race, genes and disease)

balanced budget (m)

the ~ amendment

balanced diet

- a ~ might not be on the menu

balanced perspective

- it is important to have a ~ (safety and study abroad)

balanced and responsible (m)

- a ~ approach to development (Arctic)

racially balanced (m)

- the show has a ~ cast (theater)

fair and balanced (m)

- ~ news

**equilibrium & stability: scale**

## balance of power

balance of power

- naked aggression to change the ~ (political)

balance of power between professor and student

- the ~ is so slanted (dating)

balance of power in Kashmir

- it would have no impact on the ~

shift in the balance of power

- there's a ~ (relationships)

impact on the balance of power

- it would have no ~ in Kashmir

**equilibrium & stability: scale**

## balk (verb)

balked at publishing

- the network ~ his report

balking at (high sticker) prices

- consumers are ~ (auto buying)

**eagerness & reluctance: horse / verb**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: horse / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / verb**

## balkanization (noun)

instance of balkanization

- the term LGBTQIAA+ is a clear ~ (Jonathan Rauch)

**division & connection: ground, terrain & land / history**

## ball (play ball)

play ball

- it is often good politics to ~

played ball

- he would never have ~, he was a man of integrity

play ball with the Kremlin

- you either ~, or... (business)

play ball with (party) leaders

- many candidates refuse to ~ in Washington

play ball with me

- if you ~, I'll play ball with you

play ball with newspapers

- WikiLeaks may be willing to ~ for now, but...

willing to play ball

- she may be ~

need to play ball

- the unions ~ (local hiring)

refused to play ball

- he has ~ with the EPA (politics)

get Republicans to play ball

- Democrats are struggling to ~

**social interaction: sports & games / verb**

**unanimity & consensus: sports & games / verb**

## ball (drop the ball)

dropped the ball on this case

- a lot of agencies ~ (serial killer)

**failure, accident & impairment: ball / sports & games / verb**

## ball (ball in somebody's court)

ball is in your court

- the ~

**social interaction: ball / sports & games**

**position, policy & negotiation: ball / sports & games**

**action, inaction & delay: ball / sports & games**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball / sports & games**

## ball (take one's eye off the ball)

took his eye off the ball

- some people think Obama ~ (rising unemployment)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: sports & games / verb**

**consciousness & awareness: sports & games / verb**

## ball (get the ball rolling, etc.)

get the ball rolling

- we need to ~
- this is a good investment to ~
- sometimes it takes a gentle nudge to ~
- he made attempts to ~ on this very thing

keep the ball rolling

- to ~, we must...

started the ball rolling

- he ~, and other businesses followed suit

CO2 may have ~, but... (global warming)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / verb**

## balloon (verb)

ballooned

the number of women (in prisons and jails) has ~

ballooning

the debt is ~

long-term unemployment is ~

balloon

as our entitlement commitments ~

ballooned into Wall Street's biggest crisis

the credit squeeze ~ since...

ballooned to \$14.4 billion

the price tag has ~ (military project)

**increase & decrease: atmosphere / balloon / verb**

## balloon (noun)

helium balloon

he punctured the ~ of the stock's soaring price

**increase & decrease: atmosphere / balloon / verb**

## ballooning

ballooning (pension) costs

he blames the problem on ~

ballooning (national) debt

voters are alarmed by the ~

ballooning deficit

the state is faced with a ~

ballooning demand

~ for oil is bound to be disruptive

ballooning (Medicaid) expenses

government officials look to curb ~

ballooning problem

this spotlights the ~

ballooning trade surplus

China has a ~ with the US

ballooning (cost) overruns

the State Department agency tried to hide ~

**increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon**

## ballgame (different ballgame)

different ballgame

piracy is a ~

different ballgame

it's a ~ when you don't...

**taxonomy & classification: sports & games**

## ballgame (new ballgame)

whole new ballgame

we're in a ~

online journalism is a ~

**situation: sports & games**

## ballistic

go ballistic

people will ~ when they read that...

went ballistic

she ~ (upset and angry)

she confronted her husband with the pictures and ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: rocket**

## balm (noun)

balm for the afflictions

his wisdom is a ~ of our age (a poet)

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## banana (noun)

banana skin

he's a potential ~ (boxer speaking of tough next opponent)

♦ "I slip on a banana peel, that's tragedy. You slip on a banana peel, that's comedy." (Attributed to Charlie Chaplin.)

**failure, accident & impairment: fruits & vegetables**

## Band-Aid (noun)

Band-Aid

if it's real and it isn't just a ~... (a proposed program)

band-aid solution

this a just a ~ for a much deeper problem

put a Band-Aid on a bullet wound

we'll always ~ (social justice)

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

**substance & lack of substance: health & medicine**

## bandwagon (noun)

jumped on the bandwagon

I ~, repeating the things being said around me (regret)

leaped onto the bandwagon

the TV industry also ~ (3-D)

**unanimity & consensus: music**

## bane (noun)

bane of my life

the spinal brace quickly became the ~ (injured back)

greatest bane

corruption is the single ~ of our society

♦ Bane relates to poison, and black henbane is a poisonous plant. Poison plants have had a long relationship to public health, animal husbandry, traditional medicine, witchcraft, and even murder.

**affliction: plant**

## bang (with a bang)

ended with a bang

the tournament ~, not a whimper

finish (out his career) with a bang

Tapia has a chance to ~ by... (boxer)

go out with a bang

the players wanted their coach to ~ (by winning)

apparently he wanted to ~ (mass shooter)

hit home with a bang

reality ~

kicking the year off with a bang

deal makers are ~ (mergers)

opens with a bang

the play ~, as...

opened with a bang

the film ~ (good revenues)

returned with a bang

he ~ (athlete has great day)

start (out) with a bang

I wanted to ~, so I...

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound**

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound**

## bang (bang for the buck)

bang for the buck from Special Operations

the coalition gets plenty of ~ (war)

little bang for the buck

the report concluded subsidies offered ~

more bang for the buck

employers will get ~ from this program

most bang for the buck

the president will focus on getting the ~ from...

nutritional bang for the buck

greens offer ~

get more bang for the buck

at Wall-Mart, you get more ~

**cost & benefit: sound**

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound**

## banished

banished to the bullpen

he has been ~ (a pitcher)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: society**

**acceptance & rejection: society**

## banishment (noun)

banishment of Brandon from the team

the ~ is complete hypocrisy (a religious honor code)

banishment from the hall

plagiarism can result in the ~ of academe

banishment from the league

it is time to end his ~ (a disgraced athlete)

result in banishment

plagiarism can ~ from the halls of academe

**dismissal, removal & resignation: society**

**acceptance & rejection: society**

## bankrupt (adjective)

bankrupt defense

it's a ~ (blaming victim for hate crime)

intellectually bankrupt

our way of managing parole supervision is ~

morally bankrupt

placating terrorists is ~

**worth & lack of worth: money**

## banner (carry a banner)

carry the banner of the National Front

she intends to ~ into the 21st century

carrying a banner for female athletes

she is ~ (Annika Sorenstam)

carrying a banner for black directors

he said he was not ~ (playwright)

**representation: flags & banners / verb**

## banner (under the banner)

under the banner of the ruling party

both men will contest the election ~

under the banner of the IMU

armed men ~ invaded Tajikistan

**allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners**

## banner (behind the banner)

behind the banner of reparations

they hoped to unite the community ~ (protest)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners**

## banner (banner of Islam, etc.)

banner of Islam

the youth must hold aloft the ~ (King Abdullah)

hold aloft the banner

the youth must ~ of Islam (King Abdullah)

hide behind the banner

scoundrels ~ of patriotism

wave the banner

they ~ of religion



♦ NO WAR; TAKE YOUR WAR AND GO TO HELL; BUSH, BLAIR and BERLUSCONI—ASSASSINS; NOT IN MY NAME... (Banners at an march in Florence, during which 300,000 marched to protest the Iraq War.)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners**

## banner (size)

banner ad

for 10,000 visitors, I made \$330 per ~ (Internet)

banner headline

the newspaper ran a ~ declaring...

~s trumpeted the news

banner weekend

it was a ~ for HBO this weekend (many viewers)

banner year

2000 was a ~ for genomics

**size: flags & banners**

## baptism

baptism by fire

it was my ~ (new teacher)

baptism of fire

Salk referred to his time with Francis as a "~"

**experience: religion / water**

## baptized

baptized in fire and blood

you have been ~ and come out steel (combat)

get baptized

you ~ pretty quickly in this business (death-penalty law)

**experience: religion / water**

## bar (bar is set high, etc.)

bar

the ~ is set so high for him (performance)

the ~ is down to "don't do dumb stuff"

**difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games**

## barbaric (behavior)

barbaric power

the people are under the boot of ~

reckless and barbaric

the ~ attack (use of Novichok in England)

**behavior: history**

## bare (lay bare)

lays bare the (latent) anti-Semitism

the vandalism ~ that still exists in society

laid bare the challenge

the incident has ~ of the alliance (US / Pakistan)

laid bare the whirlpool

his murder ~ of religious violence and extremism

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb**

## bare (laid bare)

laid bare in the (feisty TV) debate

the candidates' divisions were ~ (politics)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb**

## bare (verb)

bared the excesses

the rally ~ of his movement

bare the secrets

the press can ~ of government and inform people

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb**

## bare-bones

bare-bones budget

we want to have a ~ (saving money)

bare-bones care

under the plan, seniors will get ~ (health)

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## bare-knuckled (adjective)

bare-knuckled approach

he took a ~ the rarified world of art criticism

bare-knuckles work

she counted votes and did the ~ that was needed (politics)

**conflict / violence: boxing**

## bark (verb)

barked

"Look up," he ~

barked at them to stop

the policeman ~

barked at Rodriguez for running

he ~ over his mound (baseball)

bark commands at the TV

people ~ (voice commands)

**speech: animal / dog / verb**

**sound: animal / dog / verb**

## barnstorm (verb)

barnstorming the state

they have been ~ (politicians)

barnstorming for months

after ~... (a politician)

**message: plane / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: plane / verb**

## **Barnum**

modern-day P. T. Barnum

he is sort of a ~ (an arena builder and promoter)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: allusion / circus / person**

## **barometer (noun)**

barometer of their abundance

but the catch rate provides a ~ (sharks)

barometers of change

public tours serve as ~ (limited after 9/11)

barometer of (poor) nutrition

childhood anemia, a ~, is higher in India than China

barometer for his team

he has been a ~ (when he is good, team is good)

career barometer

actors used the show as a ~ (Law and Order)

closely watched barometer

the index is a ~ of home prices

**measurement: tools & technology**

## **barometer (Arab Barometer, etc.)**

bared the excesses

the rally ~ of his movement

bare the secrets

the press can ~ of government and inform people

**proper name: tools & technology**

## **barrage (noun)**

barrage

no software can eliminate the ~ (popup ads / computers)

barrage of combinations

he reshaped his nose with a ~ (boxing)

barrage of (graphic) pictures

Saudis get a ~ of Palestinians suffering...

barrage of questions

I was subjected to a ~

his ~ barely left time for answers

♦ The rolling barrage was developed in World War I to provide what is described nowadays as "shock and awe" for attacking infantry soldiers.

**amount & effect: military / weapon**

## **barrel (at the bottom of the barrel)**

at the bottom of the barrel

I did my time ~ (worst job assignment)

finish at the bottom of the barrel

we ~ every year (a sports team)

stuck at the bottom of the barrel

I'm ~ (pay scale)

**hierarchy: position**

## **barrel (verb)**

barreled up the Eastern Seaboard

the hurricane ~

**movement: force / verb**

## **barricade (storm the barricades)**

storm the barricades

it's worth it to try and ~ (taking illegal vans in NYC)

stormed the barricades

he ~, time and again (to hold the church accountable)

storm the barricades of racism

many left their studies to ~ (Martin Luther King)

storm the barricades of (male) resistance

women have to ~

storm the barricades for him

many are ready to ~ (support for an embattled politician)

certain to storm the barricades

shareholders will be ~ (losing money)

ready to storm the barricades

she casts herself as an outsider, ~ (a politician)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: history / verb**

## **barrier**

barriers to access

~ in that market are extremely costly (trade)

barriers to (foreign) ownership

lower ~ of local industries

barriers to participation

a meet with the theme of overcoming ~ (climbing)

barriers to (import) penetration

~ in Japan

barrier between animals and humans

influenza could hop the ~

barriers and stereotypes

coming out and tearing down ~ in "macho" professions

age barrier

no ~, no height bar, no gender gap

class barrier

~s are deepening cultural and racial ones

color barrier

broke rugby's ~ in 1976

gender barrier

she broke a ~ (first Division I female football player)

pain barrier

practicing through the ~ (musicians)

research barrier  
by easily being able to grow the cells, he overcame a ~

trade barriers  
the lowering of ~ (globalization)

cultural barrier  
despite language and ~s, people came together (protest)  
people struggle to communicate across ~s

legal barrier  
~s to correcting injustices (death-penalty cases)

racial barrier  
it helped to bring down some ~s (basketball)

socioeconomic barrier  
debate over the ~ facing black boys (education)

linguistic, cultural and psychological barriers  
immigrants face many ~

lowering of (trade) barriers  
the ~ (globalization)

glass ceilings and other barriers  
~ barring women

stereotypes and other barriers  
trying to break down ~ (foreigners)

broke (a lot of) barriers  
she ~ (a famous woman)

lower these barriers  
20 states have passed laws to ~ (expunging criminal records)

overcame a (research) barrier  
by easily being able to grow the cells, he ~

put up (new) barriers  
as many European countries ~ (against immigrants)

bring down some (racial) barriers  
it helped to ~ (basketball)

break down (racial) barriers  
how to ~ in France

get past the sex barrier  
how do I ~ with guys (she waits, he loses interest)

communicate across (cultural) barriers  
people struggle to ~

**obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land**  
**division & connection: ground, terrain & land**

**baseline**

baseline level  
it drops to ~s (a hormone)

baseline measurement  
exposures may be difficult to interpret without ~

baseline poverty  
will Haiti return to ~ (after earthquake)

baseline study  
tedious ~s

baseline of how  
we do need a ~ things have been in the past (polar ice)  
♦ A baseline relates to land surveying.

**analysis, interpretation & explanation / measurement: surveying**

**basement (hierarchy)**

in the basement for (high-school) graduates  
we're now ~ (US education and the OECD)

**hierarchy: direction**

**basement (concealment)**

internet's dirty basement  
if you peer into the ~ (conspiracy theories, fake news)

**concealment & lack of concealment: house**

**bash (verb)**

bashing the democrats  
the president has been ~ on immigration

bash opponents  
"white privilege" is used as a political weapon to ~

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / verb / violence**  
**speech: fist / verb / violence**  
**accusation & criticism: fist / verb / violence**

**bashing (noun)**

Arab bashing  
the rising tide of ~ in America (post 9/11)

Guat-bashing  
the crimes have a chilling street name, "~" (Guatemalans)

Islam bashing  
the rising tide of ~ in America  
detractors describe her comments as "~" (Ayaan Ali)

business-bashing (m)  
this will dispel the ~ image of Obama (politics)

gay-bashing  
issues include AIDS and ~  
he thought he'd be safe from ~ (high-school student)

gay-bashing (m)  
the ~ televangelist was arrested in a public toilet

man bashing  
some women are uneasy with ~

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / violence**  
**speech: fist / violence**

**bask (verb)**

basked in the glow  
she ~ of being a global business celebrity

bask in the prestige  
major cities ~ of the Olympics

bask in that smile  
she knows what it feels like to ~ (of a handsome man)

basking in (an Olympic) triumph  
the U.K. is ~

basking in his victory  
on a hot day, Boris Johnson is ~ (new Prime Minister)

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / atmosphere /  
temperature / verb**  
**behavior: animal / atmosphere / temperature / verb**

## **basket case**

basket case  
Haiti has not always been a ~  
from the standpoint of manufacturing, America is a ~  
the economy is not a ~  
he considered the company a ~ (an executive)

basket-cases of Central Asia  
the two ~, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

Europe's basket case  
Ireland used to be ~

economic basket case  
Spain is an ~  
North Korea is now an ~, propped up by China

emotional basket case  
the whole experience left me an ~

international basket case  
Kissinger described Bangladesh as an ~

♦ A basket case is a person who has had all limbs amputated. Its date of inclusion in dictionaries—1919—means it probably references soldiers severely wounded in World War I.

**functioning: health & medicine**  
**ability & lack of ability: health & medicine**  
**condition & status: health & medicine**

## **bastion**

bastion of elitism  
he views golf courses as a ~ (Chavez)

bastion of (racial) exclusivity  
the sorority is a ~

bastion of (southern male) privilege  
the private club was once a ~

bastion of religion  
Poland is a ~

bastions of free speech  
universities are no longer ~

bastion of tradition and authority  
the university is a ~

bastion for the militia

the neighborhood is a ~

Democratic bastion  
Chicago is a ~

last bastion  
Las Vegas casinos are the ~ for smokers  
public-employee unions are the ~ of labor strength

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

## **bat (go to bat for somebody)**

go to bat for him  
nobody will ~ (a dictator under siege)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: sports & games**

## **baton (pass on the baton)**

passed on the baton to them  
Tony Pike ~ (running a hotel on Ibiza)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games**  
**transmission: sports & games**

## **baton (drop the baton)**

dropped the baton  
the company ~ on this

**failure, accident & impairment: sports & games**

## **batten (batten down)**

battened down  
people have ~ (for a hurricane)

**protection & lack of protection: boat / storm**  
**readiness & preparedness: boat / storm**  
**survival, persistence & endurance: boat / storm**

## **batter (verb)**

battered the city  
the hurricane ~ (New Orleans)

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / verb / violence**

## **battery (recharge one's batteries)**

recharge my batteries  
I make sure I take time to ~  
I asked for a leave of absence to ~

recharge his batteries  
he resigned unexpectedly, saying he wanted to ~  
he travels to South America to ~

recharge his batteries in the US  
he will ~ (soccer star)

**amelioration & renewal: electricity**

## **battery (amount)**

battery of tests  
he took a ~

**amount: weapon**

## **battle (verb)**

battled (in vain) to contain  
as fire-fighters ~ it (museum fire)

battling the swarms with insecticide  
authorities are ~ sprayed from airplanes (locusts)

battled for her life  
she ~ on Sunday after a man shot her

battle for supremacy  
cartels ~ in South Africa's taxi wars

battle against a (false) sense of complacency  
we must ~

battled addiction  
she has ~ all her life (an actor)

battled alcoholism  
he ~ as a teen

battles (severe) asthma  
he ~, which gets worse in stressful situations

battled the fire  
for three hours we ~ (grass fire)

battled (ice-glazed) roads  
commuters ~ (freezing rain)

battled the spread  
critics have ~ of agricultural biotechnology

battling the (locust) swarms  
authorities are ~ with insecticide sprayed from airplanes

battled windchills  
they ~ of 20 below (North Dakota)

battle trafficking  
Irmi Basu and her center ~ (sex / Calcutta)

battled in vain  
as fire-fighters ~ to contain it... (museum fire)

cartels battle  
~ for supremacy in South Africa's taxi wars

**conflict: military / verb**

**battle (noun)**

battle  
for Japan, the ~ is one of national pride (whaling)  
learn to pick your ~s (disciplining a toddler)

battle to curb  
government's ~ the influence of graft (Serbia)

battles of identity  
in ~, language often becomes the front line (Berbers)

battle of wills  
expect another ~ all the way to the final wall (swimming)

battle of (former) champions  
it was a ~ (boxing)

battle of the sexes  
the theme of "I Love Lucy" was the basic ~

battles of the next generation  
the civil rights ~ (animal rights)

battle against AIDS  
celebrate the small victories in the ~

battle against assimilation  
the age-old ~

battle against (entertainment) violence  
a turning point in the ~

battles with (drug and alcohol) abuse  
Ramone discussed his ~

battle with alcoholism  
he had fought a long ~ (a suicide)

battle with AIDS  
she told in a quiet voice of her ~

battle with cancer  
a near-fatal ~

battle with Congress  
a new front in the President's ~ is opening

battles with unions and regulators  
waging fierce ~

battle over the land  
a lengthy court ~

battle over (reproductive) rights  
the ~ (abortion)

battle over the terms  
a legal ~ of the agreement

battle over the best method  
the so-called reading wars—the ~ of teaching reading

battle between his (warring) parents  
trapped in the ~

battle between defenders and detractors  
the ~ of the traditional canon (literature)

battle between the school system, county  
the ongoing budget ~

battle for answers  
the one last battle, the ~ (Agent Orange)

battle for the championship  
their ~ (basketball)

battles for (championship) crowns  
their epic ~

battle for minds  
this is a ~ (post 9/11)

battle for public opinion  
losing the ~

battle for the thermostat  
 the ~ is waged in offices and homes across the nation

battle scars  
 showing off ~ (football players)

government's battle  
 the ~ to curb the influence of graft (Serbia)

budget battle  
 an ongoing ~ between the school system, county

court battle  
 a long-running ~

custody battle  
 he was the object of a fierce ~

development battle  
 on the losing side of ~s

divorce battle  
 a bizarre last chapter in a ~ (townhouse explodes)

election battle  
 he is facing a difficult ~ (Germany)

epic battle  
 their ~s for championship crowns (sports)  
 he had an ~ with a mako (fishing)  
 their ~ Saturday night (Ward vs. Gatti / boxing)

kite battle  
 it's time for the rokkaku ~ (kite festival)

turf battles  
 ~ likely to ensue (federal agencies)

visitation battle  
 ~s involving grandparents

textbook battles  
 ~ are legendary in Texas

public relations battle  
 but is losing the ~

VHS-Beta battle  
 the ~ at the beginning of the video era

coming battle  
 he doesn't have any illusions about the ~ (legislative act)

ongoing (budget) battle  
 an ~ between the school system, county

long-running battle  
 the ~ over the rights of ...

pitched battle  
 his entering the race could lead to a ~ for the progressive vote

annual (funding) battles  
 ~ on Capital Hill

bitter battles  
 she resigned last June after four years of ~ (university)

daily battles  
 there are ways to diffuse ~ and teach your toddler

endless battle  
 toilet training doesn't have to be an ~

ferocious battle  
 a ~ is being waged in California (same-sex marriage)

fierce battle  
 waging ~s with unions and regulators

judicial battle  
 this is the latest development in an ongoing ~

legal battle  
 a ~ over the terms of the agreement;  
 animal-rights groups have had ~s with the federal government

lengthy (court) battle  
 a ~ over the land

nightly battle  
 how can I get my toddler to brush her teeth without a ~

long, hard battle  
 it's been a really ~ for me (cancer survivor)

age-old battle  
 the ~ against assimilation

near-fatal battle  
 a ~ with cancer

day in, day out battle  
 a ~ with beavers

David-and-Goliath battle  
 waging a ~ against Time Warner

heat-of-the-battle (m)  
 in the ~ racing (NASCAR)

object of a (fierce custody) battle  
 he was the ~

them-vs.-us battle  
 it's a ~

aspect of the battle  
 redirected their attention to another ~ (anti-whaling)

epicenter of that battle  
 Birmingham became the ~ (for civil rights)

object of a (fierce custody) battle  
 he was the ~

years of (bitter) battles  
 she resigned last year after four ~ (university)

in the (President's) battle  
 a new front ~ with Congress is opening

turning point in the battle  
 a ~ against entertainment violence

tantrums and battles

~ (toddlers)

facing a (difficult election) battle  
he is ~ (Germany)

lose this battle  
they would ~ in the legislative arena

pick your battles  
learn to ~ (disciplining a toddler)

**conflict: military**

## **battle (uphill battle, etc.)**

long battle  
he had fought a ~ with alcoholism (a suicide)

uphill battle  
it will be an ~ (political reform)  
small businesses have faced an ~ (online vending)

facing an uphill battle  
they are ~ (politics)

fought a (long) battle  
he had ~ with alcoholism (a suicide)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: military**

## **battle cry**

battle cry  
an oft repeated ~ of the anti-chain lobby (books)

**conflict: military**

## **battleground**

battlegrounds of discontent  
China's hospitals have become ~ (poor service)

battlegrounds in the (drug) business  
hepatitis C is one of the fiercest ~ (drug development)

battleground for the future  
the Gulf of Mexico is the ~ of offshore oil drilling

battlegrounds for (freedom of speech) issues  
college campuses are ~

battleground state  
Ohio is a crucial ~ (elections)

latest battleground  
green spaces are the ~ in the disputer (development)

become a battleground  
the state has ~ over the issue (abortion)

**conflict: military**

## **bay (at bay)**

keep oil drilling at bay  
we need to ~

kept at bay  
the modern world can't be ~ forever

remains at bay  
inflation ~ (economy)

keep his furies at bay  
he works hard to ~ (troubled ex-boxer)

♦ This refers to the barking of dogs as they prevent a stranger from approaching a cabin, or force a bear to climb a tree.

**avoidance & separation: dog**

## **beacon (noun)**

beacon of hope  
the center will be a ~ (Muhammad Ali Center)  
the school is a ~ (in deprived Detroit neighborhood)

beacon of justice  
the center's reputation as a ~ had taken some hits (Southern Poverty Law Center)

beacons of faith and optimism  
the old prairie churches were ~ (US)

beacon of liberty  
the US is a ~, freedom and opportunity

beacon for (high-achieving) students  
the school is a ~ (high school)

♦ In a project that brought ancient Roman history to life, 500 flaming beacons were lit along the 84-mile-length of Hadrian's wall, from Tyneside to the Cumbrian coast.

**direction: fire / journeys & trips**

## **beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)**

Le Bec d'Aigle  
~ is a giant rock overlooking the calanque (Eagle's Beak)

Parrot's Beak  
the ~ juts into Vietnam from southeast Cambodia  
the Mano River flows through the ~ area of Guinea

**proper name: bird**

## **beak (area)**

Eagles Beak  
the ~ is a natural arch in Arizona

**area: shape**

**shape: bird**

## **bear (a weight, etc.)**

bear  
the death of a child is almost too much to ~

**affliction: burden / verb / weight**

**oppression: burden / verb / weight**

## **bear (bear fruit, etc.)**

bore fruit  
their protests ~ only after...

bearing fruit  
the development program appears to be ~

Bears Fruit

War on Piracy ~

**product: fruits & vegetables / verb**

## **bear (bear pit)**

bear pit of the House of Commons  
she stands tall in the ~

transformed the ring into a bear pit  
he ~ and bullied his rival (boxing)

**conflict: animal / violence**

## **bearbaiting**

form of (human) bearbaiting  
a judge summed up the show as a ~ (Jeremy Kyle Show)

**conflict: animal / violence**

## **bearing (direction)**

find his bearings  
he spent two months trying to ~ and a job (new city)

lose your bearings  
when you're homeless, you kind of ~

losing its bearings  
the city is ~, it's heritage (development)

lost her bearings  
she ~ in the pursuit of fame

get his bearings  
it took him a while to ~ (a new job)

get his bearings back  
it took him a while to ~ (stunned boxer)

regain my bearings  
after the birth of my first child, it took me time to ~

**direction: journeys & trips / tools & technology**

## **beast (insult)**

wild beast  
those ~s shot you in the back (said at a funeral)

**insult: animal**

## **beast (different beast, etc.)**

complex beasts  
modern airliners are ~ (engineering, computers, etc.)

different beast  
he insists his film is a ~ (sequel, not a reboot)

stubborn beast  
Baranchyk, a ~, didn't fall (exciting boxing match)

**taxonomy & classification: animal**

## **beat (beat oneself up)**

beat yourself up  
if you slip up or hit a plateau, don't ~ (weight loss)

beat yourself up over that  
don't ~ (a performance mistake)

beat herself up for not being  
she should not ~ around more to help her ailing mother

**punishment & recrimination: fist / verb**

## **beat back (verb)**

beat back arthritis  
he squeezes a golf ball at night to ~

beat back the epidemic  
in an attempt to ~, the government is... (Luanda)

beat back (mounting) skepticism  
she is trying to ~ of her qualifications

beat back dirt and disease  
their lives, a daily struggle to ~ (Kabul slums)

fighting to beat back  
Yahoo and AOL are ~ spammers

attempt to beat back  
in an ~ the epidemic, the government is... (Luanda)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: fist / verb**

## **beat (beat down)**

beat down on the (black) rocks  
the sun ~ (Kilauea)

beat down relentlessly  
the desert sun ~

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / verb / violence**

## **beaten (beaten up)**

get beaten up  
he knows he'll get attacked and ~ (politics)

**accusation & criticism: fist / violence**

## **beatification (noun)**

beatification  
his ~ has taken a long time (writer / literary canon)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## **beatify (verb)**

beatify all Northerners  
she did not demonize all Southerners, or ~ (Stowe)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb**

## **beating (take a beating)**

taken a beating  
she said her confidence had ~ (athlete)  
the industry has ~ recently  
the dollar has ~ abroad  
its stock has ~ (a company)

took a beating



its reputation ~ in the financial crisis (rating service)

took a (serious) beating  
the Democrats ~ in the midterm elections

taken a beating over its (contract) process  
the Air Force has ~

taken a beating from the storms  
the coastline has ~

taken a beating in the media  
he has ~ (an athlete)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fist / verb**

## beat up (verb)

beating up Texas  
the rain and flooding is just ~ (ABC News)

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / verb / violence**

## beaver (verb)

beavered at neural nets  
AI scientists ~ for decades before...

beavered away  
a small army of Canadian zealots was ~ at the case  
our readers have been ~ (a prediction challenge)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / verb**

**work & duty: animal / verb**

## bed (put something to bed)

put to bed  
a successful launch will help ~ memories of the problems

put this (silly) incident to bed  
we need to ~ (sports controversy)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: sleep / verb**  
**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep / verb**

## bed (jump into bed with someone)

jump into bed with the Syrian government  
the Kurds don't immediately want to ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal: love, courtship & marriage / verb**

## bedevil (verb)

bedeviled the governor  
the scandal ~

bedeviled the (Democratic) nominee  
the story ~ right up until election day

bedevils the people  
corruption ~

**affliction: creature / religion / verb**

## bedeviled

bedeviled by the (sluggish) economy

he found himself ~ (president)

bedeviled by (technical) problems  
the company has been ~ (autos)

bedeviled by a lack  
the response effort was ~ of organization

**affliction: creature / religion**

## bedfellow (companion)

unlikely bedfellows  
a new album combines ~ (romantic / avant-garde)

**relationship: love, courtship & marriage**

## bedlam

bedlam of the city  
the ~ recedes (in a courtyard garden)

bedlam in the streets  
there was ~ (World Cup victory)

construction bedlam  
he surveyed the ~ (restaurant being built)

political bedlam  
the system breeds ~ (government)

bedlam ensued  
the announcement was made, and ~

bedlam engulfed the fans  
~ (a victory)

♦ According to Wikipedia, this word comes from Bethlem Royal Hospital in England. It was one of the first institutions to house the insane.

**behavior / environment: mental health**

## bedrock (noun)

bedrock of who we are  
quality is the ~ (Boeing)

bedrock of our storytelling tradition  
these 100 stories are a ~ (the Decameron by Boccaccio)

bedrock belief  
it's a ~ of mine (people have souls, animals don't)

bedrock policy  
keeping employee costs down is a ~ (a retail giant)

bedrock principle  
a ~ of American governance is civilian control of the military  
innocent until proven guilty is one of our country's ~s

bedrock value  
he brought some ~s to the job (cop) (right / wrong)  
the ~s that make America unique (freedom of religion)

bedrock of safety  
the ~

**bases: ground, terrain & land**

## bedroom (sex)

bedroom issues  
the church doesn't know what it's talking about on ~

**sex: bedroom**

**euphemism: sex**

## bee (the birds and the bees)

know about the birds and the bees  
does she ~

talk about the birds and the bees  
I finally had that ~ with my son

♦ "Daddy, why is that turtle on top of that other turtle?" (A cute commercial that shows a child watching a wildlife show on TV with his Dad. His dad is not able to reply.)

**sex: insect**

**euphemism: sex**

## bee (busy as a bee)

as busy as a bee  
he was ~

**activity: animal / insect**

## beef up (verb)

beefed up (border) controls  
the US has ~ (against smuggling)

**strength & weakness: meat / verb**

## beehive (activity)

beehive  
the military hospital was a ~ (heavily guarded)

beehive of activity  
inside, these buildings were a ~ (hospital)

**activity / environment: insect**

## beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.)

Beehive cluster  
M44, the ~

**proper name: insect**

## before (future)

before us  
we have hard work ~

**future: direction**

## beginning (progress)

beginning  
it's just the ~ (first picture of black hole in space)

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement**

## behemoth

behemoth among (federal) agencies  
the Department of Defense is a ~

online (classifieds) behemoth  
the ~, Craigslist...

economic behemoth  
China has emerged as an ~

political behemoth  
other candidates understand that he is a ~ (Joe Biden)

pop-culture behemoth  
the ~ Game of Thrones

lactating behemoths  
Holsteins are ~ (versus Ankole cattle)

2,300-page behemoth  
it is a ~ (a government act)

four-billion-dollar (accessories) behemoth  
Coach is a ~ (fashion)

built the company into a behemoth  
he ~ (security)

spells the end for a behemoth  
the decision to pull the show ~ that dominated schedules

♦ The Behemoth was a huge land monster mentioned in the Book of Job. Its aquatic counterpart was the Leviathan. Both creatures were controlled by God, and symbolized God's power.

**size: allusion / Bible / creature / religion**

## behind (behind schedule, etc.)

behind on payments  
we were ~

behind schedule  
they were now almost 2 months ~

falls behind  
Faisal ~ (worker at Dairy Queen)

fell behind on a (key) module  
later, as Russia ~ (space station)

fell behind in his mortgage  
he ~ (money woes)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction**

## behind (progress)

behind in school  
he is way ~

behind the (learning) curve  
we were well ~ (for a military operation)

way behind  
he is ~ in school

well behind  
we were ~ the learning curve (for a military operation)

lag behind  
women ~ men in the most visible arenas of science

lagging (far) behind  
US students are ~ (education)

left behind  
the poor are ~ (services go to wealthy)

fall behind  
we want to keep up and not ~ (government official)

fallen behind at Fremont  
he had ~, not just in history but... (school)

fell behind by 3 years  
our program ~ (space)

prevent students from falling behind  
~ (school)

doomed to fall behind  
they are ~ (certain categories of students)

**progress & lack of progress: direction**

### behind (in the past)

behind  
the team's best days are ~ (sports)

behind her  
now it's all ~ (wild lifestyle)

behind it  
the 100th mission is ~ (space shuttles)

behind us  
now that this is ~, we can move forward (divorce)  
it is tempting to believe the danger is ~ (terrorism)

get the case behind him  
he just wanted to ~ (object of criminal investigation)

left his old life behind  
he ~

put his old life behind him  
he tried to ~

put their differences behind them  
they sought to ~ (diplomacy)

put their (money) problems behind them  
her new job ~

♦ "Now that *that* is in the rear-view mirror..." (Behind us.)

♦ "That's all water under the bridge."

**past & present: direction**

### behind (basis)

behind the bombing  
no one knows who is ~

behind this decision  
what could be ~

behind these new levels

what are the causes ~ of stress (colleges)

idea behind the program  
the ~ was to...

logic behind (military) training  
the hidden ~

motivation behind the attack  
the ~ seems to be to...

personalities behind the inventions  
the exhibition is an attempt to bring to life the ~

reasoning behind this  
the ~ is that...

story behind the plaque  
do you know the ~

theory behind this practice  
the ~ is that...

driving force behind development  
economics is usually the ~ (zoning)

driving force behind globalization  
the ~

driving force behind the (new) policy  
he is a ~ (a doctor)

driving force behind hostess bars  
ultimately money is the ~ (Roppongi)

lies behind  
inequality in incomes ~ the divisiveness of our politics  
what ~ human behavior

**bases: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle**

### behind (support)

behind it  
the government has to get ~ and the Prime Minister is  
against it (a proposal)

behind you  
I'm ~ (I support you)

get behind the development  
it's time we ~ of renewable energy

**allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle**

### behind (put something behind)

behind me  
they tell me I have to put Nick's death ~ (grieving widow)

put this behind us  
we've got to ~ and move on with our lives (after disaster)

**resiliency: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb**  
**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: direction / prep, adv, adj / verb**

### behind-the-scenes

behind-the-scenes

a ~ of world hegemony

behind-the-scenes controversy  
fraught with ~

behind-the-scenes documentary  
a ~ (making of a film)

behind-the-scenes negotiations  
~ failed

behind-the-scenes role  
his ~

behind-the-scenes strategist

behind-the-scenes workers  
a cadre of ~ (state fair)

behind-the-scenes lobbying  
months of ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: theater**

## belch (verb)

belched up  
a great cloud of steam ~ through the hatch (burst pipe)

belched forth smoke, ash and lava  
the volcano ~

belched from the smokestacks  
black smoke ~

belched (diesel) exhaust  
trucks ~

belched smoke  
the engine ~ (coal-fired)

**resemblance: bodily process / verb**

## believer (true believer)

true believer in the cause  
she was a ~ (Irish Republican Army)

progressive true believers  
the ~ who flocked to Mr Sanders in 2016 (politics)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: allusion**

**identity & nature: allusion**

**commitment & determination: allusion**

## bell (warning)

alarm bell  
civil rights activists sounded the ~s

warning bell  
spiraling suicide rates sound a ~

ring (any) bells  
one case doesn't usually ~ (epidemics)

sounded the alarm bells  
environmentalist have ~ (pollution in Lake Baikal)  
civil rights activists ~

sound a warning bell  
spiraling suicide rates ~

**warning: bell**

## bell (bells and whistles)

bell and whistle  
\$3,200 for a top of the line model with every ~ (a toilet)

bells and whistles  
it has more ~ than a fire engine (sports watch)

**appearance: train**

## bell (unring a bell)

unring a bell  
you can't ~ that has already been rung

**starting, going, continuing & ending: bell / verb**

**reversal: bell / verb**

## bell curve (shape)

distribution of a bell curve  
the scores have the ~

**shape: bell**

## bellwether

bellwether election  
Democrats are fretting about losing a ~

bellwether of (global) conservation efforts  
island initiatives are a ~

bellwether of (economic) health  
the housing market is seen as a ~ by many (US)

bellwether of (African) progress  
Ghana again became a ~ (peace, democracy)

bellwether for the condition  
small businesses have become a ~ of the US economy

bellwether for the industry  
the labor talks could serve as a ~ (airline unions)

♦ A wether is a ram leading a flock of sheep. The shepherd attaches a bell around the ram's neck, to indicate the location of the flock.

**direction: sheep**

## belly (orientation)

belly of a tank  
the slug punches a hole in the ~

belly landing  
he questioned whether a ~ would work (space shuttle)

**orientation: stomach**

## belly flop (noun)

prime-time belly flop  
her speech was a ~

**failure, accident & impairment: sports & games / water**

## belly-up (adjective)

belly-up  
we had plenty of excuses to go ~

went belly-up  
the company ~ (failed)

♦ This refers to a dead fish.

**failure, accident & impairment: fish**

## below (behavior)

below you  
that's ~

**behavior: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## belt (area)

belt of ice  
in winter a 600-mile-wide ~ seals off Antarctica

belt of (coniferous) forests  
the taiga—the huge circumpolar ~

Bible Belt  
Atlanta versus the surrounding ~ (strip clubs)

Black Belt  
the ~, an impoverished region of the rural South (US)

banana belt  
the lush ~ of southern Ecuador

farm belt  
Louisiana's ~

mineral belt  
a large ~ west of Albuquerque

radiation belt  
the ~s of earth

snow belt  
few move from the sun belt to the ~ (US)

ecologically diverse (transition) belt  
this remote, fragile, and ~ between forest and steppe

circumpolar belt  
the taiga—the huge ~ of coniferous forests

semi-arid belt  
the Sahel, a ~ that spans Africa just below the Sahara

25-mile belt  
oil fields clustered along a ~ between Basra, Kuwait

**area: shape**

## belt (below the belt)

belt  
he's known for hitting ~ (politics)

**behavior: boxing**

**restraint & lack of restraint: boxing**

## belt (under one's belt)

one expedition (to Gasherbrum II) under his belt  
he had ~

7 deployments under his belt  
he has ~ (first sergeant)

6,000 jumps under his belt  
a skydiver with ~

25 years (of Forest Service work) under his belt  
he has ~

**experience: clothing & accessories**

## belt-tightening

belt-tightening at the Pentagon  
he will announce a new round of ~

belt-tightening measures  
the school will also take ~ like...

corporate belt-tightening  
recent years of ~

fiscal belt-tightening  
in an age of ~

**sacrifice: food & drink**

## beneath (behavior)

beneath me  
that's ~

**behavior: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## bench (verb)

bench him  
the channel decided to ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: sports & games / verb**

## benchmark (at a benchmark)

at or near that benchmark  
these year's figures already are ~ (female graduates)

**measurement: mark**

## benchmark (other)

benchmark  
it is a ~ that we must keep in mind

benchmark of skill  
I consider the Green Narrows as a ~ (kayaking)

benchmark for toughness  
support for capital punishment is a ~ for politicians

benchmark indicator  
use objective criteria to establish ~s (environment)

benchmark run  
the Green Narrows is a ~ in the Southeast (kayaking)

standards and benchmarks  
we are working on meeting ~ for curricula (education)

barriers and benchmarks  
when it comes to ~, snowboarding has the 1440° spin

established (climbing's new) benchmark  
the man who ~ (Tomaz Humar (south face of Dhaulagiri))

performance benchmark  
it ranks first on three of the industry's leading ~s

reached (all) the benchmarks  
he ~ on or close to schedule (child development)

set the benchmark  
she ~ in 1996 (time spent in space)

♦ The round metal USGS plaques on mountaintops are benchmarks that indicate height above sea level.

**measurement: mark**

## bend (bend over backwards)

bends over backwards to be  
the staff ~ cooperative

bending over backwards to comply  
we are ~ with the rules

bends over backwards being  
he ~ polite

**difficulty, easiness & effort: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## bend (verb)

bend to demands  
Shiites refuse to ~ by Sunnis that...

bend the government to their will  
local leaders who wish to ~

refuse to bend  
Shiites ~ to demands by Sunnis that...

caused him to bend  
the threat ~ but not break

**resistance, opposition & defeat: materials & substances / verb**

## beneath

beneath the dignity  
is anything ~ of the Obama White House (politics)

beneath you  
that's way ~ (her reaction to his rude proposal)

**behavior: direction**

## Bermuda Triangle

Bermuda Triangle of airspeed  
transonic is the unknow, it is the ~ (flying)

**certainty & uncertainty: allusion / history**

## berserk

went berserk  
the elephant ~ and killed its trainer  
the 200-pound chimpanzee ~ and was shot dead by police  
he hit a home run, and the crowd ~ (sports)  
she ~ and stormed out (angry and upset)

**behavior: mental health**

**control & lack of control: mental health**

## besiege (verb)

besieged (northern) Mexico  
violence has ~

**amount & effect: military / verb**

## besieged

besieged by email  
she has been ~

besieged by lobbyists  
Congress is ~

besieged by the media  
he was ~

besieged by questions  
doctors have been ~ from patients

besieged by reporters  
he has been ~

besieged by (corruption) scandals  
his government has been ~

besieged politicians  
the ~ have started a counterattack (politics)

**amount & effect: military**

## betray (verb)

betrayed an erosion  
the recrimination ~ of confidence (Israeli raid)

betrayed a hint  
neither man ~ of anxiety

betray a (profound) ignorance  
animal rightists ~ about nature (opinion)

**evidence: verb**

**concealment & lack of concealment: verb**

## between (come between, etc.)

come between them and their mom  
the only thing that would ~ was death (murdered mom and kids)

**division & connection: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## Bible (authority)

Bible of sports  
the ~ on the Internet (Internet site)

Bible of (psychiatric) diagnosis  
according to the ~, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual

Bible of the (social-media) movement  
the ~ is Clay Shirky's "Here Comes Everybody"

bible of psychiatry  
the DSM—the ~

Bible of Boxing  
*The Ring* magazine, the ~...

so-called bible  
the DSM, the ~ of psychiatry...

psychiatric bible  
the DSM is the ~ for mental disorders

♦ *The DSM is the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.*

**sanctioning, authority, & non-conformity: Bible / religion**

## big (verb)

big his career up  
he's just trying to ~

big himself up  
he's just trying to ~ by using someone else's grief

big yourself up  
do you really need to ~ by...

**increase & decrease: size / verb**

## big (big name, etc.)

big names  
some ~ have not made official announcements yet (election)

**importance & significance: size**

## big bang (in a big bang)

go out in a big bang  
he wanted ~ (suicide)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: astronomy / sound**

## Big Brother

Big Brother intrusion  
why cave in to such a ~ on your privacy

**oppression: allusion**

## big gun (and heavy gun)

big gun  
they didn't have their ~s tonight (injured players)  
he has brought in another ~ to help in his Senate bid

heavy gun  
he is bringing out his ~s (wife and family / scandal)

♦ "Big guns" refer to artillery. Such guns, whether land based or mounted on ships, were huge technological marvels that inspired respect and fear. By the end of World War II, however, such large-bore artillery was practically obsolete. Nowadays, militaries rely on missiles, which are much smaller.

♦ "The Turks have 12-inch guns at Aqaba, Sir. Can you imagine what that means?" (*Lawrence of Arabia*, the film.)

**strength & weakness: weapon**

## bighearted

big-hearted personality  
he was known for his ~

bighearted, (supremely) patient man  
he was a ~ (speech therapist)

**character & personality: heart**

**size: heart**

**heart: size**

## big-league

big-league hotel  
it's a ~ with a celebrity chef

big-league philanthropy  
~ has its critics (Gates, Buffet, Zuckerberg, etc.)

big-league politician  
he's a ~

**importance & significance: sports & games**

## big shot

big-shot (Hollywood) director  
he's a ~

children of big shots  
~ and university admissions

**power: weapon**

## bill of health (clean bill of health)

clean bill of health  
the bank was given a ~ (by auditors)

gives them a clean bill of health  
the E.P.A. still ~ (chemicals in tap water)

give investments a clean bill of health  
analysts felt pressured to ~ or lose business

received a clean bill of health  
the reservoir ~ from inspectors (prior to collapse)

♦ *This phrase probably relates to ships in foreign ports. Such ships would be in quarantine until port officials determined that the crew was not carrying an infectious disease.*

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## billy club

psychological billy club  
it's a ~ to coerce a person (lie-detector test)

**coercion & motivation: weapon**

**oppression: weapon**

## bind (in a bind)

leaving cities in a bind  
a police shortage is ~

put it in a bind

Pakistan's support for militants has ~

**situation: container / rope**

## **bind (constraint)**

double bind

too sweet or two shrill, the ~ for women

**constraint & lack of constraint: rope**

## **bind (constrain)**

bind her

she questions the traditions that ~

**constraint & lack of constraint: rope / verb**

## **bind (connect)**

bind

the ties that ~

bind the characters

the ties that ~ gradually become clear

binds us to where

making wine ~ we are (California)

build and bind

book clubs can help ~ communities

**division & connection: rope / verb**

**attachment: rope / verb**

## **binding (adjective)**

binding changes

there are these legally ~ from Brussels (Brexit)

non-binding referendum

Puerto Rico voted for US statehood in a ~

**constraint & lack of constraint: rope**

## **binge (on a binge)**

on a building binge

China has been ~ for decades (infrastructure)

gone on a (hiring) binge

the company has ~

**restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol**

**behavior: alcohol**

## **binge (other)**

binge

the ~ is over (spending by elected officials)

the ~ was epic and so is the hangover (housing market)

binge of (skate-park) construction

the city continued the ~ (NYC)

binge flying

London seeks to curb "~" (airport expansions)

gone on a (spending) binge

the Democrats have ~

**restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol**

**behavior: alcohol**

## **bird (the birds and the bees)**

talk about the birds and the bees

I finally had that ~ with my son

know about the birds and the bees

does she ~

♦ "Daddy, why is that turtle on top of that other turtle?" (A cute commercial that shows a child watching a wildlife show on TV with his Dad. His dad is not able to reply.)

**sex: bird**

## **bird-dog (verb)**

bird-dogged him

we ~ at press conferences (Chicago protestor / mayor)

**affliction: dog**

## **bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)**

bird's-eye view of the battlefield

drones give commanders a ~

bird's-eye view from a plane

you get a ~

♦ This has morphed to "helicopter view," a "3,000-foot perspective," and "the 30,000-foot level."

**perception, perspective & point of view: animal / bird / position**

## **birth (creation)**

birth of Pakistan

since the ~ in 1947

movement's birth

the city of their ~ (Kandahar / Taliban)

nation's birth

Sunnis have dominated politics since the ~ in 1920 (Iraq)

given birth

Atlanta has ~ to a new generation of rappers (US)

**creation & transformation: birth**

## **birthday (creation)**

France's birthday

July 14 is ~

**creation & transformation: birth**

## **birthed (created)**

birthed in the mid to early 2000's

the movement was most likely ~ by two men (MGTOW)

**creation & transformation: birth**

## **birthplace**

birthplace of democracy

Greece, the ~



birthplace of Islam  
Saudi Arabia, the ~

birthplace of humanity  
Africa is the ~

**origin: birth / epithet**

### **bit (champ at the bit)**

champing at the bit to start  
he was ~

**eagerness & reluctance: horse / verb**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: horse**

### **bite (bite back, etc.)**

bite the president  
a lot of that conduct and those words may come back to ~

**reversal: animal / teeth / verb**

### **biting**

biting cold  
once the ~ arrives

biting (social) critic  
he was a ~

biting sanctions  
these are the most ~ every imposed

**sensation: teeth / animal**

### **bitten (enthusiasm)**

bitten by the action bug  
as a boy, he was ~

bitten by the cycling bug  
as a youth he played soccer before he was ~

**enthusiasm: health & medicine**

### **bitter (personality)**

bitter  
he isn't ~, just wiser

bitter, angry and hostile  
he was ~ (sick man with undiagnosed illness)

angry, bitter (m)  
I've talked to amputees that went through a real ~ stage

became bitter  
he ~ to the point of suicidal (soldier back from Iraq)

♦ **Don't be bitter, be better!**

**feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste**  
**character & personality: food & drink / taste**

### **bitter (bitter weather, etc.)**

bitter cold  
they escaped into the ~ (house fire in winter)

bitter winds

~ from Manchuria

bitter (Balkan) winter  
the ~

**sensation: food & drink / taste**

### **bitter (a bitter blow, etc.)**

bitter battles  
she resigned last June after four years of ~ (university)

bitter blow  
the defeat was a ~ for Serbia and Montenegro (soccer)

bitter (political) climate  
the increasingly ~ ahead of elections next summer

bitter (international) controversy  
despite the ~ (oil project)

bitter disappointment  
he proved to be a ~ (a judge)  
but a ~ awaited us... (expedition)

bitter dispute  
they are locked in a ~ over Kashmir

bitter end  
she maintained her innocence to the ~  
it's a ~ to a pioneering, powerful career (prison)

bitter enemies  
Ethiopia and Eritrea, ~... (fighting proxy war in Somalia)

bitter fact  
car-jacking is a ~ of life

bitter feelings  
Iranians have ~ towards Saddam Hussein

bitter irony  
in a ~, female military personnel guard captured Taliban

bitter memories  
helped erase ~ of the 1994 players strike (baseball)

bitter negotiations  
flight attendants are engaged in ~ with the company

bitter (late-night) negotiations  
after ~

bitter taste  
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

bitter (family) power struggle  
he is kept on the throne because of a ~

bitter and long-running (m)  
the bloody culmination of a ~ feud (cop / citizen)

long and bitter (m)  
a ~ family feud over the estate of Jimi Hendrix

**feeling, emotion & effect: taste**

### **bittersweet**

bittersweet

the recognition was ~ (combat soldier who survived)  
the victory was ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste**

## black (Black Sea, etc.)

Black Sea

Turkey has coast on the ~

Black Volta

the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

**proper name: color**

## black (feeling)

black depression

he fell into a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: color**

## blackball (verb)

blackball him

he has accused teams of colluding to ~ (an athlete)

**acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society / verb**

**oppression: color / mark / society / verb**

## black box (noun)

black box

the military is a ~, you never know what's going on  
they are like ~s whose inner workings are mysterious (brain)

**access & lack of access: tools & technology**

**concealment & lack of concealment: tools & technology**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: tools & technology**

## black eye

black eye

I don't think Cleveland will take a ~ for this (fan riot)

black eye for Rupert Murdoch

what a ~ (scandal)

black eye for the sport

when judges cheat, it's a ~ (Olympic figure skating)

brought a black eye to the sport

they have ~ (swim coaches photograph nude girls)

puts a black eye on the sport

it really ~ (cyclist admits to doping)

gives us (all) a black eye

it ~ (hunter on hunter who shot a tame deer)

**reputation: mark**

**flaws & lack of flaws: eye / mark**

## black hole

legal black hole

he is being kept in a ~ (arrested)

black hole for communication

Afghanistan was a ~ (no infrastructure)

in a black hole

I was ~ (unable to easily communicate)

♦ A black hole has such strong gravity that it sucks everything in and won't allow anything out.

**access & lack of access: astronomy**

**isolation & remoteness: astronomy**

**consciousness & awareness: astronomy**

## blacklist (verb)

blacklist the (Chinese) company

the decision to ~ was seen as a bargaining ploy (tariffs)

**acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society / verb**

**oppression: color / mark / society / verb**

## black out (verb)

blacked out

I ~ (alcohol)

**consciousness & awareness: alcohol / color / verb**

## black sheep

black sheep of the family

he's the ~

I was the ~ and took the wrong direction (gang)

black-sheep brother

invite the ~ to the wedding

**character & personality: sheep**

## blanket (verb)

blanketed (much of) the Northwest in ash

the eruption ~ (volcano)

blanketed the city with (orange) dust

the huge sandstorm ~ (Beijing / 2010)

blanketed the Southeast

forests ~ before European settlers arrived

blanketed the area

federal, state and local police ~ (manhunt)

blanketed (several) cities

snow and ice ~

blanketed mountains

snow ~ in the UAE, a rare occurrence

**configuration / cover: blanket / cloth / verb**

## blanket (under a blanket)

under the blanket of snow

polar plants and animals ~

**configuration / cover: cloth / blanket**

## blanket (cover)

blanket of ash

a ~ covered the orange and lemon trees (eruption)

blanket of clouds

a ~ hid Pumori, Ama Dablam, and other lesser peaks

**configuration / cover: blanket / cloth**

## **blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)**

blanket amnesty

he has offered a ~ to the soldiers (New Guinea)

he does not favor a ~ for illegal immigrants

blanket guarantee

is that a ~ that...

blanket policy

airlines handle it on a case-by-case basis, without a ~

blanket statement

it is a ~ that is just not right

**extent & scope: cloth / blanket**

## **blanketed**

blanketed by (lush) forests

Haiti was once ~ (now 90% deforested)

**configuration / cover: cloth / blanket**

## **blaring (headlines, etc.)**

blaring headlines

~, fleshy photos and breathless coverage (a tabloid)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound**

## **blasphemy**

committing blasphemy

is he ~ by... (analysis of war strategy)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## **blast (verb)**

blasted him for taking

they ~this position (politics)

blasted her

her critics ~ (politics)

blasted his predecessor

Obama finally ~ by name

**accusation & criticism: force / military / verb / weapon**

**speech: verb / weapon**

## **blasted apart**

canon has been blasted apart

but that ~ (doctors withhold prognosis)

**destruction: explosion**

## **blaze (verb)**

blazed

thank you, Penny Marshall, for the trails you ~

**importance & significance: history / journeys & trips**

## **blaze (in a blaze of glory)**

went out in a blaze of glory

he ~ (Custer)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: fire / light**

## **bleed (verb)**

bled across borders

the crisis has ~ (terrorism)

bleeding us dry

this price war is ~ (destroying our profits)

bleeding jobs

US manufacturing have been ~

bleeding money

the school was ~ (troubled charter school)

**leaking: blood / verb**

## **bleed (noun)**

talent bleed

the conventional explanation for ~ is... (military)

stanch the (talent) bleed

if the Army hopes to ~, it needs to...

**leaking: blood**

## **bleeding**

financial bleeding

you need to stop your ~ now

**leaking: blood**

## **blemish (noun)**

blemish on the game

his injury was the only ~ (sports)

ugly blemish

the Charlottesville tragedy was "an ~" on [the US]

**flaws & lack of flaws: mark**

## **blend in (verb)**

blend in

Tom Wolfe did not ~ (clothes, writing)

easily blend in

drug traffickers ~ (Atlanta)

**concealment & lack of concealment: mixture / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: mixture / verb**

## **blessed**

blessed

with sun and wind, California is ~ (renewable energy)

blessed with (over) 100 waterfalls

Sri Lanka is ~

blessed with good looks and money

she wasn't just ~, she was also smart

**cost & benefit: religion**

### **blissing (sanction)**

with the city's blessing

~, cars pair up for duels (legal drag racing)

given the vote its blessing

the election board has ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

### **blissing (benefit)**

blissing

the seasonal flooding of the Mekong is a ~, not a curse

blessing or a bane

oil can be a ~ for a country (corruption, etc.)

blessing and a burden

patients see choice as both a ~

blessing and a curse

these gems have been a ~ (Sierra Leone diamonds)

the annual rains are a ~ for the subcontinent (floods)

mixed blessing

progress has been a ~

**cost & benefit: religion**

**worth & lack of worth: religion**

### **blight (verb)**

blighted (Aboriginal) communities

alcohol and poverty have ~ (Northern Territory)

blights the present

history ~ (Balkans)

**corruption: plant / verb**

### **blight (noun)**

urban blight

the group is devoted to fighting ~ (buildings)

**corruption: plant**

### **blighted**

blighted economy

as Greece's ~ plunges further into the abyss

blighted neighborhoods

the city's ~

**corruption: plant**

### **blind (noticing, understanding, judging)**

blind to merit

the military personnel system is nearly ~

blind to race, religion and ethnicity

the state is ~ (French ideal)

blind to (all) reason and decency

terrorists are ~

blind, deaf and dumb

terrorists are ~ to all reason and decency

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye**

**consciousness & awareness: eye**

### **blind (hard to see, hidden)**

blind curve

~ (sign)

blind drop

please scout ~s (kayaker Edward Lee Green)

blind spot

deserts can produce ~s (radio signal strength)

face blind

some people are ~ (can't recognize familiar faces)

♦ "Edward Lee Green / 1953-Dec. 27, 1998 / Outstanding musician, adventurer, loving father, beloved friend. His unique talents will be forever missed by those who knew him. / Died as a result of pinning at Crack-in-the-Rock Rapid Dec. 23, 1998 on the Raven Fork in Cherokee, NC. / Please Scout Blind Drops. / Jesus said, "I am the way..." John 14:6. (Monument at Dillsboro put-in on the Tuckasegee River.)

**sight: eye**

### **blind (disregarding evidence, logic)**

blind faith

he had this ~ in me (defensive coach)

blind hatred

terrorists are driven by ~

blind optimism

hope is not ~ (Barak Obama)

**commitment & determination: eye**

### **blind (not controlled by intelligence)**

blind draw

one judge becomes a substitute in a ~

**fate, fortune & chance: eye**

### **blind (flying blind)**

flying blind

the psychiatrist is ~ (treating soldiers with drugs)

the US economy is ~ (during government shutdown)

**consciousness & awareness: plane**

### **blind alley (noun)**

ran into blind alleys

he ~ (a scientist)

**success & failure: infrastructure / journeys & trips**

**progress & lack of progress: infrastructure / journeys & trips**

## blind date

blind date

I was on a ~ with this great guy

sight: eye

## blinded

blinded by love

I was so ~ that I didn't see the problem in front of me

consciousness & awareness: eye

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

## blinder (noun)

narrow blinders

it takes self-awareness to view the world without ~

viewed through the blinders

every issue is ~ of a particular interest (government)

♦ Blinders are the same as blinkers.

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / horse

consciousness & awareness: eye / horse

## blinding

blinding sandstorm

another day of ~s and battlefield confusion (Iraq)  
a ~ in Baghdad forced the postponement of...

blinding whiteout

a snowstorm caused a ~ (50-vehicle pileup)

sight: eye

## blindly

blindly committed

the IMF is ~ to the policy of...

commitment & determination: eye

## blind side (from the blind side)

blind side

fire team approaches the bunker from its ~

sight: eye

## blindsided

blindsided by his action

we were ~

blindsided by Johnson's announcement

the Lakers were clearly ~ ("Magic" Earvin resigns)

blindsided by (nude-photos) leak

Jennifer Lawrence ~

readiness & preparedness: eye

consciousness & awareness: eye

## blind spot

blind spot

it's a ~ so enormous we barely notice it (concern for future)

ethical blind spot

he has an ~ regarding the appearance of impropriety

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye

consciousness & awareness: eye

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

## blink (verb)

blink

America will not ~ in the fight against terrorists

there's a conflict here and somebody has to ~ (politics)

blinked

Obama ~ and then backed down (Syria crosses red line)

dominance & submission: eye / gesture / verb

conflict: eye / gesture / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye

feeling, emotion & effect: eye

## blink (in the blink of an eye)

in the blink of an eye

and ~ it let go (cougar attack)

speed: eye

## blink (light)

blinked its lights

a Mercedes ~

appearance & disappearance: bodily process / verb

## blinkered (adjective)

blinkered denial

his ~ of what is obvious tells us all we need to know

blinkered narrow-mindedness

if only the Western media could shed its ~

♦ Blinkers are the same as blinders.

perception, perspective & point of view: horse / eye

consciousness & awareness: horse / eye

## blistering

blistering comment

a ~ came from....

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

## blitz

blitz by the White House

the news precipitated a public-relations ~

blitz of (negative) advertising

there has been a ~ (politics)

blitz surrounding her (latest) album

the promotional ~

blitz chess

Carlsen beat Karpov in a game of ~

media blitz

a local ~ keeps her picture on the front pages (missing)

publicity blitz

a ~ arranged by advisers (for a politician)

public-relations blitz

the news precipitated a ~ by the White House

advertising blitz

a lavish ~ (for Microsoft software)

promotional blitz

the ~ surrounding her latest album (singer)

waging a (full-scale media) blitz

he has been ~ (ex-politician promotes his book)

**campaign: military / weapon**

**amount & effect: military / weapon**

**blizzard (consciousness)**

feeling their way in a blizzard

financial analysts are ~, squinting through the snow

**consciousness & awareness: snow & ice / weather & climate**

**blizzard (noun)**

blizzard of (red, white and blue) confetti

a ~ (New Years in Time Square)

blizzard of fire

there was a ~ at the intersection (combat)

blizzard of punches

he has withstood a ~ (a boxer)

blizzard of (new) regulations

businesspeople have been affected by a ~

blizzard of speculation

there has been a ~ (honeymoon murder)

blizzard of facts and figures

it is included in a ~ that obscures...

♦ "The blizzard was what we called a purga, during which the temperature can drop well below zero, with the gale so violent that it will lift roofs off houses and uproot trees. Walking during a purga is out of the question. As a rule every blizzard is accompanied by loss of life. / Around us the scene was unbelievable. The wind raged with the utmost violence, smashing off branches of trees, lifting them into the air like feathers. Huge cedars rocked from side to side like saplings. Nothing was visible, neither mountains, nor sky, nor earth, everything enveloped in the roaring whirlwind of snow. For a moment I seemed almost to detect the outline of the nearest tree, just visible through the blinding snow, but only for an instant. Another gust and the misty picture vanished. / We shrank back in our tents and sat in silent awe..." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

**amount & effect: snow & ice / storm**

**bloated (size)**

bloated budget

the US must resolve its ~

bloated bureaucracy

the ~ isn't keeping us safer (national security)

bloated and inefficient

our intelligence agencies are ~

refugee-bloated (m)

a ~ population

**size: fatness & thinness**

**blockbuster**

blockbuster

the modern age of ~s (films)

blockbuster antidepressant

Prozac, its ~ (drug company)

blockbuster (IMAX) film

the ~ Everest

blockbuster (fraud) suit

the agency brought a ~ against the company

blockbuster writer

such ~s as...

\* Blockbusters were high-explosive bombs dropped on cities in World War II.

**success & failure: explosion / weapon**

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / weapon**

**amount & effect: explosion / weapon**

**blogosphere (in the blogosphere)**

in the blogosphere

the videos appear to be firmly entrenched ~

**computer: earth & world**

**blogosphere (other)**

blogosphere

the ~ is alight with conspiracy theories

percolating (for years) around the blogosphere

the argument has been ~

**computer: earth & world**

**blood (in one's blood)**

in my blood

it wasn't ~ (working in family business)

this place is ~ (High Street resident / Newark)

in our blood

cricket is ~ (A Pakistani fan)

the love of jade is ~ (a Han Chinese)

gets in your blood

it ~ (helping others at Arlington National Cemetery)

♦ "The city is in my blood, the ruins of its palaces, the mosques and the river." (An Iraqi, speaking of Baghdad.)

♦ "He has aviation fuel running through his veins." Said of an ex-RAF, ex-BA pilot who flies airshows.

**identity & nature: blood**

## blood (in cold blood)

shoot her (3 times) in cold blood  
how could he ~...

**feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature**

## blood (blood on one's hands, etc.)

blood on his hands  
he has ~ (terrorist financier)

blood on their hands  
we say they have ~ (companies that used slaves)

has blood on his hands  
he ~ (a politician)

drenched Russia in blood  
he has ~ (Stalin)

**guilt: blood / hand**

**involvement: blood / hand**

## blood (smell blood)

smell blood  
they ~ (victory in tournament)

smells blood  
the opposition Labor Party ~ (vote of no confidence)

smell blood in the water  
Republicans ~

**predation: animal / blood / verb**

**conflict: animal / blood / verb**

## blood (out for blood)

out for blood  
she is ~ (vindictive)

**punishment & recrimination: animal / blood / predation**

**predation: animal / blood**

**conflict: animal / blood**

## blood (draw blood)

drawn blood  
nobody has ~ yet (chess match with 8 draws)

**predation: animal / blood**

**conflict: animal / blood**

## blood (blood boils)

blood boils  
my ~ when I see violations (traffic)

**feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature**

## blood (blood runs cold)

made my blood run cold  
and then he said something that ~ (violence)

**feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature**

## blood (young blood, etc.)

fresh blood  
the king might reshuffle his cabinet to inject ~

young blood  
the US must add ~ to its veteran roster (women's soccer)

**experience: blood**

## blood (bad blood)

bad blood between them  
there is ~

**conflict: blood**

## blood (effort)

sweat and blood  
a lot of ~ went into it (making a film)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: blood**

## blood (blood represents life)

treasure and blood  
how much more can we give in ~ (foreign wars)

**death & life: blood / sign, signal, symbol**

## bloodbath

bloodbath  
there's going to be a ~ (a football game)

bloodbath in tech stocks  
there was a ~ (Dow)

partisan bloodbath  
he turned the hearings into a ~ (politics)

**conflict: blood / violence**

**violence: blood**

## blood sport (noun)

blood sport  
when law and politics were a noble pursuit, not a ~ (the past)

blood sport of politics  
I would not be deterred by the ~ (Hillary R. Clinton)

♦ Blood sports include dog fighting, bullfighting, fox-hunting, cockfighting, and bear-baiting.

**conflict: animal / blood / predation / sports & games**

## bloodthirsty

bloodthirsty zeal  
the ~ of revisionist history

**behavior: animal / blood / predation**

**character & personality: animal / blood / predation**

## bloody (guilt)

hands are bloody  
his ~ (a politician)

**guilt: blood**

## **bloom (verb)**

bloomed

their relationship ~  
membership (in professional social networks) has ~  
his career has ~  
romance ~  
his paranoia ~

bloomed in the role  
she truly ~ (an actor)

bloomed into an international incident  
the case has ~

bloomed into a showroom  
his small home shop has ~

bloomed during the last decade  
interest has ~ (new literature theory)

bloomed as a teenager  
she ~ (physically)

bloomed intellectually  
that year our daughter ~ (in a gifted class)

bloomed late  
their careers both ~ (successful athletes)

**growth & development: plant / verb**

## **blossom (verb)**

blossomed into (real) depression  
my uncertainty had ~ (the future)

blossomed into (full-blown) panic  
the thought ~

blossomed into warfare  
simmering resentments ~ (two politicians)

blossoming in the Middle East  
a revolutionary spirit is ~

blossom out of control  
the consequences can ~ (problems on 767 jetliner)

blossomed all over the country  
now citizens' groups have ~

groups have blossomed  
now citizens' ~ all over the country (Siberia)

love (for yo-yos) blossomed  
his ~ again

**growth & development: plant / verb**

## **blot (noun)**

blot on our reputation  
renditions and torture will long remain a ~ (US in Iraq)

**flaws & lack of flaws: mark**

**reputation: mark**

## **blow (body blow)**

body blow to the home team  
the goal was a ~ (soccer)

body blow for Assad's regime  
a ~ (title of article)

**feeling, emotion & effect: boxing**

## **blow (bitter blow, etc.)**

blow  
this is not a ~ but a boost

blow to the city  
the decision is an embarrassing ~

blows to this community  
a string of crushing ~

blow to our defense  
losing him, it's a huge ~ (football)

blow to the environment  
loss of the reefs will be a major ~

blow to the regime  
loss of the airport was a huge psychological ~ (war)

blow to the city's reputation  
the violence is a ~ (Rio / carnival)

dagger blow  
we must deal sharp ~s to the terrorists

knockout blow  
the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)  
the ~ was delivered when... (indictments)

embarrassing blow  
the decision is an ~ to the city

crippling blow  
his death dealt a ~ to his network (a terrorist)

crushing blow  
a string of ~s to this community

devastating blow  
loss of the coral reefs would be a ~

embarrassing blow  
the decision is an ~ to the city

stinging blow  
the death of a donor dealt the hospital's reputation a ~

bitter blow  
the defeat was a ~ for Serbia and Montenegro (soccer)

final blow  
they saw the confrontation as the ~ (firing)

huge blow  
losing him, it's a ~ to our defense (football)

major blow  
loss of the reefs will be a ~ to the environment



psychological blow  
the takeover was a huge ~ to the regime (airport)

sharp (dagger) blow  
we must deal ~s to the terrorists

string of (crushing) blows  
a ~ to this community

soften the blow  
he tried to ~ (economic news)

dealt a (heavy) blow to Hamas  
the offensive has ~ (Israel attacks Gaza)

deal a blow against the enemy  
we will ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: fist / sensation**

## **blowback**

political blowback  
you can't attack Wall Street without ~

**reversal: explosion / weapon**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: explosion / weapon**

## **blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.)**

blow-by-blow account  
he gave me a ~ of what had happened

**sequence / speech: boxing**

## **blown away**

blown away  
I was ~

prepare to be blown away  
~ (a TV ad for a new movie)

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / weapon**

## **blow off (verb)**

blew him off  
at first, she said, she ~ (unwanted sex)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: breathing / verb**

## **blowout (noun)**

blowout  
the fight was a ~ (easy victory)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: explosion**

## **blow over (verb)**

things blow over  
we'll be gone until ~

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: storm / verb / wind**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: storm / verb / wind**

## **blow up (destroy / disrupt)**

blow up the norms  
he did more to ~ than any five majority leaders (McConnell)

blow up the system  
we want to ~ (anti-Nancy Pelosi young democrats)

blow up Wall Street  
the guy who helped ~ (Michael Osinski)

blew up the Senate  
this is the guy who ~ in the Obama years (McConnell)

**destruction: explosion / verb**

**disruption: explosion / verb**

## **blow up (attention / verb)**

blowing up on TikTok  
I want to talk about an artist who is ~ (Blanco Brown)

blew up  
the case ~ (attention paid to child abduction)  
coaches' phones ~ with congratulations

**increase & decrease: explosion / verb**

**initiation: explosion / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / verb**

## **blowup (attention / noun)**

song's massive blowup  
the ~ is partially thanks to TikTok

**increase & decrease: explosion / verb**

**initiation: explosion / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / verb**

## **blow up (blow up in one's face)**

blow up in his face  
it could ~ (if he ignored the infraction)

blown up in our face  
this has ~ (supporting Somali warlords)

**reversal: explosion / verb / weapon**

## **blow up (emotion)**

blew up  
I couldn't take it anymore and I just ~

blew up over the issue  
a recent city council meeting ~ (immigration)

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / pressure / verb / weapon**

**initiation: explosion / pressure / verb / weapon**

## **blowup (conflict)**

blowup  
there's going to be a ~ (controversy)

**initiation: explosion / pressure / weapon**

**conflict: explosion / pressure / weapon**

## blue (out of the blue, etc.)

out of the blue

I was thinking of calling her when ~ she called me  
pulmonary edema can, ~, strike down the best climber

absolutely out of the blue

her disappearance was ~

bolt-from-the-blue

any US military action will look like a ~ act of aggression

appear out of the blue

a thunderstorm can ~

appears out of the blue

an electrical problem ~ (HomeWire)

came (quite) out of the blue

the "genius award ~ (John D. MacArthur Foundation)

**appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / color / lightning / sky**

**occurrence: air / atmosphere / color / lightning / sky**

**origin: air / atmosphere / color / lightning / sky**

**fate, fortune & chance: electricity / sky / storm**

## blue (politics)

blue state

is Iowa at this point a red state or a ~

♦ "Is Iowa at this point a red state or a blue state?" "Iowa is still a purple state." (US politics, as talked about on NPR.)

♦ "Red, R, Reagan, that's why we chose red." (A network broadcaster during the 1984 presidential election, explaining why states that had gone for Reagan were colored red on a national map. Democratic states were colored blue.)

**identity & nature: color**

## blue (feeling)

feeling blue

I'm ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: color**

## blueprint

blueprint

they had to figure it out for themselves, there was no ~

blueprint about what

there is no ~ to do next

blueprint for change

the plan is a ~, for action

blueprint for a better future

clean energy is a ~

blueprint for reforming

his ~ education has some good points

administration's blueprint

the ~ calls on states to adopt new standards

education blueprint

the president will send his ~ to Congress

draw up a blueprint

leaders met to ~ for economic cooperation

**script: infrastructure**

## bluff (noun)

call your bluff

you're lucky she didn't ~ (negotiations)

**subterfuge: cards / gambling**

**position, policy & negotiation: cards / gambling**

**strategy: cards / gambling**

**strength & weakness: cards / gambling**

## blunt (speech)

blunt

he is ~ (speech)

**speech: blade / knife**

## board (on board)

on board with (Mursi's) changes

if the military is ~...

on board with the plan

she is not really ~

bring people on board

they've gone out of their way to ~ (developer)

climbing on board

many voters are ~ (politics)

get the managers on board

we need to ~ (workplace flexibility)

hopped on board

other companies have ~ (normcore fashion, vehicles, music, food, etc.)

jumped on board

Harvard ~ last month (sex / romance policy)

**unanimity & consensus: boat**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: boat**

## boat (boat of science, etc.)

boat of science

he rocked the ~ (Pasteur)

**bases: boat**

## boat (in the same boat)

in the same boat

all the teams are ~ (concerns about fuel)

**empathy & lack of empathy / situation: boat**

**unanimity & consensus: boat**

## boat (rock the boat)

rock the boat

they can be expected to ~

**equilibrium & stability: boat**

disruption: boat  
unanimity & consensus: boat  
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boat

## body count

professional body count  
there has been quite a ~ (firings, replacements)

dismissal, removal & resignation: military

## body politic

body politic  
Republicans kowtow to the ~

running sore in the body politic  
Bloody Sunday became a ~ (Ireland)

injecting poison into the body politic  
they are ~ (Fox News, etc.)

government / society: body

## bogeyman (noun)

Islamist bogeyman  
the US is obsessed with the ~ (foreign policy)

affliction: creature

## bogged down

bogged down in (federal) bureaucracy  
the plan got ~ (to restore the Everglades)

bogged down in (scientific) squabbles  
the test has been ~ and bureaucratic foot-dragging

bogged down in the (UN) system  
the US is ~

bogged down by red tape  
rescue efforts got ~ (Kobe earthquake)

got bogged down  
the plan ~ in federal bureaucracy (environment)  
rescue efforts ~ by red tape (Kobe earthquake)

obstacle & impedance: ground, terrain & land

## boil (affliction)

perpetual boil  
this ~ needs to be lanced (diplomacy)

affliction: health & medicine

## boil (initiation)

emotions are boiling  
~ (Tea Party advocates in US)

tension are boiling  
~ (police shooting and verdict)

makes my blood boil  
it ~ (removal of fairy doors from forest)

initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb / water  
activity: heating water / temperature / water

## boil (boil down to something)

boil down to  
but what does all this jargon ~

boils down to  
eventually it all ~ do I want a car or....

boils down to this  
it all ~...

boil down to the following  
your options ~...

boils down to cost  
the matter ~...

boiled down to the fact  
today it ~ we didn't get the bounces (loss / soccer)

boils down to one (major) issue  
the debate usually ~...

boil down to a (chronic) lack  
others say Metro's problems ~ of rail cars

boiled down to choice and safety  
the issue ~ (midwifery)

boiled down to two (simple) things  
his allure ~: money and power (drugs)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: heating water /  
temperature / water / verb

bases: heating water / temperature / water / verb

## boilerplate (noun)

boilerplate  
some of the charges seemed routine, almost ~ (crime)

boilerplate about "common sense and compromise"  
there was nothing new, just ~

boilerplate element  
it contained the ~s of any rejection letter

boilerplate motion  
it's a ~ filed by many defendants

boiler-plate points  
he made all the ~ (a politician)

boilerplate sentimentality  
the production is steeped in ~ (a play)

boilerplate statement  
the auditor's report was little more than a ~

legal boilerplate  
the warning was mere ~ (company's filing)

management boilerplate  
it was written in the idiom of upbeat ~

script: manufacturing / tools & technology

## boiling point

reached a boiling point  
the crisis has ~

sent (racial) tensions to a boiling point  
his death ~ (Amadou Diallo, shot by police)

**initiation: heating water / temperature / water**

**feeling, emotion & effect: heating water / temperature / water**

## boil over (verb)

anger boiled over  
his ~ Monday when he... (student shoots professors)

crisis was boiling over  
the energy ~

party boiled over  
a ~ (violence)

resentment boiled over  
her ~ and we had a big fight (husband / wife)

streets are boiling over  
the ~ (Egyptian protests)

about to boil over  
the situation is ~

**initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water**

**feeling, emotion & effect: heating water / temperature / verb / water**

## bolster (verb)

bolster our forces against the enemy  
we must ~

bolsters his analysis with an army  
he ~ of statistics

bolster their arguments  
to ~ the Egyptians... (NTSB investigation)

bolstered its capabilities  
the Coast Guard has ~ for port security

bolster their case  
to ~, FBI officials have prepared a... (terrorism)

bolster (babies') health  
living with a dog or a cat may ~ (germs)

bolster morale  
hot food and the Internet ~ (US military in Iraq)

bolster the myth  
this has helped to ~ that children... (intersexed)

bolstered the notion  
archaeological expeditions ~ of... (archaeology)

bolster patrols  
the Highway Patrol has hired 150 new officers to ~

bolster his reputation

he was just shooting off his mouth to ~

bolster security  
funds to ~ for nuclear weapons and waste (terrorism)

**amelioration & renewal: infrastructure**

## bolstered

bolstered by the courage  
~ of their teammate, they won the game easily

bolstered by (a handful of) studies  
his insights are ~

bolstered by the work  
his conclusions were ~ of...

findings are bolstered  
experts say the ~ by the fact that...

**amelioration & renewal: infrastructure**

## bomb (danger)

ticking bomb  
we must control it, it's a ~ (online influence campaigns)

**danger: explosion / military / weapon**

## bomb (roach bomb, etc.)

roach bombs  
you can buy rat-resistant trash cans and ~ (at a store)

**resemblance: explosion**

## bomb (code bomb)

"code bomb"  
after he was demoted, he inserted a ~ (hacker)

**computer: explosion / weapon**

## bombard (verb)

bombarded principals with messages  
parents ~ (worried for kids)

bombard him with complaints  
the young men he employed would ~

bombarded Friedel from all directions  
Mexico ~ (soccer)

**amount & effect: explosion / verb / weapon**

## bombarded

bombarded with emails from opponents  
lawmakers were ~

bombarded with faxes from around the world  
the president's office was ~ from around the world

bombarded by hateful emails  
she is being ~

bombarded by (job) offers from companies  
he was ~

bombarded with complaints  
the company was ~

bombarded by (visual and auditory) stimuli  
we are constantly ~

bombarded by (so many unspecific) warnings  
citizens have been ~ (terror)

bombarded by new ideas  
in 1999, China was being ~ (due to Internet)

**amount & effect: explosion / weapon**

### **bombardment (noun)**

bombardment of (food) advertising  
the constant ~ (health)

**amount & effect: explosion / weapon**

### **bombproof**

bombproof  
your pro should be ~ (climbing)

bombproof roll  
you need a ~ (kayaking)

**flaws & lack of flaws: explosion**

### **bombshell (noun)**

bombshell  
dropping a real-life ~ from his past

bombshell claim  
the ~ came on cross-examination (murder trial)

economic bombshell  
the president dropped an ~ when he announced...

new bombshells  
stayed tuned for ~ (entertainment TV)

dropped his bombshell  
he ~ (a lawyer)

fired (back) a bombshell  
she ~ (divorce back-and-forth)

**amount & effect: explosion / weapon**

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / weapon**

### **bonanza (noun)**

bonanza of waves  
the storm has created a ~ for surfers (hurricane)

propaganda bonanza  
the attack was a ~ for the insurgents

marketing bonanza  
his success has been a ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

commercial bonanza  
the drug has been a ~

financial bonanza  
the ~ from Turkmenistan's gas fields

**cost & benefit: mining / money**

**amount & effect: mining / money**

**worth & lack of worth: mining / money**

**activity: mining / money**

### **bone (close to the bone, etc.)**

close to the bone  
his arrest hit ~

**proximity: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

### **bone (racist bone, etc.)**

racist bone  
there's not a ~ in my body  
I don't have a ~ in my body

**identity & nature: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

### **boo (noun)**

cheers and boos  
the judge's decision drew ~

**judgment: sound**

**accusation & criticism: sound**

### **booby trap**

potential booby traps  
new technologies in cars are ~s for first responders

**danger: explosion / military / weapon**

### **book (close the book)**

closed the book on a NFL future  
he has ~ (athlete)

close the book on this  
we need to ~ and move on

**curtailment: books & reading / verb**

**development: books & reading / verb**

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: books & reading / verb**

### **book (judge a book by its cover)**

judge a book by its cover  
you can't ~

**appearance / judgment: books & reading**

### **book (open book)**

open book  
the rookie driver is a refreshingly ~ (interviews, etc.)

**character & personality: books & reading**

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: books & reading**

### **book (by the book)**

by-the-book  
he was strictly ~ (a soldier)

**character & personality: books & reading**

**constraint & lack of constraint: books & reading**

## book (throw the book at somebody)

“throw the book” at anyone  
he vowed to ~ responsible

threw the book at him  
the judge ~

**punishment & recrimination: books & reading / verb**

## book (development)

book of life  
a man's ~ should be considered, not just one chapter (trial)

**development: books & reading**

## bookworm

bookworm  
I admit it, I'm a ~

**enthusiasm: animal / books & reading / person**

## boom (jade boom, etc.)

jade boom  
the ~ has been fueled by the Chinese (Xinjiang)

**activity: explosion**  
**cost & benefit: explosion**

## boom (increase)

booming  
business is ~

**increase & decrease: explosion / verb**  
**activity: explosion / sound / verb**

## boomerang (verb)

boomeranged on him  
it ~ (controversy)

boomerang (back) on us  
it could ~

**reversal: direction / verb / weapon**

## boomerang (noun)

boomerang kids  
millennial ~ may consume resources, finances and time (AARP)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: weapon**

## boost (verb)

boost the economy  
it will ~ (medical tourism)

boost his image  
this will ~ in the public eye (a fallen celebrity)

boost (sagging) morale  
they turned to sports to ~ (soldiers in war zone)

boost scores

schools are under relentless pressure to ~

boosted my spirits  
it ~

**increase & decrease: direction / force / verb**

## boost (noun)

blow  
this is not a ~ but a boost

**increase & decrease: direction / force**

## boot (oppression)

boot  
as the ~ is removed from the neck of the people  
the government has its ~ on the neck of the company  
the people are under the ~ of barbaric power (Albania)

**oppression: clothing & accessories**

## boot (get the boot)

got the boot  
he ~ after making the final 4 (dance contest)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories**

## boot (soldier)

boots on the ground  
we needed ~ (soldiers abroad to fight terrorism)  
we have increased our ~ (US-Mexico border)

**person: clothing & accessories**

## bootleg (adjective)

bootleg copy  
he bought a ~ of Microsoft Windows

**concealment & lack of concealment: alcohol**

## bootlegger

digital bootlegger  
new tools to go after ~s (a bill)

**concealment & lack of concealment: alcohol**

## boot out (verb)

boot out the IMF  
Chavez helped Argentina ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories / verb**

## border (proximity)

border on the absurd  
his arguments ~

bordered on miraculous  
the last-minute goal ~ (sports)

bordered on obsession  
his pursuit ~

bordered on panic  
her response ~

border on racism  
his comments ~

borders on rudeness  
this ~

**proximity: boundary**

## **born (born teacher, etc.)**

born athlete  
he was a ~

born teacher  
he was, it seemed, a ~

born worrier  
~s versus people who are carefree

natural-born (m)  
~ genius is often deliberate technique (teachers)  
she is a ~ leader  
there are no ~ salesmen

**identity & nature: birth**

## **born (creation)**

born  
how to let peace be ~ despite the difficult labor pains

born in the 1970's  
the shadowy Baluchistan Liberation Army, ~ (Pakistan)

born in (great) jubilation  
South Sudan, ~, is plunging into a vortex of violence

born on the kitchen table  
the *Chicago Defender* was ~ of its publisher in 1905

born digitally  
the material wasn't ~ and must be hand-scanned

**creation & transformation: birth**

## **born-again**

born-again Christian  
his conversion from hell-raiser to ~

born-again conservative  
he is a ~

**identity & nature: religion**

**creation & transformation: religion**

**commitment & determination: religion**

## **born-on (adjective)**

born on date  
best consumed within 110 days of the ~ (Budweiser)

**creation & transformation: birth**

## **bottleneck**

bottleneck

Native Americans hunted the pronghorn at this ~  
the Panama Canal has become a ~ (too narrow, etc.)

bottlenecks on highways

bottlenecks in the (nation's) power grid

refining bottleneck  
industry must remove ~s (oil)

genetic bottleneck  
blood samples reveal a ~ (too few Amur tigers left)

remove (refining) bottlenecks  
industry must ~ (oil)

**obstacle & impedance: bottle / neck / shape**

## **bottle up (verb)**

bottles things up  
she ~

bottle it up and put it away  
you kind of ~ (male on male abuse)

**feeling, emotion & effect: bottle / container / verb**

**access & lack of access: bottle / container / verb**

## **bottom (at the bottom)**

at the bottom of the barrel  
do their time ~ (worst job assignment)

at the bottom of the (economic) pyramid  
new jobs are coming ~ (poorly paid jobs)

at the bottom of the pecking order  
we were ~ (biker club)

**hierarchy: position**

## **bottom (hit bottom)**

hit bottom  
we may have ~ (unemployment)

hit rock bottom  
the moment you ~ and admit to yourself... (addiction)  
he was a person who had ~  
things had ~ (bad relationship)  
before you can get better, you have to ~ (addiction)

hitting rock bottom  
livestock prices are ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

**decline: direction**

## **bottom (get to the bottom of something)**

get to the bottom of where  
he was never able to ~ the money had gone

get to the bottom of the error  
state officials said they would ~

get to the bottom of this case  
we want to ~

get to the bottom of this mystery  
no one wants to ~ quicker than... (crash)

get to the bottom of things  
we need to ~ (a murder investigation)

get to the bottom of this  
we will ~ (investigation into fatal stampede);  
I want to ~ (US sits by during genocide in Rwanda)  
we'd really like to ~ (mystery illness)

get to the bottom about what happened  
we need to ~ (congressional investigation)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: direction**

**searching & discovery: direction**

**bases: direction**

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: direction**

## bottomless (adjective)

bottomless  
the well of outrage is ~ (fundamentalists)

bottomless thirst  
China has a ~ for oil and gas (Xinjiang Province)

**extent & scope: direction**

**amount: container / direction**

## bottom line

bottom line  
what it is going to mean for the ~ (sanctions)

**cost & benefit: money**

## bounce (verb)

bounced from one idea to the next  
I ~ (what to do this summer)

bounced around Southwest Asia  
he ~ (a terrorist)

bouncing around  
he was ~ a lot back then (rootless)

bounces in and out of bankruptcy  
everybody ~ (airlines)

bounced between homes  
his family ~ (rootless)

**movement: ball / verb**

## bounce back (verb)

bounce back  
the love and support of someone who helps them ~  
she was always able to ~ (Whitney Houston)

bounce back from (natural) disasters  
modern economies ~ (Kobe earthquake, etc.)

bounce back from setbacks  
the UFC has been able to ~

bounce back quickly

resilient people ~ from failure

**resiliency: ball / verb**

## bound (noun)

knows no bounds  
the hypocrisy of the NCAA ~

**behavior: boundary**

## bound (constrained)

bound by a (strict) code  
they are ~ of ethics (education consultants)

bound by the rules  
he did not feel ~ that governed most men

bound by the (military's) code of silence  
he didn't feel ~

desk-bound (m)  
the Chairman oversaw only the 1,600 ~ officers

duty-bound  
nurses are ~ to report what they think is abuse

fogbound (m)  
the plane crashed in ~ mountains

fog-bound (m)  
a pileup on a ~ stretch of freeway killed eight (France)

hidebound (m)  
a ~ bureaucracy

homebound (m)  
the ~ elderly  
he takes meals to a ~ invalid

honor-bound  
I am ~ to pay him back

house-bound  
she is ~

ice-bound (m)  
Siberia's ~ expanse  
the climate of ~ coastal regions

leather-bound (m)  
~ books

muscle-bound (m)  
a ~ frat boy

snowbound  
we were ~  
Nigata Prefecture is ~ for months (Japan)

spellbound  
I watched her, ~

tradition-bound  
the Marines are the most ~ of the services

tradition-bound (m)  
the Navy was run by ~ admirals



wheelchair-bound (m)  
the ~ author

feel bound  
he didn't ~ by the military's code of silence

**constraint & lack of constraint: rope**

## boundless

boundless energy  
known for his ~ and tireless volunteerism

boundless enthusiasm  
he didn't share his ~

boundless optimism  
a ~ in the power of technology (computing)

**amount / extent & scope: boundary**

## boundary (division)

boundaries of the (doctor-patient) relationship  
a psychiatrist may relax the normally strict ~

boundaries between plant species  
the ~ are far more porous than among animals

racial boundary  
Hispanic is an ethnicity crossing ~s

strict boundaries  
a psychiatrist may relax the ~ (doctor-patient)

social, cultural and religious boundaries  
his teachings transcend all ~

relax the boundaries  
a psychiatrist may ~ of the doctor-patient relationship

transcended (racial) boundaries  
his work ~ (playwright August Wilson)

**division & connection: boundary**

## boundary (behavior)

boundary  
the usual ~s keep getting crossed (politicians)

boundaries of their (famed) tolerance  
the Dutch are rethinking the ~ (drugs, sex, squatting)

**behavior: boundary**

## bounded

bounded on the east  
the plateau is ~ by an escarpment of 100m

bounded (on the east) by an escarpment  
the plateau is ~ of 100m

plateau is bounded  
the ~ on the east by an escarpment of 100m

**configuration: boundary**

## bound up

bound up in the myths  
Indians are ~ white Americans have created

**constraint & lack of constraint: rope**

**involvement: rope**

## bow (verb)

bow to convention  
she's an artist who won't back down or ~

bow to the inevitable  
we will have to ~

bowed to the inevitable  
he has ~ (minister under attack resigns)

bowed to pressure  
he has ~ from industrialists (a politician)

bowed to (public) pressure  
he finally ~ to do something

bowing to the U.S.  
the Turks are not ~ (arms dispute)

**dominance & submission: religion / verb**  
**resistance, opposition & defeat: religion / verb**

## bowel (noun)

bowels of the prison  
a tiny, dark room in the ~ (solitary confinement)

**resemblance: bodily process**

**place: bodily process**

## bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.)

rice bowl  
the Mekong Delta, Vietnam's ~

salad bowl  
the Salinas Valley is nicknamed America's ~

**place: epithet / farming & agriculture / sign, signal, symbol**

## bowl (salad bowl / agriculture)

“Salad Bowl of the World”  
the city bills itself as the ~ (Salinas, California)

America's salad bowl  
the Salinas Valley is known as ~ (greens)  
the Salinas Valley is nicknamed ~  
Northern California's Salinas Valley is often dubbed ~

**place: farming & agriculture**

## bowl (salad bowl / mixture)

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl  
is the United States a ~

**mixture: food & drink**

**identity & nature: food & drink**

## bow out (verb)

bow out

he has refused pressure to ~ (a politician)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: theater / verb**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: theater / verb**

## box (box somebody into a corner)

boxed himself into a corner

he has ~ on tax increases (a politician)

**constraint & lack of constraint: boxing / sports & games**

## box (out / outside the box)

out-of-the-box

how ~ can I go (actor takes strange roles)

out-of-the-box idea

she came up with an ~

think out of the box

we have to think ~ (WHO and Ebola)

think outside the box

she learned how to ~

**constraint & lack of constraint / idea: container**

## box (situation)

put them in a box

we don't want to brand people, to ~ (legacy students)

**situation: container**

## box (tick all the boxes, etc.)

ticks all the boxes

Tyson Fury ~ (the boxer)

**worth & lack of worth: writing & spelling**

## boxed in (verb)

boxed in

she's not about to be ~ (a singer and her style)

**constraint & lack of constraint / container**

## brace (verb)

brace yourself

~ for bad news

bracing for more fallout

Washington is ~ from the scandal

braced for a typhoon

the Philippines ~ that could trigger flooding

**readiness & preparedness: infrastructure / verb**

## braced

braced for a long siege

the demonstrators are ~

braced for a (tropical) storm

Florida is ~

**readiness & preparedness: infrastructure**

## brain (noun)

brains behind the project

he was the ~

**knowledge & intelligence: head**

## brain (on the brain)

sex on the brain

not that men need help getting ~

**interest: head**

## brainchild

brainchild of Ted Turner

24-hour news was the ~ (CNN)

brainchild of a (16-year-old high school) student

the stunt was the ~ (viral news story)

**idea: head**

**creation & transformation: family / head**

## brain drain / gain

brain drain

the agency has suffered a severe ~

"brain gain"

out-of-state students lead to a ~ (at Chapel Hill, NC)

reverse brain drain

the US is seeing a ~ as foreign students go home

**knowledge & intelligence: head**

## brainstorm (verb)

brainstorm ideas

~ ideas for his current script

brainstorm solutions

meet key people and ~ to the challenges you face

brainstorm everything

if we tried to ~ that could possibly go wrong, we'd...

**idea: head / storm / verb**

## brainstorm (noun)

latest brainstorm

his ~ is to open a chain of "As Seen on TV" stores

**idea: head / storm**

## brain trust

medical brain trust

he compared notes with the NFL's ~ (concussions, etc.)

**knowledge & intelligence: head**

## brainwash (verb)

brainwashed him  
the cult had ~

**violence: head / hygiene**

## brainwashed

coerced, brainwashed or (even) drugged  
she may have been ~ (terrorist)

**violence: head / hygiene**

## brake (control)

pump the brakes  
some voters want them to ~ (impeachment)

put the brakes on (economic) growth  
industrialists fears the unions would ~

put the brakes on your feelings  
you ~ to avoid confrontation (Japanese "Gaman")

**control & lack of control: mechanism / movement**

**speed: mechanism / movement**

## branch (taxonomy)

branches of Buddhism  
the various ~ (Zen, Tibetan, etc.)

branches of Christianity  
the Armenian Church, one of the most ancient ~

branch of Islam  
the Hazara are members of the Shiite ~ (Afghanistan)  
discrimination against adherents of the Shi'a ~  
the Salafiya ~ regards Shiites as non-Muslims  
the Ismailis are a minority within the minority Shia ~

branches of Islam  
the centuries of enmity between the Sunni and Shiite ~

branch of Shia Islam  
Ismailism is a ~

branches of biology  
ecology is one of the hardest ~ (it's so complex)

branches of the (Hawiye) clan  
the many ~ (Mogadishu)

branch of government  
judges constitute a third ~

branch of knowledge  
theology was accepted as the supreme ~

branches of the military  
special operations forces from various ~

branch of physics  
quantum mechanics is a ~

branch of engineering  
he felt the oil industry ~ suited his personality

branch of the Bani Hassan  
Al-khalayleh is a ~ (Jordan)

branch bank  
each of the four corners has a ~ (NYC)

branch library  
or any other ~

ordnance branch  
he is in the ~, which provides ammunition

service branch  
veterans from all four ~s

Salafiya branch  
the ~ of Islam regards Shiites as non-Muslims

Shi'a branch  
discrimination against adherents of the ~ of Islam

Shia branch  
the Ismailis are a minority within the minority ~

various branches  
special operations forces from ~ of the military

adherents of the (Shi'a) branch  
discrimination against ~ (in Saudi Arabia)

**taxonomy & classification: tree**

**branching system: tree**

## branch out (verb)

branched out into (food) wholesaling  
he ~ (a businessman)

**growth & development: tree / verb**

**branching system: tree**

## brand (verb)

branded his accusers liars  
he ~ (convicted sex abuser)

brand them apostates  
Sunni Arab extremists ~ (Iraq's Christians)

branded the extradition "unlawful"  
the Russians ~

branded all Chechen rebels baby killers  
he ~ (post-Beslan)

**characterization: fire / mark / verb**

## brave (verb)

braved the weather  
several hundred people ~ for a screening

**courage & lack of courage: verb**

## brawl (noun)

political brawl  
the government's ~s with the Muslim Brotherhood

scientific brawl

his appetite for ~s is increasing with age (scientist)

**conflict: boxing**

## **brazen (adjective)**

brazen

the company was ~ (bribes)

brazen play

they orchestrated a ~ (political corruption)

♦ The origin of this word relates to brass.

**restraint & lack of restraint: materials & substances**

**behavior: materials & substances**

## **breach (noun)**

breach of etiquette

the ~ was startling

she was chastised for a ~ (teen golfer at tournament)

breach of the peace

acts causing a ~ are prohibited (city park)

breach of (academic) politics

the ~ destroyed his university career

breach of (investigative) protocol

it is the worst ~ (leak about case)

breaches of respect

~ are sometimes met with vicious reprisal (surfing)

breaches of the rules

police were guilty of ~ on questioning suspects

breach of the (truce) treaty

we urge the North to apologize for the ~

breach of trust

Gordimer accused Roberts of ~ (over biography of her)

breaches of Islamic law

they police the streets on the lookout for ~

breach in the public health system

the closure creates a serious ~

breach with President Yeltsin

how do you avoid a major ~ (diplomacy)

data breach

the latest ~ (from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs)

safety breach

China closed the lab after a ~ (SARS)

security breach

a series of ~s on the Internet

the CIA's handling of the ~

a ~ of customer information (40 million credit-card holders)

reports on ~s in airports

computer-security breaches

many companies have detected ~

substantial and significant breaches

police were guilty of ~ of the rules on questioning suspects

guilty of breaches

the police were ~ of the rules on questioning suspects

detected (computer-security) breaches

many companies have ~

jump into the breach

the company enlisted him to ~

step into the breach

the Germans and French have offered to ~ (intel)

stepped into the breach

ordinary citizens have ~ (disaster relief)

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military failure, accident, & impairment: fortification / military**

## **bread and butter (livelihood)**

earn its bread and butter

science has to ~ (practical applications)

**bases: food & drink**

## **bread-and-butter (adjective)**

bread-and-butter model

the company's ~

**bases / importance & significance: food & drink**

## **breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)**

breadbasket of India

the Punjab is the ~ (Sikhs)

Afghanistan's breadbasket

the broad Shomali Plain that was once ~

Brazil's (southern) breadbasket

~ flourishes (vs. Amazon)

Pakistan's breadbasket

Punjab is known as ~ for its agriculture

**place: farming & agriculture / sign, signal, symbol**

## **breadcrumb**

breadcrumbs for the police

he would leave few ~ (serial murderer changes identity, etc.)

bread crumbs to the crime scene

her clothes were ~ (Central Park jogger)

breadcrumb trail

an electronic ~ lets users backtrack (GPS)

digital breadcrumbs

police followed the ~ left behind by the victim and suspect

♦ A breadcrumb trail is an allusion to the fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel. The children's horrible mother wishes to get rid of them in a time of famine. She leads them deep into the forest but the kids are able to return home by following a trail of small white stones they had dropped along the way. The second time, they have no time to collect stones, so they drop crumbs of bread. But the birds eat the crumbs, and the kids are lost. They eventually come to a gingerbread house where a cannibal witch imprisons them.

**direction: allusion**

## **break (destroy)**

broke the internet  
what ~ (Facebook issues, etc.)

broke the Democratic Party  
how Ted Kennedy ~

**destruction: mechanism / verb**

## **breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.)**

on the edge of a (nervous) breakdown  
I'm ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism**

## **break down (explain)**

break it (all) down for us  
they will ~us (TV news analysis)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: mechanism / verb**

## **break down (functioning)**

authority broke down  
political ~

discipline can break down  
in a crisis, ~ (first responders)  
fire ~ upon contact (military)

negotiations broke down  
~ and resumed and broke down again

communications system broke down  
the state-of-the-art ~

social order is breaking down  
the ~ (in the wake of a great natural disaster)

law and order has broken down

**functioning: mechanism / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb**

## **break down (destroy)**

break down (trade) barriers  
the European Union seeks to ~

break down the resistance  
the operation seeks to ~ in Balad (military)

break down stereotypes  
we must ~ about Muslims

break down the stigma  
we must ~ of adoption

breaks down blood clots  
the enzyme ~ (medicine)

help break down  
study abroad can ~ stereotypes and prejudice

**destruction: mechanism / verb**

## **break down (feeling)**

broke down  
when police arrested her, she ~

broke down in tears  
she ~ as she told her sad story

broke down into tears  
Walter Cronkite ~ on national television (Kennedy)

broke down in his tent  
he ~ and wept for 45 minutes (climber)

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb**

## **break down (divide)**

breaks down into (many small-unit) battles  
combat in urban areas ~ (military)

breaks down into two (different) categories  
the issue ~

breaks down features into elements  
faction-recognition devices ~

broke down its data by age  
the company ~ as well as income

break down ounces into gram  
midsize dealers ~ (illegal drugs)

**taxonomy & classification: mechanism**

## **breaking point (at the breaking point)**

at the breaking point  
they are ~ (financially)

at a breaking point  
the system is ~ (immigration)

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances**

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

**condition & status: materials & substances**

## **breaking point (to the breaking point)**

stretched to the breaking point  
we are ~ (police chief facing layoffs)  
the Army and Marines are ~ (US in Iraq)  
fire crews are ~ (California wildfires)

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances**

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

**condition & status: materials & substances**

## **breaking point (other)**

breaking point  
every man has his ~ (Shawshank Redemption)

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances**

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

**condition & status: materials & substances**

## breakneck (adjective)

breakneck rate

Boeing has been churning out the popular model at a ~ (a plane)

**speed: animal / horse**

## break off (verb)

broke off the attack

the mountain lion finally ~ (on 70-year-old man / CA)

broke off his engagement

he ~ to the former Playboy model

broke off (diplomatic) relations

Venezuela then ~ in response

broke off (business) ties

it ~ with... (two companies)

broke off (diplomatic) ties

Ecuador ~ with Colombia

break it off

until I got the nerve to ~ with my then-girlfriend

**starting, going, continuing & ending: hand**

**curtailment: hand / verb**

## break out (verb)

fight broke out

the ~ on Alexanderplatz square (caused by social media influencers)

**occurrence: pursuit, capture & escape / verb**

## breakthrough (noun)

breakthrough

research failures are finally being outnumbered by the ~s

breakthrough in the (murder) case

we are hoping for a ~

breakthroughs in medicine

the new research might lead to ~

breakthrough in (stalled) talks

a ~ on a bill that... (lawmakers)

breakthroughs in (armor) technology

revolutionary ~ (military)

breakthrough lead

even a \$2.5 million reward has not produced a ~

breakthrough pain

a "rescue dose" for sudden, severe ~ (morphine)

breakthrough year

he is having a ~ (baseball player)

research breakthrough

~s have reduced the cost

~s have led to new treatments for stroke

diplomatic breakthrough

the U.N.-sponsored gathering is a ~

revolutionary breakthroughs

~ in armor technology (military)

scientific breakthrough

it's a ~

technological breakthrough

the first ATMs were a ~ (1970s)

♦ In dictionaries, this word dates to 1918—World War I—when soldiers struggled and died to break through enemy defenses.

**importance & significance: military / movement**

**progress & lack of progress: direction / military / movement**

## breath (take one's breath away)

took my breath away

she ~

it ~ (a huge inflated medical bill)

took your breath away

it ~ (an exciting boxing match)

takes your breath away

the canyon always ~ (Grand Canyon / winter)

**feeling, emotion & effect: bodily process / breathing**

## breath (hold one's breath)

holding their breaths

people are ~ (waiting for a remedy)

holding its breath

the world is collectively ~ (Japan nuclear disaster)

holding my breath

I was ~ walking to the mailbox to see... (medical bill)

holding their breath

people are ~, waiting to see what happens next

**fate, fortune & chance: breathing / verb**

## breathe (verb)

breathe

all caves ~

**resemblance: bodily process**

## breathe (consume)

eat and breathe

these guys ~ cycling (Giro d'Italia)

**consumption: breathing / verb**

## breathing space, etc.

breathing room

provide ~ to consider the options

the rate increase gives the Postal Service "~"

a little breathing room

the Turks are giving the Saudis ~ (to reply)

**amelioration & renewal: breathing**  
**time: breathing**

## **breathless (adjective)**

breathless coverage  
blaring headlines, fleshy photos and ~ (a tabloid)

**feeling, emotion & effect: bodily process / breathing**

## **breathtaking (adjective)**

brehtaking advance  
this is a ~ (legislative act)

brehtaking performance  
she gave a ~ (skater)

brehtaking power  
American prosecutors have ~

brehtaking speed  
the cars go at ~s (racing)

brehtaking view  
a front porch with a ~ of the mountains  
the skyway provides ~s of the southern Appalachians

**feeling, emotion & effect: bodily process / breathing**

## **breed (create)**

breeds (political) bedlam  
the system ~ (government)

breeds corruption  
the ruling ~ (campaign finance)

breeds the desire  
success ~ for more success (school)

Breeds Peril  
Yellowstone Bison Thrive, but Success ~ (article)

**creation & transformation: animal / verb**

## **breed (type)**

breed of enthusiast  
roller coasters inspire a peculiar ~

breed apart  
made them a ~ (W.W. II veterans)

breed of athlete  
a pole vaulter is a very special ~ (danger)

peculiar breed  
roller coasters inspire a ~ of enthusiast

special breed  
it's a dangerous job that takes a ~  
a pole vaulter is a very ~ of athlete (danger)

identifying marks of the (latter) breed  
some professors are jerks, and students should learn the ~  
early on (sex)

**taxonomy & classification: animal**

## **breed (dying breed, etc.)**

dying breed  
he is the last of a ~ (race car driver)  
moderates are a ~ (politics)

Old Breed  
With the ~ (World War II soldiers)

**decline: animal**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal**  
**past & present: animal**

## **breeder reactor (noun)**

breeder reactor for extremism  
the Punjab has been called a ~ (Pakistan)

**creation & transformation: nuclear energy**

## **breeding ground**

breeding ground for (religious) extremism  
mosques are a ~ (Pakistan)

breeding ground for (would-be) jihadists  
Zarqa is a ~ (Jordan)

breeding ground for (serial) killers  
the Pacific Northwest is a ~

breeding grounds for terrorism  
the refugee camps are prime ~  
the Sudan and Somalia, ~

breeding ground for viruses  
the Internet is a ~

**creation & transformation: animal**

## **brew (mixture)**

witches' brew  
at one time, the US military was a ~ of racism

lethal brew  
driving fatalities result from a ~ of... (India)

toxic brew  
their illnesses resulted from a ~ of contaminants  
we fight this ~ of stupidity and... (US exceptionalism)

**mixture: food & drink**

## **brew (activity)**

brewing  
this issue has been ~, and they knew it would bubble up  
again

brewing in Nasiriya  
another humanitarian crisis may be ~ (Iraq War)

controversy is brewing  
a ~

crisis (in Haiti) has been brewing  
~ since...

problem is brewing  
a new ~ (too little space at Metro stations)

revolution is brewing  
a ~ (against bilingual education)

storm was brewing  
outside, the ~ (protests against the government)

tensions are brewing  
~ between supporters and opponents

**activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water**  
**initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water**

**bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)**

Bride of the Red Sea  
Jeddah, the ~ (Saudi Arabia)

**relationship: epithet / family / love, courtship & marriage**  
**person: love, courtship & marriage**

**bridge (noun)**

build bridges to the Taliban  
he has sought to ~

burned some bridges  
he's ~ in the tennis world (troubled athlete)

**division & connection: bridge / river**

**bridge (verb)**

bridge the divide  
they want to ~ and find common ground (gun control / suicide)

bridging the divide  
ballet and baseball are ~ (Cuba and the US)  
~ won't be easy (NFL players' protests)

bridge the gap  
~ between the life you lead and the life you want to live

bridge the rupture  
US diplomats are trying to ~ (Middle East)

**division & connection: bridge / river / verb**  
**amelioration & renewal: bridge / river / verb**

**bridge (air bridge, etc.)**

bridge between the Middle East and Anatolia  
Turkey is a ~ (eastern Turkey / Van)

air bridge  
the ~ is important (food drops to starving refugees)  
Egypt poured men and materiel into Yemen over an ~

Arctic Bridge  
Arctic warming could revitalize the so-called ~

trans-Atlantic bridge  
they have been trying to reestablish that ~ (Mafia / heroin)

**transportation: bridge / river**  
**division & connection: bridge / river**

**route: bridge / infrastructure / river**

**bridge (water under the bridge)**

water under the bridge  
it's ~ now

**past & present: bridge / water**  
**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge / water**

**bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)**

a bridge too far  
the idea is ~ (a bad idea that goes too far)  
I hope he wins, but my head says it will be ~ (Amir Khan vs. Crawford)

a game too far  
it was, in some respects, ~ for England (World Cup)

a step too far  
like the Canelo fight, this could just be ~ (Khan vs. Crawford)

♦ This refers to Operation Market Garden during World War II. It's meaning is to overreach.

**restraint & lack of restraint: military / history / allusion**

**bridge (cross that bridge)**

cross that bridge  
we will ~ when we come to it  
we will ~ and that decision will be made

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge / journeys & trips / river / verb**  
**timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge / journeys & trips / river / verb**

**bridge-building (through bridge-building)**

resolve issues through bridge-building  
they sought to ~

**division & connection: bridge / river**  
**amelioration & renewal: bridge / river**

**bridge-building**

bridge-building visit  
the admission came ahead of Medvedev's ~ to Warsaw

**division & connection: bridge / river**  
**amelioration & renewal: bridge / river**

**bridgehead (noun)**

bridgehead  
Hong Kong is not a ~ to subvert the mainland (China)

establish a bridgehead  
hackers are keen to ~ on internal networks

**presence & absence: bridge / river**  
**survival, persistence & endurance: bridge / river**



## bright

bright  
her future is ~

brighter  
the future for the company has never been ~

bright idea  
it's not easy to turn a ~ into a genuine business

**superlative: light & dark**

## bright (bright side)

look on the bright side  
well, ~... (consolation)

**flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark**

**resiliency: light & dark**

## brilliance (superlative)

flashes of brilliance  
this was a performance of heart, quality and ~ (soccer match)  
he produced occasional ~ when he returned (a soccer player)

**superlative: light & dark**

## brilliant (technology)

"brilliant" bomb  
~s are in the future (Low Cost Autonomous Attack Systems)  
~s are the smart bombs of the future  
~s strike some as the ultimate nightmare

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)  
~ bombs (military)

**knowledge & intelligence: mechanism**

**ability & lack of ability: mechanism**

## brilliant (superlative)

brilliant (medical and military) career  
after a ~

brilliant hacker  
he is a ~ (computers)

brilliant idea  
I had a ~

brilliant job  
who did such a ~

brilliant (new) plan  
a ~ to...

brilliant scientist  
she's a ~ who...

brilliant and abrasive (m)  
a ~ engineer named...

**superlative: light & dark**

## brim (verb)

brimming with patriotism  
he staged a revival meeting ~

brims with irony  
his account ~ (a book)

**amount: container / verb**

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: container / verb**

## bring (verb)

brought its own problems  
the solution has ~

brought joy to the citizens  
the musical ~ of an anxious nation at war ("Oklahoma!")

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb**

## bring (future)

bring  
nobody knows what the future will ~

**future: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb**

## bring (bring back)

bring the beaver back  
efforts are underway to ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb**

**amelioration & renewal: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb**

## bring (bring it)

bring it  
if you're gonna sing it, you gotta ~ (gospel music)

**commitment & determination: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb**

## bring around (verb)

bring Londoners around  
what will ~ (to support the Olympics)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / verb**

## bring down (verb)

bring down some racial barriers  
it helped to ~ (basketball)

brought down his own career  
he ~ with drugs (a baseball player)

bring down the (whole) edifice  
any crack in the system would ~ (dictatorship)

**destruction: direction / verb**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb**

## brink (on the brink)

on the brink of collapse  
the government is ~

on the brink of default  
the country is teetering ~ (Greece / economy)

on the brink of disaster  
the country is ~ (economy)

on the brink of a (polio) epidemic  
West and Central Africa are ~

on the brink of failure  
the meeting was ~ (UN)

on the brink of insolvency  
the factory is teetering ~

on the brink of unconsciousness  
he was ~ (trapped caver)

on the brink of stardom  
he has been hovering ~ (a film actor)

on the brink of (another) summit bid  
10 days later, ~ (climbing)

hovering on the brink  
he has been ~ of stardom (a film actor)

teetering on the brink  
the factory is ~ of insolvency

**proximity: ground, terrain & land**

**fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land**

## brink (to the brink)

push Iraq to the brink  
he urged them not to ~ of confrontation

**proximity: ground, terrain & land**

**fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land**

## brink (back from the brink)

back from the brink  
Wall Street is ~

step back from the brink  
they must ~ (rioters battle soldiers)

bring them back from the brink  
we must ~ of extinction (endangered animals)

pull his friend back from the brink  
he tried to ~ (drug intervention)

**proximity: ground, terrain & land**

**fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land**

**survival, persistence & endurance: ground, terrain & land**

## brinkmanship (noun)

brinkmanship  
there's a lot of ~ involved (negotiations)

**fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land**  
**position, policy & negotiation: ground, terrain & land**

## bristle (verb)

bristled at question  
the senator ~ about his patriotism

bristles at the suggestion  
she ~ that she encouraged cheating (an educator)

bristling with security  
the courthouse is ~

♦ Piloerection is a sign of emotional arousal. In chimpanzees, it will cause the hair on their shoulders to stick straight up. At the same time, chimpanzees might hoot and throw pebbles.

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / dog / hair / verb**  
**activity: animal / dog / hair / verb**

## brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.)

emerged (emotionally) brittle  
he ~ (from a turbulent childhood)

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**  
**ability & lack of ability: materials & substances**

## broadside (noun)

level broadsides at Romney's wealth  
Democrats ~ (politics)

**accusation & criticism: boat / military / weapon**  
**speech: weapon**

## Brodingnagian (adjective)

Brodingnagian Embassy  
the US is downsizing its ~ in Iraq

**size: allusion / person**

♦ The allusion is to the satire *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift. The same book contributed *Lilliputian* to the language.

## broken (failure)

broken  
our food-safety system in this country is ~ (salmonella)  
there is no question in my mind that the system is ~  
the economy is ~, and Obama can't fix it

broken home  
he comes from a ~

broken life  
put back the pieces of a ~ (schizophrenia)

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism**  
**functioning: mechanism**

**flaws & lack of flaws: mechanism**

## broken (English, etc.)

broken Arabic  
reporters asked him in ~ if...

broken English  
the Peruvian liaison officer spoke ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: speech / mechanism**

**speech: functioning**

## **broken (feeling)**

broken man

he left high-spirited, but he returned a ~ (war)

**feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / mechanism**

## **broken-hearted**

broken-hearted (m)

a ~ man

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

**feeling, emotion & effect: functioning**

**heart: functioning / mechanism**

## **bromide (noun)**

bromide

this is sound advice as far as it goes, but it's a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

**speech: health & medicine**

## **brother (brother in arms, etc.)**

brother of igneous volcanoes

mud volcanoes are the poor ~ (research, etc.)

brothers to us

the Syrians are ~ (Iraqi Christian refugee)

brother in arms

the soldier's reflexive instinct to protect his ~

fraternity brothers

he died after chugging whiskey with ~ (initiation)

poor brother

mud volcanoes are the ~ of igneous volcanoes (research)

band of brothers

they are more than a fun-loving, bike-riding ~ (gang)

**relationship: family**

**division & connection: family**

**person: family**

## **brotherhood**

brotherhood of the sea

we have seen what the ~ means (international rescue)

brotherhood of firefighters

the ~

brotherhood of submariners

the ~

brotherhood, loyalty, courage, and self-sacrifice

the virtues of ~

brotherhood, service, sacrifice

~ (Rangers)

Sufi brotherhoods

Chechnya's ~

♦ "We have seen in deeds, not words, what the brotherhood of the sea means." (A Russian Navy official, on the successful rescue of sailors aboard a sunken mini-sub. The British, Japanese, and Americans had all rushed to help.)

♦ "My hope is that this site contributes to making more people visit our museum and that the pilgrimage to the Island of Gorée provides an impetus to an enhanced brotherhood able to exorcise the demons of the past." (Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, 2005, speaking about the island opposite Dakar which was the largest slave-trading center on the African coast, ruled in succession by the Portuguese, Dutch, English and French.)

**group, set & collection: family**

**relationship: family**

**division & connection: family**

## **brush (brush off)**

brushed off concerns

he ~ about his security

brushed off their concerns

he angrily ~ (a manager)

brushed off his protest

they ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: hand / verb**

## **brush-off**

gave me the brush off

she ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: hand**

## **bruise (verb)**

bruised feelings

but the decision has ~ here (by church, to...)

bruised some egos

he ruffled some feathers and ~ (a general)

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mark /**

**sensation / verb**

## **bruised**

left the Administration bruised

the experience ~ (diplomacy)

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mark /**

**sensation**

## **bruising (adjective)**

bruising (political) attacks

after days of ~ on his tax returns and his record...

bruising election

it was a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mark /**

**sensation**

## **bubble (verb)**

bubbling here

there has been a long-term democracy moment ~

bubbling (just) under the surface  
conflict is ~

**activity:** bubble / heating water / temperature / verb / water

**initiation:** bubble / heating water / temperature / verb / water

## **bubble (noun)**

stock bubble  
but now that the ~ has burst (1990s)

dot-com bubble  
the ~

housing bubble  
the ~ will eventually pop (housing market)

bubble has burst  
but now that the stock ~... (1990s)

bubble burst  
then the ~, and investors lost fortunes (stocks)

**activity:** bubble / water

**substance & lack of substance:** bubble / water

## **bubble (isolation)**

their own bubble  
they can't see outside of ~ (Facebook leaders)  
the people at Facebook live in ~

pierced the bubble  
Trump ~ of this isolated leadership (North Korea)

**isolation & remoteness:** bubble / container / water

## **bubble up (verb)**

bubble up  
the Troubles continue to ~ in unexpected places (Ireland)  
this issue has been brewing, and they knew it would ~ again

**appearance & disappearance:** bubble / heating water / temperature / verb / water

**activity:** bubble / heating water / temperature / verb / water

**initiation:** bubble / heating water / temperature / verb / water

## **bubbling (adjective)**

bubbling  
his case remained a ~, unsolved mystery for years (Kim Philby)

**activity:** bubble / heating water / temperature / water

**initiation:** bubble / heating water / temperature / water

## **buccaneer (person)**

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates  
they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

**taking & removing:** crime / person / sea

**person:** boat / crime / sea

## **buck (verb)**

bucked his party  
he ~ (John McCain / politics)

**resistance, opposition & defeat:** horse / animal / verb  
**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity:** horse / animal / verb

## **buckle (give way)**

buckled  
instead of doubling down on the policy, he ~

**failure, accident & impairment:** infrastructure / ruins / verb  
**resistance, opposition & defeat:** infrastructure / ruins / verb

**destruction:** infrastructure / ruins / verb

## **budding**

budding adventurer  
the ~ claimed she was not afraid (Abby Sunderland, 16)

budding ("heritage language") movement  
the ~ in education

budding relationship  
they managed to keep their ~ a secret (guy / girl)

budding romance  
the innocence of a ~ (teens)

**growth & development:** plant

## **budge (verb)**

budge  
the negotiators won't ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat:** movement / verb  
**position, policy & negotiation:** movement / verb  
**commitment & determination:** movement / verb

## **budget (attention budget, etc.)**

attention budget  
ads take a toll on the user's ~ (internet)

**constraint & lack of constraint:** money

## **buffet (noun)**

buffet of injustices  
that place was a virtual ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

**alternatives & choices:** food & drink

## **bug (enthusiasm)**

travel bug  
she said she got the ~ from her father...

internet bug  
have you got the ~

acting bug  
he took some drama classes and developed an ~

skating bug  
he caught the ~ at age 8 (ice-skater Rudy Galindo)

bitten by the cycling bug  
as a youth he played soccer before he was ~

#### enthusiasm: health & medicine

### build (create)

build an (international anti-terror) coalition  
they seek to ~

build confidence  
rehearsals ~ and improve performance (military)

build his confidence  
he needs time to ~

build my confidence  
rehearsals ~ and improve performance (military)

built a (drug-trafficking) empire  
he ~ in the Caribbean

built a (nationwide freight-hauling) empire  
Johnnie B. Hunt, who ~

build the future  
the motto was *Pro futuro aedificamus*—we ~ (school)

build a (secure) future  
~ for their children

build interest  
Leslie's dunk will ~ in the WNBA

build a (16-point) lead  
~ (basketball)

built a good life  
we ~ together

build muscles  
some bodybuilders use GHB thinking it will ~

build opposition  
he participated in clandestine meetings to ~

build (a series of working) partnerships  
~ (federal agencies)

build rapport  
a personable style of communication that aims to ~

builds (close) relationships  
the chaplain ~ with prisoners (prison)

built her reputation  
she ~ as an educator over two decades (fired)

build a reputation  
you can't ~ on what you are going to do (Henry Ford);  
Cotto continues to ~ (the boxer)

build (deductive) skills  
~ early in doctors' training

build (company) solidarity

he pays for Caribbean cruises to ~

build a team  
trying to ~ is a hard juggling act (basketball)

build (community) ties  
people don't stay long enough to ~

building a better tomorrow  
we are ~

build trust  
you can ~ by... (dealing with kid's separation anxiety)

build a (peaceful) world community  
they seek to ~

built her reputation over two decades  
she ~ (an educator)

building a case one block at a time  
they are ~ (for conspiracy)

build self-esteem  
some argue that the best way to ~ is to...

anger is building  
the ~ here (oil spill)

aims to build  
a personable style of communication that ~ rapport

trying to build  
~ a team is a hard juggling act (basketball)

failure to build  
his government's ~ a healthy economy

time to build  
he needs ~ his confidence

hard to build  
the company's reputation, ~, easy to destroy

#### creation & transformation: infrastructure / verb

### building block

building block of society  
the tribe is the ~ (rural south Iraq)

use the experience as a building block  
you can ~

#### bases: infrastructure

### build up (verb)

building up  
a lot of anger is ~

#### increase & decrease: infrastructure / verb

### built

built around the church  
his life was ~

#### configuration: infrastructure

## built in

built in

is there an assessment tool that is ~

downtime built in

their jobs have extended ~ (firefighters)

built-in incentive

stock options provide a ~

**attachment: infrastructure**

**identity & nature: infrastructure**

**configuration: infrastructure**

## bull (bull in a china shop)

bull in a china shop

she's a ~

**force: animal / cows & cattle**

## bulldoze (verb)

bulldoze (v)

he tried to ~ me, but I resisted

**destruction: tools & technology / verb**

## bullet (velocity)

bullets of sound

acoustic weapons can fire ~

bullet train

at the controls of a Japanese ~

**speed: bullet / weapon**

## bullet (shape)

bullets, needles, prisms, columns

snowflakes come in shapes: ~, stars cups, and plates

**shape: bullet / weapon**

## bullet (dodge a bullet)

dodged a bullet

we ~ here (car bomb ignites but fails to explode)

dodged a (big) bullet

we ~ (hurricane misses refineries)

**fate, fortune & chance: bullet / weapon / verb**

## bullet (take a bullet for somebody)

take a bullet for the president

he has said he would ~ (a lawyer)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet / verb**

**commitment & determination: bullet / verb**

## bulletproof (adjective)

bulletproof

your logic is ~

our story was ~ (investigative reporter)

seemed bulletproof

he ~ just a few weeks ago (politician under fire)

**flaws & lack of flaws: bullet / weapon**

## bull's-eye (shape)

"bull's-eye" rash

the disease is characterized by a ~ (Lyme disease)

**shape: target / weapon**

## bull's-eye (target)

bull's-eye on his back

he has a ~ (a wanted terrorist)

put a bull's-eye on the city

the hurricane has ~ (New Orleans 2012)

**target: weapon**

## bully (verb)

bully their kids

some parents ~ to harden them

bully the president into backing down

the Republicans are trying to ~ on reform

bullied by the north

southerners complain of being ~ (Sudan)

**coercion & motivation: school & education / verb**

**oppression: school & education / verb**

## bully (person)

bully in their region

Israel was the classic ~ (Egyptians / 1973 war)

regional bully

many see Saudi Arabia as a ~ (its neighbors)

stood up to the (schoolyard) bully

he ~ (student vs. record-industry lawyers)

**coercion & motivation: school & education / person**

**oppression: school & education / person**

**person: school & education**

## bulwark

bulwark against (Republican) excesses

he was a ~ (a politician)

bulwark against (religious) extremism

he had been a ~ (deposed leader)

bulwark against (government) tyranny

the Second Amendment is a ~ (right to bear arms)

bulwark against vice

playgrounds provide a ~ (urbanization)

bulwark of stability and democracy

India represents a ~ compared with Pakistan

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

## **bump (bump in the road, etc.)**

bump in the road

this is just a ~ (personal setback)  
it was just a ~ of their ideal lives

bumps in the road to toilet training

many families encounter ~

speed bumps

there have been a few ~ (negotiations)

encounter bumps in the road

many families ~ to toilet training

**obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips**

## **bump (increase)**

bump in business

the films saw a ~ following their Tony wins

bump in earnings

the company has seen a ~

**increase & decrease: shape**

## **bumpy (adjective)**

bumpy ride

consumers are in for a ~ this year (customer service)

bumpy road

the economy is on the ~ to recovery

**flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land**

## **buoy (verb)**

buoy the movement

Trump's rhetoric continues to ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb / water**

## **buoyant (feeling)**

buoyant

the Russian mood is definitely ~  
the German fans are ~ and singing (soccer game)

buoyant about ending

they were ~ their opponents' unbeaten streak (sports)

buoyant mood

the members of the expedition were in a ~

buoyant music

she loved the musical's ~

buoyant optimism

he expressed ~ that...

buoyant, lively (m)

it was a ~ performance (music)

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water**

## **buoyant (personality)**

buoyant 70

he is a ~ (years of age)

buoyant confidence

she projects a ~

buoyant personality

she has a ~ given her circumstances (illegal immigrant)

buoyant temperament

she has a ~

**character & personality: direction / water**

## **buoyant (strong)**

buoyant

voters supported him while the economy was ~  
Asian economies remain resilient, even ~

buoyant demand

the offering has seen ~ from investors

buoyant (job) growth

we are seeing rapid, ~

keeps prices buoyant

the rarity of such collectibles ~

**increase & decrease: direction / water**

## **buoyed**

buoyed with hope

he seemed ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water**

**survival, persistence & endurance: direction / water**

## **burden (verb)**

burden his wife with (toilsome and difficult) work

a man should not ~, based on her abilities and custom

burden our grandchildren with this debt

it is wrong to ~

**oppression: burden / weight / verb**

**affliction: burden / weight / verb**

## **burden (noun)**

burden

some view stress as a challenge rather than a ~

burden of expectation

she suffers from the ~

burden of guilt

they share a ~

burdens of leadership

the ~ are heavy (politics)

burden of the past

future generations won't suffer the ~

burden of proof

the ~ is on the FDA to show...

burden (of paperwork) on researchers

the ~ can be great

### debt burden

she couldn't get out from under her crushing ~  
~ keeps poor countries from healing their sick

### tax burden

the ~ still falls on the shoulders of regular Americans  
the local ~ on the mall store

### financial burden

we must reduce the ~s on patients (health care)  
a wedding can be a huge ~ (Arab countries)

### heavy burden

he carries a ~ of responsibility (ruler)

### physical and emotional burdens

the ~ of child-rearing (on grandparents)

### blessing and a burden

patients see choice as both a ~

### burden falls

the ~ on the shoulders of those least able to bear it  
the ~ primarily on women (health-care decisions)

### carry the burden

some kids ~ of extra responsibility (autistic sibling)

### ease the burden

how can we ~ of the poor

### get out from under her crushing (debt) burden

she couldn't ~

### shoulder the burden

locals must ~ after regime change (Rumsfeld)

### oppression: burden / weight

### affliction: burden / weight

## burgeoning (adjective)

### burgeoning influence

they wish to allay fears about its ~

♦ This word relates to the growth of plants.

### growth & development: plant

### increase & decrease: plant

## buried (concealment)

### buried in the archives

the information was ~

### buried in the past

it is ~...

### buried in the navigation bar

the link was ~ (poor Web site design)

### buried facts

~ about the (plutonium) contamination

### stay buried

the past did not ~ (The Troubles and Brexit)

### concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land

## buried (buried in debt, etc.)

### buried in debt

are you ~

### buried in work

homicide detectives were ~ (leads)

### buried away

she was ~ in the U.S. Department of Agriculture

### involvement: burial / ground, terrain & land

### oppression: burial / ground, terrain & land

## burned (impressed)

### burned into our (collective) consciousness

fairy tales or folktales ~

### impression: fire / sensation

## burned (hurt)

### burned by their (past) investments

they were ~ in failed projects (tech industry)

### got burned

many investors ~ (fraud)

♦ Once burned, twice shy!

### feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

## burner (front burner)

### put the environment on the front burner

they seek to ~ (election)

### put having more fun on the front burner

maybe it's time to ~ (ad for a cruise ship)

### priority: direction / position

### importance & significance: direction / position

## burning (burning desire, etc.)

### burning desire

the ~ to be the best (basketball)

he has a ~ to get the facts (human rights investigator)

### burning question

she has one ~ (what did my son die for in Iraq war)

### burning righteousness

she pays a price for her ~ (a play)

### feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

### sensation: fire

## burning (slow-burning)

### slow-burning rebellion

the nation is in the grip of a ~ against the regime

### slow-burning war

the Troubles, the ~ in Northern Ireland

### activity: fire



## burnish (verb)

burnished his credentials  
his work in Beijing ~ (a politician)

burnished his reputation  
his sermons have ~

♦ If you burnish something, you rub it until it shines.

**increase & decrease: light & dark / verb**

## burn off (verb)

burn off her (abundant) energy  
your toddler needs to ~

burn off stress  
exercise is a great way to ~

**amelioration & renewal: fire / verb**

## burn out (verb)

burn out  
he warns that troops will "~" and leave the service

burned out  
what happens to adjuncts once they've ~

burn out from the environment  
people who ~ (technology and computers)

burn out or fade away  
playboating didn't ~ (whitewater rodeos, etc.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb**

**decline: fire / verb**

## burnout (noun)

competitive burnout  
he quit the tour, citing ~ (a surfer)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire**

## burrow (burrow into)

burrowing into the coal industry  
Communists are ~, newspapers and shipyards

**concealment & lack of concealment: animal**

**subterfuge: animal**

## burst (activity)

burst of negotiating  
the crisis signaled a fresh ~

burst of recognition  
you're getting a ~ (an old Blues singer)

**activity: explosion**

## burst (burst into tears, etc.)

burst into applause  
the staff ~ (teachers)

burst into laughter

she ~

burst into tears  
I ~, assuming...

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb**

## burst (burst into violence, etc.)

burst into violence  
lingering tensions ~

**initiation: explosion / verb**

## burst on / onto the scene, etc.

burst on the scene  
he ~ in 1991 (independent politician Ross Perot)

burst onto the stage  
he was one of several poets who ~ in the 60s (Russia)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: explosion / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / verb**

## bury (conceal)

bury the truth  
the government is trying to ~

bury (radio) listings  
newspapers ~

buried the report  
Harvard found the same thing but ~ (race issue)

**concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land / verb**

**concealment & lack of concealment: burial / verb**

## bury (immerse)

buries herself in her phone  
whenever they're together, she ~ (teen and father)

**absorption & immersion: burial / verb**

## bus (throw somebody under the bus)

threw us under the bus  
I felt like he ~ (a politician)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: violence / verb**

## bus (allegiance)

on the bus  
you're either ~ or not on the bus, and I'm driving the bus

♦ This is like the politician who said, "This is my truck, and in my truck we go by my rules."

**allegiance, support & betrayal: mechanism**

**unanimity & consensus: mechanism**

**control & lack of control: mechanism**

## butcher (verb)

butchered his presentation  
he ~

**failure, accident & impairment: meat / verb**

## **butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)**

Butcher of Baghdad

ridding the world of the ~ (Saddam Hussein)

butcher of Mosul

the execution of Shukair Farid, "the ~" (Iraq)

criminals and butchers

the terrorists are ~ (Prince Abdullah)

**violence: epithet / meat**

**oppression: epithet / meat / person**

## **butterfly (shape)**

butterfly ballot

the ~ confused many voters (2000 presidential election)

"butterfly" mines

PFM-1 ~ scattered from the air (Afghanistan);

children think ~ are toys

**shape: insect**

## **butterfly (social butterfly)**

social butterfly

she's a ~

**character & personality: insect**

## **butterfly (butterflies in stomach)**

had butterflies in my stomach

I ~ (a nervous performer before a performance)

**feeling, emotion & effect: insect**

## **button (push a button)**

pushed my button

that's what ~ too far (a suspension)

push people's buttons

I like to ~ (George Carlin / comedian / taboos)

pushes (South Africa's) racial buttons

rugby ~

push (people's) buttons

he likes to ~ (get them upset)

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb**

## **button (pause button)**

hit the pause button

we need to ~ and keep it pressed until... (gene editing)

**action, inaction & delay: mechanism**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism**

## **button (panic button)**

panic button

I was scared, I hit the ~

hit the panic button

I was scared, I ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism**

## **hot button**

hot buttons

he addresses love, expectation, and other ~ (writer)

he addresses jealousy, grief, and other ~ (writer)

he addresses disappointment, fidelity and other ~

hot-button issue

another ~ at the WTO was dumping

let's talk about some of the ~s (politics)

hot-button subject

it's a ~ (racism and bias)

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / temperature**

## **buttress (verb)**

buttress Ethiopia against threats

a better approach is to ~ to its survival by...

buttress its argument

Eritrea produced Italian colonial-era maps to ~

buttressed his case

he has ~ with science's latest discoveries about...

buttress European influence

the pipeline will ~ all the way to Azerbaijan

**amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb**

## **buttress (resemblance)**

buttresses of (dark, gabbro) rock

these peaks and ~ are called the Black Cuillin

**resemblance: infrastructure**

## **buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.)**

Buttress Point

~ is a point in New Zealand

Castle Buttress

~ is a peak in KwaZulu-Natal

Porcupine Buttress

the ~ is a series of promontories (Western Cape)

**proper name: infrastructure**

## **buy (buy into something)**

bought into the bravado

he initially ~ (claims of a corporation)

bought into the (e-wallet) concept

parents that have ~

buy into the stereotype

does this guy ~ that Asian women are generally weak

**acceptance & rejection: money**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: money**

## buy (other)

buy their argument  
do you ~ that...

buying his excuses  
his colleagues are not ~ (ethics violations)

**acceptance & rejection: money / verb**

## buy-in

buy-in from parents  
we didn't have enough of a deep ~ (school)

**acceptance & rejection: money**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: money**

## bypass (verb)

bypass Congress  
the President will try to ~ to get what he wants

**avoidance & separation: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**obstacles & impedance: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**strategy: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**subterfuge: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

## buzz (sound)

buzz with the sound  
forests ~ of chain saws

**sound: insect**

## buzz (activity)

buzzing with anticipation  
the students were ~ (school assembly)

buzzing with excitement  
the city is ~ ahead of next month's World Cup

buzzing with questions  
my mind was ~

buzzed with possibilities  
my mind ~

buzzed with rumors  
the school ~

buzzing with shoppers  
Rockefeller Center is ~

**activity: insect**

## buzz (attention)

buzz  
the ~ this years is that...

buzz about the (new) hotel

there was a lot of ~ (a Japanese robot hotel)

buzz about the Nationals  
there has been a lot of ~ (sports team)

audience buzz  
the TV show is getting critical acclaim and ~

water-cooler buzz  
the ~ is underway (a controversy)

most buzz  
which story is getting the ~

negative buzz  
the group survived the initial ~

generated quite some buzz  
this has ~ in the last 24 hours or so (politics)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound**

## buzz (sensation)

beer buzz  
I like a good ~ in the morning

euphoria or buzz or high  
inhaling to get a sensation of ~ (toluene abuse)

**sensation: sound**

## bygone (adjective)

bygone era  
hallmarks of a ~  
he dressed and sounded like he had stepped out of a ~

**past & present: movement**

## byproduct

byproduct of (Mexico's) culture  
domestic violence is an ugly ~ of machismo

byproducts of the war  
renditions and torture are ~ (US in Iraq)

ugly byproduct  
domestic violence is an ~ of Mexico's culture of machismo

**product: manufacturing**

**creation & transformation: manufacturing**

## byzantine

byzantine (Third World) bureaucracy  
solutions have been impeded by a ~

byzantine formula  
fees are calculated according to ~s

byzantine (asylum) process  
he navigates a ~ to finally get a court hearing

byzantine regulations  
~ are difficult for the outsider to navigate (Egypt)  
the ~ are stifling

byzantine tax law

he relied on Smith's knowledge of ~

**complexity: history**

## C

### cakewalk (dance)

cakewalk

this election is not going to be a ~ for...

England are still well placed, but it has not been a ~ (cricket)

no Indy 500 is a ~, it's a massive challenge (motorsports)

military intelligence suggested the campaign would be a ~

♦ For the history of this word, see "The Extraordinary Story Of Why A 'Cakewalk' Wasn't Always Easy" by Lakshmi Gandhi, NPR, Code Switch, Race and Identity, Remixed, December 23, 2013. The title says it all!

**difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink**

### calculus

calculus of subsidizing

for China, the ~ green industries is quite different

cynical (political) calculus

the racist language they used was part of a ~ (politicians)

economic calculus

the recent rise of shale drilling has changed the ~

mental calculus

he committed an instant ~ (a sports player)

new calculus

for many Mexicans looking north, a ~ favors home

political calculus

the recent ~ hasn't resulted in a winning calculus

regional calculus

the ~ has swiftly and dramatically altered (diplomacy)

strategic calculus

we cannot change Pakistan's ~

part of our calculus

that was ~, if we... (war strategy in Afghanistan)

altering the calculus

changes in Cairo are ~ of the entire region

changed that calculus

her string of stumbles ~ (that she could win easily)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: number**

**strategy: number**

### calibrate (adjust)

calibrate its use

it must ~ of force (a country)

exquisitely calibrated

his temperament was ~ to the moment (soldier)

**amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / verb**

**measurement: tools & technology / verb**

### call (call to arms)

call to arms for everyone

this is a ~ who may have a hospitalized relative

call to arms against the epidemic

the report was a ~ (Koop / AIDS)

**appeal: military / sound**

**message: military / sound**

### call (close call)

close call

this was not a ~, there was no case (a judge)

**judgment: baseball / justice / sports & games**

### call (the right call)

right call

he remains convinced that he made the ~ (a judge)

**judgment: baseball / justice / sports & games**

### call (close call / danger)

close call

I could have died, it was a ~

♦ This could be analogous to a close shave.

**danger: blade / hair**

**fate, fortune & chance: blade / hair**

### call (appeal)

calls (for the FBI) to share

~ information

call of duty

his extraordinary heroism, above and beyond the ~

call of fads

don't give in to the siren ~ (tattoos you can live with)

call of the wild

it heard the ~ and disappeared (pet deer)

call to action

boredom should be a ~

call to duty

men and women who feel the ~

calls for the abolishment

Iraqi leaders have rebuffed ~ of the death penalty

calls for democracy

universal ~ and human rights

calls for his head

there have been ~ (a government official)

call for help

that night they got a ~ (climbing)

call for jihad

his out-and-out ~

call for a (mass) protest  
a ~ against anti-Semitism and racism (France)

calls for (peaceful) protests  
despite ~, trouble broke out

calls for resistance  
~ emanate from mosque loudspeakers (Iraq)

calls for revenge  
rival families would issue ~

call for equal rights  
the ~ was heard all over the country (civil rights)

calls for democracy and human rights  
universal ~

God's call  
he has answered ~ to preach the Gospel (Billy Graham)

siren call  
don't give in to the ~ of fads (tattoos you can live with)

answered the call  
he ~

heed his call  
I wish more gays would ~ (gays shouldn't assimilate)

rebuffed calls  
Iraqi leaders have ~ for the abolishment of the death penalty

**appeal: speech**

### **call for (appeal)**

calls (out) for (decisive) action  
the crisis ~ (terrorism)

called for a ban  
he ~ of anti-personnel mines

call for (immediate) intervention  
these situations may ~ (medicine)

calls for the removal  
another option ~ of the population (Nauru)

called for a summit  
Yeltsin ~ among the superpowers

**appeal: speech / verb**

### **call for (a recipe can call for something)**

calls for flour  
when a gravy, sauce, soup, or stew recipe ~

**fictive communication: speech / verb**

### **calling card**

calling card  
the way he positions his victims is his ~  
the way the body was left amounted to a ~ (murder)  
bravado, cunning and carelessness are his ~s  
her openheartedness has always been her ~ (a singer)

calling card of many (neo-Nazi) groups  
the swastika is still the contemporary ~

calling card of a monstrous storm  
debris everywhere, tossed and scattered, the ~ (hurricane)

calling card for one's personality and lifestyle  
weddings serve as a ~

grim calling card  
mesothelioma has become the substance's ~ (asbestos)

became his calling card  
the film ~ in Hollywood (an actor)

♦ A calling card was a visiting card. Calling cards were once very important in the days of "society." They would include a name, perhaps an address, and a lady's "day at home." Cards were left at balls, receptions and teas. Those arriving in a new city might inform members of society there by sending calling cards.

**evidence: object**

### **callout (criticism)**

callout  
not every ~ escalates into a full-scale dragging

callouts, draggings, and pile-ons  
some Y.A. books are targeted in intense social-media ~

**accusation & criticism: speech**

**judgment: speech**

### **calve (verb)**

calve (immense serac) avalanches  
hanging glaciers ~ (Everest base camp)

calve icebergs  
tidewater glaciers ~

calve underwater  
glaciers can ~, causing an iceberg to leap up

**creation & transformation: cows & cattle / glacier / snow & ice / verb**

### **calving**

calving of icebergs  
the ~ by glaciers

calving of an iceberg  
the ~ can create a huge wave

**creation & transformation: cows & cattle**

### **camel (camel's nose)**

camel's nose in the tent  
he sees the decision as the ~ (a judicial case)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: animal**

### **cameo (noun)**

celebrity cameos  
the film featured a cavalcade of ~

**characterization: clothing & accessories / picture**

## **camp (noun)**

camp(s) of advisers and loyalists  
frictions between their ~ (politicians)

two camps  
there will be ~, just as there are now (a debate)  
the fault lines break people into ~ (computers)

split into (rival) camps  
our fear that America is ~ (Red / Blue)

**division: military**

## **can (kick the can down the road)**

kicked the can down the road  
they just ~ (negligent doctor not dealt with)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: walking, running & jumping / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: journeys & trips  
action, inaction & delay: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## **canal (birth canal, etc.)**

birth canal  
push the baby through the ~  
a woman can die if her baby becomes stuck in the ~

alimentary canal  
the ~ extends from the mouth to the anus

anal canal  
the sigmoidoscope is introduced into the ~

auditory canal  
sound waves go through the external ear into the ~

**shape: canal / infrastructure**

## **canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)**

canary in the coalmine  
brook trout are the ~ (for water quality)

canaries in the coal mine  
they are the ~, super-sensitive to warming (corals)

canary in the cave about rationing challenges  
it's the ~ (changes to who gets a transplant kidney)

canary in the coal mine for disconnected societies  
Japan's lost generation could be the ~ (*hikikomori*)

**evidence: animal / bird / mining**

## **cancer (noun)**

cancer  
this is a ~ that has been allowed to metastasize (issue)  
government corruption is a ~ that destroys from within

cancer of our time  
fake news is the ~

cancer on our society  
Wall Street is a ~

cancer on the Internet  
Facebook is a ~ (parent of teen)

cancer has metastasized  
the ~ into a regional crisis (terrorism)

cut out this cancer  
there is a need to ~ that we found (misconduct)

considers hacking a cancer  
the Chinese government ~ to the whole society (Internet)

**affliction: health & medicine**

**growth & development: health & medicine**

## **cancerous (adjective)**

cancerous growth  
how can we stop the ~ of hate radio

**affliction: health & medicine**

**growth & development: health & medicine**

## **cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.)**

Cannibal  
his nickname is "the ~" because he chews up his rivals

'Corsa Cannibals'  
~ can strip Vauxhall Corsas of their parts in just minutes

**destruction: epithet / person**

## **cannibal (other)**

cannibal  
his work was described as too graphic, ugly, even ~ (artist)  
♦ The work of the sculptor Jacob Epstein has been described as "too graphic," "too hard-hitting," "too ugly," "too distorted" and even "cannibal."

**person: food & drink**

## **cannibalized**

cannibalized  
the buildings had been ~

**destruction: food & drink**

## **cannon (loose cannon)**

loose cannon  
there are a lot of ~s out there (crazy people)

**character & personality: person / weapon**

**behavior: person / weapon**

**control & lack of control: military / person / weapon**

**person: military / weapon**

## **canon (literature)**

canon of (English) literature  
certain authors occupy a central place in the ~

canon of "great books"  
who decides what the ~ is (literature)

standard canon  
defenders of the ~ often agree to its expansion (lit)

traditional canon  
the battle between defenders and detractors of the ~

parallel, oppositional canons  
establish ~ of work by women, gays...

concept of the canon  
many would repudiate the ~ entirely (literature)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**  
**canon (other)**

culinary canon  
a native ~ embraces rice, persimmons, corn, bison (US)

canon has been blasted apart  
but that ~ (doctors withhold prognosis)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**  
**canonical (adjective)**

canonical  
his Cold War scholarship is ~ (John Lewis Gaddis)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**  
**canter (noun)**

canter  
at a ~, take us through the voyage... (radio show)

**haste: horse**

**cap (tip one's cap)**

tip their cap to Duke Ellington  
younger musicians like Sonny and Max Roach always ~

**achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hat**

**capital (money)**

human capital  
we must invest in ~

political capital  
he is willing to spend ~ on the issue  
when you're president you have a limited amount of ~

capital evaporated  
in the last 2 weeks his political ~ (resigned)

**cost & benefit: money**

**capital (capital of crime, etc.)**

capital of crime  
Detroit has a reputation as the ~

murder capital  
Thunder Bay is the ~ of Canada

**superlative: epithet / place**

**capital punishment**

capital punishment  
this was the political equivalent of ~ (calls for resignation)

**death & life: justice**

**capstone**

capstone of his career  
the banking overhaul was the ~ (politician)  
he wants health-care legislation to be the ~ (politician)

capstone of the peace treaty  
the independence vote is the ~ (Sudan)

capstone to his agenda  
the ratification of the treaty was the ~ (president)

capstone to his career  
his present job is the ~ (service to his homeland)

capstone for the neighborhood  
it will be the ~ (architectural project)

capstone (warfighting) doctrine  
AirLand Operations is the Army's ~

legal capstone  
the case puts a ~ on a historic election (court)

♦ Two pillars often support a capstone, which is the stone at the top.

**importance & significance: infrastructure / height**

**capture (verb)**

capture it on a (surveillance) camera

captured him on a phone in the airport  
security cameras ~ (terrorist)

captured Oscars  
it ~ for best picture, director and actor (film)

captured (the world's) attention  
airstrikes in Baghdad ~

captured my heart  
the first time I saw him, he ~ (an orphan)

captured the imagination  
the job of fire watcher has long ~  
he has ~ of fans (an athlete)

captured the (public's) imagination  
what has most ~ is...

capture the loyalty  
it has managed to ~ of working women (WNBA)

captures the plight  
Scott Adams's Dilbert ~ of the cubicle slave (cartoon)

captures (satellite) signals  
the GPS receiver ~

captured the hearts and minds  
he has ~ of Americans (Olympic athlete)

capture market share  
~ while the market is small

capture ("impulse") moviegoers  
advertising to ~

♦ "Now that we have captured your imagination, don't make us come after the rest of you. (A clever TV advertisement from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee promoting tourism on their reservation.)

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

**fictive possession: hand / verb**

## carapace (protection)

subjects' protective carapaces

her job is to cut her ~ down to the bone (a journalist)

♦ A carapace is the exoskeleton of a creature like a turtle or crustacean such as a lobster, crab, shrimp or prawn, or an arachnid (8-legged creature vs. a 6-legged insect) like a spider or scorpion.

**protection & lack of protection: animal**

**isolation & remoteness: animal**

## carcass (noun)

carcass of a tank

he stood by the burned-out ~

**destruction / resemblance: animal**

## card (in the cards)

in the cards

that's not ~

if you're a Congolese, you know a life of comfort is not ~  
a permanent revival is just not ~ (the coal industry)

**fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games**

## card (guilt card, etc.)

compassion card

Democrats are playing the ~ (unemployment benefits)

evidence card

they had the race card, we were playing the ~ (O.J. trial)

guilt card

the ~ works—if they have any guilt (Internet suck sites)

race card

he played heavily on the ~ (Peru)  
some accused the lawyer of playing the ~ to the jury  
they had the ~, we had the evidence card (O.J. trial)

policy and philosophical cards

they will have to show their ~ (party in power)

**strategy: cards / gambling / sports & games**

## card (play one's cards)

play my cards right

if I ~, I could be head cheerleader

**strategy: cards / gambling / sports & games / verb**

## card (hold one's cards close)

holds his cards close to his vest

he ~ and knows just when to play them (official)

**character & personality: cards / gambling / sports & games / verb**

## card (dealt cards)

dealt some cards

they were ~ they can't play (under-privileged)

♦ "They were dealt some cards they can't play to this day. Fortunately, I was dealt cards and somehow managed to play the right hand." (Olympic champion speaking of his heroin-addict mother and step-father.)

♦ "It's not the cards you're dealt, it's how you play your hand."

**fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games**

## card (strong card)

strong card

we don't have ~s but... (negotiations)

fear is a ~, if not a trump card (national security / politics)

his only ~ is that he...

it would be a ~ to play, but not perhaps a winning one  
literature was never his ~

strong card in Afghanistan

he is the Pakistan Army's ~ (network leader)

Administration's (last) strong card

the ~ is to maintain economic sanctions against...

hold one strong card

we ~

**strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games**

## card (trump card)

trump card

this was her ~ (an endorsement for her)

fear is a strong card, if not a ~ (national security / politics)

**strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games**

## card (hold all the cards)

hold all the cards

when prosecutors ~, can any defendant get a fair trial

**strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games**

## card (cards on the table)

cards on the table

~, I can't say... (I won't like to you)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games**

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: cards / gambling / sports & games**

## caretaker (role)

caretaker government

the ~ is fragile and weak

caretaker manager

a ~ will be appointed

caretakers of the land

farmers are ~

**help & assistance: infrastructure / person**



## Carnegie Hall (epithet)

Carnegie Hall of Broadway  
onstage at the Shubert Theatre, the ~

**superlative: epithet / theater**

## carpet (verb)

carpets the (rolling) highlands in emerald and gold  
cheatgrass ~

carpeted the meadow  
flowers ~

**cover: carpets & rugs / verb**

**configuration: carpets & rugs / verb**

## carpet (noun)

carpet of ash  
a ~ covered the city (eruption)

carpet of (low-rise) buildings  
a ~ cover the seven hills (Istanbul)

carpet of color  
wildflowers create a ~ (Arctic summer)

carpet of flowers  
a ~ has been left (a memorial for dead fans)

carpet of frogs  
there was a ~ (on a road in Greece)

lush carpet  
the bird nests in the ~ of moss and vines (in a crater)

thick carpet  
a crew laid down a ~ of insulation

carpet of wildflowers  
the ~ in subalpine meadows (Mt. Rainier)

**cover: carpets & rugs**

**configuration: carpets & rugs**

## carpet (under the carpet)

brush it under the carpet  
they will try to ~

sweep it under the carpet  
we can't any longer ~ (educational issue)

**concealment & lack of concealment: carpets & rugs**

## carpeted

carpeted with flowers  
the meadow was ~

carpeted with wild blueberry plants  
the tiny island is ~

carpeted (at the base) with starfish and mussels  
we drifted into an inlet alongside cliffs ~

carpeted eastern Washington

old-growth forests once ~

**cover: carpets & rugs**

**configuration: carpets & rugs**

## carrot (reward)

carrot

offering ~s and wielding sticks to persuade people to...  
amid the ~s, there will be some sharp sticks

carrot of membership  
the EU is dangling ~ in front of the two countries

**coercion & motivation: fruits & vegetables / plant**

## carrot-and-stick

carrot-and-stick approach  
it requires a ~ (a zoning alternative)  
using a ~ to the millions moving into the fire zone;  
commanders say a ~ is necessary (military occupation)

**coercion & motivation: fruits & vegetables / plant**

## carry (carry me away, etc.)

carry me away  
I let my emotions ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: movement / transportation / verb**

**fictive transportation: verb**

## carry on (verb)

carry on  
I got injured, but you still got to ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: burden / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: burden / verb**

**resiliency: burden / verb**

## cart (cart off)

carted (31) Christians off to the station  
police ~ (Weihai, China)

carted him (off the field) on a stretcher  
they ~ (injured player)

**transportation: animal / verb**

## carved out

carved out of the Middle East  
Jordan was ~

carved out of the Maasai land  
the Masai Mara was ~

carved out by the British  
Jordan was ~

carved out in the 1920's  
Jordan was ~

**creation & transformation: blade / knife**

## carve out (verb)

carve out an Islamic state  
they want to ~ in Mindanao

carve a Muslim state out of the south  
the group is fighting to ~ (Mindanao)

carve out (decent) lives  
homesteaders tried to ~ (North Dakota)

carve out a future  
young Brazilians are trying to ~

carve out a living  
wolves are forced to ~ on the steeper slopes

carved out (new) markets  
some entrepreneurs have ~ by selling...

**creation & transformation: blade / knife / verb**

## Casanova

determined bovine Casanova  
a feat impossible for even the most ~ (insemination)

Serbian Casanova  
Dusko Popov, a ~... (a double agent for MI6)

**sex: allusion / epithet**

## cascade (verb)

cascade through generations  
negative attitudes ~

**movement: water**

## cascade (noun)

cascade of decisions  
the computer models triggered a ~ (transportation)

cascade of disasters  
we have seen a ~ lately

cascade of (damaging) events  
head injury can initiate a ~

cascade of problems  
the events combined to create a ~

cascaes of white death  
the 22 natural avalanche chutes are ~ (pass and highway)

trigger a cascade  
these chemicals ~ of allergic symptoms (food allergies)

**amount & effect: water**

## cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.)

cascade of strawberry-blond hair  
she has pale skin and a ~

**resemblance: water**

## cash in (verb)

cashing in  
the economy is growing, but not all are ~

cash in on the experience  
a failure is a man who blundered but is not able to ~

cash in on those investments  
early success could position her to ~ (candidate's hard work)

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

## Cassandra

Cassandra  
for years he was a ~, his message ignored

♦ Cassandra's parents were King Priam and Queen Hecuba of Troy, and she was Helen's twin sister, so she must have been a good looker. She promised Apollo sex for the gift of prophecy, but then she broke her promise. So Apollo cursed her by making it so nobody would believe her prophecies. It is interesting to consider the thought that, if Paris had fallen for her instead of Helen, there would have been no Homer, *Iliad*, or *Odyssey*.

**message: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**

## cast (cast of candidates, etc.)

cast of candidates  
a whole new ~ will be onstage at their debate (politics)

**group, set & collection: theater**

## cast (cast doubt)

cast doubt on the (confession's) accuracy  
the defense ~

cast doubts on such assumptions  
the hearings ~ (politics of abortion)

cast doubts on plans  
the difficulties could ~ to reopen New Orleans

cast (any) doubt on (Hamilton's) skills  
she said she did not want to ~

casts (serious) doubt on another theory  
the new finding ~ that had...

casts (some) doubt on a (popular) theory  
the report also ~ that...

**throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb**

## cast aside (verb)

cast your fears aside  
and you ~ (song)

cast security aside  
at 48, he ~ to pursue his passion (left his profession)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb**

## cast (light)

cast a beam  
reflectors ~ (lighthouse)

cast a (dark) shadow  
the tragic accident ~ over US-Korean relations

**throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb**

## cast (other)

cast blame  
officials can ~ only so much before the backlash starts

cast a curse  
somebody must have ~ on his camel

cast discredit  
the government alleges the paper ~ on the courts

cast a net  
the authorities have ~ for the escapees

cast a pall  
Chen's death ~ over the mountain (climbing)

cast a spell  
at times he seemed to ~ on the ball (Ronaldo)

**throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb**

## cast (characterize)

cast Grant as a "butcher"  
Southern historians ~ (revisionism)

cast the debate as a class struggle  
they have ~

cast the problem as a health issue  
she has ~ (TV violence, etc.)

**characterization: manufacturing / verb**

## castaway (person)

Hollywood castaways  
mix with ranchers, fishermen and ~ (Livingston, Mont.)

homeless castaways  
a dystopian future where children are ~ (a song video)

life's castaways  
she gives ~ the gift of merriment (film *River of Grass*)

society's castaways  
~—hookers, addict, the homeless...

♦ Classic castaway stories include *Robinson Crusoe* and *The Swiss Family Robinson*. The TV show *Gilligan's Island* ran for 3 seasons.

♦ Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean got its name from the captain who rescued a group of castaways from that place. The whole story is quite amazing!

**society: island / person / sea / throwing, putting & planting**  
**isolation & remoteness: island / person / sea / throwing, putting & planting**  
**person: island / society**

## caste

caste society  
America as a ~

caste system

lodgings follow a kind of unwritten ~ (officials)  
the airlines use a ~ (paying more gets better treatment)

warrior caste  
Marine pilots are an insular ~

♦ "It's a caste system, and we are the untouchables of academia." (An adjunct professor.)

**hierarchy: society**

**division & connection: society**

**society: person**

## castle (protection)

castle  
a man's home is his ~

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military / royalty**

## castle (Castle Peaks, etc.)

Castle  
the Smithsonian is popularly known as the ~ (D.C.)

Castle Peaks  
the ~ are peaks in Queensland, Australia

Castle Valley  
~, Utah, is east of Arches National Park

Baboons Castle  
the ~ is a mountain in KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)

New Castle  
they were arrested in ~, Indiana (a town)

White Castle  
~ is an oasis for late-night customers (hamburgers)

♦ This word often appears in geographical place names, as well as cities. For example, *Castle Creek / Islet / Mountain, Pass / Peak / Point / Rock, etc.*

**proper name: fortification**

## castle (sand castle)

sand-castle-building contest  
other events include a ~

**shape: fortification**

## casualty (noun)

casualty of the (real-estate) boom  
the development was an early ~

**failure, accident & impairment: military**

## cat (cat and mouse / noun)

game of cat and mouse  
college officials find themselves in a new ~ (cheating)  
informers engage in a constant ~ with the authorities

**pursuit, capture & escape: cat**

## cat (dead-cat bounce)

dead-cat's bounce

when he came in, he benefited from a ~, no more (Man U coach)

**decline: animal / cat / death & life**

### cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective)

cat-and-mouse game

this ~ will continue forever (Microsoft vs. hackers)

the ~ Iraq played with U.N. inspectors

the ~ with the virus writers (computers)

it's a classic ~ (terrorists trying to evade capture)

**pursuit, capture & escape: cat**

### cat (bell the cat)

bell more cats

we hope that we can ~ (digital investigative research)

\* This refers to a fable. A council of mice debate the best way to stop the depredations of a stealthy cat. A mouse suggests that they put a bell on the cat, so they will be able to hear it coming. All of the mice acclaim this as a great idea and the perfect solution to their problem. However, when it comes as to who will actually put the bell on the cat, no mouse volunteers. Every mouse has some kind of excuse. *To bell the cat* has come to mean an attempt to perform an extraordinarily difficult or even impossible act.

**warning: allusion / animal / cat / verb**

**concealment & lack of concealment: allusion / animal / cat / verb**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / animal / cat / verb**

### catalyst (noun)

catalyst

he was the ~, not the cause of the problem

this is a bill that will jump start, jolt, be a ~ (business)

the ~ for the government shutdown was...

Auschwitz was the ~ that made him into the treat writer he was (Primo Levy)

catalyst of the team

he's been the ~

catalysts in this conflagration

Lincoln and his cronies were the ~ (US Civil War)

catalyst for change

disaster can be a ~

art can be a ~

catalyst for (economic) growth

the software industry could be a ~ (India)

catalyst for a (cultural) shift

snowboarding was a ~ in the world of skiing

catalyst for moving

the Morton case is going to be a ~ reforms forward (law)

economic catalyst

she said the museum would be an ~

served as a catalyst

the crash served as a ~ to mend relations (Poland-Russia)

**initiation: chemistry**

### catapult (verb)

catapulted Western Europe to (global) dominance  
the industrial revolution ~

catapulted him to fame

his admission ~

catapulted Obama into the White House

the type of voter who ~

catapulted into the ranks

the company has ~ of top tech companies

catapulted over (more veteran) officials

she ~ (government promotion)

catapulted from an unknown to a superstar

he ~

**throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / verb**

### catapulted

catapulted to the forefront

he has been ~ of the death-penalty debate

catapulted to stardom

she was plucked from obscurity and ~ (talent show)

catapulted out of obscurity

he was ~ (a politician who won an election)

catapulted from obscurity to (prime-time) fame

he was ~ (an actor)

**throwing, putting & planting: mechanism**

### catch up (pursuit)

caught up to him

his past finally ~

the allegations have trailed him for decades, and today the claims ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

**past & present: hunting / verb**

### catch up (catch up to something)

catching up to men

women are ~ in their number of partners

catching up to science fiction

reality is finally ~ (AI)

**progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping / verb**

### catch up (catch up with something)

catch up with the technologies

standards have begun to ~ (biometrics)

catch up with the outside world

Fanning Island is anxious to ~ (Kiribati)

♦ "Let's keep moving, guys. Keep the line tight and keep it moving. United 8114, I need you to catch up with the group." (An air-traffic controller, directing traffic.)

**progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **catchy (attention)**

catchy headlines  
these are ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: hunting**

### **cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.)**

Cathedral Cave  
large elliptical cupolas have been found in ~ (Australia)

Cathedral Mountain  
we visited ~ (Tasmania)

Cathedral Room  
~ is 204 feet high (Marvel Cave, Missouri)

**proper name: religion**

### **cathedral (resemblance)**

calcite cathedrals  
these flooded caves are spectacular ~ of stalactites...

**resemblance: religion**

### **cathedral (other)**

cathedral  
mountains are truly ~s ("Big" Jim Whittaker)  
it's my church, it's my ~ (Yosemite on foot in winter)

cathedral of stock-car racing  
Daytona track, the ~...

cathedrals for fly fishermen  
the waters here are ~ (Montana)

**enthusiasm / reverence: religion**

### **caught (caught up in something)**

caught up (again) in drugs  
they go back out on the streets and get ~

caught up in the film  
I was ~ and didn't hear the door open

caught up in a web  
~ of drug addiction and crime

caught up in red tape  
his expedition got ~

caught up in the drinking  
I just got ~ and the drugs and fighting

don't get caught up in that  
~ (weight loss / low self-esteem)

got caught up in red tape  
his expedition ~

**involvement: hunting**

### **caught (other)**

caught in the middle  
civilians are ~ (war)

caught in the open  
3 people ~ suffocated in the dust storm (Kansas / 1935)

caught in a (lightning) storm  
they were ~ on a mountainside

caught in a (ferocious) storm  
they were ~ near the summit of Les Droites

caught in a rip current  
if you become ~, swim parallel to shore

caught in the drift ice  
we'd be ~, but it was all right (fishing)

caught in a crossfire  
three soldiers were ~

caught on film  
unsuspecting women ~... (Internet porn)

become caught  
if you ~ in a rip current, swim parallel to shore  
the straps of his river sandals ~ on a rock

**involvement: hunting**

### **cauldron (noun)**

cauldron of (internal) controversy  
the Republican party is a ~

cauldron of grievances  
a ~ bubbles beneath the surface

cauldron of socialization  
the school bus used to be a ~

cauldron of (sectarian) violence  
the country has become a ~

cauldron of war, violence and brutality  
the US has hurled Afghanistan into the ~

witch's cauldron  
the US is a ~ of unemployment and poor education

bubbling cauldron  
the country has become a ~ since Ben Ali left (Tunisia)

simmering (political and ethnic) cauldrons  
Tibet and Xinjiang are ~

red-hot cauldron  
the Middle East is a ~ (protests, etc.)

revolutionary cauldron  
many emerge from the ~ to become conservatives

send its children into that cauldron  
a humane society would not ~ (war)

**environment: container / fire / heating water / temperature**

## caustic (adjective)

caustic characterization

the leaked cables contained ~s of world leaders

caustic comment

she made a few ~s

caustic observation

she offered some ~s about their qualifications

caustic remark

they direct a lot of ~s and mockery

caustic welcome

he got a ~ (politics)

blunt and (sometimes) caustic

he defended his ~ style (governor)

**speech: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation**

**feeling, emotion & effect: chemistry / materials &**

**substances / sensation**

## caustically

caustically critical

she is now ~ (about school reform)

once a supporter, she is now ~ (an educator)

caustically funny

she is ~ (comic)

caustically intelligent

he is ~

caustically witty

his song is ~

caustically described

she ~ him as a figurehead

caustically dismiss

some scientists ~ his claims

said caustically

but he ~, "On a political level, ..."

**speech: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation**

## cavalcade (noun)

cavalcade of (Nashville) artists

she is joined by a ~ (an album)

cavalcade of (celebrity) cameos

the film featured a ~

cavalcade of arm gestures

his every sentence is punctuated by a ~ (a politician)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: horse**

**group, set & collection: horse**

## cavalier (adjective)

cavalier attitude

he had a ~ towards going to war (a hawk)

cavalier and disrespectful

Pelosi said Barr was ~ (at a Senate hearing)

♦ The root is from *caballus*, Latin for horse, with the meaning of supercilious. The rider has always been dominant over the man who walks.

**character & personality: height / horse**

**hierarchy: height / horse**

## cave in (verb)

caved

instead of doubling down on his policy, he ~

caved in

I ~, just as Jean knew I would (and admitted truth)

cave in to his fears

he refuses to ~ (a stock-market investor)

cave in to (Serb) pressure

Europe will ~ (diplomacy)

caved in under the weight

the regime finally ~ of its impossible contradictions

cave to threats or fear

he did not ~ (from MS-13 members)

**failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: mining / verb**

## ceasefire (noun)

Ceasefire on Immigration

Clergy urge ~ (politics)

ceasefire in the war

there needs to be a ~ of words (dispute)

judicial ceasefire

the DA's office has offered to declare a ~ (drop charges)

**conflict: military**

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: military**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: military**

## ceiling (glass ceiling)

glass ceiling

the ~ is alive and well on Wall Street

glass ceiling for women in politics

there is a perceived ~ (Massachusetts)

glass ceilings and other barriers

~ barring women

Japan's glass ceiling

she has helped to crack ~ (Toshiba team leader)

Oscars' glass ceiling

Kathryn Bigelow broke the ~ (Best Director)

age barrier, (no) gender gap, (no) glass ceiling

no ~

break the glass ceiling

success is the best way to ~

broke the (Oscars') glass ceiling  
Kathryn Bigelow ~ (first woman Best Director)

raise the glass ceiling  
quotas could ~ (employment)

shatter that glass ceiling  
women can ~ once and for all

**obstacles & impedance: infrastructure**  
**constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure**  
**ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.)**

debt ceiling  
politicians battle over budget deficits and the ~

biological ceiling  
120 years old is the ~ for human longevity

**obstacles & impedance: infrastructure**  
**constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure**  
**ceiling (high point)**

ceiling and the floor  
his numbers have been durable, the ~ (president's popularity)

**increase & decrease: direction / height / house**  
**cement (verb)**

cemented his position  
he has ~ as front-runner in the race (politics)

cemented his status  
the show ~ as Britain's best rapper (Glastonbury)

cement her surge  
she is looking to ~ in opinion polls (politician)

**strength & weakness: materials & substances / verb**  
**survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb**

**center (society)**

center  
you drive people from the ~ towards the fringes (extremism)

**society: center & periphery**

**centerpiece**

centerpiece  
its ~ is the Inc. record label (a studio)  
a ~ of their argument is... (scientific evidence)

centerpiece of the Circumpolar North  
the Arctic Ocean is the ~

centerpiece of his agenda  
he has made it the ~ (crime bill)

centerpiece of our (domestic) agenda  
health care is the ~

centerpiece of her campaign  
her support of Medicare was the ~ (politician)

centerpiece of their culture  
the camel is the ~ (Arab Bedouins)

centerpiece of their lives  
for many people, work is the ~

centerpiece of their plan  
city officials see the pier as the ~ to unify various sites

**importance & significance: center & periphery / position**  
**central (adjective)**

central  
the military is ~ (in Egyptian society)

**importance & significance: center & periphery**

**cesspool (noun)**

cesspool  
the neighborhood is a ~ that breeds crime

cesspool of corruption  
college sports are a ~

cesspools of fraud  
the federal mortgage agencies are ~

cesspool of negativity  
the Internet can be a ~ (consumer reviews, comments)

cesspool of character assassination  
the Web site is a ~ (gossip site in rural towns)

reality-show cesspool  
it's hard to stand out in the ~ (TV)

ethical cesspool  
he is disgusted by the ~ of Albany (New York politics)

moral cesspool  
this is indicative of the ~ that is America (nudity on TV)

social cesspool  
the tenements are ~s (1903)

clean the cesspool  
they are trying to ~ (Web)

drain this (stinking) cesspool  
he wants to ~ (New York politics)

**environment: hygiene**

**corruption: smell**

**chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff)**

separating the wheat from the chaff  
G-2 had great difficulty ~ (military intelligence)

**worth & lack of worth: wheat**

**chain (configuration)**

chain of camps  
the porters established a ~ up the mountain

chain of islands  
the southern end of the ~ known as Lofoten (Norway)

chain of mountains  
this great ~ (Caucasus Mountains)

human chain  
policemen formed ~a (Haj)  
arriving police formed a ~ (rescue boys in river)

island chain  
a nearby ~ was evacuated (typhoon);  
an ~ that is part of the Antarctic peninsula

mountain chain  
the Rwenzori ~ includes Africa's third highest peak

750-mile chain  
a ~ of rugged mountains (the Caucasus)

divided into four chains  
Tonga is composed of 140 islands ~

**configuration: chain**

### **chain (chain of events)**

chain of events  
the ~ that caused the airliner to crash  
problems in this ~ (conception and infertility)

chains of events  
describing hypothetical ~, he noted if...

chain of critical events  
disasters are triggered by a ~ (engineering, crashes, etc.)

bizarre chain of events  
in a ~, a passenger was killed... (NJ Transit Train)  
surprise and sadness at the ~ (astronaut arrested)

fatal chain of events  
the ~ began at 10:04 (car wreck)  
falling debris started the ~ (loss of shuttle Columbia)

hypothetical chains of events  
describing ~, he noted if...

**sequence: chain**

### **chain (oppression)**

people's chains  
we must break the shackles of an oppressed ~

**oppression: chain**

### **chain (other)**

chain of custody  
drug screeners must follow the ~

chain of evidence  
a ~ ties him to the crime  
the ~ must be preserved (rape)

chain of (massive) explosions  
Lagos struggled to recover from a ~ (ammo)

chain of trial and error  
behind every discovery is a long ~ (astronomy)

cold chain  
the ~—keeping the vaccine refrigerated (for measles)

supply chain  
they have a very efficient ~ (Wal-Mart)  
the army's ~ across the open desert is vulnerable to attack

link in the (global) chain  
you're only as secure as the weakest ~ of information

**sequence: chain**

### **chain of command**

chain of command  
contact your immediate ~ if your believe...(military)  
requests go through the normal ~ (military)  
he forwards the report through the ~ (military)  
the information went up the ~ to President Bush

program's chain of command  
the ~

launch-control chain of command  
those in the ~ (NASA)

top-down chain of command  
older workers are used to a ~ (business)

military chain of command  
federal military forces remain under the ~

level in the chain of command  
the highest appropriate ~ must address...

complained (for months) to the chain of command  
he ~ about the poor gear

come down from the chain of command  
a memo had ~ that said...

**hierarchy: chain / military**

### **chain reaction**

chain reaction  
the ~ can go on for centuries (cyanide pollution)

chain-reaction accident  
a ~ that involved 125 vehicles (fog in Georgia);  
low visibility caused a number of ~s (dust storm)

chain-reaction crash  
the ~ happened in a snowstorm (highway)

chain reaction wreck  
16 cars had a ~

chain reaction of car hitting car  
a ~ (traffic pileup)

**sequence: chain**

### **chainsaw (noun)**

take a chainsaw to regulations  
he wants to ~ (politics)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: tools & technology**



## chalice (poisoned chalice)

poisoned chalice

the United job is a ~ (English soccer)

**fate, fortune & chance: allusion / food & drink**

**appearance & reality: allusion / food & drink**

## chameleon (change)

style chameleons

celebrities tend to be ~, changing their looks

**appearance & reality: animal**

## champion (noun)

champion of social justice

he was a ~

**superlative: military**

## channel (direct)

channeled (corporate) donation to Texas state races

he ~ (a convicted politician)

channeled his fears in music

he ~ (sickness therapy)

channel his (mental) illness to stay

he learned how to ~ functional

channels (more) money to (local) health centers

his plan ~ (reform)

channeled her unhappiness into writing

she ~

**directing: verb / water**

## channel (through channels)

through administrative channels

submit requests ~ (military)

through diplomatic channel

India informed the US ~s that...

through operational channels

send NBC reports ~ (military)

through proper channels

a request has to go through ~

submit requests through administrative channels

informed the US through diplomatic channels

Spain ~ that...

send NBC reports through operational channels

go through proper channels

a report has to ~

**route: water**

## channel (distribution channel, etc.)

distribution channel

a new ~ has arisen (e-commerce)

supply chains, ~s, costs and cycle times

**route: water**

## channeled

channeled to paramilitaries

US dollars have been ~

channeled through the I.S.I.

Pakistan wants talks with the Taliban to be ~

channeled to militants

it is not clear how much money is ~

channeled and exploited

people's anger is being ~ by corporate interests (politics)

**directing: water**

## chaperon (person)

worldly chaperon

he positioned himself as the grownup in the room, the ~

**experience: person**

**control & lack of control: person**

## chapter

chapter

I'm definitely glad that ~ is over (in a career)

chapter of the (euthanasia) debate

ending that ~

chapter of history

we are spectators in a ~ (a significant labor dispute)

chapter of their lives

as they venture into this next ~ (retirement)

chapter of your life

it's kind of sad to end a ~ (breakup of band)

chapter of our (not-so-recent) past

that troubling ~

chapter in a career

fans witnessed another bizarre ~ that... (Mike Tyson)

chapter in his life

he started a new ~

chapter in the (still-unfolding) story

a ~

concluding chapter

the play was the ~ in a spellbinding story (series of plays)

troubling chapter

that ~ of our not-so-distant past

bizarre chapter

fans witnessed another ~ in his career (a boxer)

dark chapter

we would rather close this ~ of our history and move on

darkest chapter  
his capture was one of the country's ~s of the war

final chapter  
the war against terrorism is not near its ~

last chapter  
a bizarre ~ in a divorce battle (townhouse explodes)

latest chapter  
the ~ in the long, checkered history of...  
this ~ has only tightened the family bonds (injury)  
this is the ~ in the tragedy that is Haiti (epidemic)

new chapter  
he is poised to write a triumphant ~ (Obama)

next chapter  
as they venture into this ~ of their lives (retirement)

painful chapter  
it was a ~ in Indian history (white boarding schools)

succession of chapters  
the lives of athletes are a ~ (playground, NBA, China)

begin the (next) chapter  
he will ~ of his distinguished career

close that chapter  
we want to ~ in the department (remedy for racism)  
it was time to ~ of my life (quit job)

close this chapter  
it is time to ~ in our history (discrimination)

close a (tragic) chapter  
the resolution will help ~ in Balkan history (apology)

write more chapters  
it's been a storybook season, hopefully we can ~ (team)

write a (new) chapter  
the protests could ~ in Arab politics

#### development: books & reading

### charade (noun)

Charade of Changing the World  
Winners Take All: The Elite ~ (a book)

stop this charade  
we need to ~ ("rubber rooms" for bad teachers)

performance / subterfuge: sports & games  
substance & lack of substance: sports & games

### charge (lead the charge)

leading the charge  
Republicans are ~ (for fiscal responsibility)  
the young people are ~ (new media)

led the charge  
he disappeared when he should have ~ (a politician)

led the charge to go  
Republicans ~ to war with Iraq

led the charge to overturn  
he ~ the ban

led the charge for restricting  
the three organizations have ~ immigration

led the charge against the notion  
he ~ of human-caused global warming

led the charge against charter schools  
school boards have ~

led the charge for (educational) reform  
he ~

led the charge for (greater) regulation  
Democrats have ~

**driving force: military / verb**

**charisma (attraction)**

a lot of charisma  
he has ~ (a politician)

**attraction & repulsion: religion**

**charm (verb)**

charmed New Yorkers with his humor  
the mayor ~

charmed everyone with her culture, grace and beauty  
she ~

charmed her with his good humor  
he ~

charmed his way into homes and shops  
he ~ (the photographer Peter Sikaer)

charmed the audience  
he ~ (a dancer)

charmed fans  
Baghdatis ~ at the 2006 Australian Open (tennis)

charms people  
with his gentle manner, he ~ wherever he goes (a boxer)

charmed reporters  
while he has ~, others find him abrasive

charmed and impressed  
she ~ colleagues with her low-key style and commitment

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb**  
**attraction & repulsion: magic / verb**

**charm (noun)**

charm bracelet  
her ~ spelled out "LOVE"  
one of the year's hottest jewelry fads is the ~

charm campaign  
Sudan's ~

charm school

beauty pageants and charm schools

charm and beauty

for centuries, visitors praised Basra's ~

charm, warmth and vivacity

stories of her ~ are innumerable

period charm

set in 1980, the show has a certain ~

**attraction & repulsion: magic**

### **charmed (charmed life, etc.)**

charmed circle

teachers compete to enter the ~ of tenured academe  
they spend their time in a ~ (acquaintances, etc.)

charmed existence

he enjoyed a ~, and then his family was poor

charmed life

she led a ~ (affluent)

charmed run

their ~ finally ended (sports team)

charmed years

for a few ~, he was on top (success)

**protection & lack of protection: magic**

### **charmed (charmed by something, etc.)**

charmed by the architecture

he was ~ (buying a house)

charmed by the (rugged) beauty

we were ~ of New Mexico

charmed by his speeches

voters were ~ and inspired by his vision (Obama)

charmed by the terrain

the young artist was ~ (the desert)

charmed by her good-heartedness

we were ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic**

**attraction & repulsion: magic**

### **charming (people)**

charming

he was cute, he was ~, he was very athletic... (psycho)

utterly charming

she could be ~ (a narcissist)

**character & personality: magic**

**attraction & repulsion: magic**

### **chart (verb)**

chart its own course

Iraq is free to ~

chart a (fresh) course

helping convicted felons ~

charted a (new) course

President Obama has ~ for the next two years

chart the future

Iraqis will ~ of Iraq

chart a new path

the leader is trying to ~

**direction: boat / journeys & trips / verb**

### **chase (verb)**

chase after their dreams

artists and actors ~

chase headlines

scientists who manipulate data and ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **chase down (verb)**

chase it (all) down

but what is the implicit comedy of that song, if you ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **chasm**

chasm between Africans and African-Americans

the ~ (in Ghana)

widen into a chasm

the cracks could ~ (politics)

**division & connection: ground, terrain & land**

### **chatter (data)**

jump in (suspicious) chatter

there has been a ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound**

**obstacles & impedance: sound**

**activity: sound**

### **check (in check)**

in check

we have to keep North Korea ~

**control & lack of control: chess / sports & games**

### **checkmate (noun)**

checkmate

your American critics say you have run out of moves, ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: chess / sports & games**

### **cheap shot**

cheap shot

he may have thought his ~ was funny, but it wasn't  
his comment was a ~, totally unwarranted (insult)

his insinuation is unsubstantiated and a ~  
~s get cheap laughs

cheap shot against him  
that was a real ~ (a comment in newspaper)

cheap shot against the White House  
she has taken a ~ (political commentary)

cheap-shot artist  
he's a clever ~ (a political comedian)

cheap shot and dirty trick  
he has bashed him with every ~ in the book (politics)

takes a cheap shot  
she ~ at him when she says...

♦ In sports, a cheap shot refers to an unnecessary and vicious hit on a defenseless player.

**behavior: sports & games**

**speech: sports & games / violence**

## checkbook

open their checkbooks  
a few companies may ~ (reparations for slavery)

**money: purses & wallets**

## checkpoint (at a checkpoint)

at progress checkpoints  
assign a grade or points ~ (projects / schools)

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement**

## cheer (noun)

cheers and boos  
the judge's decision drew ~

**judgment: sound**

**achievement, recognition & praise: sound**

## cheer (cheer on)

cheered him on  
everybody ~ (musician who abused underaged girls)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: sound / verb**

**achievement, recognition & praise: sound / verb**

## cheerlead (verb)

cheerlead for big projects  
volunteers are less likely to ~ (Peace Corps)

**enthusiasm: school & education / person / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: school & education / verb**

## cheerleader (person)

cheerleader  
Roger Ver is its most visible ~ (Bitcoin Cash)

cheerleaders for the Pentagon  
some say they served as ~ (reporters)

cheerleader for the city

he is a ~ (mayor of Las Vegas)

cheerleader for the superiority  
she is a ~ of all things American

cheerleader for war  
he was the exile ~ (an Iraqi)

**enthusiasm: person / school & education**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: person / school & education**

**person: school & education**

## chemistry

chemistry of the team  
he insists the ~ is fine (troubled NFL team)

chemistry between client and therapist  
~ is crucial (psychotherapist)

chemistry between a boxer and a trainer  
the ~ is crucial

screen chemistry  
the two actors have so much ~ (movie)

on-screen chemistry  
they had great ~ (Donna Reed and John Wayne)

team chemistry  
his top priority is to improve ~ (sports)

good chemistry  
teams, actors, orchestras require ~  
are teams good because they have ~  
do teams have ~ because they are good  
~ sometimes trumps outright talent (sports team)

lack of chemistry  
a ~ is blamed for failure

wealth of chemistry  
a ~ is credited for success

chemistry can trump talent  
good ~ (sports teams)

have chemistry  
in sports, good teams ~

hurt the (team) chemistry  
he ~ (an athlete)

"Chemistry is when you hang around each other when you don't have to. That's us." (Chris Weber, speaking of the Sacramento Kings, an NBA team.)

**functioning / mixture: chemistry**

## Chernobyl

rainforest Chernobyl  
Texaco created a ~ (toxic waste in Ecuador)

**destruction: history / nuclear energy / place**

**failure, accident & impairment: history / nuclear energy / place**

## cherubic (adjective)

cherubic preteen  
a ~ with a gentle smile

**appearance: creature / religion**

## chicken (chicken and egg)

chicken and egg  
this is the classic ~ that has plagued rural America (housing)

chicken and the egg  
it's kind of the ~ (support for losing team)

chicken and egg problem  
it's a ~

chicken-and-egg problem  
it's a ~ (plants need oil, oil refineries need power)

**relationship: bird**

## chicken (come home to roost)

chickens coming home to roost  
this is a sort of ~ (political battle)  
this is a case of the ~ (Malcolm X on JFK)

they came home to roost  
these chickens took a very long flight before ~ (scandal)

*Justice of Roosting Chickens*  
*On the ~* (notorious book blaming West for 9/11)

**reversal: animal / bird / justice**

**judgment: animal / bird / justice**

## chicken-hearted

chicken-hearted  
he is ~ (afraid)

**courage & lack of courage: animal / bird**

**heart: bird**

## chicken (chicken out)

chickened out  
he ~ and never gave her the letter

**courage & lack of courage: animal / bird / verb**

## chieftain (noun)

corporate chieftain  
~s who sell off shares of their companies (ethics)

banking industry chieftain  
a former ~

**power: person / military**

## child (spoiled child)

West's spoiled child  
Israel is the ~

**behavior: family / person**

## child (product)

child of Soviet and post-Soviet Russia  
he was a cynical ~

**identity & nature: family / person**

## chill (feeling)

chill  
I get ~s thinking about it (an exciting event)

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

## chill (oppression)

sent a chill through the academic world  
the sentences ~ (China arrests)

**oppression: temperature**

## chilling (adjective)

chilling  
the accusations against him are ~ (a terrorist)

chilling account  
he has written a ~ of the murder (writer)

chilling effect  
this will have a ~ on the coal industry (project vetoed)  
these bills will have a ~ (Internet regulation)

chilling incident  
there have been two ~s (religious attacks)

chilling message  
it was a ~

chilling street name  
the crimes have a ~, "Guat-bashing" (Guatemalans)

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

## chilly

chilly toward women's soccer  
England has been ~

chilly reception  
she received a ~ (a politician)

chilly response  
he got a ~ from... (meeting / law-enforcement officers)

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

## chime in (verb)

chimed in that  
he ~ he does the same thing (conversation)

chimed in on the controversy  
readers ~

chimed in with his own statement  
he has ~

chimed in from Haiti  
he ~ (a reporter)

**involvement: sound / verb**

**speech: sound / verb**

### **chink (noun)**

chink in her opponent's armor  
she uncovered a critical chink in her ~

chink in his armor  
she found a ~  
the one ~ has been... (an athlete)  
he has not been able to find a ~ (tennis)

chink in conditioning  
any ~ could mean defeat (Olympic swimming)

chink of vulnerability  
he hasn't shown a ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: hole**

**protection & lack of protection: hole**

### **chip (bargaining chip)**

bargaining chip  
the proposals are on the table as a ~

bargaining chip in (peace) negotiations  
the fleet was a ~ (World War I)

**position, policy & negotiation: gambling**

### **chip (chips fall, etc.)**

let the chips fall where they may  
let's have the hearing and ~ (investigation)

chips may fall  
the ~ in ways that are uncomfortable for all sides

**fate, fortune & chance: tree**

### **chip away (verb)**

chip away at our information  
these companies will never stop trying to ~ (Internet)

chip away at an employee's confidence  
he uses insults to ~ (bad boss)

chipping away (at the edifice) with hammer or chisel  
lawyers are ~ (of personal responsibility)

**taking & removing: blade / verb**

### **choir (preach to the choir)**

preaching to the choir  
they are ~ (sympathetic audience)

**message: religion**

**unanimity & consensus: religion**

### **choirboy (behavior)**

choirboy  
he was a ~ compared to some of Hernandez's other friends  
(irony)

**behavior: person / religion**

**person: religion**

### **choke (verb)**

choking on its own success  
China is ~ (pollution)

choke on those words  
Sanders would ~ (perfect is the enemy of good)

**affliction: bodily process / breathing / throat / verb**

**acceptance & rejection: stomach**

**consumption: food & drink**

### **choke (fail)**

chokes during pressure  
she ~ (an athlete)

**success & failure: breathing / verb**

### **choked**

choked with emotion  
..., he said, his voice ~

choked with people  
the prisons are ~ who stole to eat (Mexico)

choked with traffic  
crowded intersections ~ (Brooklyn)

boulder-choked (m)  
the ~ Cheoah River in Graham County, western North Carolina

briar-choked (m)  
as a boy, he explored the ~ woods behind his house

cholesterol-choked (m)  
he needs an operation for his ~ arteries

smoke-choked (m)  
the firefighters ascended the ~ stairwell

traffic-choked (m)  
it has been a average, ~ rush hour (Los Angeles)

weed-choked (m)  
behind the house was a ~ garden  
the footbridge cross a ~ stream

**obstacle & impedance: breathing**

### **chokepoint**

choke points, bridges, tunnels  
identify ~ (military)

choke point or kill zone  
as the enemy moves into the ~

chokepoints in the Northwest Passage  
include one off Barrow, Alaska, and in Canada

choke points on interstates  
~ and state highways

world's choke points  
the —the Suez and Panama Canals, the Bab el Mandeb

the ~—the Straits of Gibraltar, and the Malacca Strait

strategically important chokepoint  
it is one of the world's ~ (Strait of Hormuz)

oil choke point  
Hormuz is the most important ~ in the world

**obstacle & impedance: breathing**

### chopping block (on the chopping block)

on the chopping block  
their heads will be ~ the next election (politics)  
my neck is ~ (accountability)  
many social services are ~  
their collective-bargaining rights are ~ (teachers)

put the school on the chopping block  
officials have ~ (underperforming)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade**

**fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade**

### chopping block (other)

keep the program off the chopping block  
supporters are trying to ~

saved from the chopping block  
19 schools were ~

taken off the chopping block  
some bus routes will be ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade**

**fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade**

### chops (expertise)

foreign-relation chops  
any candidate will have to show their ~ (election)

**experience: music**

**knowledge & intelligence: music**

**ability & lack of ability: music**

### chops (lick one's chops)

licking their chops  
energy companies are ~ at the prospect of new oil pipelines

**eagerness & reluctance: animal / mouth**

### chord (resemblance)

chord of jealousy  
some Russians detect a ~ (attitudes to immigrants)

**evidence: sound**

### chord (strike a chord)

struck a chord with her book  
she clearly ~

struck a chord with the (American) public  
these cases have always ~ (capital cases)

striking a strong chord

his message is ~ with voters (about corruption)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb**

**effect: sound / verb**

### chorus (noun)

chorus of (outraged) denunciation from liberals  
the term brought a ~ (Asianization)

chorus of critics  
every four years a ~ call for an end to conventions

joined a chorus  
she ~ of Democrats who have called on Mr. Barr to resign

**amount & effect: music**

### christen (verb)

christened it the "green hell"  
travelers ~ (Mato Grosso)

christened the plane the A320neo  
Airbus ~

**characterization: religion / verb**

### Christmas

Christmas  
May is the ~ of the limousine business (proms)

**superlative: epithet / day**

### church (noun)

church  
it's my ~, it's my cathedral (Yosemite on foot in winter)

**enthusiasm: religion**

### churn (move)

churned up the coast  
a winter storm ~

churn through the (criminal justice) system  
millions of people ~

**movement: force / verb**

### churn out (verb)

churn out books  
she continued to ~, among other pursuits (comic)

churn out (unneeded advanced) degrees  
universities continue to ~

churn out jobs  
small firms also ~ (economy)

churns out (around six and a half gallons of) milk  
the cow ~ a day

churns out misinformation  
the rumor mill ~

churning out the (popular) model  
Boeing has been ~ at a breakneck rate (a plane)

churn out products  
factories ~

**creation & transformation: manufacturing / tools & technology / verb**

## Cinderella

Cinderella story

T.M. Landry school has become a viral ~

♦ This story relates to unjust oppression and triumphant reward.

**success & failure: allusion**

**oppression: allusion**

## circle (predation)

circling

his rivals are ~ (politics)

the vultures are already ~ on the web (health of official)

**predation: animal / shark / verb**

## circle (a circle can close)

circle is closing

the ~ (around Saddam's regime / Iraqi Freedom)

a ~ (memories of Holocaust dim)

a ~ (Israeli Holocaust survivor returns to free Berlin)

♦ This expression seems to relate to the completion of a development, to something being finished.

**development: shape**

**fate, fortune & chance: shape**

## circle (full circle)

comes full circle

this week she ~ (ends career where it started)

**development: shape**

## circle (run circles around somebody)

running circles around us

China is ~ (in technology)

**superiority & inferiority: verb / walking, running & jumping**

## circle (go in circles)

going in circles

we're just ~

♦ "They're moving forward. In Hell they just went round and round."  
("Purgatorio," Dante Alighieri, *The Divine Comedy*, Episode 2 of 3, BBC Radio 4.)

**progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / verb**

## circle back (verb)

circle back to something

let's ~ you mentioned, Marcia... (talk show)

circled back to you

this has all ~ (sex abuser gets long sentence)

circle back to the United States

I want to ~... (changing the subject, talk radio)

circle you back to the question

so let me ~ I posed at the onset (talk radio)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb**

**past & present: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## circled

circled by a (jogging) trail

the park is ~

circled with (high) walls

the towns are ~ (Palestine)

**configuration: shape**

## circus (media circus, etc.)

circus

this case was a ~ (O. J. Simson trial)

circus of the literary circuit

he found the ~ insufferable

circus act

he's a ~ and he's killing boxing (a troubled boxer)

media circus

he became the attention of a ~

publicity circus

he is a one-man ~ (Richard Branson)

unbelievable circus

most Americans won't watch this ~ (congressional hearing)

♦ "The heavyweight division used to be the pinnacle of the sport but now it's little more than a travelling circus where the ring masters behind the scenes lift your wallets by putting on a clown show." (Captain Y-Fronts, on BBC's HYS about the Fury-Schwarz fight.)

**performance / resemblance: circus**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: circus**

## citadel (noun)

citadel of segregation

whites detected a crumbling in the ~ (the South)

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

## claim (stake a claim)

staking his claim to be the moderate

he is ~ (a politician)

**possession: boundary / surveying**

**possession: ground, terrain & land**

## clamor (verb)

clamoring for an investigation

they have been ~ of the investigators (politics)

**conflict: sound**

## clampdown (noun)

clampdown



flights have been cancelled since the ~ began (eruption)

clampdown by China on Tibet  
the speech was in reaction to a new ~

clampdown by the authorities on credit  
a new ~ could hurt domestic demand

clampdown on opponents  
the arrest are part of a broader ~

government clampdown  
the ~ includes a strict curfew

major clampdown  
security forces engaged in a ~

vicious clampdown  
the ~ has estranged millions from the regime

promoted a clampdown on intellectuals  
the government ~

**pressure: tools & technology**  
**coercion & motivation: violence**  
**oppression: pressure**

### clash (verb)

clashed with the network  
but he ~ and resigned (a reporter)

**conflict: sound / verb**

### clash (noun)

clash  
the ~ showed how a small spark could ignite another war

clash with Henry Kissinger  
he left government after a ~

maritime clash  
the ~ has hardened opinion against China

wild clash  
a ~ erupted during a motorcycle rally

**conflict: sound**

### clean (verb)

clean the cesspool  
they are trying to ~ (of the Web)

clean our shame  
kill yourself and ~ or we will kill you first (honor killing)

**amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb**

### clean (come clean)

come clean with the information  
they should ~ they have (nuclear power plant)

came clean  
he ~ and confirmed what many had suspected

come clean  
if you're a sinner, ~ (a preacher)

instead of letting the questions fester, why not ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb**  
**amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb**

### clean (a clean record, etc.)

clean of corruption  
he is widely viewed as ~ (government)

clean (final) draft  
the writer finally produced a ~ (on a typewriter)

clean (driving) record  
I have a ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene**

### clean (addiction)

clean  
she has been ~ for two years (an addict)

get clean  
he spent a decade struggling to ~

**condition & status: addiction / hygiene**

### cleanse (violence)

cleanse the area of agents  
we must ~

cleanse the Foca area of Muslims  
the purpose of the Serb campaign was "to ~"

cleansing their enemies  
they are ~ (government loyalists against protestors)

**violence: hygiene / verb**

### cleansing (ethnic cleansing)

victims of ethnic cleansing  
they claim they are the ~

**violence: hygiene**

### clean up (speech)

cleaned up the language  
they have ~ to make Mark Twain available to schools

**speech: hygiene / verb**

### clean up (improve)

clean up your act  
you need to ~

clean up your document  
review and ~ (text document)

clean up its image  
in a drive to ~, the club holds charity events (bikers)

clean up the mess  
he has had to ~ the previous administration created  
we need to ~ in government (politician)

cleaning up this mess

we're ~ (diplomacy)

clean up (Mexico's human rights) record  
Fox has promised to ~, but...

clean up her reputation  
if the book is seen as an attempt to ~...

clean up their resumes  
even engineers have learned to ~

clean up the sport  
it may be impossible to ~ of cycling (Tour de France)

clean up the (education) system  
it will be difficult to ~

**amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb**

### **cleanup (military)**

cleanup operation  
she was a victim of a government ~ against the rebels

**violence: hygiene**

### **clear (crystal clear)**

crystal-clear  
it was ~ that...

crystal clear  
the Second Amendment is ~

crystal-clear (m)  
the trouble is the show doesn't have a ~ message

**certainty & uncertainty: light & dark**

**comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark**

### **clear (perception)**

clear picture  
confused parents have no ~ of their kids

clear seeing  
the crystal was the symbol of the mind and of ~ (Navaho)

**perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark**

**comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark**

### **clear (clear conscience)**

clear conscience  
you can sell them to widows and orphans with a ~

**guilt: light & dark**

### **clear (unambiguous)**

clear  
it was not ~ how many would take the advice  
it is not ~ if...  
it's not ~ how long the warming cycle will last  
make it ~ that it was nobody's fault  
as many writings of the frontier era make ~  
the specific target of the threats was not ~ (terrorism)  
dirty air is often blamed, but its role isn't ~ (asthma)

clear to him

what was ~ was invisible to others (native tracker)

clear how  
it's not ~ one would deter an attack like 9/11

clear whether  
he did not make ~ he supported a timeline or a deadline

clear if  
it is not ~ they are using any sterile technique at all

clear directions  
the nurse must give ~ (when delegating tasks)

clear evidence  
we see ~ that...

clear goal  
the decisive use of force with a ~ (military)

clear indication  
the results from this testing provided the first ~ of...

clear link  
no ~ between thimerosal and autism has been found

clear objectives  
establish ~ (warfare)

clear (but unstated) objective  
the ~ was to...

clear proof  
the company had ~ the drug was dangerous

clear provenance  
museums should refuse antiquities without a ~

clear sign  
take it as a ~ he's not interested

clear signal  
no ~s from the miners had been heard since... (cave-in)

clear strategy  
we need a ~ to achieve those goals (Iraq)

clear threat  
the town seemed under ~ of destruction (wildfire)

clear warnings  
the pilot missed ~ and crashed (airport)

clear warnings  
signs should give ~ of the end of the detour (military)

clear directions and instructions  
did the nurse give ~

clear guidelines  
have ~ on what behavior is not acceptable

clear, concise (m)  
the commander issues ~ orders and guidance

clear, concise, and complete  
make the text ~ (military message)

clear and consistent

be ~ (disciplining a toddler)

clear and convincing (m)  
there is no ~ proof that...

clear and present (m)  
experts see a ~ danger (terrorism / Olympics)

clear and thorough (m)  
explains information in a ~ manner (nurse assistant)

clear, unambiguous (m)  
provide ~ instructions (teachers)

make clear  
as many writings of the frontier era ~  
he did not ~ if he supported a timeline or a deadline

make it clear  
~ that it was nobody's fault

made his position clear  
he ~

**certainty & uncertainty: light & dark**  
**comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark**  
**clear-eyed (adjective)**

clear-eyed about the risks  
we are ~

**consciousness & awareness: eye**  
**clear up (verb)**

clear (all) this up  
he could ~ by releasing the records (controversy)

**amelioration & renewal: light & dark / verb**  
**click (verb)**

clicking  
the team is ~

**functioning: sound / verb**

**cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.)**

fiscal cliff  
the country is headed off a ~ of runaway spending

fell off a cliff  
but then demand ~ (poor economy)

fallen off a cliff  
venture capital investing ~ (low returns)

fallen off an economic cliff  
we have just ~ (recession)

going over a cliff  
the economy is ~

push American off a (fiscal) cliff  
political paralysis may ~

♦ "He has put himself on a one-way road heading toward a cliff and there is no turning back."

**destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills / verb**

**fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills / verb**

**decline: direction / ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills / verb**

**climate (environment)**

climate of cooperation  
a ~ between the media and police

climate of fear  
there is still a pervasive ~ (Basra under Baath control)

climate of (growing) hostility  
coming of age in a ~ to immigration

climate of intimidation  
an election marred by low turnout and a ~

climate of violence  
a ~ has always run through American politics

climate of fear and anxiety  
people are living in a ~

climate of fear and intimidation  
people live in a ~ (Iraq / Baath party)

climate of backlash  
today in the ~ against bilingual education

command climate  
our ~ surveys measure toxic leadership (military)  
you are accountable for true ~ (military officers)

investment climate  
the nanotechnology ~ is warming up

work climate  
a negative ~ is created

classroom climate  
establish a ~ that supports learning  
create a ~ that is accepting, comfortable, and noncompetitive (schools)

revenue-driven climate  
UCLA is in a ~ (coach fired for losing record)

bitter (political) climate  
the increasingly ~ ahead of elections next summer

negative (work) climate  
a ~ is created

poisonous (political and rhetorical) climate  
politics suffers from a ~

political climate  
the increasingly bitter ~ ahead of elections  
a reporter asked him if he was afraid, given the ~

social climate  
the ~ is bad there (a black / U-Michigan)

tense climate

the ~ following the terrorist attacks

create a (classroom) climate

~ that is accepting, comfortable, and noncompetitive

improve (class) climate

~ through incentives or rewards (teachers)

maintain a climate

we struggle to ~ that meets our expectations (rape in military)

♦ In the *Chicago Tribune*, on August 2, 2012, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Dick Locher published a cartoon that relates the weather to the US climate of violence. It shows a TV weatherman, pointing to a weather map of the US with highs and lows. The caption reads, "LIGHT TO MODERATE GUNFIRE WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPON FIRE COUPLED WITH INTERMITTENT GUN SALES ACTIVITY AND SCATTERED DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS." Sadly, he died in 2017. (AAEC Ref Num: 113472.)

**environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate**

## climax (noun)

climax

antagonism reached a ~ in 1994 (illegal immigrants)

climax of the Haj

the Standing on Mount Arafat is the ~

climax of my career

covering Haj is the ~ (a journalist)

climax of the (religious) festival

Shia pilgrims flocked to Karbala for the ~ (Ashura)

climax of the pilgrimage

the short trek to Mount Arafat, marking the ~

marks the climax

the ceremony ~ of the summer season (battlefield)

nearing a climax

the drama is ~ (who to select as goalkeeper)

reached its climax

partisan politics ~ with the impeachment

**development: theater**

## climb (progress)

climbed a (well-worn) immigrant ladder

Chaudri ~ (dishwasher, cab driver)

way to climb

the people of Africa have a long ~

**progress & lack of progress: direction / verb**

## climb (increase)

climbed to 612

as Los Angeles' murder count ~ for the year

climbed to 40 degrees

as the temperature ~

climbed in velocity

the wind suddenly switched in direction and ~ (ship)

climbed 21%

Nokia earnings ~

climbed to \$70

the price of a barrel of oil ~

continued to climb

as gasoline prices ~ last week

continues to climb

the online population ~

started climbing

in the 1980s the numbers of TV deaths in the US ~

earnings climbed

Nokia ~ 21%

fees are climbing

**increase & decrease: direction / verb**

## climb (roads, etc.)

climbs the (green) slopes

Highway 37 ~ of Haleakala (Hawaii)

**route: direction**

**fictive motion: verb**

## climb down (verb)

climbed down from his decision

he has ~ to expel US diplomats

climb down from all this

how do you ~ (diplomatic problem)

**reversal: direction / verb**

## cling (verb)

cling to the belief

some parents ~ that vaccines cause autism

clung to his innocence

a large minority ~ (guilty verdict)

cling to their own language

in this region of China, where Tibetans ~ (Qinghai)

clinging to life

he is in the hospital, ~

clung to the marriage

she ~ for longer than she should have

cling to the past

it's foolish to ~ (an opinion)

clinging to power

how is he ~ (Maduro)

cling to their language and customs

the Berbers in the Kabylia region ~

clung to the traditions

Trinidad has ~ of carnival

clung to the (fading) values

he ~ of honor and omerta (mobster)

**attachment: hand / verb**

**possession: hand / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb**

### **cloak (conceal)**

cloaks itself in "Christian" values  
the party cynically ~

cloak a bully's identity  
the Internet can ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / verb**

### **cloak (under a cloak)**

under a cloak of secrecy  
she arrived in Yemen ~ (government official)

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

### **cloak (in a cloak)**

in the cloak of journalism  
gossip is dressed ~

in the cloak of reform and patriotism  
scoundrels shroud themselves ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

### **cloak (other)**

cloak of legality  
judges twisted the law to give a ~ to crimes

cloak of secrecy  
the White House has reaffirmed the ~ (Area 51)  
the air force hung a ~ over the mission (X-37B)

cloak for (business-friendly) politicians  
reform can provide a ~ to appear respectable

cover themselves in the (righteous) cloak  
they ~ of religion (blasphemy laws)

reformer cloak  
he has donned the ~

constitutional cloak  
club members wrap themselves in a ~ (men only club)

hung a cloak (of secrecy) over the mission  
the air force ~ (X-37B)

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

### **cloaked (covered)**

mist-cloaked  
the dispute centers over the ~ region of Tawang (India)

**configuration / cover: clothing & accessories**

### **cloaked (concealed)**

cloaked in the mantle

blasphemy laws are ~ of religion

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

### **cloak-and-dagger**

cloak-and-dagger precautions  
they took elaborate ~

**subterfuge: clothing & accessories**

### **clobbered**

clobbered by (relentless) rain  
San Diego has been ~

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / violence**

### **clock (turn back the clock)**

turn back the clock  
we don't want to ~ (plunging vaccination rates)

turn back the clock on aging  
a wrinkle cream that promises to ~

turn back the clock on (racial) progress  
they accuse him of helping to ~ (a judge)

turn back the clock (about) a hundred years  
when we ~...

turn back the clock  
you can't ~ (return to the past)  
maybe we can ~ (relationship)

**past & present: clock / verb**

**time: clock**

### **clock (types)**

body clock  
the best way to follow your natural ~

biological clock  
jet lag and the ~  
her ~ is ticking (motherhood)

**time: clock**

### **clock (race with the clock, etc.)**

in a race with the clock  
we are ~

racing the clock  
we are ~ trying to prevent another tragedy (serial bombs)  
they were ~, tying up their oyster boat (hurricane)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock / competition**

**competition: clock**

**time: clock / competition**

### **clock (clock winds down, etc.)**

clock is winding down  
the ~ to the strike deadline

clock has run out  
now the ~ (Brexit negotiations)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock**

**time: clock**

### **clock (clock is ticking, etc.)**

clock in the back of your head  
you have this ~ of how much time you can spend (Everest)

clock is ticking  
and now, the ~ (to a royal wedding)  
the ~ (legal decision setting a deadline)

clock is ticking on his benefits  
the ~ (unemployed)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock**

**time: clock**

### **clock (reset the clock)**

clock has been reset  
the ~ (deadline extended)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock**

### **clock (run out the clock)**

run out the clock  
the strategy is to punt to the courts and ~ (politics)

**action, inaction & delay: clock / football / verb**

### **clog (noun)**

clog  
such ~s affect users (distributed denial of service)

clog disappeared  
highway officials added one lane and the ~ (traffic)

**obstacles & impedance: water**

### **clogged**

clogged with people  
Mexico's courts and jails are ~ like Hurtado

clogged with rubbish  
alleyways ~

clogged with traffic  
the Central Artery is ~ day and night (Boston)

clogged with (cheap Chinese) motorbikes  
streets are ~

clogged artery  
Boston's ~ (the Central Artery)

clogged roads  
he is perturbed by ~ (Seattle)

Mercedes-clogged (m)  
we snaked our way through the ~ streets

snow-clogged (m)  
a ~ mountain pass  
keeping commuters off ~ streets and highways (blizzard)

traffic-clogged (m)

at the intersection of a ~ street

streets are clogged  
~ with cheap Chinese motorbikes (Ho Chi Minh City)

**obstacles & impedance: water**

**amount & effect: water**

### **cloistered**

cloistered himself in his (hotel) room  
he ~ (from reporters)

cloistered atmosphere  
she felt secure within the ~ (psychiatric ward)

remain cloistered  
the Wakhis ~ in their world of wind and ice

**isolation & remoteness: religion**

**division & connection: religion**

**avoidance & separation: religion**

**protection & lack of protection: religion**

### **close (feeling)**

close  
we're very close (relationship)

**feeling, emotion & effect: proximity**

**relationship: proximity**

### **close-minded (adjective)**

called his critics close-minded  
he ~

**mind: access & lack of access**

**mind: container**

### **closet**

closet homosexual  
some people speculate that Hitler was a ~

closet radical  
he is a ~ (accusation of one politician by another)

family closet  
ghosts and phantoms from the ~

in the closet  
living ~ brought her pain (a lesbian)

in O'Rourke's closet  
newly revealed skeletons have joined old ones ~ (a politician)

skeletons in our closet  
I knew we had ~ (newspaper's lack of coverage of...)

skeletons in its (Communist) closet  
Poland exhumes ~

skeletons in the closet  
all the ~ are spilling out (Turkey)

emerging from the closet  
more and more gay celebrities are ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: house / skeleton**

## clotheslined

get clotheslined

you can ~ by a fence, cable, bar, swing, or a person

**failure, accident & impairment: clothing & accessories**

## cloud (verb)

clouded his judgment

drugs ~

**consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud / verb**

## cloud (cast a cloud)

cloud has been cast

a ~ over much of his work (fabricated data)

**oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow**

**feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow**

## cloud (under a cloud)

under a cloud

she has left the Olympics ~

under a cloud of suspicion

he lived ~

under a cloud of uncertainty

they continue to work ~

under a legal and ethics cloud

he is ~ because of the affair (politician)

lived under a cloud

he ~ of suspicion

get out from under the cloud

he couldn't ~ of suspicion

**oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow**

**feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow**

## cloud (dark cloud, etc.)

cloud

I had a ~ over my head

there is a ~ over the White House

dark cloud

there are still ~s on the horizon (economy)

economic cloud

he acknowledged ~s on the horizon

ethical cloud

he left under an ~ (government)

storm clouds

if there are some ~ on the horizon, they could come...

cloud has been lifted

the ~ over this presidency

cloud (hanging over the President) has been removed  
the ~ by this report

♦ "I had a cloud over my head, and I knew that was a cloud that wasn't going to go away." (Problems at work.)

**oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow**

**feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow**

## cloud (resemblance)

cloud street

~s can indicate thermals (hang gliding)

~s are rows of cumulous clouds

bat cloud

radar can estimate the number of bats in a ~

**resemblance: atmosphere / cloud**

## cloud (consciousness)

clouds of depression

antidepressants can help part the black ~

part the (black) clouds

antidepressants can help ~ of depression

**consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud**

## cloud (sign)

war clouds

as ~ gathered over the region (Iraqi Freedom)

clouds gathered

but ~ quickly

**evidence: atmosphere / cloud**

## clouded

clouded by drugs

his thinking was ~

clouded in mystery

his past is ~

**consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud**

## cloudy (consciousness)

cloudy with drugs

his mind was ~

**consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud**

## cloudy (certainty)

become cloudy

news can ~ when information is controlled (rumors)

**certainty & uncertainty: cloud / light & dark**

## clout (noun)

clout of financial journalists

the ~ can affect the corporate bottom line

Washington's clout

~ is fading (diplomacy)

economic clout

Boeing has tremendous ~ (economy, jobs, etc.)

global clout

China's ~

immense clout

the business network carried ~ with investors

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / violence**

**power: fist / violence**

## cloth (cut from cloth)

cut from different cloth

scientists are not ~ (self-interest)

cut from a different cloth

entrepreneurs are ~

cut from the same cloth

you and he don't seem to be ~ (husband and wife)

he is ~ as Steve Jobs (entrepreneurship)

Hussein, Gaddafi, Assad, Chavez, Kim, they're all ~

**character & personality: cloth**

**identity & nature: cloth**

**taxonomy & classification: cloth**

## clown (verb)

clowning around

stop ~

stop clowning

**behavior: circus / verb**

## clown (noun)

class clown

he was the ~, always dancing, singing, and joking

he survived bullies by acting as the ~ (Richard Pryor)

overrated, overhyped clown

he's an overrated, ~ (said by a boxer of a boxer)

**character & personality: circus**

## coach (verb)

coached her on how to answer

the sheriff ~ to the FBI

**directing: sports & games**

## clumsy (adjective)

clumsy writer

at first she was a ~

**ability & lack of ability: body**

## coal (rake somebody over the coals)

rake him over the coals

let's not ~s for a remark he made 30 years ago

**punishment & recrimination: fire / verb**

**speech: fire / verb**

## coarse (adjective)

coarse word

it's a ~ (asshole)

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

## coast (attain)

coasted to victory

the team ~

**difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / verb**

**attainment: movement / verb**

## coast (noun)

third coast

Atlanta is the ~ of rap (vs. LA, NY)

**center & periphery: ground, terrain & land**

## cobble together (verb)

cobbled together a living

for a while she ~ acting and waitressing

cobbled together a video

he ~ with claims of an 'amazing cancer cure'

**creation & transformation: clothing & accessories / verb**

## cocktail

cocktail of (psychoactive) drugs

he downs a daily ~ (mental illness)

cocktail of ash, acids, aerosols

the cloud, a toxic ~ (pollution / S. Asia)

cocktail of things

it's a ~, it's never one thing (what makes serial killers)

Disney's cocktail

~ of morality, stereotypes and magic (animated films)

drug cocktail

new ~s make living with HIV a reality

toxic cocktail

the cloud, a ~ of ash, acids, aerosols (S. Asia)

**mixture: alcohol / bird**

## cocoon (isolation)

cocoon of sorrow, rage and despair

he began to emerge from the ~ that had enveloped him

cocoon of high expectations

it was a ~ and harsh discipline (black school)

digital cocoon

she gets lost in her ~

ideological "cocoon"

the digital age makes it easy to spend your time in ~



security cocoon

he was wrapped in a tight ~ (president)

emerge from the cocoon

he began to ~ of sorrow, rage and despair

**isolation & remoteness: insect**

**division & connection: insect**

**avoidance & separation: insect**

**protection & lack of protection: insect**

**cocoon (resemblance)**

cocoon of air bags

it bounced down in a ~ (Mars "Spirit")

**resemblance: insect**

**cocooned**

cocooned in a (dignified) silence

the stadium is now ~ (memorial to dead fans)

**isolation & remoteness: insect**

**coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.)**

nail in the coffin of the party

the immigration issue will be the final ~

final nail in the coffin

that was the ~

put the (final) nail in the coffin

he ~ when he... (sports victory)

♦ "I think that was the final nail in the coffin... that the church could no longer offer to subsidize these schools. But that was just the final straw... (Decline of Catholic schools.)"

**fate, fortune & chance: burial**

**destruction: burial**

**cog (noun)**

cog

Evans was a ~ (one of thousands of government workers)

cog in the (Norwegian pedagogical) machine

he thinks of himself as a ~

♦ Notwithstanding the title of his book, *Men Against Death* (1932), Paul De Kruif devotes a chapter of tribute to Alice Evans. Despite her being just a cog, a "mote among drab-seeming thousands...only a cow bacteriologist buried away in the U.S. Department of Agriculture... nothing more than a pleasant-looking girl bacteriologist, anonymous among insignificant boy and girl microbe hunters...destined to no famous end...plodding...her specialization...Ford-factoryish," she made an important contribution to science. De Kruif includes her in a pantheon of luminaries that includes Semmelweis, Banting and Best, Spencer, Evans, McCoy, Schaudinn, and Bordet in a book that reflects all of the biases of its time.

**importance & significance: mechanism**

**coin (verb)**

coined the term

he is often credited with having ~ ("virtual reality")

coined in the early 1980s

the term "serial killer" was only ~

**creation & transformation: money / verb**

**coin (side of a coin)**

two sides of the same coin

obesity and hunger are ~ (nutrition)

affluence and poverty should not be ~

**relationship: money**

**coin (double-sided coin)**

double-sided coin

it's a ~ (trust can help or hurt you)

**relationship: money**

**cold (feeling)**

cold and hard

administrators can seem ~ (high school)

cold and impersonal

the big city can be ~

cold and calculating

she is ~

emotionally cold

I'm pretty much ~ (a marine)

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

**character & personality: temperature**

**cold (in the cold)**

left out in the cold

the West will be ~ (by Russian diplomacy)

**inclusion & exclusion: temperature**

**cold (cold case, etc.)**

cold case

~s can rip open the wounds of the past

gone cold

his trail had ~ (crime)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: temperature**

**activity: temperature**

**cold feet**

cold feet

the Saudi leaders were getting ~

she got ~ (bride-to-be who disappeared)

cold feet about testifying

he was getting ~

getting cold feet

he was ~ about testifying

**eagerness & reluctance: foot / temperature**

**coldhearted (adjective)**

coldhearted person

she is a ~

coldhearted or cowardly  
their decision was not ~ (climbers)

**heart: temperature**  
**empathy & lack of empathy: heart / temperature**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: heart / temperature**

## **coldly**

coldly dismissed  
she was ~ by the all-male institutions (explorer)

watched coldly  
diplomats ~ as the family was dragged away

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**  
**empathy & lack of empathy: temperature**

## **cold shoulder**

cold shoulder from members  
I received the ~

received the cold shoulder  
I ~ from the members of the group

gave the cold shoulder to the Russians  
Georgia let the US help and ~

♦ Some say this refers to offering a visitor a cold shoulder of meat, as opposed to a more hospitable hot meal. This must have been before the invention of the microwave.

**acceptance & rejection: temperature**

## **cold war**

tech cold war  
this ~ matters (US vs. Huawei and 5G network)

**conflict: allusion / history / temperature**

## **collapse (noun)**

collapse  
the system will reform itself or face its own ~

collapse of the (oil) boom  
but with the ~

collapse of communism  
since the ~ in 1991

collapse of the (cod) fishery  
the ~

collapse of the (Iraqi) government  
the situation could lead to the ~

collapse of (stock) prices  
with the ~ (Silicon Valley)

collapse of talks  
the ~ between...(two companies)

collapse of Taliban rule  
since the ~ (Afghanistan)

collapse in their self-esteem  
men who experienced a near ~ (financial crisis)

company's collapse  
an internal probe into the ~ shows...

colony collapse (m)  
a new bee problem, called ~ disorder (honeybees)

price collapse  
because of the ~ of commodities (sub-Saharan Africa)

catastrophic collapse  
secrecy can make a system prone to ~

economic collapse  
engulfed Russia (following fall of communism)

prone to (catastrophic) collapse  
secrecy can make a system ~

on the brink of collapse  
the government is ~ (Northern Ireland)

on the edge of collapse  
the air travel network teeters ~ (Unfriendly Skies)

on the verge of collapse  
the provincial government is ~ (Iraq)

probe into the (company's) collapse  
an internal ~ shows...

collapse engulfed Russia  
economic ~ (following fall of communism)

faced collapse  
the company asked for government intervention as it ~

lead to the collapse  
the situation could ~ of the Iraqi government

**failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins**  
**destruction: infrastructure / ruins**

## **collide (verb)**

collide with (ancient) traditions  
modern mores often ~ (Africa)

generations collide  
when ~ at work (boomers / Gen X)

**conflict: crashes & collisions / verb**

## **color (verb)**

color the residents (of the Gulf Coast) unimpressed  
~ by the government reaction to the disaster

colors his perspective  
he is a wealthy small businessman, and that ~

colors his thoughts  
his negativism ~

colors his views  
his vegetarianism ~ of certain countries

**perception, perspective & point of view: picture / verb**

## colored

colored by their relationship  
countries' views are ~ with Iran (on an issue)

**perception, perspective & point of view: picture**

## colors (true colors)

show his true colors  
he didn't ~ until after the wedding (abusive)

**identity & nature: flags & banners**

## colossal (adjective)

colossal (national) disaster  
the situation is a ~ (nuclear-power-plant failure)

colossal failure  
it was a ~

colossal misunderstanding  
the message led to a ~

colossal problem  
we have ~s

**size: allusion / statue**

## colossus (noun)

colossus  
Weir was a ~, what an inspiration (Scottish Rugby)

business colossus  
the rise and fall of a ~ (Carlos Ghosn)

trading colossus  
the East India Company was a ~

♦ A colossus was a gigantic statue. The Colossus of Rhodes was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

**size: allusion / statue**

**importance & significance: allusion / size / statue**

## comatose (adjective)

comatose  
"~, " the term for servers using energy but doing no work

**activity: health & medicine**

**functioning: mechanism**

## comb (verb)

combed the area on hands and knees  
police ~

combed the foothills in a (futile) search  
they ~ for the girl

comb (former) battlegrounds for artifacts  
hobbyists ~ (Civil War buffs)

combed the (city's famed) canals for bombs  
authorities ~ (Venice)

combing the roadsides for evidence

volunteers were ~ (murderers)

combed the slope for signs  
Anker ~ of his missing friends (avalanche)

comb (Arabian) Desert for suspects  
unmanned US planes ~

comb the seas for bluefin tuna  
fishermen from New Zealand to Libya ~

comb through (decades-old) cases  
detectives are beginning to ~, hoping...

comb through (international travel) records  
analysts began to ~ (terrorism)

combed (abandoned) buildings  
police ~ (for missing woman)

combed the school  
the Jackson County Health Department ~ (rash)

combed the region  
police ~

combed the countryside  
volunteers ~, on A.T.V.'s and on horseback (for girl)

combed the foothills  
they ~ in a futile search for the girl

**searching & discovery: comb / hair / verb**

## combat (verb)

combat the disease  
he ordered a broad mobilization to ~ (SARS / China)

combat (street) homelessness  
it remains the principal tool to ~ (supportive housing)

combat boredom and tension  
they play Monopoly to ~ (soldiers / Iraq)

tool to combat  
it remains the principal ~ street homelessness (supportive housing)

**conflict: military / verb**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb**

## combustible

combustible (recent Carter) interview  
perhaps the most ~ aired over the weekend

**initiation: fire / temperature**

**speech: fire / temperature**

## come (future)

coming  
the future is ~, whether we like it or not

come and gone  
2001 has ~

**future: direction / movement / verb**

## come (something can come along)

came along  
nobody saw a virus until the electron microscope ~

comes along  
just when things are improving, this new crisis ~

psychoanalysis came along  
until ~, the accepted antidote to hysteria was rest

Knott came along  
before ~, fishermen caught lobsters the same way...

**development: direction / movement**

## come (come a long way)

come a long way  
we have ~ (a business)  
we have ~, but we have much further to go  
we have ~, but not far enough

come a long way in race relations  
we have ~, but we keep going backwards

come a long way since the 1990s  
Kosovo has ~

come a long way from its (humble) beginnings  
the company has ~

come a long way in 4 decades  
the sport has ~

**progress & lack of progress: movement / journeys & trips**

## come (to come)

yet to come  
there are changes ~ (global warming)  
it does make you wonder what is ~ (politics)

sure to come  
change is ~

more (Inside Edition) to come  
there is ~

hearings are to come  
more ~

future to come  
they are waiting for the ~, but it's already here

generations to come  
these issues will affect ~

things to come  
this is a sign of ~

**future: direction / movement**

## come (see something coming)

saw it coming  
I never ~  
they never ~  
nobody ~ (boy arrested)

we were caught flatfooted, we never ~

see it coming  
he didn't ~ (heart attack)

**future: direction / movement / verb**  
**consciousness & awareness: direction / verb**

## come (for a time to come)

for years to come  
the problem will occupy botanists ~

for decades to come  
he may last ~ (a leader)

for centuries to come  
shrinking coastlines will be the new normal ~

**future: direction / movement**

## come (come out swinging)

came out swinging  
the president ~

**conflict / speech: boxing**  
**accusation & criticism: boxing**

## come (come from)

comes from dishonesty  
nothing good ever ~

**origin: verb**

## come back (verb)

come back stronger  
I'm going to ~ than ever

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / verb**

**resiliency: verb**

## comeback (noun)

made a comeback  
he made a ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction**  
**resiliency: direction**

## come down on (verb)

came down (hard) on his critics  
President Trump ~

**accusation & criticism: direction / verb**

## come forward (verb)

come forward  
she decided to ~, despite the publicity (accusation)

**appearance & disappearance: direction / verb**  
**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / verb**

## come out (verb)

coming out  
people ask why I'm ~ now (male on male historical abuse)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb**

## come out (against something)

come out against anti-Semitic tropes  
we felt the need to ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb**

## come up (appearance)

come up  
that's an option that has ~

**appearance & disappearance: direction / verb**

## come up with (discovery)

come up with nothing  
they have dug through and ~ (investigation)

**searching & discovery: direction / ground, terrain & land / verb**

## come up on

coming up on a new trial  
he is ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement**  
**future: direction / movement / verb**

## coming (in the coming months, etc.)

in the coming months  
a series of reports is expected ~

in the coming years  
such events will become more frequent ~ (droughts)

**future: direction / movement**

## coming (coming out)

coming out party  
this was his ~ to set up big money (Brit boxer fights in US)

**experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex**

## command (deserve and get)

commands (an annual) rent  
the space ~ of \$800 a square foot

commands respect  
she ~ (a veteran teacher)

commands the highest prices  
sweet crude ~... (oil)

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: speech**

## common denominator

common denominator

music is a ~ (vs. class, race, ability)

**division & connection: number**

## commodity

questionable commodity  
for all his talent, he is still is a ~ (athlete)

scarcest commodities  
time is one of your ~ (owners of small businesses)

treat virginity as a commodity  
men should not ~ (China)

**worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture**

**product: farming & agriculture**

## companion

companion of time  
change is a constant ~ (said by a diplomat)

constant companion  
exhaustion is a ~ (work at nursing homes)  
cruelty is their ~ (untouchables / India)

turns a poem into a companion  
memorization ~ (Billy Collins)

**relationship: person**

## compass (within / outside the compass)

within the compass of that subpoena  
if there are papers that are ~

**extent & scope: tools & technology**

## compass (moral compass)

moral compass  
a friend with a stronger ~ (told police of crime)  
so many are intelligent, with decent ~s (teens / dating)  
~ can point you in the right direction

lacks a moral compass  
he is a menacing creature who ~ (a dictator)

lose their moral compass  
they are so mired in bad fortune they ~

**behavior / direction: tools & technology**

## concoct (verb)

concocted an (escape) plan  
she ~ (to get away from a cult)

♦ Originally, this meant to cook together. As such, it is congruent with cook up.

**creation & transformation: cooking / mixture / verb**

## concrete

concrete  
their thinking becomes less ~ and more abstract (kids)

concrete evidence  
for now, there was no ~ linking... (terror attack)

concrete examples  
some ~ will illustrate this point

concrete information  
he didn't give any ~ about the crime

concrete offer  
I haven't gotten any ~s (job search)

concrete question  
unable to answer ~s about...

concrete results  
we need ~ from this conference (U.N.)

#### **substance & lack of substance: materials & substances**

### **conduit (noun)**

conduits for contributors  
Visa and PayPal refused to be ~ (to WikiLeaks)

conduit for refugees from Tibet  
the passes into Sikkim became a ~ after 1950

conduit between publishers and consumers  
originally the company was to be a ~ (Amazon)

communications conduit  
he acted as a ~ (terrorist messenger)

media conduit  
the group acts as a ~ for the ALF

vital conduit  
the Gulf of Aden is a ~ for Middle East oil

**route: water**

### **confetti**

turned the insulation into confetti  
the machine-gun fire ~ (an aircraft)

**resemblance: waste**

### **conflagration**

financial conflagration  
proprietary trading added tinder to the ~ (2008)

avoid a conflagration  
the US and the UN are seeking to ~ (in Sudan)

ignite a (larger) conflagration  
Somalia could ~ across the Horn of Africa

provoked a conflagration  
nationalists ~

**amount & effect: fire**

### **confluence**

confluence of agendas  
a "~" between Algeria and the West (terrorism)

confluence of (natural and manmade) disasters  
the ~ (war, drought, etc.)

confluence of events  
the odd ~ (volcanoes erupt on same day)  
the ~ occurring in Iran is very sad (Hillary Clinton)  
a ~ brought the Web site down  
where is this ~ taking all of us (news-show host)

confluence of (several) factors  
a ~ is likely responsible (falling crime rates)

odd confluence  
the ~ of events (volcanoes erupt on same day)

**division & connection: river**

### **conga line**

conga line of storms  
a ~ is heading towards the US

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement**

### **connect (verb)**

connect  
two lonely teens meet and try to ~

**social interaction: tools & technology / verb**

**division & connection: tools & technology / verb**

### **conquer (verb)**

conquered the world  
he ~ of American entertainment (Marvin Hamlisch)

**success & failure: military / verb**

### **conscious (aware)**

conscious of the value  
people are more ~ of relationships (post-9/11)

conscious of what  
I've always been very ~ I eat, how much I exercise

conscious (and unconscious) beliefs  
their ~ (stereotyping)

conscious decision  
some people make a ~ to go missing, start a new life

conscious and unconscious (m)  
their ~ beliefs (stereotyping)

budget-conscious (m)  
~ parents

celebrity-conscious (m)  
Los Angeles is America's most ~ town

cost-conscious (m)  
a ~ chef

ecology-conscious (m)  
an ~ audience

fashion-conscious (m)  
~ customers

party-conscious (m)

his move could alienate ~ Democrats (politics)

safety-conscious  
kayakers are usually ~

safety-conscious  
NASCAR is extremely ~ (auto racing)

security-conscious  
this year's Academy Awards will be the most ~ ever

status-conscious (m)  
~ people are stuck up

style-conscious  
Gabriella was ~ and had expensive taste

technology-conscious (m)  
in ~ San Francisco

weight-conscious (m)  
data on nearly 500 ~ women

earthquake-conscious (m)  
Japanese are the most ~ people

environmentally-conscious (m)  
an ~ business  
in an ~ world

ethically-conscious (m)  
ethically-conscious investors

**consciousness & awareness: health & medicine**

### **constellation (noun)**

constellation of symptoms  
the ~ at the end of life  
he had another patient with the same bizarre ~ (AIDS)

**configuration: astronomy**  
**group, set & collection: astronomy**

### **consume (emotions)**

consumed him  
guilt and shame ~ (financial infidelity)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb**

### **consume (consumption)**

consuming the media  
people are ~ differently nowadays

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

### **consume (destroy)**

consumed 4 Turkish divisions  
Yemen ~ in the 19th century

**destruction: food & drink / predation / verb**

### **consumed**

consumed by envy  
I was not ~, but it was there (a boy)

consumed by thoughts of revenge  
he was ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire**

### **contagion (noun)**

contagion  
if the ~ spreads widely... (failing economies of states)

**corruption: health & medicine**

### **contagious (adjective)**

contagious  
the girl's lack of ambition was ~ (to high-school boy)  
feelings are ~  
she had a laugh that was ~

**transmission: health & medicine**

### **contaminate (verb)**

contaminated the inquiry  
the media ~ (Amanda Knox)

contaminate the interrogation  
interrogators can ~ by providing details

**corruption: materials & substances**

### **contamination**

contamination  
~ is the primary factor in wrongful convictions

**corruption: materials & substances**

### **contaminated**

contaminated  
confessions are ~ when interrogators supply details

**corruption: materials & substances**

### **contest (noun)**

contest of measure and countermeasure  
it's a grim ~ (IEDs / Iraq)

popularity contest  
he was bound to lose the ~

grim contest  
it's a ~ of measure and countermeasure (IEDs / Iraq)

lose the (popularity) contest  
he was bound to ~

**competition: sports & games**

### **contour (noun)**

contours of it  
we know some basic ~ now (from the Muller Report)

**area / environment: ground, terrain & land**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: ground, terrain & land**

**shape: ground, terrain & land**

## control (in control)

in control of his emotions  
he is not ~

more in control  
I always enjoy leading and it helped me feel ~ (kayaking)

very much in control  
she felt ~ (a positive job interview)

felt (very much) in control  
she ~ (a positive job interview)

**feeling, emotion & effect: control & lack of control**

## control (out of control)

out of control  
the \$100 billion timber industry is ~  
the perception that juvenile violence is ~  
he's ~ (behavior)  
our wireless bills are ~

out-of-control courts

out-of-control drivers  
laws against ~

out-of-control person  
an ~

out-of-control quality  
a wild, nervy ~ to his writing

out-of-control rebel  
the angry, ~

out-of-control shopper  
an ~

out-of-control (urban) sprawl  
~ (Austin)

out-of-control spending

blossom out of control  
the consequences can ~ (problems on 767 jetliner)

feel out of control  
badly designed intelligent technology makes us ~

getting out of control  
things were ~  
the situation seems to be ~

got out of control  
they were away and the kids ~

spinning out of control  
digital downloading and copying is ~  
his personal life seemed to be ~  
Nairobi is ~ (crime)

spinning (faster) out of control  
Hernandez was ~

spun out of control

the argument ~

spiraled out of control  
Rye's junior prom ~ (drunk teens)

spiraling out of control  
in danger of ~

spiral out of control  
medical expenses can often ~  
his life seemed to ~ (drug addict)

**restraint & lack of restraint: control & lack of control**

## control (under control)

under control  
everything is ~  
I've got everything ~

**restraint & lack of restraint: control & lack of control**

## control (behavior)

under control  
he can get his erratic behavior ~

get his (erratic) behavior under control  
he can ~

**behavior: control & lack of control**

## control (out of one's control)

out of your control  
some things are ~

**fate, fortune & chance: control & lack of control**

## convert (person)

out for converts  
he is a culinary evangelist ~ (chef)

won many converts  
he ~ to his ideas

**message: person / religion**

**person: religion**

## convulse (verb)

convulsed in a spasm  
for 3 minutes the casino ~ of violence (biker riot)

convulsing with change  
Ethiopia has been ~

convulsed India  
globalism and capitalism has ~

convulsed the country  
waves of anti-foreign sentiment ~ (China)

**affliction: health & medicine / verb**

## convulsed

convulsed by (ethnic) strife  
the area is ~



**affliction: health & medicine**

### **convulsion (noun)**

financial convulsion

a breakup of the EU would cause a ~

**affliction: health & medicine**

### **cooked up**

cooked up at Eglin Air Force Base

the planes were armed by a new bomb ~

**creation & transformation: cooking**

### **cook up (verb)**

cooked up a plan

he and Tomaz ~ to climb Nuptse by a new route

cooked up the story

they ~ to get the reward (murder case)

**creation & transformation: cooking / verb**

### **cool (cool off / activity)**

cool off

his career began to ~ (a singer)

**activity: temperature / verb**

### **cool (cool off, etc.)**

cooled off

he regrets what he did now that he has ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb**

### **cool (feeling)**

maintain their cool

they need to ~ (a team)

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

### **coolheaded (adjective)**

coolheaded killer

he is a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: head / temperature**

**character & personality: head / temperature**

### **coolly (adverb)**

coolly

she looked at me ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

### **core (basis)**

at its core

~, this issue all boils down to money

**bases: center & periphery**

### **corkscrew (verb)**

corkscrewed above the airport

he took off and ~ until we reached 8,000 feet (plane)

**direction: shape / verb**

**movement: shape / verb**

### **corkscrew (shape)**

corkscrew ascents and descents

~ to evade fire (Iraqi Airways)

**direction: shape**

### **corner (around the corner)**

victory is around the corner

officials insist ~ (war)

spring is around the corner

just around the corner

planting season is ~

Christmas is ~

**future / proximity: corner**

### **corner (in remote corners, etc.)**

from all corners of the (political) spectrum

he received criticism ~

in the corners of the internet

the theories began ~ and made it into mainstream news

in the dark corners of cyberspace

~ (child pornography)

in some corners of the humanities

there is resistance to such analysis ~

in the (more) paranoid corners of the Internet

he posted messages ~

in many corners of the West

uranium mining boomed ~

in some corners of the book world

there is opposition ~

**area: center & periphery / corner**

### **corner (other)**

shines light into some of the darkest corners

the book ~ of M15

ventured into remote corners

he ~ (a photographer)

**area: center & periphery / corner**

### **corner (turn the corner)**

turned the corner

we have ~ (economic upturn after downturn)

this month he ~, and made a profit (businessman)

so has America finally ~ (economic downturn)

turn the corner on unemployment  
we are beginning to ~

beginning to turn the corner  
we are ~ on unemployment

**progress & lack of progress: corner / verb**

**development: corner / verb**

### **corner (situation)**

tightest corner  
United somehow got out of the ~ in Paris (soccer win)

backed ourselves into a corner  
we've sort of ~ (war strategy)

boxed himself into a corner  
he has ~ on tax increases (a politician)

painted himself into a corner  
he has ~ (world leader)

**alternatives & choices: boxing / corner**

**situation: corner**

### **corner (in one's corner)**

in my corner  
she supports me, she's ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal: boxing / corner**

### **corner (cut corners)**

cut corners  
oil companies ~ to maximize profits

**difficulty, easiness & effort: corner / journeys & trips**

### **cornerstone (noun)**

cornerstone of the collection  
the painting will be the ~ (a new museum)

cornerstones of the economy  
blue-chip companies, once considered ~... (recession)

cornerstone of identity  
Egyptians increasingly emphasize Islam as the ~

cornerstone of (US) policy  
Egypt is the ~ in the Middle East

cornerstones of terrorism  
unemployment creates one of the ~ (Prince Talal)

cornerstone of (addiction) treatment  
Alcoholics Anonymous remains the ~ in the US

cornerstone of Roma life  
child marriage is a ~ (tradition)

cornerstone of academic culture  
peer review is a ~ (publishing)

cornerstone of the scientific method  
replication is a ~

emphasize Islam as the cornerstone

Egyptians increasingly ~ of identity

**bases: infrastructure**

### **corridor (route)**

drug corridor  
Interstate 44 is a ~ (Missouri)

migration corridor  
the Bering land bridge served as a ~ for people

travel corridor  
the region is a ~ for illegal immigrants

wildlife corridor  
nature preserves provide a ~ for birds and animals

green corridor  
in places the ~ is only 50 feet wide (along river)

strategic corridor  
Georgia is a ~ for Western oil companies

tiny corridor  
oil exports are squeezed through this ~ (Strait of Hormuz)

I-95 corridor  
heroin travels down the ~ to secondary markets (from NYC)

**route: infrastructure**

### **corridor (area)**

high-technology corridor  
the metro services Northern Virginia's ~

commercial corridor  
the Metro revitalized the sagging ~ between...

31-mile corridor  
deforestation occurs in a ~ on either side of roads

**area: shape**

### **corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.)**

Siliguri Corridor  
the ~ is also known as the Chickens Neck

National Heritage Corridor  
the Blackstone River Valley ~

Wakhan Corridor  
the ~ (Afghanistan)

**proper name: infrastructure**

### **corridor (corridors of power)**

corridors of power  
ordinary Americans are kept out of the ~ (politics)

in the corridors of power  
the religious right is flexing its muscles ~

access to the corridors of power  
the reporter has unrivalled ~ (Bob Woodward)

gain admittance to the corridors of power

once women ~

**power: infrastructure**

### **corrosive (adjective)**

corrosive for democracy

rich contributors are ~ (money)

corrosive effect

corruption was perhaps the most ~ of communism

corrosive role

the ~ of money in politics (rich special-interest groups)

**feeling, emotion & effect: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation**

### **corrupting**

corrupting force

the tabloids portrayed her as a ~

**corruption: health & medicine**

### **corruption (noun)**

moral corruption

TV and radio promote ~

**corruption: health & medicine**

### **coruscating (adjective)**

coruscating observations

he had room to make his ~ (TV)

**superlative: light & dark**

### **cost (verb)**

cost them

the editor knew all along it would ~ as they uncovered extortion and thefts

cost him his job

the revelation ~ (child porn on computer)

his failure to deliver on his promise ~ (a coach)

costs you nothing

it ~ but your time (a free Internet program)

costing teachers their jobs

budget cuts are now ~

cost him his life

his drug habit very nearly ~ (a musician)

his diligence ~ (a police officer)

cost the climbers a shot

helping the other group ~ at the summit

cost him his (boxing) title

his refusal to serve ~ (Muhammad Ali)

cost Unsoeld his toes

that night ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

cost drivers 15 minutes

construction delays on I-15 ~

cost the state thousands of jobs

his economic policies have ~

cost you an arm and a leg

this vacation getaway won't ~

cost the team big time

the mistake ~

cost the lives

the civil war ~ of 100,000 Maya Indians (Guatemala)

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

### **cost (at a cost)**

at the cost of his life

Sfc. Ashley's bravery ~ was in the highest traditions of...

at enormous cost

gold is wrung from the earth ~

even at the cost

they are desperate to flee their country ~ of their lives

**cost & benefit money**

### **cost (at all costs)**

protect (passengers) at all costs

air marshals must ~

**cost: & benefit: money**

### **cost (other)**

costs of Vietnam

the ~ remain with us (troubled vets, sons, etc.)

cost of his life

absorbing the grenade blast at the ~

cost of war

let us not forget the terrible ~

costs of war

the ~ and the price of peace (soldiers)

costs of gambling

the hidden ~ (divorce, etc.)

cost to having

there is a ~ an overload of choice

war's (tragic environmental) cost

hidden costs

the ~ of gambling (divorce, etc.)

environmental cost

war has not only a human cost, but a tragic ~ as well  
gold is wrung from the earth at enormous ~

human cost

war has not only a ~, but a tragic environmental cost

political cost

both leaders are paying a ~ at home for... (foreign policy)

tragic (environmental) cost

war's ~

**cost & benefit: money**

### costly (adjective)

costly

you have laid so ~ a sacrifice... (Lincoln)

politically costly

it's ~ to criticize Jews (US elections)

**cost & benefit: money**

### cough up (verb)

cough up more money

the US wants its allies to ~ (for world defense)

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bodily process**

### countdown (noun)

countdown

the ~ starts now (ad for big game in future)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: number**

### counterattack (noun)

counterattack

the Embassy began a ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb**

### counterbalance (verb)

counterbalance his dependence

he is trying to ~ on the US by dealing with China

counterbalance Western media

Al Jazeera was founded to ~

**amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale / verb**

### counterbalance (noun)

counterbalance to industry

the FDA is the ~

counterbalance to the presidency

the Supreme Court is a ~

counterbalance to the US press

Al Jazeera is an excellent ~

counterbalance to the liberal Western order

he wants to establish Russia as a ~ (Putin)

counterbalance to corporate power

unions are a ~

generational counterbalance

the mothers of nominees provided ~ (Academy Awards)

liberal counterbalance

she will serve as a ~ to the conservative wing

**amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale**

**equilibrium & stability: scale**

### coup (power)

coup

I was fired, it was basically a coup by... (political job)

boardroom coup

the son deposed his father in a ~ (Budweiser beer)

**dismissal, removal & resignation / power: military**

### coup (achievement)

diplomatic coup

the conference was a ~ for Iran

great coup

workers hailed the decision as a ~ (unionization)

**achievement, recognition & praise / success & failure: military**

### coup de grace (deathblow)

coup de grace

facing down Biden was the ~ on her evening (politics)

courtroom coup de grace

his political adversaries were hoping for a ~ (report)

**destruction: death & life / violence / weapon**

**fate, fortune & chance: death & life / violence / weapon**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / violence / weapon**

### coupled

coupled with love

high expectations ~ is a gift (child-rearing)

**division & connection: tools & technology**

### course (on a collision course)

on a collision course

the two countries are ~

on a collision course

people and the natural world are ~

on a collision course with his boss

he was ~ (Navy top brass)

on a collision course with the clerics

the royal family is ~ (Saudi)

on a collision course for the finals

they are ~ (two teams)

**conflict: crashes & collisions**

### course (change course, etc.)

change course

he didn't hesitate to ~ (a politician)

we are skeptical that Iran will ~ (diplomacy)

charted a new course

he has ~ and tacked to the center (politician)

**direction: journeys & trips / verb**

### **course (reverse course)**

reversed course

Iran ~ and reopened its nuclear labs  
the President ~ and grounded the plane (Boeing problem)

**reversal: direction / journeys & trips / verb**

### **course (development)**

course of the conflict

we cannot predict the length or the ~ (military)

course of the disease

we can sometimes slow the ~  
the challenge is to identify patients earlier in the ~

course of HIV infection

the ~ is characterized primarily by latency

course of the war

during the ~ (Gulf War)

relentless course

as the epidemic follows its ~ (AIDS)

length or the course

we cannot predict the ~ of the conflict (military)

follow its (relentless) course

if we sit back and let the epidemic ~...

run its course

the common cold will ~ within seven days

slow the course

we can sometimes ~ of the disease

**development: journeys & trips**

### **course (course of action, etc.)**

course of action

we thought the best ~ was to...  
I could think of no other ~  
is this the right ~ (government policy)

similar course

see if other schools should follow a ~ (sex ed)

safest and wisest course

the ~ to follow (alcohol and pregnancy)

follow a (similar) course

see if other schools should ~ (same-sex classes)

took the (politically risky) course

he ~ of prosecuting a member of government

**direction: journeys & trips**

### **course (direction)**

course correction

we can't move forward without a ~ (bribery scandal)

fresh course

helping convicted felons chart a ~

changed the course

their testimony has ~ of the investigation (police)

chart a (fresh) course

helping convicted felons ~

corrected course

the agency has ~ on asylum detentions

stay the course

he vowed to ~ (general leading war)

stays the course

once he makes up his mind, he ~ (businessman)

**direction: journeys & trips**

### **course (course of justice, etc.)**

course of justice

he was charged with perverting the ~

take its course

the law must ~

**operation: journeys & trips**

### **court (verb)**

courting Hispanics with (Spanish) advertising  
the company is ~

courting danger with his rhetoric

he is ~ (racist stereotypes)

courting rebellion by pushing ahead

he is ~ with his plan (political party)

courted adventure

when she was young she ~ (hitchhiking, etc.)

court (resource-rich) countries

China, India ~ like Nigeria and Kazakhstan

courted death

he ~ with his use of drugs and wild lifestyle

courting (economic) disaster

we are ~

courting its favor

both Democrats and Republicans are ~ (N.R.A.)

courting veterans

for-profit colleges are ~

courting (younger) voters

the party is ~ (politics)

courted and won

he ~ popular acceptance (a musician)

actively courted

they ~ publicity (two feuding pop stars)

aggressively courting

he has been ~ endorsements (running for office)

assiduously courted  
he has ~ mainstream support (a politician)

feverishly courting  
she has been ~ black voters

publicly courting  
the president has been ~ him (a politician)

quietly courting  
he has been ~ contributors (for a political run)

**pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / verb**

**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / verb**

### **court (in the court)**

in the world court  
they have been convicted ~ of public opinion (doping)

in the (world) court of public opinion  
they have been convicted ~ athletes / doping)

tried in the court  
he has been ~ of public opinion

**judgment: justice**

### **court (other)**

court of public opinion  
the ~ condemned him

**judgment: justice**

### **courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.)**

Devil's Courthouse  
the first person to climb ~ (a rock outcropping)

Majlis al Jinn  
the ~ (the assembly of the devils, a cave in Oman)

**proper name: infrastructure**

### **courtship (noun)**

courtship of Africa  
both India and China have stepped up their ~

stepped up their courtship  
both India and China have ~ of Africa

**pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage**  
**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage**

### **cousin (person)**

cousin  
open-wheel racing and its stock-car ~, NASCAR

cousin of estrogen  
BPA is a chemical ~

cousin to smallpox  
Vaccinia, a ~ which can cause illness

dictionary's cousin  
it's like the ~ (the thesaurus)

chemical cousin  
BPA is a ~ of estrogen

closest cousin  
*denial* is associated with its ~, *addiction*

ugly cousin  
sarcasm is anger's ~

**relationship: family / person**

**person: family**

### **cover (under cover)**

under cover of darkness  
the attacks began ~  
the convoys move both in daylight and ~ (Iraq)

living under cover  
Al-Khilewi, who was granted asylum, is now ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth**

### **covered up**

covered up  
his pedophilia had been known for years but ~ (priest)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth**

### **cover up (verb)**

cover up his crime  
he smashed his own head and face to ~

covers up violations  
Saudi Arabia ~ of human rights abuses

covered up (security) shortcomings  
the FAA ~ for years (airports)

covered up (widespread) doping  
officials ~ by... (sports)

cover up the killing  
their attempts to ~ were unsuccessful (Saudi police)

covered up for the (cheerleader) coach  
cops allege the school's principal ~

covered up for him  
when they finally did land in court, she ~ (abuse)

cover up for "honor killings"  
deaths are ascribed to suicide in order to ~

covered it up  
the Army ~ (contamination from weapons depot)

tried to cover up  
they ~ what they had done... (tribal vengeance)  
he also ~ the crime... (tribal vengeance)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb**

### **coverup (suppress)**

cover-up  
a ~ to conceal the affair

cover-ups and corruption  
investigations marred by official ~ (Mexico)

government coverup  
charges of a ~

failed cover-up  
prison terms for colluding in the ~ (mine disaster / China)

politically motivated cover-up  
a ~

official coverups  
investigations marred by ~ and corruption (Mexico)

allegations of a cover-up  
officials will investigate the ~ (China / storm)

charges of a (government) coverup  
they have been ~

mystery and cover-up  
dealing with the UFO ~

denied a cover-up  
local officials have ~ (China / no typhoon warning)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth**

## cow (cash cow)

cash cow for universities  
online education is a ~

cash cow for publishers  
textbooks are the last ~

cash cow of (American) ballet  
the Nutcracker is the ~

Boeing's (long term) cash cow  
~ is the 737

company's cash cow  
the drug is the ~

Microsoft's cash cow  
Windows is ~

♦ Asa W. Morris in California owned the legendary Tilly Alcartra, known as "the Queen of Holsteins" for her milk production. It is possible that she was a victim of an anthrax scare, destroyed and buried in a trench to prevent the spread of anthrax.

**worth & lack of worth: animal / cows & cattle**

## cowboy (person)

Cocaine Cowboys  
the cartels' ~ turned the market (1970s Florida)

**character & personality: history**

**behavior: history**

**control & lack of control: history**

## cower (verb)

cower in the face  
universities ~ of NCAA abuses (sports)

**dominance & submission: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## coy (adjective)

coy about the idea  
China has been ~ (of an East Asia Community)

coy about the year  
she is ~ of her birth

coy on the subject  
he has been ~ (about retiring)

a bit coy  
he's a ~ about how much he can raise (a politician)

surprisingly coy  
politicians can be ~ about asking direct questions

being coy  
she is not ~ about wanting to win (a politician)

playing coy  
many possible candidates are ~ about running

remaining coy  
most potential candidates are ~ for now (presidency)

**eagerness & reluctance: love, courtship & marriage**

## coyote (predation)

gangs of "coyotes"  
~ smuggle people in from Mexico

**predation: animal**

## cozy (adjective)

cozy relationship  
he has a ~ with the prince

**feeling, emotion & effect: proximity / temperature**

**relationship: proximity / temperature**

## crack (attempt)

crack at it  
we'll take another ~

**attempt: sound**

## crack (verb)

cracked  
their relationship ~ under the pressure

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb**

## crack (verb / emotion)

cracked  
I ~ under the pressure

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / verb**

## crack (division)

crack  
the ~s could widen into a chasm (politics)

crack in the coalition  
the Arab League statement is a worrying ~ (Libya)

cracks in (military) solidarity  
there have been few ~ (Venezuela political unrest)

**division & connection: ground, terrain & land**

### **crack (flaw)**

cracks  
the ~ were beginning to show (troubled corporation)

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

### **crack (fall through the cracks, etc.)**

dropped through the cracks  
Cho had ~ of the university bureaucracy

dropped through the cracks  
Cho had ~ of the university bureaucracy

fell through the cracks  
she ~ (foster system)

slipped through the cracks  
he has ~ (terrorist)  
many sex sites have ~ (Internet)

**failure, accident & impairment: ground, terrain & land / verb**

### **crackdown (noun)**

crackdown on corruption  
the government has launched a ~

crackdown against (unlicensed) Internet Cafes  
authorities kicked off a nationwide ~ (China)

draconian crackdown  
he has presided over the most ~ on leaks in US history

**coercion & motivation: violence / whip**

**punishment & recrimination: violence / whip**

**oppression: violence / whip**

### **crack down (verb)**

cracked down on the opposition  
the government has ~

cracking down on immigration  
they are ~

cracking down on both men  
judges are ~ (investigation)

**coercion & motivation: verb / violence / whip**

**punishment & recrimination: verb / violence / whip**

**oppression: verb / violence / whip**

**violence: verb / whip**

### **cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)**

kill any (climate-change) bill in its cradle  
he will ~ if he has a chance (legislator)

strangled in its cradle  
Bolshevism must be ~ (Winston Churchill on Russia)

strangle the experiment in its cradle  
if nobody watches, it will ~ (TV show)

**destruction: baby**

### **cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)**

cradle of Islam  
Saudi Arabia is the ~

cradle of civilization  
the Caucasus was a ~

cradle of (ancient) civilizations  
the plateau is a ~

cradle of (Chinese) civilization  
Hubei and Henan provinces, the ~  
the Yellow River is known as the ~

cradle of (Serbian) civilization  
Serbs claim Kosovo as the ~

cradle of independence  
Dolores Hidalgo is known as the ~ (Mexico)

**origin: epithet / birth**

### **cradle (symbol)**

cradle-to-grave work force  
the ~

from the cradle to the grave  
she gave advice on problems people face ~

**death & life: sign, signal, symbol**

### **crank up (verb)**

cranked up the pressure on the manager  
a defeat would have ~ (soccer)

**increase & decrease: mechanism / verb**

### **crash (crash down)**

crashing down  
she was the youngest female billionaire before it all came ~

**destruction: crashes & collisions / direction / infrastructure / ruins / verb**

### **crash (crash course, etc.)**

crash course  
an eight-day ~  
he took a ~ in genetics

crash diet  
~s can be dangerous

**haste: crashes & collisions**

### **crash (population crash, etc.)**

crash and bleed-out



what they call the ~ (Ebola virus)

computer crash

the data disappeared after 2 ~s (voting records)

population crash

a ~, part of the natural cycle;  
likely to cause an unprecedented ~

stock-market crash

the ~

ecological crash

you're going to see an ~ (marmots / Mongolia)

**failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions**

**functioning: crashes & collisions**

### **crash-land (verb)**

crash-landed on (hard) facts

his theory ~ and common sense

**failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / plane / verb**

### **crater (verb)**

cratered

state power ~ for the democrats

**decline: direction / plane / verb**

### **crave (verb)**

craved fame

he ~

craved it

the media wanted it, fans ~ (a boxing matchup)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: addiction / food & drink / health & medicine / verb**

**enthusiasm: addiction / food & drink / health & medicine / verb**

### **crawl (activity)**

crawling with reporters

our hotel was ~

**activity: animal / insect / verb**

### **crawl (speed)**

crawl

boredom makes time ~, interest makes it race

minutes crawled by

the ~

**speed: walking, running & jumping**

**time: movement / verb**

### **crawl (noun)**

crawl to (Aug.12) peak

Perseid meteor shower begins slow ~

crawl phase

having accomplished the ~ (military training)

crawl, walk, run (m)

instruction should follow a ~ sequence (military)

news crawl

run a ~ across the bottom of the screen (TV)

slow crawl

Perseid meteor shower begins ~ to Aug. 12 peak

slowed to a crawl

the market for initial public offerings has ~  
the storm's movement has ~

slow to a crawl

the ambush was set where the convoy had to ~

**speed: walking, running & jumping**

### **craze**

craze of the 80's

the cocaine ~

craze in the 1920s

tree sitting was a national ~, like phone-booth stuffing

craze in Japan

platform shoes are the ~

craze in clothes, music, illegal drugs

the latest teen ~

craze for (sudoku) puzzles

the worldwide ~

cocaine craze

the ~ of the 80's

fitness craze

cash in on the ~

teen craze

the latest ~ in clothes, music, illegal drugs

cowboy craze

the '80s ~ (urban cowboys)

snake meat craze

snakes are disappearing due to the nationwide ~ (China)

tail-fin craze

the designer behind the ~ (cars)

extreme sports craze

encouraged by the ~

Internet craze

the ~ is causing distortions

worldwide craze

the ~ for sudoku puzzles

skateboarding craze

a few years later the ~ was over

current craze

the ~ is tread and shred (exercising)

international craze  
its triumph as a full-blown ~ in the 60's (folk music)

latest craze  
the ~ is... (sports)

national craze  
tree sitting was a ~ in the 1920s, like phone booth stuffing

new craze  
platform shoes are the ~ in Japan

**behavior / enthusiasm: mental health**

## **crazed**

crazed fan  
~s scoured the Web ("Blair Witch Project")

cricket-crazed (m)  
the ~ countries of the former British Empire

media-crazed (m)  
the ~ public...

sex-crazed  
college students are often portrayed as ~

soccer-crazed (m)  
the World Cup is a huge even in ~ countries

seafood-crazed (m)  
in this ~ country, tuna is king (Japan)

**behavior / enthusiasm: mental health**

## **crazy (behavior)**

crazy  
you must be ~...  
are you ~ or what...

crazy to do  
you have to be a little ~ it (ice canoeing / Quebec City)

crazy boss  
coping with a ~

crazy and hostile  
Boston Celtic fans are ~ (NBA)

crazy and wild  
it was ~ (wedding in non-traditional location)

a little crazy  
you have to be ~ to do it (ice canoeing / Quebec City)

too crazy  
his ideas were rejected as ~ by the grant process (a scientist)

stupid, crazy or not cool  
"gay" as an adjective to describe anybody ~

wild and crazy  
he was ~, young and dumb

wild and crazy (m)  
the NFL has its ~ side

act crazy  
scream and run or ~ (date-rape-prevention strategies)

acting crazy  
you got so many kids out here ~ (South LA gangs)

drive me crazy  
I need a lover who won't ~

drive you crazy  
I like to tease you and ~

driving me crazy  
the itch is ~

rejected as (too) crazy  
his ideas were ~ by the grant process (a scientist)

**behavior: mental health**

**control & lack of control: mental health**

## **crazy (enthusiasm)**

crazy about that dog  
she's ~ (a woman and a pit bull)

crazy about her  
I'm ~ (man of his female friend)

Internet-crazy (m)  
~ Americans

boy crazy  
girls may become "~" (preadolescence)

goes crazy  
while the rest of the world ~ over the World Cup

**behavior / enthusiasm: mental health**

## **cream (superlative)**

cream of (Irish country music) artists  
Daniel O'Donnell introduces the ~

France's intellectual *crème de la crème*  
~ have attended the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration

**superlative: food & drink**

## **creature (creature of habit, etc.)**

creature of his era  
he was a ~ (Frank Kameny)

creature of habit  
he is a ~

creature of the theater  
he was a ~ (George M. Cohan)

creatures of their own time  
like Luther, they were ~ (slavery and Southern Baptists)

former creature  
a ~ of Fleet Street... (a new TV interviewer)

**character & personality: animal / creature**

**taxonomy & classification: animal / creature**

**identity & nature: animal / creature**

## **creature comfort**

creature comforts

our campsite and all its ~ (Mt. Everest guided trip)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: creature**

## **creep (mission creep, etc.)**

mission creep

the effort has suffered from ~ (military)

"torture creep"

interrogators get sneaky, thus ~

**increase & decrease: movement**

**constraint & lack of constraint: movement**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement**

## **crescendo (noun)**

crescendo of anti-abortion legislation

the Alabama law tops a ~

**amount & effect: music / sound**

## **cricket**

clackers or "crickets"

whistles, bells, sirens, ~, and horns (military signals)

**sound: insect**

## **crime (judgment)**

no crime

it's ~ to be selfish sometimes

it's ~ for those who were right to feel a little superior

fashion crime

wearing socks with sandals is considered a ~

**judgment: justice**

## **cripple (verb)**

crippled the city

23 inches of snow ~

crippling our society

unemployment is ~

**functioning: health & medicine / verb**

## **crippled**

crippled by (economic and political) troubles

Zimbabwe remains ~

crippled reactor

the damage at the ~ is worse than thought

remains crippled

Zimbabwe ~ by economic and political troubles

**functioning: health & medicine**

## **crippling**

crippling blow

his death dealt a ~ to his network (a terrorist)

crippling fear

~s of loss and disaster (children of divorce)

crippling poverty

the ~ among mountain people (United Nations)

crippling, paralyzing (m)

I do not favor ~ sanctions (Russian President)

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

## **crooked**

crooked

the election was ~

crooked books

crooked auditors certified the ~

crooked business

insurance is a ~

crooked cops

the force must root out ~

crooked dealer

~s take advantage of young soldiers (autos)

crooked employers

~ pay less, and make workers work more

crooked governors

two ~ in a row have been sent to prison (Illinois)

crooked politician

~s steal our money

straight and crooked (m)

he knew the difference between ~ work (a farmer)

**character & personality: direction**

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction**

## **crop (noun)**

crop of (American) offspring

the first postwar ~

**product: farming & agriculture**

## **crop up (verb)**

cropped up in its Proton rockets

the Russians must fix problems that have ~

problem cropped up

the ~ just hours before liftoff (space shuttle)

questions crop up

legal ~, too

continually crop up

look for keywords that ~ in ads

**appearance & disappearance: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

### cross (a bridge can cross)

bridge crosses the river  
a ~ there

**fictive motion: verb**

### crossfire (noun)

rhetorical crossfire  
the purpose of the bill has been lost in the ~

**conflict: weapon**

### cross hair (in the cross hairs)

in the cross hairs  
another Arab dictator is ~ (Bashar al-Assad of Syria)  
he is ~ (a wanted terrorist)

in regulators' crosshairs  
the firm is ~ (for fraud)

in the (trade war) crosshairs  
the company is ~

in our crosshairs  
he's ~ (a pedophile)

found himself in the crosshairs  
he has ~ between the left and the right over... (economy)

end up in the crosshairs  
I don't want to ~ of somebody who's on a mission to clean house

♦ In 2011 in the US, the figurative versus literal meaning of this word caused a political controversy when the politician Gabby Giffords was shot. The USS *Gabrielle Giffords* is named after her, and her husband is Mark Kelly, astronaut. The opposition had indicated her district on a map with a cross-hairs icon. In 2019, Roger Stone apologized to Judge Amy Berman Jackson for posting an Instagram photo of her next to a rifle scope's crosshair. She said, "Roger Stone fully understands the power of words and the power of symbols. In this age of social media there's really no such thing as a takeback... There's nothing ambiguous about a crosshairs." Stone was on trial for witness tampering, obstruction of justice, and making false statements to Congress.

**target: weapon**

### cross-pollination

cross-pollination of languages  
the natural ~ where they intersect

**growth & development: plant**

### crossroad (at a crossroad)

at a crossroads  
his career is ~  
the South was ~ (Civil War)  
South Sudan is ~ (elections for secession)  
America is ~ (midterm elections)

at a political crossroads  
he finds himself ~ (president)

at a crossroads of his presidency  
he is ~

stands at a crossroads  
the US ~ (support or non-support for dictators)

**alternatives & choices: journeys & trips**

**direction: journeys & trips**

### crossroad (other)

crossroads in his life  
he'd reached a gloomy ~

gloomy crossroads  
he'd reached a ~ in his life

reached a (gloomy) crossroads  
he'd ~ in his life

**alternatives & choices: journeys & trips**

**direction: journeys & trips**

### crow (verb)

crowed that  
he ~ he had forced the president to decide (politics)

crowing about its (online holiday) sales  
the company was ~

**speech: bird / verb**

### crown (noun)

jewels in the crown  
they are the ~ of public education (elite NYC high schools)

**superlative: royalty**

### crowned (verb)

crowned at the (party) convention  
the eventual Democratic nominee will be ~ in July

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity royalty**

### crown jewels

crown jewel of their empire  
the building is the ~ (a business)

crown jewel of the system  
Banff is the ~ (Canadian National Park)

**superlative: royalty**

### crucible (noun)

crucible of anxiety  
how to handle the ~ (college admissions)

crucible of power  
Kandahar has been the main ~ in Afghanistan since...

crucible of suffering  
in this ~ (Arctic exploration)

crucible of (free-market) thought  
he got his degree from the University of Chicago, the ~

crucible of (Nobel Prize) Winners  
the *Institut Curie* became a ~, producing 4 more

war's (hottest) crucible  
the British were sent into the ~ (Sangin, Afghanistan)

**environment: container / fire / manufacturing / temperature**

### crucified

crucified by the media  
she has been ~

**accusation & criticism: religion / violence**

### crucify (verb)

crucify me  
they are going to ~ this season (on a reality show)

**accusation & criticism: religion / verb / violence**

### crude (adjective)

crude language  
he used ~ to deride the investigation (politics)  
he used unusually ~ for a public appearance (politician)

**flaws & lack of flaws / speech: materials & substances**

### crumb (amount)

crumb of comfort  
if the team were looking for a ~... (loss)

**amount: food & drink**

### crumble (verb)

crumble  
his world began to ~ last October, when...

crumbled  
their relationship has ~ (enmity)  
in 1968, the Democratic Party ~ (Nixon elected)

crumbling  
the regime is ~ (protests)

life crumbled  
my ~

**decline: erosion / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: erosion / verb**

**destruction: erosion / verb**

### crunch (crunch time)

crunch time  
in terms of the school year, it's ~ (tests)  
as we head into November, ~ (college football)  
it was ~, end of the month (military recruitment)

crunch time in the fields  
it's ~ (harvesting Christmas trees)

crunch time in college football  
it's ~

**situation: pressure**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: pressure**

### crunch (cash crunch, etc.)

budget crunch  
most states are in the middle of a horrific ~

cash crunch  
the agency found itself in a ~

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: sound timeliness & lack of timeliness: pressure**

### crusade (on a crusade)

on a crusade to document  
he is on ~ underage model sites (porn)

**campaign: Middle Ages / religion**

**message: Middle Ages / religion**

### crusade (in a crusade)

act in (his anti-government) crusade  
it was the final ~ (Oklahoma City bombing)

engaged in an (undercover) crusade  
she has ~ to document teen porn sites

**campaign: Middle Ages / religion**

**message: Middle Ages / religion**

### crusade (noun)

crusade to improve  
her ~ the city parks she loved (M.M. Graff / NYC)

crusade of violence  
a ~, intimidation and harassment (animal rights)

crusade for a bargeway  
the ~ on the Red River

crusade for Ms. Katz  
finding terrorists has become a ~ (on Internet)

mothers' crusade  
the ~ (to find serial killer of their daughters)

anti-government crusade  
it was the final act in his ~ (Oklahoma City bombing)

anti-bullying crusade  
an ~ (schools)

anti-cockfighting crusade  
successful ~s in Missouri and Arizona

moral crusade  
a harsh and intolerant ~

personal crusade  
he used his seniority to further his ~s (politician)

political crusade  
a grieving mother's ~ (son killed in Iraq)

signature crusade  
he made health-care reform the ~ of his career

successful (anti-cockfighting) crusade  
~s in Missouri and Arizona

undercover crusade  
she has engaged in an ~ to document... (teen porn)

unlawful crusade  
stop an ~ of violence, intimidation, harassment

harsh and intolerant (moral) crusade  
a ~

crusade has sparked a backlash  
his ~ (make school lunches more healthful)

engaged in an (undercover) crusade  
she has ~ to document... (teen porn)

**campaign: Middle Ages / religion**

**message: Middle Ages / religion**

### **crusader (role)**

crusaders for change  
articulate ~ (victims of child abuse by clergy)

crusader for peace  
she is a ~ (against war in Iraq)

crusader for human rights and harmony  
he was a ~ among creeds and races (Tutu)

crusader for miners' rights  
Mother Jones, a ~

environmental crusader  
Erin Brockovich, the ~ who...

anti-drug crusader  
Angela Dawson was an ~ (East Baltimore)

**campaign: Middle Ages / person / religion**

**message: Middle Ages / person / religion**

**person: religion**

### **crush (love)**

crush on him  
I had the biggest ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: force / love, courtship & marriage**

### **crush (destroy)**

crushed Brazil 3-0  
France ~ in the final (soccer)

crush (Chechnya's) bid  
the latest campaign to ~ for independence

crush (Uighur) dissent  
justify the tactics it uses to ~ (China)

crushed (political) protest  
he has ~ (King Mswati)

crush the rebels  
Ethiopian officials vowed to ~ (Ogadenis)

crush the rebellion  
the government vows to ~ (in Darfur)

crushed the revolt  
Hussein's loyal military units ~ (Iraq / Shiites)

crush the uprising  
a swift military response would ~

vowed to crush  
Ethiopian officials ~ the rebels

**destruction: hand / verb**

### **crush (feeling and emotion)**

crushes (a child's) confidence  
nothing ~ faster than unkind words

crush the human spirit  
realities in life that almost ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: hand / verb**

**destruction: hand / verb**

### **crushed**

crushed  
when she heard the restaurant had closed, she was ~  
I was ~ (gay coach loses support)

**feeling, emotion & effect: force**

### **crutch (noun)**

crutch  
sleep is a ~ (military-training bravado)

permanent crutch  
a crutch can become a ~ (controlled economies)

use genetics as a crutch  
alcoholics ~ to explain their behavior

turned assistance into a crutch  
the welfare state has ~

**dependency: health & medicine**

### **cry (cry for help)**

heartbreaking cry for help  
a ~

**appeal: speech**

### **cry (rallying cry)**

rallying cry  
"economic empowerment" has become the ~  
its "best in the world" ~ (U.S. Olympic skiing team)

rallying cry in education  
the ~ has been...

**appeal: military**

### **crybaby (person)**

crybaby

don't be a ~

**behavior: baby**

**person: baby**

### **cry out (verb)**

cries out for attention  
it ~ (immigration policy)

cried out for a (legal) remedy  
the injustice ~

**appeal: speech / verb**

### **crystal ball**

crystal ball  
I don't have a ~ (speaking about what might happen)  
stock analysts are fortunetellers looking into ~s

**future: magic**

**fate, fortune & chance: magic**

### **cudgel (noun)**

cudgel against people of color  
when civility is used as a ~

rhetorical cudgel  
the word *socialism* has often been used as a kind of ~ (US)

turned into this kind of a cudgel  
eventually the term was ~ and mockery (*politically correct*)

**coercion & motivation: speech / violence / weapon**

**oppression: speech / violence / weapon**

### **cult (noun)**

cult of the outlaw  
its air of Western romance and ~ (Wyoming)

**group, set & collection: religion**

### **cultivate (verb)**

cultivates allies  
he assiduously ~ (a promoter and businessman)

cultivated a (laissez-faire) approach  
the unit ~ (psychiatric ward)

cultivate the habit  
~ of proper hand washing

cultivated informants  
he ~ on the streets (military intelligence)

cultivating a relationship  
the Russian agent was ~ with a prominent Democrat (US)

cultivate (long-term) relationships  
~ with preferred customers

cultivated a role  
she ~ of her own (versus her husband's role)

cultivate a (less conformist) taste  
give her the courage to ~ (teens)

cultivate trust  
the killings are a blow to the alliance's efforts to ~

cultivated a circle of (devoted) friends  
she ~

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

### **cultivated**

carefully cultivated  
their ~ image was exposed (royals)

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant**

### **curate (verb)**

curate lists  
sites like MTV ~ (of songs)

curated NPR's home page  
he wrote and edited feature news coverage and ~

**taxonomy & classification: verb**

### **curdle (corruption)**

curdle into resentment  
their joy will ~ (sports fans)

**corruption: food & drink / verb**

### **cure (verb)**

cures  
spanking causes more problems than it ~

cure the men of their loneliness  
the bar scene fails to ~

"cure" homosexuality  
you can't ~

cures problems  
aid often causes rather than ~ (in Africa)

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb**

### **cure (noun)**

cure  
the ~ would be worse than the disease (solution)

cure for boredom  
poor, uneducated youths use heroin as a ~ (Butuo)

cure for (the world's) problems  
a ~

magic cure  
there is no ~ (for kid fire-setting behavior)

miracle cure  
there's no ~ on the horizon (brain tumors)

disagree on the cure  
experts and leaders ~ (world economy)

use heroin as a cure  
poor uneducated youths ~ for boredom (Butuo)

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## **cure-all**

technological cure-all

all too often planners seek ~s (computer security)

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## **currency (worth)**

currency in its negotiations

Beijing can use its relationship with Korea as ~ with the US

**worth & lack of worth: money**

## **current (noun)**

current of racism

the underlying ~ is still very real

deep current

a ~ of fear is running through Iraq's Christian minority

**force: river**

## **curiouser and curiouser**

curiouser and curiouser

it was all about to get ~

♦ This is an allusion to Alice in Wonderland.

**fantasy & reality: allusion**

## **curse (noun)**

curse

the bureaucracy, already a ~, is getting worse (Russia)

curse of Somalia

clan rivalries have been the ~

Curse of Caricola

the club has since been haunted by the ~ (own goal)

curse of capitalism

materialism is the ~

curse of the taigá

the ~, flies (gnus / Ussuria)

oil's (historic) curse

~ (a hollow economic boom, followed by bust)

salmon's curse

it is the ~ to be so nutritious (bears, eagles, etc.)

resource curse

Venezuela suffers from the ~ (has energy, blackouts)  
break the so-called ~ (wealth siphoned off by corruption)

blessing and a curse

these gems have been a ~ (Sierra Leone diamonds)  
the annual rains are a ~ for the subcontinent (monsoon)

gift and a curse

having a good platoon, it's both a ~ (combat medic)

break the (so-called) resource curse

~ (mineral wealth siphoned off by corruption)

comes with a curse

many believe the position ~ (Grateful Dead keyboardist)

**cost & benefit: magic / religion**

**worth & lack of worth: magic / religion**

## **cursed**

cursed with allergies

I am ~

cursed with droughts

the area is ~

cursed by weak leadership

the country is ~

poker gods

he felt cursed by the ~

cursed team

it seemed that Brazil was a ~ (soccer)

seemingly cursed (m)

she belongs to a ~ family

**affliction: magic / religion**

**fate, fortune & chance: magic / religion**

## **curtain (pull back the curtain)**

pull back the curtain

he is expected to ~ on the president's business dealings

pulled back the curtain on his secret life

the video has ~

pulled back the curtain on dozens

he ~ of failed analyses (scientist)

pulled back the curtain on spycraft

he wrote novels that ~ to reveal how things really got done

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / theater**

## **curtain call**

made a curtain call

he ~ and tipped his hat (baseball)

brought winter back for a curtain call

the spring snowstorm ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: theater**

**appearance & disappearance: theater**

## **curve (behind / ahead of the curve)**

ahead of the curve

we have been ~

stay ahead of the curve

we need to ~ (deep-fake videos / fake news)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness shape**

**readiness & preparedness: shape**



## **cushion (verb)**

cushion the blow  
the official tried to ~ (son grievously wounded in war)

**amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness**

## **cushion (noun)**

cash cushion  
corporations are sitting on ~s

economic cushion  
his savings provided him with an ~

**amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness**

## **cuspid (on the cusp)**

on the cusp of adulthood  
her child died ~

**proximity: astronomy**

**division & connection: astronomy**

## **cut (noun)**

deep cuts  
he wants to make ~ in programs for the poor

**dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife**

## **cut (verb)**

cut taxes  
he wants to ~ (a politician)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife**

## **cut (cut both ways)**

cuts both ways  
the Western concept ~ (human rights)

**feeling, emotion & effect: blade / knife**

## **cut (a thousand cuts)**

death by a thousand cuts  
he's suffering ~ (a prosecutor with weak case)  
a ~ is the future (restricting right to abortion)

suicide by a thousand cuts  
the company is committing ~ (failing)

**affliction: blade / knife**

## **cut off (verb)**

cut off (diplomatic) relations  
Venezuela ~ Colombia

**curtailment: blade / verb**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / verb**

## **cut off (speech)**

cut me off  
I tried to tell her but she ~

**speech: blade / knife / verb**

## **cutthroat**

cutthroat business  
back then in Russia, it was a ~ (oil)

cutthroat game  
he wasn't there to play the ~ (Survivor)

cutthroat world  
in the ~ of college admission applications

**allegiance, support & betrayal: blade / knife**

**behavior: blade / knife**

**competition: blade / knife / violence**

## **cutting edge (on the cutting edge)**

on the cutting edge  
Californians are ~ (exercises)

on the cutting edge of outbreak surveillance  
the Medical Center is ~

**driving force: blade**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: blade**

## **cutting edge (other)**

cutting-edge drug  
a ~ like Zofran

cutting-edge field  
the ~s of computer engineering

cutting-edge imagery

cutting-edge research  
the chase to produce ~

cutting-edge technocrats

**driving force: blade**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: blade**

## **czar (noun)**

cybersecurity czar  
Dick Clarke, a former ~

**power: history / person**

## **D**

## **dagger**

dagger to this Cameroon side  
that is a ~ (third English goal in World Cup)

dagger blow  
we must deal sharp ~s to the terrorists

3-point dagger  
he sealed the deal with a ~ with 5 seconds left (basketball)

inserted the dagger  
he ~ with a 15-foot-jumper (basketball)

put the dagger in  
you get a chance to shoot the three, ~ (basketball)

♦ "Out here, people had a smile on their face and a dagger behind their back." (Bigotry and discrimination.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: blade / knife**

**destruction: blade / knife**

## dam (psychological dam, etc.)

psychological dam  
a flood of memories burst through the ~ he had built

**obstacles & impedance: dam / river**

**constraint & lack of constraint: dam / river**

## damage (noun)

damage to Amanda  
the TV show is causing real ~ (a murder case)

ongoing damage  
there is an ~ (a TV show about murder case)

threat of damage  
there is a ~ (to a murder case, by a TV show)

**destruction: ruins**

## damage control

damage control  
he is not a seasoned politician who knows how to do ~

do damage control  
the CEO went on CNBC to ~ (about product safety)

**amelioration & renewal: boat / military**

## dampen (verb)

dampen a man's (sexual) arousal  
the smell of a woman's tears will ~ (a study)

dampen the enthusiasm  
heavy security didn't dampen the ~ of fans (Olympics)  
the weather did not ~ at the fair

dampened (people's) spirit  
the wet weather has ~ (France)

**feeling, emotion & effect: water / verb**

**attenuation: water / verb**

## damper (noun)

damper on our sex life  
taking care of a baby put a real ~

**obstacles & impedance: mechanism**

## dance (resemblance)

dance across the flats  
whirling dust devils ~ (Nevada)

heat waves danced  
down in the valley the ~

**resemblance: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**movement: verb / walking, running & jumping**

## dance (dance around something)

dancing around partisan gerrymandering  
the Supreme Court has been ~ for years

danced around the issue  
he ~

**avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## dandelion (character)

dandelions  
most kids tend to be like ~, fairly resilient and able to cope

orchid or a dandelion  
is your child an ~

♦ Compare with *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

**character & personality: person / plant**

**strength & weakness: person / plant**

**resiliency: person / plant**

## Dantesque (adjective)

Dantesque horror  
it was a scene of ~ (surgery during genocide)

♦ "It is another path that you must take / if you would leave this savage wilderness."

**environment: allusion / religion**

**situation: allusion / religion**

## dark (in the dark)

in the dark on that  
we were ~ (Iran nuclear purchases)

in the dark about how  
the US was ~ events would unfold (diplomacy)

completely in the dark  
our communications are down, we're ~

keep the opposition in the dark  
it's a way to ~

kept the public in the dark  
he denied he ~ about... (official)

kept in the dark  
lawmakers complained they were ~ (politics)  
many officials were ~ about the journey (secret visit)  
he thought that the Pope was being ~ regarding key events

groping in the dark  
doctors were really ~ (cures for infection in the 1800s)

**consciousness & awareness: light & dark**

## dark (dark mood, etc.)

dark mood

she returned in a ~

dark obsession

his hatred for him had become a ~

dark predictions

there are ~ that Boeing will lay off even more workers

dark secret

I realized that people are carrying around ~s (pastor)

dark times

you keep on going even through the ~ (musician)

dark tradition

the Pacific Northwest's ~ of serial killers

dark truth

there is ~ in what you are saying (a harsh conclusion)

looks (very) dark

his future ~ indeed

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark**

**oppression: light & dark**

## Dark Ages (in the Dark ages)

in the dark ages

in those days, medical knowledge was ~

~, when you and I were growing up (old phones)

in the dark ages of (personal) computing

~, if you wanted to...

in the predigital dark ages

~, before computers...

keep (medical) science in the dark ages

the fundamentalists would ~

take us back to the dark ages

the fundamentalists would ~

**decline: history**

**growth & development: history**

**knowledge & intelligence: history**

## Dark Ages (other)

Dark Ages of ignorance

the Republican's stem-cell policy represents the ~

ideological dark ages

this is a step forward from the ~ (education issue)

return to the dark ages

this is a ~

sinking into the dark ages

the country is ~ (immigration)

brought our country out of the dark ages

he ~ (Sultan Qaboos bin Said)

**decline: history**

**growth & development: history**

**knowledge & intelligence: history**

## darken (verb)

darkened

his outlook ~

darken his mood

the stressful process seemed to ~ (troubled soldier)

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb**

**oppression: light & dark / verb**

## darknet (computers)

darknet

the "~," a private swath of the Internet

the ~ is beyond the reach of law enforcement

building the "darknet"

Freenet is one of several technologies that are ~

join a darknet

to ~, a potential user must be trusted (file sharing)

**computer: light & dark**

## darling (noun)

darling of the (Obama) Administration

the solar company Solyndra was a ~ (failed)

darling of the judges

Alvarez brushed off the notion that he is the ~ (boxing)

darling of Wall Street

rapid growth made the company the ~ (addictive pain meds)

tech darling

Theranos was on the cusp of becoming a ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage**

**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage**

## dart (dart about)

darts about

the staff ~

**speed: verb / weapon**

**movement: verb / weapon**

## Darwinian

Darwinian

the process is ~ (casting boys for a popular play)

Darwinian competition

women live in ~ with one another for rich men

Darwinian situation

street hailing can create ~s (cabs)

Darwinian (insurance) system

sick people are further stricken by a ~ (US)

Darwinian view

this ~ of the workplace is widespread (China)

Darwinian world  
the ~ of the bond market

**competition: allusion**

**predation: allusion**

## **daughter (noun)**

daughter of Hope and Fear  
Religion is a ~ (Ambrose Bierce)

**product / relationship: family**

## **David and Goliath, etc.**

David  
we can be a ~ in a situation where there's a Goliath (politics)

**strength & weakness: allusion / Bible / religion**

## **dawn (verb)**

dawning on him  
it was ~ that...

dawn on me  
it didn't ~ at the time that...

dawned on her  
it eventually ~ that...

dawning on us  
it was slowly ~ the Germans had killed them all (Holocaust)

**comprehension & incomprehension: day / verb**

**consciousness & awareness: day / verb**

## **dawn (from / since the dawn)**

from the dawn of Japanese TV  
~, every sumo tournament has been broadcast live

since the dawn of the Petroleum Age  
~ more than a century ago...

**starting, going, continuing & ending: day**

## **dawn (noun)**

dawn of a new (pandemic) age  
it's the ~

dawn of a new era  
today marks the ~ (political speech)  
this is the ~ in human spaceflight (SpaceX Crew Dragon)

false dawn  
there have been many ~s leading to frustration (unity)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: day**

## **day (have one's day)**

had its day  
the German shepherd has ~ (the dog breed)

had their day  
cats have ~ (on the Internet)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## **day (in the old days, etc.)**

in the better days  
we were in Beirut, Beirut ~, and we were playing cards  
(O'Toole and Sharif)

in the old days  
the reverence accorded ~ to Joe Hill (Kentucky)  
~ it was known as Happy Top (area of town)  
~ racial hatred was common  
~, before people could buy salt blocks for their sheep  
(Navaho)

in the old days of coal  
this couldn't have happened ~ (mountaintop removal)

in the "bad old days"  
~ of Times Square (porn sleaze)

life in the old days  
~ was perhaps not so good

**past & present: day**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## **day (old days)**

old days  
many are speaking fondly of the ~  
just think back to the ~ when people didn't have...

bad old days  
memories of the ~ of Suharto (Indonesia)  
this is a step backwards to the ~ of the 1980s (policy)

good old days  
I heard quite a bit of talk of the so-called ~, when...

return to the "old days"  
what he really wants is a ~ (Pakistani Christian)

faces from the old days  
seeing the familiar ~ (a windsurfer)

spoke (fondly) of the old days  
he ~ (reminiscing)

**past & present: day**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## **day (back in the day)**

back in the day  
~, a teacher could keep a bottle of whiskey in her desk

listened to back in the day  
that's the music I ~

**past & present: day**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## **day (days of yore)**

days of yore  
the parents yearned for those ~ (when the family was rich)

**past & present: day**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## day (at the end of the day)

at the end of the day

but ~ the true beauty of the stone remains  
but ~ they support our lives (sheep / herders)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: day**

## day (early / late in the day)

early in the day

it's still ~ (the progress of a war)

late in the day

it's rather ~ to be suggesting a change to the plan

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: day**

## day (of one's day)

astronauts of their day

whalers were the true ~

spaceships of their day

whaling ships were the ~

**past & present: day**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## day (the light of day)

saw the light of day

the report never ~ (government)

**concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark**

## day (these days)

these days

~, when Chevron signs a contract...  
Africans ~ are quicker to express their anger  
but few people are buying baskets ~ (famine)  
~, we eat once or twice a day (Zimbabwe)  
many marginally qualified climbers flock to Everest ~

**past & present: day**

## day (those days)

those days

~ are obviously long gone (dumb workers)  
~ are over (no running water)

**past & present: day**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## day (dark day)

dark day in the history

it's a ~ of the church (pedophilia scandals)

darkest day in the club's history

it was the ~ (Munich air disaster / Manchester United)

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark**

## day (new day)

new day has come

a ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: day**

**future: day**

## days (glory days)

glory days are back

the ~ at this hotel (restored 1891 hotel)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## day (early days)

early days

it's still ~ for the organization

**growth & development: day**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: day**

## day (day has arrived, etc.)

day has arrived

the big ~ (heavy-weight boxing match)

**past & present: day / direction / movement**

**future: day / direction / movement**

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day / direction / movement**

## day (modern day)

modern-day Noah's Ark

Norway's Global Seed Vault is a ~ for plant seeds

modern-day P. T. Barnum

he is sort of a ~ (an arena builder and promoter)

modern-day hermits

in Japan half a million people live as ~ (*hikikomori*)

modern-day lepers

we treat them like ~ (fat people)

**past & present: day**

## daylight (division)

daylight between the two men on the issue

there is not much ~

**division & connection: light & dark / proximity / shadow**

## daze (in a daze)

in a daze

he was ~ (news of murder)

**feeling, emotion & effect: force**

## dazzle (verb)

dazzled the delegates

he ~ (a politician)

dazzled him

the kid ~ (Zion Williamson, basketball player)

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb**

## dead (status)

dead  
reform is ~

dead and buried  
the peace process is ~  
Spurs looked ~ when Ziyech scored against them, but...  
(soccer)

**condition & status: death & life**

## dead (functioning)

went dead  
the line ~ before a reporter could get more details

**functioning: death & life**

## dead (dead on arrival)

dead on arrival  
a month ago the initiative looked ~

**condition & status: death & life / health & medicine**

## dead (dead in the water)

dead in the water  
the initiative is now ~

**condition & status: death & life / fish / movement**

**failure, accident & impairment: fish**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / fish / movement**

## dead (rise from the dead)

rose from the dead  
they ~ (a winning football team)

**amelioration & renewal: religion / verb**

## dead end

dead ends  
most of the tips turned out to be ~ (investigation)

dead-end job  
characters with ~s  
whiling away productive years at a ~

disappointing dead ends  
there were many ~ (hunt for missing girl)

wrong turns and dead ends  
the series had some ~ (a TV show)

led to dead ends  
attempts to find his birth mother ~

led to a dead end  
every lead ~ (missing hunters)

**success & failure: journeys & trips**

**failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips**

## deadening (effect)

mind-deadening (m)  
~ checks

sound-deadening (m)  
install ~ windows

**feeling, emotion & effect: death & life**

## dead heat

dead heat  
the presidential run-off is a ~, too close to call

**competition: horse**

## deadly

politically deadly  
if the accusations are true, this would be ~ for him

**destruction: death & life**

## deadwood

deadwood  
as the lowest-ranking official, I felt like ~

**worth & lack of worth: tree**

## deaf

blind, deaf and dumb  
terrorists are ~ to all reason and decency

**consciousness & awareness: ear**

## deal (done deal)

done deal  
just three weeks ago, his nomination looked like a ~

**certainty & uncertainty: money**

## death (to death)

bored to death  
I'm ~, let's do something

scared me to death  
it ~

**hyperbole: death & life**

## death (cheat death)

cheated death  
by recovering from such severe wounds, she ~

**fate, fortune & chance: death & life**

## death (decline)

death by a thousand cuts  
he's suffering ~ (a prosecutor with weak case)  
a ~ is the future (restricting right to abortion)

death spiral  
American newspapers are in a ~ (declining circulations)

death and rebirth  
the primordial pageant of ~ of light (solar eclipse)

dying a slow death  
VHS is ~ (film fans prefer DVDs)

**decline: death & life**

## death (death sentence)

automatic death sentence  
H.I.V. is no longer an ~

**death & life: justice**

## deathblow

deathblow to our hopes  
we were dealt a ~

deliver a deathblow  
the army is trying to ~ to the militants

dealt a deathblow to both ideas  
the financial meltdown ~ (foreign policy)

dealt the hospital a deathblow  
Hurricane Katrina ~

**destruction: death & life / weapon**

## death warrant

wrote his own death warrant  
and so he ~

**destruction: death & life**

**fate, fortune & chance: death & life**

## debris

debris of a failed season  
fans have been left to sift through the ~

sorting through the debris  
Democrats are ~ left by Republican wave (election)

**destruction: ruins**

## debt (in somebody's debt)

in his debt  
America is deeply ~ (a US politician)

in your dept for visiting us  
we are ~ (Russian President)

deeply in his debt  
America is ~ (a US politician)

**obligation: money**

## debt (obligation)

debt of gratitude  
we can never repay the ~ owed to our nation's veterans;  
I owe a ~ to... (writer / acknowledgments)

debt to society  
he has paid his ~ (released from prison)

debt to soldiers  
the nation's ~ who fight abroad

debt to the (Hollywood) musical  
the choreography owes a clear ~ (filmmaker John Woo)

nation's debt  
the ~ to soldiers who fight abroad

sleep debt  
racking up a large ~ during the week  
one of the first signs of ~ is irritability

paid his debt  
he has ~ many times over (44 years in prison)

owes a (clear) debt  
the choreography ~ to the Hollywood musical (film)

repay the debt  
we can never ~ of gratitude owed to our nation's veterans

♦ "Pork Chop Hill was held, bought and paid for at the same price we commemorate in monuments at Bunker Hill and Gettysburg... Those who fought there knew what they did, and the meaning of it." (*Pork Chop Hill*, the 1959 film with Gregory Peck and George Shibata.)

**obligation: money**

## debutant (noun)

tournament debutants  
the US team showed no mercy against the ~

**experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex**

## decompression

decompression  
after a day at work, all I'm thinking about is ~

decompression time  
it's real important to have ~ (rescued POWs)

**amelioration & renewal: pressure  
feeling, emotion & effect: pressure**

## deck (deck is stacked)

deck is stacked against them  
the ~

deck is stacked on every hand  
what if the ~ (justice for the poor)

**fate, fortune & chance: cards / sports & games**

## deck (re-shuffle the deck)

re-shuffle the deck  
it's totally going to ~ (effects of political controversy)

**disruption: cards**

## deconstruct (verb)

deconstructed the (show's) finale  
the creators and producers ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / verb**

## deconstruction (noun)

pop deconstruction

her podcast is an intensive project of ~ (diet culture)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / verb**

## deep (extent and scope)

deep roots

they have ~ in the community (Croatsians / Louisiana)

deep sense

they have a ~ of sadness

♦ A cartoon in the *New Yorker* shows a man in his study, standing next to his desk, on which is a cup of coffee, a pen, and a stack of writing paper. He is staring intently out the window with his hands clasped behind his back, in deep thought. Two women are standing in the doorway. The one woman is saying to the other, "George is a deep thinker, but his thoughts rarely come to the surface."

**extent & scope: water**

**substance & lack of substance: water**

## deep (in deep)

in deep

he is ~ and I can't get him out (financial problems)

getting in deeper

you're ~ every moment you're gone (*Thelma and Louise*)

**involvement / situation: water**

## deepen (verb)

deepened the mystery

the new information ~

**extent & scope: water / verb**

## deep-rooted (adjective)

deep-rooted problems

the company must overcome its ~

**bases: plant**

## defang (verb)

defang the consumer watchdog

the administration wants to ~

**strength & weakness: animal / snake / verb**

**force: animal / snake / verb**

**attenuation: animal / snake / verb**

## deflate (emotion)

deflated a nation

the loss ~ where... (Mexico / soccer)

deflates them

having pumped the rookies up, he now ~ (NFL)

**feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / verb**

## deflate (pressure)

deflated some criticism

by admitting his mistakes, he has ~ (politician)

deflate (unrealistic) expectations

he would try to ~

deflate a stereotype

people can ~ by embracing it (Hillbilly Days Festival)

**attenuation: air / pressure / verb**

## deflated

deflated

does your job or land of one have you feeling ~

bored and deflated

he sounds ~ despite the Zoloft

**feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere**

## defuse (verb)

defuse her anxiety

try to ~ (separation anxiety / toddler)

defuse crises

promote regional stability and peace and ~ (military)

defuse (volatile) crises

he was sent in to ~ (FBI hostage negotiator)

defuse the disagreement

he is trying to ~ among his allies (coalition)

defuse the issue

the first thing to do is ~ by backing off... (toddlers)

defused the situation

tribal elders ~

defuse tensions

the US has urged the Russians and Georgians to ~;  
a move to ~ between the traditional rivals (China / Japan)

**amelioration & renewal: explosion / verb**

## delirious (adjective)

delirious (Korean) fans

millions of ~, aptly known as the Red Devils (soccer)

delirious celebration

scenes of ~ at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium (World Cup)

**behavior: health & medicine**

**enthusiasm: health & medicine**

## delirium (noun)

delirium of his fans

he raised an arm aloft to acknowledge the ~ (a boxer)

**behavior: health & medicine**

**enthusiasm: health & medicine**

## Delphic (adjective)

Delphic pronouncements

he hands out index cards inscribed with ~ (self-help guru)



**comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / religion**

## **deluge (noun)**

deluge

the trickle became a ~ (customer orders)

deluge of (electronic) data

how to organize and search through a ~

deluge of (holiday) orders

companies couldn't handle the ~

deluge of refugees

Tunisia is struggling to cope with a ~

deluge of tips

the public has responded with a ~ (hunting terrorists)

**amount & effect: flood / water**

**movement: flood / water**

## **deluged**

deluged with advice

you'll be ~ (about how to potty train your toddler)

deluged with complaints

they are being ~ from residents and merchants

deluged with questions

Hale has been ~ about Islam (9/11)

deluged with (thousands of) requests

the office was ~ (for a pamphlet)

drug-deluged

a ~ neighborhood

**amount & effect: flood / water**

## **delusion (under a delusion)**

under no delusion

I'm ~ this will stop everyone from cheating, but...

**fantasy & reality: mental health**

## **delusion (other)**

seek refuge in delusion

many in the Middle East ~, denial and fantasy

**fantasy & reality: mental health**

## **demented**

demented policy

the Republicans are committed to a ~ of failure

**fantasy & reality: health & medicine / mental health**

**behavior: health & medicine / mental health**

## **demon (affliction)**

demons of the past

we must exorcise the ~ (Island of Gorée and slavery)

personal demons

her life has been plagued by drugs and other ~

drugs and other (personal) demons

her life has been plagued by ~

exorcise the demons

~ of the past... (history)

fight those demons

I had hoped he'd be able to ~ (dead of overdose)

get rid of the demons

he has to get a rematch and ~ (boxer who lost in upset)

shake her demons

she couldn't ~ (singer dies of drug overdose)

haunted by demons

he was a deeply troubled man, ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

**affliction: creature**

## **demonic (adjective)**

demonic explosion

there was a ~ (ethnic conflict)

**feeling, emotion & effect: creature**

## **demonization (noun)**

demonization of a black Muslim woman

over-the-top ~ (Omar Ilhan)

**accusation & criticism: creature**

**characterization: creature**

## **demonized**

idolized and demonized

he has been alternately ~ by the press (a boxer)

**accusation & criticism: creature**

**characterization: creature**

## **dent (noun)**

dent in spending

they want to make a big ~ and the deficit

making a dent in that (appalling) statistic

they are ~ (death in childbirth)

put a dent in the deficit

he wants to ~ (a politician)

**feeling, emotion & effect: mark**

## **depression**

fell into a depression

she ~

fell into a (deep) depression

he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

## **depth (out of one's depth)**

out of our depth

we were way ~ (ignorance)

out of my depth in this matter  
I'm ~ (lacks expertise)

out of his depth during engineering discussions  
he was ~

**ability & lack of ability: water**  
**survival, persistence & endurance: water**  
**experience: water**

## depth (depths of winter, etc.)

in the depths of (the arctic) winter

**time: water**

## depth (extent)

depths of their bitterness  
grasp the ~ (Turks on death fast)

depth of its (fiscal) distress  
accounting obscured the ~ (hospital)

depth of his knowledge  
they came away impressed with the ~

depth of your sorrow  
we cannot imagine the ~ (daughters murdered by MS-13)

depth and experience  
the soccer team has ~ at virtually all positions

**extent & scope: water**

## descend (verb)

descended into mob rule  
the confirmation hearing ~ (protests)

descended into violence  
a peaceful mass rally ~

**behavior: direction / verb**  
**decline: direction / verb**

## derail (verb)

derailed his career  
laziness ~ (athlete)

derail a professor's career  
it's just as likely that a student can ~ these days (sex)

derail (health-care) reform  
the Republicans tried to ~

derail her story  
he is trying to ~ (a celebrity)

derail our strategy  
the insurgents will not ~

derail this (vulnerable economic) upturn  
a conflict with Iran could yet ~ (in US)

avalanche of (prejudicial) comment  
the murder trial was nearly derailed by an ~ on social media

**failure, accident & impairment: train / verb**

## derailed

derailed  
the hype train was ~ (a Y.A. book, by sensitivity readers)

derailed by an avalanche  
the murder trial was nearly ~ of prejudicial comment on  
social media

**failure, accident & impairment: train**

## descend (descend on)

descend on London  
a million tourists will ~ (Olympics)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: insect / verb**  
**behavior: insect / verb**

## descent (decline)

descent into alcoholism  
she herself began a gradual ~

descent into (pugilistic) dementia  
his slow and steady ~ (Mike Quarry)

descent into despair  
her public ~ (suicide at MIT)

descent into intolerance  
this is a sad milestone on our ~ (murder)

descent into (Webcam) pornography  
he described his ~

public descent  
her ~ into despair (suicide at MIT)

slow and steady descent  
his ~ into pugilistic dementia (Mike Quarry)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**  
**decline: direction**

## desert (verb)

deserted the village for the (big) towns  
his own grown children have ~ (Indonesian Borneo)

deserted him  
his smooth putting stroke ~ ("the yips" / golfing)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb**

## desert (food desert, etc.)

child-care deserts  
about half of Americans live in ~

food desert  
~s have little access to fresh food (urban areas)  
~s are poor areas bereft of fresh-food grocers

food-desert (m)  
the ideal store for ~ residents is a chain supermarket

news deserts  
she tracks ~ (no local news)

cultural desert

the third- and fourth-tier cities are no longer ~s

♦ "You are mad, to come to Aqaba by land we should have to cross the Nefud Desert." (*Lawrence of Arabia*, the film.)

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert**

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: ground, terrain & land**

### **desert (environment)**

turning huge swathes of rainforest into desert

the illegal gold mining is ~ (Peru)

**environment: desert / ground, terrain & land**

**resemblance: desert / ground, terrain & land**

### **destabilizing (adjective)**

destabilizing standoff

US officials scrambled to defuse the ~ (in Iraq)

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability**

**disruption: equilibrium & stability**

### **dethrone (verb)**

dethrone the champs

this is the start of their quest to ~ (NBA)

dethrone (cultural) gatekeepers

the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty / verb**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: royalty / verb**

### **detonate (verb)**

detonated (national) outrage

the manner of his killing ~ (hate crime)

primed to detonate

the film was ~ this weekend (open)

ready to detonate

a blast is ~ (the Kyoto Protocol)

**initiation: explosion / verb**

### **detour (noun)**

inexplicable detour

to me, it's an ~ that your life took (musician works as currency trader)

**course: trips & journeys**

### **Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.)**

India's Detroit

Chennai is ~, an auto-industry hub

**place: epithet / manufacturing**

### **device (noun)**

"commitment device"

a ~ can help you do something difficult

**help & assistance: tools & technology**

### **devil (Devil's Falls, etc.)**

Devil's Falls

~ (Wales)

Devils Hole

the ~ (both a cave and a North Sea undersea feature)

Devil's Home

the ~ (a stony hill / Udehé)

Devil's Nose

the ~ (a section of the Mokelumne River)

Devil's Path

the ~ (bleak desert terrain in the Southwest of the US)

Devil's Pulpit

the ~ (an outcrop in a gorge)

Devil's Throat

~ is a must (Iguazu Falls)

Devils Tower

~ in Wyoming

Devil's Courthouse

the ~ (a rock outcropping)

Devil's Highway

the ~ (a 5-turn section on bobsled track)

the ~ runs between Yuma and Ajo, Arizona

Espinazo del Diablo

El ~ (the Devil's Backbone, a road in Durango, Mexico)

Majlis al Jinn

the ~ (the assembly of the devils, a cave in Oman)

Red Devils

delirious Korean fans, aptly known as the ~s (soccer)

**proper name: creature / religion**

### **devil (behavior)**

devil

he can be a real ~ at times (a toddler)

**behavior / character & personality: creature / religion**

### **devotee (person)**

devotee of (a particular) theory

he's no ~ (a coach)

orchid devotees

as other ~ will attest...

trout fishing devotees

~ worship Snowbird Creek

**enthusiasm: person / religion**

**person: religion**

### **devour (devour the classics, etc.)**

devoured the classics

I ~

devoured *Dracula*

he had ~ by the age of five

devoured these films

this generation of adults ~ as children (Disney)

devoured (HG Wells') *War of the Worlds*

as a child, Brunner ~ (the writer)

devour Christie's work

readers continue to ~ (Agatha Christie)

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

## devour (destroy)

devoured hundreds of acres

the fire ~

**destruction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb**

## devoured

devoured by anxiety

she is ~ when she's not working (magazine editor)

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation**

**destruction: animal / food & drink / predation**

## diagnosis (noun)

diagnosis

the ~ is wrong, and the prescription is malpractice

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: health & medicine**

## dial (dial down / back)

dial back arrests, incarcerations

we need to ~ (reform)

dial it back

don't drink every day, ~ (alcohol)

dial down the rancor

we need to ~

**increase & decrease: direction / mechanism / verb**

## dice (noun)

roll of the dice

publishing is a constant ~, a gamble

it's a ~, I suppose (correctly controlling development)

throw of the dice

the substitution was a late ~ (soccer)

roll the dice

the Air Force is going to ~ (new plane)

okay, if you want to ~, go ahead (take the chance)

we're going to ~ and see what happens

you know I like to ~, but this is going too far

**fate, fortune & chance: gambling**

## Dickensian

Dickensian character

he was a ~, a poor immigrant adopted, then rejected

Dickensian childhood

his ~ may have fueled his ambition (poverty)

she survived a ~

Dickensian poverty

she lived in ~

Dickensian tenements

he rose out of the city's ~ (India)

Dickensian world

a ~ of haves and have-nots

Dickensian warehouses

its orphanages became famous as ~ (Romania)

**environment: allusion**

## die (hyperbole)

dying to meet him

I'm just ~

die from boredom

we were just about ready to ~

dying back here

can we turn up the AC, I'm ~ (car)

**hyperbole: death**

## die (survival)

die

the fire would not ~ (civil rights)

died

the rumors never ~ (of marital infidelity)

dies

no good thing ever ~ (Shawshank Redemption)

die hard

dreams ~

old habits ~

race-based voting traditions ~ here

innovate or die

"~" has long been the mantra in the computer world

dreams die

~ hard

habits die

old ~ hard

project died

the ~ before it got off the ground

traditions die

race-based voting ~ hard here

♦ "You know, the cowboy in me just ain't gonna die." (92-year-old black ex-rodeo rider.)

♦ "Soldiers who die are taken to a holding area, where they are made to do manual labor to underscore the point that dying is never fun." (Military training.)

♦ "When I eat, I live. When I drink, I die. What am I?" (A fire, of course!)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb**

## die down (verb)

hype dies down  
once the media ~ (elections)

opposition has not died down  
~ (Chechnya)

wind had died down  
the ~

gunfire died down  
after the ~...

eventually died down  
the uproar ~ (dismissal of coach)

**decline: death & life / fire / verb**

## die out (end)

fire is dying out  
we've used up all our wood, and the ~

faded or died out  
knowledge of the language has ~ (Cherokee)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / fire / verb**

## diet (noun)

diet of him  
none of us wanted a steady ~ (a dominant golfer)

diet of left hooks and right hands  
he fed Mayorga a steady ~ (De La Hoya)

steady diet  
none of us wanted a ~ of him (a dominant golfer)

fed on a (steady) diet  
we are ~ of gruesome news (terrorism, etc.)

fed Mayorga a (steady) diet  
he ~ of left hooks and right hands (De La Hoya)

served up a steady diet  
evangelists ~ of jargon stew (the Ethereal Summit)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

**experience: food & drink**

**consumption: food & drink**

## dig (dig deeper, etc.)

digging for (more) information  
we are ~ (TV news story)

dig deeper  
~ (command to a detective)

dig (a little) deeper  
as we ~, we discover...

dig beneath the surface  
documentaries are the ideal way to ~ of sports

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

## dig (dig in / into)

dug into actions  
investigators ~ and uncovered crimes

digs (deep) into their lives  
he ~ until they... (TV therapist Phil McGraw)

dig into a word's history  
it's fun to ~ (etymology)

dug into the community's past  
residents ~ (local history)

dig into this  
now to ~ more... (talk show)

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

## dig (dig out)

dig our way out of this problem  
we must think how we will ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

**resiliency: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

## dig (dig through)

digs through (bargain) bins  
he ~ for rare music tapes

dig through my crates  
I'm gonna ~ for your old funky tapes

dug through the (old case) files  
he ~ (police)

dug through a pile of (shiny) rocks  
they ~ at a gem stand

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

## digest (verb)

digest the facts  
it was hard to ~

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

**comprehension & incomprehension: food & drink / verb**

## dig in (verb)

digging in  
he is ~ (embattled leader)

he is firing back and his legal team is ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: ground, terrain & land / verb**

### dig out (verb)

dug out her (old) .32 pistol  
she ~ and visited the shooting range

dug out a bottle of ibuprofen  
I ~ and poured some pills into his hand

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

### dig up (verb)

digs up documents from Web sites  
she ~

dug up (a lot of) information at the library  
I ~

dug up this citation from an old magazine  
he has ~

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

### diluted (weakened)

heavily diluted  
calls for his power to be ~ (Zuckerberg of Facebook)

**attenuation: water**

### dim (decline)

memories dim  
~ over time (criminal cases)

star (of Lucy Lunsford) dimmed  
how the ~

**decline: light & dark / verb**

### dim (primacy)

dim the event  
every year some crisis threatens to ~ (awards show)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: light & dark / verb**

### dim (feeling)

hope dimmed  
~ for two lost, injured whales (swam upriver)

optimism dimmed  
their ~ fairly quickly (government watchdogs)

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb**

### din (noun)

add their voice to the din  
students are eager to ~ (campus sex policies)

heard above the din

she is doing her best to be ~ (running for president)

♦ "[Life] is a tale / told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, / signifying nothing." (*Macbeth* by Shakespeare.)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound**

**obstacles & impedance: sound**

### dinosaur

dinosaur

pull those old ~s from the shed (retro rodeo / kayaking)

the mayor has called the downtown landmarks ~s

many like to argue that libraries are ~s

the network news anchormen are ~s

we're ~s (rely on old technology)

dinosaur feminist

I'm sounding like a ~, but...

walking dinosaur

it's like I'm a really cute ~ (older actor Lucy Lawless)

viewed the (conventional) machines as dinosaurs

they ~ that would soon be rendered extinct

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal**

**past & present: animal**

### dip (noun)

dip in (American) deaths

after a ~ last spring, fatalities are rising

**increase & decrease: direction**

### diplomacy

model of diplomacy

a woman who had been a ~ began to cry

politeness and diplomacy

~ are often the enemies of action (vs. being rude)

**behavior / role: government**

### diplomatic

more diplomatic

you should have been ~

**behavior / role: government**

### direction (in every direction)

lurks in every direction

danger ~

**extent & scope: direction**

### direction (in a direction)

in another direction

I'm going ~

in a new direction

a study that takes stress research ~

in the right direction

the talks are moving ~ (negotiations)

the trends are moving ~

in the wrong direction

Washington is headed ~ (politics)

70 percent of the public believes the country is heading ~

in a direction of hope, unity, conviction

he said he would take Britain ~, and common purpose

step in the right direction

from what I hear, it's a ~

the decision is a small ~

going in another direction

I'm ~ (on a diet plan)

going in the wrong direction

they are ~ (a losing sports team)

heading in the right direction

they are ~ (a company)

headed in the wrong direction

Washington is ~ (politics)

led you in that direction

and what ~ to start writing (an actor)

moving in the right direction

we're ~ (research on brain tumors)

take Britain in a direction

he would ~ of hope, unity, conviction, and...

takes research in a new direction

a study that ~

take Britain in a historic new direction

we will ~ (elections)

**course: journeys & trips**

## **direction (journey)**

direction of (scientific) research

who determines the ~

direction of his life

he wanted to change the ~

direction in their lives

those who lack purpose and ~

China's (future) direction

future direction

China's ~

purpose and direction

those who lack ~ in their lives

change the direction

he wanted to ~ of his life

determines the direction

who ~ of scientific research

follow the direction

the investigation will ~ the evidence leads...

lack (purpose and) direction

those who ~ in their lives

**course: journeys & trips**

## **dirt (worthless)**

dirt

his name is ~ in the journalism world (disgraced)

**worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land**

## **dirt (political dirt, etc.)**

political dirt

this is top-grade ~

reveal some dirt

critics hoped the report would ~ on the President (politics)

**accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land**

**content: ground, terrain & land**

## **dirty (behavior)**

dirty people

the Harif are a ~ (disparaging remark about a tribe)

dirty war

in the 1970s, Argentina fought a "~" against subversion

get dirty

we're all in the mud and have to ~ (intelligence)

playing dirty

he is ~ (a politician)

**behavior: hygiene**

## **dirty (sex)**

dirty

what she did was ~ (sex)

**sex: hygiene**

## **dirty laundry**

dirty laundry

the divorce is over with no ~ being aired...

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / hygiene**

## **dirty word**

dirty word

Obama has made profit seem like a ~

**speech: hygiene**

## **discard (verb)**

discard the possibility

don't ~ of appendicitis (diagnosis)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: cards / verb**

## disciple (person)

Disciples

New Nordic Cuisine Draws ~

**enthusiasm: person / religion**

**person: religion**

## disconnect (noun)

generational disconnect

there is a ~ (society)

**division & connection: tools & technology**

## disease (affliction)

disease of grade inflation

the ~ has infected the educational system

disease of intolerance

the attack was a part of a greater ~ (terrorism)

**affliction: health & medicine**

## disease (enthusiasm)

disease

it's a bit of a ~ (Jay Leno on collecting cars)

**enthusiasm: health & medicine**

## diseased

fundamentally diseased

the tax code is ~

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## disequilibrium (noun)

fallen into disequilibrium

academic publishing has ~ and desperately needs a new approach

**equilibrium & stability: scale**

**flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability**

## dish (revenge)

dish

revenge is a ~ best served cold

**revenge: food & drink**

## dish out (verb)

dished out abuse to the children

nuns ~

dishes out advice to millions

she ~ of people

dished out a beating to Margarito

Pacquiao ~ (boxing)

dished out (ice-cold) revenge on his enemies

he ~ (a media magnate)

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb**

## disinfectant (noun)

disinfectant of public scrutiny

gangs operate where the ~ struggles to reach (poor neighborhoods)

**amelioration & renewal: hygiene / health & medicine**

## disintegrate (verb)

families have disintegrated

~ (as jobs have moved out of area)

marriage had disintegrated

evidence indicated that their ~

began to disintegrate

as Enron's house of cards ~ (bankrupt company)

**failure, accident & impairment: erosion / verb**

**destruction: erosion / verb**

## disintegration

disintegration of authority

the ~, courtesy and the English language (email, etc.)

**failure, accident & impairment: erosion**

**destruction: erosion**

## dismantle (verb)

dismantle (legal and de facto) discrimination

the government should ~

dismantle the (terrorist) threat

a campaign to identify, disrupt and ~

dismantle the old order

he hopes to use EU membership to ~

dismantled the (social) safety net

he ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

identify, disrupt and dismantle

a campaign to ~ the terrorist threat

**dismissal, removal & resignation: infrastructure / verb**

**curtailment: infrastructure / verb**

## dispirited (adjective)

dispirited voters

many ~ stayed home

**feeling, emotion & effect: religion**

## dissect (verb)

dissected his sound

I really ~ (a singer)

dissect ever rumor

blogs are always ready to ~

dissecting, analyzing

we are ~ the blood-testing company Theranos



**analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine / verb**

### **dissolve (verb)**

dissolve into anarchy  
celebration could ~ (Gaza)

dissolves into predictability  
the movie's unpolished charm ~

**appearance & disappearance: water / verb**

### **dissolve (break up)**

dissolved in a wave of dissension  
the team ~ (World Cup soccer)

**appearance & disappearance: water / verb**

### **dissolve (fade away)**

culture dissolved  
the hunting ~ and many Sami became settlers

**appearance & disappearance: water / verb**

### **dissolve (emotions)**

dissolved into tears  
when his Mom tried to leave, he ~ (toddler)

**feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water**

### **dissolve (terminate)**

dissolve her marriage  
a judge may ~ (Islam)

dissolve Parliament  
he is considering giving himself the power to ~

dissolved the system  
in 1993 Yeltsin ~ of village councils

**curtailment: water / verb**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: water / verb**

### **dissolved**

have her marriage dissolved  
she has the right to ~ (Muslim ruling)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: water**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: water**

### **distance (verb)**

distanced themselves from him  
colleges have ~ (college admissions fraud)

**avoidance & separation: proximity**

### **distance (noun)**

distance between the two sides  
the ~ is so great that... (politics)

**division & connection: proximity**

### **distance (feeling)**

emotional distance  
his ~ has caused problems

**feeling, emotion & effect: proximity**

### **distaste (noun)**

distaste for such associations  
he has a ~

**enthusiasm: taste**

### **ditch (noun)**

stuck in a ditch  
while our students are ~, the world is moving ahead

get out of the ditch  
we're just spinning our wheels, hoping to ~ (war)

pull the government out of the ditch  
he seeks to ~ (a politician)

**progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land**  
**obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land**

### **dive (noun)**

stock market's dive  
the ~ proved temporary

**decline: direction**

### **dive (deep dive)**

do a deep dive  
let's ~ right into this (news show)

did a (really) deep dive  
these researchers ~ to analyze alcohol consumption

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: water**

### **dive in (verb)**

dive (right) in  
too many friends just ~ giving advice before...

dove into politics  
he ~

dove into peacekeeping  
Clinton ~ and failed (diplomacy)

**involvement: water / verb**

### **divide (noun)**

divide between him and his coaches  
the ~ grew (an athlete)

great divide  
they stood on two sides of a ~ (Old and New Hollywood)

impossible divide  
that may be an ~ to cross

cultural, gender and political divides

the battle rubbed raw the country's ~ (politics)

generational and ideological divide  
this exposes a ~ (in the Democratic party)

divide (between him and his coaches) grew  
the ~ (an athlete)

bridging the divide  
ballet and baseball are ~ (between Cuba and the US)

bridge the divide  
they want to ~ and find common ground (gun control /  
suicide)

divide to cross  
that may be an impossible ~

**division & connection: ground, terrain & land**

### **dividend (pay dividends)**

paying dividends in good-will  
the new policy is ~

paid huge dividends  
the concept has ~ (military uses drones to kill)

pay political dividends  
his wooing of Jews will ~

already paying dividends  
the new policy is ~

pressure paid dividends  
England's ~ when Owen scored (soccer)

**cost & benefit: money**

### **divorce (noun)**

Web divorce  
NBC and Microsoft agreed to an amicable ~

diplomatic divorce  
a trade war could lead to a ~ (US and Canada)

**division & connection: love, courtship & marriage**  
**relationship: love, courtship & marriage**

### **doctored**

doctored  
the photo has been ~

**creation & transformation: health & medicine**

### **dodo**

gone the way of the Dodo  
pay phones have ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal**  
**past & present: animal**

### **DNA (in the DNA)**

in their DNA  
winning is ~ (Brazilian soccer team)

part of your DNA  
as a football player, ~ is hard work and effort

**identity & nature: biology**

### **DNA (other)**

nation's DNA  
confrontation and conflict are hardwired into the ~ (US)

**identity & nature: biology**

### **dodge (verb)**

dodged a question  
he also ~ about whether...

dodges questions  
he ~ about where he gets his ideas

**avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping / verb**  
**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: walking, running**  
**& jumping / verb**

### **dog (afflict)**

dog him  
his health problems continued to ~  
asthma has ~all his life (the great boxer Shannon Briggs)

dogged her  
her criminal record ~

**affliction: animal / dog / verb**

### **dog (attack dog)**

attack dog for the president  
he has been an ~

**coercion & motivation: animal / dog**

### **dog (insult)**

"Dogs!"  
~ they yelled at the riot police (protestors)

**insult: animal / dog**

### **dog (dog won't hunt)**

dog will hunt  
I don't think that ~ (Democrats' legal attempt to challenge  
president)

**success & failure: animal / dog / hunting**

**eagerness & reluctance: animal / dog / hunting**

### **dog-and-pony show (noun)**

did a dog-and-pony show  
other legislators ~

**performance: animal / theater**

### **dog-eat-dog**

dog-eat-dog world  
in a ~

♦ "The majority of the country doesn't want to see a dog-eat-dog world where everybody is angry all the time." (Barack Obama, urging Democrats to preach hope and unity.)

**competition: animal / dog**

**predation: animal / dog**

## dogfight

dogfight

fighter-bombers execute mock ~s

it's a ~ (competition for market share)

Sergio Aguero scored 64 minutes into the ~ (soccer)

dogfight among experts over the cause

there has been a ~ of the crash

**conflict: animal / dog**

## dogged (hounded)

dogged by controversy

the company has been ~ (KBR)

dogged by rumors

he has been ~ of drug and alcohol abuse (NASCAR)

he has been ~ of excessive drinking (a politician)

dogged with poor health

he had been ~ his entire life

**affliction: animal / dog**

## dogged (determined)

dogged determination

our ~ sent an important message to our enemies

dogged (Iraqi) resistance

a day of fierce fighting and ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

**commitment & determination: animal / dog**

## doghouse (in the doghouse)

in the doghouse

he's ~ (in trouble with his wife)

in the coach's doghouse

he started out ~ because of weight problems

**punishment & recrimination: animal / dog**

**situation: animal / dog**

## dogleg (shape)

dogleg turn

an icy, rutted ~ (downhill skiing)

♦ A dogleg is an abrupt angle or sharp bend. Dogleg is also an intransitive verb. Golf courses often have doglegs.

**shape: animal / dog**

## dogma (noun)

Republican dogma

the plan contains every ~ about political economy

trapped by dogma

don't be ~ (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## doldrums (noun)

stuck in the doldrums

the economy is ~

lead us out of the doldrums

it's Obama's job to ~ (poor economy)

mired in the doldrums

we remain ~ (poor economy)

**progress & lack of progress: boat / wind**

## domino (noun)

racist dominoes

it toppled a lot of ~ (boycott)

**feeling, emotion & effect / sequence: sports & games**

## domino (domino effect)

set off a domino effect

this ~ (economic collapse)

**feeling, emotion & effect / sequence: sports & games**

## done and dusted

done and dusted

I thought the Troubles were ~ (Northern Ireland and Brexit)

**condition & status: cloth**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: cloth**

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth**

## donkey

donkey

he's as stubborn as a ~

"led by donkeys"

~ is a British expression for incompetent leadership

**character & personality / insult: animal**

## doomed

doomed

is longhand ~ (handwriting)

doomed to fall behind

they are ~ (certain categories of students)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life**

**decline: death & life**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life**

**fate, fortune & chance: death & life**

## door (closure)

shut its doors

he notified the charter school that it must ~...

**starting, going, continuing & ending: doors & thresholds**

## door (opportunity)

doors of opportunity

- many died opening the ~ (civil rights)
- opening the ~ to all God's children (Martin Luther King)

doors in life

- many ~ open automatically for you when you're rich

open door

- baseball offers a very good ~ for a better life (Latinos)

open doors

- going to school will ~ for you
- money tends to ~

opened doors

- it ~ I had never imagined (employment with Ford)

open all doors

- good clothes ~ (a proverb)

opened the door

- it ~ to a decent education for blacks (court decision)
- it ~ to what could be done (penicillin and transplants. etc.)

closes one door

- if God ~, he opens a thousand others (Turkish proverb)

broke down doors

- she ~ in comedy (Phyllis Diller)

had (many) doors slammed in his face

- he ~ (a black American)

doors (in life) open

- many ~ automatically for you (when you're rich)

**opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds**

## door (portal)

opened the door

- he ~ to the rave world for us

**portal: doors & thresholds**

## door (access)

open-door

- I have an ~ policy (boss)

opened its doors

- Saudi Arabia has ~ to foreign tourists

banging on the door

- they are ~ of city government (Yimbies)

keep the door open

- I wanted to ~ with him (an interviewer)

found the doors barred

- those trying to escape to the US ~ (to them (Jews))

**access & lack of access: doors & thresholds**

## door (knock at / on the door)

knocking on the door

death was ~

knocked at my door

- the opportunity has ~ and I took it (boxer takes fight)

knocking at the door

- we're ~ (a team a game away from the playoffs)
- they are ~ (a pressing soccer team)
- opportunity is ~

**proximity: doors & thresholds / verb**

## door (get one's foot in the door)

get his foot in the door

- he lied on his resume to ~

**opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds / verb**

## door (open the door, etc.)

open door

- the 1st virus weakens, the 2nd then has an ~ to sicken

open a door

- appeasement may ~ to peaceful co-existence, or...

door opens

- once that ~, who knows what will happen

**opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds**

## door (hold the door open, etc.)

hold the door open

- he seemed to ~ for a change in Germany's policy

**opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds**

## door (leave the door open)

left open the door

- the US has ~ for storing nuclear waste in the US

leave the door open

- he seemed to ~ to the possibility of a change

left the door open

- it ~ for an insanity defense

leave the door open for the possibility

- he appears to ~ of a pardon

**opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds**

## door (close a door, etc.)

close the door

- it's wrong to ~ on promising research (human cloning)

door has closed

- the ~ on reform...

**opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds**

## door (shown the door, etc.)

shown the door

- official after official in the Department of Homeland Security was ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: doors & thresholds**

## doorstep (on / at the doorstep)

at the doorstep of an (NFL) title  
they are ~

on Baghdad's doorstep  
coalition forces are poised ~

on death's doorstep  
he's ~ (very sick)  
the economy is ~

on its doorstep  
Saudi Arabia discourages liberalization ~ (Qatar)  
Turkey seeks to contain the crisis unfolding ~ (Syria)

poised on (Baghdad's) doorstep  
coalition forces are ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

**proximity: doors & thresholds**

## dose (amount)

dose  
it's the ~ that makes the poison (emailing, etc.)

dose of inspiration  
he provided the team a ~

dose of criticism  
the president received a fair ~ for his speech

dose of humility  
we all need a good ~ (debate and opinions)

dose of reality  
he needs a ~ (selfish teen)

dose of sanity  
we could use a ~

dose of wisdom  
they got a ~ from the coach  
he brings a ~ to the government

dose of goodwill  
the project has earned the US a ~ (foreign aid)

dose of good news  
we could all use a ~

healthy dose  
he uses research and a ~ of imagination (writer)

small doses  
I could only read it in ~ (a book)

provide a dose  
recent advances ~ of hope for sufferers

**amount: health & medicine**

## dot (connect the dots)

connect the dots  
I must ~  
we couldn't ~ (terrorism)

why didn't we ~  
it's impossible to ~ looking forward  
people are starting to ~ (climate change)  
this report helps us ~ (climate change)

♦ Steve Inskeep: I don't want to connect these dots too firmly yet, Carrie, but I want to note what some of the dots are... What would it mean if these dots were more firmly connected? / Carrie Johnson: I think we're going to need to wait and see... rather than speculate... There's been a lot of bad reporting in this case, we've got to be careful. / Steve Inskeep: But what we do know is those dots are there, and that the Muller investigation continues. / Carrie Johnson: Yes, that's right." (Vague and ominous dots. From "News Brief: Paul Manafort, Parkland Shooting, Spying Charges," National Public Radio (NPR), Morning Edition, 14 February 2019.)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture / verb**

## dot (verb)

dot the lake  
floating restaurants ~ (Tonle Sap)

**configuration: mark / verb**

## dotted (arrangement)

dotted with surveillance) cameras  
Times Square is ~

dotted with (observatory) domes  
the mountain is ~ (telescopes)

dotted with (small mangrove) islands  
a shallow lagoon ~ (Khor al-Beidah)

dotted with (thousands of) kites  
the sky is ~ of different colors and styles

dotted with monuments  
the area is ~ to him (Lorca)

dotted with the ruins  
a valley ~ of 16th-century fortresses (Georgia)

dotted with smokestacks  
he looked out on hills ~ (Zarqa)

ice-dotted (m)  
~ rivers

monastery-dotted (m)  
a beautiful, ~ land (Montenegro)

**configuration: mark**

## double down (verb)

doubling down on its decision  
the government is ~

double-downed our efforts  
we ~ to not have it happen again

doubled down (at the White House) and tripled down  
the president ~ on Twitter (political dispute)

**commitment & determination: cards / gambling / verb**

## double-edged (sword)

double-edged sword

opium and its derivatives are a ~  
science is a ~ and can be used for good or evil  
for Pakistan, success of this kind is a ~ (terrorists)

double-edged sword of biotechnology  
the ~ (germ warfare)

**feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword**

## dove (noun)

dove  
he is not a ~, but he opposes attacking Iran

**violence: animal / bird**

## dovetail (verb)

dovetails with contemporary anxieties  
the film ~ (a zombie movie)

dovetailed with (energy) plans  
construction plans have not ~ (China)

dovetail with his (warped) view  
he denigrates ideas that don't ~ of what America should be

**configuration: animal / bird / verb**

## down (feeling)

get me down  
it doesn't ~ (criticism)

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## down (decline)

down  
it's a long way ~

down market  
a ~ is as much an opportunity as an up one

**decline: direction**

**decline: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## down (functioning)

down  
the system is ~

**functioning: direction / mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle**

**failure, accident & impairment: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## down (down for something)

down for this  
are you ~

down for that  
if you're ~, then...

**allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

**commitment & determination: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## downdraft

downdraft of debt  
the hopelessness of families caught in a ~

downdraft in the markets  
concern about Europe helped to lead the big ~

economic downdraft  
the powerful ~ started with the failure of Lehman

severe downdraft  
the fund could be damaged again by a ~ (money)

bucking the downdraft  
some candidates are ~ (elections)

caught in the downdraft  
media companies have been ~ of advertising revenue

**amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind**

## downfall (noun)

downfall  
their greed will be their ~

contributed to his downfall  
his protectiveness may have ~

**decline / destruction: direction**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## downhearted

downhearted  
it made you ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / heart**

**heart: direction**

## downhill

downhill direction  
they are going in a ~ (sports team)

going downhill  
education has been ~

goes downhill  
the health of children with the disease ~

gone downhill  
things have ~ in the last few years (polarized society)

went downhill  
their relationship ~

spiraled downhill  
at home, he ~ (troubled soldier back from Iraq)

**decline: direction / mountains & hills**

## downplay (verb)

downplay his own gifts  
he does not ~, but... (a politician)

downplays the (important) role

this comment ~ that dogs play as sentries

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb**

## **downshift (verb)**

downshifting

the economy is ~ to stall speed

**starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb**

**speed: engine / verb**

## **downside (noun)**

downside

modern agriculture has a ~

downside of the electoral college

another ~ is...

downsides to 5G

are there any ~ (geo locating, facial recognition, etc.)

big downside

outsourcing has a ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: direction / orientation**

## **downstream**

downstream business

Chevron's ~ posted profits (refining, marketing)

downstream consequences

depression and PTSD have a number of ~, including suicide

downstream impact

the technology can have a ~ (GM autos)

downstream operations

Chevron will merge its chemical arm with ~

downstream processing

a lot of ~ will be done by China (rare earths)

♦ In the oil business, oil and gas fields are upstream assets, pipelines are midstream, and refineries and retail outlets are downstream.

♦ In the area of health, upstream interventions are things like wireless scales for weighing people, and free rides to medical appointments. These measures are largely preventative in nature and save money in the long run. Downstream outcomes are things like hospitalizations and surgeries.

**orientation: river**

## **downturn (noun)**

downturn in business

hotels have experienced a 90 percent ~ (war)

economic downturn

the company foundered during the ~

**decline: direction**

## **draconian (adjective)**

draconian charges

she faces ~, including sedition (Nuttaa Mahattana)

draconian (budget) cuts

he will not give in to ~ (president)

draconian crackdown

he has presided over the most ~ on leaks in US history

draconian justice and rule

many Afghans prefer the ~ meted out by the Taliban

**judgment: allusion**

**oppression: allusion**

## **draft (verb)**

drafted into a trade war

they have been ~ that was not of their making (farmers)

**eagerness & reluctance: military / verb**

**commitment & determination: military / verb**

**coercion & motivation: military / verb**

## **drag (drag on the economy, etc.)**

drag on the economy

Brexit uncertainty has been a ~

higher taxes are not necessarily a ~

**obstacles & impedance: burden / movement / physics**

## **drag (verb)**

dragged her knees through the playoffs

Staley is set to ~ (WNBA)

dragged her butt out of bed

she ~ (teen waking up)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: burden / verb**

## **drag (drag somebody into something)**

dragged you into this

I shouldn't have ~ (dangerous situation)

**involvement: burden / verb**

**eagerness & reluctance: burden / verb**

## **drag (drag on / out / through)**

drag on for a while

this is going to ~ (a controversy)

case dragged on

the ~ without any arrests

negotiations drag on

~ (Brexit)

war drags on

as the ~ (casualties)

drag through Christmas

US shutdown looks set to ~

**time: burden / movement**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: burden**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: burden**

## **dragnet (noun)**

dragnet

the largest ~ in American history (Eric Rudolph)

dragnet for the murderer  
authorities cast a ~

DNA dragnet  
authorities have conducted a ~ (Louisiana serial killer)

international dragnet  
authorities cast an ~ for... (accused rapist)

conducted a (DNA) dragnet  
authorities have ~ (Louisiana serial killer)

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish**

**dragnet (cast a dragnet)**

cast a dragnet for the murderer  
authorities ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish / verb**

**dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.)**

Dragon's Back  
the ~ is a ridge in KwaZulu-Natal

Dragon's Jaw  
the North Vietnamese called it the ~ (US bridge target)

Dragon Shoal  
~ is a reef off Rakine, Myanmar

♦ The Drakensberg is the highest mountain range in South Africa. Its name means, "the Dragon Mountains."

**proper name: creature**

**drain (verb)**

drain spiritual energy from the land  
they worry that the drilling will ~ (Medicine Lake area)

drain the Kingdom of \$16 billion  
expatriates ~ each year (Saudi Arabia)

drained out of him  
eventually, the fight ~ (abuser)

drained his finances  
what really ~ was the roll-call bribe (Mexico prison)

drained him  
his anger seemed to have ~, and he slumped

strength drained away  
as their blood thickened and their ~ (climbers)

**leaking: verb / water**

**drain (noun)**

drain of experience and manpower  
the departures meant a great ~

drain on the kingdom's economy  
banning women from driving causes a tremendous ~

drain on resources  
responding to a terrorist event causes a tremendous ~

economic drain  
it's going to be a huge ~ (spending on weapons)

time drain  
place limits on TV watching, as it is a great ~

swirling down the drain  
the country is ~ (Somalia)

**leaking: water**

**drain (go down the drain, etc.)**

swirling down the drain  
the country is ~ (Somalia)

**failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure**

**destruction: infrastructure / verb**

**drained (attenuation)**

drained of color  
under an overcast sky the prairie looked ~

**attenuation: water**

**drained (feeling)**

drained and shaken  
I left feeling ~ (tour of Auschwitz)

physically drained  
he was out of oxygen, ~, and alone (climber on Everest)

physically and mentally drained  
you're ~ and then, boom...

end up (emotionally) drained  
you ~ (search for missing child)

**feeling, emotion & effect: container / water**

**drama (tense drama, etc.)**

drama  
bring the ~ to an end (mine rescue)

drama of (athletic) competition  
choking and the ~

hijack drama  
the ~ saw its final act played out (Medina)

hostage drama  
one ~ may be over, but...

wildlife drama  
a compelling ~ (mountain pond)

life-and-death drama  
they watched their own ~ unfold on satellite TV sets

tense drama  
a joyous end to a ~ (mine rescue)

end to a (tense) drama  
a joyous ~ (mine rescue)

bring the drama to an end  
~ (mine rescue)



drama is unfolding  
the US should stay out of the ~ in Egypt (protests)

watched their own drama unfold  
passengers ~ on satellite TV sets (JetBlue Flight)

**feeling, emotion & effect: theater**

### **drama (drama queen, etc.)**

drama queen  
Nikki is fussy, she's a ~ (sister)

sense of drama  
such a high-flung ~

**performance: theater**

### **dramatic (the dramatic)**

flair for the dramatic  
he displayed a ~ (traffic commissioner)

**feeling, emotion & effect: theater**

### **dramatic (dramatic child, etc.)**

dramatic child  
I was a very ~ (threats, etc.)

**performance: theater**

**character & personality: theater**

**behavior: theater**

### **dramatic (effect)**

dramatic action  
this sort of ~ (invasion of Kuwait)

dramatic event  
this ~ (the eruption of a volcano)  
during that season's ~s (on Mt. Everest)

dramatic (new) evidence  
even in the face of ~

dramatic example  
the dying Aral Sea is the most ~ (ecological damage)

dramatic feature  
Karchner's most ~ (a cave)

dramatic photograph  
French TV showed a ~ of the plane in flames

dramatic return  
the ~ of this national symbol (the bald eagle)

dramatic turn  
the case took another ~ when... (murder)

dramatic cityscape  
the ~ of steel and lights (Hong Kong)

dramatic turnaround  
in another ~ (football coach's fortunes)

**feeling, emotion & effect: theater**

### **dramatic (extent)**

dramatic changes  
he can be counted on to make few ~s

dramatic decline  
the ~ in fatality rates (boating)

dramatic improvements  
in the absence of ~ in the fortunes of Nigerians

dramatic increases  
manufacturing has seen ~ in productivity

dramatic results  
the controversial cancer drug didn't produce ~

dramatic (dust) signatures  
rapid movement causes ~ (military)

**extent & scope: theater**

### **dramatically**

changed dramatically  
the racial makeup of Canarsie ~

declined dramatically  
Lake Chad's area has ~ since the 1960s

**extent & scope: theater**

### **draw (attract)**

drawing both praise and scorn  
their efforts are ~

**attraction & repulsion: verb**

### **draw (luck of the draw)**

luck of the draw  
there is a ~, we are on a wheel (how judges get cases)

**fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games**

### **drawbridge (protection)**

their own drawbridges  
countries pulling up ~ (Internet sovereignty)

**division & connection: military / fortification**

**protection & lack of protection: military / fortification**

### **drawing board (on the drawing board)**

on the drawing board  
also ~ is...

**growth & development: infrastructure**

**creation & transformation: infrastructure**

### **drawing board (other)**

going back to the drawing board  
we're ending the council and ~ (Google ATEAC)

**growth & development: infrastructure**

**creation & transformation: infrastructure**

## **dream (verb)**

dream about  
this is what guys like myself ~ (NFL rookie)

dream of finding  
scientists and capitalists ~ a drug that could...

dreams of returning  
my father ~ to his birthplace in Xinjiang

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: sleep / verb**

## **dream (fever dream)**

fever dreams about Russian collusion  
they fill their airtime with ~ (MSNBC, CNN, etc.)

**fantasy & reality: health & medicine**

## **dream (noun)**

dream  
my ~ had been to play in the final... (World Cup)  
our ~ is to save enough to buy a one-family home  
its banking system is still more a ~ than fact (Russia)

dream that  
it was a ~ I never thought would come true (immigrant)  
first the ~, then the doubts, then the commitment

it was his dream to drive  
~ a bus since he was 9

it was (always) his dream to end up  
~ in the United States

it had been a dream (of hers) to canoe  
~ in Algonquin Park

dream of El Dorado  
what local newspapers call "the ~" (jobs in Europe)

dreams of (artistic) greatness  
he had all these ~

dream of hers  
it had been a ~ to canoe in Algonquin Park

dreams of marriage  
their ~ were delayed yet again (Pakistani man, cousin)

dreams of a better tomorrow  
~ for our children

dreams of holy war  
~ vanished in the flames (Afghanistan)

dream of attending  
he sacrificed his ~ college to finance his brother's studies

dream of becoming  
it was a jolting blow to his lifelong ~ a fighter pilot

dream of developing  
his ~ a practical turbine-powered car

dreams for the future  
they talked about their own ~ (Wilma Mankiller)

dream car  
they got their ~ for thousands less  
the Suby is a young athlete's ~ (Subaru Outback Limited)

dream (surfing) destination  
Indonesia or other ~s

dream guy  
new dating services guarantee a ~

dream home  
completing his ~

dream house  
he talked of a ~ and a dream car  
on Wednesday, their ~ was destroyed (wildfire)

dream job  
his ~ secured, he is now...  
Notre Dame was his ~ (coach)  
your man tanked the interview for his ~

dream lover  
at a restaurant with my ~  
~, come rescue me, take me anyway you want me

"dream sheets"  
we were handed ~ (requests for military schools)

dream ship  
a fantastic ~

dream store  
invited her to help him open his ~

dream trip  
this is a ~ (extended canoe trip)

dream vacation  
~s and weekend getaways

dream wedding  
the fairy-tale star of her ~

dream world  
it was her ~

dream, fantasy, or vision  
the only way to keep a ~ intact or rosy

dream and nightmare  
every surfer's ~ (Condition Black / huge surf)

designer's dream  
her (fashion) show is a ~

everyone's dreams  
~ are different—like the former pilot who swam...

immigrant's dream  
he had realized the classic ~

kid's dream  
it is most any ~ of the perfect place to eat dinner

laboratory dreams  
these ideas are still ~ (nanotechnology / foods)

skateboarder's dream  
20 competitors on a course that's every ~ (street)

Everest dreams  
Walter Mittys with ~ need to keep in mind... (climbing)

rock dream  
he realized he wouldn't be living the ~

secret dream  
the ~ of any woman...

boyhood dream  
he fulfilled his ~ of sailing...  
for some, ~s come true (an astronaut)

childhood dream  
she has realized her ~

lifelong dream  
it's an opportunity for him to fulfill a ~  
it was a jolting blow to his ~ of becoming a fighter pilot

Pakistani dream  
the ~ of a weak Afghanistan under Islamabad's sway

complete dream  
it's a ~ (reaching the semifinals of World Cup)

sweet dreams  
you hug her and kiss her and wish her ~

age-old (Pakistani) dream  
the ~ of a weak Afghanistan under Islamabad's sway

car of my dreams  
a tiny red Miata, the ~

man of (your) dreams  
find the ~  
ask the ~ out on a date

man of her dreams  
she had a star-crossed affair with the ~  
and then she met the ~

blow to his (lifelong) dream  
it was a jolting ~ of becoming a fighter pilot

hopes and dreams  
do you have ~ beyond tomorrow morning  
his ~ have to do with...  
the TV show represented my ~ (Mary Tyler Moore)

plans, hopes, dreams, and ambitions  
adults often resent death because it affects ~ (nursing)

potential and dreams  
a chance to fulfill their ~ (SuAnn Big Crow Center)

dreams die  
~ hard

dream had consumed them  
the ~ (climbing K2 together)

dreams come true  
I guess ~ (player on tournament victory)

can their ~...

dream may (never) come true  
that ~

dreams don't always come true

dreams (of holy war) vanished  
~ in the flames (Afghanistan)

abandoned the dream  
I ~ as preposterous (climbing Mt. Everest)

achieve your dreams  
we will help you ~ (teen modeling Web site)

achieved my (goal and) my dream  
I ~ (Vitali Klitschko / boxer)

chase their dreams  
tonight will inspire people to ~ (Olympic successes)

dream a new dream  
you are never too old to set another goal or to ~

exceeded their (wildest) dreams  
what they actually saw ~ (astronomers)

find your dream  
follow every rainbow, 'till you ~ (song)

fulfill his dream  
he wants his young friend to ~ (to become world champ)

fulfill (some of) his dreams  
so, either way, I did ~ (son, speaking of father)

have a dream  
I ~ (Martin Luther King Jr.)

lived her dream  
she ~, then died in a lonely hotel room (Anna Nicole)

living his dream  
he is now truly ~ (professional windsurfer)

living the dream  
we thought we were ~, but... (blacks in north / US)

pursue her dream  
she quit her job to ~ of becoming...

pursue a dream  
people who switched courses late in life to ~

realize your dream  
how does it feel to ~ (award show)

sacrificed his dream  
he ~ of attending college to help his brother

go after your dreams  
it's important to ~ because life is short (skateboarding)

give up the dream  
no one expects them to ~, either (for independence)

given up his dream  
he had almost ~ of being an opera singer (Paul Potts)

give up those dreams  
 maybe it's best to ~ (a musician)

give up on my dream  
 I'm not one to ~ (disappointed "American Idol")

give up on her dream  
 she doesn't want to ~ of being a "real" professor (adjunct)

allow the dream to die  
 he wouldn't ~ (an athlete)

take your dreams away  
 don't let anyone ~

turned the dream into a nightmare  
 the loans have ~ (home ownership)

make your dreams come true  
 it will ~ (how-to-kiss book for teens)

make their dreams come true  
 they feel that they can ~ with hard work and...

make that dream a reality  
 she can now afford to ~ (an Indian able to buy an AC)

abandoned the dream as preposterous  
 I ~ (climbing Mt. Everest)

♦ "Each day as I go through the hospitals with younger colleagues, they give me of their dreams and I give them of my experience, and I get the better of the exchange." (William J. Mayo, M.D.)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: sleep**

## dredge up (verb)

dredging up old allegations  
 they are ~

dredge up wild beliefs  
 they ~ from online fever swamps (a podcast)

dredged up (painful) memories  
 the fires have ~ of how black churches were razed (arson)

**searching & discovery: boat / verb**  
**appearance & disappearance: boat / verb**  
**concealment & lack of concealment: boat / verb**

## drenched

blood-drenched allegory  
 the film is a ~

drama-drenched  
 ~ retellings of scorn and mockery (epic sports failures)

neon-drenched  
 the seedy, ~ combat zone of massage parlors

sun-drenched  
 in the ~ deserts of California

**amount & effect: water**

## dressed (dressed up, etc.)

dressed up as control

it is curiosity ~ (Netflix and interactive shows)

**subterfuge: clothing & accessories**

**appearance & reality: clothing & accessories**

## dress up (verb)

dress that up  
 however you ~, that is the fear

**substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories**

**appearance & reality: clothing & accessories**

## drift (consciousness)

drifted in and out of (bizarre) hallucinations  
 he ~ (K2 climber in distress)

drifted in and out of (fitful) sleep  
 I ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

drifted off  
 I was exhausted and ~ in short order (went to sleep)

**consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / verb**

## drift (sound)

drifted in  
 funeral music ~ through our windows

drifts outside  
 music from the choir ~

drifted (in) through our windows  
 funeral music ~

drift across the cuts and trails  
 they can hear the sound of hammers ~

**sound: atmosphere**

## drift (move)

drifted back  
 but some laborers have since ~ (to Sichuan)

drift into oblivion  
 he admitted he would likely ~ (boxer)

drifted into construction work  
 he ~

drifted (apart) from his parents and siblings  
 he had ~

drifted from job to job  
 for the next several years he ~ (famous actor)

drifted through a series of jobs  
 he then ~

drifted about the country  
 disdaining regular employment, he ~

drifting (closer) to towns and cities  
 most Nukak clans are ~ (Colombia)

**movement: atmosphere / wind / verb**

## drift (control)

drift in the (US) approach  
evidence of a ~ in Afghanistan

**control & lack of control: atmosphere / wind / boat**

## drift (drift apart)

drifted apart  
we ~ (a relationship)

drifted apart from his parents and siblings  
he had ~

**division & connection: atmosphere / boat / verb / wind**

## drill (drill down, etc.)

drill deeper  
we need to ~ into their claims (government claims)

drill down  
they can ~ and address the problem (regulators)

drill down into the rankings  
it doesn't really make sense, until you ~

drills down (very) deep  
she ~ on these issues (a political analyst)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: direction / ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

## drink in (verb)

drank in every (tiny) detail  
I ~ of her office

drank in knowledge  
he ~ from every person and place he met

drank in the scene  
I ~ (a town)

drank in the (stunning) sights  
I ~ (a trip abroad)

drank in the vistas  
we ~ and toured the pastures

**absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb  
consumption: food & drink / verb**

## drip (drip-drip)

drip-drip  
this isn't ~, it's a flood (sexual harassment)

drip of negative press coverage  
the president was not pleased with the continuing ~

drip drip drip of (leaked) emails  
the ~ (that hurt Hillary Clinton's chances)

drip-drip effect  
it's a ~ (online anti-Semitism)

'drip drip' effect

the ~ of gender-stereotyping (children)

drip-drip way  
virginity had a corrosive effect on my self-esteem, in a ~ (adult)

constant drip-drip-drip  
the ~ of stuff (leading to criminal conviction)

steady drip-drip  
an increasingly ~ of irritations

steady drip, drip  
the ~ of casualties (Iraq)

**amount & effect: sound / water  
survival, persistence & endurance: water  
feeling, emotion & effect: water**

## drip-fed (verb)

drip-fed to the media  
every day leaks are ~

**directing: verb / water**

## drive (verb)

drives the FAA  
data, science, and risk analysis ~

**driving force: engine / verb  
directing: animal / verb**

## driver (in the driver's seat)

firmly in the driver's seat  
hip-hop and streetwear are ~ (fashion industry)

puts you in the driver's seat  
a good credit score ~

**control & lack of control: engine  
driving force: engine**

## drool (verb)

drooling over the possibility  
networks have been ~ of landing an interview with...

makes venture capitalists drool  
his pitch ~

**eagerness & reluctance: bodily process / food & drink / verb**

## drop (drop a case, etc.)

dropped (international) coverage  
newspapers have ~

let the matter drop  
maybe we should ~

♦ "I think it's wrong to pursue this, maybe we should let it drop." (A criminal investigation.)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb  
dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb**

## drop (product launch)

drop

the “~” is the release of a highly exclusive line  
the ~ resulted in pandemonium outside stores (fashion)

lined up for the drop

a thousand people ~ (pop-up fashion display)

**inauguration: mechanism**

## drop (verb)

dropped

we were promoting the show before it had aired, or ~

♦ “When we were promoting the show before it had aired, or dropped, or whatever they say at Netflix.” (Christina Applegate, showing a wonderful awareness of and perhaps a little exasperation about the language.)

**inauguration: mechanism / verb**

## drop out (verb)

dropped out of the race

he ~ (a politician)

dropped out of the labor force

discouraged job-seekers have ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb**

## drought (in a drought)

in a sexual drought

I’ve been ~ for a while

in the middle of a drought

the team is ~ (losing)

**progress & lack of progress: weather & climate**

## drove (herd or flock)

turn out in droves

Democrats predicted minority voters would ~

♦ In the past, men on foot or on horseback often drove livestock over long distances along what were known as drovers’ roads. One such road in western North Carolina was the Buncombe Turnpike along the French Broad River. The drovers drove mainly hogs. Up to 175,000 hogs passed through Asheville each fall. In the southern Appalachians, people would also drive great herds of turkeys, ducks, mules, horses, cows, etc. along the roads. Inns and stands grew up along the route to accommodate both men and animals at night.

**behavior: animal**

**amount: animal**

## drown (verb)

drown

I feel like I’m treading water and will soon ~ (teacher)

drowning in a sea

I’m ~ of acronyms (nuclear weapons)

drowning in crime

Detroit is ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: verb / water**

## drown out (verb)

drowned out his (in-ring) interview

boos ~ (a boxer who won a split decision)

**sound: verb / water**

**superiority & inferiority: verb / water**

## drowned out

drowned out by the Internet drumbeat

the explanation is sometimes ~

**sound: water**

**superiority & inferiority: water**

## drum (beat / bang the drum)

beating the drum against big government

she is ~ (a politician)

**message: military / sound / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb**

## drumbeat

drumbeat of accusations

there is a ~ (against the Catholic Church / pedophilia)

drumbeat of news

there has been a steady ~ about the dangerous chemical

drumbeat of war

the ~ has grown louder in the past few days

drumbeats of war

the ~ are filling our nation

drumbeat of (terror) warnings

the recent ~...

drumbeat of “venture capital is dead”

there has been a ~, and it’s getting louder

drumbeat (of calls) for his resignation

there has been a deafening ~ (a politician)

extremist drumbeat

militants were encouraged by the ~ in Cairo

deafening drumbeat

there has been a ~ of calls for his resignation (politician)

drumbeats (of war) are filling our nation

the ~

drumbeat of war has grown louder

the ~ in the past few days

Internet drumbeat

the explanation is sometimes drowned out by the ~

drumbeat is intensifying

the ~ to toughen up laws regarding sexual predators

**message: military / sound**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb**

## drummed out

drummed out of the party  
he has been ~ (politics)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: military**

## drum up (verb)

drum up (public) demand  
he is trying to ~ for his invention

drum up support  
we are trying to ~ for the project  
they are trying to ~ for the law

**creation & transformation: sound / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: sound / verb**

## drunk (adjective)

drunk on power  
he is ~

**restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol**

**control & lack of control: alcohol**

**behavior: alcohol**

**feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol**

## dry (come up dry)

come up dry on leads  
we have ~ (thefts of goats)

♦ This refers to a well that fails to produce water or oil.

**success & failure: water**

## dry run

dry run for the All-Star Game  
the stadium manager says the game will be a ~

dry run of the course  
participants registered for a ~ (race with obstacles)

made a dry run  
he ~ in a wind tunnel (parachutist)

arranged for a dry run  
he ~ to make sure everything worked (technology)

♦ There are quite a few theories for the origin of this relatively recently coined phrase. One idea is that it relates to drills by fire departments without water being pumped. It came to prominence in the military during World War II.

**readiness & preparedness: military**

## dry up (verb)

money dried up  
the ~

overtime has dried up  
~ (for immigrant workers)

work dried up  
other ~, and old friends stopped calling (disgraced)

**appearance & disappearance: water / verb**

## duck (avoid)

ducked out of the (post-race) interview  
he ~ (auto racing)

duck the (tough) issues  
we won't ~ (a politician)

ducked the question  
he ~ (State Department "official")

duck (the more challenging) questions  
he hoped the court would not ~

**avoidance & separation: animal / bird / verb**

## duck (verb)

ducked into the office  
she ~ right away to see what was up

duck into a bathroom  
the young women ~ to change out of their jeans

**movement: animal / bird / verb**

## dud (noun)

dud  
the product was a ~ (marketing)

dud of a book  
this disappointing ~ starts with a good premise

**success & failure: weapon / explosion**

**failure, accident & impairment: weapon / explosion**

## duel (noun)

tense duel  
the two were locked in a ~ for days (Tour de France)

pair up for duels  
with the city's blessing, cars ~ (legal drag racing)

**competition / conflict: weapon**

## dueling (adjective)

dueling ad  
~s, each side accusing the other (politics)

dueling protests  
we are expecting ~ today (pro- and anti-government)

**competition / conflict: weapon**

## dug in

dug in  
we will weed out the rebels, but they are ~  
both sides are ~ and neither side will move (politics)

**protection & lack of protection: ground, terrain & land**

## dull (adjective)

grow dull

his life reminds us that the cutting edge can ~ (Hefner)

**flaws & lack of flaws: blade / knife**

## **dumb (technology)**

dumb mines

~ versus smart mines (self-destruct / self-deactivate)

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)

~ bombs (military)

**knowledge & intelligence: mechanism**

**ability & lack of ability: mechanism**

## **dump (verb)**

dumped the editor

she ~ and replaced him with... (magazine)

dump her (3,928) shares

he told her to ~ (of stock)

dumped her stock

just before she ~ in December... (insider trading)

dump you

she's going to ~ (get out of the relationship)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: pile / verb**

## **dumped**

dumped

she worries about being ~ and getting a bad reputation

dumped Gottlieb for Brown

five year later, he ~ (editor / editors in chief)

dumped by him

you may get ~ later (relationship)

dumped by his girlfriend

he was ~ of nine years...

get dumped

you may ~ by him later... (relationships)

most men who ~ think their girlfriends...

**dismissal, removal & resignation: pile**

## **dust (dust settles)**

let the dust settle

we will ~ and then make our decisions

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ground, terrain & land**

## **dust (collect dust)**

collect dust

the case was left to ~

**action, inaction & delay: ground, terrain & land / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ground, terrain & land / verb**

## **dust (bite the dust)**

bit the dust

many of these mom-and-pop stores ~ (failed)

destined to bite the dust

the project seems ~ (military project)

♦ This refers to old Western films in which cowboys, Indians and soldiers are shot off their horses and fall into the dust.

**euphemism: death & life / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: film**

## **dust (leave somebody in the dust)**

left Microsoft in the dust

the iPhone and Android ~ (phones)

**competition: direction / sports & games**

## **dust (fairy dust, etc.)**

blockchain dust

it's not like you sprinkle ~ over it and it's O.K.

fuck-you-up dust

when the bad fairy comes and sprinkles the ~

**amelioration & renewal: magic**

## **dustbin (noun)**

dustbin of history

the Afghans will send the Americans to the ~ (Taliban)

the P-word should be consigned to the ~ (Britain)

**worth & lack of worth: waste**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: waste**

## **dwarf (size)**

dwarf chameleon

Madagascar has produced a group of ~s

dwarf pine

at high elevation, one finds many ~s

**size: person**

## **dwarf (verb)**

dwarfed all others

the Yankees' payroll ~ (baseball)

dwarfs any other (economic) relationship

the US / EU partnership ~

dwarfs (all other) threats

an Iranian bomb ~ to Israel

dwarf his other work

the study is likely to ~ in statistics

dwarfs previous ones

the current oil spill ~ (Gulf of Mexico)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height / verb**

**superiority & inferiority: height / verb**



## dyed-in-the-wool

dyed-in-the-wool optimist  
she's a ~

**identity & nature: cloth**

## dying (dying industry, etc.)

dying breed  
he is the last of a ~ (race car driver)  
moderates are a ~ (politics)

dying industry  
nuclear energy may be a ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life**

**decline: death & life**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life**

## dynamite (noun)

dynamite for the (party's) base  
what he said is ~ (weird Joe Biden gaffe / faux-pau)

**initiation: explosion**

## dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.)

dynasty  
it's history, we like ~s, to cheer for and against them (sports)

fallen dynasty  
he rescued a ~ (Larry Bird and the Boston Celtics)

built a dynasty  
they had ~ that had won three Super Bowl championships

**power / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty**

# E

## eagle eye

eagle eyes of (U.S. spy) satellites  
the ~

**surveillance: animal / bird / eye**

## ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)

Ear of the Wind  
the ~ is a natural arch in Monument Valley, Arizona

**proper name: ear**

## ear (have somebody's ear)

has the ear of the president  
he ~

have the ear of (many) political leaders  
they ~ (lesbian activists)

has the president's ear  
he ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear**

## ear (attention)

sympathetic ear  
he offers a ~ to kids (juvenile offenders)

lent an ear  
Michael unselfishly ~ to friends in need

offers a (sympathetic) ear  
he ~ to kids (juvenile offenders)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear**

## ear (surveillance)

ears and eyes  
the NSA, Uncle Sam's ~ in the sky

♦ **The walls have ears!**

**surveillance: ear**

## ear (ear of corn, etc.)

ears of corn  
women roasted ~ (Kisumu)

sun's ears  
polar explorers call the circles of prismatic colors the ~

**resemblance: ear**

## ear (fall on deaf ears)

fall on deaf ears  
calls to end the fighting that seem to ~ (Middle East)  
sometimes the warnings ~

fell on deaf ears  
his warnings ~ (Gerhart Riegner / Holocaust)  
his call for lifting sanctions ~ (a politician)  
complaint after complaint ~

falling on deaf ears  
the appeals are ~ (Russia)

**consciousness & awareness: ear**

## ear (turn a deaf ear)

turned a deaf ear to that argument  
Congress has ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear**

## early (timeliness)

early in the (democratic presidential primary) process  
it's still very ~

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: day**

## earth (extent)

ends of the earth  
he took the faith of his nation to the ~ (Livingstone)

scoured the Earth  
Bill Whitman ~ for rare fruit (collector, popularizer)

**extent & scope: earth & world**

searching & discovery: earth & world

## earthiness (character)

earthiness

her public persona belies her ~ (she swears, etc.)

character & personality: earth & world

## earthquake (effect)

earthquake

his death was an ~ that shook the world (Osama)

cultural earthquake

a massive ~ split the country wide open (US / 1960s)

political earthquake

I think it's going to be a ~ (elections)

♦ People speak of social ferment in countries with a huge base of young people as "youthquakes."

♦ "A sense of insecurity, as during an earthquake, pervaded the minds of men." (*Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ "The shocks continued at intervals of half an hour or an hour all night, just strong enough to wake me thoroughly each time and keep me on the alert ready to jump up in case of danger. I was therefore very glad when morning came. Most of the inhabitants had not been to bed at all, and some had stayed out of doors all night. For the next two days and nights shocks still continued at short intervals, and several times a day for a week, showing that there was some very extensive disturbance beneath our portion of the earth's crust. How vast the forces at work really are can only be properly appreciated when, after feeling their effects, we look abroad over the wide expanse of hill and valley, plain and mountain, and thus realize in a slight degree the immense mass of matter heaved and shaken. The sensation produced by an earthquake is never to be forgotten. We feel ourselves in the grasp of a power to which the wildest fury of the winds and waves are as nothing; yet the effect is more a thrill of awe than the terror which the mere boisterous war of the elements produces. There is a mystery and an uncertainty as to the amount of danger we incur, which gives greater play to the imagination, and to the influences of hope and fear. These remarks apply only to a moderate earth-quake. A severe one is the most destructive and the most horrible catastrophe to which human beings can be exposed." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

disruption: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land

effect: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land

equilibrium & stability: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land

## earthshaking (adjective)

earthshaking experiment

the ~ has rocked the scientific community

earth-shaking transformation

China economy has experienced ~s in recent decades

extent & scope: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

amount & effect: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

equilibrium & stability: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

## easygoing

easy-going attitude

Atlanta's ~ toward skin and vice

easygoing personality

he has one of those ~s

easygoing country boy

an ~ from Kentucky

good-natured and easygoing

elephants are ~ (according to keeper at zoo)

character & personality: journeys & trips

## eat (destroy)

eat their own

"SWOs ~" is a common Navy refrain (jealousy)

eating away the banks

the current is ~ of the river

ate away at me

it ~ (an unpleasant truth)

eat away at you

secrets ~

eaten away at me

it would have ~ (not confronting his brother)

eat away at America's sense of security

the sniper attacks ~ (D.C. area)

eat through the (plastic) sheeting

the chlorine will ~

eat into the flesh

necrotic ulcers are deep, open wounds that ~

eat up your mind

meth will ~ (methamphetamine addiction)

eat you up

playing such a demanding role could ~ (Tina Turner)

eat him up

this will ~ bad (boxing champ loses in shock defeat)

eating him up

he kept quiet, but it was ~ (sexually assaulted)

eat you alive

that darkness will ~ (journalist investigates sex crimes)

eaten your soul

and then you are lost, he has ~ (accommodating a boss)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / predation / verb

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

affliction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

## eat (consume)

eating up (so much) bandwidth

the number of attacks is ~ that...

eating up the mist

the sun was ~ (*Lord Jim*)

ate up \$5 billion

the program ~

eat only sorrow and misery

I ~ (a Kurdish expression)

eat the sun

plants essentially ~ (photosynthesis)

eat those words

I'll make you ~ (competition)

ate it up

the crowd ~ (a campaign speech well received)

eat and breathe

these guys ~ cycling (Giro d'Italia)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

### **eaten alive**

eaten alive by debt

I was ~

get eaten alive

don't ~ by debt (an advertisement)

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation**

**destruction: animal / food & drink / predation**

### **Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.)**

"Eaton of Africa"

the so-called ~ (Kamuzu Academy in Malawi)

**education: epithet / military / school & education**

**epithet: school & education**

### **ebb (decline)**

ebb and flow

gang killings ~ but never stop (Los Angeles)

ebbs and flows

the number of cases ~ (West Nile virus in US)

fighting ebbed

the ~ Tuesday (Ubaydi)

**decline: sea / tide / verb**

### **ebb (at a low ebb)**

at a low ebb

the militant's fortunes in Iraq are ~

**decline: sea / tide**

### **ebb (on the ebb)**

on the ebb

his racing career is ~

**decline: sea / tide**

### **ebb (movement)**

ebb and flow of passengers

the ~ through the car doors and turnstiles (D.C. metro)

**movement: sea / tide**

### **ebb (development)**

ebb and flow of the war

the ~ (Angola)

**development: sea / tide**

### **echo (verb / effect)**

echo and echo and echo

war and trauma can just ~ (lack of closure)

echoes (now) through every talk show

the bitter debate that ~ and coffee shop

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb**

**repetition: sound / verb**

### **echo (noun / effect)**

echo of this vote

the ~ will be loud and long (anti-Hispanic vote)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound**

### **echo (repeat)**

echo what

first, let me ~ the President said (speeches)

echoed Templeton

the State's Attorney Joe Hettel ~... (opinion)

echoes allegations

the report ~ that the company...

echoed the (the teacher's) statement

many school employees ~ that...

echoes the style

the painting closely ~ of his friend Henri Matisse

**repetition: sound / verb**

**transmission: sound / verb**

### **echo (in an echo)**

in an echo of (the president's) position

~, Michael Chukwu told BBC that....

**repetition: sound**

### **echo chamber**

echo chamber

it's an ~where lost souls talk up and amp up one another

media echo chamber

their views are amplified by the ~ (stock analysts, etc.)

online political echo chambers

~ have exacerbated America's divisions

social media echo chamber

another example of the ~ that amplifies all offence

**repetition / transmission: sound**

## echoed

echoed by NASA

Boeing's conclusion was ~ in its mission reports

echoed by (many) Central Asians

her view is ~

echoed by (many) Americans

that sense of patriotic pride is ~

echoed by others

such criticisms have been ~ who...

echoed by (numerous) others

comments ~... (protestors)

echoed in academic circles

you raise a good point that has been ~

view is echoed

his ~ by many Central Asians

**repetition / transmission: sound**

## eclipse (verb)

eclipsed fishing as (the state's major) revenue source

mining long ago ~ (Nauru)

eclipses (all) others

in Havana, one feature ~ of the city (the Malecon)

eclipsing the feudal landowners

the middle class is finally ~

eclipse electric tanning beds

some predict sunless tanning booths could ~

**superiority & inferiority: astronomy / light & dark / moon / shadow / sun / verb**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / light & dark / moon / sun / verb**

**decline: astronomy / moon / sun / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / shadow / verb**

## eclipse (noun)

eclipse of Cantonese

older people affected by the ~ in China and the world

driven the German shepherd into eclipse

overbreeding has ~ (the dog breed)

**superiority & inferiority: astronomy / light & dark / moon / shadow / sun**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / light & dark / moon / sun**

**decline: astronomy / moon / sun**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / shadow**

## ecosystem (noun)

ecosystem of corruption

he exposed an ~ at the bank

ecosystem of hate

far-right parties fan an ~ (Australia)

ecosystem of people

there is an ~ who serve professional athletes

ecosystem of support

designers rely on a complex ~ (garment district)

ecosystem of entrepreneurs, engineers, investors

the ~ and other players is growing (NYC tech scene)

business ecosystem

smart executives cannot control but can influence the ~

disinformation ecosystem

Facebook banned a significant chunk of the ~ (in the Philippines)

Internet ecosystem

this regulation will do damage to the ~

innovation ecosystem

many factors created the ~ to nurture the Internet

media ecosystem

a conservative ~ helps amplify those ideas (alt-right)

Y.A. ecosystem

some readers don't care about the politics of the ~ (books)

closed ecosystem

can the iPhone thrive in Apple's ~

self-correcting ecosystem

the Internet is a ~ (controversy)

commercial ecosystem

the garment district is a ~

financial ecosystem

he benefited from the burgeoning ~ (NYC)

fragile and interconnected ecosystem

this ~ (garment district)

global social-media ecosystem

the alt-right has turbocharged this ~ of hatred

**area / biodiversity / environment: ground, terrain & land**

## edge (over the edge)

over the edge

in my opinion, this is ~ (a controversial song)

**behavior: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

## edge (push something over the edge)

pushed some farmers over the edge

drought has ~

push them over the edge

just a tiny temperature rise can ~ (coral bleaching)

**destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

## edge (on edge)

on edge

the city is ~ (a series of murders)  
everybody was ~ (serial bomber on the loose)

already on edge  
the news terrified women ~ (murders of lesbians)

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability**  
**edge (on the edge)**

on the edge of collapse  
the air travel network teeters ~ (Unfriendly Skies)

on the edge of extinction  
they're ~ (orangutans)

on the edge of a (nervous) breakdown  
I'm ~

lived on the edge  
he ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

teeters on the edge  
the air travel network ~ of collapse

♦ On the edge for you is the middle of the road for me." (Bumper sticker on snowboarder's car.)

**proximity: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**  
**fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

**edge (at the edge)**

at the (extreme) edge of complexity  
this is ~ (a brain operation)

at the edge of starvation  
meager harvests leave millions ~ (Africa)

**proximity: blade**

**edge (lose one's edge)**

losing his edge  
some observers think he may be ~ (chess grandmaster)

**ability & lack of ability: blade / knife**

**flaws & lack of flaws: blade / knife**

**edge (rough edges, etc.)**

smooth (capitalism's) rough edges  
her policies aim to ~ (a progressive)

**flaws & lack of flaws: hardness & softness / manufacturing**

**edifice (noun)**

edifice of (city and state) finance  
much of the ~ is jury-rigged

edifice of the state  
the ~ is in danger of crumbling

"climate science" edifice  
the whole ~ is exposed and will collapse (opinion)

imperial edifice  
the bureaucracy is an ~ built on feudal foundations

once-impregnable edifice  
the ~ of the regime's authority is starting to crumble

meticulously built edifice  
science is a ~

cracks in the edifice  
early ~ appeared in the 1990s (economy)

edifice could collapse  
and so the whole ~ (economy)

edifice would crumble  
the ~ if...

bring down the (whole) edifice  
any crack in the system would ~ (dictatorship)

tear down the edifice  
the right has used religion to ~ and secular morality

chipping away at the edifice  
lawyers are ~ of person responsibility (neuroscience)

**bases: house**

**Edison (Thomas Alva)**

Edison of the Internet  
Bill Joy is sometimes called the ~

**creation & transformation: epithet**

**egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.)**

put a lot of eggs in this basket  
the president has ~ (support of Saudi Arabia)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: food & drink**

**commitment & determination: food & drink**

**eggshell (noun)**

eggshell of trust  
it shatters the ~ (Pilots Union vs. Boeing)

**strength & weakness: animal / bird / materials & substances**

**eggshell (walking on eggshells)**

walking on eggshells  
for over 10 years, I spent every day ~ (domestic abuse)  
I was ~ (interviewing Malala Yousafzai)

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird / materials & substances**

**elastic**

elastic definition  
this ~ (of harassment)

elastic term  
the word is an ~ (for nomads and pastoralists)

**constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances**

## elbow (force)

elbowed him out  
the company ~

elbowed him aside  
she ~ (politics)

elbowed aside its competitors  
the company has ~

elbowed her way into the (heavily male) club  
she ~ (profession)

elbowed into the lineup  
women have ~ on the North Shore (surfing)

**force: arm / verb**

## elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)

Elbow Lake  
we visited ~ (Becker County)

Elbow Cay  
we sailed to ~ (Bahamas)

Elbow Point  
~ is a point in Quezon, Philippines

**proper name: arm**

## elbow (shape)

elbows  
~ can change the direction of piping

**shape: arm**

## El Dorado

new El Dorados  
the traffickers that service them flock to the ~ (oil and gas workers)

dream of El Dorado  
what local newspapers call "the ~" (jobs in Europe)

♦ "Gaily bedight, / A gallant knight, / In sunshine and in shadow, / Had journeyed long, / Singing a song, / In search of Eldorado." ("Eldorado" by Edgar Allan Poe.)

**fantasy & reality: allusion / history**

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: allusion / history**

## electric (feeling)

electric  
at the opening of the trial, the atmosphere was ~

electric performance  
despite another ~ from Mia Hamm (soccer)

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity**

## electrify (verb)

electrified (many) people  
she ~ (a politician at a convention)

electrified the region

Tunisia's uprising ~ (2011)

electrified the movie world  
he ~ with the *Sixth Sense* (movie director)

electrified by the rise  
they were ~ of Trump

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / verb**

## electrifying

electrifying  
flamenco is ~

electrifying in victory  
he was ~ (sports)

electrifying best  
he was at his ~ (an athlete)

electrifying and polarizing  
he has been both ~ (a union leader)

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity**

## elephant (elephant in the room, etc.)

elephant in the pew  
pornography is the ~ (Christians addicted to porn)

elephant in the room  
nobody wants to see the ~  
one ~ no one wants to discuss is...  
this is the ~ that nobody is talking about  
the condition of these banks has been the ~ (future of EU)

see the elephant  
nobody wants to ~

**substance & lack of substance: animal**

## elevate (verb)

elevate rap from a fad to an art form  
he helped ~ (Tupac Shakur)

**achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / verb**

## elevated (level)

elevated level  
~s of testosterone (sports)

elevated blood pressure  
a pregnant patient with abnormally ~

severe, high, elevated, guarded, low >  
(terror alert system)

**increase & decrease: direction**

## elevation (noun)

his elevation  
a press release announced ~ (publishing company)

**achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height**

## elf (Elves Chamber, etc.)

Elves Chamber

the ~ contains calcite formations (Marvel Cave)

**proper name: creature**

## Ellis Island (epithet)

Ellis Island of the black migration

the Illinois Central station, the ~ to Chicago

Ellis Island of the Southwest

El Paso is often referred to as the ~

**migration: epithet / island / place**

## embark (embark on something)

embark on another

it is better to finish one thing before you ~

embarked on a (bold) course

he ~ intended to lead Pakistan... (Musharraf)

embarks on a (120-mile) journey

in the winter the pronghorn antelope herd ~

embarked on a path

China ~ of reform (economy)

embarked on a (hacking) spree

he ~

embarked on a big night out

they ~ (social)

embarked on his (morning) run

he ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / verb**

## embattled

embattled CEO

the company has replaced its ~

embattled (accounting) industry

the ~ (fraud)

embattled singer

the ~ was hounded by reporters (sex abuse)

**conflict: military**

## embedded

embedded in football

violence is ~

embedded into (Colombian) culture

bullfights are ~

embedded reporter

he served as an ~ in Afghanistan

**attachment: ground, terrain & land**

**identity & nature: ground, terrain & land**

## embrace (verb)

embraced the cause

he ~ (reparations for US slavery)

embrace democracy

if Palestinians ~, confront corruption and reject terror

embrace the future

a split over whether to preserve the past or ~ (Swazis)

we must ~ (trade and business issue)

embraced globalization

two nations that have ~ (Chile, Mexico)

embraced its image

the company has ~ (Starbucks)

embrace Soviet imports

the young began to ~, including vodka (Inuit)

embraced Islam

I recently ~ and this is my first Haj

embraced it

every supervisor has ~ or paid lip service to it (change)

embraced (for itself) the legacy

Gazprom has ~ of Peter the Great (skyscraper)

embrace reform

he urged Wall Street to ~ (Obama)

embracing the role

Alabama is ~ of the favorite (football)

he ~ of provocateur (a writer)

embracing (palliative care) specialists

more doctors are ~ as partners

embraced his (Internet) strategy

still, investors have not ~

embrace (new) technology

schools are among the first to ~ (surveillance)

embrace (an uncomfortable) truth

we must ~ (US corrections)

embraces change and innovation

he ~ (a high-school principal)

emplaced the blog world

some restaurants have ~ (instant marketing)

embrace the gift of science

we ~, which is a gift from God (Jews / reproduction)

embraced by Hollywood

he has been ~ (a writer)

embraced by the masses

that kind of message isn't going to be ~

embraced by physicians

until the 1960s, that approach was ~

embraced by (some) teenagers

surveillance is not only accepted but also ~  
embraced by thrill seekers and martial-arts adepts  
parkour has been ~  
embrace nor reject  
he will neither ~ another quest for the presidency (Gore)  
reluctance to embrace  
America's ~ the metric system  
came to embrace  
I ~ multiple identities (a man from Lebanon)

**acceptance & rejection: arm / verb**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: arm / verb**  
**attachment: arm / verb**  
**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage**  
**division & connection: arm / verb**

## embraced

**acceptance & rejection: arm**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: arm**  
**attachment: arm**  
**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage**  
**division & connection: arm**

**creation & transformation: cloth / verb**

## embroider (verb)

embroiders the truth  
he sometimes ~ (a politician)

**creation & transformation: cloth / verb**

## embryonic

embryonic European Common Market  
he refused to join the ~ (Churchill)

**growth & development: biology / birth**

## emerge (verb)

emerging  
a new world is ~ (nationalism)  
emerged that  
it ~ she had...  
emerged from the ashes  
the League ~ of World War I  
emerge from the (revolutionary) cauldron  
many ~ to become conservatives  
emerged from a turbulent childhood  
he ~ emotionally brittle  
emerge from the cocoon  
he began to ~ of sorrow, rage and despair that had enveloped him  
emerged as a (top talent) incubator  
the art gallery has ~ (Damascus)  
emerged as a pathology

Nazism ~ of an inflation-wracked country

emerge from his brother's shadow  
he was desperate to ~ (Mike Quarry)

emerges early  
empathy, the key emotion, ~

patterns emerge  
~ (VICAP cold-cases investigations)

picture emerged  
a different ~ of the risks...

portrait emerges  
a Jekyll and Hyde ~ of SEAL accused of murder

**appearance & disappearance: verb / water**

## emerging (adjective)

emerging artists  
he had been in Singapore, to meet ~ (a curator)

emerging technology  
she is an expert in human behavior and ~

**appearance & disappearance: water**

## emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.)

Exmoor Emperor  
the giant red stag known as the ~

**proper name: royalty**

## empire (enterprise)

empire in the Caribbean  
he built a drug-trafficking ~

family's (business) empire  
his place in the ~

banana empire  
the fourth biggest ~ in the world (Noboa / Ecuador)

business empire  
his place in the family's ~

cocaine empire  
he helped run a \$1 billion ~ (Colombia)

construction empire  
his late father's ~

department store empire  
Marshall Field's ~

nationwide (freight-hauling) empire  
Johnnie B. Hunt, who built a ~

gambling empire  
police uncovered a ~ (video poker)

publishing empire  
its vast ~

drug-trafficking empire  
he built a ~ in the Caribbean



freight-hauling empire

Johnnie B. Hunt, who built a nationwide ~

criminal empire

he runs a ~ from his Italian restaurant in Queens

vast (publishing) empire

its ~

\$1 billion (cocaine) empire

he helped run a ~ (Colombia)

place in the (family's business) empire

his ~

built a (nationwide empire)

Johnnie B. Hunt, who ~ (freight-hauling / trucks)

built a (drug-trafficking) empire

he ~ in the Caribbean

dismantled an empire

changes since Ferguson effectively ~ (Man U failures)

**power: history**

## **emptiness (depression)**

emptiness

something in me broke and I felt nothing except ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: container / mental health**

## **empty (depression)**

empty inside

catching her kill won't change anything, I'm just ~ (mother)

**feeling, emotion & effect: container / mental health**

## **empty (adjective)**

empty promise

for laid-off workers, ~s of new jobs (US)

she got so many powerful people to believe in an ~

empty threat

such talk no longer passes as an ~ (school massacres)

vague or empty (m)

~ threats are worse than useless (school discipline)

**substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere**

## **empty-handed**

empty-handed

she departed ~

people leave the video store ~

Liverpool will finish this season ~ (overtaken by Man City)

**attainment / possession: hand**

## **encore**

encore

what would she do as an ~ (fashion designer)

encore career

older workers embark on ~s

many ~s build on work and life experiences

enjoying an encore

the U-2 spy plane is ~

bring them back for an encore

we don't want to ~ (politicians)

♦ Nowadays, concertgoers may be offered a chance to choose the encore by text message, using their cellphones. Not everyone thinks this is a good idea.

## **coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: theater encounter (difficulties, etc.)**

encounter bumps

many families ~ in the road to toilet training

encounter the "honeymoon shocker"

couples who ~ (a snoring spouse)

**fictive meeting & seeing: verb**

## **encyclopedia (noun)**

encyclopedia of (cheating) tips

he is an ~

**knowledge & intelligence: books & reading**

## **encyclopedic (adjective)**

encyclopedic in breadth

the book is ~

encyclopedic knowledge

he had an ~ of theater songs (composer)

she has an ~ of criminal law

encyclopedic museum

~s have huge, permanent collections

**knowledge & intelligence: books & reading**

## **end (go off the deep end)**

go off the deep end

she might ~ (sex)

went off the deep end

she ~

**involvement: water**

**restraint & lack of restraint: water / verb**

**behavior: water / verb**

## **end (deep end)**

deep end

she was thrown in the ~

**involvement: water**

## **end (no end in sight)**

no end in sight

there is ~

no end in sight for the (government) shutdown

there is ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: journeys & trips  
starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips  
**end (the end)**

the end of it  
but that was not ~ (a religious affair)

starting, going, continuing & ending: orientation  
**endemic (adj)**

endemic (drug) violence and corruption  
he condemned the country's ~

**affliction: health & medicine**  
**extent & scope: health & medicine**

**endgame**

end game  
what's the ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

endgame to our involvement  
an ~ in Afghanistan

endgame (to our involvement) in Afghanistan  
an ~

uncertain endgame  
Iran is a factor in the ~ in Afghanistan (diplomacy)

**strategy: chess**

**end run (noun)**

end run around the Vacancies Act  
this seems to be an ~ (politics)

end run around the union  
union leaders have denounced the plan as an ~

end run around the public's wishes  
liberals are pursuing ~ (politics)

**avoidance & separation: direction / football / movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping**  
**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / football / movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping**

**obstacles & impedance: direction / football / movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping**  
**strategy: direction / football / movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping**  
**subterfuge: direction / football / movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping**

**enemy (conflict)**

enemy  
time is always the most formidable ~ in an epidemic  
the *Fitzgerald* was now at war, the ~ the sea (sinking)

enemies of action  
politeness and diplomacy are often the ~

enemy number one  
~ is the sun (skin cancer)

hidden enemy  
landmines, the ~

♦ "The enemy stands 602 feet tall and weighs 15 million tons." (Shasta Dam versus the Winnemen Wintu group, which is opposed to making the dam higher.)

**conflict: military**

**engine (driving force)**

engine of growth  
Punjab is the ~ for Pakistan

engine of prosperity  
Harlem could be an ~

engine of (upward) mobility  
education was the most reliable ~ (blacks)

engine for prosperity  
the US economy is a fantastic ~

economic engine  
biotechnology could be the state's new ~

**driving force: engine**

**engineered**

engineered by the ETA  
the explosion was ~ (terrorism)

**creation & transformation: infrastructure**

**engraved (impression)**

engraved in my heart  
your faces are ~

**impression: mark / tools & technology**

**enmeshed**

enmeshed in corruption  
he is ~

**involvement: rope**  
**situation: rope**

**enshrine (verb)**

enshrines (beach) access for all  
the act ~ (California)

enshrine (very particular) ideologies  
rankings ~ (of colleges, etc.)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb**  
**reverence: religion / verb**

**enshrined**

enshrined in the Constitution  
a common misperception is that this principle is ~

enshrined in the first amendment  
the right to freedom of speech is ~ of the US constitution

enshrined in law  
the right to maternity leave is now ~ (Switzerland)

enshrined in textbooks  
false claims have been ~ (medicine)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**  
**reverence: religion**

## **ensnare (verb)**

ensnared dozens of executives  
the scandal has ~

ensnared scores of investors  
his scam lasted for years and ~

ensnared them  
their own greed ~

**involvement: hunting / verb**  
**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

## **ensnared**

ensnared in the downturn  
Seattle has been ~ (economy)

ensnared in the inquiry  
he has been ~ (politics)

ensnared in a (public-relations) nightmare  
he wound up ~

ensnared in legal proceedings  
he spent a huge amount of time ~

ensnared in the scandal  
he was ~ (a lobbyist)

ensnared in a love triangle  
she was ~

ensnared by blood feuds  
thousands of innocents have been ~ (Albania)

ensnared by a traffic jam  
I was ~ on my way to work

ensnared by the investigation  
he is the most prominent executive to be ~

ensnared by a (bizarre online extortion) plot  
he was ~ (catfished)

became ensnared  
he ~ in a tax inquiry

found himself ensnared  
he has ~ in allegation of corruption

**involvement: hunting**  
**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

## **entangled (involvement)**

entangled in history  
to live in Moscow is to be ~

entangled in the probe  
another associate of the President has become ~

**involvement / situation: rope**

## **entranced**

entranced by one player  
lots of people are ~ in particular (Zion Williamson)

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic**

## **entrenched**

entrenched in Atlanta  
Mexican drug traffickers are firmly ~

entrenched in Uganda  
anti-gay feeling is ~

entrenched attitudes  
~ still make it difficult to report rape (Mexico)

entrenched bureaucracy  
the VA is an ~

entrenched insider  
he is a Washington outsider facing down ~s

entrenched interests  
powerful ~ will thwart him

entrenched leader  
the protests have toppled ~s in Egypt and Tunisia

entrenched practice  
she is seeking asylum from Guinea's ~ of FGM

culturally entrenched  
child-rearing traditions are ~ (diapers, etc.)

deeply entrenched (m)  
lighting fireworks to celebrate is a ~ custom (Peru)

firmly entrenched  
Mexican drug traffickers are ~ in Atlanta  
the videos appear to be ~ in the blogosphere

well entrenched  
Wal-Mart's reputation is ~

even more entrenched  
denial is becoming ~ (in politics)

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**  
**protection & lack of protection: ground, terrain & land**  
**survival, persistence & endurance: military**

## **envelope (push the envelope)**

push the envelope  
trendsetters ~ (eco-friendly motels)  
entertainment continues to ~ (sex and kids)

pushed the envelope  
the company has always ~ (oil drilling)

pushing the envelope  
he was always ~, looking for a good time

pushing the envelope  
he was always ~, looking for a good time

pushes the envelope on safety

the race often ~ (Giro d'Italia death in 2011)

push the envelope on what  
they are trying to ~ is possible... (Google)

♦ This expression originated with test pilots and flying.

**restraint & lack of restraint: plane / verb**  
**constraint & lack of constraint: plane / verb**

## envision (verb)

envisioned the end  
it was not how he ~ of his character (TV show)

**consciousness & awareness: eye / verb**

## epic

epic  
to a climber, "~" means "near total disaster"

epic battle  
their ~s for championship crowns (sports)  
hooked makos diving into boats during ~s with anglers  
their ~ Saturday night (Micky Ward vs. Arturo Gatti)

epic bout  
wondering if an ~ was in store (boxing)

epic chronicle  
Robert Caro's ~ of the life and times of Lyndon Johnson

epic confrontation  
the expedition was not supposed to be an ~ with death

Epic Conquest  
"East of the Sun, the ~ and Tragic History of Siberia"

epic day  
this was an ~ (satisfied motorcyclist)  
tales of an ~ at Waimea Bay (surfing)

epic failure  
he stands at the precipice of ~ (politician)

epic game  
its ~ against the Soviets (hockey)  
Syracuse won an ~ (6 overtimes)

epic party  
remembering swells and ~s (surfing milieu)

epic rivalry  
Muhammad Ali's ~ with Joe Frazier (boxers)

epic scale  
the ~, and epic inefficiency, of China's coal economy

epic (playoff) series  
O'Neal wouldn't allow this ~ to end early (NBA)

epic terms  
Mendes saw the material in larger, ~ (comic books)

epic (surf) wave  
an ~ had formed over Brookmont Dam (kayaking)

epic breakout  
the Marines' ~ from Chosin (Korean War)

Everest epic  
accounts of the 1963 ~ resonated loud and long

gangster epic  
this grandly stylized ~ (John Woo / A better Tomorrow)

**superlative: Iliad & Odyssey**

## epicenter

epicenter of that battle  
Birmingham became the ~ (for civil rights)

epicenter of the disease  
in Nigeria, the ~ in Africa (polio)

epicenter of the (new) disease  
New York City, the ~ (AIDS)

epicenter of the epidemic  
Gorakhpur, the ~ (Japanese encephalitis)

epicenter of youth culture  
the ~ (Shimokitazawa in Tokyo)

riot's epicenter  
South-Central, the ~ (LA)

**location: earthquake**

## epidemic

epidemic  
amid that ~, one single infection was fateful (NotPetya)

epidemic of crack  
the neighborhood is recovering from an ~

epidemic of fear  
an ~ has spread over about 130 villages (black magic)

epidemic of piracy  
there has been an ~ off the coast of Somalia

epidemic of violence  
an ~ which is rapidly spreading  
there's an ~ that is sickening the soul of this nation

epidemic proportions  
underage drinking has reached ~

crack epidemic  
the nineteen-eighties issued in the ~

cheating epidemic  
some blame schools for the ~

hidden epidemic  
sex trafficking is a ~ (US)

stem the epidemic  
we have done nothing to ~ of violence

verge on an epidemic  
mental health problems that ~ (colleges)

**affliction: health & medicine**

**extent & scope: health & medicine**

**amount & effect: health & medicine**

## equilibrium (noun)

emotional equilibrium

trolls try to disrupt your ~ (Internet)

**equilibrium & stability: scale**

## erase (verb)

erase his past

he would like to ~ (a gang member)

erase the event from his life

he tried to ~ (sexually assaulted)

**concealment & lack of concealment: verb / writing & spelling**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / writing & spelling**

## erased

erased from public discourse

this moment in history has been all but ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: writing & spelling / verb**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / writing & spelling**

## erode (verb)

eroded

America's military superiority has ~ to a dangerous degree

erode ("traditional") beliefs

modernization need not ~ in the supernatural (sangomas)

erodes (social) cohesiveness

an epidemic ~

erode confidence

corrections and retractions ~ in science (journals)

eroded (public) confidence

the accident has ~ in aviation safety

eroded their (political, spiritual and cultural) power

British policies further ~ (Maasai)

erodes the (moral) underpinnings

capitalism ~ of society

erode (indigenous) Tibetan culture

critics fear the railroad will ~

confidence (in him) has eroded

public ~ markedly (leader of country)

grip (on this country) may be eroding

the king's ~

threaten to erode

divisions ~ France's tradition of equality (Muslims)

**decline: erosion / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: erosion / verb**

## eroding

eroding (ring) skills

questions about his ~ (Mike Tyson, the boxer)

**decline: erosion**

**failure, accident & impairment: erosion**

## erosion

erosion of (intelligence) assets

citing the ~

erosion of confidence

the recrimination betrayed an ~ (Israeli raid)

erosion of (Aboriginal) culture

the historic ~

erosion of privacy

each new ~ (Internet)

erosion of profits

with the ~ (US sheep industry)

erosion of support

he faces an ~ (a politician)

erosion of (sexual) values

it's wrong to blame popular culture for the ~

erosion of viewership

broadcasters alarmed at the ~

erosion of (NASA's) technical skills

experts point to an ~

ratings erosion

the two TV game shows are facing serious ~

physical and cultural erosion

American Indians try to reverse decades of ~ (diet, etc.)

blame popular culture for the erosion

it's wrong to ~ of sexual values

**decline: erosion**

**failure, accident & impairment: erosion**

## erupt (feeling)

erupts in anger

just then he ~ and... (drunk)

erupted in celebration

the Fire Hall ~ (rescue of miners)

erupted in cheers

when he came across the finish line, we all ~

erupts into cheers

the crowd of soldiers ~ (Bagram)

erupted with joy

the Yankees' dugout ~ (sports)

cheers erupted

more ~ (rescue of coal miners)

panic erupted

the victims were trampled to death when ~ (Haj)

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb**

## erupt (verb)

erupted in Kinshasa  
fighting ~ (Congo)

erupted in Lagos  
violence ~

erupted in Tibet  
in 2008 protests ~

erupted on message boards  
squabbles ~ (online investments)

erupted during a (motorcycle) rally  
a wild clash that ~

erupted in protest  
Lebanon ~ when Hariri was murdered

erupt in violence  
political races in the Niger Delta frequently ~

erupted in civil war  
Libya has ~

erupted into violence  
Haiti, which ~ three weeks ago  
long-simmering ethnic tensions have ~

erupt (quickly) into (violent) free-for-all  
rallies can ~ (Kenya)

Egypt is erupting  
~ (protests.)

chaos erupted  
~ in the diner (Seacrest Diner attack)  
the ~ at a security checkpoint (at an airport)

conflicts erupt  
when ~, MSF sends teams of surgeons...

controversy erupted  
~ when a white fraternity performed a skit...

crisis erupts  
the US will need to strike preemptively before a ~

fire erupted  
more enemy ~ and he dove for cover behind a rock;

lawlessness erupts  
when disasters occur, ~

protests erupted  
~ (Korea)

riots erupted  
the ~ after Japan scored (in Moscow / World Cup)

squabbles erupted  
~ on online-investor message boards

trouble erupted  
some minor ~

trouble will erupt

bikers have been wondering if ~ in Sturgis (rally)

violence erupted  
last year ~ in France's small towns (Beurs / Rebeus)

gunfire erupts  
~, and bodies sprawl everywhere

warfare erupted  
gang ~ in Compton as the Bloods sought revenge...

fighting erupted  
the ~ July 20 between... (rival political gangs)  
~ in Kinshasa (Congo)

caused (racial) tensions to erupt  
the altercation ~

♦ Sounds from the eruption of Krakatoa volcano in the Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra in 1883 were heard up to 3,000 miles away, but not by everyone, due to peculiarities of sound waves and the atmosphere.

**initiation: volcano / verb**

**amount & effect: volcano / verb**

## eruption

eruption of violence  
the ~ has dashed hopes (Middle East)

eruption of gunfire  
he heard the ~ (combat)

**initiation: volcano**

**amount & effect: volcano**

## escalate (verb)

violence escalated  
the ~ on Saturday (protests)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb**  
**increase & decrease: movement / verb**

## essence

essence  
his ~ rather than his show-biz surface

essence of the (scientific) method  
the ~ lies in the repeatable result

essence of motherhood  
the ~ is to nurture, protect, love

essence of childhood  
the ~, of course, is play ("Childhood," by Bill Cosby)

**bases / substance & lack of substance: chemistry**  
**analysis, interpretation & explanation: chemistry**

## etch (verb)

etched their mark  
his companies ~ on city skylines (developer)

etched itself into my memory  
the photo ~

etched him in my mind

that experience has forever ~

**impression: mark / tools & technology / verb**

## etched

etched in their faces

I could see despair and suffering ~

etched in the (tribe's permanent) memory

the crime will remain ~ (murder of tribal cop)

etched in the (country's) memory

the murders are ~

etched in stone

reform is not yet ~

none of the rules are ~ (about health)

nothing is ever ~ (planning)

etched by the weather

her face is ~

**impression: mark / tools & technology**

## eureka

eureka moment

but the ~ came when...

♦ This word is Greek and translates as, "I found it!" Its utterance is associated with the scholar Archimedes. The word is the state motto of California and refers to the discovery of gold and the Californian Gold Rush.

**success & failure: mining**

**searching & discovery: allusion / mining**

**comprehension & incomprehension: water**

## evangelical (adjective)

evangelical about camels

Lauren Brisbane is ~ and their milk (in Australia)

evangelical certainty

she speaks in staccato bursts of ~ (death penalty)

**message: religion**

## evangelist (person)

evangelist for veterans' care

he is the President's ~

evangelist for energy efficiency

he has been an ~ (Nobel Prize winner)

evangelist for the idea

I really became an ~ (E.O. Wilson / inclusive fitness)

developer evangelist

she is a ~ who teaches programming to girls

open-source evangelist

Bruce Perens, an ~ (computing)

Web evangelist

I come from print, I'm not much of a ~ (newspapers)

culinary evangelist

he is a ~ out for converts (chef)

**message: religion**

**enthusiasm: person / religion**

**person: religion**

## evaporate (verb)

forces evaporated

despite their vows to fight to the death, their ~ (rebels)

revenue has ~

~ in the digital-music industry

good will has evaporated

the ~ (government)

**appearance & disappearance: water / verb**

## eve (on the eve)

on the eve of destruction

we are ~

♦ "Eve" relates to "evening."

**proximity: day**

## even-handed (adjective)

even-handed policy

he's striven to maintain an ~

**judgment: hand**

## evil eye

parting evil eye

she gave me a ~

power of the evil eye

witches were said to destroy their victims by the ~

black magic and the evil eye

~ take effect with the help of the jinn

ward off the evil eye

an inverted hand by the door to ~

Middle Eastern amulets meant to ~ (Hand of Fatima)

protect against the evil eye

he wore a paper amulet around his neck to ~ (Liberia)

attributed to the evil eye

disease and death were often ~

terrified of the evil eye

the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was ~

**danger: eye**

## eviscerate (verb)

eviscerated the prosecution's case

she ~, point by point (a judge)

**destruction: health & medicine / verb**

## eviscerated

eviscerated by liberal judges and politicians

the justice system has been ~

**destruction: health & medicine**

## exclamation point

put an exclamation point on that round  
he ~ (strong finish to MMA match)

put a (major) exclamation mark on her career  
she has ~ (Sawa Homare / football)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters**

## excommunicated

excommunicated from the movement  
he has been ~

excommunicated from the priesthood  
he was ~ of economists

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## exhausted (adjective)

exhausted  
our armed forces are ~

exhausted with its wars  
the US is ~ in Iraq and Afghanistan

exhausted and broken  
an ~ post-war Britain in 1948

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## exhaustion (noun)

moral exhaustion  
beneath the pep talks is a rueful sense of ~

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## exhume (verb)

exhumes skeletons  
Poland ~ in its Communist closet

**searching & discovery: burial / death & life / verb**

## exile (in exile)

in exile  
you're in the inner circle, or you're ~ (politics)  
he's no longer ~, but... (access to President)

**society: ground, terrain & land**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: society**  
**acceptance & rejection: society**

## exile (noun)

period of exile  
the political party can look forward to a long ~

**society: ground, terrain & land**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: society**  
**acceptance & rejection: society**

## exiled

exiled from wealth and social standing

in his eyes, the family had been ~ (poor)

**society: ground, terrain & land**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: society**  
**acceptance & rejection: society**

## exit (noun)

exit  
I'm not surprised by his ~ (resignation)

urging an exit  
his generals and the prime minister were ~ (a leader)

rush for the exits  
US troops will not "~" (in Afghanistan)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / theater**

## exodus (noun)

exodus of civilians  
he expects a further ~ (war)

exodus of staff members  
the magazine has been bled by an ~

exodus of doctors, engineers, scientists  
Venezuela suffers from an ~ and other professionals

exodus (of women) from the (science) fields  
her paper examines the ~

immigrant exodus  
Italy fears an ~ on a biblical scale (from Libya)

management exodus  
the company has seen a ~

vacation exodus  
the ~ brought Beijing to a standstill (Autumn Festival)

annual exodus  
"mudik" is an ~ in Indonesia (visiting the countryside)

prompted a (small) exodus  
the score ~ towards the exits (sports)

led to a (huge) exodus  
Germanization of Metz ~ of the French

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: Bible / religion**

## exorcise (verb)

exorcise  
Baathism remains a ghost that Iraq can't ~

exorcise the demons  
we must ~ of the past... (history)

exorcised that ghost  
European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

**amelioration & renewal: creature / religion / verb**  
**dismissal, removal & resignation: creature / religion / verb**



reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: creature / religion / verb

## expedition (fishing expedition)

fishing expedition

the government claimed the investigation was a ~ (politics)  
traffic stops that became ~s (police and Latinos)

fishing expedition for information

it appears to be a ~, casting a very broad net

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish / hunting

searching & discovery: animal / fish / hunting

## expense (at the expense)

at the expense of Arabs

Turkey's growing regional role will not be ~

at the expense of the animals

owners cut costs and corners ~ (ranches)

at the expense of (naive) consumers

sophisticated consumers can profit ~

at the expense of the family

but all this success was ~... (working women)

at the expense of the poor

privatization further enriches the rich ~

at the expense of his life

his actions ~... (Medal of Honor)

at the expense of troop levels

shifting troops to Baghdad will come~ elsewhere

at Owner's Expense

Violators will be Towed Away ~ (airport)

at your expense

it will be ~

profit at the expense of naive consumers

sophisticated consumers can ~

cost & benefit: money

## experiment (noun)

experiment

the US is often referred to as an ~

\* "A fool, you know, is a man who never tried an experiment in his life."  
(Erasmus Darwin to Richard Lovell Edgeworth.)

experimentation: chemistry

## explode (destroy)

exploded

it's been a year since the economy ~

destruction: explosion

## explode (emotion)

explodes

she ~ (becomes angry)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / pressure / verb / weapon

initiation: explosion / pressure / verb / weapon

## explode (initiation)

explode into violence

he let his anger ~

exploded in violence

months of protests that ~ late Thursday

exploded with support

the Internet ~ for Hanson

intifada exploded

in 1987, when the first ~ through Gaza and...

situation exploded

the whole ~ (divorce / violence)

violence could explode

~ after the traditional mourning period (Caucasus)

starting to explode

the whole punk-rock scene was just ~

initiation: explosion / verb

## explode (increase)

exploded in popularity

rafting and camping ~ (below a dam)

exploded in the past decade

wakeboarding has ~

exploded in the United States

the sport has ~ (soccer)

exploded in the last few years

the black market has ~ (for Venus flytraps)

enrollment has exploded

UMUC's ~, from 21,100 to 30,700 this year

interest (in cookie decorating) has exploded

~ in recent years

population has exploded

the town's ~ in the last decade (increased)

population (of Niger) has exploded

the ~ (increased dramatically)

use (of Ecstasy) is exploding

the ~

Internet modeling has exploded

~ in all forms (teen modeling)

caused the (mouse) population to explode

the hunting of snakes has ~

increase & decrease: explosion / verb

initiation: explosion / verb

## **explode (onto the scene, etc.)**

exploded onto the scene  
she ~ last year (a singer)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion**

## **exploding**

exploding population  
the world's ~  
ensuring flood control for South Florida's ~

**increase & decrease: explosion**

## **explore (analyze)**

explore this  
let's ~... (the topic of tariffs)

explores the lives  
his book ~ of Native Americans

explores the (counterintuitive) notion  
he ~ that... (decision-making)

explore the possibility  
~ of a negotiated settlement (Middle East)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / verb**

## **explore (discover)**

explored (several) fantasies  
we ~ with each other (Internet)

explore my (secret) fantasies  
my website allows me to ~

explores matters of love, sex, and commitment  
the film ~

explore the Bard's life and work  
we will ~ (BBC program)

**searching & discovery: journeys & trips / verb**

## **explosion (violence, etc.)**

explosion of violence  
both sides shared the blame for the ~

**initiation: explosion**

## **explosion (sound)**

explosion of gunfire  
he heard the ~ (combat)

**sound: explosion**

## **explosion (increase)**

explosion of (arctic) flowers  
May and June bring an ~

explosion in (graphics) technology  
the ~

explosion in (cellphone) use  
the ~ has had an impact on 911 operations

explosion of (international) trade and travel  
the ~ that's occurred

AIDS explosion  
the potential for an ~ in the country (India)

crime explosion  
the ~ (in Venezuela)

information explosion  
there is a tremendous ~ today

potential for an (AIDS) explosion  
the ~ in the country (India)

**increase & decrease: explosion**

## **explosive (power)**

explosive burst  
you load the dart in the mouthpiece and exhale in an ~

**power: explosion**

## **explosive (increase)**

explosive growth  
the ~ of the textile industry  
the ~ in technology over the past few decades  
keeping up with the ~ of scientific data (storage)

explosive rate  
condo conversion sales have been increasing at an ~

**increase & decrease: explosion**

## **explosive (violence, etc.)**

explosive situation  
they discussed the ~ in the Palestinian territories

**initiation: explosion**

## **express (Pineapple Express, etc.)**

Pineapple Express  
the ~ is the source of moisture into southern California  
the ~ is an atmospheric river (into southern California)

**force: epithet / train**

## **expressway (expressway to death, etc.)**

expressway to death  
National highway 8 is known as the ~ (India)

**route: epithet / infrastructure**

## **extinguish (verb)**

extinguish (negative) behaviors  
a discipline plan to ~ (school)

**destruction: fire / verb**

## extracurricular

extracurricular activities

prying into employees' harmless ~

extracurricular uses

~ of the office computer

**extent & scope: school & education**

## eye (verb)

eyed me suspiciously

he ~

**sight: eye / verb**

## eye (appearance and reality)

meets the eye

there is more to him than ~

a closer look at the numbers finds less there than ~

**appearance & reality: eye**

## eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)

Eye of Kuruman

the ~ is a natural spring (Die Oog / S. Africa)

Eye of the Sun

the ~ is a natural arch in Monument Valley, Arizona

♦ The Eye (Die Oog) in Kuruman is the largest known natural spring in the southern hemisphere. The unofficial emblem of the town of Zastron, also in South Africa, is Die Oog (the Eye). In Zastron's case, the Eye consists of two rock pillars, connected side by side. Near the top, a hole goes completely through the rock. That hole looks like an eye.

**proper name: eye**

**shape: eye**

## eye (public eye)

in the public eye

this will boost his image ~ (a fallen celebrity)

out of the public eye

he has created a new life ~...

came to the public eye

it never ~ (campus espionage)

remained in the public eye

Wilma Mankiller has ~ (Cherokee leader)

brought windsurfing into the public eye

he ~

**appearance & reality: eye**

## eye (attention)

Eye on America

features like ~ (network news)

eyes and ears

they were all ~ (Germans at a Oglala Sioux powwow)

all eyes

~ were on Kate (performance)

once again ~ are on the Dallas district attorney (crime)

wary eyes

her ~ took me in at a glance

prying eyes

she retreated there from ~

wandering eye

he was a lecher with a ~

wandering eyes

~ and other suspicious test activity (cheating)

caught my eye

she ~ (attraction)

caught his eye

a large display of toothpaste ~ (in a store)

deviations from Islamic social norms also ~

caught Jean's eye

when I ~ again, I nodded towards...

keep an eye on

is there anything else to ~ (elections)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye**

## eye (character and personality)

stars in her eyes

she has ~ (not practical)

she had ~ and a sense of her own destiny (Elizabeth Holmes of Theranos)

**character & personality: eye**

## eye (open eyes, etc.)

eye opening

it was very ~ for me (kids' comments)

with eyes (wide) open

the decision was made ~ (foreign policy)

go into this with our eyes open

it is critical that we ~ (elections)

keeps an (eagle) eye out for infractions

he ~

keep an eye out for you

I'll ~ (watch for your arrival)

keep my eyes open

I ~ (for opportunity)

keep your eyes open

~ (warning)

opened my eyes to the opportunities

the experience ~

open your eyes to the reality

~ that there is big-town crime here (Taos)

big eyes

a stranger has ~ but sees nothing (proverb / traveling)

roving eye  
my husband has a ~

**consciousness & awareness: eye**

**eye (closed eyes, etc.)**

eyes closed  
people didn't go into this with their ~ (Brexiters)

**consciousness & awareness: eye**

**eye (for the eyes)**

feast for the eyes  
it was a ~

sight for sore eyes  
he was a ~

**appearance: eye**

**eye (eye candy)**

eye candy  
many go to auto shows looking for ~

blond eye candy  
there's lots of ~ Down Under (Oz)

**appearance: eye**

**eye (goal)**

eye  
he had his ~ on the nomination (Ted Kennedy)

dollar signs in their eyes  
companies with ~

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: eye**

**eye (turn a blind eye)**

turned a blind eye  
as China hacked, U.S. businesses ~

turn a blind eye to the consequences  
loggers learn to ~ of clear-cutting

turn a blind eye to polygamy  
local officials ~ (southeastern Turkey)

turn a blind eye to the problem  
we cannot ~

turned a blind eye to terrorism  
they have ~

turn a blind eye to cruelty and crime  
the state should never ~ (honor killings, etc.)

bribed to turn a blind eye  
officials were ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb**

**eye (bat an eye / eyelash)**

bat an eye

the students don't ~ at the sight of fast-food-delivery robots  
(a university)

bat an eyelash  
he didn't ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture / verb**

**eye (perception)**

in the eyes of the US  
it has done a bit to improve its standing ~ (a country)

in the eyes of his competitors  
~, he is the best (mixed-martial arts)

in the eyes of the public  
Muhammed Ali is still the champion ~

in the eye of the beholder  
beauty is ~

with his geologist's eye  
~, he found a field nearby and found...

with a practiced eye  
he watches ~ (an anthropologist)

with fresh eyes  
people are looking at his issue ~ (foreign aid)

with new eyes  
a student may see home ~ (after studying abroad)

with a suspicious eye  
those who come to Jerusalem are watched ~

with suspicious eyes  
sportswomen are looked at ~ (homophobia)

to the (outside) eye  
the system appears medieval ~ (Afghanistan)

to a (trained) eye  
the data reveals a disturbing pattern ~

to the (untrained) eye  
it may look complicated ~ but...  
clues not apparent ~ (police)

to (Mexican) eyes  
~ the US has more than its share of everything...

eyes of an expert  
what is most important is the experience of the ~

leaders' eyes  
countries whose ~ are fixed on domestic voters (summit)

painter's eye  
the workings of a ~

keen eye  
a ~ is the result of training and practice (landmines)  
recognizing traps demands intuition and a ~

watches with a practiced eye  
he ~ (an anthropologist)

see home with new eyes  
a student may ~ (after studying abroad)

looking at this issue with fresh eyes  
people are ~ (foreign aid)

looked at with a suspicious eye  
sportswomen are ~ (homophobia)

watched with a suspicious eye  
those who come to Jerusalem are ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**

## eye (resemblance)

eye  
I was here when the ~ came right over the island

eye of the storm  
the ~ passed over Portsmouth (hurricane)

hurricane's eye  
police rescued 5 families when the ~ passed over

storm's eye  
Gulf Shores, where the ~ blew ashore (hurricane)

defined eye  
a minimal hurricane with 75 mph winds and a ~

eyes of the coconut  
pierce two ~ with a sharp object

**resemblance: eye**

## eye (an eye for an eye)

eye for an eye-style (m)  
a crowd gathered to demand ~ justice (Pakistan)

**revenge: eye**

## eye (subterfuge)

throw smoke and dust in the eyes  
they are trying to ~ of the investigators (lawyers)

**subterfuge: eye**

## eye (sight)

met our eyes  
an unusual sight ~ (on a wilderness trip)

believe my eyes  
I couldn't ~

**sight: eye**

## eye (surveillance)

eye in the sky  
you can put an ~ (drone / UAVs)

under the (watchful) eyes of their mothers  
the cubs hunt ~

under the (watchful) eyes of (security) officers  
he was constantly ~

got out from under the father's (controlling) eye  
when she ~

keep a (close) eye on her  
we have to ~

keep a (close) eye on them  
we ~ (detainees)

keep a (good) eye on her  
I have to ~

keep a (watchful) eye on players  
coaches must ~ (heat stroke in summer)

eyes of (U.S. spy) satellites  
the eagle ~

Dragon Eye  
the portable ~ (an unmanned aerial vehicle) (military)

robot eye  
a ~ attached to the Internet, which visitors could control

robotic "eye"  
a free-flying ~ that can circle the space station

sets of eyes  
the robots could serve as extra ~ (PSA)

eyes of Boston Harbor  
we're asked to be the ~ (a Yacht club, terrorism)

eyes and ears  
the public is our ~ (police manhunt)

"eyes and ears" of the commander  
the Air Cavalry Team is the ~ (military)

eyes and ears of the (battalion) commander  
we serve as the ~ (scout/snipers)

eyes and ears of the community  
"Amber" alerts mobilized the ~ (child kidnappings)

eyes and ears of the outside world  
African Union monitors serve as the sole ~ (Darfur)

ears and eyes in the sky  
the NSA, Uncle Sam's ~

eyes and ears on the ground  
he worked under cover as Al Jazeera's ~

show for the eyes and ears  
it's a ~ (gambling at casino)

keeping our eyes and ears open  
we're definitely ~

♦ Positive controls provide a means to put "eyes" on a target. (Military.)

**surveillance: eye**

## eye (see eye to eye, etc.)

see eye to eye with my (new) boss  
I don't ~

see eye to eye

we will never ~  
they don't always ~ (European leaders)  
they might ~ (two leaders)

**unanimity & consensus: eye**

### eye (naked eye)

naked-eye observer  
an inexperienced ~ (sky phenomena)

naked-eye light phenomena  
~ in the sky

naked eye, binoculars or telescope  
don't look at the sun with the ~

invisible to the naked eye  
trace evidence looks at microscopic evidence ~

visible to the naked eye  
the comet should be ~

**help & assistance: clothing & accessories**

### eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)

up to their eyeballs in (dangerous) chemicals  
these fish are ~ (tomcods in New York and New Jersey)

**involvement: eye**

### eyeball (attention)

eyeball  
"~s," or the number of people drawn to a Web site

brought a ton of eyeballs to her sport  
her sex appeal has ~ (Danica Patrick)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye**

### eyeball (sight)

map, eyeball, and stars  
troops were still navigating by ~ (pre-GPS)

**sight: eye**

### eyebrow (raise eyebrows)

raised eyebrows  
it ~ last month when... (officer criticizes another officer)  
the report ~...  
his comments on the prospect of a female Dali Lama ~

raises an eyebrow  
the timing ~

raised no eyebrows  
the marriage ~ (professor / student)

instantly raised eyebrows  
the timing of the murder ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture**

### eye-catching

eye-catching glow

she projected a happy, ~

eye-catching moves  
he's got ~ (a very good lacrosse player)

eye-catching (white) suit  
a curvy Southern belle in an ~

eye-catching painted squares

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye**

### eye-opener

eye-opener  
the visit was an ~  
it is an ~ in several ways ("Lan Yu," filmed in Beijing)

**consciousness & awareness: eye**

### eye-opening

eye-opening  
the new information was ~ (a murder investigation)

**consciousness & awareness: eye**

### eye-popping

eye-popping (stock) performance  
years of ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: eye**

### eye-roll (dismissal)

biggest eye-roll  
that is the ~ I've ever seen you do (BBC's The Hurricane Tapes)

become an eye-roll  
the term has ~ (*woke*)

**feeling, emotion & effect: bodily process / eye / gesture**

### eyesore

eyesore  
the tower is an ~ (on a mountain)  
the cell tower near Yellowstone's Old Faithful is an ~  
the armory is an ~ right now and needs a facelift

armory is an eyesore  
the ~ right now and needs a facelift

tower is an eyesore  
the ~ (on a mountain)

criticized as an eyesore  
the cell tower has been ~ (in Yellowstone)

**appearance: eye**

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### fabric (environment)

fabric of (accepted) conduct  
cheating is woven into the ~

fabric of democracy  
people living and working together is the ~

fabric of our nation  
their legacy is woven through the ~ today (gen WW I)

fabric of our society  
this division tears at the very ~ (elite vs. underclass)

city's fabric  
violence has become a part of the ~ (Baltimore / drugs)

social fabric  
the stress of collapsing economies can tear the ~ apart  
we have to consider the ~ of Lebanon (politics)

part of the fabric  
I don't remember it being ~ (a sports tradition)

part of the (city's) fabric  
violence has become a ~ (Baltimore / drugs)

fraying the fabric  
logging and roads are ~ of nature

eat away at the fabric  
these are things that ~ of our city (hate crime on gays)

tearing at the fabric  
this is ~ of people's lives (oil spill)

threaded itself into the fabric  
the gang has ~ of the village

woven into the fabric  
cheating is ~ of accepted conduct  
Arab Americans are deeply ~ of America

**environment: cloth**

## **fabricate (verb)**

fabricated his account  
there was no reason to believe that he ~ (crime)

fabricate data  
the fear that doctors who own company stock will ~ (drugs)

fabricated evidence  
he ~ that he had cloned human cells (scientist)

fabricated the figures  
many questioned whether the medical examiner had ~

fabricated and falsified  
MIT said he ~ data in a scientific paper;  
he ~ research findings (breast-cancer researcher)

**creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb**

## **fabricated**

fabricated data  
a large study was based on ~ (published cancer study)

inaccurate, incomplete or fabricated (m)  
~ evidence

**creation & transformation: manufacturing**

## **fabrication (lying)**

fabrication  
the quote was a ~

fabrication and plagiarism  
he committed widespread ~ in news articles

**creation & transformation: manufacturing**

**facade (noun)**

facade of respectability  
he lifted the ~ to reveal the hypocrisy

peered behind the facade  
the center's reputation had taken some hits from reporters  
who'd ~

**appearance & reality: infrastructure**  
**substance & lack of substance: infrastructure**  
**concealment & lack of concealment: infrastructure**

**face (look something in the face)**

looked their tragic history in the face  
the Americans had never ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb**

**face (in one's face)**

in your face  
some of these feminists can be really ~ (a Swiss woman)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: face**

**face (face facts, etc.)**

face your problems  
you have to ~ head on

face facts  
it's time to ~

face the facts  
she urged her youngest daughter to ~

faced the reality  
he finally ~ that the agency was bumbling (C.I.A.)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb**

**face (face anger, etc.)**

face anger  
leaders ~ across Nigeria

faces the ax  
the show still ~ (TV)

face (tight) budgets  
schools ~

face the challenge  
soldiers must ~ of combat with leadership, initiative, and  
skill

faces a charge

he ~ of theft by deception

faced collapse  
the company asked for government intervention as it ~

face danger  
once you ~ over and over you lose your fear

face death  
they still ~ by beheading (Saudi Arabia)

face my death  
a nursing staff that will help me ~ (dying)

face discrimination  
their children ~ in Somali schools (Somali Bantus)  
many Israeli Arabs say they ~

face (widespread) discrimination  
laborers from rural China ~ (in China)

faces a (potential rabies) epidemic  
the city ~

faces eviction  
the business ~ when its lease expires (nightclub)

faces a (terrible economic) inheritance  
the government ~ (Britain)

face (tough) penalties  
some young abusers do ~ (animal abuse)

face (strong family) pressure  
they ~ to be dutiful sons

faces a (rough) road  
President Obama ~ (politics)

faces (potential) sanctions  
Missouri ~ (sports)

faces (big) test  
US ~ in ambitious troop rotation

faced a (new) threat  
the Rangers ~ (mortars / Takur Ghar)

face forced marriages  
five girls ~ (Pakistan / result of vani tradition)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb**  
**fictive meeting & seeing: face / verb**

**face (in the face of)**

in the face of adversity  
motivate soldiers to fight on ~  
the belief that men must be strong ~ (emotions)

in the face of authority  
the defiant gesture ~

in the face of change  
this marriage tradition is disappearing ~ (Yupiks)

in the face of danger  
we will not blink ~ (military)

in the face of (harrowing) danger  
his heroic actions ~ (military)

in the face of death  
all fear of embarrassment or failure fall way ~

in the face of failure  
the team has demonstrated resilience ~  
why do some persist ~ while others give up

in the face of their fury  
the ceasefire meant little ~

in the face of a (major) threat  
what would they do ~ (military)

in the face of (faculty) unrest  
~ (at a college)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face**  
**resistance, opposition & defeat: face**  
**appearance & disappearance: face**

**face (fly in the face)**

fly in the face of notions  
the 2000 census findings ~ of...

flies in the face of (social) convention  
his work ~ (an artist)

fly in the face of the facts  
his findings ~

fly in the face of power  
artistic works that ~ (an award)

fly in the face of conventional wisdom  
his findings ~ (scientist)

♦ Have you ever been "dive-bombed" by a bird protecting its nest or territory? That may be the basis for this expression.

**resistance, opposition & defeat: bird**

**face (conflict)**

in each other's face  
the coaches wants the players ~ (over mistakes)

get out of my face  
now ~ (leave) (rude)

**conflict: face**

**face (blow up in one's face)**

blow up in his face  
it could ~ (if he ignored the infraction)

blown up in our face  
this has ~ (supporting Somali warlords)

**reversal: explosion / verb**

**face (slap in the face)**

slap in the face  
the offer was a ~ (to relatives of dead miners)

slap in the face of (U.S.) politicians



a ~ (Saddam's view of nine-eleven)

**insult: face**

## face (concept)

loss of face

easing him out of power without a ~

save face

dictators always need to ~ (China / repression)

private face

he had a public face and a ~

public face

I have taken a lot of trouble with my ~ (Noel Coward)

true face

Iranians hide their ~ (speech)

hide their (true) face

Iranians ~ (speech)

♦ "The mind thinks something, the heart feels something else, the tongue says something else, and manners do something else. It doesn't mean people are lying. They are just dealing with you with a different character." (Muhammad Atrianfar, an Iranian newspaper publisher, on the complexities of communicating with his fellow Iranians.)

♦ "Honne or *tatmae*?" (A Japanese expression for the difference between one's public facade and one's real feelings.)

**society: face**

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: face**

## face (international face, etc.)

face of boxing

he changed the ~ (Muhammad Ali)

face of climate denial

President Trump has become the ~ (Al Gore)

face of fashion

model diversity and the ever-changing ~

face of (sideline) protests

he became the ~ (NFL's Kaepernick)

face of resistance

the Dalai Lama is the ~ to Chinese rule (Tibet)

international face

he was the ~ of Iraq (Tariq Aziz)

public face

he is the ~ of the proposed community center  
he has become the ~ of the hospital (chief of trauma)  
the Defense Secretary really is the ~ of the Pentagon to the world

changing face

the ~ of a rural Colorado community (immigration)

**representation: face**

## face (appearance)

baby face

the lean build, ~, and curly brown hair  
a full beard to hide his ~

game face

suit up and put on his ~ (NASCAR driver)  
she had on her ~ (a law-enforcement officer)

**appearance: face**

## face (other)

face value

coins priced well above their ~

smiley-face (m)

~ stickers

## faceless

faceless bureaucracy

try as he may, he cannot penetrate a ~

**identity & nature: face**

## facelift

undergo a (major) facelift

the museum will ~ (Guggenheim)

**amelioration & renewal: face**

## face-saving (concept)

British face-saving

this is just an exercise in ~

face-saving compromise

he has quietly argued for a ~ that would...

exercise in (British) face-saving

this is just an ~

**social interaction: face**

## face up (face up to something)

faced up to the need

the government was forced to ~ for urban planning

face up to this problem

soccer must ~ and tackle it (fan racism)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb**

**action, inaction & delay: face / verb**

## fade (verb)

faded into irrelevance

the group has ~

fades into obscurity

he may not mind if his name ~...

faded into the past

episodes of violence which have long ~ Native Americans)

fade into the background

many prefer to ~ (teen-model sites on Internet)

faded into (grim) determination

my earlier feeling of achievement ~ as we struggled...

fades out of boxing

my hope is that Tyson just ~ (the boxer)

faded after a few weeks  
her latest book got lousy reviews and ~

fades over the course of a month  
anxiety following a trauma that ~ or so isn't depression

faded from the scene  
the anti-crime campaign ~ in most urban areas

faded from sight  
the Rebel Flag ~ when the South was defeated...

fading fast  
America's reputation is ~ (Iraq)

faded steadily  
anxiety following a trauma that ~ over the course of a month

applause faded  
as the ~ and he approached the lectern...

fame faded  
the ~ (a writer)

hopes faded  
~ for 102 miners trapped in a flooded coal mine (China)  
his ~ (Montagnard in Cambodian refugee camp)

impression (soon) fades  
but our initial ~ as... (of a film character)

memories fade  
~... (time)

memories (of Katrina) have faded  
but ~... (New Orleans)

memory (of the Hayman fire) fades  
as ~ (wildfire)

stigma is fading  
the TV appearance of teen victims suggests the rape ~

old ways have been fading  
the ~ (Inuit)

begins to fade  
if we offer hope, then the stigma ~ (HIV and retrovirals)

starting to fade  
old ways of life are ~ as the Arctic thaws

**appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb**  
**decline: light & dark / verb**

**fade away (verb)**

fade away quickly  
their recent memories ~ (the elderly)

memories fade away  
their recent ~ quickly (the elderly)

support fades away  
as his ~... (leader of a country)

burn out or fade away

playboating didn't ~ (whitewater rodeos, etc.)

**appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb**  
**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: light & dark / verb**

**fail (a stunning fail, etc.)**

Amazon fail  
an ~ is a learning experience (restaurant delivery)

stunning fail  
it was a ~ (Boeing's software problems with Max plane)

♦ In the dictionary I use, the only use of fail as a noun is in the expression, "without fail."

**failure, accident & impairment: verb to noun**

**faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)**

faint hearted  
academia, like war, is not for the ~  
this is a tough business model, it's not for the ~ (a pub)

**eagerness & reluctance: heart**  
**courage & lack of courage: heart**

**fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.)**

Fairy Bridge  
we floated under the ~ (a natural arch on Buliu River)

Fairy Castle  
~ is a pillar in Bryce Canyon, Utah

Fairy Dell  
~ is a valley in Nevada

Fairy Ladder Falls  
we visited ~ near Dix Mountain

Fairyland Canyon  
~ is a valley in Bryce Canyon

Palace of the Fairy Queen  
the ~ is a pillar in Bryce Canyon

**proper name: creature**

**fairy tale**

fairy tale ending  
this was not the ~ his glittering career deserved (soccer)

fairy-tale romance  
they had a ~

**resemblance: story / books & reading**

**faith**

blind faith  
he had this ~ in me (defensive coach)

lose faith  
I began to ~ in him

**allegiance, support & betrayal: religion**

## fall (noun)

fall of the (police) state  
with the ~

fall of the Soviet Union  
in the chaotic period following the ~ (nuclear arms)

fall from grace  
it was a stunning ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

stunning fall  
now to the ~ of a CEO

hard fall  
Indonesia's economy has taken a ~

imminent fall  
diplomats predicted Taylor's ~ (Liberia)

took a fall  
religious coexistence ~ under Gen. Zia ul-Huq

**decline: direction**  
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**  
**fall (fall from power, etc.)**

fallen from favor  
she has ~ (a replaced Broadway director)

fell from power  
he ~

stand or fall  
the theory will ~ on the strength of that argument

stood or fell  
the government ~ by its alliance with...

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**  
**fall (defeat)**

fell to the Incas  
the Chimu Kingdom ~ (Peru)

fall to the opposition  
eastern Libya was first to ~

fell in the first round  
4 giants ~ (World Cup soccer)

fell without a shot  
the rebel forces evaporated, and the city ~

city fell  
the rebels fled and the ~ without a shot

**resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / flying & falling / verb**

## fall (fall ill, etc.)

fall ill  
their duty status at the time they ~  
those who do ~ become infectious days earlier (dengue)  
they began to ~ with mysterious symptoms

**decline: direction / verb**

## fall (fall into a coma, etc.)

fell into a (fatal) coma  
he ~ after drinking bourbon (fraternity member)

fell into a (deep) depression  
he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

fall into a funk  
it's easy to ~ about Russia's future  
the jobless aren't the only people who can ~ over work

fell into a (deep) sleep  
he ~

fall into a dream state  
its victims ~ (tokoloshe)

**consciousness & awareness: direction / verb**  
**fall (on Friday, etc.)**

fell on a school night  
Halloween ~

**occurrence: direction**  
**fall (night fell, etc.)**

dark had fallen  
full ~ by now

night had fallen

**occurrence: direction**

## fall (silence fell, etc.)

silence fell  
a ~

**occurrence: direction**  
**fall (numbers)**

fell 50%  
attendance ~

fall to (abnormally low) levels  
causes the blood sugar to ~

fell to 165 pounds from 198  
his weight ~ (injured bedridden skier)

fell to 16 below zero  
temperatures ~

fell to single digits  
his popularity ratings ~

fell to 190 million kilograms  
the country's tea exports ~ (India)

fell steadily  
AIDS cases ~ as new, more effective drugs took hold

attendance fell  
~ more than 50 percent (at a museum)

cases fell

AIDS ~ as new, more effective drugs took hold

exports fell

the country's tea ~ to 190 million kilograms (India)

population has fallen

Malaysia's wild-tiger ~ from 3,000 to 500 (2008)

ratings fell

his popularity ~ to single digits

temperatures fell

~ to 16 below zero

weight fell

his ~ to 165 pounds from 198 (bedridden injured skier)

ridership fell

~ as tourism slumped (cabs)

viewership has been falling

~ (the Olympics)

blood pressure falls

~, the pulse is rapid and weak (shock)

death rates (per vehicle mile) have fallen

**decline: direction / verb**

### fall (money)

fell 6 percent

revenues ~ (a company)

fell by 0.6%

construction spending ~ in November (US)

income fell

its ~ because of... (a company)

prices have been falling

disk ~ (computers / storage)

prices (subsequently) fell

oil ~ as low as \$10 a barrel

revenues fell

~ 6 percent (a company)

shares fall

profits rise, but ~ at G.E.

stock fell

the ~ even though the company...

spending fell

construction ~ by 0.6% in November (US)

continue falling

commission prices are likely to ~

**decline: direction / verb**

### fall (fall into place)

falling into place

all the pieces to this investigation are ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle**

### fall (fall short)

fall (far) short of acceptance

we'll see improvement, but it will ~

fall short of demand

the teacher supply will continue to ~

fell (7,000) short of its (recruiting) goal

the Navy ~

fell (far) short of the (UN) goals

the plan ~ for combating...

falls short of its hype

the city ~ (Seattle)

falls short of requirements

improvise where the logistics system ~ (war)

falls short of (professional) standards

a doctor can be admonished if he ~

fell short of its (enlistment) target

the Navy ~

fall short of torture

methods that ~, such as sleep deprivation

fell (far) short of meeting

it ~ the Congressional intent (government plan)

fell 7,000 short

the Navy ~ of its recruiting goal

**success & failure: direction**

### fall (fall on / upon)

fell upon hard times

she ~

fallen on hard times

the team has ~ (losing record)

**decline: direction**

### fall (an emotion can fall)

rose and fell

hope ~ as the hours passed (mine-rescue attempt)

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

### fall (fall into a rage, etc.)

fell into panic

I ~ (a student)

fell into rages

he ~ (after traumatic brain injury)

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb**

### fall (fall in love)

fell in love with America

I ~ (exchange student)

fall in love with the (area's) seascapes

artists ~ (northern Jutland)

fell in love with (tribal) carvings  
Andre Breton ~ from Oceania (artist)

fell in love with the sport  
like a lot of boys, he ~ straightaway (Ben Raemers)

fallen in love with climbing  
he had ~ after taking a NOLS course

♦ "What can I say, I'm in love with birds." (A birder.)

♦ "To meet a walrus is to fall in love with a walrus." (A walrus researcher.)

♦ "I love maps, and when you get hooked, you get hooked." (W. Graham Arader III, a preeminent map dealer of old American maps.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

**enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage**

### fall (weight)

weight (of the tragedy) fell  
the full ~ over the neighborhood (AIDS)

burden falls  
the ~ primarily on women (decisions)

**oppression: direction / weight**

### fall (fall into a category, etc.)

fall into (3) categories  
pattern injuries ~ (ED)

falls into the (choking-agent) class  
chlorine is a chemical that ~ (ED)

fall into (two) groups  
field services ~—essential and nonessential (war)

fell into (two) groups  
he believed people ~: prey and predator

falls into the (latter) group  
don't worry if your child ~

**taxonomy & classification: direction**

### fall (fall into the hands, etc.)

fallen into the hands  
regions that have ~ of the insurgents

fall into (enemy) hands  
the material could ~ (military)

fell into (rebel) hands  
the stronghold of Korhogo ~

falls into the (company's) lap  
consumer data ~

fall into the hands  
weapons that may ~ of terrorists (NBC, etc.)

fall into the (wrong) hands  
it could ~

fall into enemy hands

he feared the machine gun could ~

fell into the wrong hands  
if the information ~

**possession: direction / hand / verb**

### fall (fall into chaos, etc.)

fell into (bloody, lawless) chaos  
Afghanistan ~

fall into an abyss  
women with eating disorders ~ and can't get out

fall into a (relentless) cycle  
sufferers ~ of compulsive scratching

fallen into disrepair  
the property had ~

fallen into disuse  
many fire lookout towers have ~

fall into the habit  
it is easy to ~ of using stereotypes to prejudge people

fell into the life  
their children ~ of American teenagers (Somalis)

fell into a pattern  
he ~ and was caught (criminal)

fall into prostitution  
homeless kids often ~ as a form of "survival sex"

fell into the trap  
the Marines ~ (ambush in Anbar Province)

fallen into a trap  
the Bush administration has ~ (by invading Iraq)

fell into drug abuse  
she ~, self-mutilation and promiscuity (teenager)

fell into a state of disrepair  
the terminal ~ (Grand Central Terminal)

easy to fall into  
it is ~ the habit of using stereotypes to prejudge people

**decline: direction / verb**

### fall (devolve)

falls to the sheriffs  
the ultimate responsibility for safety ~ (of jailed inmates)

responsibility (for safety) falls  
the ultimate ~ to the sheriffs (of jailed inmates)

**responsibility: direction**

### fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.)

fell off the charts  
the song rose to number 3, then ~

fell off the radar screen  
both men ~ (terrorists)

**appearance & disappearance: direction / verb**

### **fall apart (verb)**

fell apart

my life ~ after I discovered...  
he ~ and turned to heroin (after being molested)  
their relationship ~ (married couple)  
the case ~ (criminal trial)

falls apart

he ~ at the merest hint of frustration (toddler)

fallen apart

the case against him has ~

argument falls apart

but then his ~

arrangement fell apart

less than 2 years later, the ~

life fell apart

my ~ after I discovered...

marriage fell apart

she described how her perfect ~

plans can fall apart

even the best of ~...

things fell apart

that's what happened in Africa, ~ (aid projects)

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb**

### **fall down (verb)**

fell down

he ~ and now he's getting back up (redemption)

**behavior / success & failure: direction / verb**

### **fallen (dead)**

fallen detective

the NYPD payed tribute to its ~ (killed in line of duty)

**euphemism / death & life**

### **fallen (the fallen)**

living and the fallen

may God bless them, the ~ (speech to military)

**death & life: direction**

**euphemism: death & life**

### **fall off (verb)**

rates fall off

~ rapidly after the peak (meteor shower)

**decline: direction / verb**

### **falloff (noun)**

falloff in travel

there has been a ~ to and from Bali (terrorism)

**decline: direction**

### **fallout (effect)**

fallout of an (Iraqi) war

they are worried about the ~ (Egyptians)

fallout from the allegations

the firm faces continued ~ (fraud)

fallout from the incident

the ~ was unexpected and severe

fallout from the resignation

the newspaper is still coping with the ~ of...

political fallout

he faces the potential for ~ (politics)

psychological fallout

the ~ to those who served in Vietnam

mental-health fallout

the ~ has yet to peak (Gulf of Mexico)

contain the fallout

the US seeks to ~ from the murders of civilians

bracing for (more) fallout

Washington is ~ from the scandal

**feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / nuclear energy**

**affliction: atmosphere / nuclear energy**

**effect: atmosphere / nuclear energy**

### **fallow (adjective)**

fallow

the economy is still ~ (lack of growth)

fallow period

she was enduring a ~ and fighting irrelevance (comic)

she endured ~s in her personal life (relationships)

fallow stretch

Disney has seen a ~ at the box office (films)

fallow territory

FIFA sees the US as ~ for soccer's growth

fallow time

it was a ~, a frustrating time for him

lay fallow

his analysis ~ for half a century (economics)

lying fallow

the pier has been ~ for a long time (development)

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant**

### **fall through (verb)**

adoption fell through

if the ~ and they often do...

deal fell through

but the ~ because...

plans had fallen through  
~ (for a shared meal)

sale fell through  
the ~ (protests)

talks fall through  
should the trade ~

**success & failure: direction / verb**

## falter (verb)

negotiations faltered  
he threatened China with new tariffs as ~

plans have faltered  
their ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**failure, accident & impairment: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

## family (group)

European family  
do we want to remain a member of the ~ or wander lost (EU)

drive Greece out of the family  
the EU is a heartless stepmother trying to ~

**relationship: family**

## family (gang / group)

Mafia family  
New York's biggest ~

**group, set & collection: family**

## family (plants)

onion family  
the ramp, a member of the ~

orchid family  
the ~ has more than 40,000 species

plant family  
120 ~s and 300 species (Botanical Gardens)

**taxonomy & classification: family**

## family (animals)

families of Arabian horses  
there are five great ~

dolphin family  
killer whales, or orcas, are the largest members of the ~

pinniped family  
monk seals are the oldest in the ~

equine family  
the donkey, mule, and zebra are all members of the ~

**taxonomy & classification: family**

## family (viruses)

family of coronaviruses  
a new strain from the ~ is to blame (SARS)

family of viruses  
it is a ~ that... (coronaviruses)  
dengue is from the same ~ that causes yellow fever

viral family  
monkeypox is a member of the same ~ as smallpox

**taxonomy & classification: family**

## family (products)

family of engines  
the JT8D-200 is from the same ~ used on midsize jets

notebook family  
the ~ that's won over 800 awards (computers)

combat vehicle family  
each member of the future ~

member of the (future vehicle) family  
each ~ (military)

**taxonomy & classification: family**

## family (languages)

linguistic family  
40 ethnic groups belonging to 3 ~s (Africa)

**taxonomy & classification: family**

## family tree

family tree  
the roots of his ~ lie in Ireland

**branching system: family / tree**

## famine (feast to famine)

feast to famine  
it was ~ in a couple of weeks (laid-off tech worker)

♦ In "Gold Dust," the great writer Ibrahim al-Koni writes eloquently about drought, famine, grief, exile, and homelessness associated with the Sahara Desert.

♦ Upwards of 3 million people died of hunger during the Great Bengal Famine of 1943.

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink**

## fan (verb)

fan the flames  
this senator sought to further ~ of division

fanned the flames  
he has ~ of the controversy

fanning civil war  
Iran and Syria have been ~ in Iraq

**increase & decrease: fire / verb**

**initiation: fire / verb**

## fan (shape)

alluvial fan

a vast ~ extends out into the Bay of Bengal

**shape: fan**

## fanatic (person)

fitness fanatic

he is a ~

health fanatic

he is a fitness trainer and a ~

jade fanatic

Hu Xianli, a self-professed ~ from Zhejiang Province

sports fanatic

she describes herself as a ~ (Miss USA)

camel racing fanatic

a ~ bought a racing camel for \$2.7 million (UAE)

self-professed (jade) fanatic

Hu Xianli, a ~ from Zhejiang Province

describes herself as a sports fanatic

she ~ (Miss USA)

♦ "My motto is, "Be fit, not fanatic." (Exercise in moderation.)

**enthusiasm: person / religion**

## fanfare (attention)

with much fanfare

her appointment was announced ~ (air force)

with little (advanced) fanfare

he visited smaller towns, ~ (a presidential candidate)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: music**

## fan out (verb)

fanning out over the country

census workers are ~ (India)

**movement: fan / shape**

**extent & scope: fan**

## far (progress)

get this far

I never thought I would ~ (immigrant success)

gone too far

we've ~ to turn back now (politics)

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips**

## far (too far)

a bit too far

he takes his theory ~

way too far

this ideology has gone ~

gone too far

he conceded that he had ~ (behavior)

counterterrorism measures have ~

went too far

he claims the officer ~

she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

pushed the limits too far

she has ~ (nudity)

pushed religion too far

the Islamists ~ (a Somali)

erred too far

we have ~ on the side of caution

swung too far

some think the pendulum has ~ and they want to push it back

**behavior: distance**

**restraint & lack of restraint: distance**

## farce (noun)

courtroom farce

the trial was less a drama than a ~

political farce

meanwhile, a ~ took place at Stormont

become a farce

the law has ~ (anonymity destroyed by social media)

descended into a farce

the organizational plans have ~ (Olympic security)

**feeling, emotion & effect: theater**

## farewell (noun)

farewell to comedy

it is her ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: exclamation**

## farm (enterprise)

body farm

the ~ has revolutionized forensic anthropology

cadaver dogs will train at the ~ (North Carolina)

content farm

Demand Media is a ~

~s employ freelance writers

~s supply articles based on search-engine queries

tank farm

one of the facility's two ~s was destroyed (chemicals)

wave farm

the world's first ~ off Portugal (generating electricity)

wind farm

a 20-megawatt ~ with 13-16 windmills

the ~ contains some 4,000 individual windmills (CA)

Wind Farm

the Gray County ~ in Kansas



computer server farm  
his Websites were connected to the same ~ in Russia

wave energy farm  
the US has awarded a permit to conduct testing for a ~

**product: farming & agriculture**

## far-reaching

far-reaching  
his predictions are ~ and broad

far-reaching changes  
Congress is expected to make ~ in the law that...

far-reaching consequences  
the finding could have ~ for how patients...

far-reaching importance  
something of ~

far-reaching and broad  
his predictions are ~

**extent & scope: arm**

## farsighted

heroic and farsighted  
his dedication to space flight was ~ (Von Braun)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**

## fashion (out of fashion)

fallen out of fashion  
empathy has ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: clothing & accessories**

## fat (adjective)

getting fat  
the regime is ~ while the poor suffer

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness**

## fat cat

fat cat  
plutocrats, ~s... (rich politicians)

**money: cat**

## father (Father Time)

Father Time  
there is no stopping ~

**time: family**

## father (father of India, etc.)

father of landscape architecture  
America's ~, Frederick Law Olmsted

father of (modern) hot-air ballooning  
he was the ~ (Ed Yost / propane)

father of bluegrass  
the legendary ~, Bill Monroe

father of American musical comedy  
he is considered the ~ (George M. Cohan)

father of the atomic bomb  
the man known as the ~ (Oppenheimer)

Father of the (Pakistani) bomb  
Abdul Qadeer Khan, the ~ (nuclear)

father of containerization  
Malcolm P. McLean, the ~

father of CPR  
Peter Safar, the “~”

fathers of flight  
the Wright brothers are considered the ~

father of modern gynecology  
James Marion Sims was known as the “~” (fistula)

father of Impressionism  
he is often called the ~ (Manet)

father of India  
Mohandas K. Gandhi, the ~ (from Gujarat)

father of the Internet  
Vint Cerf is often called “The ~”

fathers of (Angola's) independence  
Holden Roberto, one of the ~

father of tropical medicine  
Patrick Manson, the ~

father of Pakistan  
Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the ~

father of progress  
necessity is the mother of invention, discontent is the ~

father of modern surgery  
John Hunter, the ~

father of Russian field surgery  
N.I. Pirogov, known as the ~...

♦ Who teaches me for a day is my father for a lifetime. (A Chinese proverb.)

**creation & transformation: epithet / family  
epithet / person: family**

## fathom (verb)

fathom the magnitude  
she didn't ~ of the problem (immigration)

difficult to fathom  
his demeanor made the attack even more ~ (murderer)

**comprehension & incomprehension: sea**

## fault (fault line)

fault line

the ~s break people into two camps (computers)  
race is the ~

fault lines of ethnicity and class

Sunni-Shiite fault line

the ~ originated in the deserts of Iraq in the 7th century

sectarian fault line

Jurf as-Sakhr sits right on a ~ (Sunni / Shiite)

exposed (deep) fault lines

the referendum has ~ in Latvia (with ethnic Russians)

exposed a (stark) fault line

the Smollett case has ~ between Chicago and its county and state

lays bare the fault lines

the report ~ that divide this group (Amish)

**division & connection: earthquake**

### Faustian (adjective)

Faustian

so we have this bargain, you can call it ~ if you want (with tech)

Faustian bargain

Obama made a ~ with the Republicans to...  
he accused them of striking a ~ to regulate...

**fate, fortune & chance: allusion / person**

### favorite son

favorite son

he was welcomed to Ireland like a ~ (Obama)

**worth & lack of worth: family**

**person: family**

### fealty (noun)

fealty to the Constitution

Republicans took control of the House with a show of ~

fealty to Israel

she has criticized those who demand that she show ~ (Omar Ilhan)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: royalty**

### feast (feast for the eyes)

feast for the eyes

it was a ~

**appearance: food & drink**

### feast (feast to famine)

feast to famine

it was ~ in a couple of weeks (laid-off tech worker)

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink**

### feather (ruffle feathers)

ruffled some feathers

he ~s and bruised egos (a general)

ruffled feathers in Washington

he ~ with his warnings (a diplomat)

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird**

### febrile (adjective)

febrile atmosphere

the judge postponed the trial so it could take place in a less ~

febrile (political) environment

in that ~ (Arab Spring)

**activity: health & medicine / temperature**

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / temperature**

### fed up

fed up

he got ~ and quit the team

~, his wife challenged him to...

people really felt ~ (government corruption)

fed up with being stereotyped

pensioners are ~ on TV as grumpy or sweet

fed up with (growing) hordes

people are ~ of homeless people begging on their streets

fed up with incumbents

the electorate is ~ (elections)

fed up with the police

people are ~ (slow response times)

fed up with their (justice) system

polls show that Mexicans are ~

fed up with the (preferential) treatment

inmates are ~ she's been getting (a jailed celebrity)

fed up with the lack of progress

the commission, ~, gave both parties a year to accept

**feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink**

**consumption: food & drink**

### feed (fuel)

feeds the insurgency

government corruption ~

feed extremism

how poverty may ~ (Morocco)

feeds lawlessness and instability

Afghanistan's immense opium harvest ~

**increase & decrease: food & drink / verb**

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

### feed (direct)

feed intelligence to airlines

the US will now ~ (terrorist watch lists)

**directing: food & drink / verb**

### **feed (supply)**

fed Mayorga a (steady) diet  
he ~ of left hooks and right hands (De La Hoya)

fed the Germans (fake) gossip  
Elvira Chaudoir ~ (World War II)

feeds the (fast farm) empire  
the canal ~ of the Imperial Valley

**supplying: food & drink / verb**

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

### **feed (satisfy)**

feed the (public) appetite  
the Y has increased the number of debates to ~

tap, feed and nurture  
he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink**

**consumption: food & drink**

### **feed (feed on / off / into something)**

fed on his antics  
the tabloid media have ~ for years (a celebrity)

feed on fear  
they ~ of immigrants (extremists)

feeds on itself  
fear ~

feeds off such (public) anger  
the group ~ (collateral damage)

feeds off ignorance  
he's the type who ~ (a radio commentator)

feed off the misery  
there are predators who ~ of the refugees

feed into a (broader public) discontent  
concerns about unions ~ with powerful institution

feeds into (the deepest) fears  
his speech ~

feeds into stereotypes  
his article ~ of American Muslims

feed into and off of  
they ~ of the anger of people (preachers)

**consumption: food & drink**

**increase & decrease: food & drink**

**supplying: food & drink**

### **feed (feed into)**

feed into the Owyhee  
these streams ~ (Idaho river)

**branching system: river / verb**

### **feed (video, etc.)**

feeds off the Web  
TVs can receive video ~

video feed  
tap into the ~ between... (two cities);  
TVs can receive ~s off the Web

live feed  
monitored a ~ from their console video screens  
reporters in another room reported on the ~ (Oscars)

### **feed (other)**

feed automatically  
remaining towels ~ for next use (from canister)

auto feed (m)  
~ function (paper shredder)

### **feedback**

feedback  
the company takes ~ from them  
your ~ will help us  
~ makes clear the connection between...  
give your team members ~ they can act on

feedback on their strengths and weaknesses  
tests give them ~ (students)

feedback about their performance  
give corrective ~ (teachers)

feedback loops  
complex ~ (AI / computers)

consumer feedback  
user-opinion sites offer ~

customer feedback  
text mining software to analyze ~

corrective feedback  
give ~ about their performance (teachers)

immediate feedback  
achievement is higher when kids receive ~ (school)

regular feedback  
~ is more desirable than sporadic feedback (schools)

sporadic feedback  
regular feedback is more desirable than ~ (schools)

give (corrective) feedback  
~ about their performance (teachers)

provides feedback  
the teacher ~ (during seatwork assignments)

### **feeling (sinking feeling)**

sinking feeling  
I had a ~ (on a date)

sinking feeling in the pit

I had a ~ of my stomach (about to lose)

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

## feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)

think on their feet

they must be able to ~ (Green Beret trainees)

land on my feet

my family calls me Kat because I always ~ (survivor)

landed on his feet

he ~ (fired, but found a better job)

get back on its feet

the department is beginning to ~ (university)

get back on their feet

people need help to ~

get back on your feet

this will help you ~ (medicine)

got (back) on his feet

he finally ~ financially

**resiliency: foot**

**amelioration & renewal: foot**

## feet (drag one's feet)

dragging its feet

the Pentagon has been ~ (on legalizing gays in military)

dragging its feet on steroids

the players union must stop ~ (MLB)

dragged its feet on carrying out

Japan's Parliament has ~ laws...

**action, inaction, & delay: foot / movement / verb**

## feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire)

hold their feet to the fire

you've got to ~ (to get them to act)

hold the airline's feet to the fire

he vowed to ~ (a regulator)

**coercion & motivation: fire / verb**

## feet (knock somebody off their feet)

knocked me off my feet

her response ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability**

## feet (stand on one's own two feet)

stand on their own two feet

nobody knows when they will be able to ~ (Iraqi army)

**growth & development: standing, sitting & lying**

## feet (get one's feet wet)

get her feet wet

it's a chance for her to ~

**experience: water**

## feet (feet first)

feet first

the soldiers came out of the hospital, ~ (yellow fever)

**death & life: foot**

**euphemism: death & life**

## feisty (adjective)

feisty (TV) debate

the candidates' divisions were laid bare in the ~

♦ This word can have good and bad connotations. A feist is a small hunting dog, sometimes used in the Southern Appalachians to hunt bear. They can range through the laurel and rhododendron easier than larger dogs.

**character & personality: animal / dog**

## fell (verb)

falls Navy skipper

video scandal ~

**destruction: direction / verb**

## fence (division)

good fences

~ make good neighbors

**division & connection: fence**

## fence (mend fences)

mending fences

he is ~ (trying to re-establish broken trust)

mend fences with the Arab countries

he started to ~ (Abdullah of Jordan)

mend fences with Great Britain

the State Department is trying to ~

**amelioration & renewal: fence / verb**

## fence (straddle the fence)

straddling the (diplomatic) fence

the Yemeni leader is ~ (US vs. Iraq)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: fence**

## fence (fence-straddling)

fence-straddling politician

he's just another ~

♦ The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence!

**allegiance, support & betrayal: fence**

## ferment (noun)

ferment and activity

there is a great deal of ~ in Iran

cultural ferment

it was a time of ~ (Russian poetry)

**activity: alcohol**

## ferret (ferret out)

ferreted out the (hidden) information

they ~

**searching & discovery: animal / verb**

## fester (verb)

fester

better to correct now than to let the situation ~ (relationship)

festering for years

these problems have been ~

hatred festers

~

**corruption: health & medicine / verb**

## fetish (noun)

fetish for manufacturing

they both share a ~ (politicians)

turned him into a fetish

the Republicans have ~ (Ronald Reagan)

**importance & significance: religion**

## fetishize (verb)

fetishize (military) funerals

we ~ so we can continue to allow our kids to be killed

fetishize the work

we ~ of great artists as somehow mythical (music)

**importance & significance: religion / verb**

## feud (noun)

family feud

a long and bitter ~ over the estate of Jimi Hendrix  
this exposes a real ~, a generational divide (Democratic party)

academic feud

this ~ began to poison the project (undersea mapping)

bitter and long-running feud

the bloody culmination of a ~ (cop / citizen)

feud between (next-door) neighbors

a ~ led to a confrontation

flare-up of their long-running feud

the latest ~ (2 NASCAR drivers)

♦ The Howards and the Turners; the Hatfield and the McCoys; the Frenches and Eversoles; the Martins and Tollivers; the Bakers and Howards... (Famous Appalachian family feuds.)

♦ "Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against the Campbells, but I would not stay a night in the company of one." (Said by a MacDonald recently, referring to a massacre of MacDonalds by Campbells after the Campbells had accepted the MacDonalds' hospitality. The murders took place in 1692.)

**conflict: violence**

## fever (fever tree, etc.)

fever tree

yellow-tinged trunks of the ~ glow (Kruger Park)

**proper name: health & medicine**

## fever (behavior)

cabin fever

~ plagues Vermont all winter

people are getting ~

football fever

get ready for ~ (English Premier League start)

launch fever

one thing we have to guard against is ~

lottery fever

~ draws people from surrounding states (to buy tickets)

soccer fever

Germany has Fussballfieber—~ (2006 World Cup)

spring fever

September is the evil twin of ~

summit fever

they call it "~" (failure to summit not an option)

war fever

every few decades, the US catches a case of foreign "~"

Super Bowl fever

not everyone is caught up in ~

"go fever"

we do not want to get ~ (shuttle launches)

patriotic fever

crowds energized with ~ (the Olympics)

yellow fever

some men have ~ (lust for Oriental women)

**behavior: health & medicine**

## feverish (adjective)

feverish activity

it is now the scene of ~ (a disaster)

feverish talk

the ~ of an imminent attack has ebbed (military)

**activity: health & medicine / temperature**

## feverishly

feverishly courting  
she has been ~ black voters

working feverishly  
we are ~ (disaster relief)  
the US is ~ behind the scenes (diplomacy)

worked feverishly  
doctors ~ to save him

**activity: health & medicine / temperature**

## fever pitch (noun)

reached a fever pitch  
speculation ~... (possible military action)

**activity: health & medicine / temperature**

## fiery (character)

fiery (clubhouse) leader  
he is their ~ (an athlete)

fiery preacher  
the ~ has died at 91

fiery temperament  
the son inherited his father's ~

fiery and brash  
she is ~

**character & personality: temperature**

**initiation: fire / temperature**

## field (verb)

fielding calls  
he had been ~ about the accident most of the night

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb**

## fiery (speech)

fiery debate  
heated words were exchanged during the ~

fiery denunciation  
the charges resulted in ~s of labor unions

**speech: temperature**

**initiation: fire / temperature**

## fight (verb)

fighting urban blight  
the group is devoted to ~ (buildings)

fighting to beat back  
Yahoo and AOL are ~ spammers

♦ "It's an uphill battle... We're gonna fight him in congress, we're gonna fight in the courts, and I believe that a large segment of the American public will fight the president on this." (Democratic representative Joaquin Castro of Texas, channeling his inner Winston Churchill.)

**conflict: military / verb**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb**

## fighter (street fighter)

street fighter  
can hope, change and unity beat Trump, or do you have to be a ~  
some wonder if he is the ~ they want or need (candidate)

**conflict: person / violence**

**strength & weakness: person / violence**

## fig leaf

fig leaf to cover  
democracy is only a ~ the powers of capital

fig leaf for its (geopolitical) ambitions  
the US uses the UN as a ~

fig leaf for imperialism  
democracy is a ~

fig leaf for (US) occupation  
the Afghan elections are a ~

fig leaf for politicians  
the reform bill is a ~ opposed to any serious action

fig leaf for (US) withdrawal  
"Vietnamization" was a ~

fig leaf for profiteering  
philanthropy is often a ~

under the fig leaf of comedy  
he hides his conservatism ~

♦ Clement XIII covered the genitalia of the Vatican's nudes with fig leaves.

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

**substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories**

## figurehead (noun)

figureheads  
the old play-writing establishment and its ~

figurehead of the Somali community  
she became a ~ in Canada

**representation: boat**

## filter (verb)

filter the news  
the Chinese ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: air / hygiene / water**

## filthy (bad)

filthy habit  
smoking is a ~

filthy lucre  
I am not immune to the lure of ~ (a writer)

**worth & lack of worth: hygiene**

## filthy (filthy rich)

filthy rich

there's rich and then there's ~

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: hygiene**

## filthy (corruption)

filthy business

greed has turned our health-care system into a ~

filthy mess

we must clean up this ~ (Wall Street)

filthy politics

we have seen eight years of ~

**corruption: hygiene**

## filthy (sex)

filthy joke

he cracked ~s

filthy mind

people who see sex in this have ~s

old people have ~s, too

filthy piece of trash

the book is a ~ ("Lolita" by VN)

called the play filthy

Comstock ~ ("Mrs. Warren's Profession" by GBS)

**sex: hygiene**

## finale (noun)

finale

you've just seen the first act, the ~ is yet to come (trial)

**development: theater**

## find (a date can find us, etc.)

found the travelers in Rome

August 12 ~

**fictive meeting & seeing: verb**

## fine-tune (verb)

fine-tune a search

you can ~ by using wildcards (computers)

fine-tune scripts

she can ~

fine-tuned the work in progress

together they ~

**amelioration & renewal: music / verb**

## finger (accusation)

finger of blame

he points the ~ at his business partner (trial)

finger of guilt

circumstantial evidence also pointed the ~ in this man's direction

accusing finger

it's easy to point an ~

the ~ has been pointed in every direction

**accusation & criticism: finger**

## finger (slip through one's fingers)

slipped through their fingers

he ~ (a criminal)

**attainment: finger / hand / verb**

## finger (in the snap of a finger)

went from 0 to 60 in the snap of a finger

he ~ (car driver)

**speed: sound**

## finger (snap one's fingers)

snap their fingers

can they just ~ and make this happen (policy)

**creation & transformation: finger / gesture / magic**

## finger (point a finger)

pointing fingers at the company

people are ~

point fingers and criticize

a lot of people want to ~ (disaster relief)

right to point fingers

the US has no ~

**accusation & criticism: finger / verb**

## finger (lift a finger)

lift a finger for him

I wouldn't ~

**help & assistance: finger / verb**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: finger / verb**

## finger (fingers crossed)

fingers crossed

~, we go to Sunday full of energy (Liverpool FC)

keeping my fingers crossed

I was ~ (mass shooting survivor)

**fate, fortune & chance: finger / gesture / verb**

## finger-pointing

finger pointing

there was much ~

there is plenty of ~ going on (blame)

finger-pointing

~ began even before the fighting ended

finger-pointing among Democrats

her loss led to a round of ~ (election)

finger-pointing and accusations  
a lot of ~ (NASA failure)

finger-pointing and (political) posturing  
we must put behind us ~ and solve this problem

years of (squabbling and) finger-pointing  
after ~ (UN conference)

squabbling and finger-pointing  
after years of ~ (UN conference)

**accusation & criticism: finger**

### fingerprint

computer fingerprint  
every visit leaves a ~

digital fingerprint  
the program leaves none of the traditional ~s (malware)

genetic fingerprint  
a person's nearly unique ~

Saudi fingerprints  
~ are everywhere (politics)

unique (genetic) fingerprint  
a person's nearly ~

**evidence: finger / mark**

### finger tip (at one's fingertips)

at his fingertips  
he has helicopters and jets ~ (Vice President)

**proximity: finger / hand**

### fire (a question, etc.)

fire the same questions  
they would ~ over and over again (police interrogation)

**conflict: verb / weapon**

### fire (conflict)

racial fires  
he is stoking the ~ (politician)

on fire  
the Middle East is ~ (protests, regime change)

extinguish a fire  
he was trying to ~ that would not die (civil rights)

stoking the (racial) fires  
he is ~ (politician)

**conflict: fire**

### fire (substance)

fire  
where there's smoke, there's ~

**evidence / substance & lack of substance: fire**

### fire (criticism)

incoming fire  
he's going to take all this ~ (a politician)

took incoming fire  
I ~ on social media for that...

**accusation & criticism: military / weapon**

**speech: weapon**

### fire (under fire)

under fire  
his judgment has repeatedly come ~  
he is ~ after an unconfirmed report surfaced...

under fire for not arresting  
the FBI is coming ~

under fire for his policy  
he has come ~ (visas)

under fire from (human rights) groups  
Egypt recently came ~

come under fire  
Chinese mink farms have ~ for skinning minks alive  
his judgment has repeatedly ~ (a prosecutor)

**accusation & criticism: military / weapon**

**speech: weapon**

### fire (draw fire)

drawing fire  
the plan is ~

**accusation & criticism: military / weapon**

**speech: weapon**

### fire (fire back)

firing back  
Smollett is ~ and his legal team is digging in

fired back at her attackers  
she ~

**accusation & criticism: military / weapon**

**speech: weapon / verb**

### fire (flash fire)

flash fire of hope  
he ignited a ~ (Obama)

**amount & effect: fire**

### fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire)

hold their feet to the fire  
you've got to ~ (to get them to act)

hold the airline's feet to the fire  
he vowed to ~ (a regulator)

**coercion & motivation: fire / verb**



## fire (on fire / feeling)

on fire

the team came out ~ (playing well)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire**

## fire (fire and desire, etc.)

fire and desire

they have some young players with ~ (soccer)

competitive fire

he admitted his ~s had been banked (pro athlete)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire**

## fire (light a fire under somebody)

light a fire under him

we need to ~ (motivation)

lit a fire under that boy's ass

whatever it was, something ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

**coercion & motivation: fire / verb**

## fire (fuel on the fire, etc.)

fire of (toxic) political warfare

this will pour fuel on the ~

pour fuel on the fire

this will ~ of toxic political warfare

poured gas on the fire

the president ~ with a provocative tweet (sports issue)

throws gas on the fire

Palin ~ in Iowa (politics)

**increase & decrease: fire**

## fire (play with fire)

playing with fire

you better be careful, you're ~

**fate, fortune & chance: fire / verb**

## fire (catch fire)

caught fire

none of these websites have taken off and ~

the youth movement ~ (US / counterculture)

his campaign ~ in the spring (politics)

his senate race ~ in 2018 (politics)

**initiation: fire**

## firebrand (person)

firebrands

~ rousing everyone up (lynching)

liberal firebrand

~ Elizabeth Warren took center stage at the heated forum

**character & personality: fire / person**

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire / person**

**person: fire / temperature**

## fired up

fired up

I'm ~ and ready to go to the finals (victor)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire**

## fire up (verb)

fire up the Democratic foot soldiers

she wants to ~ (politics)

fire up the Democratic base

he wants to ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb**

**coercion & motivation: fire / verb**

## firestorm

firestorm of criticism

the government is trying to respond to a ~

firestorm of envy

it would create a ~ (a transfer)

firestorm over his allegations

the ~ shows no sign of abating

media firestorm

his threat to burn the holy book caused a ~

political and public relations firestorm

his firing ignited a ~ (free-speech issue)

at the center of a (political) firestorm

the oil leak has put BP ~ (oil spill)

created a firestorm

the book has ~

ignited a (national) firestorm

he ~ with his blog post

set off a firestorm

he ~ of opposition when he...

found himself in a firestorm

he ~ after key investor withdrawals (hedge fund)

♦ "For the first time in my life I beheld a raging forest fire at close quarters, a fearful spectacle! Enormous cedars, gripped by the flame, were blazing like colossal torches. Beneath them, on the ground, was a sea of fire. Everything was burning, grass, fallen leaves, trunks, logs, stumps. We could hear living trees groan and burst from the heat. The yellow smoke rolled upwards in enormous billows. Waves of fire raced over the ground. Tongues of flame wound round the stumps and licked the red-hot rocks... I saw a wild boar make his way across the river, a big snake swim sinuously over, and a woodpecker flew from tree to tree like a mad thing, while a nutcracker never ceased its raucous chatter... (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

**amount & effect: fire**

## firing squad

literary firing squads

and then come the ~ (Amos Oz on criticism)

**accusation & criticism / judgment: military**

## firewall (computers)

firewall

upgraded the ~ that was supposed to keep hackers out

firewall program

you can download a good ~ (computer)

firewall software

Windows XP includes basic ~ (Internet security)

firewall, network and browser (m)

flaws in its ~ settings (Windows)

Great Firewall

the ~ of China can censor the Internet

high-security firewall

~s that protect secret data (computers)

**computer / protection & lack of protection: fire**

## fireworks (conflict)

fireworks

this congressional hearing was notable for its ~ (antagonism)

**conflict: explosion / sound / speech**

## firmament (noun)

public-health firmament

nobody in the ~ was doing anything (early days of AIDS)

star in the (neoconservative) firmament

Bloom had become a ~

**environment: astronomy**

## fish (verb)

fishing for information

she was ~

fishing for referrals

he is always ~ (a businessman)

**pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb**

## fish (big fish)

big fish

the arrest is big progress because he is a ~ (LRA commander)

big fish in a small pond

back home, I was a ~ (a model now in Miami)

◆ "Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks." (A model.)

**importance & significance: animal / fish / size**

**power: animal / fish / size**

**strength & weakness: animal / fish / size**

**size: animal / fish**

## fish (small fish)

small fish

he was a ~ (an elderly Nazi)

**importance & significance: animal / fish / size**

**power: animal / fish / size**

**strength & weakness: animal / fish / size**

**size: animal / fish**

## fish (fish out of water)

fish out of water

I was a ~ out there (rookie NASCAR driver)

**environment: fish**

## fish (different kettle of fish)

different kettle of fish

we're a ~ (southeastern vs west Michiganders)

**taxonomy & classification: animal / fish / food & drink**

## fishbowl (in a fishbowl)

works in a fishbowl

everyone in media today ~ (criticism, etc.)

**environment: fish / water**

## fishbowl (other)

fishbowl

his office was a ~

she hated living in a ~ (a celebrity)

**environment: fish / water**

## fisheye

fisheye view

a ~ from Spirit's navigation camera shows... (Mars)

**perception, perspective & point of view: fish / position**

## fishtail (verb)

fishtails

the vehicle ~ under hard steering (rollover accidents)

**movement: animal / fish / verb**

## fishy (adjective)

something fishy

cops were pretty sure that ~ was going on

smells fishy

something ~

smelled (very) fishy

the timing ~ (article causes stock to plunge)

something fishy

he noticed ~ (a scam)

noticed something fishy

he ~ (a scam)

"There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression.)

**suspicion: animal / fish**

## **fissure**

deep fissure  
the resignations revealed a ~ among Afghan leaders

**division & connection: ground, terrain & land**

## **fist (armored fist, etc.)**

armored fist  
the ~ of the tank-heavy 1991 Persian Gulf War

**driving force: fist**

## **fist (with an iron fist)**

rules with an iron fist  
he ~

ran the company with an iron fist  
he ~

treated with an iron fist  
some patients are ~ (mentally ill, etc.)

**oppression: fist**

## **fit (adjective)**

fit to stand trial  
a psychiatrist determined that she was ~

**ability & lack of ability / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine**

## **fit in (verb)**

fit in  
he ~ well (a teammate)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mechanism**

## **fitness (ability)**

fitness to practice  
aging doctors' ~ has come under question

fitness for office  
some question his ~

fitness of Thomas  
the association split on the ~ for the Supreme Court

reproductive fitness  
~ is a factor in evolution

spiritual fitness  
the Army now assesses the ~ of troops (US)

spiritual-fitness (m)  
soldiers are suing to eliminate the ~ assessment (US)

**ability & lack of ability: body / health & medicine**  
**flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine**

## **fix (verb)**

fix it  
the economy is broken, and Obama can't ~

fix relations  
the US is trying to ~ (with Pakistan)

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism**

## **fix (noun)**

daily fix  
news junkies can get a ~ (Web site)

**enthusiasm: addiction**

## **fizzle (fizzle out)**

fizzled out in the playoffs  
the team ~

**failure, accident & impairment: explosion / verb**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: explosion / verb**

## **flabby (adjective)**

flabby reasoning  
but this is ~

**strength & weakness: health & medicine**

## **flag (false flag)**

false flag for the election  
is it a Likud ~ (a provocation)

**subterfuge: flags & banners**

## **flag (plant one's flag)**

planting my flag  
this is what should happen, this is where ~, we must do this

planted his flag in that stretch of cyberspace  
he ~, declaring that... (defending his company)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: flags & banners / military**  
**commitment & determination: flags & banners / military**

## **flag-bearer**

party's flag-bearer  
the decision shortened his run as his ~ (politics)

**representation: flags & banners**

## **flagpole (run something up the flagpole)**

run it up the flagpole  
when you ~ for review

running up the flag pole  
the administration is ~ the idea of a tax that... (but it's just an idea)

**experimentation: atmosphere / flags & banners**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: atmosphere / flags & banners**

## **flagship (superlative)**

flagship dealership  
Mercedes-Benz USA is building a ~ (330,000 sq/ft)

flagship fund  
investors are withdrawing from his ~

flagship imprint  
he will control the company's ~, Simon & Schuster

flagship (public) institution  
the university is a ~

flagship product  
the car competes with similar ~s

flagship restaurant  
he is moving his ~ to the Left Bank (Guy Savoy)

flagship shows  
CBS has announced major changes to its ~ (news, anchors, etc.)

flagship (E-commerce) site  
the company's ~

flagship store  
Ralph Lauren's new ~ on Madison Avenue  
Macy's ~ in Herald Square

flagship universities  
the drive for diversity at ~ (US)

♦ HMS *Victory* was Lord Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar. J.M.W. Turner's great painting "The Fighting Temeraire" (1839) is an elegy for the great ships of the line. But they live on in the language.

**superlative: boat**

## flak (criticism)

taken (heavy) flak for suggesting  
she had taken ~ ... (an academic)

catch flak for the photo shoot  
yeah, I do ~, and I totally don't care

**accusation & criticism: military / weapon**

## flame (attraction)

flame to (a good many) moths  
he was certainly a candle ~ (Lord Byron and women)

**attraction & repulsion: fire / light & dark**

## flame (up in flames)

up in flames  
with yet another relationship ~, all bets are off (marriage)

**failure, accident & impairment: fire**

## flame (conflict)

flames of division  
this senator sought to further fan the ~

flames of intolerance  
extremists are stoking the ~

flames of revolt  
Libya is going up in the ~

fanning the flames

his policies are ~ (of Arab rage)

fuel the flames  
don't ~ (a controversy)

stoking the flames  
extremists are ~ of intolerance

**conflict: fire**

## flameout

complete flameout  
he had a ~

**failure, accident & impairment: engine / plane**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / plane**

## flame out (verb)

flame out  
it's a trend that's unlikely to ~ (vaping)

**failure, accident & impairment: engine / plane**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / plane**

## flare (verb)

flares in the Delta  
political violence regularly ~ (Nigeria / oil, etc.)

flared on (Russia's) border  
fighting ~ with Georgia today...

flared for a third day  
Christian-Muslim violence ~ in Kaduna

flared into violence  
pent-up frustrations have ~ (Nigeria)

flared with a new ugliness  
racial hatred has ~

flared sporadically  
sectarian violence has ~ across the country (Nigeria)

conflicts will flare  
generational ~ (baby boomers vs. Gen X, etc.)

fighting flared  
~ on Russia's border with Georgia today...

issue has flared  
the ~ in the wake of 2 incidents (fans invade field)

tempers flare  
the appropriate response when ~ in business meetings

tempers flared  
at airports, ~ (weather delays)  
~ as the team wilted (sports)

tempers are flaring  
~ over the oil spill

tensions (with Georgia) flared  
the latest ~ on July 27 when...

uprising flared  
an ~ after the cancellation of a general election (Algeria)

caused tempers to flare  
police said the hot weather ~

**initiation: fire / verb**

## flare up (verb)

flare up  
a few years ago his asthma started to ~

battles have been flaring up  
biker ~ around California and the West...

controversy flared up  
since the ~ over the issue (eating dog meat)

unrest flared up  
serious ~ following the killing of protestors

**initiation: fire**

## flare-up (noun)

flare-up  
drawing lessons from the ~  
Muslim prayers at the shrine passed without a ~

flare-up of their (long-running) feud  
the latest ~ (2 NASCAR drivers)

border flareup  
a war, a skirmish, a ~

current flareup  
the ~

latest flare-up  
the ~ of their long-running feud (2 NASCAR drivers)

war, skirmish, or a (border) flareup  
a ~

**initiation: fire**

## flashpoint

flashpoint of the (civil-rights) era  
Philadelphia, Mississippi was a ~ (murders)

flashpoint of resistance  
Fallujah has been a ~ to occupation (Iraq)

flash point of (two) wars  
Kashmir has been the ~

flashpoint in this debate  
the ~ was...

flashpoint for (racial) antagonism  
the book was a ~

flashpoint for violence

political flashpoint  
her murder has become a ~ (by illegal immigrant)

become a flash point  
his suicide has ~ (teacher and education)

**initiation: fire**

## flatfooted (caught flatfooted)

caught the army flatfooted  
the insurgency ~ (Iraq)

caught flatfooted  
the Defense department can't be ~ (contingency plans)  
we were ~, we never saw it coming (Uber's success)

**readiness & preparedness: foot / standing, sitting & lying**

## flatline (verb)

caused her relationships to ~  
fame ~

**failure, accident & impairment: death & life / verb**  
**destruction: death & life / verb**

## flattened (emotion)

flattened  
you will be ~ by the end of the movie, you'll be floored

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability**

## flavor (flavor of the month)

flavor-of-the-month (m)  
the requirements have a ~ feeling (demands on nurses)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: taste**

## flavor (other)

flavor of youth  
no other book better catches the ~ in wartime

local flavor  
crowds prefer musical theater with a ~ (Singapore)

regional flavor  
the race has a ~ now (running)

American flavor  
audiences are enjoying the festival's ~ (ballet in Cuba)

Southern flavor  
the one-man show is rich with ~

1970s flavor  
all the running added to the game's ~ (football)

**character & personality: taste**

## flawed (adjective)

flawed  
the studies turned out to be ~  
he was not a mean man but he was ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

## flawless (adjective)

flawless  
his performance was ~ (sports)

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

## fledgling

fledgling democracy  
support for Nigeria's ~  
Iraq's ~ seems to be coming of age

fledgling firm  
most of these ~s will fail (dot-coms)

fledgling government  
foreign aid to help the ~ (Afghanistan)

fledgling (electronic publishing) market  
the ~

fledgling sport  
if the ~ can take off (snowkiting)

fledgling space station  
the three batteries were ferried to the ~

Man: That's pretty good for a fledgling charity. Woman: 'Fledgling'? I'm impressed. (Dialog from an episode of Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.)

**growth & development: bird**

## flee (verb)

flee the heat and humidity  
they ~ (Egyptians go to the coast)

**avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## fleeced

getting fleeced  
we are ~ (universities, by academic publishers)

**taking & removal: sheep**

## flesh (inside)

fruit's flesh  
the mango skin ripping away from the ~

white flesh  
foods with ~ include apples and pears

♦ Foods with white flesh include apples, pears, bananas, cauliflowers, and cucumbers. Eating them may reduce the risk of a stroke.

**orientation: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

**resemblance: skin, muscle nerves & bone**

## flesh and blood

flesh and blood  
when he discusses a film, it becomes ~

**substance & lack of substance: death & life / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## flesh out (verb)

flesh it out  
this is a skeleton, you need to ~ (an essay)

**substance & lack of substance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

## fleshed out

fleshed out by his experience  
his approach is ~ of being in the White House

fleshed out quickly  
the program contains little of substance and must be ~

**substance & lack of substance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## flex (muscle, etc.)

flexes a lot of (political) influence  
Boeing ~ in Washington, D.C.

flex its muscles  
North Korea might ~

flexing its muscles  
the religious right is ~ in the corridors of power

flexing its (geopolitical) muscles  
Iran is increasingly ~

flexed its (political) muscle  
the Eastern Band has visibly ~ (Cherokee)

**power: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

## flexible (adjective)

flexible  
natural gas is not as ~ a commodity as oil

flexible approach  
a ~ allows mission crews to modify plans (military)

flexible (retirement) plan  
a more ~...

flexible (work) schedule

flexible and convenient (m)  
a ~ way to get your college degree

more flexible  
people's moral codes are ~ than generally understood

fast and flexible  
the air Volcano is ~ (military)

rigid versus a flexible (m)  
commanders must weigh the benefits of a ~ plan

**constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances**

**ability & lack of ability: materials & substances**

## flexible (character)

flexible  
being ~ is an important survival skill (new economy)

flexible in their ability  
some elderly are less ~ to change their attitudes

flexible leader  
agility requires quick-minded, ~s (military)

quick-minded, flexible (m)  
agility requires ~ leaders (military)

**character & personality: materials & substances**  
**ability & lack of ability: materials & substances**  
**resiliency: materials & substances**

### flimsy (adjective)

flimsy charges  
prominent political leaders were jailed on ~

flimsy at best  
the evidence is ~

**strength & weakness: materials & substances**  
**substance & lack of substance: materials & substances**  
**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

### flinch (verb)

flinch in our coverage  
it was important not to ~ (AIDS)

**courage & lack of courage: bodily process / verb**  
**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bodily process / verb**  
**control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

### flip (verb)

flip the blame  
they try to ~ (sex abuse)

flipped seats  
she is one of those Democrats who ~ in 2018

**reversal: direction / verb**

### flip-flopping (reversal)

reputation for flip-flopping  
he has a ~ (a politician)

**reversal: direction**

### flirt (verb)

flirting with bankruptcy  
we're ~

flirted with disaster  
he ~

**fate, fortune & chance: love, courtship & marriage / verb**  
**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / verb**

### float (a plan, etc.)

float (immigration reform) plan  
Democrats ~

**experimentation: atmosphere / balloon**

### floated

floated  
one of the ideas that is being ~ is...  
the idea was first ~ in 1898 (Indian cricket team)

floated as a possible presidential contender  
she was ~ in 2016 (politics)

**experimentation: atmosphere / balloon**

### flock (verb)

flocked to Karbala  
Shia pilgrims ~ for the climax of Ashura

flock to Bahrain and Dubai  
Saudis ~ to celebrate the New Year

flocked to Parker  
black teenagers from all over ~ (a Birmingham school)

flocked to the polls  
Southern Sudanese ~ (vote on succession)

flocked to cooling centers  
New Yorkers ~ (heat wave)

**behavior: animal / bird / sheep / verb**

### flog (criticize)

flog CNN  
Trump has used it as a reason to ~ (leaked interview questions)

♦ *The Fatal Shore: The epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes details the horrible use of flogging. Men would be flogged to death, survivors might have the white bones of their shoulder blades in the back permanently exposed, and the flogger would work spattered with blood and bits of flesh. Two hundred strokes were common.

**punishment & recrimination: speech / verb / violence / whip**

### flood (amount)

flooded the state with ads  
the union ~ (elections)

flood the market with (boring) options  
businesses that ~

flood all forms of the media with depictions  
they ~ of sex (ads)

flood the country with (good) governance  
the strategy is to ~ (USAID / Afghanistan)

flooded highways with (coal) trucks  
China's policy has ~ (electricity)

flooded the Nation Mall  
crowds ~ (rally)

flooding south  
guns are ~ (to Mexico, from the US)

flood the area  
as undocumented workers ~ (a town in Arkansas)

flooded (neighboring) states  
2 million Iraqis have ~ (Jordan, Egypt, etc.)

applications (for asylum) flooded in  
19,000 ~ (Zimbabweans in S. Africa)

**amount & effect: flood / river / verb / water**

## **flood (move)**

flooded onto the island

as thousands of new workers ~ (Sakhalin)

flooded into (booming) Shenzhen

millions of jobseekers ~ (China)

flooded into Uzbekistan

70,000 ethnic Uzbeks have ~ (from Kyrgyzstan)

**movement: flood / river / verb / water**

## **flood (flood of refugees, etc.)**

flood of beggars

at the end of each Haj, Jeddah is invaded by a ~

a ~ around mosques and markets asking for money

flood of calls

I've had a ~ from people who say...

flood of (passenger) complaints

a ~ (plane flights)

flood of (genetic) data

aided by a ~

flood of emotions

when I read the letter, a ~ came back to me

flood of (cheap) heroin

Uzbek volunteers fight a ~

flood of (newly unleashed) hormones

caught up in a ~ (middle schoolers)

flood of leads

the media attention generated a ~ (criminals on loose)

flood of (Chinese) immigrants

Tibetan exiles fear the rail line will unleash a ~

flood of (conflicting) information

the public was being inundated by a ~ (epidemic in US)

flood of (new) inmates

new prisons for the ~ (US)

flood of memories

the trial has brought back a ~ (murder)

a ~ burst through the psychological dam he had built

flood of (uniformed) officers

a ~ washed over the thicket (body)

floods of refugees

fighting has sent new ~ across the border

flood of (new accommodation) requests

if there's a ~ (SAT)

flood of tourists

controlling the ~ visiting Kartchner Caverns

flood of waste

short-term projects to stem the ~ (Kabul)

became a flood

the trickle of surrendering soldiers ~

become a flood

it's a constant trickle that threatens to ~ (email inbox)

stem the flood

projects to ~ of waste (Kabul slums)

unleash a flood

Tibetan exiles fear the rail line will ~ of Chinese

inundated by a flood

the public is being ~ of conflicting information

♦ In 2009, over one hundred people died in flash floods in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, one of the driest countries on earth. "Rivers know their way," is an old Jeddawi saying. Jeddah is home to five wadis or valleys that carry rainwater from the mountains to the Red Sea.

**amount & effect: flood / river / water**

## **flooded**

flooded with (e-mail) messages

the company was ~

flooded with ads, calls and pamphlets

voters were ~ (elections)

**amount & effect: flood / river / water**

## **floodgate (open the floodgates)**

opened the floodgates

the court's ruling ~, raising questions about whether...

opened the floodgates to (million-dollar) contracts

in the 1970's, Steinbrenner ~ (baseball)

open the floodgates to people

this will ~ who want to beat the system

opened the floodgates to more upheaval

the miners' action has ~

**amount & effect: dam / flood / river / water**

**obstacles & impedance: dam / flood / river / water**

**constraint & lack of constraint: dam / flood / river / water**

**portal: dam / flood / river / water**

## **floodgate (other)**

floodgates of the past

his dark moods open up the ~ (a boxer)

floodgates for misuse

the ~ are wide open (euthanasia law)

emotional floodgates

once he starts telling his story, the ~ open

floodgates opened

I told him to use street language and the ~ (writing class)

in his 60s the ~ with an outpouring of new poems (Geoffrey Hill)

floodgates were flung (wide) open

in 1985, the ~ when... (guided climbs up Mount Everest)



♦ Floodgates control the level and flow of water, particularly in dams. If the water level gets too high behind a dam, engineers will open the floodgates to lower the level of the reservoir. Floodgates can also keep tidal surges out.

**amount & effect: dam / flood / river / water**

**obstacle & impedance: dam / flood / river / water**

**constraint & lack of constraint: dam / flood / river / water**

**portal: dam**

## floodtide

floodtide of (school-age) children

sub-Saharan Africa's 45 countries face a ~

floodtide of filth

a ~ has engulfed the newsstands (pornography)

♦ At floodtide, the water is coming in towards the beach or coast.

**amount & effect: sea / tide / water**

## floodwaters

stop the floodwaters

we are trying to ~ (immigration)

**amount & effect: flood / river / water**

## floor (pelvic floor, etc.)

pelvic floor

her ~ was so weak that she peed all over the set (actor)

**orientation: direction / house**

## floor (low point)

ceiling and the floor

his numbers have been durable, the ~ (president's popularity)

**increase & decrease: direction / height / house**

## floored (emotion)

floored

you'll be flattened by the end of the movie, you'll be ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability**

## flourish (verb)

flourished from his first day

he ~ (in his new job)

black market flourished

wages plummeted, and the ~

**growth & development: plant / verb**

## flow (move)

flow across the (southwest) border

drugs ~ (from Mexico into US)

flow into theater

as corps forces ~ (military)

flow through Dubai

drugs from Afghanistan and Iran ~

flow from the RAS to the ...

supplies ~ (military)

flow around the obstruction

legitimate traffic could ~ (Internet)

flow south

the wealth from our land continues to ~ (Canadian Innuit)

flowing normally

traffic is ~

flow smoothly

the right aperitif will make your picnic ~...

money is flowing

military ~ to Boeing, Lockheed Martin and...

supplies flow

~ from the RAS to the... (military)

kept flowing

with only a few exceptions, traffic ~ (protest)

started flowing

after the merge lane was lengthened, traffic ~ normally

keeps the (combat) information flowing

this ~ rapidly to... (military)

**movement: river / verb / water**

## flow (increase)

ebb and flow

gang killings ~ but never stop (Los Angeles)

**increase & decrease: tide / verb / water**

## flow (noun)

flow of arms

stop the ~ into Macedonia

flow of capital

the ~

flow of the crowd

the ~ pushed him down the stairs (nightclub crush)

flow of diamonds

efforts to cut off the ~ through Taylor's network

flow of (illegal) drugs

the ~ into the US (from Mexico)

flow of goods

improve the ~ to its stores (a retail chain)

flow of information

control of the ~ (politics);

supports the free ~ (computers)

managing the ~ is another critical task (military)

flow of insurgents

shut down the ~ into Kashmir

flow of intelligence

try to improve how they manage the huge ~ (F.B.I.)

flow of the lesson  
disciplinary actions should not interrupt the ~ (ed)

flow of materiel  
intercept the ~ along Vietcong supply routes

flow of migrants  
slowing the ~ (from Mexico to U.S.);  
step up naval patrols to reduce the ~ (Italy and Libya)

flow of money  
the ~ around the globe

flow of (government) money  
the dwindling ~ (to hospitals)

flow of pilgrims  
security forces tried to ensure a smooth ~ (Haj)

flow of supplies  
it is prudent to start the ~ now (military)

flow of traffic  
police directed the ~ around the accident scene;  
regulate the ~ on MSRs (MPs / military)

flow of (pedestrian) traffic  
the ~ can be regulated

flow of (illegal Chinese) workers  
a more recent ~ (into France)

flow of E-mail  
today's high-volume ~

flow of natural gas  
Russia failed to restore the ~ (to Georgia);  
the disruption in the ~ from fields in Siberia

flow of paperwork  
an endless ~

flow of drugs and alcohol  
stemming the ~ into Saudi Arabia

flow of goods, services  
the ~ and investment capital (globalization)

flow of patients and visitors  
control the ~ so that... (ED post terror event)

flow (of traffic) on MSRs  
regulate the ~ (MPs / military)

flow (of arms) into Macedonia  
stop the ~

flow (of alcohol) into Saudi Arabia  
the authorities want to stem the ~

flow of drugs into Saudi Arabia  
the authorities want to stem the ~

flow (of money) around the globe  
the ~

flow through Boston  
the project will improve traffic ~

flow (of information) between ACTs and troops  
the ~ (military)

Flow Control  
nicknamed, in typical FAA-speak, "~" (planes aloft)

cash flow  
concern about the company's ~

cash-flow (m)  
the ~ situation; he may have ~ problems

information flow  
our economy is one that is increasingly based on ~

logistics flow  
Figure 5-4 shows the ARSOA ~ (military)

traffic flow  
solutions include rerouting ~

high-volume flow  
today's ~ of E-mail

dwindling flow  
the ~ of government money (to hospitals)

accelerated flow  
the ~ of information in combat (laptops, com, etc.)

endless flow  
an ~ of paperwork

even flow  
establish an ~ of aircraft into maintenance... (military)

free flow  
supports the ~ of information (computers)

paper flow  
the ~ between headquarters and the field

smooth flow  
security forces tried to ensure a ~ of pilgrims (Haj)

tempo and flow  
the ~ of the game probably will come down to... (soccer)

trickle, flow, gush  
we had a theory called, "~" (to rescue hostages)

facilitate the flow  
ways to ~ of passengers through security (airports)

interrupt the flow  
disciplinary actions should not ~ of the lesson (ed)

manage the (huge) flow  
try to improve how they ~ of intelligence (F.B.I.)

reduce the flow  
step up naval patrols to ~ of migrants

regulate the flow  
~ on MSRs (MPs / military)

slow the flow  
the objective is to ~ of forces into the area of operations

slowed the flow  
controllers ~ of planes into O'Hare (labor dispute)

stanch the flow  
he asked the elders to help ~ (of Somalis to Lewiston)

shut down the flow  
~ of insurgents into Kashmir

go with the flow  
just ~ (don't get upset, anxious, worried, etc.)

flow has slowed  
the ~ to a trickle (migrants)

**movement: river / water**

## flower (verb)

flowered intellectually  
Islam ~ (early centuries)

**growth & development: plant / verb**

## flowering

flowering of creativity  
this apparently abrupt ~ (European cave drawings)

**growth & development: plant**

## flowing

flowing (black) abaya  
she remained shrouded in a ~ (Doha)

flowing (white) beard  
a farmer in a ~ trotted by on a tiny donkey

**resemblance: water**

## flu (enthusiasm)

Oxford flu  
interest in quantum computing has been called the ~

**enthusiasm: health & medicine**

## fluid (adjective)

fluid and confusing  
the situation on the ground is ~ (rebellion)

**control & lack of control: water**

## flurry (activity)

flurry of (diplomatic) activity  
we've seen a ~

flurry of trial balloons  
his office floated a ~

flurries of requests  
officials sent him ~ (a filmmaker)

♦ This word is often used to describe snow and leaves in the wind.

**activity: flying & falling**

**amount & effect: flying & falling / rain**

## flush (remove)

flush them out  
security services launched an operation to ~ (criminals)

flushed (some of the organization's staff) from the city  
the violence ~ (UN in Yemen)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / water**

## fly (on the fly)

make (good) decisions on the fly  
he can ~ (a football player)

get science on the fly  
we are having to ~

**haste: bird / flying & falling**

## fly (fly into a rage, etc.)

flew into a (jealous) rage  
he ~ (murderer)

flew into a (jealous) rage after finding  
he ~ a text message...

flew into a rage over her refusal  
he ~ to cooperate

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / verb**

## fly (activity)

flying off the rack  
fur is ~ worldwide (fashion industry)

fly off the shelves  
skin-whitening products ~ (Philippines)

flying off (store) shelves  
the new product is ~

flying all over campus  
rumors were ~ (students charged with rape)

flying around  
there are plenty of gruesome rumours ~ over what happened

rumors flew  
~ (campus gossip about surveillance cameras)

rumors fly  
~ in small communities (Red Lake Reservation)

rumors were flying  
~ all over campus (students charged with rape)

**activity: bird / flying & falling / verb**

## fly (constraint)

let his imagination fly  
he let his ~ (a poet)

**constraint & lack of constraint: bird / flying & falling / verb**

## fly (time flies)

time flies

~ when you're having fun

**time: movement / flying & falling**

## fly (fly on the wall)

fly-on-the-wall reporter

he was a ~

**surveillance: animal / insect**

## focus (verb)

focusing on target genes

he is ~ for schizophrenia

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb**

## focus (noun)

focus of the day

the ~ differs within the strands of Christianity (Epiphany)

political and policy focus

Republicans should keep the ~ on promoting job creation

ongoing focus

there is an ~ on these economic issues (White House)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye**

## fodder (noun)

fodder for comedy

his ridiculous ideas are ~

campaign fodder

his gaffe has given Democrats ~

tabloid fodder

his five marriages provided endless ~

**content: farming & agriculture / plant**

**gossip: plant**

## fog (fog of war, etc.)

fog of battle

in the ~ initial reports are often confusing

fog (and friction) of war

in the midst of the ~

fog and friction

soldiers must show initiative in the ~ of battle

fog and a friction

there is a ~ to war (civilian deaths)

casualties of the fog of war

innocents are sometimes the ~

attributed the tragedy to the fog of war

an official ~ (lost convoy)

♦ The term, "fog of war," was coined in the era of black-powder rifles.

**consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate**

## fog (mental fog, etc.)

fog of pain

he listened, in a ~

fog lifts

as soon as you make the mental shift, the ~ (probability)

put me in a fog

the medications ~ (US)

**consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate**

## foggy

recollection is foggy

my ~ (testimony at trial)

**consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate**

## fold (verb)

fold its case

the House is not going to ~ (against Trump)

administration has folded

the ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: cards / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: cards / verb**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: cards / verb**

**curtailment: cards / verb**

## fold (to / into the fold)

brought him back into the fold

Damenech ~ (soccer player on national team)

brought Egypt back to the (Arab) fold

he ~ (Mubarak)

drew many into the (gang's) fold

money and power ~ (prison)

**society: sheep**

**acceptance & rejection: sheep**

## follow (follow a feeling or emotion)

follow my instincts

I can't do anything if I don't ~ (Saudi intellectual)

followed a (gut) instinct

I ~ and chose to run the rapid (kayaker)

followed his passion

he ~ (a windsurfer)

follow your passion

that's part of the spirit of mountaineering, to ~

followed my curiosity and intuition

I ~ (the young Steve Jobs / Apple)

**feeling, emotion & effect: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## follow (a path, route, road, etc.)

follow in Qeis's path

he vowed he will ~ (suicide bomber)

follow its (relentless) course

if we sit back and let the epidemic ~...

follow the direction

the investigation will ~ the evidence leads...

follow his lead

in a note, he urged his supporters to ~ (suicide bomber)

followed his (father's) path

he eventually ~ (seminarian)

follow their (mothers') paths

often, young prostitutes ~ into the sex trade

follow in his (murderous) footsteps

he is determined his son will not ~

follow in the footsteps

Aborigines must ~ of their ancestors

**direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## follow (argument)

follow you

I don't ~

**comprehension & incomprehension: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## follow (a road can follow, etc.)

follows the shore

a road ~ of the lake

**fictive motion: verb**

## follow-through (investigation, etc.)

follow-through

now we're seeing some ~ (investigation)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / sports & games**

## food (food for thought)

food for thought

what you said is ~

**content / substance & lack of substance: food & drink**

## food chain

food chain

he is working his way up the ~ starting with small fry (prosecutor)

higher up the food chain

you need to ask somebody ~ (Hollywood)

at the (very) top of the food chain

women ~ at the studios (executives)

**hierarchy / predation: animal**

## fool's errand

fool's errand

it's really been a ~ to try and predict when, if, or how...

**worth & lack of worth: allusion**

## fool's gold

fool's gold

a degree nowadays is ~ (no job, debt)

mining for a fool's goal

let's not revert to ~ (a poor solution to a problem)

paying (high) prices for fool's gold

we are ~ (involvement in overseas war)

chasing fool's gold

the state is ~ legalizing (gambling vs. social costs)

**worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land / mining appearance & reality: ground, terrain & land / mining**

## foot (on the right / wrong foot)

on the right foot

start the new year ~

on the wrong foot

their relationship began ~

we started the season ~ (sports)

got off on the wrong foot

I think he ~, but... (politics)

yes, Romney "~" in Britain (Wall Street Journal)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: foot**

## foot (on the back foot)

caught on the back foot

police admit they have been ~ by the protests

**readiness & preparedness: foot**

## foot (one foot planted)

one foot (firmly) planted in the commercial world

their strategy is to have ~ and the other in the defense business (Boeing)

**strength & weakness: foot**

**equilibrium & stability: foot**

## foot (put a foot forward)

put America's best foot forward

an opportunity for us to ~ forward (Olympics)

put her best foot forward

she was determined to ~

**representation: foot**

## foot (put one's foot down)

put his food down

he ~ about another interview (said "No")

**resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / verb**

### **foot (foot in the door)**

get his foot in the door  
he lied on his resume to ~

**access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / foot**

### **foot (foot in both worlds, etc.)**

foot in both worlds  
people with a ~ (Chinese students in US)

**division & connection: leg / line / standing, sitting & lying**

### **football (noun)**

political football  
they are playing ~ with women's health (politics)

cultural, political footballs  
this has become one of those ~ (culture war kerfuffle)

**competition: football / sports & games**

**conflict: football / sports & games**

### **foot-dragging**

foot-dragging by (school) officials  
so why the ~ (reform)

bureaucratic foot-dragging  
the test has been bogged down by squabbles and ~

**action, inaction & delay: foot**

**eagerness & reluctance: foot**

### **foothold (noun)**

foothold  
US forces established a ~ in...

foothold in the Caribbean  
eliminate lymphatic filariasis from its last ~

Arctic foothold  
the eight countries with ~s

last foothold  
eliminate malaria and lymphatic filariasis from their ~

**presence & absence: foot / mountains & hills**

**survival, persistence & endurance: foot / mountains & hills**

### **footing (position)**

war footing  
land forces could shift to a ~ on short notice

put the nation on a war footing  
President Kennedy ~ (Cuban Crisis)

**position, policy & negotiation: foot / standing, sitting & lying**

### **footing (solid footing, etc.)**

on solid (financial) footing  
he has never been able to put the review ~

on thin footing with the White House  
he was already ~ (Secretary of Labor resigns)

**bases: ground, terrain & land**

### **footing (find one's footing, etc.)**

find their footing  
politicians struggled to ~ in the new political landscape

found its footing  
her campaign stumbled out of the gate but has since ~

regain our footing  
we are struggling to ~ (a political party)

**bases: ground, terrain & land**

**equilibrium & stability: ground, terrain & land / walking, running & jumping**

### **footprint (noun)**

footprint  
Hezbollah has its ~ everywhere here (Tyre)

"footprint" of a credit card  
the camera has the ~, weighing just 5.6 ounces

"footprint" of oil infrastructure  
limiting the ~ (Arctic oil)

footprint on the environment  
we might lighten our collective ~

footprint overseas  
he wants to shrink the military and reduce its ~

footprint or signature  
they don't have a ~ (terrorists)

city footprint  
this will affect the entire ~ (urban-renewal project)

consumption footprint  
the enormous ~ of someone living in the state right now

noise "footprint"  
they should have a smaller ~ than... (airplanes)

terrain footprint  
the Stinger missile has a small ~

online footprint  
his other ~ includes a site... (Web sites)

combat service support (CSS) footprint  
the Stinger has a small ~

digital footprint  
investigators are examining the case's "~"  
the ~ led cops to the suspect's house (cell-phone towers)

industrial footprint  
concerns about the ~ (drilling in Arctic)

large footprint  
the ~ created when the minefield is fired (war)  
due to the ~ when the minefield is fired...

larger "footprint"  
a tire with a ~ on the road has more rolling resistance

light footprint  
the coalition has limited its ambitions and kept a ~

military footprint  
we must reduce our ~ in Iraq (a politician)

small footprint  
the Stinger missile has a ~

reduce our (military) footprint  
we must ~ in Iraq (a politician)

shrink its footprint  
as the US military begins to ~ in Afghanistan

**presence & absence: foot / ground, terrain & land**

### foot soldier (duty)

movement's foot soldiers  
the ~ are less inhibited (alt-right)

Democratic foot soldiers  
fire up the ~ (for a coming election)

**work & duty: foot / military / person**  
**person: military**

### footstep (in the footsteps)

in the footsteps of their ancestors  
Aborigines must follow ~

in his father's footsteps  
he was going to follow in his ~

in their parents' footsteps  
too young to be thinking about following in their ~

in his murderous footsteps  
he is determined his son will not follow ~

follow in the footsteps  
Aborigines must ~ of their ancestors

follow in his (murderous) footsteps  
he is determined his son will not ~

**direction: foot / journeys & trips / movement**

### footstep (retrace one's footsteps)

retraced my footsteps in Haiti  
one year after the earthquake, I ~ (journalist)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: foot / movement / verb**

### for (support)

for you  
I am ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle**

### force (show of force)

political show of force  
a campaign kick-off is a ~

**conflict: military**

### fore (come to the fore)

come to the fore  
issues of race have ~ (2020 presidential election)

**center & periphery: direction**

### forefront (center)

to the forefront of the (death-penalty) debate  
he has been catapulted ~

**center & periphery: direction**

### foreground (noun)

move to the foreground  
as the midterm elections ~ (news cycle)

moved into the foreground  
money has ~ (doctor-patient relationship)

pull nuclear energy into the foreground  
we need to ~

pushed the instrument into the foreground  
he has ~ (African musician)

**center & periphery: direction**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture**  
**appearance & disappearance: picture**  
**perception, perspective & point of view: picture**

### foreground (verb)

foregrounded his virtues  
he has lied about his crimes and ~ (a flawed individual)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture**  
**appearance & disappearance: picture**  
**perception, perspective & point of view: picture**

### forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)

forest of cranes  
I saw a ~ and, beyond them, skyscrapers

forest of stalactites  
a hanging ~ (Kartchner Caverns)

kelp forest  
the ~s off of California

stalagmite forest  
she threads her way through a ~ (underwater cave)

**resemblance: forest**

### forge (verb)

forge an agreement  
we will do our very best to ~ (politics)

forged checks  
she graduated to cocaine and ~ to support her habit

forge compromise  
how hard it will be for him to ~ (a diplomat)

forged (new American) heroes  
each test has ~ (natural disasters, mass shootings, etc.)

**creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb**

## **forged**

forged from (nearly) a decade  
doctrines ~ of fighting in both wars

forged in her own adversity  
she was ~ (overcame a rare medical condition)

forged document  
the terrorist groups have coordinated in acquiring ~s

forged notes  
~ and other bogus documents

forged (immunization) records  
many legal visitors carry ~ (Haj / Saudi)

forged (immigration) stamp  
falsified passports and ~s (Singapore)

forged passports  
foreign nationals entering the US with ~

forged transcripts and (recommendation) letters  
~ (college)

**creation & transformation: manufacturing**

## **fork (a fork in the road, etc.)**

at a fork in his career  
he's ~

**alternatives & choices: journeys & trips**

**direction: journeys & trips**

## **fork over (verb)**

forked over three hundred million dollars  
the Saudis reluctantly ~

**possession: food & drink / verb**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb**

## **formula**

formula to satisfy  
officials are seeking a ~ both sides (diplomacy)

formula for creating  
he has to learn the American ~ (politics)

formula for maintaining  
there is no neat ~ this balance (secrecy / press)

magic formula  
there is no ~, but try... (predicting NCAA winner);  
we don't have a ~ for predicting wildfires

standard formula  
the ~ of a romantic comedy

seeking a formula  
negotiators were ~ to keep the talks going (diplomacy)

**script: number**

## **fort (noun)**

hold down the fort  
~ until reinforcements can be hired, trained (a company)

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

## **fortress (noun)**

fortress  
terror concerns have turned public buildings into ~s

fortress mentality  
a ~ that protects the home folks while... (public health)

neighborhood fortress  
it is a ~ (a high school in South-Central LA)

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

## **fortuneteller (person)**

fortuneteller  
are these things probable, I don't know, I'm not a ~  
stock analysts are modern-day ~s looking into crystal balls

fortune tellers  
the latest pronouncement from the ~ (stock analysts)

modern-day fortune tellers  
they are ~ promising riches (stock analysts, etc.)

**future: person / magic**

**person: magic**

## **forward (future)**

forward  
we will probably see this every year ~  
going ~, who can predict what will happen (boxing)

go forward  
this will not help us as we ~

**future: direction / journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb**

## **forward (move forward, etc.)**

go forward  
drilling projects continue to ~

moved us forward  
inventions that ~

move forward  
we just want to ~, and hopefully change will come

moving forward  
we are ~ in a cautious way (diplomacy)  
things aren't ~, we're stuck (refugees)



things are ~ and they're moving quickly (many projects)  
we are ~ with solutions on many issues (politics)

**progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## forward-looking

forward-looking approach  
a ~ to marketing

**perception, perspective & point of view: direction**

## fossil

fossil  
my computer is a ~ (very old)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal  
past & present: animal**

## foundation (noun)

foundation of identity  
in Egypt, nationalism and Arabism once were the ~

foundation in (native-language) literacy  
a solid ~

foundation of (modern) research  
being able to replicate results is the ~ (medicine)

foundation for success  
brand loyalty is the ~ (business)  
education is the ~ (life)

foundation narrative  
the ~s of particular Native Nations (US)

solid foundation  
a ~ in native-language literacy

foundations (of the postwar order) are cracking  
the ~ in Europe (economies)

build a foundation  
we help people ~ for the rest of their lives (ad for school)

built a foundation  
we've ~ of distrust (Iran / US)

lay a foundation  
you ~ for a sense of community

laid a foundation  
we ~ to talk about those issues (diplomacy)

rests upon a foundation  
our global role ~ of unmatched military power (US)

**bases: house**

## founder (verb)

foundered  
the TV channel quickly ~  
two previous tried have ~ in the courts  
the plan ~ with depressed stock prices  
the company ~ during the economic downturn

Spain's economy has ~

**failure, accident & impairment: boat / sea / verb**

**destruction: boat / sea / verb**

## fountain (fountain of youth)

looking for the fountain of youth  
women and men are ~ (cosmetics, surgery, etc.)

♦ There is no real proof that Ponce de Leon sought the Fountain of Youth in America.

**amelioration & renewal: fountain / water**

## fountain (resemblance)

fountains of (bright red) lava  
~ and towering clouds of ash

**resemblance: fountain / water**

## fountain (source)

fountain of Islam  
they come and drink from the ~ (mosque)

**source: fountain / water**

## fountainhead

fountainhead of freedom  
England was a ~ (Enlightenment)

fountainhead of (chamber) music  
the festival was a ~ in America

fountainhead of ideas and discovery  
the university has historically been a ~

fountainhead of ideals and law  
Lincoln saw the Declaration of Independence as the ~

poetic fountainhead  
Shakespeare was a ~

**source: fountain / river / water**

## fox (subterfuge)

fox  
the ~ is in the henhouse, and we invited it in

put the fox in charge of the henhouse  
the FAA ~ (safety of Boeing planes)

♦ "They're going to burn the forest to kill the fox." (An Iraqi, speaking of US invasion to rid Iraq of Saddam.)

**subterfuge: animal / fox**

## foxhole

foxhole  
while shivering in my ~ (Korean War)  
wars are not always fought from a ~ (terrorism)  
intruders worked their way to within 30 feet of ~s

foxholes, slit trenches and latrines  
we dug ~ (military)

sandbagged foxholes

Marines brace in their ~ (Afghanistan)

checkpoints, bunkers and foxholes  
abandoned ~ (Tikrit, Iraq)

♦ "There are no atheists in foxholes." (Father Cummings, Bataan.)

♦ In "Seldom Disappointed," the wonderful writer Tony Hillerman writes about his experiences in World War II. He writes that he always wondered who invented "the absurd lie" that there were no atheists in foxholes.

**protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hole / military**  
**place: animal / fox / military**  
**fracture (failure)**

fracture in politics between elites and nationalists  
there is a ~ (European Union)

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances**  
**fractured (separated)**

fractured  
the cartels are ~ and fighting over territory (Mexico)

**division & connection: materials & substances**  
**fragile (weak)**

fragile economy  
Bosnia's ~ was hit hard by the global financial crisis

fragile and weak  
the caretaker government is ~

**strength & weakness: materials & substances**  
**fragile (feelings)**

emotionally fragile  
he was an ~ young man (suicide)

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**  
**frame (characterize)**

frame the story as a religious issue  
they ~ between locals and outsiders

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure**  
**characterization: infrastructure**  
**frame (in the frame / involvement)**

in the frame already  
he was born in Innsbruck, so he was ~ (why Buhl became climber)

**involvement: picture**  
**franchise (noun)**

regional franchises  
Al-Qaeda still has its ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: government**

## Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)

Frankenstein  
~ was tough (named rapid / kayaking)

Frankenstein Cliff  
excellent views along ~ (near a waterfall)

Son of Frankenstein  
we got to ~ (named rapid / kayakers)

**proper name: allusion / creature**

## Frankenstein (product)

"Frankenstein" foods  
concerns about the safety of the so-called ~

higher education's Frankenstein  
the NCAA has become ~, terrifying its overseers

create a Frankenstein  
it gets out of hand, they ~ (extrajudicial killings)

♦ "Michael McAlpine has been Frankensteining alternatives." ("It's Alive! 3D-Printing Body Parts" by Rebecca Heilweil, *Wired*, December 2018.)

**product: allusion / creature**

**affliction: allusion / creature**

## fraternity (noun)

fraternity of test pilots  
death wasn't unusual within our ~

small fraternity  
the Las Vegas boxing community is a ~

member of the fraternity  
I'm proud to be a ~ (a retired boxer)

**society: school & education**

**group, set & collection: school & education**

## fray (verb)

fray the fabric  
logging and roads ~ of nature

frayed (US-China) ties  
many issues have ~

badly frayed  
the incident ~ inter-Korean relations

bond frayed  
their ~ almost to the breaking break

coalition frayed  
the ~

consensus is fraying  
the political ~

fibers (within the tendons) fray  
the ~ (tendinopathies)

nerves are fraying

relationship frayed

the ~ over the past year (diplomacy)

began to fray

relations between the countries ~ in November

**failure, accident & impairment: cloth / verb**

**flaws & lack of flaws: cloth / verb**

### fray (above the fray)

above the fray

he is trying to stay ~ (a politician)

**conflict: military**

**behavior: direction**

### fray (conflict)

2020 fray

he is joining the ~ (running for president)

**conflict: military**

### frayed

frayed by his rejection

their longtime alliance has been ~ of the bill

frayed by scandals

taxpayer confidence has been ~

frayed nerves

he experienced ~ and growing exhaustion

he tried to smooth the ~

frayed relations

Obama has worked hard to repair his ~ with...

he wants to rebuild ~ with neighbor Argentina

frayed (political) system

the two leaders promised to reform the country's ~

frayed ties

Obama is trying to smooth ~ with business leaders

badly frayed (m)

he sought to mend ~ relations between the two countries

seriously frayed

the social safety net is ~

become frayed

nerves can ~ in the blasting Antarctic winds

grow (yet more) frayed

an already strained social compact will ~

**failure, accident & impairment: cloth**

**flaws & lack of flaws: cloth**

### free-fall (in free-fall)

in free fall

his life was ~

house prices continue to be ~ nationwide

**decline: direction / flying & falling**

### free-fall (noun)

free fall in (air) travel

the ~ post-9/11 (due to fears of terrorism)

company's (financial) free fall

the ~ (into bankruptcy)

stock-market free fall

the ~ was harrowing to watch

financial free fall

the company's ~ (into bankruptcy)

mental freefall

he went into a ~ (murderer)

**decline: direction / flying & falling**

### free-for-all (control)

free-for-all

space is a ~ right now (space pollution)

free-for-all of people

it is a ~ suggesting that...

free-for-all on what

it's a bit of a ~ the government can do (facial recognition)

**control & lack of control: sports & games**

**behavior: sports & games**

### freeze (verb)

freeze assets

~ of terrorists

frozen its (nuclear) tests

North Korea has ~

**activity: snow & ice / verb**

### freeze (computers, etc.)

computer freezes

if your ~...

**functioning: snow & ice**

### freeze (position of body)

hold the freeze

patrol members ~ until signaled to do something else

**movement: snow & ice**

### freeze (activity)

freeze on (U.S.) aid

if that's the case, should there be a ~ (politics)

freeze on (high-level) contacts

the European Union recently ended its ~ with Iran

freeze on (all state) hiring

it would put a ~

price freeze

a ~ until 2002 (public utilities)

hiring freeze  
a ~ is often a last-ditch effort to reduce staff...

60-day freeze  
he asked for a ~ (on aid to Russia / politician)

put a freeze on (all state) hiring  
it would ~

freeze began to thaw when...  
the ~

**activity: snow & ice**

## freeze out (verb)

frozen Tomaz out of funding  
the Alpine Association had ~ (climber)

**acceptance & rejection: temperature / verb**

**inclusion & exclusion: temperature / verb**

## frenzied

frenzied with (historical and cultural) baggage  
the N-word is ~ (racial epithets)

**history: burden / journeys & trips / weight**

**oppression: burden / journeys & trips / weight**

## frenzied (adjective)

frenzied rumors  
the ~ have become so fierce that...

**activity / behavior: health & medicine / mental health**

## frenzy (feeding frenzy)

media feeding frenzy  
it was a ~

**activity / behavior: predation**

## frenzy (other)

media frenzy  
such was the ~ around the trial (national attention)

center of a (media) frenzy  
he is now the ~ (accusations of sex abuse)

whipped the snow into a frenzy  
the winds ~ (ground blizzard)

working themselves into a frenzy  
the fans are ~ (World Cup)

**activity / behavior: health & medicine / mental health**

## fresh (adjective)

fresh approach  
we need a ~ to this problem

fresh concerns  
the floods have sparked ~ over... (N. Korea)

**amelioration & renewal: food & drink**

## freshman (adjective)

freshman Democrat  
the 29-year-old ~

**experience: school & education**

## friction (conflict)

friction  
get along enough to avoid ~ in the office  
the ~ of 37,000 US troops (anti-Americanism in Korea)  
in one step to reduce ~... (US forces)

friction between cyclists and motorists  
~ who have to share the road

friction between the LAPD and the residents  
decades of ~ (LA)

friction between pedestrians and motorists  
the road network has created ~

frictions between their camps  
~ of advisors and loyalists (politicians)

friction between you  
there was obviously a lot of ~ (antagonism)

avoid friction  
get along enough to ~ in the office

♦ Friction, it turns out, is the parent of the profit margin. The more you move toward a perfect market mechanism the fewer opportunities there are for anyone to make money." (E-commerce.)

**conflict: physics**

## friction (impedance)

friction  
government rules are only one kind of ~ to free markets  
does e-commerce reduce ~, add convenience and...

trade friction  
~ is channeled into the WTO's dispute settlement process

points of friction  
troops would pull back from ~

fog and a friction  
there is a ~ to war (civilian deaths)

**obstacles & impedance: physics**

## frictionless

frictionless travel  
the airlines' attempts to create ~

**obstacles & impedance: physics**

## fringe (configuration)

fringe of islets  
the lagoon, with its distant ~

broad fringe  
a ~ of sea ice builds each austral winter

**configuration: cloth**

## fringe (edge)

fringe of the storm

wind and rain from the ~ lashed the state

fringes of the solar system

unmanned vehicles are zipping to the ~

desert's (southern) fringe

the ~

southern fringe

the desert's ~

eastern fringes

this country on the ~ of Europe (Ukraine)

southern and eastern fringe

the arc of deforestation along the ~ of the Amazon

outer fringes

icy rocks found on the ~ of the solar system

**center & periphery: cloth**

## fringe (on the fringe)

on the political fringe

both groups arose ~ (Occupiers, Tea Party)

operate on the fringes

the Chinese gangs ~ (versus established gangs)

**center & periphery: cloth**

**society: center & periphery**

**society: cloth**

## fringe (versus mainstream)

fringe Berlin

the restaurant is ~ at its best

fringe books

we are seeing fewer ~ and new authors (publishing)

fringe cult

he joined a ~

fringe dwellers

every society has its ~

fringe idea

animal liberation is no longer the ~ it once was

criminal fringe

the "one percenters" are the ~ of the biker world

lunatic fringe

the group is part of the ~

militant fringe

Turkey has been at war with the ~ of the Kurds

radical fringes

he is a figure on the most ~ of the movement

violent fringe

they are members of a nationalist, sometimes ~

from the fringes into the mainstream

social media can push conspiracies ~

**society: cloth**

**center & periphery: cloth**

**society: center & periphery**

## fringed

fringed by (mountain) peaks

the Salar de Uyuni is ~ (salt flat in Bolivia)

fringed with coral reefs

Kenya's southeast coastline is ~

palm-fringed (m)

a beautiful, ~ beach...

**configuration: cloth**

## frog (frog in boiling water)

frog in the boiling water

ignoring the need to fix entitlement programs is the ~

*\* This fable illustrates the danger of changes that occur slowly.*

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: allusion / animal / frog / temperature / water**

**environment: allusion / animal / frog / temperature / water**

**situation: allusion / animal / frog / temperature / water**

**consciousness & awareness: allusion / animal / frog /**

**temperature / water**

## front (in front / future)

in front of her

she had her whole life ~ (committed a murder)

in front of us

we have these issues ~

**future: direction**

## front (in front / proximity)

in front of us

the answer is ~

**proximity: direction**

## front (conflict)

new front

a ~ in the president's battle with congress is emerging

new front in the (overall) struggle

his indictment could be a ~ to get at what happened

two-front

he's fighting a ~ campaign (Bernie Sanders)

on all fronts

the oil spill is being attacked ~

on several fronts

our efforts are advancing ~ (oil-spill cleanup)

**conflict: military**

## front (front and center)

front and center

the wave of sex-abuse scandals will be ~ conference)

front and center on his mind

clearly this topic is ~

**priority: direction / position**

**importance & significance: direction / position**

## frontier (noun)

next frontier

deep fake videos are the ~ in fake news

push the frontiers

the US has always wanted to ~ (physics, etc.)

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land**

## front line (on the front line)

on the front lines

state and local law enforcement ~  
the dedicated people ~ (social services)

on the front lines of this battle

he is ~ (agency fighting spam phone calls)

on the front line of (interpersonal) violence

doctors are ~ (EM)

on the front lines of the drug crisis

they have been working on the ~

**driving force: military**

**experience: military**

## front line

front line

in battles of identity, language often becomes the ~

frontline

the CDC is the ~ in any public health emergency

front-line workers

front-line caregivers

nurses are the ~

**driving force: military**

## front-runner

front-runner

he is the ~  
the ~ Barak Obama (politics)

front-runners for the job

there are two ~

front-runner for a (future Supreme Court) nomination

he is a ~

front-runners and underdogs

~ loved him (a race-car driver)

**competition: sports & games / walking, running & jumping**

## frosty (adjective)

frosty relationship

he has a ~ with Netanyahu (diplomacy)

**feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature**

## frothy (substance)

frothy page-turner

the ~, the one book everybody is reading

**substance & lack of substance: water**

## frown (verb)

frown on those things

we ~

frowned upon homosexuality

he came from a religious background that ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb**

**judgment: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb**

## frozen (movement)

frozen to the spot

we were all ~

**movement: snow & ice**

## frozen (development)

frozen in time

Vietnam's Ha Giang Province remains ~  
the Framers did not expect the Constitution to be ~

**growth & development: snow & ice**

## frozen (activity)

frozen funds

is it time to release the ~ (sanctions)

**activity: snow & ice / temperature**

## frozen out (excluded)

frozen out of discussions

they have been ~ about how the law will work (veterans)

**inclusion & exclusion: snow & ice / temperature**

## fruit (product)

fruits of the field

the first ~ have been mundane (nanotechnology)

fruits of my labor

she carefully examined the ~ (a woodcarver)

fruits of that work

you are now seeing the ~ (war planning)

bore fruit

their protests ~ only after...

**product: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant**

## fruit (low-hanging fruit)

### low-hanging fruit

for people who want to consume less plastic, straws are ~  
we need to look at some of the ~ and pluck them (help kids)  
vacant lot greening is a piece of ~ (simple, low cost)  
the expulsion of intelligence officers is ~ (symbolic only)  
pick some ~ that can be accomplished (in tax reform)  
he explores deeper cuts and textures, rather than ~ (music)

### low-hanging fruit of international health

cataract surgery is the ~ (just \$75 per patient for leading cause of blindness)

### pick that low-hanging fruit clean

they ~ (film about old women reentering the dating scene)

### go-to, reflexive, low-hanging-fruit

~ complaints (about American Vandal season two)

### cost & benefit: fruits & vegetables / tree

### difficulty, easiness & effort: fruits & vegetables / tree

## fruitful (adjective)

### fruitful approach

I decided that wasn't a ~ for me

### fruitful avenue

this might be a ~ for further research

### fruitful discourse

there hasn't been much ~ lately (politics)

### fruitful place

this is a ~ to do business (a city)

### fruitful relationship

they had a long and ~ (two companies)

### artistically fruitful

their relationship was ~

### less fruitful

subsequent efforts were ~

### more fruitful

I think it would be ~ if we...

### long, fruitful (m)

in the course of a ~ career, he... (a poet)

### prove fruitful

negotiations could ~ if...

♦ The Smucker's Company has a very cute full-page ad on the back of the January 21, 2019 *Christian Science Monitor Weekly*. It shows 12 bottles of their iconic jams and jellies in three rows with the dates of their introduction below them, and the title reads, "Fruitful Since 1897." The pun incorporates the figurative and the literal. A classic and classy ad from a classic and classy company!

### worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

## fruition (noun)

### came to fruition

the plan never ~

### growth & development: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

## fry (small fry)

### small fry

he is working his way up the food chain, starting with ~ (prosecutor)

### importance & significance: animal / fish / size

### power: animal / fish / size

### strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

### size: animal / fish

## frying pan

### jumps from the frying pan into the fire

like one who ~

### fate, fortune & chance: cooking / fire

## fuel (verb)

### fuel (Internet) abuse

depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders can ~

### fueled (much of the ) corruption

his bribes ~ in the state

### fuel the (ongoing) debate

the results are likely to ~ over how... (cancer)

### fueled the debate

those differences in point of view ~ (Confederate flag)

### fuels the diaspora

poverty ~ of Malians

### fuel the flames

don't ~ (a controversy)

### fueled (public) interest

journalism ~ (an Arctic rescue)

### fueled a (growing) panic

Tuesday's developments ~ in Japan (nuclear catastrophe)

### fueling his (inner) rage

a cause that is ~ (environment)

### fueled in him a sense of self-importance

the militia ~

### increase & decrease: fire / verb

### initiation: fire / verb

### supplying: fire / verb

## fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.)

### adds (fresh) fuel to a (longstanding) controversy

his role in the new add ~

### pour fuel on the fire

this will ~ of toxic political warfare

### pour fuel on the flames

the documents are likely to ~ of a strained relationship

### increase & decrease: fire / verb

## **fuel (noun)**

any more fuel  
she would not give the issue ~ (“no comment”)

**initiation: fire**

**increase & decrease: fire**

### **fueled**

fueled by the Chinese  
the jade boom has been ~ (Xinjiang)

fueled by a movie  
the fury is ~ (anti-US protests by Muslims)

fueled by the occupation  
anti-American sentiment ~ of Iraq

fueled by (Internet) pornography  
soldiers who come home with sexual addictions ~

fueled the rumors  
he has ~ by appointing... (rumors of war)

alcohol-fueled (m)  
an epic, ~ party...  
he died at an ~ party (fraternity)

rum-fueled (m)  
the ~ party culminates Fat Tuesday (Trinidad)

whiskey-fueled (m)  
a ~ high

ignited and fueled  
opposition was ~ by the church (innovation)

**increase & decrease: fire**

### **full-court press**

full-court press in Washington  
there was a ~ (foreign lobbying campaign)

full-court press from our department  
there is a ~ (search for missing child)

full-court press to capture him  
there was a ~, once they knew his identity (a bomber)

full-court press (by the administration) to contain  
it has been a ~ the company (tariff dispute with China)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: basketball / sports & games**  
**commitment & determination: basketball / sports & games**

### **full-fledged (adjective)**

full-fledged atrocity  
a ~ would be difficult to ignore

full-fledged (academic) discipline  
it is not yet a ~ with departments of its own (services science)

full-fledged explosion  
the ~

full-fledged gangsters  
ties to ~

full-fledged member  
China will become a ~ (WTO)  
the first steps in becoming a ~ of the Hells Angels

full-fledged stroke  
people who have had ~s

full-fledged bantamweight  
moving up to ~

full-fledged drug dealer  
a ~

full-fledged comeback  
a ~

**growth & development: bird**

**extent & scope: bird**

### **full-on (adjective)**

full-on migraine  
what we've got coming this weekend is a ~ (winter storm)

**extent & scope: mechanism**

**growth & development: mechanism**

### **full stop**

full stop  
this is right-wing terrorism, ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters**

### **fumble (verb)**

fumbled this moment  
Boeing has ~ (failed to ground its plane after crashes)

fumbled the disaster response  
the government ~

**failure, accident & impairment: ball / football / sports & games / hand / verb**

### **fumble (noun)**

diplomatic fumble  
it was his latest ~

**failure, accident & impairment: ball / football / sports & games / hand**

### **fumbled**

fumbled attempt  
a ~ to reform small business taxes

**failure, accident & impairment: ball / football / sports & games / hand**

### **fume (verb)**

fuming about the (split-decision) verdict  
he is still ~ that went against Pacquiao (boxing)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb**



## funeral (one's funeral)

funeral

go ahead and do it, it's your ~

**destruction: burial / death & life**

**fate, fortune & chance: burial / death & life**

## funnel (direct)

funnel (tax) dollars to the poor

he wants to ~ (a president)

funneled money to charities

he ~ with terrorist ties

**directing: verb / water**

## funnel (shape)

funnel cloud

heavy rains, hail, reports of ~s

tornado funnel

~s in Oklahoma

**shape: water**

## furnace (noun)

furnace of an atmosphere

who can survive in this ~ (important soccer game)

thrown into a furnace

I was ~

**environment: fire / temperature**

## furnish (give)

furnished them with all the information

the report ~

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb**

## fury (creature)

keep his furies at bay

he works hard to ~ (troubled ex-boxer)

♦ The furies are part of Greek mythology.

**affliction: allusion / creature / religion**

## fuse (noun)

short fuse

our society has a ~, just waiting for a spark (China)

that ~ got him in trouble (troubled Iraq veteran)

lit the fuse

that was the match that ~ (precipitating cause)

**initiation: explosion / weapon**

## fusillade (noun)

fusillade against an "Obama judge"

Trump's latest ~

**accusation & criticism: military / weapon**

**speech: weapon**

## G

## gadfly (person)

diplomatic gadfly

he is a kind of ~ (a Lebanese businessman and advisor)

hippie and gadfly

he was the resident ~

♦ Gadflies might be any one of several large flies, including horseflies.

**affliction: animal / horse / insect / person**

**character & personality: animal / horse / insect / person**

**person: animal / insect**

## gag (noun)

gag order

the judge has issued a ~

**constraint & lack of constraint: speech**

## gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)

gaggle of protesters

a ~ have gathered outside the court (Vancouver)

did a gaggle

the president ~ from the North Lawn

♦ This refers to an impromptu press conference by the president or press secretary that is informal, unscripted and unfettered. An actual gaggle refers to a flock, especially of geese, and especially on the ground.

**activity: animal / bird**

**behavior: animal / bird**

**resemblance / group, set & collection: animal / bird**

## Galapagos (epithet)

"Galapagos of the Indian Ocean"

its startling biodiversity has earned it the nickname ~ (Socotra)

Galapagos of the North

the Pribilofs are known as the ~

Galápagos of Russia

Unesco's citation refers to Lake Baikal as the "~"

American Galápagos

the ~ (Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park)

Canadian Galápagos

islands referred to as the "~" (Haida Gwaii)

**biodiversity: epithet / place**

## galaxy (noun)

galaxy of actors

his films drew performances from a ~ (director)

galaxy of (Western) media figures

he introduced her to a ~ (Charlie Rose, etc.)

**achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy**

**group, set & collection: astronomy**

## **gall (verb)**

galls his critics

what ~ is...

truly galls

what ~ them is...

♦ Both trees and humans can develop galls. A gall in a human is a raised boil.

**affliction: health & medicine / sensation / verb**

## **gallery (play to the gallery)**

plays to the gallery

the representation of emotion ~ (humiliation, anguish, distress, etc.)

**performance: theater**

## **gallery (cheering gallery)**

cheering gallery

Obama still has his ~

**achievement, recognition & praise: theater**

## **gallop (noun)**

murmurs, rubs, and gallops

note the presence of ~ (lung sounds)

**sound: animal / horse**

## **galloping**

galloping or surging (m)

so-called ~ glaciers can travel 250 feet per day

**speed: animal / horse**

## **galvanize (verb)**

galvanized people to take up

the movies ~ the cause (wrongful convictions)

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / verb**

**initiation: electricity / verb**

## **gambit (noun)**

unwise and diversionary gambit

this is an ~ (diplomatic move)

**strategy: chess / sports & games**

## **gamble (verb)**

gambled everything on getting

he ~ his dictionary published

**fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games / verb**

**strategy: gambling / sports & games / verb**

## **gamble (noun)**

gamble

we were in Tonga on a ~... (windsurfers)

gamble on agriculture

Saudi Arabia's ~ has sucked precious aquifers dry

Saudi Arabia's gamble

~ on agriculture has sucked precious aquifers dry

political gamble

he represents a ~ (choice of vice president)

daring gamble

he called the initiative "a ~" to make... (space flight)

technological gamble

the plan relies on four highly speculative ~ (restore Everglades)

gamble paid off

the ~

took the gamble

he ~ (migrant / Senegal to Canary Islands)

**fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games**

**strategy: gambling / sports & games**

## **game (game the system, etc.)**

game the (asylum) process

they ~ (skip out on court dates)

gaming the system

parents are ~ to advantage their children (university admissions)

**subterfuge: sports & games**

## **game (in / into the game)**

in the game

we will continue to be ~ (US surveillance)

back in the game

we are ~

get (back) into the (dating) game

ways to ~ (self-help)

**involvement: sports & games**

## **game (late in the game)**

late in the game

it's pretty ~ to be...

its kind of ~ to be talking about this

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games**

## **game (get one's head into the game)**

get your head into the game

hey, ~... (coach to player)

get my head (back) into the game

he reminded me to ~ (Afghan combat)

**consciousness & awareness: sports & games**

## **game (game-changer)**

game-changer

a free Iraq is going to be a ~, an agent of change

game changer for our profession  
this is a ~

geopolitical game-changer  
nuclear weapons are a ~

**importance & significance: sports & games**

**disruption: sports & games**

**development: sports & games**

## game (chess game)

chess game

it really is a ~ (trying to catch terrorist)  
let's look ahead, the way you have to in a ~ (Brexit negotiations)  
it's a ~, and we have to look several moves ahead (Brexit)

political chess game

the politicians play ~s (at expense of laborers)  
they use human beings as pawns in a ~ (hostages)

psychological chess games

winning ~s (interrogations of terrorist suspects)

**strategy: chess / sports & games**

## game (game of hide and seek, etc.)

game of hide-and-seek

a very serious ~ (Palestinian student-terrorist)

**pursuit, capture & escape: sports & games**

## game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)

game of cat and mouse

colleges find themselves in a new ~ (cheating with technology)

cat-and-mouse game

the ~ with the virus writers  
the ~ Iraq played with U.N. inspectors  
it's a ~ (campaigning for an election)

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / cat / hunting / sports & games**

**competition: animal / cat / hunting / sports & games**

## game (guessing game)

guessing game

how the weather will affect operations comes down to a ~

comes down to a guessing game

how the weather will affect operations ~

**certainty & uncertainty: sports & games**

**fate, fortune & chance: sports & games**

## game (game face)

game face

she had on her ~ (a law-enforcement officer)

**appearance: face / sports & games**

**commitment & determination: face / sports & games**

## game (numbers game)

numbers game

CIA case officers admit to a ~  
dating is entirely a ~  
the business plan was just a ~  
job hunting is a ~ (developing contacts, etc.)  
the ~ continued (changing numbers, recalculating)

play the numbers game

smugglers ~, the law of averages

**strategy: number / sports & games**

## game (blame game, etc.)

blame game

what he did is what matters, not the ~ (trial)

**accusation & criticism: sports & games**

## game (project, scheme, plan)

game of 'gotcha'

they were playing a ~ rather than trying to help

games of dominance and submission

~ (relationships)

game of wink and nod

he is playing a risky ~

childish game

he was playing a ~

head games

victimized by others' or your own ~

cutthroat game

he wasn't there to play the ~ (Survivor)

dangerous game

speaking truth to power is a ~

silly game

stop playing your ~s

just a game

they know I won't shoot them, now it's ~ (Israeli sniper)

playing a game

she's ~ that could blow up in her face

play games

we don't ~, we don't bullshit (windsurfer Poles)

**subterfuge: sports & games**

**performance: sports & games**

## game (game of life, etc.)

game

I had no clue what the rules were, what the ~ even was

game of life

the ~

♦ "I had no clue what the rules were, what the game even was—or that there was even a game." (The computer scientist Richard Wallace, who suffers from bipolar disease.)

♦ "They were dealt some cards they can't play to this day. Fortunately, I was dealt cards and somehow managed to play the right hand." (Olympic champion speaking of his heroin-addict mother and step-father.)

♦ "It's not the cards you're dealt, it's how you play your hand."

**survival, persistence & endurance: sports & games**

### game (stock market game, etc.)

game of (high-altitude) climbing  
the high-stakes ~

Great Game  
Azerbaijan was a pawn in the ~ for territory and power

lethal game  
EFPs are the latest twist in a ~ of measure, countermeasure

rules in this game  
there are no set ~ (starting an Internet business)

rules of the game  
our understanding of the ~ (diplomacy)  
this time we will change the ~ (Israel bombs Hezbollah)

play the game  
mistakes are the price you pay to ~ (NYC publishing)

stay on top of my game  
I have to ~...

keep the game interesting  
to ~, the plays will be performed in repertory

♦ "Craig Kelly was a hero to all of us, but his death seems to be just a part of the game." (Reaction of a snowboarder to Craig Kelly's death in an avalanche.)

**work & duty: sports & games**

### game (social interaction)

game of wink and nod  
he is playing a risky ~

dating game  
the ~ isn't as fun as it used to be (famous actor)

mating games  
social skills that underlie more serious ~ in years to come

competitive game  
for young women in Beirut, dressing fashionably is a ~

part of the game  
it's all just ~ (job interviewing)

stages of the (dating) game  
in the early ~

rules of the (dating) game  
trying to figure out the ~

**social interaction: sports & games**

### game (situation)

game changed  
then, suddenly, the whole ~ (riot that turns deadly)

**situation: sports & games**

### game plan

game plan  
Clinton's ~ is taking shape  
she reminded them of the ~

**script: sports & games**

### Gandhi

Gandhi of the Balkans  
he was known as the ~ (Ibrahim Rugova)

**conflict: allusion / epithet**

### Gandhian

Gandhian engineering  
India is promoting ~ (low cost)  
~ challenges convention (cars)

Gandhian tactics  
he advocates the use of ~ against Israel

**conflict: allusion**

### gap (noun)

budget gap  
we need to close the ~

falls into a gap  
he ~ between disciplines

**division & connection: ground, terrain & land**

### garbage (data)

garbage in, garbage out  
~ (GIGO)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: waste**

### garbage (waste)

garbage compromise  
this is a ~ (politics)

anti-Semitic garbage  
they need to get the ~ out of their textbooks

bunch of garbage  
everybody thinks we're enemies, that's a ~

**worth & lack of worth: waste**

### garden (resemblance)

coral garden  
fragile ~s were discovered at depths of about 1,000 feet

rock garden  
technical paddling through ~s (kayaking)

**resemblance: plant**

### garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)

Cactus Garden  
cavers called the new find the ~ (stalagmites)

proper name: plant

## Garden of Eden

Garden of Eden

when I first visited Borneo in the 60s, it was a ~

♦ The Mormon Bible locates the Garden of Eden near Independence, Missouri.

environment: Bible / religion

flaws & lack of flaws: Bible / religion

superlative: Bible / religion

## gargantuan (size)

gargantuan characters

they were both ~ (in the Scottish climbing community)

♦ Gargantua, a kindly giant in French folklore, was the giant prince with a huge appetite and loud voice in Rabelais's 16-century satiric novel. I have not read it, but a description of it makes me think of Paul Bunyan, particularly the appetite part.

size: allusion

## gas (run out of gas)

ran out of gas

he ~ (a losing boxer)

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb

failure, accident & impairment: engine / verb

## gas (take one's foot off the gas)

took his foot off the gas

today he ~ (president decides to delay plan)

took its foot off the gas

with a 30-point lead, the team ~

haste / speed: engine

## gas (substance)

gas machine

he's known as a ~ (a politician)

substance & lack of substance: atmosphere

## gaslight (verb)

gaslighted

her husband ~ her for years

♦ *Gas Light* was a 1938 English play by Patrick Hamilton. It is about an abusive and criminal husband who tries to convince his wife that she is crazy. The word has come to mean a certain sort of psychological manipulation. It can appear in a series like, "gaslighting, lying, and manipulation."

speech: allusion / film / verb

subterfuge: allusion / film / verb

## gaslighting (noun)

gaslighting, lying, and manipulation

she described his ~ in the workplace as cruel

speech: allusion / film

subterfuge: allusion / film

## gasp (very "gasp," etc.)

very 'Gasp!

the coverage has been very ~ Censorship'

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily process / breathing

## gasp (last gasp)

last gasp

that fuss he made at the Capitol was a ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: bodily process / breathing

## gate (society)

outside the gates

Turkey is still ~ (admittance to European Union)

society: gate

access & lack of access: gate

obstacles & impedance: gate

division & connection: gate

## gate (portal)

gates of death

the ~ are without number (versus birth)

portal: gate

## gate (Iron Gate, etc.)

Gates of Samburu

the ~ is a pass in the Rift Valley of Kenya

Hell's Gate

~, the second big rapid (Lower Meadow River)

the Nahanni bends through a constriction called the ~

Dzungarian Gate

the ~ is a pass between Xinjiang and Kazakhstan

Moravian Gate

the ~ linked southern Europe and the Baltic Sea (a pass)

Golden Gate (m)

the ~ Bridge crosses the harbor

Iron Gate

the ~ is a gorge on the Danube River

proper name: gate

## gatecrasher

gatecrasher

the ~ was arrested (party)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gate

## gatekeeper

gatekeeper

editors say they are ~s, not detectives (fraudulent studies)

gatekeepers of the Tony Awards

just 30 theater professionals are the ~ (nominators)

gatekeepers of (TV) comedy

the ~ make up a small clique (bookers like Eddie Brill)

gatekeepers of (literary) culture  
book publishers have long seen themselves as the ~

gatekeepers of the (global) Internet  
the ~ should treat all users equally (congestion)

gatekeeper to (the nation's) colleges  
the SAT as a major ~ and universities... (scoring errors)

gatekeeper for information  
we do not want to act as a ~ (Swisscom official / congestion)

gatekeeper role  
they can play a ~ (building landlords vs. cable providers)

objective gatekeeper  
clinical researchers should function as ~s, but... (conflicts of interest)

cultural and political gatekeepers  
the digerati effort to dethrone ~ (Web)

monopoly gatekeeper  
Google is the ~ to the Internet

assistant and gatekeeper  
she serves as his ~ (his wife)

hit makers, gatekeepers and fact checkers  
career prospects for ~ may be in doubt (Internet)

dethrone (cultural) gatekeepers  
the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

dethrone (political) gatekeepers  
the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

challenges gatekeepers  
anything that ~ is a good thing (e-publishing)

seen themselves as the gatekeepers  
book publishers have long ~ of literary culture

serves as a gatekeeper  
he ~ for those how want to meet her (a diplomat)

**control & lack of control: gate / society**  
**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gate**

**gateway**

gateway to the East  
the ~

gateway to Europe  
the Iberian Peninsula was an ideal ~ (drugs / Portugal)

gateway to the Sahara  
in Tamanrasset, ~ (Algeria / Tuaregs)

gateway into dream life  
a direct ~

gateway between Pakistan and Afghanistan  
the Khyber Pass, the ancient ~

gateway for drugs

in 1977, Florida was the ~ into the United States

gateway for drug smugglers  
Baluchistan has been a major ~ from...

gateway for drug traffickers  
southeastern Iran is a major ~ from...

gateway drug  
some believe marijuana is a ~

"gateway theory"  
the ~ that pot can lead to harder drugs

ancient gateway  
the Khyber Pass, the ~

major gateway  
SE Iran is a ~ for drug traffickers from...

**portal: gate**

**gauge**

gauge of malnutrition  
the percent of kids under 5 who are underweight is a ~

critical gauge  
it is a ~ of malnutrition (underweight kids under 5)

**measurement: tools & technology**

**gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet)**

laid down the gauntlet to Republicans  
Obama has ~ by asking Congress to...

♦ A gauntlet was a glove worn with Medieval armor to protect the hand. In its figurative meaning, it means to issue a challenge.

**conflict: Middle Ages / verb**

**gear (in full gear)**

in full gear  
the community will move to get the relief effort ~

get the (relief) effort in full gear  
the community will move to ~

**activity: mechanism**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism**

**gear (kick into gear, etc.)**

kick into gear  
that's when you see him ~ (boxer gets ready for bout)

kicked into gear  
the worm only ~ when... (cyberwarfare)

moved into (high) gear  
American-led efforts to save the talks ~ (Mideast)

shifted into high gear  
conservative talk-show hosts ~

**activity: mechanism**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism**

## gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.)

wrench in the gears  
antiviral drugs are a ~ of the genetic machinery

throw sand in the gears  
this bill will ~ of commerce  
they can ~ (Iraqi spies)

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism**

## gear (switch gears)

switch gears  
how hard it is to ~ for many adjuncts  
I'm going to ~ here... (change the subject)

**reversal: mechanism / verb**

## gear up (verb)

gears up for 2012  
as the White House ~ (election)

gearing up for a battle  
Republicans are ~ (politics)

gearing up for the future  
we're ~ (companies exploiting the Arctic)

**increase & decrease: mechanism / verb**  
**difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism / verb**

## gem (noun)

gem  
Oman is a ~ in the Middle East

gem of a book  
he has written a ~

whitewater gem  
this spectacular ~ (Tallulah Gorge / kayaking)

hidden gem  
the road reveals many ~s (N7 in France)

**superlative: mining**

## gene (in one's genes)

in his genes  
laziness is not ~

**identity & nature: biology**

## generation (products, etc.)

fourth generation  
the Max was to be the of the 737 family (Boeing)

**taxonomy & classification: family**

## Geneva Convention

digital Geneva Convention  
some are calling for a ~ (cyberwarfare)

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime / history / justice**

## genie (initiation)

genie  
the ~ is out of the bottle (cloning)  
once that ~ is out of the bottle, it gets very hard to put it back (opioids)

genie (of racial hatred) has been unleashed  
the ~ (Ivory Coast)

stuff the genie back into the bottle  
it's too late to ~

put the genie back in the bottle  
you can't ~

**initiation: creature**

**affliction: creature**

## genie (knowledge)

lighting-design genie  
again he has shown himself to be a ~

**knowledge & intelligence: creature**

## germinate (verb)

gestated and (finally) germinated  
it was something that ~ into this thread I explored in my novel

**creation & transformation: birth / plant / verb**

**growth & development: birth / plant / verb**

## Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)

Gestapo of Patterson  
the police were the ~ (BBC's *The Hurricane Tapes*)

**oppression: allusion / epithet / history / violence**

## gestate (verb)

gestated and (finally) germinated  
it was something that ~ into this thread I explored in my novel

**creation & transformation: birth / verb**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: birth / verb**

**growth & development: birth / verb**

## gestation (film, etc.)

seven-year gestation  
the film had a ~

**creation & transformation: birth**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: birth**

**growth & development: birth**

## get (get through something)

get through (almost) anything  
with the right outlook, you can ~ (life)

get through the episode  
I somehow managed to ~

got through the interview  
I somehow ~ (for a job)

get through it  
I think she'll ~, she's a very strong personality (athlete)

get through that (transition) period  
help the economy ~ (Russia)

get through the (degree) program  
working while they try to ~

get through this  
the Lord will give us the strength to ~

get through this somehow  
we'll ~

get you through rough times  
develop better coping skills to ~

time to get through (all) this  
it takes ~, just be patient...

strength to get through this  
the Lord will give us the ~

way to get through it  
if you want to find a ~ all, maybe...

**survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb**  
**resiliency: journeys & trips / verb**  
**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: journeys & trips / verb**

### get (get over something)

get over the sense of failure  
I know I will ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb**  
**resiliency: journeys & trips / verb**  
**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: journeys & trips / verb**

### get (get into something)

got into movies  
little by little, I ~ (an actor)

get into the specifics  
I'm not going to ~ on the investigation

**involvement: container / direction / verb**

### get (get somewhere)

get there  
how did Apple ~ (a trillion dollars)

get here  
how did we ~ (explain how we arrived at such a situation)

**attainment: journeys & trips / verb**  
**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: journeys & trips / verb**  
**analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / verb**

### get (understand)

get it  
I ~  
I don't ~  
I didn't ~

gets it  
this guy ~ (understands)  
here's a guy who ~ (cleric who fights sex abuse)

get the skepticism  
I totally ~

**comprehension & incomprehension: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb**

### getaway

weekend getaway  
dream vacations and ~s  
a romantic ~ as a Valentine's Day present

romantic getaway  
last summer, for a ~, we...;

romantic (weekend) getaway  
a ~ as a Valentine's Day present

vacation getaway  
this ~ won't cost you an arm and leg

**pursuit, capture & escape: place**

### get out (escape)

get out  
I wanted to ~ but I didn't know how (gang)

**situation: container**

### get out (get out from under)

get out from under her (crushing debt) burden  
she couldn't ~

get out from under the cloud  
he couldn't ~ of suspicion

get out from under (US) sanctions  
Iran wants to ~

**oppression: burden / verb / weight**

**amelioration & renewal: burden / verb / weight**

### ghost (verb)

ghosting you  
he's ~ (her boyfriend disappears without contact)

ghosts boyfriends  
she ~ because she doesn't want to offend

ghosted me  
she ~ and I was left in the dark (as to why)

ghosted him  
American had ~ (victim of #MeToo movement)



♦ In terms of dating, this refers to a boyfriend or girlfriend cutting off a relationship with no explanation, not face to face or even on social media. Further contact might only be related to "orbiting" on social media.

**appearance & disappearance: creature / verb**

## ghost (memory)

ghost

the ~s were brought to life (bones of slave laborers)  
they want to keep his ~ alive (Osama bin Laden)

"ghosts" of Ms Clinton's campaign

the article questioned whether the ~ would haunt Ms Warren

ghosts of Vietnam

an attempt to bury the ~ (embedded reporters / Iraq)

ghosts of history

a debate about how to confront the ~ (Germany / 70s)

confront the ghosts

a debate about how to ~ of history (Germany, 70s)

exorcised that ghost

European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

**affliction: creature**

## ghost (bury the ghost)

bury the ghosts

an attempt to ~ of Vietnam

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: burial / creature / verb**

## ghost (ghost children, etc.)

ghost children

North Korean ~ in China can't go to school (illegal)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: creature**

## ghost (ghost ship, etc.)

ghost face

the child noticed a ~ on the floor (Bélmez Faces)

"ghost" ship

~s have been previously hijacked (piracy)

~s are a real threat to the security (world's waterways)

the two pirate vessels returned to a large ~ (Somalia)

**appearance & disappearance: creature**

## ghost (ghost signs, etc.)

"ghost signs"

the city does not preserve ~ (on old brick walls)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: creature**

## ghost (fantasy and delusion)

ghost airplanes

stray missiles, ~ (Egyptian scenarios for Flight 990)

♦ Be careful about sharing intimate gossip in a party situation—you may find it comes back to haunt you...

**fantasy & reality: creature**

## ghost town

ghost town

two years later, the city is a ~ (after earthquake)

one year on, L'Aquila is still a ~ (after earthquake)

turn into ghost towns

communities will ~

**activity: creature**

**presence & absence: creature**

## ghostwriter (noun)

ghostwriter

he has worked as an unofficial ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: creature**

**subterfuge: creature**

## giant (Giants Causeway, etc.)

Giants Causeway

the ~ is a cape in Northern Ireland

Giant's Chair

the ~ (Gyrestolen), is a mountain in Svalbard

♦ The Giants Causeway is a Unesco World Heritage site.

**proper name: creature**

## giant (size)

giant

some venerable ~s grew as high as 120 feet (trees)

"giant of Africa"

instability in the ~ is cause for concern (Nigeria)

Giants of Asia

these two ~ (China and India)

giant in the field

the late Amos Tversky, a ~ of coincidence theory

beverage giant

the Atlanta-based ~ (Coca-Cola)

game giant

the established ~s Sony and Nintendo

Wall Street giant

~ Lehman Brothers

telecom giant

the ~ WorldCom

comic-book giant

a ~ (character from a comic)

San Francisco Giants

the ~ beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-2 (MLB)

Duiwelskloof Giant

the ~ has a pub inside it (a South African baobab tree)

Sagole giant

the ~ sprawls over a half-an-acre (South African baobab)

fast-food giant

aggressive trademark protection by the ~ (McDonald's)

long-distance giant

~ AT&T

mobile-phone giant

~ Vodafone

natural gas giant

Gazprom, the ~ (Russia)

software giant

the ~ Microsoft

online auction giant

the ~, eBay

sleeping giant

this is a ~ (projected water shortage in US)

they have awakened a ~ (sports team)

banking giant

the ~ Wachovia

retailing giant

such ~s as Old Navy, Staples, Barnes & Noble

complacent giant

aggressive upstarts catch ~ unawares (Japan)

4 giants

~ fell in the first round (World Cup soccer)

20,000-foot giant

Pumori and McKinley, among other ~s

catch (complacent) giant unawares

aggressive upstarts ~ (Japan vs. Detroit)

grow into a giant

a hailstone can ~ (size of a grapefruit)

**size: creature**

## **giant (sleeping giant)**

sleeping giant

the Latino vote has always been seen as a ~ (politics)

**consciousness & awareness: creature / size**

**power: creature / size**

## **giant (achievement)**

giant of his field

he was considered the ~ (literary critic)

giant of foreign policy

he was a true ~

giant figure

he was a ~ in American theater (August Wilson)

romantic giants

in an age of ~ he was certainly a titan (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

shoulder of giants

I've always felt I'm standing on the ~ here (windsurfer)

**achievement, recognition & praise: creature / size**  
**importance & significance: creature / size**

## **gift (gift for languages, etc.)**

gift

they either have that ~ or they don't (acting)

gift for knowing

he has a ~ what people want (games developer)

gift for friendship

Wharton had a great ~

gift for languages

having an unusual ~ (explorer Sven Hedin)

gift for metaphor

a poet's ~

gift for theater

his ~ and his populist policies (a politician)

poet's gift

a ~ for metaphor

athletic gifts

the ~, but behind them was an angry teenager

**ability & lack of ability: gift**

## **gift (benefit)**

gift

thank you GOD for blessing us with this ~ (John Singleton)

gift to the (Iraqi) people

the suicide bombing was a ~

Gift of Life

the ~ brings children to the US for surgery

gift of life

organ donors make the ~ possible

gift of literacy

give the ~ and change a life forever (literacy)

gift of science

we embrace the ~, which is a gift from God (Jews)

gift from God

she is a ~ (woman who helps the poor)

the gift of science, which is a ~ (Jews / reproduction)

gift from the 20th century to the 21st

a ~ (eradication of polio)

gift and a curse

having a good platoon, it's both a ~ (combat medic)

God's gift

camels, known by some as Ata Allah, or ~

Australia's gift

~ to the world (fresh, fun and enthusiastic girls)

precious gift  
she was a ~ (mother talking about murdered daughter)

accept our lot as a gift  
but should we ~ (vs. genetic and self-engineering)

**cost & benefit: gift**  
**worth & lack of worth: gift**

## gift (verb)

gifted Cameroon a goal  
her sloppy pass back almost ~ (World Cup soccer)

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gift / verb**

## gifted

gifted children  
the parents of ~  
a program that serves ~

gifted (young) violinist  
a ~

gifted, high-functioning (m)  
~ individuals

most gifted (m)  
only the ~ math wizards understand it (Poincare)

naturally gifted (m)  
naturally gifted athletes

technically gifted (m)  
he is a ~ boxer

**ability & lack of ability: gift**

## gilded (Gilded Age)

Gilded Age of rock journalism  
the sixties were the ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history**  
**growth & development / money: history**

## give-and-take

give and take  
such ~ is uncommon  
there has been a lot of ~ (coach / player)

give and take of ideas  
the ~ in class discussion (vs. Internet)

give-and-take relationship  
our ~s

marital give-and-take  
in this parable of ~, the last word is hers to give

**position, policy & negotiation: direction**  
**social interaction: giving, receiving, talking, bringing & returning**

## give in (verb)

give in  
I will never ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb**

## give up (stop trying)

gave up  
she ~ (started drinking, etc.)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb**

## glacial

glacial pace  
benefits and appeals are decided at a ~ (Veterans Affairs)

pace (of medical research) is glacial  
the ~

♦ In the July / August issue of *Sierra*, in his article "Hope is Not a Strategy," the executive director of the Sierra Club Michael Brune wrote: "You could say that progress on an international climate change agreement has been glacial, except that glaciers have been melting faster." In a warming future, the progress of glaciers may no longer be glacial. Some glaciers have been referred to as galloping or surging and can travel 250 feet per day.

**speed: glacier**

## gladiator (noun)

gladiator  
football players are ~s, baseball players are gentlemen

gladiator personality  
sports superstars generally have ~s

**conflict: history / person / violence**

## glare (attention)

glare of publicity  
he now wishes to be away from the ~ (scandal)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark**

## glass jaw

glass jaw  
they are trying to protect his ~ (a politician)

**strength & weakness: boxing**

## glean (verb)

gleaned from the records  
there's a lot to be ~ (church sex abuse)

**searching & discovery: farming & agriculture / verb**

## glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.)

glimmer of hope  
there might be a small ~ for the family (missing son)

**evidence: atmosphere / light & dark**

**amount: atmosphere / light & dark**

## glittering (adjective)

glittering career  
he celebrated another landmark in his ~

**superlative: light & dark**

## **gloom (noun)**

tension and gloom  
people resumed their lives in an atmosphere of ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark**

**oppression: light & dark**

## **gloomy (adjective)**

gloomy assessment  
in this ~ of American nursing... (a book)

gloomy picture  
he presented quite a ~ of the region

gloomy crossroads  
he'd reached a ~ in his life

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark**

**oppression: light & dark**

## **glove (the gloves are off)**

gloves (the gloves are off)  
the ~ (jungle justice / no Nigerian election meddling)

gloves are (well and truly) off  
the ~ (tough G-20 negotiations)

the gloves are (coming) off  
~ and the new US policy...

**restraint & lack of restraint: boxing**

**conflict / violence: boxing**

## **glowing (adjective)**

glowing recommendation  
he earned an internship because of a ~

**superlative: light & dark**

## **glue (noun)**

glue  
she is the ~ binding the family together (daughter)  
their affection is the ~ that holds them together  
he is the ~ that holds the company together (an executive)  
oil could be the ~ that keeps the two sides civil (Sudan)  
fear is the ~ that holds together their regime (repression)  
almond butter is the ~ that holds the ingredients together  
he is the ~ that holds it together (a soccer player)

glue of civilization  
queues are the ~ (society, egalitarianism, fairness, etc.)

glue of politics  
fear was now the ~ (repressive regimes)

binding glue  
nationalism was the ~ that replaced religion and dynasty

ideological glue  
the Brotherhood has a common ~ other parties lack

social glue  
her coach called her the ~ that held the players together  
religion provides ~ to bond groups

**attachment: materials & substances**

## **glued**

glue to their screens  
young people are ~ all day (computers)

glued to his ear  
he had a cellphone ~ (art-auction bidder)

glued to their radios  
soap operas keep millions of Ethiopians ~

glued to the television  
during the World Cup she was ~

glued to the TV  
on Sundays, my husband is ~ (sports)

glued to the road  
all-wheel drive keeps you ~ (cars)

glued to the floor  
she sat silently, her eyes ~

**attachment: materials & substances**

## **glut (noun)**

supply glut  
a ~ of lobsters

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink**

## **glutton (person)**

glutton for punishment  
I should have quit my job years ago, but I guess I'm a ~

glutton for food, sex and praise  
he is a ~

video glutton  
I am a ~ (stop me before I rent again)

**consumption: food & drink / person**

**enthusiasm: food & drink / person**

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / person**

**person: food & drink**

## **gnaw (verb)**

gnawed at him  
it ~ (what to do about a problem)  
a secret worry ~ (a researcher and his results)  
the letter ~ (a journalist gets a tip)

**sensation: animal / teeth / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / teeth / verb**

## **gnawing**

gnawing hunger  
they had a ~ for a better life (Ellis Island immigrants)

gnawing fear and uncertainty  
a ~ (living in era of terrorism)

**sensation: animal / teeth**

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / teeth**

## go (go after somebody / attack)

going after the senator  
the President is ~ with references to Native Americans

went after his critics  
he ~ (Turkish President)

**accusation & criticism: verb / weapon**  
**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**  
**go (go along)**

go along  
to get along, you've got to ~

go along with Israel  
he will probably ~ (foreign policy)

**unanimity & consensus: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb**  
**social interaction: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## go (go wrong)

go wrong  
where did I ~

**failure, accident & impairment: movement**

## go (go through something)

go through  
separation is a developmental stage that nearly all kids ~

went through a (tough) breakup  
he ~ with his girlfriend

going through a divorce  
she was ~

went through much (diplomatic) haggling  
the resolution ~ (U.N.)

gotten through a rocky season  
UConn has ~ for them (women's basketball)

going through some trials  
please keep praying for me, as I am ~

go through this whole thing  
you ~ called life (a person feeling his mortality)

go through this again  
I'm sorry you have to ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

**experience: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## go (go big)

go big  
keep the case local, or ~ (murder of child)  
they decided to ~ (police / murder of child)

~, or go home (a championship soccer game)

**extent & scope: size / verb**  
**commitment & determination: size / verb**

## go (go for something)

go for broke  
expect the athletes to ~ (Olympics)

go-for-broke (m)  
doing ~ art  
a skier with a ~ style  
a ~ cancer treatment

go for it  
let's ~ (win versus tie / sports)

go-for-it (m)  
you need a ~ attitude (ski competition)  
he had a ~ mentality (skateboarder)

go for the victory  
he decided to ~ (versus tie / coach)

♦ "He had a go-for-it mentality—"Make it, or take me to the hospital." (A skateboarder.)

♦ "I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could, and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we both just went for it... I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher..." (Elisabeth Moss on performing in *Her Smell*.)

**attempt: direction / movement**  
**commitment & determination: direction / movement / verb**

## go (a road can go, etc.)

goes from Canada to Mexico  
the mountain range ~

**route: movement / walking, running & jumping**  
**fictive motion: verb / walking, running & jumping**

## go (have a go at something)

had a go at it  
practically everyone ~ (writing mystery novels)

**attempt: direction / verb**

## go (a distance to go, etc.)

further to go  
we have come a long way, but we have much ~

a little way to go  
we still have a ~ (restoring electricity after hurricane)

a long way to go  
we've got ~, but we've had some success

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips**

## go (progress)

go far  
together we will ~

gone (quite) a distance  
we have ~ in creating a better Afghanistan

going nowhere  
the project is ~ (a pipeline)

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

**condition & status: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

### **go (let something go)**

let it go  
he rolled his eyes and told me to ~ (book idea)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / verb**  
**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: direction / verb**

### **go (behavior)**

going berserk  
this crowd is ~ (an exciting boxing match)

went too far  
she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

went overboard  
she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

go over the line  
anything goes as long as you don't ~ (Las Vegas)

went off the deep end  
she ~

anything goes  
~ as long as you don't go over the line (Las Vegas)

willing to go  
how far are you ~ to get these people (cops)

**behavior: direction / movement / verb**

### **go (development)**

going badly  
the project is ~

going great  
things are ~ (a relationship)

gone smoothly  
but the hangings have not always ~... (Iraq)

went smoothly  
elections ~ and without violence (Ghana)

going well  
when things are ~ at home

went wrong  
what ~

went (so) wrong  
a routine call that ~ so quickly (two cops murdered)

go a little better  
things began to ~ after that

gone from bad to worse  
things have ~ (surprising news)

**development: direction / movement / verb**

### **go (direction)**

go  
Obama is taking this country where it should never ~

goes to a difficult issue  
your question ~

go from here  
where do we ~ (troubled relationship)  
where does the program ~ (sports)

go forward  
turning back was not an option, ~ was a minefield

went round and round  
we ~ (in an argument)

gone either way  
it could have ~ (the decision in a close boxing match)

go this route  
I'm surprised more people don't ~ (reject fame)

**direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

### **go (where are we going, etc.)**

where are we going  
what's next for the Brexit process, ~

**future: journeys & trips / movement**

### **go (not go there)**

go there  
let's not ~ (topic of conversation)  
I just can't ~ (think about it)

**eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / movement**  
**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: journeys & trips / movement**

### **go (time)**

time has gone  
we worry about where the ~, how much of it we have left

come and gone  
2001 has ~

**time: direction / movement / verb**

**past & present: direction / movement / verb**

### **go (come and go)**

come and go  
trendy eateries ~  
fashion trends ~ (normcore)

been and gone  
irrelevant club whose time has ~ (Manchester United)

come and gone  
technological fads have ~ in schools

came and went  
other American intelligence warnings ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement / verb**  
**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb**

## go-ahead

go-ahead to the groups  
give the ~ waiting to descend

go-ahead from Turkey  
uncertainty over a ~ (military operation)

go-ahead for the flight  
the ~ came through

go-ahead basket  
the ~ on a driving layup (basketball)

uncertainty over a go-ahead  
~ from Turkey (military operation)

go ahead (for the flight) came through  
the ~

give the go-ahead  
~ to the groups waiting to descend

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: direction**

## goad (verb)

goad him into launching  
Trump appeared to ~ a presidential bid (liberal independent)

**coercion & motivation: animal / speech / verb / violence**  
**directing: animal / speech / verb / violence**  
**oppression: animal / speech / verb / violence**

## goal (own goal)

embarrassing own goal  
this is an ~ for the president's allies

**failure, accident & impairment: sports & games**

## goal line (across the goal line)

get this across the goal line  
she needs her party's support to ~ (Brexit)

**success & failure: football / sports & games**

## goalpost (target)

goalpost  
that ~ seemed to fade out of sight (a deadline)

moved the goalposts  
every time Obama met their demands, they ~ (Republicans)

♦ (A) "Did I do that right?" (B) "Correct. Yes." (C) "Yes." (A) "All right. Through the uprights. Thank you very much. Okay, so then the question is why..." (A radio science show with three people.)

**success & failure: football / sports & games / target**

**target: football / sports & games**

## go around (verb)

go around congress

the president will try to ~ to get what he wants

**avoidance & separation: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**obstacles & impedance: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**strategy: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**subterfuge: direction / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

## gobble up (verb)

gobbled up land  
developers ~ (housing and golf courses)

gobbled up the market  
rivals have ~

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

## god (play god, etc.)

god game  
a ~ called Black and White (computers);  
~s, like the SimCity series and Dungeon Keeper

god-game (m)  
he invented the ~ genre in 1987 with Populous

God gamers  
~ escape the real world (computer games)

play god  
she tried to ~, and now she is in trouble

**control & lack of control: religion**

## god (mountain gods, etc.)

football gods  
the ~ weren't going to let Auburn lose last night

mountain gods  
sometimes the ~ say, "Not today" (climbing)  
Concordia is the throne room of the ~ (Pakistan / Rowell)

poker gods  
he felt cursed by the ~

river gods  
the ~ are hungry (a rafter)

sea gods  
and since the ~ had ordained he should become my shipmate (Moby-Dick)

soccer gods  
the ~ at times are fair (two judging errors cancel out)

cursed by the (poker) gods  
he felt ~

**fate, fortune & chance: religion**

## goddess

goddess  
she is a ~

**superlative: religion**

## godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.)

Godfather of Soul  
the governor proclaimed him the ~ (James Brown)

godfather of global warming  
he is sometimes called "~" (James Hansen of NASA)

godfather of kayak surfing  
Randy Phillips, the ~

Godfather of Freeskiing  
the ~, Mike Douglas (New Canadian Air Force)

**creation & transformation: epithet / family**

**relationship: family**  
**epithet / person: family**

## godforsaken

godforsaken battlefields  
months or even years on ~ (Korea)

godforsaken hellhole  
a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: religion**

## gold (black gold, etc.)

white gold  
~, they sometimes called it (guano in the 19th century)

black gold  
~ (oil)

blue gold  
bulk water shipments could be ~ (to arid countries)

gray gold  
lead was called ~ (1820s / northwestern Illinois)

**worth & lack of worth: epithet / mining**

**epithet: mining**

## gold (worth)

worth its weight in gold  
it's ~

**worth & lack of worth: mining**

## gold (strike gold)

struck gold  
he finally ~ (won an award)

struck (comic) gold  
they knew they had ~ (idea for film)

**success & failure: mining**

**searching & discovery: mining**

## gold digger

gold digger  
a ~ is someone who marries for money, not for love  
she was a small-town girl, a Playboy pinup, and ~

**character & personality: mining / person**

**person: mining**

## gold-digging

gold-digging (m)  
prenuptial agreements protect wealthy from ~ spouses

**behavior: mining**

## golden (golden girl, boy)

golden boy  
he was a ~ from the get-go (Justice John Roberts)

golden girl of Silicon Valley  
she was the ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

golden boy quarterback  
~ faces uncertain future (in NFL draft)

liberal golden boy  
he became a ~ during his Senate bid (Beto O'Rourke)

brings down (Rhode Island) 'golden boy'  
college cheating scandal ~ (tennis coach took bribes)

**superlative: epithet / materials & substances / person / mining**

**achievement, recognition & praise: materials & substances / mining / person**

**person: mining**

## golden (golden opportunity, etc.)

golden opportunity for him  
that was a ~ (overthrown pass by QB / football)

miss a golden opportunity  
did we ~

**superlative: materials & substances / mining**

## golden age / era

"golden age" of peace  
they look on his reign as a ~ (Afghanistan)

golden age of quiz shows  
the ~ of the 1950s

golden age of the detective story  
the period has been called the ~ (between world wars)

golden era  
the ~ of whaling, from about 1820 to 1860

sport's Golden Era  
the 1970s, the ~ (US boxing)

**growth & development: history**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history**

**superlative: history**



## golden rule

golden rule

the ~ in meatpacking plants is "the line never stops"

**message: religion**

## golden hour

golden hour

a clock starts ticking on what is called the ~ the "~", when life can hang in the balance

"Golden Hour" of injury

if treatment is available within the first ~

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour**

## gold mine

gold mine of data

a ~ about enemy plans

gold mine of (genealogical) data

a ~ for family researchers (census)

gold mine of documentation

the prison is a possible ~ (Iraq / US POW)

gold mine of information

he is a ~  
the Web is a ~

gold mine of research

it was a ~ (Lyme disease hotspot)

gold mine (of data) for researchers

the census is a ~ (genealogy)

goldmine for (Chinese wood) traders

the vast forests of Eastern Siberia are a ~

fossil goldmine

the limestone caves contain a "~" of species

potential gold mine

college graduates are ~s for retailers

**source: mining**

**worth & lack of worth: mining**

## gold rush

dot-com gold rush

Wall Street's ~

Internet gold rush

start-ups and the ~

natural-gas gold rush

the country is at the heart of Colorado's ~

latter-day gold rush

a ~ is on (Arctic oil and gas)

new gold rush

we are experiencing a ~ (renewable energy / California)

gold rush has attracted

the ~ a cartoonish array (cryptocurrencies)

**cost & benefit: mining / money**

**amount & effect: mining / money**

**worth & lack of worth: mining / money**

**activity: mining / money**

## Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.)

Goldilocks economy

we are in the middle of a ~ (just right)

Goldilocks place

trying to find the sweet spot, the ~ is important (medicine)

Goldilocks principle

finding the middle way forward is called the "~"

Goldilocks zone

planets in the "~" (not too hot or cold for liquid water on surface, like Earth)

*\* In the fairy tale "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", Goldilocks was a willful naughty little girl who could not control herself, and the bears were Mama, Papa, and Baby Bear. Goldilocks breaks into the bears' house. She eats the porridge that is just right, sits on the chair that is just right, and sleeps on the bed that is just right. When the bears return, she flees.*

**flaws & lack of flaws: allusion**

## Goliath (Bible)

a billion-dollar goliath

he has conquered ~ (the tech industry)

David-and-Goliath

waging a ~ battle against Time Warner

**strength & weakness: allusion / Bible / religion**

**size: allusion / Bible / religion**

## gone (those days are gone, etc.)

gone

those days are ~

the Ceausescus and Idi Amins and Saddams are ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

**past & present: direction**

## good-hearted

good-hearted

a nice kid, polite and ~

**character & personality: heart**

## go off (verb)

goes off

when the president ~ on one of these tweet storms

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb**

**initiation: explosion / verb**

## go on (explain)

going on with Boeing

what's ~ (explain situation / news radio)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / verb

## go on (verb)

go on

when you feel you can't ~, I'll come and hold you

goes on

and so it's over, and yet it ~ (congressional hearing)

heart does go on

near, far, wherever you are, I believe that the ~ (Titanic)

life goes on

Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da, ~ (the Beatles)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

**resiliency: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## goosebumps

gives you goosebumps

it's the kind of video that ~ (housefire)

**feeling, emotion & effect: bodily process**

## Gordian knot

Gordian knot of international affairs

trying to unravel that ~

diplomacy's Gordian knot

how to untie ~ (Israeli-Palestinian issue)

untie this Gordian knot

let the British people choose how to ~ in a referendum (Brexit)

♦ An oracle prophesized that whoever untied the intricate knot on the chariot of King Gordius would rule Asia. Alexander the Great simply slashed it apart with his sword. Cutting the Gordian knot means settling a complex problem with bold, decisive action.

**complexity: allusion / rope**

**action, inaction & delay: allusion / rope**

## gorge (gorge on)

gorge themselves on the tabloids

the British ~ (scandals, etc.)

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

## gorilla

800-pound gorilla

China is the ~ yet it is not in the negotiations  
race has always been the ~ in this case

♦ In the *New Yorker Magazine* of 2 / 14, 2011, there is a cartoon by Mick Stevens. It shows the back of an 800-pound gorilla, who is being interviewed by a petite human personnel officer. She is saying to him, "We already have an eight-hundred-pound gorilla."

**substance & lack of substance: animal**

## gospel (preach the gospel, etc.)

preached the gospel of (environmental) activism  
he ~

preaching a gospel (of rebirth) to everyone  
he is ~ (Detroit mayor)

preached the gospel that free trade  
they ~ was a rising tide that would lift all boats

**message: Bible / religion**

## grab (verb)

grabbed headlines

the *Titanic* ~ as the most glamorous luxury liner

grab you

boxing will ~ and hold you tight (Deontay Wilder)

**taking & removing: hand / verb**

**fictive possession: hand / verb**

## grab (land grab, etc.)

land grab

joined in the ~ (Cuba)

countries are involved in an Arctic ~

power grab

many lawmakers called it a ~ (president's action)

**possession: hand**

## grabbing (attention-grabbing)

attention-grabbing advertisement  
~s aimed at the superstitious (muti)

attention-grabbing antics

his ~ are grist for the tabloid mill

attention-grabbing flourish  
he finished with an ~

attention-grabbing royal  
she is an ~

attention-grabbing blaze orange  
marking high-voltage parts with ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: hand**

**fictive possession: hand**

## grace (grace period)

grace period

they were given a ~ to... (new ordinance)

elimination of the grace period  
the ~ (student loans)

**time: religion**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: religion**

## graced

graced with the talents

the NFL had been ~ of many undrafted players

**cost & benefit: religion**

## graduate (verb)

graduated to crack cocaine  
she ~ and forged checks to support her habit

graduated from alcohol to drugs  
he ~

**growth & development: school & education / verb**

## grail (holy grail)

Holy Grail of investors  
the ~ (stock-picking system that beats market)

holy grails of (tropical) medicine  
a malaria vaccine is one of the ~

holy grail for any professor  
tenure is the ~

holy grail for (flu) researchers  
a universal flu vaccine is the ~

industry's "holy grail"  
oral insulin is the pharmaceutical ~

retailer's holy grail  
new parents are a ~ (new shopping habits)

I found the holy grail  
~ (Garrett McNamara and wave off Nazare, Portugal)

♦ This refers to a cup or plate used by Christ at the Last Supper.

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: Bible / Middle Ages / religion**

## grain (grain of truth)

grain of truth to reports  
there is a ~ of what happened

grain of truth in a lie  
there is often a ~

**amount: size**

## granddaddy

granddaddy of (American) caves  
this is the ~ (Mammoth Cave)

granddaddy of (adventure) races  
Raid Gauloises, the ~

granddaddy of all motorcycle clubs  
the Hells Angels: the ~

**superlative: family**

## grand slam

grand slam  
I think it's been a ~ (successful heart treatment)

**success & failure: baseball / sports & games**

## grandstanding (noun)

grandstanding  
his request is just ~ (for an exhumation)  
this is nothing to do with protecting rights but ~

**performance: theater**

## grapevine (through / over the grapevine)

through the grapevine  
I heard ~ that...

over the (international surfer's) grapevine  
word traveled quickly ~ (big waves)

through the (college) grapevine  
word got back to him ~

heard through the grapevine  
I ~ that...

♦ Hawaii has the "coconut wireless" or the Coconut Wire. The Philippines have the Bamboo Telegraph. Ghanaians can hear things via "the talking drum." From time immemorial, as Ibrahim al-Koni tells us, the desert winds have brought rumors and reports to the Sahrawis. Americans can "hear it through the grapevine," or hear a report or account through the rumor mill. Italians say "*per sentito dire*" which basically means, "heard it said," and they hear gossip "*voci di corridoio*" which means "hall voice" or "voices in the hall." These systems operate by word-of-mouth, or, nowadays, the Internet.

**gossip: plant**

## grapple (verb)

grappling with their aftermath  
the US is still ~ (9/11 attacks)

grapples with (deepening) recession  
the city ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb / wrestling**

## grasp (comprehend)

grasped (that)  
Dallaire quickly ~... (Rwanda genocide)

grasp the concept  
it is so easy to ~, but... (a puzzle)

grasped the fact  
within a few months he had ~ that... (a toddler)

grasp the idea  
they can't yet ~ that... (toddlers)

grasp the importance  
most toddlers don't yet ~ of...

grasp the news  
his brother said the family was still trying to ~

grasped the significance  
minutes later, he ~ of that moment...

grasp the potential and risks

they have been among the first to ~...

grasped early

he and other technophiles ~ how important...

difficult (for people) to grasp

it's ~ (a physics concept)

difficult to grasp

it is very ~ our situation...

quickly grasped

I ~ what he was trying to do and...

**comprehension & incomprehension: hand / verb**

### **grasp (in one's grasp)**

in our grasp

what was once ~ is now beyond our reach

in their grasp

Wolves looked to have victory ~ with a two-goal lead (lost)

**attainment / possession: hand**

### **grasp (out of one's grasp)**

out of his grasp

but success was ~

**attainment / possession: hand**

### **grasp (attainment)**

grasp of (spoken) English

he had a limited ~ (foreign teaching assistant)

**attainment: hand**

### **grasp (possession)**

grasp of reality

my husband's tenuous ~ slipped away (brain injury)

firm grasp

infantry leaders must have a ~ of how to motivate...

snatched from their grasp

victory was ~ (athletes)

**possession: hand**

### **grassroots**

grass-roots democracy

the kind of ~ the Founding Fathers envisioned

grassroots efforts

~ by citizens' groups

grass roots level

go back home to the ~

**bases: ground, terrain & land**

**perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / position**

### **grate (verb)**

grates on people

it's something that just ~ (government helps banks)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb**

### **grave (symbol)**

watery grave

when the sub is raised from its ~

**death & life: sign, signal, symbol**

### **grave (place)**

watery grave

when the sub is raised from its ~

**place: burial / death & life**

### **grave (dig one's grave)**

dug their own grave

they ~ (a basketball team that failed)

**destruction: burial / death & life**

**fate, fortune & chance: burial / death & life / verb**

### **graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.)**

graveyard of the Pacific

the region is known as the ~ for its winter storms

known as the graveyard of the Turks

Yemen is ~ (*maqbarat al-Atrak*)

**destruction: epithet**

**epithet: death & life**

### **graveyard (place)**

graveyard of ships

the reef is a veritable ~

graveyard of the Turks

Yemen is known as the ~ (19th century)

mariners' graveyard

Cape Horn is a ~

veritable graveyard

the reef is a ~ of ships

watery graveyard

Truk Lagoon is a ~ for hundreds of ships

**place: burial / death & life**

### **graveyard (destruction)**

graveyard of bilingual education

if sense prevails, Massachusetts will be seen as the ~

graveyard of (international) diplomacy

Iran has been the ~

graveyard for the Americans

Falluja will be a ~ (Iraq)

graveyard spiral  
pilots call this the ~ (flying)

**destruction: burial / death & life**

## gravity

gravity of the situation  
realizing the ~, he jumped on the grenade

enormous gravity  
a crisis of ~ has arisen

understood the gravity  
if clients truly ~ of the risks (climbing Everest)

**substance & lack of substance: atmosphere / weight**

## gravy

mop up the last bit of the gravy  
they tried to ~ (profiteers)

**cost & benefit: food & drink**

## gravy train

gravy train  
more people want to get on the ~ than stop it (doctors)

**cost & benefit: food & drink**

## gray (gray area)

gray area  
the Web site operates in a ~ of Russian law (spam)

legal and ethical gray area  
a ~ (using drugs for interrogations)

**certainty & uncertainty: color**

## Great Gatsby

Korea's Great Gatsby  
he is known as ~ for his lavish lifestyle (Big Bang's Seungri)

**money: allusion / epithet**

**epithet: money**

## green (green with envy)

green with envy  
I was ~

♦ "Green With Envy: Why Keeping Up With the Joneses is Keeping Us in Debt" (A book.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: color**

## greenhorn (person)

greenhorn  
the conditions turn veterans into ~s (flying in Alaska)

**experience: animal / horn / person**

**person: animal / color**

## green light (noun)

green light  
a judge has given the ~ to...

green light to proceed  
I was given a ~

cultural green light  
we give a ~ to drinking (alcohol / US)

gave me the green light  
she ~ to do the project

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol**

## green light (verb)

green-lighted the deal  
he heads one of the agencies that ~ (government)

green-light a film  
the one person who can ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol / verb**

## green-lighted (and green-lit)

green-lit and budgeted  
the security revamp was ~, but... (Maersk IT failure)

got green-lighted  
his show ~ as a two-hour pilot (TV)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol**

## greet (verb)

greeted the death with relief and elation  
Iraqis ~

greeted the announcement  
applause ~

greet customers  
the dazzlingly lit shop ~ with gunmetal gray shelves

greet me  
first to ~ was the smell of hamburgers frying...

greeted them  
the squalid labor camps that ~ (Black Okies in California)

**perception, perspective & point of view: speech / verb**

## greeted

greeted by an alarming sight  
as I prepared to rappel over the lip, I was ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: speech**

## gremlin (noun)

gremlin  
~s love to destroy machinery

a ~ lives inside and makes the camera go all kooky  
a ~ is an elusive and mischievous flaw (computing)

gremlin in the (track) computers  
a ~ crippled on-track betting

gremlin in the software  
there appears to be a ~

gremlin in the system  
there appears to be a ~

common gremlin  
radio-wave interference is a ~ (cellphone buzz)

**affliction: creature**

## grenade (noun)

hand grenade  
he is a ~ with a loose pin

**character & personality: explosion**

## grenade (disruption)

thrown a grenade into the heavyweight landscape  
Andy Ruiz Jr has just ~

**disruption: explosion**

## gridlocked

gridlocked  
climate policy is ~, with no chance of a breakthrough

♦ This term relates to vehicles caught in a traffic jam.

**obstacle & impedance: journeys & trips**

## grill (verb)

grill him on arrangements  
she began to ~ for the party

grilled (oil industry) executives  
members of a House subcommittee ~ (oil spill)

grills passengers  
Israel uses in-flight guards and ~ (terrorism)

**speech: fire / verb**

**coercion & motivation: fire / verb**

**accusation & criticism: cooking / verb**

## grind (grind away, etc.)

grind away  
just put your head down and ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism / verb**

## grind (grind down)

grinds down opponents with ground strokes  
he ~ (tennis)

grinding him down  
the amount of homework was ~ (high school)

**decline: mechanism / verb**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb**

## grind (grind to a halt)

grind to a halt  
England's workplaces were set to ~ (football fever)  
innovation could gradually ~ (low returns on capital)  
without the parts, factories would soon ~

grinds to a halt  
a surface transportation system that ~

ground to a halt  
traffic on the expressway ~  
France ~ (May 1968)  
his career ~ soon after (architect)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb**

## grind (daily grind, etc.)

grind of the workplace  
a week's break from the ~

daily grind  
I'm sick of the ~  
stealing time away from the ~ (climbing)

**work & duty: mechanism**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism**

## grinding (grinding poverty, etc.)

grinding deflation  
Spain faces years of ~

grinding poverty  
the region suffers from ~

grinding (Big East) season  
it's hard to stay fresh during a ~ (sports)

grinding (82-game) season  
it's a ~ (NBA)

grinding ugliness  
he experienced the ~ of racism at his high school

long, grinding (m)  
we need to end this ~ war

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism**

## grind on (verb)

grinds on  
as the revolt ~ (Syria)

investigations grind on  
~ (politics)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb**

## grind out (verb)

grind out the classics  
some musicians are content to ~ (versus new work)

**creation & transformation: manufacturing / tools & technology / verb**

## grip (in the grip)

in the storm's grip  
all Eastern Province cities were ~ (rain, wind, dust)

in the grip of a (slow-burning) rebellion  
the nation is ~ against the regime

**control & lack of control: hand**

**fictive possession: hand**

## grip (come to grips)

come to grips with the new reality  
unions are trying to ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb**

## grip (control)

grip of terror  
Saddam Hussein's ~ is being loosened (war in Iraq)

grip on Iraq  
Hussein's three-decade-long ~

grip on Nasiriyah  
US forces tightened their ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

grip on this country  
the king's ~ may be eroding

grip on power  
his ~ is still firm  
his ~ is slipping

government's grip  
a sign that the ~ was loosening

king's grip  
the ~ on this country may be eroding

rebels' grip  
the ~ is being loosened (Iraq)

viselike grip

three-decade-long grip  
Hussein's ~ on Iraq

iron grip  
the coup leaders are keeping an ~ on the country

grip (on this country) may be eroding  
the king's ~

grip (on the area) waxed and waned  
their ~ (Chinese / Xinjiang)

loosened their grip  
tradition, ideology, and religion have ~ in the West

tightened their grip  
US forces ~ on Nasiriyah (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

**control & lack of control: hand**

**oppression: hand**

## gripped

gripped by uncertainty  
she was ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: hand**

## grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

grist for their mill  
he has given Democrats a whole lot of ~ (hearings)

grist for their (propaganda) mill  
the leaks will be more ~

grist for the tabloid mill  
his attention-grabbing antics are ~

grist to the mill  
this is ~ of those who dislike the pope (sex abuse)

sensational grist  
he news was ~ for conspiracy theorists and the far right

provided the grist  
the report ~ for a lot of conspiracy theories

♦ Grist is grain that is ground to make flour.

**content: farming & agriculture / plant / wheat**

## grit (political grit, etc.)

political grit  
candidates will need ~ to defeat the incumbent president

**survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances**

**commitment & determination: materials & substances**

## ground (area)

fertile ground for spammers  
Russia is a ~ and hackers

**area: ground, terrain & land**

## ground (fertile ground)

fertile ground for spammers  
Russia is a ~ and hackers

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / ground, terrain & land / plant**

## ground (high ground)

moral high ground  
if the US is to keep the ~, we need to...  
there is no longer any ~ left to stand on (diplomacy)  
the ~ can be lonely terrain

♦ "We look for songs that mean something. Higher ground. You know, everybody know where the higher ground is. It sure ain't here on earth. It's above us. So we all want to go to the higher ground." (Clarence Fountain of the Blind Boys of Alabama.)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ground, terrain & land**

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: direction**  
**behavior: direction**

### **ground (break ground)**

break new ground

we are trying to ~ in this area (public diplomacy)

**importance & significance: ground, terrain & land**

**importance & significance: farming & agriculture / infrastructure**

### **ground (get off the ground)**

got off the ground

the project died before it ~

the task force never ~

**growth & development: flying & falling / verb**

**growth & development: ground, terrain & land**

### **ground (give ground)**

give-no-ground (m)

the ~ defensiveness

gave no ground

he showed no fear and ~ (Pfc. Jesse Buryj / Iraq)

gave (significant) ground

Trump ~ (a treaty)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / ground, terrain & land / verb**

### **ground (gain ground)**

gained ground

a number of states ~ in math (educational testing)

the rebels ~ against government forces

gaining ground

life is cautiously ~ over death and fear (Algeria)

the sport is ~ (public in-door ax-throwing)

the campaign to free them was ~ (Cardiff Three)

**progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land / verb**

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement**

### **ground (lose ground, etc.)**

losing ground

climate science is ~ with the public

lost ground

a hope that a secular Algeria is gaining ~

reclaimed ground

he ~ for the theater most thought had been abandoned

**progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land / verb**

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement**

### **ground (hold / stand one's ground)**

hold his ground

he elected to ~ to protect his fallen comrade

holding her ground

she is ~ and not giving in

stand our ground

we must ~ on education and health care (budget cuts)

stood their ground

the mayor and the police chief both ~ (criticism)

the enemy fighters ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / ground, terrain & land / verb**

**dominance & submission: animal / ground, terrain & land / verb**

### **ground (cover ground)**

covered a lot of ground

his speech ~

covers a lot of (historical) ground

the movie ~, from...

**extent & scope: ground, terrain & land / verb**

### **ground (prepare the ground)**

prepare the ground for a (crucial) referendum

the elections will ~ (Sudan)

preparing the ground for it

he's ~ (emergency declaration)

**bases: ground, terrain & land / verb**

**readiness & preparedness: / ground, terrain & land / verb**

### **ground (both feet on the ground)**

have both feet on the ground

she does appear to ~ (a mature girl)

**character & personality: ground, terrain & land**

### **ground (shaky ground, etc.)**

shaky ground

their relationship is on ~

the franchise is on ~ (troubled NBA team)

unplowed ground

when we got onto ~ (interview)

**flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land**

**equilibrium & stability: ground, terrain & land**

### **ground (firm ground, etc.)**

comfortable ground

steer the conversation to more ~

friendly ground

don't assume Ireland will be ~ for the pope (sex abuse)

safer ground

then they'd be on ~ (by following procedure)

firm ground

the show is still struggling to find ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land**



**equilibrium & stability: ground, terrain & land**

## **ground (on the ground)**

on the ground

he is ~ covering the protests (a foreign correspondent)  
the Red Cross and other organizations are ~ (disaster)

**presence & absence: ground, terrain & land**

**perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land**

## **ground (go to ground)**

went to ground for a few months

he ~ but then resurfaced (wanted by Hague)

**concealment & lack of concealment: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hunting / verb**

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hunting / verb**

**appearance & disappearance: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hunting / verb**

**protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hunting / verb**

## **ground (common ground)**

find common ground

they want to bridge the divide and ~ (gun control / suicide)

seek common ground

I call upon all of us to ~

reach common ground with Iran

the US has been unable to ~

concede common ground to his adversaries

he will not ~

**division & connection: ground, terrain & land**

## **ground (middle ground)**

middle ground

there's no ~ with him

people either support or condemn, there's no ~  
finding ~ is still elusive (compromise)

**division & connection: ground, terrain & land**

## **groundbreaking**

groundbreaking leader

Wilma Mankiller was a ~ (Cherokee)

groundbreaking research

she has done ~

groundbreaking story

the results of this ~

groundbreaking (gene-therapy) studies

the magazine has published many ~

**importance & significance: farming & agriculture**

**importance & significance: ground, terrain & land**

## **ground rule**

ground rules

the new post-Cold War ~

new ~ might help

♦ A ground rule modifies a rule to a particular place, pitch or field.

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games**

## **groundswell**

groundswell of hostility

there has been a ~ toward outsiders (migrants)

groundswell of support

there is not yet a ~ for sweeping change

groundswell moment

we're at that ~ (rising demand for antibiotic-free meat)

♦ A groundswell refers to a swell at sea.

**amount & effect: sea / wave**

## **groundwork**

groundwork

laying the ~ for a ceasefire in the Middle East

groundwork for a ceasefire

laying the ~ in the Middle East

groundwork for his own undoing

he had laid the ~

decades of groundwork

~ typically precede any real advances (psychiatry)

laid the groundwork

he had ~ for his own undoing

**bases: ground, terrain & land**

## **ground zero**

ground zero in the New Economy

Austin is ~

ground zero of the (anti-vaccine) movement

California is ~

ground zero for climate change

Miami is ~

ground zero for (race-based) street gangs

California is ~

ground zero for sea-level rise

Miami is ~

snowboarding's ground zero

Lake Tahoe is ~

**location / place: nuclear energy**

## **grow (increase)**

grew (more than) 700 percent

the number of women in prisons and jails ~

**increase & decrease: plant / verb**

### **grow (grow the economy, etc.)**

grow in their careers

medical professionals like him, who are looking to ~

grow our economy

we need to ~

he is growing the strength

he is ~ of a dictator by meeting with him (diplomacy)

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

### **growing (increasing)**

growing criticism

his policy is the subject of ~

**increase & decrease: plant**

### **growl (verb)**

growling at each other

ten minutes later, you're both ~

**speech: animal / sound / verb**

**conflict: animal / sound / verb**

**sound: animal / verb**

### **grownup (person)**

grownup in the room

he positioned himself as the ~, the worldly chaperon

**experience: person**

### **growth (cancerous, etc.)**

cancerous growth

he refers to the other country as a ~

**affliction: health & medicine**

**growth & development: health & medicine**

### **grumble (noun)**

draw grumbles

Spain's Civil Servants ~, And Envy

elicited grumblings

the statement ~ and cross-talk in the chamber (England)

♦ "I think you might start seeing some grumblings on Capitol Hill that this is not the way it's supposed to be done." (An ABC reporter, speaking on camera.)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: sound**

### **guard (off guard)**

caught the US off guard

Iran's response ~

caught off guard

he is ~ (a diplomat / surprising information)

residents said they were ~ (by a tornado)

caught off guard by the ferocity

scientists were ~ of the eruption

caught off-guard (last year) by a (flu vaccine) shortage

caught me off guard

he ~

caught (even) meteorologists off guard

the storm ~

totally caught off guard

Jeanette was ~

**readiness & preparedness: military**

**protection & lack of protection: military**

### **guard (on guard)**

on guard for any signs

we are ~ of infection (doctor)

**readiness & preparedness: military**

**protection & lack of protection: military**

### **guard (changing of the guard)**

changing of the guard

I'm glad to see a ~ (liberal attitudes in sports)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: military**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: military**

### **guard (lower one's guard)**

lowered their guard

they thought they were in private and ~ (naked photos)

**protection & lack of protection: military / verb**

**readiness & preparedness: military / verb**

### **guard (keep one's guard up)**

keeps her guard up

she ~

**protection & lack of protection: military / verb**

**readiness & preparedness: military / verb**

### **guardian (protection)**

guardian of his reputation

she became the ~ after his death (writer)

**protection & lack of protection: military / person**

### **guardrail (behavior)**

guard rails

what are the ~ to make sure that technology does no harm

guard rails of our democracy

they have been ignoring the ~ (ethics in government)

♦ This seems to relate to behavior, and the danger of going outside of the guardrails to follow one's own path. In that sense, going outside of the guard rails seems to imply crossing a (behavioral) line. So much for thinking "outside of the box"!

**protection & lack of protection: infrastructure**

**behavior: boundary**

## guinea pig

### guinea pig

I can understand why I was used as a ~ (hospital)  
I convinced my sister to be the ~ (Brazilian bikini wax)  
be my ~, and I'll give you a free tattoo  
we are being used as ~s (new rules in soccer)

♦ "Be my guinea pig, and I'll give you a free tattoo." Is that a good idea?

**experimentation: animal**

## guide (verb)

guided him into the gang  
he ~

guides him  
Islam ~

**direction: journeys & trips / verb**

**directing: journeys & trips / verb**

## guide (person)

spiritual guide  
the cult became her ~

**direction: journeys & trips / person**

**person: direction / journeys & trips**

## guide (nonperson)

used the stars as guides  
they ~

**direction: journeys & trips**

## gulf (division)

gulf of difference  
human groups often regard each other across the ~

gulf of mistrust  
there was a ~ (newspaper and government)

gulf of misunderstanding  
the ~ is only growing (Saudi-US post-9/11)

gulf between the haves and the have-nots  
the ~

gulf between leaders and people  
antiwar marches reveal ~

gulf between rich and poor  
the widening ~

gulf between the two  
there's a huge ~ (kinds of companies)

gulf between the two departments  
the ~ (police helicopters, firefighters)

gulf in class  
the game exposed the ~ between these two clubs (soccer)

gulf in their worldviews  
the ~ appears unbridgeable (2 academics)

widening gulf  
the ~ between rich and poor

cultural, linguistic, and political gulfs  
telemedicine can bridge ~ (countries)

symbolizes a (wider, more basic) gulf  
the Moei River ~ between Burma and Thailand

**division & connection: sea**

## gum up (verb)

gum up the system  
his purpose was to (politics)

**functioning: mechanism / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb**

## gumbo (mixture)

gumbo of traditions  
the music of New Orleans is a ~

**identity & nature / mixture: food & drink**

## gun (verb)

gunning for an (immediate) attack  
they are ~ (Israel versus Iran)

gunning for me  
why are you ~ (dispute)

gunning for a mistrial  
the defense is ~

**target: verb / weapon**

## gun (jump the gun)

jump the gun  
don't ~

**eagerness & reluctance: sports & games / verb**

## gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.)

with a gun to their head  
the Iranians would never negotiate ~

holding a gun to the head  
the US is ~ of Canada (tariff negotiations)

**coercion & motivation: weapon / verb**

## gun (under the gun)

under the gun  
the deadline puts us ~

**oppression: weapon**

**fate, fortune & chance: weapon**

## gun (criticism)

turn their guns on Bill Barr  
I think it laughable to see Democrats ~ (politics)

**accusation & criticism: weapon**

## gun-shy

a little gun-shy  
he may have felt ~ bout getting married again

**eagerness & reluctance: weapon**

## guru (person)

adventure guru  
the magnum opus of ~ Ray Jardine

computer guru  
the N.S.A.'s alienation from the ~s

motivational guru  
he is not a traditional lacquer-haired ~

style guru  
Cosmo's ~ Elaine Farley

software guru  
a popular ~ named Tim O'Reilly

relationship and self-esteem guru  
~ Phil McGraw

**message: person / religion**

**knowledge & intelligence: person / religion**

**person: religion**

## gush (verb)

gushed about her (Sophia Loren) looks  
People magazine ~

gushed about parenthood  
he ~

gushed about him  
she ~ (praise)

**speech: verb / water**

**amount & effect: verb / water**

## gush (noun)

trickle, flow, gush  
we had a theory called, "~" (rescuing hostages)

**movement: water**

**amount & effect: water**

## gut (destroy)

gut the presidency  
the generals tried to ~ (Egypt)

gut the program  
the Republicans are trying to ~

gutted a (historic) building  
the huge fire that ~

gutted the kitchen  
a fire has ~ of a wooden clubhouse at a holiday park

gutted by fire  
body discovered in house ~

gutted by the fire  
the landmark building was ~ within a matter of hours

**destruction: hunting / stomach / verb**

## gut (feeling)

gut feel  
he has a ~ for what the voter thinks (politics)

gut feeling  
I went with my ~  
he was seized by a ~ of lurking danger  
range estimation by "~" is subject to error  
you may have some ~s that could be terribly wrong

gut instinct  
I would never again go against my ~s (climber)  
her ~ told her that he was lying  
trust your ~s  
I followed a ~ and chose to run the rapid (kayaker)

gut feelings and emotions  
neural systems tap into ~

gut feelings and intuitions  
people are often influenced by ~

"cop's gut"  
when a ~ tells him to stop someone

gut told me  
my ~ that she was lying

knew in her gut  
she ~ that her son was dead too

**feeling, emotion & effect: stomach**

**judgment: stomach**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: stomach**

**knowledge & intelligence: stomach**

## guts (insides)

guts  
someone had tended to its ~, if not its skin (old rifle)

**bases: stomach**

## guts (courage)

took (a lot of) guts  
it ~ to do what he did

♦ No guts, no glory!

**courage & lack of courage: stomach**

## gutted (feeling)

gutted for you  
I am so ~ and your family (terminal diagnosis)

gutted for the players  
I'm ~ (coach on tough soccer loss)

gutted with the way  
we're ~ things have gone (tough soccer loss)

gutted when

she said she was ~ she heard the news

**feeling, emotion & effect: hunting / stomach**

### **gutter (in the gutter / decline)**

in the gutter  
morale is ~

**decline: direction / infrastructure**

### **gutter (in the gutter)**

get (down) in the gutter  
I refuse to ~ with him

**behavior: direction / infrastructure**

### **gutter (out of the gutter)**

get your mind out of the gutter  
you need to ~ (preoccupation with sex)

**behavior: direction / infrastructure**

### **gutter (end up in the gutter)**

end up in the gutter  
if you don't do well in school, you'll ~

**decline: direction / infrastructure**

### **gutter (gutter politics, etc.)**

gutter politics  
this is ~ of the lowest sort

**behavior / decline: direction / infrastructure**

### **gut-wrenching (adjective)**

gut-wrenching memoirs  
incredible personal testimony, ~ (the Blitz)

gut-wrenching testimony  
he heard ~ of bullying and heartbreaking stories

gut-wrenching visit  
Kerry made a ~ to Hiroshima

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / stomach**

## **H**

### **habit**

kayaking habit  
he works mainly to support his ~

support his (kayaking) habit  
he works mainly to ~

**enthusiasm: addiction**

### **hack (hack something / endurance)**

hack the pace  
Isaac wasn't sure he could ~ (child actor)

**survival, persistence & endurance: verb**

### **hack (get into)**

hack the NSA  
he managed to ~

**protection & lack of protection: blade / verb**

**computer: blade / verb**

### **hack (fix)**

hack  
tech can optimize, or “~”, any aspect of our lives

hacks for coping  
~ with extreme heat (heat waves, warming climate)

♦ Lifehacker offers “tips and tricks for getting more done in less time.” (A Website.)

**amelioration & renewal: blade / verb**

**computer: blade / verb**

### **hackles (raise hackles)**

raise some hackles  
this will ~

raised hackles in Switzerland  
the proposals have ~ (EU restrictions on firearms)

♦ Piloerection is a sign of emotional arousal. In chimpanzees, it will cause the hair on their shoulders to stick straight up. At the same time, chimpanzees might hoot and throw pebbles.

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / dog / hair / verb**

**conflict: animal / dog / hair / verb**

### **haggle (verb)**

haggle over forming  
political factions continue to ~ the new government

**position, policy & negotiation: money / verb**

### **haggling**

diplomatic haggling  
the resolution went through much ~ (U.N.)

**position, policy & negotiation: money**

### **hail (in a hail)**

in a hail of (police) bullets  
they died ~

in the (initial) hail of fire  
~, 2 soldiers were wounded

**amount & effect: snow & ice / storm**

### **hail (noun)**

hail of criticism  
the ruling drew a ~ from the legal community

hail of gunfire  
the Humvee desperately tried to escape the ~

hails of (machine-gun) fire

the Allied troops who braved ~ on Normandy's beaches

**amount & effect: snow & ice / storm**

## Hail Mary

Hail Mary pass

legal cliffhangers include a ~ in 2009 (Death Row)

Hail Mary (legal) strategy

the legal team went for a sort of ~

**fate, fortune & chance: football / religion / sports & games**

## hair (resemblance)

leaf hair

~s can help identify different kinds of oaks

root hairs

~ (oak tree)

**resemblance: hair**

## hairpin (shape)

hairpin turns

fans lined the ~ (Tour de France)

**shape: hair**

## hair-raising

hair-raising glimpse

a ~

hair-raising trip

a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: hair**

## hair-trigger

hair-trigger temper

he had a ~

he developed a ~ (steroid abuser)

**initiation: weapon**

## hair's-breadth

within a hair's-breadth

she was ~ of losing her place in the tournament (sports)

**proximity: hair**

## half-baked (adjective)

half-baked idea

this ~ will pose a threat to Democrats (politics)

**flaws & lack of flaws: cooking**

## half-hearted

halfhearted (m)

I made a ~ effort to learn French

**commitment & determination: heart**

## hall (halls of academe, etc.)

halls of academe

plagiarism can result in banishment from the ~

**power: infrastructure**

## hallmark

hallmarks of al-Qaida

officials said the attacks bore the ~

hallmark of the administration

arrogance has been the ~ (Bush)

hallmarks of a bygone era

quaint ~

hallmarks of eating disorders

one of the ~ is denial (lying about eating habits)

bore the hallmarks

officials said the attacks ~ of al-Qaida

bore (all) the (al Qaeda) hallmarks

the operation ~ of careful planning

♦ Hallmarks were marks on precious metals like silver and gold used to indicate purity.

**evidence: mark**

## hallowed (adjective)

hallowed (boxing) venue

Madison Square Garden is a ~

**importance & significance: religion**

## halo (noun)

bestow a halo

the US news media was eager to ~ (Amanda Knox)

**behavior: religion**

## halt (a screeching halt)

came to a screeching halt

his wild success ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement**

## ham-handed

vague and ham-handed

the legislation is ~

**oppression: hand**

## hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)

Thor's Hammer

~ is an unusual rock formation in Bryce Canyon

**proper name: hammer**

## hammer (verb)

hammered the Karakoram

severe blizzards ~ (Gasherbrum IV)

hammered home  
he ~ a simple message

**hitting, slamming & lashing: hammer / verb**

## hammer (noun)

hammer of the law  
the ~ has to come down on misconduct (social media)

combined arms hammer  
the ~ that is about to strike him (Saddam)

**force: hammer**

**hitting, slamming & lashing: hammer**

## hammered out

hammered out in negotiations  
important deals are ~ (W.T.O.)

hammered out between opponents and supporters  
in a compromise ~

**creation & transformation: hammer**

## hammer out (verb)

hammered out a compromise  
opponents and supporters ~ (state song)

hammered out the trick  
after some trial and error they ~ (kayakers)

**creation & transformation: hammer / verb**

## hamstrung

hamstrung  
the administration is ~

♦ Wikipedia has an entry for "Hamstringing" and defines it as follows:  
"Hamstringing is a method of crippling a person or animal so that they cannot walk properly, by cutting the two large tendons at the back of the knees." The article goes on to say that the hamstringing of chariot horses was mentioned in the Bible, to ruin an enemy's valuable weapon, and that in Brazil hamstringing was used to punish Capoeira players.

**constraint & lack of constraint: animal / health & medicine**

**constraint & lack of constraint: leg / walking, running & jumping**

## hand (at hand)

at hand  
success is ~  
perhaps a cure is ~

close at hand  
they believe the end of the world is ~

**proximity: hand**

## hand (in hand)

well in hand  
she has her diabetes ~

**control & lack of control: hand**

## hand (on hand)

on hand  
thousands of police and security forces are ~ (Indian festival)

on hand for the ceremony  
bishops, archbishops and the papal nuncio were ~

on hand to help  
she was ~ with translations for the doctor

**presence & absence: hand**

## hand (at the hands)

at his hands  
many people suffered ~ (a deposed ruler)

at the hands of a mob  
it was the eighth killing ~ this year (Peru)

at the hands of an intimate  
victims of violence ~

at the hands of an (Illinois) mob  
he died ~ (Joseph Smith)

at the hands of police officers  
he sought death ~ (suicide by cop)

at the hands of police officers  
his plan was to die in a fire or ~

at the hands of slave owners  
the abuse his ancestors suffered ~

at the hands of a spouse, lover or relative  
a woman's risk of death ~

death at the hands of the Americans  
a martyr's ~

harm at the hands of other students  
protect students from ~ (gays)

violence at the hands of his father  
protect a four-year-old boy from ~

violence at the hands of an intimate  
victims of ~

violence at the hands of a partner  
patients who are victims of ~

death at the hands of a spouse, lover or relative  
a woman's risk of ~

death at the hands of police officers  
he sought ~

die at the hands of police officers  
his plan was to ~ (suicide by cop)

die at the hands of the IRA  
innocent people will ~

died at the hands of an (Illinois) mob  
he ~ (Joseph Smith)

suffer at the hands of other students  
many ~ (transgenders)

suffer at the hands of (unscrupulous) employers  
these immigrants ~

**involvement / responsibility: hand**

### hand (dealt a hand)

difficult hand  
they have been dealt a ~

**fate, fortune & chance: cards**

### hand (control)

in the hands of the Justice Department  
the case is already ~

in the hands of (a few large) companies  
the industry is now consolidated

in the hands of the people  
the power was not ~

in the hands of one person  
the power was ~

in small-town hands  
a small-town paper ~

in (very) capable hands  
the department is ~ (police)

in good hands  
the health of publishing is ~ (readers)

in great hands  
I knew she was ~ (assisted climber on Mt. Everest)

in private hands  
the restaurants are ~

in the right hands  
~, that stage has enormous possibilities (a theater)

steady hand  
Barr is supposed to be ~, he's a veteran (attorney general)

rests in the hands  
power and wealth ~ of a small elite

leave it in the judges' hands  
he didn't ~ (boxer knocks out opponent)

**control & lack of control: hand**

### hand (possession)

in the hands of the enemy  
she didn't want to be left ~ (POW)  
how to escape if you are ~

in the hands of US forces and their allies  
in 2 months Afghanistan was ~

in enemy hands  
the ridgetop was still ~ (Afghanistan)

in Palestinian hands  
that would leave the hilltop ~

in Kurdish hands  
Kirkuk, home of ethnic Turks known as Turkomen, is ~

in loving hands  
she left the restaurant ~ (died)

changed hands  
the town has ~ in the past month (rebels vs. government)

leave the hilltop in Palestinian hands  
that would ~

left in the hands  
she didn't want to be ~ of the enemy (POW)

fall into the hands  
weapons that may ~ of terrorists (NBC, etc.)

fallen into the hands  
regions that have ~ of the insurgents

fall into enemy hands  
he feared the machine gun could ~  
we don't want the information to ~

fell into rebel hands  
the stronghold of Korhogo ~

fall into the (wrong) hands  
it could ~

fell into the wrong hands  
if the information ~  
if Pakistan's nuclear weapons ~

get the (lost) items into the right hands  
Y staffers try to ~

get their hands on booze  
minors using online ordering to ~

get their hands on (classified) information  
lawyers can't ~

leave Saudi hands  
nor did the whole \$55 billion ~

get weapons out of the hands  
trying to ~ of local warlords (Afghanistan)

make their way into the hands  
treated, the beaver skins ~ of fashion designers

push (Pakistani) society into the hands  
~ of the militants

**possession: hand**

### hand (bite the hand that feeds one)

bit the hand that feeds him  
he ~ (boxer withdraws without a good reason)

♦ I place a date in your lips, and you spit the pit in my face! (Arabic.)

**help & assistance: hand**



## hand (tie one's hands, etc.)

tie our hands

this will ~ (a trade union)

their hands were tied

there was no loss of expertise but their ~ (security)

the company's hands would be tied

the ~ if... (a court ruling)

free hand

gave him a ~ to go after terrorists

**constraint & lack of constraint: hand / verb**

## hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)

hand

our ~s are clean (allegations of abuse)

my ~s are clean (I'm not guilty)

dirty hands

only ~ can get the job done (counterterrorism)

**guilt: hand / hygiene**

**involvement: hand / hygiene**

## hand (bloody hands, etc.)

blood on (his) hands

he has ~ (terrorist financier)

he has ~ (a politician)

blood on (their) hands

we say they have ~ (companies that used slaves)

bloody hands

once again the ~ of terror have struck

has bloody hands

he ~ (a politician)

**guilt: blood / hand**

**involvement: blood / hand**

## hand (upper hand)

upper hand

crews are finally getting the ~ on the wildfire

protestors are starting to gain the ~ (France)

Republicans have the ~ inside the legislative arena

it was Peru who had the ~ after the break (soccer)

**dominance & submission: hand**

**control & lack of control: hand**

## hand (iron hand, etc.)

iron hand

the country needs an ~ to lead it

with an iron hand

I will deal with terrorism ~ (a leader)

with an authoritarian hand

President Lansana Conté has ruled Guinea ~

with a firm hand

the police will act ~ to avoid any violence (protests)

with a strong hand

he ruled Chile ~ (a dictator)

ruled (Guinea) with an authoritarian hand

President Lansana Conté has ~ since 1984

**oppression: hand**

## hand (strengthen one's hand)

strengthen our hand

this will ~ (politics)

**power: cards / verb**

## hand (fate)

in the hands of God

whatever happens, we are ~ (Muslim)

in the hands of their deity

the Samburu believe their fate lies ~, Nkai

in the hands of the jury

the case is ~

his fate is ~

in God's hands

I've put the whole thing ~ (woman with brain tumor)

it is all ~ now (fate of a very sick person)

out of our hands

it's all ~ now (fate)

put the whole thing in God's hands

I've ~ (woman with brain tumor)

**fate, fortune & chance: hand**

## hand (have one's hands full)

have their hands full

they are going to ~ (sports team facing game)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: hand**

## hand (help)

hand

his ~ is extended to all factions (a politician)

hand of welcome

extending the ~ to... (a biker convention)

helping hand

she often lends a ~

Helping Hand (m)

~ Program (to pay electric bills)

pair of hands

Mom asked if they could use an extra ~ (volunteer)

lend a hand

can I ~ (help)

join hands

people are willing to work together and ~ to solve the problem

use a hand

I could ~ (I need help)

**help & assistance: hand**

### hand (get out of hand)

get out of hand

in the event that hostilities ~

got out of hand

it ~ (a fight)

gotten out of hand

British worry that drinking has ~ (lager louts)

getting out of hand

this is ~ (proliferation of blogs, etc.)

let her problems get out of hand

she ~ (at school)

argument got out of hand

an ~, and soon Vicente lay dead...

celebrations got out of hand

fan ~ after several college football games...

hostilities get out of hand

in the event that ~...

matters got out of hand

then ~, a knife appeared, and Igor wound up...

drinking has gotten out of hand

British worry that ~ (lager louts)

**restraint & lack of restraint: hand / verb**

**control & lack of control: hand / verb**

### hand (take matters into one's hands)

taken matters into their own hand

citizens have ~ (New Orleans recovery)

taking matters into their own hands

people are ~ (oil spill)

took matters into our own hands

and so we ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb**

### hand (on the one / other hand)

on one hand

~, he wanted to help Kevin...

on the other hand

~, anthropological writings have suggested...

~, the reverse is true for...

~, there are just as many people who...

the bathrooms, ~, have made no progress (Russian trains)

**comparison & contrast: hand**

### hand (hot hand)

with the hot hand

finding the teammate ~ (basketball)

**success & failure: cards / temperature**

### hand (sit on one's hands)

sat on their hands

they ~ on the sidelines (politicians)

sit on their hands

they're going to ~ and not show up and vote

**action, inaction & delay: hand / movement / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb**

### hand (try one's hand)

tried his hand at bricklaying

he ~

**attempt: hand / verb**

### hand (throw up one's hands)

throw up their hands

faced with a crisis, leaders simply ~ (fail to act)

threw up his hands at the subpoenas

he ~ (an overreaching request for information)

**action, inaction & delay: gesture / verb**

### hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)

right hand

the ~ didn't know what the left hand was doing

♦ "The right hand didn't know what the left hand was doing." (Janet Reno, on FBI counterterrorism prior to 9/11.)

**consciousness & awareness: hand**

### hand (work)

head, heart, hands and health

youngsters pledge their ~—hence, 4-H

**work & duty: hand**

### hand (worker)

short of hands

we're ~ (not enough guards)

**work & duty: hand / person**

### hand (all hands on deck)

all hands on deck

it was ~ (response to measles epidemic)

it was ~ (law enforcement responds to Austin serial bomber)

**work & duty: boat / hand / person**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: boat / hand / person**

**survival, persistence & endurance: boat / hand / person**

## hand (force someone's hand)

force his hand  
they will try to ~ by holding that over his head

**coercion & motivation: hand / verb**

**strategy: hand / verb**

## hand (overplay one's hand)

overplayed that hand  
he knew he had ~ (retting a rise out of people)

overplayed their hand  
they ~ (Google versus the EU)

**restraint & lack of restraint: cards / verb**

## hand (hands off)

Hands Off Mueller  
a crowd gathered for a “~” protest (politics)

**protection & lack of protection: hand**

## handcuff (verb)

handcuffed themselves with turnovers  
the Irish ~ (football)

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime / hand / verb**

## handcuffed

handcuffed by government  
business should not be ~

handcuffed by his history  
he seems ~ of not...

handcuffed by (Isner's) big serve  
he was ~ (tennis)

handcuffed to my desk  
I'm ~ most of the day (work)

feel handcuffed  
they ~ by the rules (military)

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime / hand**

## hand down / out (punishment, etc.)

handed down a (5-year) prison term to a man  
a judge ~ convicted of...

**punishment & recrimination: hand / verb**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / verb**

## handed (given)

handed to you  
respect is not something ~ (leadership role)

handed a (one-year) suspension  
he was ~ for his third violation (NFL)

handed a victory  
the extremists will have been ~ (failure of peace talks)

handed (its first major) setback  
the terrorist group was ~ when...

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand**

## handed down / out (punishment, etc.)

handed down for murder  
beheading is routinely ~ (Saudi Arabia)

handed out in Asia  
the harsh penalties ~ for trafficking don't deter

**punishment & recrimination: hand**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand**

## handed down (transmission)

handed down through the organization  
the money, ~, comes from...

handed down by your ancestors  
an heirloom ~ for generations

handed down by generations  
a story ~ of Blackfeet

**transmission: hand / verb**

## handed over (possession)

handed over to the authorities  
she was captured and ~ (in Saudi Arabia)

handed over to the Native Americans  
the bones should be ~

immediately handed over  
Russia demanded that the fighters be ~

**possession: hand / verb**

## handful (amount)

handful of areas  
only a ~ remain outside of the U.N. control

handful of cities  
a ~ have outlawed the sport (cockfighting)

handful of items  
they could only salvage a ~ (eruption)

handful of olives  
trees hold little more than a ~ (drought and freeze)

handful of (American) soldiers  
a ~ jumped off the planes (Ivory Coast)

handful of studies  
bolstered by a ~

handful of (no-frills) airlines  
one of a ~

**amount: hand**

## handicapped

handicapped by glare, mirages, and haze

the defenders are ~ (desert war)

**ability: health & medicine**

**condition & status: health & medicine**

**functioning: health & medicine**

## hand in hand (go hand in hand)

go hand in hand with fortitude  
hardship and suffering ~ and courage

goes hand in hand with (military) might  
information warfare ~

go hand in hand  
in Africa, where oil and corruption often ~  
energy conservation and saving money ~  
ethics and booze rarely ~ (selling alcohol)

gone hand in hand  
for centuries, the words "Vatican" and "intrigue" have ~

went hand in hand  
paperwork and legwork ~ (a job)  
fear and filth ~ (E.B. Sledge in combat on Okinawa)

**relationship: hand**

**division & connection: hand**

## handle (get a handle on something)

get a handle on the problem  
they tried to ~, but...

get a handle on this problem  
how can we ~ (crime)

**control & lack of control: hand / verb**

## handle (deal with)

handle it on a case-by-case basis  
airlines ~, without a blanket policy

handle whatever  
she can ~ the future brings

handle (such) cases  
it had specialists to ~ (a hospital)

handle the deluge  
companies couldn't ~ of holiday orders

handle disaster  
flaws in the nation's plans to ~ (New Orleans hurricane)

handle it  
let the cops ~...

handle the load  
the system can barely ~ (airline travel)

handled (most of) the negotiations  
he ~ with the Americans (an Iraqi)

handle pain  
a person may ~ well one time and poorly the next time

handle stage fright

performers have various ways to ~

**control & lack of control: hand / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb**

**action, inaction & delay: hand / verb**

## handle (shape)

Big Dipper's handle  
the ~

curved handle  
the Big Dipper's ~

**shape: hand**

## handled

handled with (great) care  
it is a delicate matter that must be ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand**

**control & lack of control: hand**

**action, inaction & delay: hand**

## handling

handling of complaints  
they are critical of police ~

handling of the epidemic  
questions about the ~

handling of the investigation  
the Navy's ~

Navy's handling  
the ~ of the investigation

police handling (m)  
critical of ~ of complaints

questions about the handling  
~ of the epidemic

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand**

**control & lack of control: hand**

## handmaiden (help)

handmaiden of Saudi victory  
Israel was the unlikely ~

**help & assistance: hand / person / royalty**

**person: hand / royalty**

## hand-me-down

hand-me-downs  
they got ~ from the previous year  
hand-me-down Chevy Blazer  
a ~

**possession / transmission: hand**

## handout

handout  
it's a hand up, not a ~ (charitable group)

handouts from friends and family  
he survives on ~

government handout  
~s promote discontent and a sense of helplessness

small handout  
surviving on ~s

looking for handouts  
old friends came ~ (pro athlete)

**help & assistance: hand**

## hand over (verb)

hand over the task (of patrolling) to the Marines  
the Army will ~

handed over control (of the plane) to Zurich  
Munich controllers ~

handed over control to the mayor  
the State Legislature has ~ (school system)

handed the documents over to the Justice Department  
we voluntarily ~

handed over the documents  
we ~ (government official)

**possession: hand / verb**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / verb**

## handover

handover of power  
standing in the way of a peaceful ~

hand-over ceremony  
Macao's ~

minefield handover  
~ is an extremely important task

peaceful handover  
standing in the way of a ~ of power

**possession: hand**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand**

## hands down (certainty)

hands down  
it is one of the best restaurants in the world ~

hands-down favorite  
the ~

♦ This relates to horse racing, jockeys and reins. It means, "without question."

**certainty & uncertainty: horse**

## hands down (easily)

hands down  
Green Destiny wins ~ (a computer)

hands-down  
the Europeans would have won ~

won hands-down  
he ~

♦ This relates to horse racing, jockeys and reins. It means, "without much effort."

**difficulty, easiness & effort: horse**

## hands-off

hands-off approach  
continued to take a ~  
those with a more ~  
his belief that government should maintain a ~ to the economy  
a ~ towards the tribal areas (Pervez Musharraf)

hands-off policy  
at times a ~ can be justified (diplomacy)

**control & lack of control: hand**

**avoidance & separation: hand**

## hands-on

hands-on approach  
a ~

hands-on individual  
he is a ~ (controlling micromanager)

hands-on organizer  
she is a ~

**control & lack of control: hand**

**avoidance & separation: hand**

## handwinger (noun)

handwinger  
the ~s who said, "It's not going to work!" (war)

hand wringers, worriers and whiners  
~ (foreign policy)

**character & personality: hand / person**

## handwringing

handwringing from Democrats  
there has been a lot of ~ (but no action)

criticism and handwringing  
the ~ is far from over (foreign-policy issue)

**feeling, emotion & effect: hand**

**action, inaction & delay: hand**

**eagerness & reluctance: hand**

## handwriting (on the wall)

handwriting  
the ~ is on the wall

**fate, fortune & chance: Bible / religion / writing & spelling**

## hanging (hanging offense)

hanging offense  
his mistakes did not constitute a ~

**judgment: justice / violence**

**punishment & recrimination: justice / violence**

### **hang on to (verb)**

hang on to their senate seat  
democrats are trying to ~

**possession: hand / verb**

### **hangover**

historical hangover  
the Dow is a ~ from a period we can't sober up from yet

\$1 billion hangover  
Vancouver faces a ~ from its Olympic party

feeling the hangover  
the bubble has burst, and now we're ~ (economy)

left us with a hangover  
the real estate binge has ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol**

### **harbor (verb)**

harbors (Colombian) rebels  
Venezuela ~

**protection & lack of protection: boat / sea / verb**

### **harbor (safe harbor)**

safe harbor for those  
her workshops and retreats offer a ~ who are...

**protection & lack of protection: boat / sea**

### **hard (character)**

hard man  
he is a ~

**character & personality: hardness & softness**

### **hardball (noun)**

corporate hardball  
they are playing ~

**position, policy & negotiation: baseball / sports & games**

### **hard-charging (adjective)**

hard-charging maverick  
he was a ~ who shook up football (a coach)

**character & personality: horse**

### **harden (increase)**

hardened opinion against China  
the maritime clash has ~ (Japan)

hardened its policy against the Roma  
the government has ~ (France)

hardened his grip  
he has ~ on power (leader)

hardened its position  
Iran has ~

hardened its rhetoric  
the government has ~ about the danger

**increase & decrease: hardness & softness / verb**

### **harden (feelings)**

harden them  
some parents bully their kids to ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness / verb**

### **harden (protect)**

harden schools  
ways to ~ (school shootings)

**protection & lack of protection: hardness & softness / verb**

### **hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)**

hardened criminal  
an official report described him as a ~

jail-hardened (m)  
he was a ~ felon (teen rapist of Tamara)

well trained and battle-hardened  
the fighters are ~

**strength & weakness: materials & substances**

**experience: hardness & softness**

### **hardened (other)**

hardened to the plight  
he has become ~ of the poor

**feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness**

### **hard-hearted (adjective)**

hard-hearted (m)  
hard-edged, hard-headed, ~ educational methodologists

**character & personality: heart**

**heart: hardness & softness**

### **hard-nosed (adjective)**

hard-nosed attorney  
he was a very ~

hard-nosed defender  
he's a ~ (soccer)

**character & personality: hardness & softness / nose**

### **harness (verb)**

harness social media to stoke  
they ~ their base (young female politicians)

harness technology to enhance  
~ productivity

**control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb**

## harmony (in harmony)

in harmony  
all the factions are ~

in harmony with nature  
we need to live ~

in harmony with the ocean  
for centuries the islanders lived ~

live in harmony  
Muslims, Christians and Jews ~

worked in harmony  
we ~ for four months

**unanimity & consensus: music**

## harrowing (adjective)

harrowing to watch  
it was ~ (stock-market free fall)

harrowing danger  
his heroic actions in the face of ~ (military)

harrowing plunge  
a day after a ~ in the stock market

harrowing scene  
some of the ~s are hard to watch (film about earthquake)

harrowing tale  
survivors told ~s (plane crash)

♦ A harrow is an agricultural device used to chop up clods of dirt. In the 1949 film *Border Incident* starring Ricardo Montalban and George Murphy, the character played by George Murphy, Jack Beames, meets his fate under a harrow. His end is, literally and figuratively, harrowing.

**feeling, emotion & effect: farming & agriculture**

## harvest (verb)

harvest grapes  
you don't ~ from planting thorns

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

**product: farming & agriculture / verb**

## harvest (noun)

war's (chief) harvest  
misery is ~

**product: farming & agriculture**

## harvested

harvested in a decent and humane manner  
it's important that whales are ~

harvested tendon  
the ~ looks like a piece of dental floss (from hamstring)

ice was harvested  
~ from lakes and rivers and stored (in the old days)

organs were harvested

his ~ for donation (high-school athlete)

**product: farming & agriculture**

## hash out (verb)

hash out a compromise  
diplomats are trying to ~

**creation & transformation: food & drink / verb**

## hat (role)

grammar hat  
with my strict ~ on, I have to say that's called the unrealis

NPR hat  
I'll speak personally now as opposed to wearing my ~

submissive-woman hat  
the in-charge hat vs. the ~

in-charge hat  
the ~ vs. the submissive-woman hat

institutional hats  
he has acquired so many ~ he is now irreplaceable

**role: clothing & accessories**

## hat (old hat)

old hat for you  
is winning the Kentucky Derby ~

**experience: clothing & accessories**

## hat (take off one's hat to somebody)

take my hat off to you guys  
I ~ (admiration and respect)

**achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hat / verb**

## hat (hold on to your hat)

hold on to your hat  
~, for the first time ever...

♦ This means a big surprise and may relate to a rollercoaster.

**feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / hat / verb / wind**

## hatch (verb)

hatched the murders  
she ~ with two men she'd been sleeping with

hatched a (clever) scheme  
he ~

**initiation: bird / verb**

## hatch (escape hatch)

tried-and-tested escape hatch  
he has his ~ (just asking a question, not accusing)

**pursuit, capture & escape: mechanism**

## hatched

plan was hatched

a ~...

**initiation: bird**

### **hatchet (bury the hatchet)**

bury the hatchet

let's ~

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blade / military / Native Americans / verb**

### **hatchet job (noun)**

hatchet job on him

the New York Times did a complete ~

**accusation & criticism: blade**

### **hatchet man (person)**

hatchet man

he dispatched him as his ~

your ~ has done a real number on me

**coercion & motivation: blade / Native Americans / person**

### **haul (for the long haul)**

in it for the long haul

I think we're ~ (an intractable bear problem)

**time: burden / weight**

### **haul (verb)**

hauled him (off) to jail

a sheriff's deputy ~

hauled him to the station

the police ~ (Mexico)

haul tourists

bus-sized Tundra buggies ~ (Churchill / polar bears)

**transportation: animal / verb**

### **hauled in (verb)**

hauled in for questioning

he was ~ by the Mabatheth (Saudi Arabia)

**transportation: animal**

### **hauled off (verb)**

hauled off (again) to prison

he was ~

hauled off from her reception to jail

the "Bridezilla" was ~

hauled off in handcuffs

she was ~ (a "Bridezilla," from her wedding reception)

**transportation: animal**

### **haunt (verb)**

haunt me to this day

those images ~... (soldier back from Iraq)

haunted this city for (four) decades  
closing the door on a crime that has ~

haunt a community for generations  
some murder cases ~

haunted me for a decade  
the things I saw have ~ (Rwanda genocide)

haunt us forever  
the horror of the final days will ~ (family of hostage)

haunt me the rest of my life  
it will ~ (comment by murderer)

haunt the Ethiopians  
such tactics may come back to ~ (torture / rebels)

haunt New York  
the mystery of what really happened continues to ~

haunts the country  
El Salvador's bitter civil war still ~

haunted detectives  
Ms. Beal's murder had long ~ on the case (finally solved)

haunt him  
the day will ~ (Tour de France crash)

haunted him  
during these years, Annapurna always ~ (3 attempts)

haunts every (kayak) instructor  
this is the type of accident that ~

haunted his life  
he recounted the racism that ~

haunted me  
these simple words ~

haunting scientists  
these problems had been ~ for years (vaccine)

case (still) haunts him  
the unsolved ~ (a detective)

images haunt me  
those ~ to this day (soldier back from Iraq)

continues to haunt  
the mystery of what really happened ~ New York

still haunts  
the unsolved case ~ him (a detective)

come back to haunt  
gossip can ~ you  
what you do on the computer can ~ (queries)

**affliction: creature / verb**

### **haunted**

haunted by that day  
she has spent her life ~

haunted by a death



he is ~ he was unable to prevent

haunted by demons

he was a deeply troubled man, ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

haunted by (perceived) failures

he was ~ (a suicide)

haunted by nightmares

she is ~ (veteran of war in Iraq)

haunted by evil spirits

the Udehé say places like that are ~ (forest)

became haunted

Father Desbois ~ by the history of the Nazis in Ukraine

remain haunted

city residents ~ by the murders

**affliction: creature**

## haunting

haunting images

the ~ of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

~ of starvation (Africa)

haunting memory

the Irish have ~s of the famine

the ~s returned (of a murder)

haunting premonition

she awoke with a ~ (mother of soldier who died)

haunting story

the most ~ in the annals of exploration

most haunting (m)

it is one of the ~ stories in the annals of exploration

familiar and haunting (m)

those ~ notes (24 notes of Taps at funeral)

painful and haunting (m)

the most ~ story involves SuAnne Big Crow

**feeling, emotion & effect: creature**

## haven (safety)

safe haven

at the nadir of the financial crisis, gold was a ~

my bedroom is my ~

safe haven for priests

the archdiocese provided ~ accused of sex abuse

♦ A haven was a harbor.

**protection & lack of protection: boat / place**

## hawk (noun)

Israeli hawks

many ~ were against the attack (1981)

**violence: animal / bird**

**predation: animal / bird**

## hawkish (adjective)

hawkish stance

his ~ on Iran (an Israeli)

**violence: animal / bird**

**predation: animal / bird**

## hay (make hay, etc.)

made (political) hay out of it

everybody ~, used it for their own purposes (terror event)

**content: farming & agriculture / plant**

## haze (perception)

alcoholic haze

he spent much of the next four decades in an ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark**

**consciousness & awareness: light & dark**

## head (into the future)

heading

no one knows where the region is ~

head into November

as we ~, crunch time (college football)

head into this labor-day weekend

as we ~

**direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

**future: direction / movement / verb**

## head (reason)

head

people reason mostly from their hearts, not their ~s

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: head**

## head (butt heads)

butted heads

we ~

the mayor and the union have ~ ever since he took office

**conflict: animal / horn / verb**

## head (scratch one's head)

scratching its head

Congress is ~ (over confusing remarks by President)

scratching our heads

a lot of us are ~, with so many of these questions (criminal case)

scratching their heads

scientists are ~ as to how...

scientists are ~ to understand why...

**comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head / verb**

## head (shake one's head)

shake our heads at the folly

we like to ~ of those who...

leave you shaking your head  
the details of this scandal just ~ (college admissions scandal)

**comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head / verb**

### head (clear head)

clear head  
~s are needed (vs. sleep deprivation)

**consciousness & awareness: head**

### head (keep / lose one's head)

keep your head  
~ and don't go crazy

lose his head  
in the closing laps he seemed to ~ (F1 racecar driver)

**control & lack of control: head / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: head / verb**

### head (head and shoulders above)

head and shoulders  
~, he is above everybody else (a skier)

head and shoulders above anyone else  
he is ~ in his ability to lead (a politician)

head and shoulders above most of his colleagues  
he is ~ (a politician)

head and shoulders above most of his peers  
for that, he is ~ (a musician)

stand head and shoulders  
the two ~ above the rest (baseball players)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height**  
**superiority & inferiority: height**

### head (heads will roll, etc.)

head  
his ~ is under the guillotine every season (a coach)

calls for his head  
there have been ~ (a government official)

heads will roll  
~ if...

**punishment & recrimination: head / violence**  
**fate, fortune & chance: head / violence**

### head (keep one's head up)

keep your head up  
things are tough, but you've got to ~

keep your heads up  
I spoke to some players and said ~ (after huge loss)

**resiliency: direction / head / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / head / verb**

### head (keep one's head down)

keep their heads down  
it might be better for them to ~

kept their heads down  
they see themselves as stoics who've ~ (politics)

**protection & lack of protection: gesture / head / military / verb**

### head (down on one's head)

come down on his head  
a lot of opprobrium has ~ (whistle-blower)

brought down on his head an avalanche  
the book has ~ of publicity

brought her family's condemnation down on her head  
her marriage ~

brought the establishment down on her head  
her early success ~ (a poet)

brought disaster down on her head  
her meddling appears to have ~

♦ Such things as light poles or glass can fall or rain down on one's head, if one is unlucky!

**failure, accident & impairment: head**

### head (go over one's head, etc.)

went over my head  
what he said just ~ (not understood)

**comprehension & incomprehension: head / verb**

### head (get in over one's head, etc.)

got in over their heads  
they ~ (crime)

**involvement: water / verb**

### head (turn heads)

turned heads  
her good looks and confidence ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: head**

**feeling, emotion & effect: head**

### head (hold something over one's head)

hold over his head  
we needed to have something to ~ (child murder investigation)

holding that over his head  
they will try to force his hand by ~

**coercion & motivation: head / verb**

**fate, fortune & chance: head / verb**

### head (rear its head, etc.)

reared its head

the Ebola virus has ~ again

♦ Only something negative raises its head: anti-Semitism, the Ebola virus, tyranny, etc.

**appearance & disappearance: head / verb**

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: head / verb**

## head (turn something on its head)

turn the paradigm on its head

the plan will ~ (homelessness)

**disruption: head / orientation / verb**

## head (get one's head around something, etc.)

get their heads around

that's very difficult for people to ~ (murder trial)

get my head around it

I still can't ~

wrap our minds around what

it was hard to ~ had happened

**comprehension & incomprehension: head / verb**

## head (come to a head)

came to a head

it all ~ in December of 1989 (ACT UP vs. Catholic Church)

♦ This could relate to a pimple or boil and basically means *crisis*.

**development: health & medicine**

## headache

headache

the decision is one in a series of ~s for... (a company)

headache for the administration

this will be a ~ (oil spill)

headaches (continued to mount) for the (German) Pope

the ~ (Pope Benedict)

transportation headache

the daily ~s faced by many

biggest headache

one of our ~s is simply counting the fish (scientist)

caused headaches

his mercurial personality ~ (an employee)

**affliction: health & medicine**

## headed

headed

futurists are asking questions about where we're ~ (tech)

headed for a train wreck

we are ~ (a politician about budget proposal)

headed in the wrong direction

Washington is ~ (politics)

**direction: journeys & trips**

**future: direction / movement**

## headhunter

headhunter

he was recruited by a management ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## headlong

headlong retreat

the Americans are in ~

**haste: horse**

## head-scratching

head-scratching comments

he has made some ~

**comprehension & incomprehension: gesture**

## head-spinning

head-spinning

the explanations have been ~

head spinning week

it's been a ~ in Australian politics

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability**

## head start

head start on the assignment

I want to get a ~

**initiation: head / journeys & trips / movement**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: head / journeys & trips / movement**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: head / journeys & trips / movement**

## heads-up (warning)

heads-up

you should have given us a ~ (warning)

**warning: direction / head**

## head-to-head

head-to-head confrontation

~ versus guerrilla war (US in Iraq)

head-to-head match

China beats Russia in ~ (chess)

Nadal leads their ~s by 14-7 (tennis)

went head to head with the conservatives

the liberals ~ over the issue

went head to head over the issue

they ~ of...

take on Romney head-to-head

Santorum will ~ (nomination process)

**conflict:** animal / horn

## headway (noun)

making any headway

we're not ~ at all (poor economy)

**progress & lack of progress:** boat / journeys & trips / movement

## headwind (noun)

headwind on the economy

this is the biggest ~ (poor housing market / Obama)

headwind to rebuilding

communication missteps have created a massive ~ trust

social and economic headwinds

shielding the town from the larger ~ buffeting small towns

**obstacles & impedance:** atmosphere / boat / wind

## heal (verb)

heal itself

remove dams and let nature ~

heal all those problems

Prince Salman is the doctor to ~ in Saudi Arabia

healed the rift

the years have not ~ between Shipa and her family

heal (old racial) wounds

help ~

heal (old) wounds

the project will ~ (slavery)

heal the wounds

a ceremony of reconciliation meant to ~ left by the War

heal the housing market

we need to write down mortgages to ~

heal and renew

the water has power to ~ (Medicine Lake)

never healed

the rift between his mother and father ~ (divorced)

time to heal

it's going to take ~ (emotionally)

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (A Turkish proverb.)

**amelioration & renewal:** health & medicine / verb

## health (condition)

health of publishing

the ~ is in good hands (readers)

health of a (free) society

good journalism is essential to the ~

industry's health

absorption, an indicator of the ~ (apartment market)

economic and cultural health

problems that threaten the ~ (reindeer people)

intellectual health

the ~ of publishing is in good hands (readers)

threaten the environmental health

problems that ~ (reindeer people)

get back to fiscal health

we need to ~

**condition & status:** health & medicine

## healthy (condition)

healthy

10 percent thought conditions were ~ (economy)

corporate profits are ~

the spacecraft is ~ and we're excited (Nasa's New Horizons spacecraft)

healthy economy

his government's failure to build a ~

**condition & status:** health & medicine

## healthy (strength)

healthy fear

a ~ is the best defense (of scorpions / desert warfare)

healthy skepticism

in science, a ~ is a professional necessity

**strength & weakness:** health & medicine

## heap (verb)

heap abuse (even) on the home team

Philly fans ~

heaped contempt on her (hated) rival

she ~ (a politician)

heaped invective upon whites

the hate group ~ they saw (at the National Mall)

heaped praise on him and his work

officials have ~ (police commander)

**throwing, putting & planting:** pile / verb

## heart (allegiance)

way to (anyone's) heart

the quickest ~ is with an MCL gift card (ad)

captured the hearts

he has ~ and minds of Americans (Olympic athlete)

captured my heart

the first time I saw him, he ~ (an orphan)

give my heart

I'm going to be very cautious who I ~ to

invest my heart in someone

I can't ~ who might not stick around

win the hearts

we can ~ and minds of people (AID official)

pledge their head, heart, hands and health

youngsters ~—hence, 4-H— to such goals as... (4-H)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: heart**

## heart (hearts and minds)

battle for hearts and minds

he is losing the ~ at Stamford Bridge (a soccer coach)

hearts and minds will follow

get them by their balls and their ~ (military)

captured the hearts and minds

he has ~ of Americans (Olympic athlete)

win the hearts and minds

we can ~of people (AID official)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: heart**

## heart (basis)

heart of cycling

France, the ~ (Tour de France, etc.)

heart of courtesy

the ~ is respect for persons

heart of the (US) economy

small businesses have become the beating ~

heart of the fair

the ~ is the 4-H livestock show (US)

heart of jazz

improvisation is the ~

heart and soul

racing has lost its ~ (death of popular driver)

he was the ~ of our team (mountaineering)

he poured his ~ into the game (Larry Bird / basketball)

envy at its heart

much anti-Americanism has ~

at the heart of the argument

~ is the claim that...

at the heart of the debate

~ lies the question...

at the heart of the matter

Kandahar is again ~ (war)

lies at the heart

a failure of political will ~ of the problem (polio)

get to the heart

we need to ~ of the matter

goes to the heart

this argument ~ of the issue

**bases: heart**

## heart (young at heart, etc.)

at heart

~ he's an optimist

Bedouin at heart

Sheikh Zayed remained a ~ (Abu Dhabi / UAE)

young at heart

she remains ~

wild at heart

the play is a hymn to the ~

**character & personality: heart**

**identity & nature: heart**

## heart (identity)

in your heart

if you're born here it's ~ (a festival in Ivrea, Italy)

♦ Home is where the heart is!

**identity & nature: heart**

## heart (commitment)

heart

she said her ~ was now set on revenge (a Palestinian)

heart of a champion

she has the ~ (coach speaking of child gymnast)

heart of a (true) champion

he showed the ~ (boxer / title bout)

heart of a (true) warrior

battered and bloodied, but showing the ~ (boxing)

heart and intuition

have the courage to follow your ~ (Steve Jobs)

hearts and souls

their ~ are in it (NASA scientists)

heart and stomach

his ~ for boxing are no longer there

fighter's heart

he showed a true ~ (boxing)

lion's heart

I have a ~ (winning boxer after hard match)

a lot of heart

anybody else would have quit, he's got ~ (a boxer)

no heart

he had ~ (fighter who quit)

close to people's hearts

issues that are ~

heart is set on revenge

her ~

follow your heart

~ and dare to take risks

lost heart

many people have ~ (problems, obstacles)

showed (real) heart

he ~ (a boxer)

fought his heart out

he ~ every fight (the great Arturo Gatti)

sang her heart out

she ~

fight with their hearts

they ~ more than their heads... (two boxers)

fights with his heart on his sleeve

he always ~ (boxer Johnnie Tapia)

leave your heart on the floor

~ (a basketball player, exhorting his teammates)

left his heart in the ring

he ~ every time he fought (the great "Thunder" Gatti)

put her heart into it

she really ~ (an art project)

poured our hearts into the movement

for over 20 years we've ~ (social justice)

played with (unquestioned) heart

he ~ and leadership (dead quarterback)

fights with (a lot of) heart

he ~ and determination

took the (hate) message to heart

they ~ (Hispanic gang vs. blacks)

**commitment & determination: heart**

## heart (beating heart)

beating heart of her work

nature as a springboard to the sacred is the ~ (a poet)

**death & life: heart / sound**

## heart (eagerness and reluctance)

for the faint of heart

it's not ~ (a horror film)

combat is not ~

**eagerness & reluctance: heart**

## heart (half-hearted, etc.)

with all her heart

she loved him ~

halfhearted (m)

I made a ~ effort to learn French

half-hearted performances

boxers content to turn in uninspiring, ~

**amount: heart**

## heart (container)

hearts are filled with joy

our ~ that she is safe (missing woman found)

in the heart of another

who really knows what lies ~

goodness in their hearts

the justness of their cause, the ~ (military)

hatred in the hearts

this statement fuels the ~ of all the Arabs

hole in my heart

it left a huge ~ (loss of a baby)

in your heart

if you're born here it's ~ (a festival in Ivrea, Italy)

joy in their hearts

they watched with ~s (Manger Square / Bethlehem)

lies in the heart

who really know what ~ of another

hold her in our hearts

we're going to ~ (Lori Piastewa)

fills my heart with joy and laughter

she ~

instill fear into people's hearts

the main purpose is to ~ (China versus Tibetans)

put fear in your heart

my granddaddy said don't ever let no one ~ (authority)

find room in my heart

I tried to ~ for him, but I couldn't

from the bottom of my heart

I'd like to tell you ~ how sorry I am...

thank you from the bottom of my heart

I ~

♦ "The Hopi believe that when they die, they bring snow and moisture back to the people. So the snow is fitting." (Vanessa Charles, commenting on the death of Lori Piastewa, killed in action in Iraq, and a rare April snowfall.)

**heart: container**

## heart (empathy)

kind heart

she has a ~

open heart

she has the most ~ (open to all)

heart of flint

she was an elderly female with a ~

hearts of stone

those State Department bureaucrats have ~

our hearts go out to the families

our ~ (mass shooting)

heart goes out to him  
your ~ (drowned child)

bless your heart  
well, ~

have a heart  
please, ~

show some heart  
why can't you ~

touch (American) hearts  
suffering Afghan children ~

♦ "They wouldn't give a crippled crab a crutch if they owned a lumber yard." (John Artis on the Patterson, New Jersey police and justice system in the 1960s and 70s.)

**empathy & lack of empathy: heart**

**heart (a broken heart, etc.)**

broken heart  
you can overcome a ~

broke my heart  
it ~ to see...

breaks my heart  
it ~ to see these kids (politician / injured soldiers)

unbreak my heart  
~, say you love me again (song)

**feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart / mechanism**  
**heart: functioning / mechanism**

**heart (center)**

in the heart of North-West Frontier Province  
Buner (boo-NAIR) lies ~ (Pakistan)

in the heart of peanut country  
Albany lies ~ (Georgia)

in the heart of the (fall foliage) season  
we are ~

heart of the city  
just north of the ~  
the Pul-i-Imam Bukhri bridge leading into the ~

heart of (California's wine) country  
the ~ (earthquake)

heart of the desert  
invaders were never able to penetrate the ~ (Saudi)

heart of the forest  
the Cuiabá-Santarém road, which slices through the ~

heart of Tanzania  
the Wagogo Plains, the wild ~

commercial heart  
Casablanca, a port city and the ~ of Morocco

industrial heart  
Manchester, the ~ of the British Empire

lies in the heart  
Buner (boo-NAIR) ~ of North-West Frontier Province

sits in the heart  
Albany ~ of peanut country (Georgia)

penetrate the heart  
invaders were never able to ~ of the desert (Saudi)

**center & periphery: heart**

**heart (goal)**

heart was (now) set on revenge  
she said her ~ (Middle East)

set his heart on St. Joseph's Academy  
he ~ (desired to attend it)

follow his heart  
he decided to ~ (accept a job in different city)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: heart**

**heart (heart of stone, etc.)**

heart of flint  
she was an elderly female with a ~

heart of gold  
he had a ~ (tribute for soldier killed in combat)

Hearts of Oak  
the British have ~

hearts of stone  
those State Department bureaucrats have ~

**heart: materials & substances**

**heart (heart sank)**

heart sank  
my ~... (news of murder of boy)

heart (just) sank  
when I heard those words, my ~ (loss of brother)

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

**heart: direction**

**heart (heavy heart)**

heavy heart  
we definitely have some ~s here (athlete injured)

with a heavy heart  
~, he headed down the mountain  
it is ~ that I...

with heavy hearts  
we left ~ and broken spirits

with the heaviest of hearts  
it is ~ that I have to tell you of the passing of our friend...

left with heavy hearts  
we ~ and broken spirits

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

**feeling, emotion & effect: weight**

**heart: weight**

## heart (change of heart)

change of heart

industry must undergo a ~ (exploitation vs. conservation)

he went public with his ~ in an opinion piece (politics)

a ~ is a good legal strategy (terrorist cooperates)

belated change of heart

well, why the ~

undergo a change of heart

industry must ~ (exploitation vs. conservation)

**reversal: heart**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: heart**

## heart (shape)

heart, round or oval (m)

whether you have a ~ face

shape of a heart

it was cut into the ~ (a yearbook)

drawing of a heart

a red-ink ~ in the palm of her left hand

♦ He was wearing a T-shirt that read, "I heart Kosova."

♦ The heart symbol only vaguely resembles the actual shape of a heart.

**shape: heart**

## heart (sincerity)

with all her heart

she believed in his innocence ~ (wife of serial killer)

with all my heart

I honestly believe ~ that...

believe in you with all my heart

I ~

speaking from my heart

I am ~ when I say... (sincerity)

from the bottom of my heart

I'd like to tell you ~ how sorry I am...

thank you from the bottom of my heart

I ~

his heart was in the right place

he made mistakes, but his ~

his heart is (always) in the right place

~ (Sean Penn)

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart**

## heart (by heart)

play by heart

it is a fixed rule that instrumentalists shall ~ (concerts)

know symphonies by heart

conductors ~

know them by heart

we've heard those slogans for so many years that we ~

learned it by heart

he ~ (a long poem)

recite the Qur'an by heart

he can ~

**heart: memorization**

## heart (knife in the heart, etc.)

knife in the heart

the date Feb. 6, 1958, is still a ~ (Man. U fan)

knife to the heart

it's a shocking ~ (idea of loss of Tangier Island to Atlantic)

**destruction: blade / creature / death & life / knife / heart**

**feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / heart / knife**

## heart (stake through the heart, etc.)

put a stake through the heart of Row

there is a majority on the court willing to ~ (SCOTUS)

put a stake through their hearts

we definitely ~ (Operation Anaconda, Shah-i-Kot)

**destruction: creature / death & life / heart**

## heart (miscellaneous)

heart

if it's wrong, then my ~ won't let me be right (love)

makes my heart sing

this kind of football ~ (Sawa Homare and team)

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

## heartache

heartaches and misery

all the ~ it causes (alcoholism)

deaths and resentments and heartaches

sorrows and heartaches

all the ~ of this life

~ versus joy and fulfillment (religion)

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation**

## heartbeat (in a heartbeat)

in a heartbeat

if he could undo his actions he would ~

**speed: heart**

## heartbeat (noun)

heartbeat of the cave

the ~ (dripping water)

**death & life: heart / sound**



## heartbreak (noun)

heartbreak of (constant medical) crises  
the ~ and setbacks

Heartbreak Hotel  
the Hanoi Hilton included ~ and New Guy Village

died of heartbreak  
I think he ~...

**feeling, emotion & effect: functioning**

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

**heart: functioning / mechanism**

## heartbreaking (adjective)

heartbreaking cry for help  
his suicide attempt was a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: functioning**

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

**heart: functioning / mechanism**

## heartbroken (adjective)

heartbroken  
he was ~

heartbroken city  
Liverpool is a ~ (Hillsborough tragedy)

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

**feeling, emotion & effect: functioning**

**heart: functioning / mechanism**

## heartfelt (adjective)

heartfelt commitment  
a ~ to democratic values

heartfelt prayers  
with ~, the families of the trapped miners waited...

heartfelt sorrow  
we want to express our ~ (murder of young woman)

heartfelt views  
her ~ got her in trouble with the authorities

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation**

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart / sensation**

## heartland

heartland  
two American kids growing up in the ~

heartland of China  
Xi'an, in the antique ~, watered by the Yellow River

Amhara-speaking heartland  
Gonder, in the ~ (Ethiopia)

Christian heartland  
the ~ north of Beirut (Lebanon)

Yoruba heartland  
Nigeria with its ~, Ibo strongholds and Hausa north

industrial heartland  
in China's ~

spiritual heartland  
the province is the Taliban's ~ (Helmand)

**center & periphery: heart**

**identity & nature: heart**

## heartless

heartless so-and-so  
he's a cool, ~ who...

**empathy & lack of empathy: heart**

## heartsick

heartsick about it  
we're ~ (brother of soldier facing tough tour in Iraq)

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

**heart: health & medicine**

## heart-stopping

heart-stopping  
her ~ beauty (a ballerina)

heart-stopping moment  
it was a ~ (near-accident)

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: heart**

## heartthrob

heartthrob  
the ~ Leonardo DiCaprio

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation**

## heart-to-heart

heart-to-heart with her  
it's been a while since I have had a ~ (dad / daughter)

heart-to-heart conversation  
we had an open, ~ about sex

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart**

## heartwarming (adjective)

heartwarming  
what's ~ about them is...

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart / temperature**

**heart: temperature**

## heartwood

heartwood  
the outer, lighter sap wood vs. central, darker ~  
bark, sap wood and ~ (trees)

**center & periphery: heart**

## heart-wrenching

heart-wrenching

it's ~ (comment on murder of family)

heart-wrenching picture

the ~s (Haiti earthquake)

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation**

## heat (in the heat of passion, etc.)

in the heat of the moment

he said some things he wished he hadn't ~

I made my decision ~ (regret)

in the heat of passion

threats are often thrown out ~

manslaughter is the killing of another ~

~, man loses his better judgment

acted in the heat of passion

her lawyer contended that she ~

kills in the heat of passion

the defendant is held less responsible if he ~

committed in the heat of passion

prosecutors believe the crime was ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

## heat (pressure)

heat

the administration is trying to keep the ~ on Venezuela

feeling the heat

they are ~ (competition)

**pressure: temperature**

## heat (turn up the heat, etc.)

turned up the heat

then he really ~ by starting a Web site accusing...

turning up the heat on BP

the president is ~

turning the heat up on its (long-time NATO) ally

the U.S. is ~

turned up the heat (on the immigration debate) to scalding

President Trump ~ this week...

**coercion & motivation: temperature**

## heat (criticism)

a lot of heat

Biden has gotten ~ recently about his record on race

take heat

he'll ~ for this

**accusation & criticism: temperature**

**punishment & recrimination: temperature**

## heated (emotion)

heated argument

the ~s in their bar

I got into a ~ with him

heated (phone) conversation

engaged in a ~

heated debate

the ~ revealed deep political divisions (politics)

heated disagreements

there have been ~ over troop levels (war)

heated discussion

propelled scientists into a ~

a ~ about the study results

heated dispute

~s over strategy and tactics are inevitable (officer corps)

heated exchange

they got into a ~ (protester / local)

heated response

their story drew a ~

heated rhetoric

~ is unlikely to disappear from politics

heated (business) rivalry

in a ~, you must still consider ethics

heated falling out

a ~ between the mayor, police chief

heated and emotional (m)

after years of ~ debate, the university banned...

get heated

when it comes to gun laws, things can sometimes ~

got heated

he went to confront her, and things ~

grow heated

arguments ~ (local government)

grew (more) heated

the detective ~ as he spoke

remains heated

the debate ~ (educational issue)

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

## heatedly

debated heatedly

Rwanda policy was ~ by US officials

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

## heat up (verb)

heating up

competition is ~

**activity:** temperature / verb

**increase & decrease:** temperature / verb

## heaven (move heaven and earth)

moved heaven and earth to provide  
we have ~ security (Olympics)

**difficulty, easiness & effort:** religion

## heaven (environment)

cat heaven

in ~ it rains cream, and all the dogs are in zoos

♦ "After the turmoil [of W.W.II], it looked like heaven." (Military doctor who saw Andrews, North Carolina and decided to settle there. He spent the rest of his life there aiding the mountain people.)

**environment / superlative:** religion

**flaws & lack of flaws:** religion

## heavy (amount)

heavy (Internet) user

she had been a ~ (murdered for clicks)

**amount:** weight

## heavy (emotion)

heavy

things are getting a little ~, let's lighten things up

**feeling, emotion & effect:** weight

## heavy (oppression)

heavy responsibility

I feel a ~ for these police failures (official)

**oppression: burden / weight**

**affliction: burden / weight**

## heavy-handed

heavy-handed

I think the punishment was ~

heavy-handed response

the ~ of the government has invited criticism (to protests)

**oppression: hand / weight**

## heavy-hearted (adjective)

heavy-hearted

she seemed ~

**feeling, emotion & effect:** heart weight

**heart:** weight

## heavyweight (noun)

heavyweights of the industry

the meeting was attended by global ~ (mining)

**substance & lack of substance:** boxing / weight

**power:** boxing / weight

## hector (verb)

hectors her children not to divulge

she ~ personal information online

♦ From the Trojan hero, transformed to mean *braggart or bully*.

**coercion & motivation:** allusion / Iliad & Odyssey / verb

## heel (under the heel)

under the heel of (Saddam's brutal) regime

after decades ~ (Basra)

**oppression:** heel

## heel (on the heels)

on the heels of (another) security breach

the report came ~

on the heels of the (debt-ceiling) debate

his came ~

came on the heels

the report ~ of another security breach

come on the heels

the protests ~ of the events elsewhere in the region

**sequence:** heel

## heel (on one's heels)

on its heels

the government is ~ (versus the rebels)

put the defense on its heels

they ~ (football)

**resistance, opposition & defeat:** heel

## heel (dig in one's heels)

dug in their heels

they have ~ and refuse to bend (negotiations)

**resistance, opposition & defeat:** foot / heel / verb

**eagerness & reluctance:** foot / heel / verb

## heel (nip at somebody's heels)

nipping at his heels

24 rivals are ~ from every direction (politics)

**affliction: animal / dog / predation / verb / wolf**

**predation: animal / dog / verb / wolf**

## heffalump (creature)

EU heffalump

the ~ has been taken behind the barn by the vet (Brexit)

♦ The Heffalump was a creature in A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh* and *The House at Pooh Corner*. It occurs only in Piglet and Pooh's imaginations.

**fantasy & reality:** allusion / creature

## heft (noun)

emotional heft

he depicted the struggles of black emotions with ~

**substance & lack of substance: weight**

## hegira (and hejira)

hejira across the Himalayas to Tibet  
he made that amazing ~ (the wonderful Heinrich Harrer)

**development: journeys & trips / religion**

## height (at the height)

at the height of its popularity  
he stopped drawing the strip ~ (a cartoonist)

**achievement, recognition & praise: ground, terrain & land**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## heighten (verb)

heightened fears  
the report ~ of a second recession

**increase & decrease: direction / height / verb**

## heights (to new heights, etc.)

heights of performance  
it isn't likely to motivate employees to new ~

heights of stardom  
she has ascended to the ~ (film actor)

new heights  
it isn't likely to motivate employees to ~ of performance

ascended to the heights  
she has ~ of stardom (film actor)

take their rivalry to new heights  
they ~ (promotion for wrestling match)

taking flying to new heights  
the new Boeing Dreamliner is ~

motivate employees to new heights  
it isn't likely to ~ of performance

**achievement, recognition & praise: ground, terrain & land / height**

## heights (other)

reclaim the heights  
they have managed to ~ (tennis sisters)

**achievement, recognition & praise: ground, terrain & land**

## heir (noun)

heirs to a great (and ancient) civilization  
the Egyptian people are ~

political heirs  
they are the ~ of the segregationist South

**transmission: family / history / money**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money**

## hell (living hell, etc.)

"hell highway"  
killed returning to the reservation on the ~ (Arizona)

living hell  
working there was a ~

living hell for pedophiles  
prison can be a ~

Green Hell  
travelers christened it the "~" (Mato Grosso)

escaped from a living hell  
he ~ (POW)

make their wife's life a living hell  
men who ~ (dowry scam)

**environment: religion**

**situation: religion**

## hell (hell to pay)

hell to pay  
later, they have ~ (people who cheat on their spouses)

**punishment & recrimination: religion**

## hell (Hell's Gate, etc.)

Hell's Gate  
~, the second big rapid (kayaking)  
the Nahanni bends through a constriction called the ~

Hell Night  
~ at the Citadel (Military School)

Hell's Backbone  
she drove down a road called ~ (southern Utah)

**proper name: religion**

## hell (situation)

hell  
I've been through ~

hell of war  
in the ~, how does a chaplain hold on to faith

hell of a forced marriage  
his bid to rescue his love from the ~ (Pakistani)

hell on earth  
the Chinese Communist Party has transformed Tibet into a ~

hell on heels  
she was ~ (a troubled young socialite)

sheer hell  
this autumn is going to be ~ for him

divorce from hell  
Alec Baldwin is living through the ~

scene from hell  
he saw a number of bodies in a "~" (friendly fire)

slicks and (rhododendron) hells  
laurel ~ (Appalachia)

scare the hell out of you  
it will ~

put you through hell  
win, lose or draw, Holyfield will ~ (the great boxer)

transformed Tibet into a hell  
the Chinese Communist Party has ~ on earth

♦ I know I'm going to heaven 'cause I've spent my time in hell. (A veteran.)

♦ War is hell. (General William Sherman.)

**situation: religion**

**environment: religion**

**survival, persistence & endurance: religion**

## hell (raise hell)

raising hell  
she was ~ there, too (TV star fights with cast mates)

**behavior: religion / verb**

## hell (go to hell)

go to hell  
the politicians should all ~

**insult: religion**

## hellhole

hell-hole  
the state prison is a ~

world's hellholes  
humanitarian personnel in the ~

godforsaken hellhole  
a ~

**environment: religion**

## hellish (adjective)

hellish days  
those ~ of stock car racing's infancy

hellish dust devils  
they had to contend with heat and ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: religion**

## hell-raiser

hell-raiser  
he admits he was a ~ as a young man

Hellraiser Ball  
violence erupted at the motorcycle and tattoo expo, the ~

Hellraisers Ball  
the melee at the ~ resulted in one death

from hell-raiser to born-again Christian  
his conversion ~

**behavior: religion**

## hell-raising

hell-raising drinkers  
~ and womanizers

**behavior: religion**

## helm (at the helm)

at the helm  
they have won with him ~ (a coach)  
we need a tough person ~ (Turkey)  
the church needed someone else ~ to stop the rot (a Pope)

at the helm of an organization  
she is leaving after a 2-year tenure ~ beset by controversy

**control & lack of control: boat**

## helm (other)

took the helm  
he ~ of the war this week

**control & lack of control: boat**

## help (keep from, avoid)

couldn't help myself  
I ate the whole thing, I ~

**restraint & lack of restraint: verb**

## helping (amount)

helping of praise  
there are two reasons to give the show another ~ (TV)

**amount: food & drink**

## hemorrhage (noun)

hemorrhage of personnel  
the Pentagon is trying to stop the ~ (soldiers)

♦ "President Obama is sending an additional 17,000 American troops to Afghanistan, as part of his effort to try to put a tourniquet on the hemorrhaging war effort there."

**leaking: blood**

## herald (verb)

heralded the end  
the uprising ~ of the regime

herald a new era  
Republicans hope to ~ of limited government

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: royalty / verb**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: royalty / verb**

## herald (noun)

heralds of winter  
snowflakes are ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: royalty**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: royalty / verb**

## herculean (adjective)

herculean effort

we are involved in a ~  
the ~ behind the 1969 moon landing

herculean task

squeezing the evidence into a 90-page document was a ~

**difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion**

## herd (verb)

herded five victims into one cooler

they ~ and killed them (Brown's Chicken & Pasta)

herded them into (army) buses

soldiers ~ (Palestinian suspects)

**directing: animal / verb**

**control & lack of control: animal / verb**

## herd (ride herd)

ride herd on them

we need to ~

**directing: animal / verb**

**control & lack of control: animal / verb**

**coercion & motivation: animal / verb**

## heresy (noun)

committing heresy

a law professor who lectures is ~ (vs. Socratic method)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## heretic (person)

heretic

the party now treats him as a ~ (politics)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion**

**person: religion**

## hermit (person)

hermit

is chronic bad breath turning you into a ~

modern-day hermits

in Japan half a million people live as ~ (*hikikomori*)

**isolation & remoteness / society: person**

**social interaction: person**

**avoidance & separation: person**

**person: acceptance & rejection / society**

## hermit (epithet)

hermit kingdom

Bhutan, once known as the ~ of the Himalayas

**isolation & remoteness: epithet**

## heyday (noun)

heyday of Brazilian rock

the 1970's was probably the ~

heyday of hotels

life after the Catskills' ~

Kameny's heyday

in ~, and my youth... (gay history)

Shanghai's heyday

the colonial architecture that dates back to ~

'70's heyday

his ~ (a singer)

since the heyday of LaFace Records

the strongest R&B vibes to emerge ~ (Atlanta)

**achievement, recognition & praise: day**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## hibernation (in hibernation)

in hibernation

the industry has been ~ for 20 years (the nuclear industry)

**activity: death & life**

## hiccup (noun)

hiccup

the datacenter is having some ~s (down Websites)

we've had some ~s along the way

**flaws & lack of flaws: bodily process**

**failure, accident & impairment: bodily process**

## hidden

kept the story hidden

she ~ for 20 years, never sharing it with anyone

**concealment & lack of concealment: eye**

## hide (hide behind something)

hide behind anonymity

it's easy to be forthright when you ~

hides behind a facade

he ~ of jokes

hides behind the *nom de plume*

the woman who ~ of...

hides behind a (tough-guy) posture

he ~

hides behind a locked door

the bureaucrat or politician who ~

hides behind a friendly face

fraud often ~

hides behind a fictitious name

he ~

hides behind innocuous phrase

she ~ (an administrator)

**concealment & lack of concealment: direction / verb**

## hide-and-seek

game of hide and seek

a very serious ~ (with Palestinian terrorist)

**pursuit, capture & escape: sports & games**

## hidebound

hidebound bureaucracy

a ~

**constraint & lack of constraint: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## high (on high)

from on high

there's a clear directive ~ to investigate thoroughly (government)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: direction**

## high (on a high)

on a high

he's ~ right now and will use it for motivation (victor)

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

## high (high regard)

held in high regard

he is ~

**reputation: direction**

## high (emotion)

high

emotions are ~

highs and lows

so you suffer fewer energy ~ (diet)

her eyes gleamed as she recalled the ~ (of her life)

it's a game of ~ (baseball)

emotional high

it was an incredible ~

incredible (emotional) high

it was an ~

get our hopes (too) high

we should not ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

## high (enthusiasm)

real high

it's a ~, you just get hooked (genealogy)

**enthusiasm: addiction**

## highlight (verb)

highlights a tension

the dilemma ~ within the ruling elite (China)

highlighted (major) weaknesses

the report ~ in the economy

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / verb**

## high-minded (adjective)

high-minded politician

it's hard to find a ~

high-minded project

he tried to raise money for his ~ (library)

**character & personality: direction**

**mind: direction**

## high-powered (adjective)

high-powered law firm

he has retained a ~ and says he is innocent

**power: tools & technology**

## high priest

theory's high priest

General Petraeus, counterinsurgency ~...

**message: religion**

## high-spirited

high-spirited

if your child is ~, give her unstructured time

high-spirited man

a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

## high tide

high tide of American greatness

the ~ has passed

**extent & scope: sea / tide**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sea / tide**

## high-water (high-water mark)

high-water mark of student activism

this was the ~ (school shootings)

high-water mark of his career

it was the ~ (sports)

high-water mark of partisanship

the vote was a ~ (Republicans versus Democrats)

high-water mark for religious participation

1962 as the ~ in the US (Life Magazine)

**extent & scope: flood**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: flood**

## highway (iceberg highway, etc.)

highways

oceans are ~ rather than protective moats (geopolitics)

“iceberg highways”

one of the four major ~ that lead beyond Antarctica

**route: infrastructure**

## highway (my way or the highway)

type-A-my-way-or-the-highway (m)  
he was a ~ guy

**allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping**  
**unanimity & consensus: walking, running & jumping**  
**control & lack of control: walking, running & jumping**

## hijack (verb)

hijacked the agenda  
anti-Western countries have ~ (UN)

hijacked the debate  
she ~ to announce her candidacy (politics)

hijacked the (electoral) process  
organized labor has ~ in Canadian provinces

hijacked the revolution  
his opponents fear that he has ~ (politics)

**control & lack of control: crime / verb**

**taking & removing: crime / verb**

**possession: crime / verb**

## hijacked

hijacked by the (economic) elite  
government has been ~

hijacked by her emotions  
she let herself be ~

hijacked by this group  
the Republican Party has been ~ (the Tea Party)

**control & lack of control: crime**

**taking & removing: crime**

**possession: crime**

## hill (over the hill)

over-the-hill

♦ "He's still talented, but he's on the other side of the hill now." (An older boxer.)

**decline: mountains & hills**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: mountains & hills**

## hill (difficulty)

psychological hill  
he has a ~ to climb

**difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills**

## Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.)

Fontana Hilton  
the ~, a famous shelter on the Appalachian Trail

Hanoi Hilton  
the ~ included Heartbreak Hotel and New Guy Village

♦ Names like these are often ironic. The Fontana Hilton is a trail hut, but it is near the parking lot at Fontana Dam, where there are hot showers. Those showers are much appreciated by trail walkers.

**proper name: infrastructure**

## hindsight (with hindsight)

with hindsight  
he said ~ he wouldn't have done it (forced to resign)

**perception, perspective & point of view: direction**

**past & present: direction**

## hint (noun)

hint of foul play  
there was no ~

**evidence: speech**

## hip (joined at the hip)

politically joined at the hip  
the gay-and-lesbian and trans movements became ~

♦ The great Saudi pediatric surgeon Dr. Abdullah al-Rabeeah successfully separated a number of *actual* conjoined twins. We salute him and his great patron, King Abdullah.

**division & connection: health & medicine**

## hit (arrive)

hit the big time  
he ~

hit some (real) low points  
I've ~ in my life

hit pay dirt  
he finally ~ (a researcher)  
on the fourth day, Fitch seemed to ~ (experiment)

hit the eddy  
he managed to roll up and ~ (kayaker)

hit a plateau  
if you slip up or ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

hitting the bookstores  
new books on women and sex are ~

hit the weight room  
he ~ (basketball)

hit middle age  
now that we've ~

hit (long-track) speedskating  
clap skates ~ in 1997-98

adolescence hits  
childrearing can be difficult, especially when ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb**

## hit (hit \$30, etc.)

hit the mid-20s  
during a hard freeze, temperatures ~ for 6-8 hours



hit the speed of sound  
at 22,200 feet, the airplane ~ (jetliner in dive)

hit (an estimated) 140 mph  
winds ~ in Tennessee (tornadoes)

hit \$30  
the stock ~ before settling down to \$23 (share price)

**attainment: verb**

### hit (affected)

hit hard  
Bosnia's fragile economy was ~ by the financial crisis

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist**

### hit (force)

taken a hit  
tourism along the Gulf has ~ (oil spill)

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist**

### hit (computer)

hits on the (erotic) Web site  
5 million viewer ~

hits a day  
his Web site was getting nearly 2 million ~

viewer hits  
5 million ~ on the erotic Web site

8,000 hits  
the child-pornography site recorded ~ in 24 hours

5 million (viewer) hits  
~ on the erotic Web site

**computer: force**

### hit (effect)

hit (real) hard  
it ~ (a murder)

**feeling, emotion & effect: force / fist / verb**

### hit (comprehension)

hit me  
and then it ~, Joe was sick

**comprehension & incomprehension: force / fist / verb**

### hit (success)

hit  
a ~ is better than a flop (Broadway)

hit on (Top 40) radio  
she has a fast-rising ~

hit play  
his ~, "The Sunshine Boys"

hit song

recorded a ~, toured England

hits and flops  
seeing ~ at the local movie theater;  
he has had ~ (film actor)

monster hit  
the studio hasn't had a ~ since... (films)

TV hit  
it was a smash ~ from 1959 to 1963

Broadway hit  
he chalked up about a dozen ~s

fast-rising hit  
she has a ~ on Top 40 radio

**success & failure: target / weapon**

### hit (mob hit)

hit job  
the Bloomberg article was a ~ (against a company)

political hit  
the hearings were a ~ (politics)

**conflict: crime / death & life**

### hit (hit it off)

hit it off well  
we ~, I didn't really know him or his work (film actor)

**attraction & repulsion: crashes & collisions / verb**

### hit back (verb)

hit back  
prosecutors ~ in court documents (politics)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: fist**

### hitter (heavy hitter)

two heavy-hitters  
you have ~ meeting (Rapinoe on France vs. US soccer)

**conflict: boxing / fist / sports & games**

### hive (noun)

hive  
if the outside was dark and lonesome, the inside was a ~

hive of activity  
the marketplace is a ~

**activity: insect**

### hives (noun)

gives people (like Kennan) hives  
his opinions ~

**affliction: health & medicine**

### hobble (verb)

hobbled past (Labour) governments

the matter of military intervention has ~

hobble the organization

the FBI were finally able to ~ (KKK)

**constraint & lack of constraint: health & medicine / leg / verb**

**constraint & lack of constraint: animal / walking, running & jumping**

## **hobbled**

hobbled by (international) sanctions

Iran has been ~

hobbled by a (debilitating) stammer

he was ~ (George VI)

hobbled for a generation

the real-estate market is going to be ~

**constraint & lack of constraint: animal / health & medicine**

**constraint & lack of constraint: leg / walking, running & jumping**

## **Hobson's choice**

presented him with a Hobson's choice

the crisis ~ (response to caving fatality)

♦ Thomas Hobson was an English liveryman who required every customer to take the horse nearest the door. It means an apparently free choice when there is really no alternative.

**alternatives & choices: allusion**

## **hog (verb)**

hog photo spots

they ~ so no-one else can enjoy them (Instagram tourists)

**behavior: animal / verb**

## **hold (future)**

holds

nobody knows what the future ~

getting people to prepare for what a warmer climate ~

hold

so what does the future ~ for the Supreme Court

**future: container / verb**

## **hold (long-held)**

long-held assumptions

challenge ~ about...

long-held fears

long-held practice

it dropped its ~ of... (way a company orders goods)

long-held principles

long-held resentments

long-held tradition

abandoning such a ~ is heresy

**possession: hand**

## **hold (verb / possession)**

held him in its grip

the current ~

**possession: hand / verb**

**fictive possession: hand / verb**

## **hold (noun / possession)**

hold on power

he is trying to maintain his ~

losing their hold

residents are ~ on the middle class (recession)

**possession: hand**

**fictive possession: hand**

## **hold (close hold, etc.)**

close hold

it's ~, only a small number of people have read this (report)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games / hand**

## **hold (take hold)**

take hold

the trend could ~ in other states (declaring bankruptcy)

taking hold

competitive instincts are ~ (classroom)

take hold in Spain

when liberal ideas began to ~

take hold in the community

we don't want extremist elements to ~

began to take hold

the idea ~

beginning to take hold

democracy is ~

failed to take hold

democracy has ~

**growth & development: hand / verb**

**fictive possession: hand / verb**

## **hold (hold something in)**

hold it in

don't ~ (emotions)

**feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb**

## **hold (on hold)**

on hold

negotiations are ~

his life in the sky has been ~ (crash with fatalities)

recovery efforts are on hold

~ because of dangerous conditions (avalanches)

put our relationship on hold  
we had to ~

**action, inaction & delay: hand**  
**situation: hand**

### hold back (restraint)

hold back  
Spike Lee did not ~ during the press conference

**restraint & lack of restraint: arm / verb**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: arm / verb**

### hold back (obstacle)

holding you back  
do you think I'm ~

hold her back  
the fact that she is shy needn't ~ (toddler)

**obstacles & impedance: arm / verb**  
**constraint & lack of constraint: arm / verb**

### hold down (a job, etc.)

hold down a job  
he couldn't ~ (ex-soldier back from Iraq)  
he could not ~ (drug addict)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: arm**

### hold on (possession)

hold on to faith  
in the hell of war, how does a chaplain ~

holds on to grievances  
he ~

held on to its role  
the department has ~ as... (State Department)

held on to his people's ancient religion  
Nicholas Black Elk, who ~ when it was actively suppressed  
(Oglala)

**possession: hand / verb**

### hold on (survival)

hold on  
controller said to ~ (soldiers waiting to be exfiltrated)  
the Maasai won't be able to ~ much longer  
~ (911 operator to 9/11 caller)  
just ~, there will be tomorrow (Maria Carey)

held on to win  
AC Milan ~ the title... (soccer)

strength to hold on  
I ask God to give me ~ (mother of missing kid)

**survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb**  
**resiliency: hand / verb**

### holdup (noun)

holdup

come on, what's the ~

**obstacles & impedance: hand**  
**action, inaction & delay: hand**

### hole (feeling)

hole in my heart  
it left a huge ~ (loss of a baby)

hole in my life  
it left a ~ that won't ever be filled (loss of her mother)

**feeling, emotion & effect: hole**

### hole (flaw)

security hole  
the break-ins exploited ~ on these systems (computers)  
the ~s have now been plugged (computers)

gaping hole  
the case has ~s in it

shoot holes in the study  
skeptics have been quick to ~ (science)

blew a (sizable) hole in the stock  
his report ~ of the high-flying, high-tech company

**flaws & lack of flaws: hole**

### hole (spider hole)

spider hole  
the ~s led to an underground chamber (Afghanistan)

spider hole emplacement  
he spotted an enemy ~ (Vietnam)

pop out of spider holes  
enemy fighters ~ (Afghanistan)

**concealment & lack of concealment: animal / ground,  
terrain & land / hole / insect / military / predation / spider**  
**place: animal / insect / military / spider**

### hole (situation)

hole of addiction  
it's easy to fall into a ~ (skateboarding)

financial hole  
he had to declare bankruptcy to get out of his ~

dug herself out of the hole  
she finally ~ (financial)

dug ourselves into a hole  
we have ~ (budget deficit)

climb out of their hole  
will they be able to ~ (losing team)

fill in that hole  
it will take a lot more jobs to ~ (unemployment)

♦ **First law of holes: if you get in one, stop digging.**

**situation: hole**

**involvement: hole**

## holed up

holed up in his (Ramallah) compound  
Arafat remained ~ for 2 years

holed up in a (hotel) room  
he is ~ after being attacked (a reporter abroad)

holed up for 2 years  
Arafat remained ~ in his Ramallah compound

remained holed up  
Arafat has ~ in his Ramallah compound for 2 years

**concealment & lack of concealment: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hunting**

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hunting**

**appearance & disappearance: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hunting**

**protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hunting**

## hollow (adjective)

proved hollow  
the pledge ~ (UN)

rings hollow  
his argument ~ to many

sounded hollow  
his speech ~ (president)

hollow and self-serving  
their platform is ~ (politics)

hollow, cynical and inauthentic  
he is often dismissed as ~ (a politician)

**substance & lack of substance: materials & substances**

## holocaust

nuclear holocaust  
the spread of an ice sheet is more deadly to life than a ~

racial holocaust  
Fidel Castro accused Paris of carrying out a "~"

♦ "The use of 'holocaust' by Mr. Castro demonstrates his ignorance of history and disdain towards its victims. Such words are unacceptable." (French foreign ministry spokesman Bernard Valero, responding to comments by Fidel Castro that France's deportation of Roma in 2010 amounted to a 'racial holocaust'.")

**destruction: allusion / history**

## home (home of golf, etc.)

home of golf  
St. Andrews is the ~

**origin: house**

## home (home in Islam, etc.)

home in Islam  
people who found a ~

**protection & lack of protection: house**

## home (home for the archive, etc.)

home for the archive  
a proper final ~

home and away  
the team plays the same game at ~

final home  
a proper ~ for the archive

future home  
~ of First National Bank and Trust

permanent home  
temporary premises vs. a ~ (museum)  
whales making a ~ in the Gulf of Mexico

proper (final) home  
a ~ for the archive

**location / place: house**

## home (hit home)

hit home  
I have a brother who's an addict so it ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: house / verb**

**proximity: house / verb**

**effect: house / verb**

## home (close to home)

hit (very) close to home  
this has ~ (a school shooting)

**feeling, emotion & effect: house**

**proximity: house**

## home (feel at home)

feel at home  
Americans never ~, even in their houses

felt at home  
for the first time in his life, he ~ (athlete on team)  
she had to leave her orphanage, where she had ~

feels at home in Japan  
he ~ (a Latin baseball player)

feel at home with my relatives  
I don't ~

feel most at home  
I ~ in the gym (boxer)

**feeling, emotion & effect / welcome: house**

## Homeric (adjective)

Homeric aspirations  
he left Oxford with ~ (a politician)

Homeric battle  
the two teams engaged in a ~ (football)

Homeric curse  
he remembers the ~ of the truck drivers (Little Athens)

Homeric epic  
her work is described as a ~ about...

Homeric life  
he wanted to live a more ~ (Classics grad joins the army)

Homeric proportions  
an armada of ~ invaded Sicily (World War II)

Homeric retreat  
the climbing party's ~ down K2 is legendary

Homeric struggle  
he lost a ~ (sculling)

stern, erect, Homeric  
he stood over his foe, ~ (a fight)

**superlative: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**

### home run (success)

home run for Ford  
the new car has become a ~

home-run line  
it was a ~ (a memorable line in a speech)

hit a home run  
you ~ (successful proposal)  
this is an opportunity for us to ~ (an initiative)

**success & failure: baseball / sports & games**

### home run (swing for a home run, etc.)

swinging for the fences  
he is ~ (a restaurateur)

swinging for a home run  
Trump is ~ (final status peace in Middle East)

**success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb**  
**commitment & determination: baseball / sports & games / verb**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: baseball / sports & game / verb**

### homestretch (noun)

homestretch of the (US mid-term) elections  
race-baiting allegations have mired the ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games**  
**development: sports & games**

### homework

homework  
show that you have done your ~ by... (job interview)

do your homework  
~ before you buy...  
~ and don't make assumptions

do (all) your homework  
you try to ~ (preparing for NYC marathon)

**readiness & preparedness: school & education**

### hone (verb)

honed a sense  
he has ~ of "radical informality" (a leader)

hone their skills  
they ~ in Iraq and then go elsewhere (terrorists)

hone (job) skills  
as more Americans return to school to ~

hone their technique  
the hole is perfect for those wishing to ~ (kayaking)

develop and hone  
they practice a lot to ~ their routines (cheerleaders)

**amelioration & renewal: blade / knife / verb**

### honed

finely honed (m)  
he demonstrates ~ political instincts (a diplomat)

**functioning: blade / knife**

**condition & status: blade / knife**

### honey

honey  
hey, ~...

honey, baby, sweetie  
he addresses me as ~ and other inappropriate names

**vocative: taste**

### honeymoon

honeymoon  
the ~ didn't last (teacher on job)

honeymoon between the media and police  
the end to the ~ (leak)

honeymoon period  
his ~ is clearly over (an elected official)

voter honeymoon  
he still basks in a ~ (a politician)

end to the honeymoon  
the ~ between the news media and police (leak)

**conflict: love, courtship & marriage**

### honey-tongued

honey-tongued (m)  
the ~ French major

**speech: taste / tongue**

### hood (look under the hood, etc.)

looked under the hood  
he ~ of the Chrome web browser (privacy investigator)

digging under the hood

they are ~ (investigators / how company operates)

look under the hood to understand

Google doesn't ~ who these companies are (trackers)

**searching & discovery: engine**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: engine**

## hook (off the hook)

off the hook for now

he might be ~, but... (criminal investigation)

let him off the hook

don't ~ (prosecutor to jury)

let them off the hook

she likes them, but she doesn't ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: fish / justice**

**punishment & recrimination: fish / justice**

## hook (hook, line and sinker)

swallowed his story hook, line and sinker

I ~

**extent & scope: fish**

**consumption: fish**

## hooked (enthusiasm)

hooked

I started with a free trial and then I was ~ (brand)

hooked on (American) TV

he got ~ (diplomat's son)

completely hooked

I got ~ on viruses (a scientist)

get hooked

when you're a young musician you ~ on a phrase

got hooked

he ~ on the game (Cow Clicker)

♦ "I love maps, and when you get hooked, you get hooked." (W. Graham Arader III, a preeminent map dealer of old American maps.)

**enthusiasm: addiction / fish**

## hook up (connect)

hooked up with Lashkar-e-Taiba

through friends in Durham, he ~ (group)

**division & connection: tools & technology / verb**

## hook up (relationship)

hook up with her

I might ~ sometime later down the road

hooked up with her ex-boyfriend

rumors that she might have ~

hooked up with a friend

he ~ who... (camping)

hook up online

as more people ~ (long-distance relationships)

**social interaction: tools & technology**

## hookup (sex)

hookup

~s are happening while on the job (sex)

with a ~, it's about instant gratification (young woman)

hookup in Japan

a ~ is called a take-out (sex)

homosexual hook-ups

the Minneapolis airport is known as a site for ~

site for (homosexual) hookups

the Minneapolis airport is known as a ~

**sex: tools & technology**

## hoop (jump through hoops)

jump through hoops

they make you ~ to get a good rate (banks)

jump through (superhuman) hoops

you have to ~ to become "one of the good ones"

(immigrants)

**obstacles & impedance: sports & games / verb**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games / verb**

## hoover (hoover up, etc.)

hoovering up talent

big clubs have been ~

**absorption & immersion: mechanism / verb**

## hop (verb)

hopping

the stockyards were ~ during the war (Chicago)

the city of Memphis is ~ this month (civic festivals)

**activity: movement / verb**

## horizon (on the horizon)

on the horizon

there's no miracle cure ~

a solution is not yet ~ (nuclear waste)

with the threat of a war ~ (with Iran)

a wedding is ~, she says... (celebrity)

American sanctions are ~ (diplomacy)

what's next ~ for you (question to a celebrity)

on the immediate horizon

children are not ~ (an actor)

see the collapse on the horizon

we can ~

see anything on the horizon

I don't ~ (a change in the law in the future)

**future: eye / horizon / sky**

## horizon (expand one's horizons)

expand his horizons  
he wanted to ~ (oilman working in Nigeria)

**experience:** horizon / sky

## horizon (extent and scope)

widening (strategic) horizons  
the naval deploy is a clear sign of Iran's ~ (the Med)

**extent & scope:** horizon / sky

## horn (shape)

Horn of Africa  
over 90 million people inhabit the ~

Cape Horn  
the ~ is at the southern end of South America

**shape:** animal / horn

## horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)

Horn of Africa  
over 90 million people inhabit the ~

Cape Horn  
the ~ is at the southern end of South America

bedrock of the Horn  
Eritrea and Ethiopia are the ~

Horn moves  
Eritrea and Ethiopia are the pole around which the ~

**proper name:** animal / horn

## horn (lock horns)

lock horns  
former champions ~, they are to go head to head (Scrabble)

lock horns with (the inexperienced) Zelensky  
Poroshenko would love to ~ (a debate)

locked horns in the debate  
the three leaders ~

lock horns in (television) debate  
assembly candidates ~

lock horns over spy charges  
China and US ~

lock horns over whether  
Betty and Mark ~ Bono should... (TV)

locked horns on the economy  
Labour and Conservative politicians ~ during a BBC Wales debate

lock horns with him over whether  
they will ~ LSD allows access to a deeper reality (discussion)

Oxford and Cambridge lock horns

live coverage as ~ (Boat Race)

**conflict:** animal / horn / verb

## hornet's nest

hornet's nest of (antiaircraft) fire  
the Apache helicopters ran into a ~ (Iraq)

hornet's nest of (surface-to-surface) missile  
Baghdad's air defenses were a ~

hornet's nest of (local) politics  
he stepped into a ~ and got stung (President)

poke a stick in the hornet's nest  
what we did was to ~ (investigation)

stumbled into a hornet's nest  
she ~ (criticised transgender athletes)

**activity:** animal / insect

**environment:** animal / insect

**conflict:** animal / insect

**danger:** animal / insect

## horse (hold your horses)

hold your horses  
~, we got it right here... (a good boxing show)

**eagerness & reluctance:** horse / verb

**control & lack of control:** animal / horse / verb

## horse (switch horses)

switched horses  
progressive school reformers have ~ (tactics)

**allegiance, support & betrayal:** animal / horse / verb

## horse-trading

horse-trading  
this ~ is disgraceful (politics)

**position, policy & negotiation:** horse / money

## host (host of questions, etc.)

host of questions  
Democrats have a whole ~

**amount:** military

## hostage (held hostage)

held hostage to the unions  
the city is ~ (transportation unions)

held hostage to (political) posturing  
reform has been ~

held hostage by the (culinary) canon  
he is not ~ (a chef)

held hostage by (union) demands  
public education is ~

held hostage by elites

democracy is ~ (Africa)

held hostage by politicians

we're being ~ who don't know how we survive

held hostage by (politically powerful) interest groups

their budgets are ~ (universities)

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime / verb**

## hostage (other)

hostage to (larger) forces

architecture is always ~ (high-rise success or failure)

holding us hostage

the weather is ~ (emergency response)

take yourself hostage

don't ~ to your own fears (reaction to terrorism)

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime**

## hot (controversial)

hot

the issue has gotten so ~ that...

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

## hot (activity)

hottest (real estate) markets

during the housing boom, Florida was the ~ in the world

**activity: temperature**

## hotbed

hotbed of racism

stereotypes of Mississippi as a ~ (civil-rights activists)

hotbed of revolt

the region has been a ~

hotbed of extremism

a reputation as a ~ (a Saudi university)

hotbed for al Qaeda activity

Yemen is a ~

hotbed of volcanic activity

Iceland is a ~

cyclo-cross hotbed

New England is a ~ (bicycling)

reputation as a hotbed

it has a ~ of extremism (a Saudi university)

♦ A hotbed is a garden enclosed by glass and fertilized with manure. In such an environment plants grow rapidly.

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant**

## hot dog (person)

hot dog

he's a ~

**character & personality: dog / person / temperature**

## hothead (person)

hothead

he's a ~

message for the hotheads

here's a ~ in the community (stand-your-ground killing)

**character & personality: head / person / temperature**

**behavior: head / person / temperature**

**feeling, emotion & effect: head / person / temperature**

**control & lack of control: head / person / temperature**

**person: head / temperature**

## hotheaded (adjective)

hotheaded (political) aspirant

he's a ~

hotheaded ways

he was known for his ~

**character & personality: head / temperature**

**behavior: head / temperature**

**feeling, emotion & effect: head / temperature**

**control & lack of control: head / temperature**

## hotly

hotly anticipated (m)

boxing fans look forward to the ~ rematch

hotly debated

this question has been ~ for decades

hotly contested (m)

BASE jumping is a ~ issue (Yosemite Valley)

hotly disputed (m)

nuclear reactor safety is a ~ issue

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

## hotshot (noun)

hotshot

he's a ~

hot-shot (account) executive

a ~

**behavior: hunting / person / weapon**

**character & personality: hunting / person / weapon**

## hotspot (place)

hotspot for celebrities

L.A.'s newest ~

L.A.'s (newest) hotspot

~ for celebrities

Hollywood hotspot

she stays clear of ~s

disease hotspot

the Lyme ~ was a goldmine of research

surfing hotspot



they have turned Yakutat, Alaska into a ~

skateboarding hot spot  
the Tampa Bay area is a ~

global hotspot  
the Congo basin is a ~ for thunderstorms (meteorology)

newest hotspot  
L.A.'s ~ for celebrities

turned Yakutat into a (surfing) hotspot  
they have ~ (Alaska)

**activity: temperature**

**location / place: temperature**

### hot water (in hot water)

in hot water with my dad  
I'm ~

in hot water with that woman  
I'm already ~ (an authority figure)

in hot water for the crime  
he now finds himself ~

finds himself in hot water  
he now ~

gotten in hot water  
he has ~ lately for his tweets (auto executive)

**situation: heating water / temperature / water**

### hot water (into hot water)

get me into hot water  
my pride and stubbornness ~ once in a while

**situation: heating water / temperature / water**

### hound (autograph hound, etc.)

autograph hound  
an ~

publicity hound  
a pack of bizarre ~s (public meetings)

pack of (bizarre publicity) hounds  
a ~ (public meetings)

**enthusiasm: animal / dog / person**

### hounded (dogged)

hounded by investigators and the media  
he has been ~

**affliction: animal / dog**

### hour (finest hour)

finest hour in England  
this was his ~ (soccer player scores important goal)

**superlative: hour**

### hour (timeliness)

hour  
the ~ is getting late

early hours  
I know it's ~ but...

eleventh hour  
why did she wait until the ~ to reveal this  
it's disingenuous to wait until the ~ (politics)

golden hour  
a clock starts ticking on what is called the ~  
the "~", when life can hang in the balance

"Golden Hour" of injury  
if treatment is available within the first ~

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour**

### hourglass (shape)

hourglass figure  
the ~ shape

**shape: clock / tools & technology**

### hourglass (time)

hourglass  
the sand is running through the ~ (approaching deadline)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock**

### house (a house in order)

fiscal house  
we must get our ~ in order

put your house in order

get its house in order  
the church must ~ (pedophile priests)

**amelioration & renewal: house**

### house (clean house)

cleaning house  
she is ~ and stopping the cycles of harassment and  
discrimination

mandate to clean house  
the new police chief has a clear public ~

on a mission to clean house  
I don't want to end up in the crosshairs of somebody who's  
~

need to clean house  
we ~

♦ Michele Rhee was an educational crusader. As chancellor of the Washington, D.C. school system, she was given a mandate to "clean house." She appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine* with a broom. But community members felt like they had been compared to dirt, and she ended up having to resign her position.

**amelioration & renewal: house / hygiene / verb**  
**disruption: house / hygiene / verb**

## house (origin)

royal house

his descent from a ~, the Ranas (India)

**origin: house / royalty**

## house of cards

house of cards

her ~ was about to collapse (Holmes of Theranos)

Enron's house of cards

~ began to disintegrate (bankrupt company)

**substance & lack of substance: cards / house**

## hover (numbers)

hovers at (around) 70%

unemployment ~ in winter (reservation)

temperatures hovered

in July 1995, when ~ around 100 degrees (Chicago)

**configuration: flying & falling / verb**

## hover (other)

hover

the batterer may ~ and refuse to leave the patient (ED)

hovers

the fear that he might recognize me still ~

hovered behind her

her manager ~ protectively

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: flying & falling / verb**

## howl (verb)

howl

why didn't liberals ~ when...

howling about the (new pricing) policy

people are ~ (airline fees)

howling in protest

people are ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / sound / verb**

**speech: animal / sound / verb**

**sound: animal / verb**

## hub (center)

hub of (contemporary Middle East) painting

Damascus has evolved into a ~

hub airport

he is the security chief at a major ~

narcotics hub

Guinea-Bissau has become a global ~ (cocaine)

transit hub

the UAE is a business and tourist center as well as a ~

publishing hub

lower Manhattan is re-emerging as a ~

shopping hub

the Fulton Street Mall is an eclectic ~

commercial hub

protestors occupied the ~ of Bangkok (2010)

financial hub

Warsaw has become a ~

**center & periphery: mechanism**

**location / place / shape: mechanism**

## hub (branching system)

hub-and-spoke (m)

the ~ model is out of favor (airlines)

smuggling hub

Atlanta is a major ~ (US)

**branching system: mechanism**

## hug (configuration)

hugs the cliff

the trail ~, 70 feet above the sea, and is very dangerous

hug the (Mediterranean) coast

beaches that ~ (Egypt)

hugs a mountainside

the Poomau Ditch Trail ~ (Kauai, Hawaii / hiking)

**configuration: arm / verb**

## hum (hum along)

humming along

the team just keeps ~

the economy has been ~

**functioning: mechanism / sound / verb**

**activity: mechanism / sound / verb**

## hum (noun)

hum

the ~ is incessant (emergency room / NYC)

**activity: mechanism / sound**

## hump (noun)

get over that hump

we need to ~ (a sports team)

**obstacles and impedance: direction / shape**

## hung (hung out to dry)

hung out to dry

he feels like he's been ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal: clothing & accessories / verb**

## **hunger**

hunger to escape

an aching ~ the loneliness and boredom (teen)

hunger to succeed

he has a ~ (an foreign athlete in US)

hunger for (snake) meat

the ~ is a country-wide phenomenon (China)

hunger for opportunity

they have a ~ (Samoans in NFL)

hunger for the profits

the ~ from arctic oil (Canada)

hunger for revenge

ways people can peaceably satiate their ~

hunger for a better life

a gnawing ~ (Ellis Island)

hunger and desire

the ~ which has driven them (Manchester City win treble)

aching hunger

an ~ to escape the loneliness and boredom (teen)

gnawing hunger

a ~ for a better life (Ellis Island)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink**

## **hungry**

hungry

I was ~, ready... (Bruno in ring waiting for Tyson)

hungry for sex

they are ~ (ad for porn site on Web)

women were assumed to be just as ~ as men (1700s)

hungry for new talent

Hollywood is constantly ~

hungry for attention or sympathy

parents ~ abuse their kids

hungry-eyed (m)

he would stay there, ~

celebrity-hungry (m)

a ~ electorate

content-hungry (m)

programming for ~ cable networks

Internet-hungry (m)

~ investors

power-hungry (m)

another ~ self-seeker (a politician)

stay hungry

~, stay foolish (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink**

**consumption: food & drink**

**eagerness & reluctance: food & drink**

## **hunt (in the hunt)**

in the hunt for the championship

they could be ~ (sports team)

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## **hunt (verb)**

hunted for his sock

he ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

## **hunt (noun)**

hunt for a Northwest Passage

Sir John Franklin's doomed 1845 ~

hunt for the hackers

investigators continue the ~ behind the virus

hunt for the sniper

a setback in their frustrating ~ (D.C. area)

talent hunt

the ~ (to fuel the new economy)

title hunt

eliminated early from the ~ (NASCAR)

treasure hunt

most ~s are scams

Easter Egg Hunt

~ on Sunday (sign)

frustrating hunt

a setback in their ~ for the sniper (D.C. area)

setback in their (frustrating) hunt

a ~ for the sniper (D.C. area)

continue the hunt

investigators ~ for the hackers behind the virus

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## **hunt down (verb)**

hunted down his critics

he ~ (Turkish President)

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

## **hunter (plants)**

hunters for ginseng

the first Chinese who appeared in the region were ~

ginseng hunter

a ~

mushroom hunter

thousands of species are collected by amateur ~s

~s all have their secret places (France);

~s are wise to stay away from the Amanita species

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## hunter (other)

bargain hunter

the souk is a ~'s delight (Sharjah City)

job hunter

~s are searching globally

house hunter

some of these ~s were asked...

relic hunter

~s have dug and taken artifacts (Civil War battlefield)

souvenir hunter

~s elbowing each other aside

treasure hunter

ship's loot unearthed by ~s  
historical researchers and ~s

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## hurdle (noun)

hurdle

it was a difficult ~ to overcome

procedural hurdles

put ~ in the way of...

technological hurdle

there are a lot of ~s (medicine)

hurdles remain

~ in restarting power at the plant

running into some hurdles

marine-energy developers are ~

clear the (first major) hurdle

they are sounding hopeful that they will ~

cleared the first hurdle

she has ~ of her bid to serve again as speaker (vote)

cleared all of the hurdles

they had ~ (opposition candidates)

**obstacles & impedance: sports & games / walking, running & jumping**

## hurl (verb)

hurling accusations (of racism) at anyone

he has been ~ who dares criticize him (politician)

hurling (rare) charges

Egyptian media were ~ of negligence (against military)

**throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb**

## hurt (feeling and emotion)

hurt my feelings

she ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb**

## hurting

hurting

small businesses are clearly ~ (economy)

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## husband (verb)

husbanded that character

he ~ for five years (killed off in TV show)

**directing: animal / verb**

## husk (noun)

husk of its former self

the company is a ~ (General Electric)

**substance & lack of substance: plant**

## hymn (noun)

hymn to the beauty

the film is a ~ of endless prairies (Lakota Indian country)

hymn to the wild at heart

the play is a ~

**reverence: religion**

## hymnal (noun)

2016 hymnal

his platform is chapter and verse from the ~ (Bernie)

**script: religion**

## hyperdrive (into hyperdrive)

went into hyperdrive

the aggressive South Korean media ~

**activity: mechanism**

## hypnotize (verb)

hypnotized the world

Israel has ~ (according to Ilhan Omar)

**control & lack of control: magic**

## ice (on thin ice)

on thin ice

you're ~, buddy... (warning)

she had been ~ for more than a year (fired)

he was on ~ because... (Secretary of Labor resigns)

skating on thin ice

I was ~ with my cholesterol (heart attack)

**fate, fortune & chance: snow & ice**

## ice (put on ice)

put on ice

he was ~ (a news executive)

**constraint & lack of constraint: snow & ice / temperature**

## ice (break the ice)

break the ice

he uses humor to ~

once you ~, you got a new friend

break the ice with audiences

she used humor to ~

break the ice with someone

dancing is a way to ~

break the ice by getting

the game is meant to ~ party guests out of their shoes

(Twister)

helps break the ice

her friendly, confident demeanor ~ (female soldier)

♦ "You need a way to actually break the grass and start a conversation." (The wonderful Hafida Hdoubane, first female Moroccan mountain guide, who leads groups of foreign women that meet Moroccan women, who are historically famous for their shyness. It is possible there is more grass than ice in Morocco, even in the Atlas Mountains.)

**division & connection: snow & ice / temperature / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature / verb**

**amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature / verb**

## iceberg (tip of the iceberg)

tip of the iceberg

reported incidents may be only the ~ (child abuse)

all we know so far is the ~ (investigation);

the disclosures so far are merely the ~ (pedophiles)

this is just the ~

tip of the iceberg of potential

we're just at the ~ (wasps trained to detect things)

tip of the iceberg of (secret) warfare

the affair is just the ~ the US is waging in Pakistan

tip of the pollination iceberg

bees are just the ~

tip of the fiscal iceberg

Wisconsin is just the ~ (states facing deficits)

merely the tip of the iceberg

the disclosures so far are ~ (pedophiles in education)

only the tip of the iceberg

reported incidents may be ~ (child abuse)

just the tip of the iceberg

this is ~

**appearance & reality: snow & ice**

**substance & lack of substance: snow & ice**

## ice-cold

ice-cold revenge

he dished out ~ on his enemies

grew ice-cold

their relationship ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature**

## icon (graphic)

icons on your camera

strange ~

strange icon

~s on your camera

**sign, signal, symbol: religion**

## icon (symbol)

icon

the cup of tea is a great ~ (for England)

icons of America

3 ~ are alive and well (buffalo / eagle / Native Americans)

icons of democracy

~ are targets for terrorists (Washington, D.C.)

icon of fall

the plump, round, orange ~ (pumpkin)

icon of broadcast news

Ted Koppel is an ~

icon of American mobility

Greyhound has long been an ~ (bus company)

icon of a failed state

anarchy has made Somalia an ~

icon of (American) popular culture

the Barbie doll has become an ~

icon to black journalists

he was an ~ (Ed Bradley / 60 Minutes)

icon status

Ali had achieved ~ by then (the boxer)

Australian icon

a virtually sacred ~, the Surf Life Saver

Australia's (national) icon

~ (the Koala)

cartoon icons

~ like Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, the Roadrunner

film icon

large portraits of silent-movie ~s

pop icon

America's biggest ~ (Michael Jackson)

hip-hop icon

Lee Iacocca did commercials with ~ Snoop Dogg

American icon  
quotes from this ~ (Mark Twain)  
the teenage rebel, the quintessential ~ (adolescence)

cultural icon  
taco trucks, ~s and social magnets in Mexico (and US)

gay icon  
Madonna is widely considered to be a ~

heroic icon  
Nimitz was a ~ of W.W. II

international icon  
McDonald's is an ~

mainstream icons  
Net culture prides itself on scoffing at ~

national icon  
Australia's ~ (the Koala)

sacred (Australian) icon  
a virtually ~, the Surf Life Saver

career as an advertising icon  
a reborn ~ (Hakman)

quotes from this (American) icon  
~ (Mark Twain)

become an icon  
the Barbie doll has ~ of American popular culture

**representation: religion**  
**sign, signal, symbol: religion**

## iconic

iconic doll  
Raggedy Ann, the 86-year-old ~

iconic figure  
he was an ~, an old-school reporter

iconic image  
~s of the Holocaust  
it has become an ~ of his lack of connection (Bush)

iconic look  
it just happened to become an ~ (Addicted to Love video)

iconic (Trestles) surf break  
the road project could ruin the ~

**representation: religion**  
**sign, signal, symbol: religion**

## iconoclasm (noun)

nurtured her iconoclasm  
her parents encouraged her ambitions and ~ (musician)

**idea: religion**  
**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## iconoclast (person)

iconoclast

he was an ~, willing to buck the tide (Bernard Rimland)

iconoclast of (American architecture)  
he was an ~

iconoclast of the group  
he was the ~

advertising iconoclast  
the ~ Ted Chin spoke at the conference

political iconoclast  
he has a history of being a ~ (eccentric governor)

**idea: religion**  
**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion**  
**person: religion**

## iconoclastic (adjective)

irreverent, anti-authoritarian and iconoclastic  
~ (*Mad* magazine)

**idea: religion**  
**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## identity crisis

Azerbaijan's (current) identity crisis

Belgian identity crisis  
the ~ hit new heights (rumor Flanders succeeded)

**identity & nature: mental illness**

## idolized

idolized and demonized  
he has been alternately ~ by the press (a boxer)

**importance & significance: religion**  
**reverence: religion**

## ignite (verb)

ignite a (larger) conflagration  
Somalia could ~ across the Horn of Africa

ignited a (robust) debate  
the conflict in Lebanon has ~ on jihadist Web sites

ignited fear  
the attack ~ among its Muslim worshippers

ignite a revolution  
he tried to ~ in New York City's schools (education)

ignite another war  
the clash showed how a small spark could ~

ignites competition and conflict  
the need for recognition and power ~ (schools)

ignited and fueled  
opposition was ~ by the church (innovation)

**initiation: fire / verb**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb**

## illegitimate (adjective)

denounce federal authority as illegitimate  
they ~ (militias)

**worth & lack of worth: family**

## illiterate (adjective)

illiterate in math and science  
many students are ~

financially illiterate  
leaders and their economic advisors are ~

rhetorically illiterate  
she is ~

scientifically illiterate  
many students leave school ~

financially and economically illiterate  
many Americans are ~ and pay the price

**ability & lack of ability: books & reading**

## illuminate (verb)

illuminates  
research info that sometimes mystifies as much as it ~

illuminated the lives  
for 14 centuries the Holy Qur'an has ~ of Muslims

illuminate their motives  
a biographical detail that may ~ but...

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark / verb**  
**comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark / verb**

## illuminating (adjective)

illuminating insight  
the new study provides an ~ into what's going on

illuminating window  
the case is an ~ into the pitfalls of capital punishment

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark**  
**comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark**

## illustration

illustration of (tobacco's) consequences  
a vivid ~

illustration of the gap  
this is yet another ~ between the king and...

classic illustration  
Sarajevo was a ~ of how an agreement can be reached

vivid illustration  
~s of tobacco's consequences

**evidence: picture**

## imbibe (verb)

imbibe culture  
there are new places to ~ (Harlem)

imbibe new ideas  
they ~ from the locals

imbibed his love  
I read about Thaddeus Kosciusko and ~ of liberty

imbibe the author's views  
they will read this story and gradually ~

**absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb**  
**consumption: food & drink / verb**

## immerse (verb)

immersed himself in books  
he ~ about the financial collapse

immerse yourself in Indian culture  
~ at the Fairmont, Jaipur, a five-star hotel

immersed herself in each project  
she ~

immersed himself in his work  
for more than a decade, he ~

immersed myself in the (Eisenhower) papers  
I ~ (researcher)

immerse yourself in the culture  
you try to ~ (anthropology)

**absorption & immersion: verb / water**  
**involvement: verb / water**

## immersed

immersed in Chinese  
the kids spend every other day ~ (charter school)

**absorption & immersion: water**  
**involvement: water**

## immersion

immersion in English  
only ~ has proved successful (vs. bilingual ed)

immersion in the (stenographic) record  
his ~ of... (a historian)

English immersion  
the most effective instruction is ~  
Virginia, has chosen ~ (vs. bilingual ed)  
~ is more effective than bilingual education

**absorption & immersion: water**  
**involvement: water**

## immune

immune to cold  
the natives seemed ~

immune to it

I've had to deal with so much, I'm ~

immune from terrorism

no country is ~ in today's world

remained (largely) immune

until this week the capital ~ to the violence (Syria)

**protection & lack of protection: health & medicine**

## immunity

immunity from prosecution

she requested ~

diplomatic immunity

Mr. Qaddafi was not arrested because he has ~

psychological immunity

experience of painful feelings can help kids develop ~

granted immunity

he was ~ from prosecution in exchange for...

**protection & lack of protection: health & medicine**

## impact (effect)

economic impact

the ~ of these latest tariffs

high-impact

it's considered a ~ journal

what weather forecasters are calling a ~ event (storms)

**effect: force**

## impasse (noun)

moral impasse

psychiatry is stuck in a kind of ~

**obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips / movement**

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement**

## implode (verb)

implode violently

the repressive regime might now ~ or lash out

**destruction: explosion / verb**

## impotence (weakness)

political impotence

corporate greed, entertainment addiction and ~ (the US)

**functioning: health & medicine**

**strength & weakness: health & medicine**

**force: health & medicine**

**attenuation: health & medicine**

## impotent (adjective)

impotent to stop

our leaders were ~ the series of crises

**functioning: health & medicine**

**strength & weakness: health & medicine**

**force: health & medicine**

**attenuation: health & medicine**

## imprimatur

given its imprimatur

the UN has ~ to the policy

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## imprint

imprint on the Japanese

deflation has left a deep ~

imprint of his (chief) speechwriter

the words bore the strong ~ (presidential speech)

**impression: mark**

## in (currency)

in this year

long skirts are ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## in (all in)

all in

republican candidates are not ~ with President Trump

he has gone ~ with the players (a football coach)

all-in moment

her ~ comes in 1989 (magazine editor)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle**

**commitment & determination: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## in (in deep, etc.)

in it

everybody in town knew who was ~ (civil-rights murder)

in deep with a gang

she is ~

**involvement: container / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## incendiary (speech)

incendiary comment

that's an ~

incendiary invective

politics is filled with ~

incendiary post

what triggered the uproar was an ~ at a Website

incendiary (political) rhetoric

the shootings caused a backlash against ~

incendiary call to arms

she made an ~ for people to resist Washington

**speech: fire / temperature**

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire / temperature**



**initiation: fire / temperature**

## **incendiary (other)**

incendiary

the situation in the south is ~ (rebellion)

incendiary issue

race can be an ~ in American politics

politically incendiary (m)

the organization has made some ~ missteps

**initiation: fire / temperature**

## **incestuous (adjective)**

incestuous

academia is ~ (peer review, smallness, etc.)

incestuous alliance

the union is an ~ between public officials and labor

incestuous relationship

the scandal revealed an ~ of lobbyists and politicians  
the web of ~s is troubling (stock analysts, the media)

super-incestuous (m)

the Beltway is a ~ zone (Washington politics)

ingrown, incestuous (m)

she represented a very ~ culture in that institution

**relationship: family**

## **incubator**

incubators of despair

the refugee camps have become ~

incubator of espionage

the campus is an ~ (free flow of ideas)

incubator of innovation

the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is an ~

incubator for (left-wing) talent

his show was an ~ on the air (TV)

incubator for France's top talent

the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) is an ~

incubator for terrorists

the religious school is an ~ (Indonesia)

meme incubator

it's a ~ (TikTok)

talent incubator

the art gallery has emerged as a top ~ (Damascus)

technology incubator

the zone is one of three ~s in the state (New Jersey)

**environment: bird**

**growth & development: bird**

## **incurable**

incurable optimist

I used to be an ~, but... (an Iraqi)

**character & personality: health & medicine**

**identity & nature: health & medicine**

## **inebriate (verb)**

inebriated both parties

his political fantasy has ~ (that victory is total)

**restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol / verb**

**behavior: alcohol / verb**

## **inertia (noun)**

years of inertia

environmentalists blame the government for ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement**

**progress & lack of progress: movement**

**action, inaction & delay: movement**

## **infancy (in infancy)**

in its infancy

the field is ~

ecosystem forecasting is ~

in late 1862 photography was ~ (Mathew Brady)

scientists point out the research is ~ (medicine)

**growth & development: baby**

## **infancy (other)**

stock car racing's infancy

those hellish days of ~

**growth & development: baby**

## **infant (noun)**

infant market

nurture the ~ (e-publishing)

**growth & development: baby**

## **infatuated (enthusiasm)**

infatuated with social networking

young adults are ~

**enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage**

## **infect (computers)**

infected (industrial) computers

the Stuxnet worm ~ in Iran

**computer: health & medicine / verb**

## **infect (corrupt)**

infected every corner

criminality has ~ of the government

infected our culture

narcissism and exhibitionism have ~

infect the knowledge

a misconception can ~ associated with it

infected the (educational) system  
the disease of grade inflation has ~

infesting the (entire) system  
he is a symptom of a much wider pathology ~ (politics)

**corruption: health & medicine / verb**

## infected

infected with (a succeed-at-all-costs) recklessness  
cycling is ~ (doping)

infected by a (false) doctrine  
I became ~ (religion)

infected computers  
the data came from 729 ~ (botnets)

**corruption: health & medicine**

## infection (enthusiasm)

infection of his thinking  
the ~ has mutated, gone pandemic (quantum computing)

**enthusiasm: health & medicine**

## infection (corruption)

one single infection  
amid that epidemic, ~ was fateful (NotPetya worm)

infection spreads  
amputate before ~ (bad players, coach at Manchester United)

**affliction / corruption: health & medicine**

## infectious

infectious  
his zest for life was ~ (Ernest Hemingway)

infectious smile  
we will miss his ~ and love for football (murdered player)

**transmission: health & medicine**

## infest (verb)

infest both sides  
bandits ~ of the border

**affliction: insect / verb**

## infested

bomb-infested (m)  
the marines are trying to control a ~ stretch of road (Iraq)

crime-infested (m)  
the ~ streets of Baltimore

drug-infested (m)  
people who live in ~ neighborhoods

gang-infested (m)  
the ~ neighborhood is riddled with lookouts

mafia-infested (m)  
a ~ industry...

mine-infested (m)  
steaming through ~ waters

pirate-infested  
Indonesia's waters remained the world's most ~

pirate-infested (m)  
the ~ waters off Sumatra (Malacca Strait, etc.)

drug- and guerrilla-infested (m)  
in the ~ jungle

♦ "Feed a Pigeon, Breed a Rat." (Slogan in a NYC public-education campaign to reduce food for rats.)

**affliction: insect**

## infidelity (noun)

financial infidelity  
~ is on the rise  
~ is when people hide their accounts or debts from their spouses

**behavior / subterfuge: love, courtship & marriage**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: love, courtship & marriage**  
**concealment & lack of concealment: love, courtship & marriage**

## inflare (verb)

inflamed the (national immigration) debate  
his arrest ~ (a murderer)

inflare (voters') fears  
the surest way to win elections is to ~

inflare people's passions  
this will ~ (politics)

inflare the situation  
the photos could ~ (of dead civilians)

inflare them  
good therapists usually work to resolve conflicts, not ~

**increase & decrease: fire / verb**

**initiation: fire / verb**

## inflammatory (adjective)

inflammatory comment  
this is a baseless, ~ (diplomacy)

inflammatory quotes  
the army report didn't say who was responsible for the ~

inflammatory language  
let's have a conversation without ~ (anti-Semitism)

shocking and inflammatory (m)  
desecration of the Koran is a ~ act

**increase & decrease: fire**

**initiation: fire**  
**speech: fire**

## inflate (verb)

inflate our grades  
we are pushed to ~ (teachers)

inflated the pay  
these schemes were designed to ~ of the C.E.O.

inflates the (Latino dropout) rate  
which ~... (education)

**increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon / verb**

## inflated

inflated (growth) expectations

inflated prices  
items trickle in at ~ (Kisangani)

inflated (stock) prices

sharply inflated (m)  
~ wages

vastly inflated  
the figures are ~

figures are (vastly) inflated  
that the ~ is an open secret (refugees)

**increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon**

## inflexible (character)

stubborn or inflexible  
she has a lot of resolve, but sometimes can be ~

**character & personality: materials & substances**

**ability & lack of ability: materials & substances**

## infrastructure (noun)

intellectual infrastructure  
education initiatives aim at building the ~  
the country's ~ is still eroding (research, funding, etc.)

**bases: infrastructure**

## infusion (noun)

infusion of (new) jobs  
the recovery will suffocate without a rapid ~

**throwing, putting & planting: water**

**directing: water**

## inhale (verb)

inhaled this stuff  
I ~ and couldn't get enough of it (comedy)

**absorption & immersion: breathing / verb**

**consumption: breathing / verb**

## inheritance (noun)

railroading inheritance  
our national ~

economic inheritance  
the government faces a terrible ~ (Britain's new coalition)

national (railroading) inheritance  
our ~

**transmission: family / history / money**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money**

## inject (verb)

inject his personality into the offense  
he wants his quarterback to ~ (coach)

injected the phrase "right to die" into the lexicon  
she ~ (Quinlan)

injected race into the drama  
her allegation ~ (a murder case)

inject fresh blood  
the king might reshuffle his cabinet to ~

**throwing, putting & planting: health & medicine / verb**

**directing: health & medicine / verb**

## injection (noun)

injection of aid  
only a massive ~ can help

**throwing, putting & planting: health & medicine**

**directing: health & medicine**

## injury

added insult to injury  
he ~ by...

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

## inner circle (noun)

inner circle  
you're in the ~, or you're in exile (politics)

White House inner circle  
she has left the ~ (resigned)

inroads into Trump's inner circle  
the Emiratis helped the Russians make their own ~

**group, set & collection / power / society: center & periphery**

## inning (in the first inning)

in the first inning of the game  
we are still ~

**development: baseball / sports & games**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: baseball / sports & games**

## inning (ninth inning)

bottom of the ninth inning  
we are reaching the ~ (an election)

**development: baseball / sports & games**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: baseball / sports & games**

## inoculate (verb)

inoculate themselves from the national mood  
politicians are trying to ~ (elections)

inoculate us from these vanities  
Vietnam did not ~ (US 'exceptionalism')

inoculate it against (possible legal) consequences  
they came up with a framework to ~ (a company)

inoculated the US against foreign wars  
the Vietnam War temporarily ~

**protection & lack of protection: health & medicine / verb**

## inoculated

inoculated against (empty) promises  
the public was long ago ~ (from the government)

**protection & lack of protection: health & medicine**

## inoculation

inoculation  
but the ~ lasted less than a decade (Vietnam to Grenada)

stress inoculation  
making a soldier stronger and better through ~

**protection & lack of protection: health & medicine**

## inquisition (noun)

Spanish Inquisition  
I didn't expect the ~ (questioning)

**oppression: allusion / history / violence**

**judgment: allusion / history / violence**

## inroads (make inroads)

make their own inroads into Trump's inner circle  
the Emiratis helped the Russians ~

**protection & lack of protection: horse**

## insatiable (adjective)

insatiable  
the appetite for pornography seems to be ~  
the appetite of the European rich for porcelain was ~

insatiable appetite  
India's seemingly ~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, temples)

**consumption: food & drink**

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink**

## insider (person)

entrenched insiders  
he is a Washington outsider facing down ~

**society: center & periphery / person**

**power: center & periphery / person**

## instrument

instrument of terror  
a burning cross is a particularly powerful ~ (KKK)

instrument of foreign policy  
he believed war was an ~

powerful instrument  
a burning cross is a particularly ~ of terror (KKK)

**help & assistance: tools & technology**

## insular (adjective)

insular warrior caste  
Marine pilots are an ~

**isolation & remoteness: island / sea**

**division & connection: island / sea**

## insulate (verb)

insulate our kids from (the kind of) news  
we try to ~ that frightens them

insulate their lives from modern life  
the Amish try to ~

**protection & lack of protection: electricity / verb**

**isolation & remoteness: electricity / verb**

## insulated

insulated from violence  
they lived in a world where they were ~ (Amish)

**avoidance & separation: electricity**

**division & connection: electricity**

**protection & lack of protection: electricity**

**isolation & remoteness: electricity**

## insulation

community, acceptance and insulation  
they feel a sense of ~ (lesbians)

**protection & lack of protection: electricity**

**isolation & remoteness: electricity**

## insurance

insurance against (unpleasant) surprises  
there is no ~

**protection & lack of protection: money**

## insurrection

insurrection among his staff  
the problems led to an ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: military**

## intermission (noun)

intermission in the continuing saga  
his appearance this week could be just an ~ (disgraced actor)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: theater**

## **intertwined**

intertwined

the economies of the US and Mexico have become really ~

**division & connection: cloth**

## **interwoven**

interwoven into the (social) fabric

aggression is ~ of schools (bullying, status, etc.)

**division & connection: cloth**

## **into (be into something)**

into hang gliding

he's really ~

**enthusiasm: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## **into (involvement)**

into it

once you get that far ~ (extremism)

**involvement: container / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## **intoxicate (verb)**

intoxicated us

the ability to wield force has ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol / verb**

## **intoxicated**

intoxicated with power

he was ~ (a politician)

intoxicated by a desire

he was ~ to run in a marathon

intoxicated by having

liberals are ~ a majority (politics)

**feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol**

## **intoxicating**

entrepreneurship is intoxicating

game is intoxicating

the ~

music was intoxicating

the ~

night was intoxicating

the warm spring ~

opera is intoxicating

Italian ~

passion is intoxicating

their ~ (performers)

scene was intoxicating

the ~ (nature)

scent was intoxicating

the ~ (flowers)

sound (of drums) was intoxicating

the ~ (at an African soccer game)

found freedom intoxicating

he ~ (immigrant)

**feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol**

## **inundate (verb)**

inundated the help line with calls

the public ~

**amount & effect: flood / verb / water**

## **inundated**

inundated by a flood

the public is being ~ of conflicting information

inundated with email

you probably feel like you're ~, don't you

inundated with phone calls

the hospital was ~

**amount & effect: flood / water**

## **invade (verb)**

invades the area

as cold air ~... (weather)

invading her dreams

she said her brother's ghost was ~ (Chinese)

invaded (1.5 million acres of) the ecosystem

exotic plant species have ~

**amount & effect: military / verb**

## **invasion (noun)**

invasion of (Asian) carp

the ~ into the waters of the South and the Midwest...

invasion of immigrants

what European countries perceive as an ~

invasion of privacy

they were furious at the ~

tourist invasion

the economic benefits that will accompany the ~

British invasion

the ~ of the 1960s (music)

aquatic invasion

the Great Lakes is a hot spot for ~s (non-native species)

furry invasion

blame this ~ on climate change (polar bears in Churchill)

invisible invasion

people see immigration as an ~ (Europe)

see immigration as an (invisible) invasion  
people ~ (Europe)

**amount & effect: military**

## invest (verb)

invest my heart in someone  
I can't ~ who might not stick around

**commitment & determination: money / verb**

## investment (noun)

emotional investment  
there's a great deal of ~ on the part of all the players

**commitment & determination: money**

## invitation (noun)

invitation to frostbite or edema  
it seemed an ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

invitation for ridicule  
being a rookie is an engraved ~

open invitation  
an e-mail address in a chat room is an ~ to spammers

**attraction & repulsion: speech**

## invite (verb)

invite kids to rebel  
such limits may ~ (parents are too strict)

invites aggression  
appeasement ~ (diplomacy)

invites (both direct and indirect) fires  
detection of a unit's location ~

invites neglect  
quarantining inmates with H.I.V. and AIDS ~ (US)

invite (nuclear) retaliation  
use of chemical or biological agents will ~

invited (a lot more) scrutiny  
he's ~ because there's more media (politics)

invite trouble  
certain songs in certain parts of town ~ (gangs)

invite hand and finger movement  
silly putty, play dough, and clay all ~

invite retaliation and counter expulsions  
this action will ~ (spying)

**attraction & repulsion: speech / verb**

**fictive communication: speech / verb**

## inviting

inviting  
the people and the water are ~ (Jamaica)

inviting coffeehouse

a lively arts scene, an ~ on every corner (Seattle)

warm, welcoming and inviting  
schools should be ~ (gay harassment)

**attraction & repulsion: speech**

## IQ (ability)

ring IQ  
his ~ isn't good enough (a boxer)

high (basketball) IQ  
he earned a reputation as a defender with a ~

**ability & lack of ability: school & education**

**knowledge & intelligence: school & education**

## iron curtain

information iron curtain  
China is no longer shrouded by an ~ (Internet)

**division & connection: allusion / history**

## ironfisted

iron-fisted  
he's ~

iron-fisted dictator  
~s have ruled the country since its birth

iron-fisted empire  
the US State Department is the gloved hand of an ~

**oppression: fist / materials & substances**

## iron out (verb)

iron out  
there are still a few wrinkles to ~

iron out the problems  
I can ~

iron out wrinkles  
they still need to ~ in their new contract

**amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb**

## irritant

lingering irritant  
his decision was a ~ to Republicans

**affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**

## irritated

surprised, dismayed, irritated and outraged  
the French have been ~ by...

**affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**

## irritating

irritating  
she is really ~

**character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**

## irritation (emotion)

irritation and anxiety

students express ~ (rising tuition, fewer classes)

anger or irritation

he never displays ~ in public (a Shia cleric)

disagreement or irritation

"Gimme a break" expresses ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**

## island (society)

island

no man is an ~

♦ No man is an island entire of itself; every man / is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe / is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as / well as any manner of thy friends or of thine / own were; any man's death diminishes me, / because I am involved in mankind. / And therefore never send to know for whom / the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. (John Donne.)

**society: island**

## island (island of affluence, etc.)

islands of affluence

there were isolated ~ (the Great Depression)

island of stability

Somaliland is an ~ in a sea of armed chaos

islands of convenience and prosperity

there are ~ within seas of squalor (Lagos, Bombay, etc.)

cultural island

Tunisia is a ~ bordered by sea and desert

**environment: sea / island**

## island (beech island, etc.)

beech island

no one knows why these ~ exist (stands of beech)

coffee island

he tends the dozen dispensers at the ~ (at a mini-mart)

heat island

Tokyo is becoming a vast ~ (thermal pollution)

an urban ~ (UHI) is warmer than its surroundings

pump island

see a car pull up to a ~ (gas station)

traffic island

public bathroom on a ~ in the city center

**resemblance: sea / island**

## it (it girl, etc.)

*It Boy*

~ is a French romantic comedy film (2013)

“it” girl

her attitude has turned the 78-year-old into the new political

~

meet Broadway's newest ~

fashion's new ~... and boy

**It Plant**

the Powdery Liveforever has become the ~ for thieves (California)

♦ The 1927 film *It* starred Clara Bow.

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: allusion / film / object**

## itch (enthusiasm)

itch to ride

once you get the ~ motorcycles, you can't help but scratch it

scratched this itch

Bitcoin ~ (for idealistic nonconformist Vitalik Buterin)

**enthusiasm: sensation**

## itchy

itchy to leave

he was ~

itchy to get back

he is ~ in the ring (a boxer)

**eagerness & reluctance: sensation**

## J

## jab (noun)

took a jab at Lauer

Roker ~ on air (TV feud)

**accusation & criticism / conflict / speech: boxing**

## jackass (noun)

jackass

he's a foolish ~

**character & personality / insult: animal**

## jackpot (hit the jackpot)

political jackpot

that would be a ~ for the president

hit the jackpot

you ~

hit the (intelligence) jackpot

they were hoping to ~ (Russian spies in US)

**success & failure: gambling / money / verb**

## Jacobin

school reform's new Jacobins

today, ~ have opted for a hard left turn into identity politics

**disruption: allusion / history / violence**

## jack up (verb)

jack up the cost  
green technology will ~ of power (opinion)

jack up earnings  
Wall Street will always find ways to ~

jacked up (used book) prices  
the company has ~

jacked up (interest) rates  
credit-card companies have ~ again

jack up (defense) spending  
the government seeks to ~

jacking up tuitions  
colleges are ~ like never before

**increase & decrease: direction / tools & technology / verb**

## jam (situation)

get him out of this jam  
perhaps a lawyer could ~

**situation: container / tools & technology**

## jar (cookie jar)

cookie jar of jobs, concessions, contracts  
Daly wants to protect the ~ (politician)

got caught with his hand in the cookie jar  
he ~ (corruption)

**cost & benefit: container / food & drink**

## jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)

jaws of defeat  
if anyone knows how to grab a victory from the ~, it is  
Serena Williams

jaws of disaster  
the Israeli tankers charged into the ~ (1973)

**fate, fortune & chance: animal / predation**

## jaw (jaw-dropper, etc.)

real jaw-dropper  
that was a ~ for me

jaw dropped  
the verdict was a stunner, and my ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: gesture**

## jaw (jaw-dropping)

jaw-dropping moment  
this is the ~ when a sea lion attacked a girl (video)

**feeling, emotion & effect: gesture**

## Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde)

Jekyll-and-Hyde character

for some, he was a ~, a decorated chief who... (SEAL)

Jekyll and Hyde existence  
he was rumored to have lived a ~ (government official)

Jekyll and Hyde portrait  
a ~ emerges of SEAL accused of murder

Jekyll and Hyde role  
there is a bit of a ~ for the agency (helps but also arrests)

Doctor Jekyll – Mister Hyde moment  
it was a very strange ~ (holding job and eating disorder)

♦ *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde* was written by Robert Louis Stevenson and published in 1886.

**character & personality: allusion**

## jeremiad (bitter lament)

jeremiads of a Southern apologist  
the nation didn't pay heed to the ~

♦ A jeremiad often has two elements: a bitter criticism of society and a prophecy of doom. Jeremiah is in the Bible.

**message: allusion / Bible / religion**

**accusation & criticism: allusion / Bible / religion**

## jettison (verb)

jettison (the under-performing) ministers  
many people wonder why he doesn't ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb**

## jettisoned

jettisoned  
he was ~ (an athlete who was traded)

jettison its pariah status  
Zimbabwe seeks to ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: boat**

## Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.)

Jews of the Caribbean  
Indo-Caribbean immigrants have been called the ~

Jews of the Arab world  
the Palestinians are sometimes said to be the ~

Jews of the Far East  
the Chinese have been called the ~ (business, diaspora)

Jews of the 21st century  
a sign said, "Latinos are the ~" (immigration protest)

**migration: epithet / person**

**person: journeys & trips**

**epithet: religion**

## jewel (noun)

jewel  
Sikkim is a ~ nestled between Bhutan and Nepal

jewel of these mountains  
she was a ~ (bookmobile lady)



jewels in the crown  
they are the ~ of public education (elite NYC high schools)

real jewel  
it's a ~ (a kayaker speaking of a river near Vancouver)

hidden jewel  
it's a ~ ( a park)

**superlative: mining**

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

### **jigsaw puzzle (noun)**

jigsaw puzzle of (smaller) languages  
Europe was once a ~ like Ladin (Italian Dolomites)

**configuration: sports & games**

### **jockey (verb)**

jockey for advantage  
partisans ~ (politics)

jockeying for position  
he has been ~ in the department for years

jockey for power  
Ukrainians, Tatars, and ethnic Russians ~ (Crimea)

jockey for leaks and scoops  
reporters ~

jockeyed for face time  
guests ~ with the newly minted star (party)

fiercely jockey  
reporters ~ for leaks and scoops

**competition: animal / horse**

### **Johnny Appleseed**

Johnny Appleseed  
we must drop the idea the US is ~ spreading democracy

Johnny Appleseed of Agriculture 2.0  
she is the ~ (brings together entrepreneurs, investors)

Johnny Appleseed of near Earth object deflection  
his work as the ~ has begun to bear fruit (astronomy)

served as a Johnny Appleseed  
he ~ for electric cars (made long trip in one, blogging)

**transmission: allusion / apple**

### **joke (you must be joking, etc.)**

joking  
you must be ~

**comprehension & incomprehension: speech**

### **joke (it's a joke, etc.)**

joke  
this university is a ~

**insult / worth & lack of worth: speech**

### **journey (in one's journey)**

in his journey from boy to man  
it was an important moment ~

in our journey towards the promise  
this is a significant milestone ~ of stem-cell-based medicines

**course: journeys & trips**

### **journey (on a journey)**

on the journey of life  
how a person behaves ~ is directly related...

behaves on the journey  
how a person ~ of life is directly related to...

**course: journeys & trips**

### **journey (noun)**

journey from slavery  
their ancestors' ~ into freedom (Passover)

journey (from slavery) into freedom  
their ancestors' ~ (Passover)

journey towards modernity  
Bhutan's carefully ordered ~ (elections of 2007)

journey from boy to man  
in his ~

journey from complacency to (political) power  
her ~ (Wilma Mankiller)

journey from slavery into freedom  
their ancestors' ~ (Passover)

Bhutan's (carefully ordered) journey  
~ towards modernity (elections of 2007)

ancestors' journey  
their ~ from slavery into freedom (Passover)

life's journey  
my ~

never-ending journey  
growth and development are a ~

spiritual journey  
it is the story of a ~

story of a (spiritual) journey  
it is the ~

♦ Life's a journey, not a destination. (Bumper sticker.)

♦ "It's sometimes necessary during a journey to repack and remount a horse." (Chinese proverb relating to a change in the middle of a plan.)

**course: journeys & trips**

### **joust (verb)**

joust among themselves for ownership  
corporations ~ of...

jousting over (sensationalist) ads

the two campaigns are ~ (politics)

**conflict: history / Middle Ages / verb**

## jousting

courtroom jousting with (federal) lawyers  
the ~ was otherworldly (secrecy)

social jousting  
a lot of ~ goes on (teenagers)

**conflict: history / Middle Ages**

## judge (role)

judge  
you be the ~ (preference contest)

**judgment: justice / person**

## judged

judged by wins and loses  
as a coach, he will be ~

**judgment: justice**

## juggernaut

juggernaut of optimism  
a ~ vaulted him to the White House (Obama)

bureaucratic juggernaut  
I'm up against a ~ that won't stop (immigration status)

cultural juggernaut  
K-pop has become a ~

publicity juggernaut  
she is a shill for the family's ~ (a legal case)

up against a juggernaut  
he is ~ (a politician contending for nomination)

transformed Apple into a juggernaut  
he ~ (Steve Jobs)

♦ A juggernaut is associated with Krishna in the Hindu religion. Or it refers to the Hindu god Jagannath. It was a huge wooden chariot carrying idols in a multistory construction. The idea that devotees threw themselves under it is a misconception.

**force: religion**

## juggle (verb)

juggle careers and children  
women who ~

juggle work and school  
it can be hard to ~

juggle a full load of classes and a job  
it may be hard to ~

juggles those objectives  
he ~ with an unusual style

juggles (several) roles  
he ~ (community activist)

juggle (multiple) tasks  
employees who can handle the stress and ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb**

## juggling

juggling the (conflicting) demands  
~ of politics and governing

juggling act  
trying to build a team is a hard ~ (basketball)

**confronting, deal with & ignoring things: sports & games**

## jugular (go for the jugular)

going for the jugular  
they are ~ (team in tournament)

**predation: animal / throat / verb**

## juicy

juicy gossip  
you hear some ~ that...  
the book contains nearly 400 pages of ~ (on politicians)

juicy information  
in the hope of obtaining ~ (journalists)

juicy revelation  
there was no ~ (press conference)

**attraction & repulsion: taste**

## jumbo (large)

jumbo jet  
lightning strikes ~

jumbo squid  
~, also known as Humboldt squid

♦ This word comes from the name of an Ethiopian elephant who was brought to the US in 1882 by P. T. Barnum and displayed in Barnum's circus. The poet and etymologist John Ciardi tells his story on NPR, "Jumbo's Big Adventure Popularizes a New Word," April 20, 2006.

**flood: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## jump (jump at the chance, etc.)

jump to conclusions  
let's not ~  
we don't know all the facts and no one should ~

jumps to conclusions  
he ~, makes up his mind, and is stubborn

jumped at the chance  
I ~

jumped at the opportunity  
he ~ (a filmmaker)

jump (all) over this  
we knew the students would just ~ (robot fast-food deliveries in dorms)

**eagerness & reluctance: movement / walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (move)**

jump to another company  
employers worry you'll ~ (overqualified)

**movement: walking, running & jumping**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping**  
**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: walking, running & jumping**

### **jump (movement)**

needle jumped  
the VU meter ~ (recording sounds)

**movement: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (transmission)**

jumped from birds to humans  
a strain of the virus may have ~ (flu)

**transmission: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (speech)**

jumps from subject to subject  
she ~

**speech: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (progress)**

jumped from ninth place to fourth  
the carrier ~ in on-time arrivals (air)

jumped six spots  
Lance Armstrong ~ to second overall (Tour de France)

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (increase)**

jumps by 10,000  
during the summer, the county's population ~ (tourists)

demand (for electric power) will jump  
the ~

**increase & decrease: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (rivers can jump their banks)**

jumped its banks  
the Medina River ~ today near Bandera (flooding)

**flood: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (jump a curb, etc.)**

jumped a curb  
the van ~ and plowed into three people

jumped the tracks  
the train ~ near Crescent City, Florida

**failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (lines)**

jumped the line  
she ~ to get water for her infant (Kenyan drought)

jumped a fire line  
the flames ~ crews were building (Show Low)

**obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping / verb**  
**constraint & lack of constraint: walking running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (jump ahead)**

jump ahead to the last chapter  
let's ~

**sequence: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (jump in)**

jump in  
please feel free to ~ (a discussion)

**involvement: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **jump (get the jump)**

gotten the jump on all of them  
he had ~ (a competition)

get a jump on the coming season  
and so you ~ (colleges demand high school athletes graduate early)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: walking, running & jumping**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping**

**competition: walking, running & jumping**

### **jump (in jumps)**

advanced in jumps  
his career ~

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping**

### **jump (noun)**

jump in (suspicious) chatter  
there has been a ~

jump in the number  
contributing to growth is a ~ of online shoppers

jump in traffic  
news sites saw a ~ (Internet / Operation Iraqi Freedom)

**increase & decrease: walking, running & jumping**

### **jumping-off place / point**

jumping-off point  
he used Heidegger as a ~  
shipping arms and ammunition to ~s around Iraq

**initiation: walking, running & jumping**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping**

### jump-start (verb)

jump-start the economy  
the government is trying to ~

jump-start (supported) housing  
his mandate is to ~ (politician)

jump-start the process  
local governments have to ~

**initiation: engine / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb**

### jump-start (noun)

jumpstart on the (holiday shopping) season  
get a ~ (TV ad)

**initiation: engine**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: engine**

### jungle (competition)

jungle  
it's a ~ out there (survival of the fittest)

**competition: ground, terrain & land / jungle**

**danger: ground, terrain & land / jungle**

### jungle (environment)

hobo jungle  
he lives in a ~ near the train tracks

**environment: ground, terrain & land / jungle**

### junk (worth)

junk  
his experiments were ~ (expert witness at trial)  
television is no longer ~ (an opinion)

junk science  
handwriting, fire, fiber, and blood splatter analysis are all ~

junk status  
their stock has been reduced to ~

**worth & lack of worth: waste**

### junkie

adrenaline junkie  
~s who risk life and limb (sports)  
it's bound to appeal to ~s (skeleton racing)

fitness junkie  
I'm a ~ who works out every day

gadget junkie  
holiday gifts for ~s (computer peripherals, etc.)

game junkie  
a 16-year-old ~ with a PlayStation 2

information junkie

if you're an ~ (technology)

news junkies  
day traders, ~, and the Web

pain junkie  
a bizarre band of ~s (ultrarunners)

space junkies  
~ hoping to book a flight (to the space station)

waterfall junkie  
hardcore ~s (those who love to find, visit falls)

college basketball junkies  
~ and the NCAA tournament

junk-food junkie  
a notorious slacker and ~

Internet junkie  
living with an ~ ("Come to bed!")

bona fide junkie  
the average weather watcher and the ~ (storm chasers)

political junkies  
~ will obsess endlessly about...

**enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine / person**

### jury (the jury is out)

jury  
the jury is still out

jury is (still) out on whether  
the ~ this approach will be successful (medicine)

**certainty & uncertainty / judgment: justice**

## K

### Kafkaesque (adjective)

Kafkaesque grounds  
lawyers forced him to reopen the case on the ~ that...

Kafkaesque nightmare  
my ~ is to be...

Kafkaesque outcome  
that ~ demonstrates the way the system is run (education)

**fantasy & reality: allusion / person**

### kangaroo court

kangaroo court  
the term "~" came to mind (Title IX investigation)  
she claimed the hearing took place in a ~ (English Football)

campus kangaroo courts  
~ deny the accused rights (US universities)

**judgment: animal / justice**

**oppression: animal / justice**

## karat (24-karat)

24-karat gold

he has a heart of ~

24-karat gold (m)

he is a ~ personality (a restaurant owner)

24-karat moment

Brooklyn's championship was a ~ (baseball)

24-karat nugget

his Short Symphony is a ~ (Copeland)

24 karat product

the products I've sold are ~ in every way (fund-raiser)

24 karat or fool's gold

it's hard to say if he is ~ (an athlete bought by a team)

**worth & lack of worth: mining**

## karma (fate)

artistic good karma

the musical has had ~ to... (topicality)

**fate, fortune & chance: religion**

## keel (even keel)

keep things on an even keel

let's ~

keep an even keel

I need to ~ for my kids (trial of dad)

**equilibrium & stability: boat**

## keep up (awareness)

keep up with the issues

I try to ~

**consciousness & awareness: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## keep up (progress)

keep up

we want to ~ and not fall behind (government official)  
technology is outpacing the ability of governments to ~

keeping up

working-class families aren't ~ (educating kids)

keeping up with the rest of the world

in education, the US is not ~

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping / verb**

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement**

## kernel (noun)

kernel of a (future) threat

the far-sighted saw a ~

**creation & transformation: plant**

**growth & development: plant**

## key (important)

key

the ~ is to notice when and where he does it (toddler)  
this could be the ~ that unlocks the mystery

key to (successful) marriage

the ~ is...

key to his (business) strategy

the ~

key to (mission) success

coordination and flexibility are ~ (military)

key to (the school's) success

teamwork is the ~

key to survival

hard work was the ~ (the Great Depression)

key to investing

the ~ is...

key accomplishments

write down your ~ and use specific examples (job)

key advantage

Vodafone has ~s over the competition

key aides

kill the terrorist bin Laden and his ~

key alloy

nickel is a ~ in stainless steel

key (regime) assets

targeting ~ (military)

key bridges

~, road intersections, and mountain passes (war)

key (engine) components

key courses

avoid crowding in ~

key decision

when it comes to ~s

key detail

it overlooked one ~

key difference

he points out a ~ between the men

key emotion

empathy, the ~, emerges early

key evidence

his dying declaration was the ~ (murder case)

key fact

the ~ was that...

key factor

communications is the ~; three ~s contribute to burnout...

key (terrain) features  
~ and landmarks (military)

key figure  
he is the ~ in the group

key infrastructure  
every other ~ depends on it (electricity) (terrorism)

key meetings  
~ held privately by the rich counties

key message  
I think one of the ~s is...

key moment  
he failed to maintain his situation awareness at ~s (war)

key objective  
the airfield would be a ~

key organizer  
Beck was a ~ of the Seattle protests

key partner  
Ethiopia is a ~ in US counterterrorism efforts in the Horn of Africa

key (leadership) positions  
troops in ~

key post  
he went to work filling the ~s (government)

key principle  
the ~ in the court case

key requirement  
the ~ during a retrograde is to maintain positive control

key rules  
teach your swimmers these four ~ (drownings)

key species  
the caribou is a ~ in the refuge

key technique  
mastered the ~ to create a nuclear bomb

key term  
define the ~s listed in this chapter (nursing)

key terrain  
the target may be ~, a farm, a ridgeline  
seize or hold ~ and counterattack the enemy;  
the high ground in desert terrain is usually ~;  
~ or landmarks are used to ... (minefield)

key test  
the ~ will involve...(gene therapy)

key time  
their parents are home at ~s of the day

key (rebel-held) town  
a ~

key witness

police didn't interview ~s  
the ~ for the prosecution

key transit point  
Kandahar is a ~ for raw opium

key staging area  
Peshawar served as the ~

key finding  
a ~ was lax security (prison escape)

**importance & significance: key**

**key (throw away the key)**

throw away the key  
they should put him in jail and ~

**punishment & recrimination: key / verb**

**keynote (noun)**

keynote speaker  
the ~ was...

**importance & significance: sound**

**keystone**

keystone members  
vultures are ~ of the scavenging community

keystone species  
a ~ helps determine the types of other species  
as the ~ disappears, so do others (oaks)  
the walrus is considered a ~ in Arctic marine ecosystems

♦ A keystone is the stone at the apex of an arch (or vault) that helps to lock the structure in place and prevents it from collapsing, in many cases.

**bases: infrastructure**

**kick (kick one's butt, etc.)**

kicked my butt  
asthma ~ (the great boxer Shannon Briggs)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / verb**  
**hitting, slamming & lashing: foot / leg / verb**

**kick (kick oneself)**

kicked myself  
I ~ for not doing a better job of...

**punishment & recrimination: foot / verb**

**kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)**

kick in the teeth  
it's been a real ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: foot / verb**

**kickback**

bribery and kickback (m)  
taken him to court on ~ charges (politician)

bribery, kickbacks, theft and conspiracy

a web of ~ (military contracts / Iraq)

**social interaction: foot**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: foot**

### **kicked off**

kicked off the (soccer) team

he was almost ~ for missing practices...

kicked off her team

she may now be ~... (kid)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg**

### **kicked out**

kicked out of Harvard

he was ~ for... (William Randolph Hearst)

kicked out of her dorm

her daughter was getting ~ for not paying rent

kicked out of their families

elderly women ~ (witchcraft / Mozambique)

kicked out of a (UW master's) program

he was ~ because... (student)

kicked out of the stadium

if a fan chants racist abuse now, he is ~ (soccer)

get kicked out

if they tell their parents, they ~... (gay students);

I'd rather leave than ~ (a bad school)

got kicked out

I wanted to be a priest, but I ~ of seminary

**dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg**

### **kick in (start)**

kick in

the link between recession and crime may ~

instinct kicked in

a stubborn playground ~ (not backing down in combat)

training kicks in

and then your ~ (combat)

wealth and connections kicked in

when he returned to Mexico, his ~ (extradited politician)

time to kick in

give your new diet ~ (weight loss)

**initiation: engine / foot / leg / mechanism / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / foot / leg / mechanism / verb**

### **kick off (verb)**

kicking off

Memoria Day sales are ~

kicked off here

an international Islamic conference ~ yesterday (Riyadh)

kicks off in Tampa

as the convention ~ (politics)

kicked off the celebrations

bands and parades ~ at noon... (New Year)

kick off the fiesta

revelers packed the streets to ~ (Pamplona)

kick off the (shortboard) revolution

his board designs helped ~ (surfing)

kicked off a (nationwide) crackdown

authorities ~ against unlicensed Internet Cafes (China)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: foot / football / leg / sports & games / verb**

### **kick out (verb)**

kicked her out of the house

I ~ (live-in girlfriend)

kick me out of school

they threatened to ~

kick her out

I was afraid they would ~ (toddler who bites / daycare)

she kicked him out

~ (grandmother found out he was gay)

threatened to kick me out

they ~ of school

**dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg / verb**

### **kick-start (verb)**

kick-started this whole investigation

Comey's firing ~ (politics)

kick-start weight loss

Atkins saw ketosis as the obvious way to ~

kick-started the process

he ~ to have the relics returned to Libya

**initiation: engine / leg / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / leg / verb**

### **kick up (verb)**

gale kicked up

a ~, causing a choking dust storm (Kansas)

waves kicked up

had the ~... (open canoe in Glacier Bay)

wind kicked up

the ~ and the ridgetop turned frigid (Afghan combat)

wind was kicking up

but the ~, there was no moon and they need to hurry

**initiation: foot / leg / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: foot / leg / verb**

## kill (verb)

kill the legislation  
liberals helped to ~

killed the story  
Esquire ~ (by Nelson Algren about Rubin Carter)

**destruction: death & life / verb**

**curtailment: death & life / verb**

## kill (verb / accomplishment)

killed it  
he ~ (an excellent performance)

killing it  
they are ~ (a company doing well)

digs, kills, assists, blocks, aces  
~ (volleyball)

♦ "They are killing it, they are crushing KFC." (Chick-fil-A versus Kentucky Fried Chicken, according to a professor of marketing at the Wharton School of Business.)

**success & failure: death & life / verb**

## killer (silent killer, etc.)

Silent Killer  
carbon monoxide, the ~

**death & life / destruction: epithet**

**epithet: death & life**

## kill off (verb)

kill off old habits  
it's difficult to ~

**destruction: death & life / verb**

**curtailment: death & life / verb**

## killjoy (person)

killjoy  
she was trying to be realistic and not a ~ (an educator)

**feeling, emotion & effect: death & life / person**

**character & personality: person**

## kind-hearted

kindhearted (m)  
a ~ woman gave him some food

**character & personality: heart**

## kindle (verb)

kindles fears  
release of bombing figure ~

kindled an (environmental) movement  
her protest ~ (save the trees)

kindle violent behavior  
its ability to ~ (alcohol and cocaine)

**initiation: fire / verb**

**increase & decrease: fire / verb**

## king (animals)

king of beasts  
this ~ (a lion)

king of fishes  
on the white sand at the bottom lay the sturgeon, ~

**superlative: royalty**

## king (king cobra , etc.)

king cobra  
just a glimpse of a ~ can spread panic on a tea plantation  
the ~ reaches up to 8 feet in length (India)  
the ~ can growl (India)

king salmon  
~ is the largest of Alaska's five salmon species  
~ can weigh 30 pounds or more (Yukon River)  
~, also called Chinook salmon...

**proper name: royalty**

## king (King of Beers, etc.)

king  
in this seafood-crazed country, tuna is ~ (Japan / sushi)  
the automobile is ~ (issue of walkability of cities)

King of Beers  
Budweiser, the ~

king of fruit  
Xiyuangualu lychees were dubbed "the ~" (China)

King of Steaks  
Pat's ~ (Harry and Pat Olivieri / Philly cheese steak)

king of wool  
shahtoosh wool, the "~" in Persian (Tibetan antelope)

**superlative: epithet / royalty**

**epithet: royalty**

## king (primacy)

king  
the customer is ~ (said by a Sony Corporation exec)  
colleges where football is ~

king of the carnival  
King Momo, ~ (Rio)

king of Russian chanson  
Mikhail Krug, often called the ~, was murdered

king of the hill  
kids like to play ~

king of the mountains (m)  
points in the ~ competition (Tour de France)

King of Pop  
Michael Jackson, the ~, was also the king of shyness

carnival king



a representation of the ~ is set ablaze (Martinique)

kings and queens

homecoming, the American tradition featuring ~ (school)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty**

**superlative: person / royalty**

**person: royalty**

## King Canute

King Canute

eliminating abuse is like ~ trying to hold back the tide

**control & lack of control: allusion / sea / tide**

## kingdom (animal kingdom)

animal kingdom

Darwin linked humans to the rest of the ~ (evolution)

**taxonomy & classification: royalty**

## kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.)

Magic Kingdom

smiling faces at the ~ (Disney)

**proper name: royalty**

## kingpin

drug kingpin

the ~ was executed... (Federal execution)

~s continue to run their cartels from prison (Mexico)

ballads about bandits and ~s (grupero music)

powerful kingpin

police have captured many of the most ~s (drug cartels)

♦ A kingpin was the main pivot in cars for steering

**bases / importance & significance: mechanism**

## kink (noun)

kinks

the ~ have been worked out (interagency coordination)

there are still some ~ to be worked out

kinks in the process

there are still some ~

kinks in the service

there are some ~

kinks in the system

perhaps the Mayor can work out the ~

annoying kink

the system still has ~s (gesture technology)

iron out any kinks

they are having a test run to ~ (restaurant opening)

work out the kinks

US officials are trying to ~ (border security)

**flaws & lack of flaws: rope**

## kinship (noun)

kinship with the painter

he felt an immediate ~

felt an (immediate) kinship

he ~ with the painter

**feeling, emotion & effect: family**

**relationship: family**

**division & connection: family**

## Kipling (Rudyard)

Canadian Kipling

he earned the nickname, the ~ (Robert W. Service)

**ability & lack of ability: epithet**

## kiss of death

kiss of death

asking for a term paper in four weeks is the ~ (cheating)

if he does endorse someone, it turns out to be a ~

once you lose credibility, that's the ~ (crisis management)

trying to ban handguns would be the ~ (US)

kiss of death to a teen girl's reputation

teenage pregnancy used to be the ~

kiss of death politically

to be seen as a US supporter is a ~

♦ This refers to the kiss that Judas gave Jesus after the last supper, which identified Jesus to the soldiers.

**destruction: allusion / Bible / death & life / religion**

**fate, fortune & chance: allusion / Bible / death & life / religion**

## knee (bring to one's knees)

brought the pirates to their knees

the war ~ (Barbary States)

bring the rebels to their knees

their efforts to ~

brought this (once-mighty) bank to its knees

he ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: knee / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**condition & status: knee / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## knee (on knees)

on its knees

the economy was ~, now it's on its feet (politics)

**condition & status: knee / standing, sitting & lying**

## knee-jerk (adjective)

knee-jerk reaction

the gun law was a ~ to the Parkland school shooting

hysteria and ~s (election politics)

this law is a ~ to a tragic event

**control & lack of control: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## **knell (death knell)**

sounded the death knell for VHS  
DVD ~

sounded the death knell for these landmarks  
the mobile phone may have ~ (London's red phone boxes)

sound death knell for youth  
drugs ~ (Kachin State in northern Burma)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / death & life / sound**

**destruction: burial / death & life / sound**

**decline: burial / death & life / sound**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: burial / death & life / sound**

## **knife (knife in the heart)**

knife in the heart  
the date Feb. 6, 1958, is still a ~ (Man. U fan)

**destruction: blade / creature / death & life / knife / heart**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / heart / knife**

## **knife-edged**

knife-edged ridge  
the headwalls of back-to-back cirques form ~s

**shape: blade / knife**

## **knight (Black Knights, etc.)**

Black Knights  
the Robbinsville ~ (high-school football team)

Golden Knights  
the ~ Army Parachute Team

Scarlet Knights  
the ~ are off to a slow start (Rutgers football)

**proper name: Middle Ages**

## **knight (knight in shining armor)**

knight in shining armor  
I'm the ~ (Lenox Lewis, out to save boxing)

**help & assistance: Middle Ages / person**

## **knit (knit together)**

knits together many threads  
the story ~ of Muslim grievances (suicide bomber)

knit the plays together  
he ~ through overlapping themes (August Wilson)

knits this country together  
the flood ruined every thread that ~

knits a country together as one

it's a ~ (soccer)

knit together as a unit  
it has taken the team a while to ~

**division & connection: cloth / verb**

## **knock out (verb)**

knocked out power  
winds ~ (hurricane)  
the storm ~ to thousands  
the storm ~ to about 1.2 million people (California)

knocked out (several major power) utilities  
the failure ~ (huge blackout)

knocked out 280 feet  
the flood ~ of the 36-inch steel pipe (water line)

flood knocked out 280 feet  
the ~ of the 36-inch steel pipe (water line)

storm knocked out power  
the ~ to thousands

**hitting, slamming & lashing: boxing / fist / verb**

## **knockout (noun)**

knockout blow  
the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)  
the ~ was delivered when... (crime investigation / indictments)

knockout figure  
she had a ~ and dressed provocatively

**hitting, slamming & lashing: boxing / fist**

## **knot (noun)**

tie the city in knots  
1 million tourists will ~ (Olympics)

**obstacles & impedance: rope**

## **Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)**

drunk the Kool-Aid  
kids who have ~ (only one path to good live / school)

**acceptance & rejection: food & drink**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: food & drink**

## **kowtow (verb)**

kowtow to anyone  
he did not feel like he had to ~

kowtow to the (religious) establishment  
there is no need to ~ (broadcasting)

kowtow to the (very) rich  
he will not ~ (Barak)

**dominance & submission: religion / verb**  
**resistance, opposition & defeat: religion / verb**

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## label (noun)

"one-percenter label  
the ~ became a badge of honor (bikers)

**characterization: product**

## labeled

labeled a troublemaker  
he was ~ in school

**characterization: product**

## laboratory

laboratory for warfighting doctrines  
Kandahar will be the ~ forged from...

**experimentation: place**

## labor pains

labor pains  
how to let peace be born despite the difficult ~

**creation & transformation: birth**

## labyrinth

labyrinth of (feuding) clans and subclans  
a ~ (Somalia)

labyrinth of passageways  
inside the ~ (aircraft carrier HMS *Queen Elizabeth*)

bureaucratic labyrinth  
working his way through the ~  
waiting for years in the ~s of the immigration system

♦ Gardens are associated with mazes, knot gardens and labyrinths. People also enjoy corn and mirror mazes. *Labyrinth* is of Minoan origin and is associated with the Minotaur.

**complexity: allusion / infrastructure**

## lacerate (verb)

lacerated Trump's calls  
he ~ for the FBI to investigate political enemies

**destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

## ladder (hierarchy)

ladder  
they failed right on up the ~ (politics)

ladder's (lowest) rung  
the socioeconomic ~

career ladder  
he is moving up the ~ (military)

immigrant ladder  
Chaudri climbed a well-worn ~ (washed dishes, cab)

income ladder  
for her and others up and down the ~

political ladder  
by the mid-seventies he had climbed the ~ even higher

promotion ladder  
the Army should break down its rigid ~ (reform)

tenure ladder  
once you've fought and clawed your way up the ~  
(university)

beauty-pageant ladder  
she began to move up the ~

corporate ladder  
their rung on the ~  
arrogance and ego at the top of the ~

economic ladder  
anyone who works hard enough can climb the ~ (US)

educational ladder  
as women started climbing the ~ (effects on marriage)

socioeconomic ladder  
the ~'s lowest rung

supervisory ladder  
I never tried to go up the ~

rung on the (corporate) ladder  
their ~

climbed the (corporate) ladder  
he ~

move up the (economic) ladder  
the play chronicles the struggles of a family to ~

moving up the (career) ladder  
he is ~ (military)

promoted up the (developmental) ladder  
he was ~ (a baseball player)

**hierarchy: direction / ladder**

## ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)

ladders of opportunity  
we have created ~ (education)

ladder to prosperity  
they want to make education a ~

**help & assistance: direction / ladder**

## Lady Macbeth (epithet)

Lady Macbeth of Arkansas  
the yuppie wife from hell, the ~ (Hillary Clinton)

Lady Macbeth of the Balkans  
she was known as the "~~" (Mira Markovic)

**control & lack of control: allusion / epithet**

## lag (progress)

lagging

their kids' grades and test scores are ~

**progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping**

**growth & development: movement / walking, running & jumping**

## lagoon

lagoon

~s where hog manure is stored

hog-waste lagoon

North Carolina's 4,000 ~s

pumped into lagoons

sewage is ~ and left to evaporate or leach into the ground

**resemblance: sea**

## lake

lake of fire

eternal damnation in the ~

**resemblance: water**

## lamb

lambs

death devours sheep as well as ~

♦ **Death devours lambs as well as sheep.**

**growth & development: animal / sheep**

## lamb (sacrificial lamb)

sacrificial lamb

the computers served them up as a ~ (BCS football)

♦ **They refused to be taken like lambs to the slaughter (hijacked passengers).**

**sacrifice: animal / sheep**

## lambast (verb)

lambast the president

the press conference saw him repeatedly ~

♦ **Lambast (or lambaste) means to beat or whip severely.**

**accusation & criticism: whip / verb**

**speech: whip**

## lame (lame excuse, etc.)

lame excuse

she refused to listen to my ~s

~s for dumping partners

what kind of ~ is that

**attenuation: walking, running & jumping**

**flaws & lack of flaws: walking, running & jumping**

## lance (verb)

lance this (perpetual) boil

we need to ~ (diplomacy)

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb**

## land (land a job, etc.)

landed a (bottom-rung) job

she ~ there (at a TV station)

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish**

## land (plane lands)

how this plane lands

it's unclear ~ (budget talks)

**development: plane / verb**

## landmark

landmark act

a ~ passed by the Senate (victims of human trafficking)

landmark case

the US Supreme Court, in a ~ in 2000, rejected...

landmark climb

he made a number of ~s in the Alps

landmark discovery

the ~ could pave the way for new medicines

landmark moment

it was a ~ in the evolution of artificial intelligence

landmark project

one of his ~s was a shrine... (King Tut)

landmark step

the ruling was a ~ (rape within marriage / Mexico)

landmark study

his ~ compared students... (single-sex schools)

landmark work

"Desert of the Heart" is considered a ~ of lesbian fiction

stand as a landmark

his plays ~ in the history of black culture

**direction: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips**

**importance & significance: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips**

## landmine

landmines

she worries about what she sees as ~ planted by Alito

landmine for prosecution

this is a ~ (new evidence)

step on that landmine

no nominee would ~ (contentious issue)

**danger: explosion / military / walking, running & jumping / weapon**

## landscape (noun)

landscape

her patience for this ~ varies (NYC magazine publishing)

landscape of journalism

the Internet transformed the ~

media landscape

the ~ was very different in the 1980s

sport landscape

the ~

technology landscape

a clearer picture of our future ~ (airline)

nanoscale landscape

viruses, microchips operate in a ~

economic landscape

changes in the ~

educational landscape

positive changes across the American ~

ethnic landscape

the brutal violence has reshaped the ~

political landscape

and here to talk about the ~ is... (radio show)

the ~ was dramatically altered by the attack

the democrats dominated the ~ for more than a generation

American political landscape

he left the ~ much the same way it was (Mueller hearings)

religious landscape

part of the ~

social landscape

the ~

technological landscape

adapted to the new ~

new financial landscape

electronic trading has created a ~

post-Title IX landscape

in the ~, sexual panic rules (universities)

changes in the (economic) landscape

there have been vast ~ since the fall of Communism

part of the (public-school) landscape

charter schools are a significant ~

landscape may (well) change

the heavyweight ~ once more (coming fights)

landscape shifted

then, in the late '90s, the football ~ (US)

altered the landscape

pandemics ~ of public health forever

changed the landscape

it ~ (grants for Duchenne research)

Obama has ~ for all America (race)

dominate the landscape

health-maintenance organizations came to ~

reshaped the (political) landscape

in 2016 he ~ but lost (Bernie Sanders)

♦ If you think about it, the landscape is constantly changing as you are moving through it. So does the contours of the land.

**area / environment: ground, terrain & land**

### landslide (in a landslide)

lost in a landslide

Carter ~ to Republican Ronald Reagan

win in a landslide

if people voted today, he would ~

**amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / landslide**

### landslide (by a landslide)

won by a landslide

he ~ on the scorecards (boxer)

**amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / landslide**

### landslide (other)

landslide of evidence

there was a ~ that fell around this defendant

landslide vote

Proposition 187 was approved in a ~ (California)

landslide victory

the opposition won a ~ in Kenyan elections

he was appointed principal chief in a ~ (Cherokee)

♦ In 1841, an earthquake caused a rockslide that blocked the Indus River. A huge lake formed behind the natural dam. Later in the year it failed, causing perhaps the largest flood in recorded history. Far downriver and across a plain, 500 Sikh soldiers died at Attock.

♦ In 1999, mudslides in Venezuela killed 10- to 30,000 people in Vargas State.

**amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / landslide**

### lane (experience)

lane

this isn't just my ~, it's my highway (doctor on gun control)

pop lane

a lot of people have veered into the ~ (from country music)

stay in their lane

anti-gun doctors should ~ (fix wounded, not protest guns)

carve out her own lane

she has managed to ~ (singing, fashion, etc.)

**experience / interest: infrastructure**

### language (of sports, cars, etc.)

language of boxing

he understood the universal ~ (ref's gestures, etc.)

language of hope  
the ~—whether, when and how to invoke it (hospitals)

language of science  
the abstract, technical ~ (environmental issues)

language of "sport"  
the international ~ (soccer)

language of the string  
they have the ~ (international yo-yo contest)

language of white supremacy  
Southern elected leaders spoke the ~ (after reconstruction)

language of war  
its language is the ~ (US football)

language of understanding, peace and harmony  
a smile is the universal ~

language of acronyms and weapons systems  
she fluently speaks the military ~ (a young soldier)

language of football  
Bora Milutinovic speaks the ~ (soccer)

body language  
people send messages through their ~  
mismatches between words and ~ (liars)  
the worst sort of ~ to show a gorilla

computer language  
Java, a ~ created by Sun Microsystems  
FORTRAN was the first widely used ~

programming language  
write applications in the Java ~

different language  
it's a ~ (military acronyms)  
physicists are often speaking a ~ than biologists (math)

international "language"  
the ~ of sport (soccer)

universal language  
a smile is the ~ of understanding, peace and harmony  
he understood the ~ of boxing (ref's gestures, etc.)

speaks the language  
Bora Milutinovic ~ of football (soccer)

understood the (universal) language  
he ~ of boxing (ref's gestures, etc.)

♦ Cars have their own language—clunks, clanks, squeals, squeaks, and rattles—which can say a lot about a vehicle's health."

**fictive communication: speech**

**lap (lap of luxury)**

lived in the lap of luxury  
for a time we ~

**situation: body / container**

## lap (in the lap of)

in the lap of the administration  
it puts the issue ~ (politics)

falls in the lap  
the issue now ~ of the head of food safety

landed in the lap  
the case ~ of a federal judge

puts the issue in the lap  
it ~ of the administration (politics)

**responsibility: body / container**

## lap (possession)

company's lap  
consumer data falls into the ~

**possession: body**

## lap (victory lap)

took a victory lap  
President Trump ~ at the Michigan rally (politics)

**achievement, recognition & praise: sports & games**

## lapdog (noun)

lapdogs of Bush and Cheney  
The *New York Times* reporters were ~ (Iraq War)

**dominance & submission: animal / dog**

## lapidary (adjective)

lapidary  
*The Essays in Idleness* are ~ (Kenko)

lapidary poems  
his most ~ (Philip Larkin)

lapidary precision  
he is a realist painter of ~ (Caleb Considine)

♦ This word often appears in the *New Yorker Magazine*, in reviews of artists. It refers to the work involved in cutting, polishing and engraving precious stones.

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

**superlative: mining**

## lap up (verb)

lapped up such complaints  
he ~ (an editorial cartoonist)

**consumption: animal / food & drink / tongue / verb**  
**absorption & immersion: food & drink / tongue / verb**

## lash (verb)

lashed the islands with wind and rain  
the hurricane ~

**hitting, slamming & lashing: verb / violence / whip**

## lash out (verb)

lashed out at (Obama's) campaign  
the GOP nominee ~

lashed out at the (US) military  
he ~

lashed out over (questionable) reporting  
he ~ (a bereaved father)

**speech: verb / violence / whip**

**accusation & criticism: verb / violence / whip**

## last-ditch (adjective)

last-ditch appeal  
his lawyers filed a ~ (capital case)

last-ditch effort  
a hiring freeze is often a ~ to reduce staff

last-ditch measure  
operators used seawater as a ~ to cool the reactors

**conflict: military**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: military**

**fate, fortune & chance: military**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: ground, terrain & land / military**

## last hurrah

last hurrah  
WW II veterans gathered for a ~ (memorial)

last hurrah for the (landmark) restaurant  
it was a ~ (New Year's Eve celebration / bankrupt)

girls' last hurrah  
this is these ~ (bachelorette party)

beginning or a last hurrah  
it may be a new ~ (US health-care legislation)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: sound**

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sound**

## last rites (noun)

last rites  
don't administer ~ to Irish Catholicism yet (scandals)

**death & life: religion**

**condition & status: death & life / health & medicine**

## late (timeliness)

not too late  
it's ~ to turn things around (politics)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: day**

## latest (most recent)

latest (teen) craze  
the ~ in clothes, music, illegal drugs

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day**

## latitude (wide latitude, etc.)

latitude for interpretation  
a rule leaves very little if any ~

creative latitude  
he had wide ~ (a filmmaker)

maximum latitude  
he takes speculation to its ~

allow you some latitude  
I'll ~ (judge at jury trial)

**extent & scope: map**

**constraint & lack of constraint: map**

## laugh (last laugh)

have the last laugh  
he may ~ here (congressional hearing)

have a kind of last laugh  
even though the A380 killed off the 747, Boeing will have a ~

♦ Just because you see the teeth of the lion, do not think he is smiling at you!

**revenge: bodily process**

## launch (verb)

launched the age  
he ~ of chemical warfare (Fritz Haber / 1915)

launched an (international appeal  
the Red Cross has ~ for aid (Haiti earthquake)

launched a (court) challenge  
he has ~ against the King (Swaziland)

launched a campaign  
they ~ of civil disobedience (Birmingham)

launched a crackdown  
the government has ~ on corruption

launched a (hugely popular) franchise  
the blockbuster film ~ (X-Men)

launched a movement  
they ~ that has been both applauded and denounced

launched a project  
the department ~ to install lights at crossings (safety)

launched a revolution  
he ~ (astronomer looking at X-ray emitters)

launched a (massive) search  
officials ~ for the missing sailor

launched an (all-out) war  
in 2003 Thailand ~ on meth (Yaba)

launch a (trade) war  
he wants to ~

launched his business

he ~ this spring

**initiation: flying & falling / throwing, putting & planting / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: flying & falling / throwing, putting & planting / verb**

**throwing, putting & planting: flying & falling / mechanism / verb**

**inauguration: flying & falling / mechanism / verb**

## launching pad

launch pads for emotions

murder trials can be ~, which can be sky-high

launching pad for the invasion

Kuwait will be the main ~

launching pad for gay marriage

Hawaii seemed the likely ~

launching pad for the embassy bombings

Somalia was a ~ (1998)

**initiation: mechanism / rocket**

**throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / rocket**

## launder (verb)

laundered (the warden's) money

Andy Dufresne ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / hygiene / verb**

**subterfuge: clothing & accessories / hygiene / verb**

## laundry (laundry list)

laundry list of unacceptable behaviors

a ~

**amount: clothing & accessories**

## laurels (praise)

won more laurels

he ~ leading world-renowned ensembles (Andre Previn)

**achievement, recognition & praise: history / tree**

## law (law of the jungle, etc.)

law of the jungle

for such is the ~, death to the weaker, food to the stronger

**predation: animal / jungle**

**competition: animal / jungle**

## Lawrence (T. E.)

Lawrence of Iraq

Travis Patriquin has been dubbed the T. E. ~

America's "Lawrence of Arabia"

Captain Travis Patriquin, ~ in Ramadi

**conflict: epithet / allusion**

**epithet: history / military**

## lay (lay bare)

lays bare the fault lines

the report ~ that divide this group (Amish)

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / verb**

## lay (lay into)

laid into President Trump's policies

he ~

**accusation & criticism: force / verb**

**speech: force / verb / violence**

## layer (analysis)

layer of the onion

you notice that for every ~ there's another underneath it

layer deeper

we need to dig a ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables / mining**

## lay of the land

lay of the land

he knew the ~ (Congress)

can you give us the ~ (explain something)

**area / environment: ground, terrain & land**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: ground, terrain & land**

## lead (one thing leads to another)

leads his colleagues to "blow up"

the pressure ~ from time to time

led scientists to document

his discovery ~ earlier outbreaks (epidemic)

lead you to your best achievements

the truth is, fear of failure can ~

led me to a different conclusion

my analysis ~

led women to desperate acts

a decade of war has ~ (Chechnya)

led him down a dangerous path

his unswerving belief in himself ~

lead to blindness

trachoma can ~ as eyelashes turn in on the eyeball

lead to the collapse

the situation could ~ of the Iraqi government

led to a confrontation

a feud between next-door neighbors ~

lead to death

even drops of spittle or beads of sweat can ~ (Marburg)



led to death  
pregnancy often ~ in childbirth (19th century US)

lead to dissention  
bonus disparities can ~ in the ranks (military)

leads to doom  
in social-hygiene films, transgressions ~

led to (rapid) innovation  
his modern version of a wing suit has ~ (de Gayardon)

lead to reductions  
price controls ~ in supply and investment

lead to success  
factors that will ~

led to trouble  
how my nighttime walk ~

led to the breakup  
the issue ~ of their marriage (attending sex clubs)

lead to an ileus  
pneumonia can ~, abdominal distention and fever

lead to (intraabdominal) abscess  
intestinal leaks may ~

lead to menstrual dysfunction  
an eating disorder can ~, osteoporosis (athletes)

leads to abuses of power  
secrecy ~ (terrorism investigations)

situation could lead  
the ~ to the collapse of the Iraqi government

**direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb**  
**development: direction / movement / verb**

**leak (verb)**

word leaked  
but on Thursday, ~ that the visa would not be granted

**leaking: water / verb**

**leak (noun)**

leaks of information  
he condemned ~ (FBI investigation)

leak of (classified) information  
the possible ~

leaks to the press  
there had been ~ about... (jetliner crash)

leaks and scoops  
reporters fiercely jockeying for ~

leaks, supposition, speculation, and spin  
there's been ~ (investigation)

**leaking: water**

**leaked**

leaked voice mail  
on his ~, he called his daughter a rude little pig

**leaking: water**

**leak out (verb)**

leak out  
what you tell them would ~ (school counselors)

leaked out in bits and pieces  
the truth ~ (politician)

leaks out in debt repayments  
aid to Africa ~ ("leaking bucket syndrome")

prevent details from leaking out  
they want to ~ (explosion in North Korea)

news leaked out  
the ~ about...

word leaked out  
~ and... (Iraq)

**leaking: water / verb**

**lean (size)**

lean and agile  
the company is ~

lean and nimble  
the company must become more ~

**size: fatness & thinness**  
**ability & lack of ability: fatness & thinness**

**lean (insufficiency)**

lean times  
voters are sick and tired of ~

lean years  
she had some ~ (a professional golfer)

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness**

**lean (lean on)**

lean on them  
we need to ~ (police)

lean on his lawyer, Jeff Sessions and other aides  
the report details his efforts to ~ (obstruction of justice)

**coercion & motivation: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**lean in (verb)**

leaning in  
he has not been trying to hide, he has been ~, begging to tell his story

leaning in on (thorny) issues  
even Obama praised him for ~ (a popular young politician)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### lean into (lean in / into something)

lean into it  
the women pulled no punches, they would just ~  
(scriptwriters for SVU)

leaned in to her heritage  
in recent years Beyoncé has ~ to her heritage, celebrating  
race and culture

**commitment & determination: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### lean towards (verb)

leaning towards voting  
she is ~ for disapproval (declaration of national emergency)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### leap (leap into action, etc.)

leaped to defend him  
Churchill ~ (Stalin / World War II)

leapt into action  
the police ~

leapt into the fray  
eminent academics and writers ~ (literary controversy)

**eagerness & reluctance: movement / walking, running & jumping / verb**

### leap (transmission)

leap from animals to humans  
some viruses can ~

**transmission: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.)

leap, splash and spray  
the ~ of waterfalls

**resemblance: walking, running & jumping**

### leap (commitment)

leap of faith  
you've just got to make a ~, and I'm here to catch you  
take a ~ and trust again or get out (unfaithful spouse)

leap of the imagination  
America is a ~ (history)

leap in faith  
marriage is a ~

**commitment & determination: walking, running & jumping**

**fate, fortune & chance: walking, running & jumping**

### leap (noun)

leaps in (bike) design  
significant ~

leaps in (manufacturing) efficiency

leaps in (math) proficiency  
students have made great ~

leap in (weapons) technology  
this ~

leap to stardom  
she reflects on her ~ (film actor)

leap to television  
they made the ~ (from the early days of film)

leap from booby to boo-boo  
it is a short linguistic ~

leap from mediocrity to greatness  
11 companies that made the ~

leaps and bounds  
the organization was growing by ~  
the intelligence community has grown by ~

technology leap  
every new ~—the longbow, the tank, the atom bomb...

great leap  
students have made ~s in math proficiency

mental leap  
if one can make the ~ to imagine Go in heaven...

short (linguistic) leap  
it is a ~ from booby to boo-boo

significant leap  
~ in bike design

made the leap  
they ~ to television (from the early days of film)

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping**

**throwing, putting & planting: walking, running & jumping**

### leap (leaps and bounds)

by leaps and bounds  
the organization was growing ~

in leaps and bounds  
technology has advanced ~

**increase & decrease: walking, running & jumping**

**speed: walking, running & jumping**

### leapfrog (verb)

leapfrogged (traditional) technology  
China has ~ (cellphone usage)

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## learn (verb)

learned from his losses  
he has ~

**knowledge & intelligence: school & education / verb**

## lease (lease on life)

new lease on life  
the medication gave him a ~  
the new term feels like a ~ (a teacher)  
technology has given publishing a ~

gave him a (new) lease on life  
the medication ~

**amelioration & renewal: document**

## leash (on a leash)

on a constitutional leash  
she believes in a government ~

on a (very) short (constitutional) leash  
she believes in a government ~

keeps him on a short leash  
the company ~ (an actor who is also a pitchman)

**control & lack of control: animal / dog**

**constraint & lack of constraint: animal / dog**

## leave (leave something alone)

leave it alone  
people told me to ~ (don't speak out, get involved, in murder case)

**involvement: direction / verb**

## leech (person)

leech  
the ~, the busy bee, the whiner (types of bad friends)  
~s come with the sudden wealth (pro athletes)  
those ~s take it all (Christian aid groups vs. refugees)

despised the poor as leeches  
he ~ who weakened society (*Atlas Shrugged*)

**affliction: animal / person**

**character & personality: animal / person**

**person: animal**

## leeway (noun)

leeway  
she doesn't allow me any ~

**constraint & lack of constraint: boat**

## left behind (progress)

left behind  
the poor are ~ (services go to wealthy)

**progress & lack of progress: direction**

## left field (out of left field)

come out of left field  
the announcement ~ (unexpected)

\* "This thing was not only from left field, it was from the planet Mars, because it didn't happen..." (A politician dismissing an old accusation of sexual abuse.)

\* This refers to a throw from the left fielder to either first base or home plate, surprising the runner. Ordinarily, a throw from the outfield is cut off by the second baseman. It takes an outfielder with a strong arm to make such a long throw.

**appearance & disappearance: baseball / sports & games**

## leg (first leg, etc.)

leg of the journey  
conditions on the return ~ were worse

leg of the trip  
the plane left for the second ~ to Dover Air Force Base

leg of training  
the final ~ for soldiers trying to become Green Berets

return leg  
conditions on the ~ of the journey were worse

first leg  
the ~ of his journey

second leg  
the plane left for the ~ of the trip to Dover AFB

final leg  
the ~ of training for soldiers trying to become Green Berets

**sequence: leg**

## leg (grow legs)

grew legs  
my website ~ (became successful)

**growth & development: leg / verb**

## leg (leg to stand on)

have a (firm) leg to stand on  
he didn't ~ (Secretary of Labor resigns)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: leg**

## legacy (obsolescence)

legacy costs  
the "~" of retiree health care and pensions (industry)

legacy equipment  
adding high-tech sensors to ~ is expensive and challenging

legacy issues  
there are many companies that need to confront ~

legacy system  
drivers are available for ~s such as Windows 98

"legacy" technology  
~—an industry euphemism for obsolete hardware

legacy thinking

generals are locked in a cold-war mindset—~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: family / history / money**

**transmission: family**

## legacy (effect)

legacy

she talked about her ~, the things she has achieved

legacy of the past

the ~ (history)

legacy of its (Soviet) past

Estonia's effort to sever the ~ (monuments, etc.)

legacy of (vanishing) plants

the seed vault seeks to save the genetic ~ (on Svalbard)

legacy of war

landmines are an insidious ~

legacy of slavery and colonialism

how to deal with the ~

legacy of pain and prejudice

the romance of the West versus its ~ (US)

legacy of the cold war

this terrible ~ (Russian stockpiles of chemical weapons)

war's legacy

the ~ continues to divide Americans (Civil War)

family legacy

~s and obligations

colonial legacy

France's ~ has deepened that alienation (immigrants)

boxing in India is a ~ (sports)

genetic legacy

the seed vault seeks to save the ~ of vanishing plants

insidious legacy

landmines are an ~ of war

multigenerational legacy

families with ~s of college education (vs. poor)

sever the legacy

Estonia's effort to ~ of its Soviet past (monuments, etc.)

deal with the legacy

how to ~ of slavery and colonialism

pass the legacy along to their children's children

~ (Shoshone)

**transmission: family / history / money**

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money**

## legacy (reputation)

legacy

his ~ is tarnished by allegations he... (a boxer)

legacy of failure

given the long ~ at schools like Thomas Jefferson

legacy of love

they left a ~ wherever they went (eulogy)

Manchester's (industrial) legacy

~ (England)

Michigan's (proud shipbuilding) legacy

~ (Lake Michigan)

shipbuilding legacy

Michigan's proud ~ (Lake Michigan)

troubled (racial) legacy

a stark reminder of this city's ~ (St. Louis)

Jewish legacy

there is a rich ~ associated with boxing

industrial legacy

Manchester's ~ (England)

proud (shipbuilding) legacy

Michigan's ~ (Lake Michigan)

racial legacy

a stark reminder of this city's troubled ~ (St. Louis)

rich (Jewish) legacy

there is a ~ associated with boxing

carry on his (great) legacy

a replacement will ~ (Supreme Court justice)

embraced (for itself) the legacy

Gazprom has ~ of Peter the Great (new skyscraper)

**reputation: family / history / money**

**transmission: family**

## legion (noun)

legions of poor

Karachi is a magnet for its ~

legions of other women

and so are ~ ("me too" movement)

**amount: military**

## lemon (noun)

lemon

my car is a ~

**failure, accident & impairment: fruits & vegetables**

**flaws & lack of flaws: fruits & vegetables**

## lend (lend a hand, etc.)

lent an ear

Michael unselfishly ~ to friends in need

lend a hand

can I ~ (help)

**help & assistance: money / verb**

## length (go to any lengths, etc.)

go to any lengths

the corporation will ~ to preserve the system (oil)

**behavior: distance**

**restraint & lack of restraint: distance**

## lens (through a lens)

through many lenses

immigration, ~

through that lens

I see the world through that lens (being biracial)

through the new lens of the memes

looked at ~, human beings...

through the lens of science

experiences now better seen ~ (hearing "voices")

through the lens of a (negative) stereotype

the threat of being viewed ~

through an ethnic lens

he refused to view things ~ (Afghan military man)

through a "theological" lens

he does not view the conflict ~ (Middle East)

**perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology**

## lens (other)

lens onto the (shadowy) world

his arrest provides a ~ of computer hackers

narrow lens

presenting poetry through a ~ of immigration

novel and interesting lens

he has found a ~ through which to view the conflict

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology**

**perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology**

## leper (person)

modern-day lepers

we treat them like ~ (fat people)

♦ In 2009, Egypt sought to close its last leper colony, the Abou Zaabal Leprosarium. The inhabitants of the colony protested, however. Many of them preferred to live in the colony rather than return home to their villages.

**acceptance & rejection: health & medicine / person / society**

**society: health & medicine / person**

**person: society**

## lesson

learned my lesson

I ~

teach the kid a lesson

maybe I want to ~

**knowledge & intelligence: school & education**

## let down (fail)

let me down

don't ~

let us down

don't ~

Leslie did not ~ (a basketball player)

let you down

a book would never ~ (Amos Oz)

let a child down

every case, an adult has ~ (under-age drinking)

let myself down

if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my family down

if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my team down

if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my country down

if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

adult has let a child down

in every case, an ~ (under-age drinking)

dogs let him down

each time, the ~ (fighting pit bulls)

**success & failure: direction / verb**

## lethargic (adjective)

lethargic

the government's response has been ~ (earthquake relief)

lethargic display

that was a ~ (a soccer game)

**activity: health & medicine**

**flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine**

**speed: movement**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement**

## level (take something to a higher level)

took it to a whole new level

yesterday he ~ (criticism of enemies)

**increase & decrease: direction**

## levelheaded (adj)

levelheaded girl

Olga was a ~

**character & personality: equilibrium & stability**

## level (from the ground level)

from the ground level

we want to show the conflict as it looks ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land**

## level (fairness)

on the level

this is not ~ (criminal case thrown out of court)

level of accountability

there needs to be a ~ throughout the system (justice)

level playing field

all we ask for is a ~ (tariffs)

**flaws & lack of flaws : sports & games**

## level off (verb)

leveling off

the epidemic may be ~ (opioid abuse)

**increase & decrease : direction / verb**

**progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb**

## lever (levers of power, etc.)

levers of power

he holds the ~

diplomatic lever

we need to find the right ~ (encouraging democracy)

Russia's (diplomatic) levers

Kim's visit to Moscow is a reminder to Washington of ~

pulls the levers

she ~ of power in Congress and moves legislation

**control & lack of control: mechanism**

## leverage (noun)

leverage over North Korea

China has the most ~

diplomatic leverage

Sadat gained ~ using oil as a political weapon (1973)

**power: tools & technology**

## leverage (verb)

leverage its support

Israel should ~ in decisive talks with the Palestinians

**power: tools & technology / verb**

## leviathan (noun)

leviathans

Britain's two new aircraft carriers are ~

leviathan government

he wants to shrink our ~ (a politician)

leviathan state

they protested against the encroachments of a ~ (health)

intelligence leviathan

9/11 helped to create a sprawling ~

new leviathan

the intelligence services are the ~

become a leviathan

what started as a little startup has ~ (Facebook)

♦ The Behemoth was a huge land monster mentioned in the Book of Job. Its aquatic counterpart was the Leviathan. Both creatures were controlled by God, symbolizing God's power.

**size: allusion / Bible / creature / religion**

## license (noun)

license to publish

this is not a ~ anti-government stories

license to kill

fear or hatred are not a ~ (vigilante action)

interpret this as a license

editors should not ~ to publish anti-government stories

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: document / government**

## lie (lie low)

lying low

the gangs are ~

**activity: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## lie (lie ahead)

lies ahead

the work that ~ will be difficult

we are ready for the struggle that ~ (war)

lie ahead

as we prepare for the elections that ~...

her biggest challenges ~

**future: direction / verb**

## lie down (verb)

lying down

don't think I'll take this ~

we weren't going to take this ~ (Tiger Bay)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## life (give life)

given new life to grievances

the uranium boom has ~ over land and power (Niger)

given new life to an old myth

the controversy has ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb**

## life (bring to life)

brings to life

the exhibit ~ the personalities behind the inventions

brings Copernicus to life  
his new biography ~

bring (educational) exhibits to life  
sound can ~ (natural-sound recordings)

brings the geography to life  
"America from the Air" ~ (picture book)

brings history (really back) to life  
it ~ (illuminating Hadrian's Wall with 500 beacons)

brings him (back) to life  
she ~ sexually (character in film)

**substance & lack of substance: death & life / verb**  
**amelioration & renewal: death & life / verb**

### **life (breathe life)**

breathed life into Germany's campaign  
Reus ~ (important world-cup goal)

breathe life into the (Arab peace) initiative  
the king's effort to ~

breathe life into the sport  
he is trying to find novel ways to ~ (Indy car racing)

**amelioration & renewal: breathing / death & life / verb**

### **life (spring to life)**

sprang to life  
Mount Marapi ~ early this week (volcano)  
the town ~ from nothing (oil)

sprang (vividly) to life  
the issues ~ (heated discussion)

**initiation: death & life / verb**

**activity: death & life / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb**

### **life (from walks of life)**

from all walks of life  
we are ~, but we all love the same thing (hobbyists)  
people ~ gathered (Tunisian protests)

friends from all walks of life  
I have ~

people from all walks of life  
he thinks ~ can relate to his cause

students from all walks of life  
universities should reach out to ~

come from all walks of life  
they ~ (to a funeral)

**society: walking, running & jumping**

### **life (in walks of life)**

in all walks of life  
Azerbaijanis ~ tend to... (opinions)

active in all walks of life  
Muslims are ~ (US)

**society: walking, running & jumping**

### **life (walks of life)**

different walks of life  
you've got five people from completely ~ (D. C. Metro)

spreading into all walks of life  
an epidemic of violence is ~

**society: walking, running & jumping**

### **life (container)**

life  
life is full of surprises  
my ~ is empty

full life  
she lead a ~

**death & life: container**

### **life (life is a building)**

life  
my ~ is in ruins

life crumbled  
my ~

built a good life  
we ~ together

put my life back together  
I'm trying to ~

**death & life: infrastructure**

### **life (mechanism, etc.)**

life of the product  
this product is fully warranted for the ~

life of the (ReadNet) school  
the brief ~ offers a stark lesson... (charter)

life of four hours  
the active battery pack has an estimated ~

hailstone's life  
in a ~ a long time is 10 to 20 minutes

battery life  
laptop users list ~ as their No. 1 complaint

design life  
many bridges are at the end of their ~ (collapses)

shelf life  
extend the ~  
the ~ of a product

toy life  
read the directions for safer play and longer ~

half-life

the elimination ~ is 27 minutes (GHB)  
the drug has a short onset of effect and a short ~

working life  
equipment has outlived its predicted ~ (electric utility)

estimated life  
the active battery pack has an ~ of four hours

extended-life (m)  
~ batteries

predicted (working) life  
equipment has outlived its ~ (electric utility)

brief life  
the ~ of the ReadNet school offers a stark lesson

useful lives  
downtown freeways have reached the end of their ~

at the end of their (design) life  
many bridges are ~ (collapses)

end of their (useful) lives  
downtown freeways have reached the ~

draw new life from old wells  
as the industry improves its ability to ~ (oil)

take on a life of its own  
an injustice can ~ (the law is an ass)

♦ "Every rock face breathes life with its lungs and emanates an energy that is proper only to itself." (The great Slovenian climber Tomaz Humar in "No Impossible Ways.")

**mechanism: death & life**

## life (survival)

political life  
he is fighting for his ~ (a politician)

coming back to life  
the economy is ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life**

## lifeblood

lifeblood of the Gulf  
the estuaries are the ~ (oil spill)

lifeblood of the country  
the Congo River is the ~

lifeblood of the community  
the river is the ~

lifeblood of our communities  
small businesses are the ~ (commerce)

lifeblood of the (modern) economy  
energy is the ~ (California)

lifeblood of the region  
the economic ~ is the river

lifeblood of the town  
the sea was the ~ (fishing, etc.)

lifeblood of (so many) colleges  
federal financial aid is the ~ and vocational schools

Iraq's (economic) lifeblood  
pipelines funnel ~ (oil)

Zambia's (commercial) lifeblood  
mining and sales businesses are ~

Sahel's lifeblood  
the ~ has always been a seasonal monsoon

Mallory's lifeblood  
mystery and danger were ~ (the climber)

commercial lifeblood  
mining and sales businesses are Zambia's ~

economic lifeblood  
the ~ of the region is the river  
pipelines funnel Iraq's ~ (oil)

**bases: blood / death & life**

## lifeline

lifeline  
songwriting has been a ~ (Todd Snider / bipolar, etc.)  
in Somalia, piracy isn't just a business, it's a ~

lifeline for Egypt  
the waters of the River Nile are a ~

lifeline for the (entire) Southwest  
the Colorado River drainage basin, a ~

lifeline for (countless) villages  
the Congo River is the ~ (Congo)

financial lifeline  
Jet Airways is seeking a ~ to avoid collapse (debt)

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / water**

## life support (on life support)

on life support  
Detroit is ~  
the team is ~ (losing)

**condition & status: death & life / health & medicine**  
**decline: health & medicine**

## lift (noun)

temporary lift  
caffeine may give you a ~, but it won't sustain you

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

## lift (verb)

lifted our spirits  
Sara ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb**

## lift (amelioration)

lift the sanctions



they want to ~

**amelioration & renewal: verb / weight**  
**dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / weight**

### **lifting (heavy lifting)**

heavy lifting  
let us do the ~ (ad)

did the heavy lifting  
we ~, and they got the credit (disgusted)

**work & duty: burden / weight**

### **light (in light of)**

in light of the difficulties  
~ facing the Dukha and other traditional peoples

in light of the (uncovered) documents  
an appeal ~ (trial)

in light of (yesterday's) incident

in light of the revelation  
how they would pursue the case ~

in light of (last week's) tragedy

**perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark**

### **light (shining light)**

shining light  
co-workers described Nina as a ~ (died)

**superlative: light & dark**

### **light (guiding light)**

guiding lights of the continent  
the ~ are dull indeed (leaders)

**direction: journeys & trips / light & dark**

### **light (in a light)**

in a different light  
he saw the world ~  
they began to view him ~

in a negative light  
tenants see him ~ (landlord)

**perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark**

### **light (come to light)**

came to light  
the scope of medical errors ~ when...

come to light  
new evidence has ~

came to light two years ago  
the problem ~

evidence has come to light  
new ~

problem came to light  
the ~ two years ago

**appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb**  
**searching & discovery: light & dark / verb**

### **light (bring something to light)**

brought to light  
new findings have been ~ from the old data

**appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb**  
**searching & discovery: light & dark / verb**

### **light (see the light)**

see the light  
it ought to ~ (an unpublished manuscript)

**appearance & disappearance: light & dark**

### **light (shed light)**

shed (no immediate) light on the (June 5) abduction  
his arrest ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark / verb**  
**concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / verb**

### **light (shine a light)**

shine a light on the abuse  
what he did was ~ (prison guard)

shine a light on the women  
we must ~ who have brought knowledge into the world

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / verb**

### **light (make light of something)**

made light of the (whole) situation  
he ~ (pressure)

**substance & lack of substance: weight / verb**

### **lighten (lighten things up, etc.)**

lightened the mood  
the good news ~

lighten things up  
things are getting a little heavy, let's ~

**amelioration & renewal: verb / weight**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: verb / weight**

### **light bulb**

light bulb  
a ~ went off in his head and he... (good idea)

light bulb in kids' heads  
we hope to turn on a ~ about science

light-bulb moment  
you've heard of a ~, this was a spotlight moment  
these ~s feel as if they happen in a flash but...

light bulb went off

a ~ in his head and he... (good idea)

turn on a light bulb

we hope to ~ in kids' heads about science

**idea: light & dark**

**comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark**

## light-hearted (adjective)

seemed light-hearted

she ~ during the re-enactment (of a crime)

**feeling, emotion & effect: weight**

**feeling, emotion & effect: heart**

**heart: weight**

## lighthouse

lighthouses in the storm

at times like that, people are looking for ~ (downturn)

**direction: boat / infrastructure / light & dark / sea**

**protection & lack of protection: boat**

**danger: boat / sea**

## lightly (take something lightly)

take this issue lightly

nobody should ~

**substance & lack of substance: weight**

## lightning (adjective)

lightning advance

the ~ northward continues (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

lightning drive

the ~ to reach Baghdad (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

lightning (offensive) operation

one key to a ~ was making sure...(military)

lightning speed

the catastrophe developed at ~ (submarine)

color graphics downloaded at ~

the US broke again with ~ (soccer team)

the risks of a war that began with ~

the ~ of modern technology

♦ A lightning bolt in Minnesota killed 47 cattle under a willow tree.

♦ An "unprecedented" lightning storm in California sparked more than 840 wildfires.

**speed: lightning / storm**

## lightning (fate)

lightning

~ can strike twice

lightning struck

everything was going good, and then ~

♦ The Malay who had brought Tamb' Itam and the girl to Samarang was there too. 'Not so angry as many,' he said to me, but struck with a great awe and wonder at the 'suddenness of men's fate, which hangs over their heads like a cloud charged with thunder.' (*Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad.)

**fate, fortune & chance: electricity / lightning / sky / storm**

## lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.)

hip-swinging bolt of lightning

he was a ~ (Johnny Hallyday)

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / lightning / storm**

## lightning bolt (comprehension)

lightning-bolt moment

it was a ~ when I knew what I wanted to do (be a singer)

**comprehension & incomprehension: electricity / lightning / storm**

## lightning rod

lightning rod

the university is a ~ for people with political statements

Al Jazeera has always been a ~ (politics)

lightning rod for (public) anger

he became the ~ over the disaster (replaced)

lightning rod for criticism

he became a ~ (a baseball manager)

lightning rod for a (bitter political) debate

the issue became a ~ over whether...

became a lightning rod

the case ~ for outrage in the community (bullying)

♦ Many clerics opposed the use of lightning rods on church steeples, in spite of the fact that the steeples attracted lightning that caused fires. In 1767, the church of San Nazaro in Brescia (Brescia) was hit by lightning 17 years after Benjamin Franklin invented the lightning rod. Inside, several thousand pounds of gunpowder were being stored. The blast destroyed not only the church but one-sixth of the city and killed over 3,000 people.

**attraction & repulsion: electricity / lightning**

## light show

celestial light show

the Leonid meteor shower, that November ~...

**resemblance: theater**

## light up (verb)

lights up the stage

she ~

**superlative: light & dark / verb**

## lightweight (noun)

intellectual lightweight

she's an ~

**substance & lack of substance: boxing / weight**

## light year

light years ahead

she was ~ of her peers

light years away

he is ~ from the keeper he used to be (decline)

**distance: astronomy**

**extent & scope: astronomy**

## Lilliputian (adjective)

Lilliputian scale

photographing life on a ~ (insects)

land of Lilliputians

Tiger Woods has been a giant in a ~ (golf star)

♦The allusion is to the satire *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift, which also contributed *Broddingnagian* to the language.

**size: allusion**

## limb (go out on a limb)

go out on a limb

French climbers are notorious for being willing to ~

go out on a limb to hide

they are willing to ~ him (a terrorist)

willing to go out on a limb

they are ~ to hide him (a terrorist)

**fate, fortune & chance: tree / verb**

## limbo (in limbo)

in limbo

plans are ~

the children are ~ (schools destroyed by earthquake)

his fate is ~ (general in trouble with president)

the British Government is ~ (hung Parliament)

he has been ~ waiting for his case to be resolved

we are always ~ and we just don't know...

in health-care limbo

certain of the sick find themselves ~

in legal limbo

they are in ~ (spouses of terrorists in Syria)

stuck in limbo

the results of the first vote were ~ (votes stolen)

remain in limbo

the results ~ (election)

remains in limbo

Boeing ~ as it figures out its next steps

left people in limbo

failure to agree on regulations has ~

left the (British) people in limbo

the endless negotiations have ~ (Brexit)

**situation: container / religion**

**action, inaction & delay: religion**

**environment: religion**

**certainty & uncertainty: religion**

**progress & lack of progress: religion**

## limelight (in the limelight)

in the limelight

it takes a special ability to be ~ and then be invisible

moment in the limelight

he had a ~, 30 years later

he had his most significant ~ a dozen years ago

back in the limelight

he is ~ (fashion)

basked in the limelight

they ~ (officials)

stay in the limelight

he would do anything to ~

spend three weeks in the limelight

after vanishing for 30 years, he has ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark**

## limit (push the limits, etc.)

pushed the limits

she has ~ too far (nudity)

**behavior: boundary / verb**

**restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb**

## limits (push something to its limits)

pushed to its limits

the agency has been ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: boundary / verb**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: boundary / verb**

**restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb**

**constraint & lack of constraint: boundary / verb**

## limp (verb)

limping along

the US economy is ~

**progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running**

**& jumping / verb**

**condition & status: movement / walking, running & jumping**

**/ verb**

## limp (noun)

limp

if there is a trend afoot, it has a distinct ~

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping**

## linchpin

linchpin of medicine

nursing's roles as a ~ goes largely unreported

linchpins of the (US) strategy

a strong national army and police force are the ~ (war)

**bases / importance & significance: mechanism**

♦ A linchpin is a fastener used on hitches and axels. In the case of axels, it prevents the wheels from falling off.

♦ "Nurses are the linchpins of hospitals, and when we lose them the wheels of medicine fall off."

## line (end of the line, etc.)

end of the line

it's not the ~, it's the beginning of the line (rehab)

end of the line for him

this is the ~ (arrested for murder)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: line / train**

## line (a hard line, etc.)

tough line

taking a ~ on enforcement

conservative line

the ~ that gay civil unions threaten...

hard-line

China's ~ policy

Trump's ~ rhetoric

**position, policy & negotiation: line**

## line (division)

lines of class, race and education

domestic violence crosses all ~

caste lines

the public taps are divided along ~ (India)

color line

the ~ is a fundamental U.S. problem

company lines

collaboration is occurring across ~

gender lines

when issues divide along ~

poverty line

the minimum wage is below the ~

living below the ~

sex line

the class divided along ~s (like or dislike of author)

ethnic lines

groups divided along ~

ideological lines

the court's ruling broke along ~ (Supreme Court)

racial lines

threatened to divide our nation along ~ (hate crime)

there's a distinct blurring of the ~ here (South Africa)

thin blue line

the ~ (policemen)

blurring of the (racial) lines

there's a distinct ~ here (South Africa)

variations across (geographic or demographic) lines

~ (a survey)

economic and educational lines

typically breaks down among ~

ethnic and class lines

the drug is crossing ~ (Ecstasy)

gender and cultural lines

when applied across ~

geographic or demographic lines

variations across ~ (a survey)

lines are drawn

the ~ (nomination fight / politics)

crossing (ethnic and class) lines

the drug is ~ (Ecstasy)

crosses all lines

domestic violence ~ of class, race and education

crossed (party) lines

Democrats ~

cuts across (ideological) lines

the movement now ~ (animal welfare)

broke along (ideological) lines

the court's ruling ~ (Supreme Court)

divided along (racial) lines

a Southern society that was still sharply ~

divided along (ethnic) lines

groups ~

♦ Actual lines include such things as picket lines and security lines.

**division & connection: boundary / line**

## line (categories)

line between life and death

the ~ proved a thin one (victims of terror attack)

line between abled and disabled

he has erased the ~ (Oscar Pistorius)

line between news and entertainment

he straddles the ~ (TV personality)

line between video games and movies

realism blurs the ~...

line between observer and participant

the ~ (bombings / Iraq)

line between saint and sinner

there is sometimes a fine or blurry ~

line between martyrdom and suicide

she explores the ~ (author)

line between the real and the unreal

the ~ in popular culture seems ever more blurred

line between teaching and criticizing

the delicate ~ (coaching)

line between making a point and belaboring it

there is a fine ~

line between reality and play-acting  
the ~ is not clear in both movies and wrestling

line between normal and abnormal  
the ~ (psychiatry)

delicate line  
the ~ between teaching and criticizing (coaching)

fine line  
there is a ~ between making a point and belaboring it

fine or blurry line  
there is sometimes a ~ between saint and sinner

line has (gradually) blurred  
but the ~ as...

lines are blurring  
the ~ (between hotels and Airbnb)

blur the line  
some writers ~ (between genre and literature)

blurs the line  
realism ~ between video games and movies...

erased the line  
he has ~ between abled and disabled (Oscar Pistorius)

straddles the line  
he ~ between news and entertainment (TV personality)

**division & connection: boundary / line**

### **line (out of line)**

a little out of line  
I think you are ~ here...

**behavior: boundary / line**

### **line (finish line)**

finish line of retirement  
deep into the rat race, far from the ~

push the bill across the finish line  
they are hoping to ~ (politics)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: line / sports & games**

### **line (battle lines, etc.)**

battle lines are forming  
the ~ in the dispute

battle lines are hardening  
the ~ over the issue (abortion)  
the ~ as the rulers dig in (Middle East protests)

battle lines are being drawn  
the ~ (politics)

battle lines have been drawn  
the ~ (liberals versus conservative)

last line

*habeus corpus* is the ~ of defense, a Hail Mary (law)

**conflict: military**

### **line (over the line)**

go over the line  
"Anything goes... As long as you don't ~ (Las Vegas)

stepped over the line  
some people believe the group has ~ (ELF)

**behavior: boundary / line**

### **line (cross the line)**

crossed the line  
her comments ~ (racer complains about pit crew)

crossed a (constitutional) line  
the suit argues the law ~

**behavior: boundary / line / verb**

### **line (tread a line, etc.)**

treading a (delicate) line  
the government is ~ between...

walk a (really) fine line  
the government has to ~ (indictment)

walks a (very) fine line  
the indictment ~ here (case against Assange)

**fate, fortune & chance: boundary / line / verb**  
**fate, fortune & chance: walking, running & jumping**

### **line (on the line)**

on the line  
the season is ~ on Sunday (a sports team)

**fate, fortune & chance: line**

### **line (toe a line, etc.)**

treading a (delicate) line  
the government is ~ between...

follow the (I.M.F.'s) line  
countries that ~ but still fail to grow...

parroted the (official) line  
he ~ about enemy losses

toed the (Republican) line  
he has ~ (a politician)

toes the line  
not everyone ~

toe the line  
the judges refused to ~ (dispute with president)

**unanimity & consensus: line / verb**

### **line (government line, etc.)**

company line  
researchers toe the ~

government line  
the ~ about Waco is being challenged

party line  
he is not touting a ~

official line  
he parroted the ~ about enemy losses

**sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: line**

## line (red line)

red line  
this is a ~ that should not be crossed (national defense)  
a ~ for us is if we see chemical weapons (diplomacy)  
the use of chemical weapons would be a "~" that...

**behavior: boundary / line**

## line up (verb)

lined up to call  
Republicans have ~ on him to quit (politics)

**unanimity & consensus: line / verb**

## linger (verb)

lingers in our minds  
each of us has a single meal that ~

linger for 20 hours  
the Predator can ~ over a battlefield (military)

anxiety lingered  
~ long after the threat had passed

effects will linger  
the psychological ~...

hope lingers  
~ for youngster's return (missing)

questions linger  
he was released from prison, but ~...

storm lingers  
the longer the ~, the longer we will see impacts

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb**

## lingering

lingering doubts  
put to rest any ~ about...  
jurors who may hold ~ about their guilty verdict...

lingering fears  
~ over safety (terrorism)

lingering irritant  
his decision was a ~ to Republicans

lingering smell  
the ~ of smoke (restaurant fire)

lingering stereotype

the ~ of depression being a female condition

lingering tensions  
~ burst into violence

lingering threat  
software can prevent much of the ~ of known viruses

lingering fears or concerns  
try to address any ~ he may have (toddler)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement**

## link (weak link)

weakest link in the (global) chain  
you're only as secure as the ~ of information (Internet)

weak link on the team  
he's a ~

**strength & weakness: chain**

## lion (strength and weakness)

old lion  
the kid is getting his shot against the ~ (boxing)

**strength & weakness: animal / lion / person**

## lion (courage)

lion's heart  
I have a ~ (winning boxer after hard match)

liberal lion  
they were ~s of a past generation (Supreme Court)

courage of a lion  
she had the ~ (Sicilian journalist slain in Afghanistan)

♦ The jackal is a lion in his own country!

♦ It is better to die like a lion than live like a dog!

♦ It is better to be a live dog than a dead lion!

**courage & lack of courage: animal / lion / person**  
**person: animal / lion**

## lion's share

lion's share of the attention  
a few books get the ~

lion's share of the burden  
the US is willing to do the ~, but we can't do it alone

lion's share of the credit  
he deserves the ~ (coach)

lion's share of the rewards  
they reap the ~

deserves the lion's share  
he ~ of the credit (coach)

get the lion's share  
a few books ~ of the attention

**amount: animal / food & drink / lion**

## lip (speech)

### lip

their ~s are sealed down at City Hall (trying to get info)  
his ~s are not sealed

### loose lips

~ sink ships (wartime)

### speech: mouth

## lip service (pay lip service, etc.)

### paying lip service

can you really address the issues rather than ~ (a judge)

### give lip service to cooperating

they ~ (war against terrorism)

### pays lip service to its commitment

Europe only ~ to the nuclear deal (Iran)

### paid lip service to it

every supervisor at least ~ (change)

### pay lip service to (fiscal) responsibility

politicians ~

### pay lip service to the rules

most at least ~ (politics)

### symbolic, lip service, or pandering

is it ~ to get the black vote (reparations)

♦ "I'll try...", "I'll get back to you...", "We'll see...", "I guess...", "Your guess is as good as mine...", "I'll bear it in mind," "I hear what you say..." (Paying lip service.)

♦ "I think it's absolutely fine, I do." "I think it's great." "I have no problem with it whatsoever." (Comments about a gay marriage by a politician that some considered to be paying lip service to LGBT rights.)

♦ "We should have that conversation; We need to have that conversation; What an interesting idea, I think we should have that conversation..." (Excellent ways not to say yes or no, to make no commitment, while at the same time sounding sympathetic.)

♦ "You're not gonna die, you're gonna be fine." (*Reservoir Dogs*.)

♦ "Good luck with that!"

♦ Nasreddin decided to become a judge and make some money. Ali came to him one day to complain about Saleh. Nasreddin listened and said, "You're right, you're right, you're right." Ali gave money to Nasreddin and left happy. Then Saleh came in to complain about Ali. Nasreddin listened and said, "You're right, you're right, you're right." Saleh gave money to Nasreddin and left happy. Nasreddin's wife was not happy. "How can you say Ali is right, and then say Saleh is right," she exclaimed indignantly. "You're right, you're right, you're right," replied Nasreddin.

### speech: mouth

### sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

## lipstick (appearance)

### lipstick

no matter how much ~ you put on a pig, it's still a pig

### appearance & reality: materials & substances

## lit (lit up)

### lit up with (anti-aircraft) fire

the sky ~

### activity: light & dark / verb

## litany (noun)

### litany of charges

he is facing a ~

### litany of errors

let's go through the ~ (poor crisis management)

### amount: religion

## litmus test

### litmus test for (Russia's) democracy

the West sees the trial as a ~

### litmus test for (EU) membership

they insist on cooperation as a ~

### diplomatic litmus test

officials caution against turning issues into ~s

### evidence / experimentation: chemistry

## littered (verb)

### littered with (environmental) time bombs

Central and Eastern Europe are ~

### configuration: waste

## live (location)

### living

so where did you find this comet, where is it ~

### lives here

the Sugar Bowl ~ (ad for TV network)

### lives in the indictments

that information ~

### lives in different language

the subjunctive still ~ in quite strong ways (not in English)

### live at the top

banners that ~ of YouTube's homepage (expensive ads)

### living on YouTube

some of the clips were ~ months ago

### lives in his archive

he wrote a memo to file that ~ in which he...

### live beneath Western Front

World War I munitions still ~ (NPR)

### avalanche lives

we climb where the ~

### heat lives

that's where the ~ (the seeds in chilies)

♦ "The enemy stands 602 feet tall and weighs 15 million tons." (Shasta Dam versus the Winnemen Wintu group, which is opposed to making the dam higher.)

### location: house

### place: house / death & life

## live (alive)

live and ongoing

it's still ~ in the field (Extreme Ice Survey)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life**  
**condition & status: death & life**

## live (live with something)

live with it

so I learned to ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life**

## live up to (something)

live up to the commitments

we expect the Japanese to ~ they have made

live up to expectations

many athletes do not ~ (behavior problems)

live up to those expectations

the training they go through to in order to ~

lived up to (family) expectations

he never ~ (a drifter)

live up to (fans') expectations

he may never ~ but... (player with big salary)

lived up to the hopes

the claims for brain imaging have not ~ (psychiatry)

live up to the hype

the fight did not ~ that it received (boxing)

live up to its (professed) ideals

an American failure to ~ (New Orleans hurricane)

live up to the image

it's harder for him to ~ the public has of him (a poet)

live up to the (gangsta) image

there are those who work to ~

live up to their obligations

both countries should ~ under the agreement

lived up to its promise

if Pakistan ~ on infiltration, New Delhi would...

live up to you (campaign) promise

do you think it's so difficult to ~

lived up to (longstanding) promises

he has not ~ to tribal groups (Brazil)

lived up to their reputation

Bayer Leverkusen, who ~ (soccer team)

lived up to his responsibilities

he has not always ~

live up to my own standards

I have failed to ~ (an abusive coach)

live up to his own standards

he failed to ~

live up to its (own stated) values

the US has failed to ~ (secret prisons, etc.)

live up to their vows

a majority who took the pledge did not ~ (virginity)

live up to its words

we are simply asking BP/Amoco to ~ (environment)

lived up to its expectations or talent

the team never ~

live up to the conditions of the agreement

local officials would not ~ (Red Cross program)

failed to live up to

the US has ~ its own stated values (secret prisons, etc.)

**commitment & determination: direction / verb**

**responsibility: direction / verb**

## live on (verb)

live on

there is no doubt that his books will ~ (VS Naipaul)

lived on

the bomber was dead, but the threat ~ (unexploded bombs)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life / verb**

## live wire (person)

live wire

she was a ~ (outspoken, passionate, talented, dedicated, etc.)

**character & personality: electricity / person**

## livid (adjective)

livid that

she is ~ her husband is dating...

**feeling, emotion & effect: blood / color**

## living (adjective)

living document

the Constitution is a ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life**

## load (work)

load of a (college) professor

he's teaching double the normal ~ (adjunct)

full load of classes

it may be hard to juggle a ~ and a job

course load

I adjusted to the new ~

workload

teachers complained about the increased ~



teaching and research load

faculty members can reduce the ~ by half

parenting load

she has been carrying the full ~

extra load

the types of ~ that we are placing on teachers

full load

it may be hard to juggle a ~ of classes and a job

full (parenting) load

she has been carrying the ~

normal load

he's teaching double the ~ of a college professor (adjunct)

bear (some of) the load

build a new airport to ~ (Chicago)

carrying the (full parenting) load

she has been ~

handle the load

the system can barely ~ (airline travel)

**work & duty: burden / weight**

## loan shark

loan shark

he borrowed the money from a ~ (TCN)

**predation: animal / shark**

## lock (lock something away)

locked it away

it was embarrassing, so I ~ (sexually assaulted)

**concealment & lack of concealment: key / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: key / verb**

## lock (under lock and key)

kept under lock and key

the report was meant to be ~ (Catholic Church)

**concealment & lack of concealment: key**

## locked (locked in a battle, etc.)

locked in a (custody) battle

they are ~

locked in a (seesaw) battle

they are ~ for the strategic city

locked in a (fierce and noisy) debate

Tunisians are ~ about the role of Islam in politics

locked in a (bitter) dispute

they are ~ over Kashmir

**configuration: doors & thresholds**

**division & connection: doors & thresholds**

**attachment: infrastructure**

## locker (noun)

Web locker (m)

he is a prominent ~ operator (file sharing)

**computer: container**

## lockstep (in lockstep)

in lockstep

they were all ~, working together (Boeing, FAA)

march in lockstep

climate and carbon dioxide clearly ~ (Antarctic ice)

work in "lockstep"

Obama said the US would ~ with Israel to prevent...

working in lockstep

Obama is ~ with the Israelis

**unanimity & consensus: line / military / walking, running & jumping**

## lodestar

lodestar of my life

Mother Teresa was the ~

Taliban's spiritual lodestar

his involvement was minimal, yet he remained the ~ (Mullah Omar)

♦ A lodestar refers to the North Star, or to stars that help people to find the North Star. As such, it relates to direction and following.

♦ Somebody sent an anonymous op-ed article to the *New York Times*. The writer included the word "lodestar." People interested in "outing" the anonymous article focused on that "rarely used word" to try to determine who sent it. ("Does 'lodestar' guide us to anti-Trump op-ed author?" BBC, 6 September 2018.)

**direction: astronomy / journeys & trips**

## lodestone

lodestone for migrants

Angola has become a ~ (2009 / from Congo)

♦ A lodestone is a piece of naturally magnetic rock, once used in primitive compasses for roughly indicating the direction of north.

**direction: astronomy / journeys & trips / tools & technology**

## lofty (adjective)

lofty rhetoric

he is known for his ~ (a politician)

**achievement, recognition & praise: height**

## logjam

logjam

coat checks and valet parking can become ~s (malls)

logjam of traffic

he looks out onto an endless ~

logjam on death row

the execution does not signal a break in the ~

logjam in Washington

there is such a ~ (politics)

logjam (with Congress) over the president's plan  
he seeks a way to break the ~

data logjam  
limited storage media has created a scientific ~

bureaucratic logjam  
despite the ~s the Army faced in stepping up...

ideological logjam  
progress has been stuck in an ~ (warming)

legislative logjam  
squabbling could lead to a ~ (politics)

partisan logjam  
the White House seeks to break the ~ (politics)

political logjam  
the ~ must be dislodged

break in the logjam  
the execution does not signal a ~ on death row  
not everyone is happy about the ~ (politics)

polarization and logjam  
they talked about the ~ in Congress

break the logjam  
we must ~ (politics)  
Islamic leaders are working to ~ (immunizations)

♦ "The Great Log Jam" by Stewart Edward White is a terrific account of an actual log jam. It appeared in Frank Leslie's *Popular Monthly*, Vol. LII No. 3 in July, 1901, and it is an account of the Great Log Jam of 1883 on the Grand River in Michigan. It was perhaps the largest logjam in the history of logging.

♦ What profession was associated with marking hammers, peaveys, pike poles, and wanigans? (Answer: old-style logging and log drives on rivers.)

**obstacles & impedance: river**

## loiter (verb)

loiter in the sky  
drones can ~ for several hours and spy... (warfare)

loiter (in the sky) for several hours  
drones can ~ and spy (warfare)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb**

## lone wolf

lone-wolf attack  
it's difficult to protect against ~s (terrorism)

lone wolf individual  
a dozen ~s with ties to the group have been caught

racist "lone wolves"  
Obama has enraged ~

**society: animal / wolf**  
**predation: animal / wolf**

## long (time)

long nights in the stir  
I've had some ~, that was the longest (Shawshank Redemption)

**time: distance**

## long-run (adjective)

long-run impact  
the ~ on the world economy

**time: distance / walking, running & jumping**

## long shot

long shot  
the horse is a ~ to win

**fate, fortune & chance: weapon**

## look (analysis)

look at Chernobyl  
if you ~ you will find...

look at Poland  
so let's ~ (talk show)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: eye / verb**

## look (look back)

looked back  
I switched girlfriends and never ~

look back  
was there a low point when you ~ (addiction)

look back on her accomplishments  
we ~ (tribute to woman who died)

look back on your life  
sometimes you ~ and wonder..

look back through rose-tinted glasses  
it is easy to ~ and miss problematic details (history)

**past & present: direction / eye / verb**

## look (it looks like, etc.)

it looks like he is heading  
~ for a fourth consecutive term (parliamentary election)

**future: eye**

## look (look for)

looking for how  
we're really ~ we can improve...

looking for answers  
we are ~

looking for excuses  
I think you're ~

looking for love

Don was online ~, like millions of other men...

look for opportunities  
~ to develop new skills...

look for patterns  
~ in your preferences (job hunt)

looking for (better) opportunities  
they are always ~ (jobs)

looking for sympathy  
the amputee is not ~ (an amputee)

looking for trouble  
if you ask me, he was ~

look for (new) ways  
~ to apply knowledge management

looking for something  
they meander about, ~ to do (kids)

looking for something new  
women are always ~ in cosmetics

started looking  
the four partners ~ for help

**searching & discovery: eye / verb**

**look (look forward to something, etc.)**

look towards smaller parties  
he can now ~ to build a government (election winner)

look forward to going  
I don't ~ to work tomorrow...

looking forward to going  
Andrea was ~ on holiday...

look forward to hearing  
I ~ if he made it to Katahdin (AT)

look forward to seeing  
I ~ you in Detroit

looking forward to seeing  
he was ~ his wife and children

looking forward to spending  
he was ~ time with his grandchildren

looked forward to watching  
she ~ the World Cup (marine in Iraq)

look forward to the class  
students should ~ (teacher training)

look forward to and accept  
some people ~ death (nursing)

**future: direction / eye / verb**

**look (look into something)**

looking into what  
is anybody ~ happened or...

looking into whether  
they are ~ foam produced... (Columbia disaster)  
investigators are ~ the attack was...  
federal agents are ~ he violated...

looking into (food) allergies  
my son has become a biter and we are ~

look into the case  
they agreed to ~ of Amy Wroe Bechtel (Vidocq Society)

looking into the complaint  
authorities are ~ of a Saudi camel owner who...

look into a (horrible) crime  
the soldiers were asked to ~ (Iraq atrocity)

look into ecoterrorism  
the FBI said it would ~ as a possible motive

looking into evidence  
is the White House ~ that American POWs may...

look into (Baluch) grievances  
committees set up last year to ~ (Pakistan)

look into it  
this is the first I've heard of it, I'll ~  
we'll ~, thanks for bring it to my attention...

look into the matter  
he'll ~

looking into the possibility  
officials were ~ that tribal leaders had...

looking into the (various) theories  
engineers ~ (plane crash)

look into ways  
or you could ~ of covering it up with destroying it

look into transferring  
maybe you should ~ to another school

investigators are looking into  
~ who received traffic tickets in... (murder)

**searching & discovery: eye / verb**

**look (look the other way)**

looked the other way  
corrupt officials ~ (contract)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb**

**look (look up to somebody)**

look up to my father as a role model  
I've always been able to ~

looked up to Bruce Lee as a role model  
he ~ (the martial arts star)

looked up to him in high school  
I ~

looked up to them all my life

I've ~ (Native Americans)

looked up to him ever since  
he flew in space, and the US has ~ (John Glenn)

**admiration & contempt: eye / height / verb**

### look (look down on something)

look down on me  
I am suffering every day when people ~ (immigrant)

**admiration & contempt: eye / gesture / height / verb**

### look up (verb)

looking up  
Rhyl's image is ~ (English town)  
New York's economy is ~ (post 9/11)  
things are ~, progress is being made

**progress & lack of progress: direction / eye / verb**

### loom (loom large, etc.)

looms large over Wisconsin  
the president still ~ (elections)

loom over the game  
those larger issues ~ (football and CTE)

**presence & absence: height / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: height / verb**

**superiority & inferiority: height / verb**

### loop (in the loop)

in the loop  
we make sure you are ~ at every step (financial planning)

**knowledge & intelligence: shape**

### loophole (noun)

loophole  
until the ~ is closed...

legal loophole  
many believe in wriggled through a ~ (Rubin Carter case)

exploiting that loophole  
unions are exploiting ~ (politics and money)

used a loophole  
he ~ to keep practicing (a bad doctor)

♦ Defenders fire weapons through loopholes in a fortification.

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

### loose (let loose)

let loose  
after silence on the issue, he ~ in attacks on his enemies  
(politics)

**constraint & lack of constraint: hand / speech / verb**

### loose ends

tied up loose ends

I put my affairs in order, ~

tie up some loose ends  
in this last episode, I'll try to ~ (podcast)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: rope**

### loosen (verb)

loosened their grip  
tradition, ideology, and religion have ~ in the West

**control & lack of control: hand / verb**

### loot (verb)

loot the assets  
they could no longer ~ of the Venezuelan people

**taking & removing: crime / verb**

### Lord of the Flies

Lord of the Flies  
you've got ~ if you take a small group of young men...  
(*Lords of Chaos*)

**behavior / oppression / violence: allusion**

### lord over (verb)

lorded over his (C.E.O.) son  
the father still ~ (corporation)

lorded over their slaves  
the plantation owners ~

**power: royalty / verb**

**oppression: royalty / verb**

### lose (extinction)

lose the big apes  
in 30 years we could ~ from central Africa

losing their cultural heritage  
Nigerians are ~ (indigenous languages versus English)

lose Lake Baikal  
the warnings of scientists who say "we will ~"

**appearance & disappearance: death & life / verb**

### lose (through death)

lost him  
my dad loved this place and then I ~ (father died)

lost one of its own  
the police force has ~

♦ He is no longer with us.

**euphemism: death & life**

### lose out (verb)

lost out to home refrigerators  
block ice ~

**competition: sports & games / verb**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sports & games**  
/ verb

## loser (noun)

winners and losers  
there will be ~ (the economy)

**success & failure: sports & games**

## lost (direction)

lost in illusions  
the expectation leaves us ~ (that history progresses)

easy to get lost  
it's ~ in the music

got lost in the murk  
I ~ of the situation

get lost in the music  
it's easy to ~

get lost in a (large) school  
a lot of kids ~ (immigrants, etc.)

got lost in a bureaucratic maze  
when her scholarship money ~...

leaves us lost  
the expectation ~ in illusions (that history progresses)

**direction: journeys & trips**

## lost (extinction)

lost with her generation  
the Blues will be ~ (the great blues singer Mary Lane)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips**

## lost (death)

lost  
so many lives were ~ here (at a concentration camp)

**euphemism: death & life**

## lottery

lottery winner  
he is a genetic ~ (an athlete)

academic lottery  
getting into his class is winning the ~

**success & failure: gambling**

**fate, fortune & chance: gambling**

## loudmouth (person)

bombastic loudmouths  
stop listening to the ~ on the radio, TV and internet

**character & personality: speech**

**speech: person**

## low (decline)

brought low

he has been ~

**decline: direction**

## low (lying low)

lying low  
he is ~ over fears for his safety

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: height**

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / height / hunting**

## lubricant

social lubricant  
alcohol is a crucial ~ (Great Britain)

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism**

## lukewarm (adjective)

lukewarm to Trump  
the state was ~ but has since converted

**allegiance, support & betrayal: temperature**

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

**eagerness & reluctance: temperature**

## luminary (noun)

luminaries  
where the president and other ~ sat... (graduation)

establishment luminaries  
she attracted ~ to the board (Kissinger, Shultz, Mattis, etc.)

**achievement, recognition & praise: light & dark**

**superlative: light & dark**

## lung (atmosphere)

lungs of Southeast Asia  
it is sometimes called the ~ (Borneo and its forests)

planet's "lungs"  
the Amazon is considered to be part of the ~

Mumbai's last green lung  
the Aarey forest is often referred to as ~

**biodiversity: atmosphere / breathing / epithet / lung**

## lurch (verb)

lurched from scandal to scandal  
Facebook has ~ over the past months

**equilibrium: verb / walking, running & jumping**

## lure (verb)

lured him out of the bar  
they ~ and robbed him

**attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting / verb**

**pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb**

## lure (noun)

lure of the Himalayas  
the ~ is still with Tomaz Humar (climber)

lure of (modern) conveniences  
the ~, steady jobs and a cash economy (to the Inuit)

lure of the north  
the ~ is hard to overcome (migrants)

lure of the (majestic) peaks  
the ~ pulled him back (Montana Blackfoot)

lure of sex  
he used the ~ to get athletes to his club

lure of the summit  
the ~ proved stronger than a fear of death (climbing)

lure of the water  
the ~ was too much (drowning incident)

lure of wealth  
the ~ provides powerful incentives (capitalism)

lure of easy money  
the ~ sparked a land boom (Everglades)

lure of multiple majors  
at many universities, the ~ has become so strong

lure of cheap homesteads and easy money  
the ~ sparked a land boom

lure of investing  
for many, the ~ is the thrill of uncertain reward (stocks)

♦ What do you have if you have a Damsel Dredger, a Braided Bitch, a Crystal Rubber Bugger, a Pulsating Caddis, or a Gold Beaded Poopah? (Trout flies for fly fishing.)

♦ In the southern Appalachians, hunters will hang a ham from a tree on the crest of the ridge to lure bears to the scent. They will return to the bait with dogs, which will follow the scent of the bear. Such baiting is illegal.

**attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting**  
**pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting**

## **lurk (verb)**

lurking  
if you've had a heart attack, another could be ~  
how many quakes are ~ in unknown faults

lurks in every direction  
danger ~

lurk in every shadow  
for some people, dangers ~ (anxiety)

terrorism lurks  
~ in small towns and rural areas (as well as cities)

**predation: animal / verb**

## **lurking**

lurking danger  
he was seized by a gut feeling of ~

**predation: animal**

## **lust (noun)**

lust for gold

the word lust has wider application: ~, lust for power

lust for power  
he has been described as having a ~ and money  
the word lust has wider application: lust for gold, ~

lust for war  
his brutality and ~ (a Marine)

lust for power and money  
he has been described as having a ~

curb their lust  
politicians need to ~ for contributions

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: sex**

## **luster**

luster of (unlimited) promise  
he arrived in Washington with the ~ (a politician)

lost its luster  
but in the 1960s, Detroit ~

**reputation: light & dark**

## **lynching (media lynching, etc.)**

victim of a (media) lynching  
his lawyer claims he is the ~

**judgment: history / violence**

**oppression: history / violence**

# **M**

## **machine (publicity machine, etc.)**

anthem machine  
George M. Cohan was an ~ (songwriting)

entertainment machine  
Hollywood is an ~ constantly hungry for new talent

meat machines  
stop treating animals like ~ (factory farms)

publicity machine  
as the ~ rolled forward (for a film)

Scream Machine  
we put in just below ~ (Green Gorge / kayaking)

war machine  
factory workers for the ~  
the diamond trade fuels the ~ (Angola)

well-oiled machine  
the team is a ~ (sports)  
his administration is not a ~ (politics)

killing machine  
the hydraulic below a dam is a ~ (kayaking, swimmers)  
the crocodile is an efficient ~  
when let outside, the typical house cat turns into a ~

marketing machine  
the league's ~ (N.B.A)

money-making machine  
he was once a ~ worth \$400 million (a boxer)

cog in the (Norwegian pedagogical) machine  
he thinks of himself as a ~

**creation & transformation / functioning / operation:**  
**mechanism**  
**creation & transformation / functioning / operation:**  
**manufacturing**

### machine (sex machine)

sex machine  
I told them he was a ~ (my boyfriend)

**sex: mechanism**

### machinery (noun)

machinery of law enforcement  
the ~

**operation / functioning: mechanism**

### mad (crazy)

mad scramble  
organizers start the ~ to... (international festival)

baseball-mad (m)  
the crowd of ~ Habaneros (Cuba)

business-mad  
Hanoi is brash and ~

celebrity-mad  
a ~ world

football-mad (m)  
~ F.S.U.

hockey-mad (m)  
in ~ Canada

soccer mad  
Turks are ~

status-mad (m)  
~ consumers

totally mad  
it's mad, ~ (running with bulls at Pamplona)

**enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health**  
**madness (enthusiasm)**

March Madness  
college basketball fans look forward to ~

**enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health**

### maelstrom (in a maelstrom)

in a maelstrom of (negative) attention  
he has found himself ~ (an athlete)

**amount & effect: sea**

### maelstrom (other)

swept up in this maelstrom  
savings are ~ (electronic stock exchanges)

**amount & effect: sea**

### magic (magic bullet, etc.)

magic bullet  
nothing yet has proved a ~ (against oak-killing spore)

magic cure  
there is no ~ (for kid fire-setting behavior)

magic formula  
there is no ~, but try... (predicting NCAA winner)  
we don't have a ~ for predicting wildfires

magic wand  
I wish I could wave a ~ and make it all better  
there's no ~ (to fix aging Chicago El system)

magic word  
the ~s are "please," "thank you" (adult to 3-year-old)  
there are no ~s to motivate every student (a teacher)  
"I want to speak to a supervisor" can be ~s (disputes)

works its magic  
the digital effects team ~ (on a commercial)

**amelioration & renewal: magic**

### magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)

Magic Dragon  
their classic hit, "Puff, the ~"

Magic Kingdom  
smiling faces at the ~ (Disney)

Magic Slate  
paper and pencils, ~s, communication boards

**proper name: magic**

### magic (magic moment, etc.)

magic moment  
that ~ when you feel the team spirit coming together

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic**

### magic (trail magic, etc.)

trail magic  
we experienced a lot of ~ (on AT Trail / trail angels)

**fate, fortune & chance: magic**

**help & assistance: magic**

### magic (effect)

magic spell  
80 types of weapons and a dozen ~s (computer game)

magic mushrooms  
amphetamines, LSD, ~, amyl nitrate and Ecstasy

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic**

### **magical (effect)**

magical

the effect was ~ (a new drug)

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic**

### **magical (versus reality)**

magical shortcut

joining the military should not be a ~ to hero status

**appearance & reality: magic**

### **Maginot Line**

Maginot Line between two (warring) worlds

14th Street was the ~ (Manhattan theater world)

**division & connection: allusion / history / military**

### **magnet (attraction)**

magnet for Muslims

Makkah is a ~ (Haj)

magnets for beggars

mosques are ~ (Harar / end of Haj)

magnet for business

they want to make it once again a ~ (lower Manhattan)

magnet for (political) candidates

state fairs are a ~

magnet for controversy

a ~, he riled people up... (an artist)

magnet for (illegal) immigrants

Fairfax County is a ~

magnet for immigration

New York is a ~

magnet for (foreign) investment

tourism has been a ~ (Burma)

magnet for (music) lovers

Nashville is a ~ (live music, museums, etc.)

magnet for (illegal) migrants

the border village is a ~ (Las Chapas)

magnet for (committed) militants

Karachi is a ~

magnet for people

it isn't much of a ~ who want to meet people (a town)

magnet for politicians

the convention is a ~ and businessmen (Davos)

magnet for (sexual) predators

Webcams are a ~

magnet for (slave) raiders

the area is a ~ (Sudan)

magnet for retirees

Western North Carolina is a ~

magnet for sharks

the seals are a ~

magnet for students

Dr. Chamberlain was a ~ (approachable, etc.)

magnet for transients

the city has become a ~ from around the West

magnet for westerners

it's a ~ seeking large tax-free salaries (Saudi Arabia)

magnet for artists and tourists

Santa Fe is a ~

magnets for the drunk and the unruly

they are ~ (urban liquor markets)

magnets for pickpockets, shoplifters, and muggers

shopping districts are ~

magnet for (avid) rock climbers

Looking Glass Rock is a ~ (NC)

magnet for music lovers

Nashville is a ~ (live music, museums, etc.)

magnet for sex offenders

the area has become a ~ upon their release from prison

magnet for gold prospectors

the area was a ~

magnet for sexual predators

Web cams are a ~

magnet for the eating-disordered

running is a ~

magnet for its legions of poor

Karachi is a ~ (Pakistan)

magnet school

~s induce kids to schools outside their neighborhoods

magnet and amenity

waterfronts are a ~ for downtown development

immigrant magnet

~s like California

job magnet

the bad economy took away the ~ pulling people here

media magnet

the case has become a ~

suicide magnet

the viaduct has a morbid reputation as a ~ (Toronto)

tourist magnet

Bali has been a ~

bad luck magnet

he is a ~



social magnet  
taco trucks, cultural icons and ~s in Mexico (and US)

**attraction & repulsion: tools & technology**

## **magnetic (adjective)**

emotionally magnetic  
the idea of our decline is ~

extraordinarily magnetic  
he is an ~ camera subject

**attraction & repulsion: tools & technology**

## **magnifying glass (under...)**

put us under the magnifying glass  
another death would ~ (NASCAR)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology**

## **maiden (adjective)**

maiden venture  
it was not the group's ~ into Pakistan

maiden voyage  
HMS *Queen Elizabeth* set sail for the US on its ~

**experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex**

## **main course**

main course  
this is just the appetizer, the ~ will come (battle)

**development: food & drink**

## **mainstay**

mainstay of (gossip) columns  
sex is a ~

mainstay of the (bear's) diet  
acorns and other mast is the ~

mainstay of the economy  
agriculture is the ~ (Pakistan)

mainstay of (Uzbekistan's) economy  
cotton is the ~

mainstay of (burn) management  
antibiotics are a ~

economic mainstay  
trafficking of opium and heroin is Afghanistan's ~

♦ A mainstay is an important rope on a sailing ship that serves to support and stabilize.

**bases: boat**

## **mainstream**

mainstream  
his ideas about diet and health have entered the ~

mainstream conventions  
Ismailis ignore some of the ~ of Islam

mainstream of (city) life  
remote from the ~

mainstream artist  
such ~s as the Chieftains

mainstream audience  
getting short films to ~s

mainstream culture  
~ and drug culture

mainstream (infertility) groups

mainstream icons  
Net culture prides itself on scoffing at ~

mainstream media  
the ~ is often accused of liberal bias

mainstream medicine  
a religious sect that rejects ~

mainstream popularity  
the brief ~ of folk music

mainstream (Saudi) view  
the ~ on social issues (women in sports, etc.)

mainstream thinking  
it seeped into ~

mainstream and alternative  
he straddled the worlds of ~ medicine

underground and the mainstream  
he is stuck between the ~ (a snowboarder)

outside the (medical) mainstream  
his approach lies ~ (controversial treatment)

from the fringes into the mainstream  
social media can push conspiracies ~

entered the mainstream  
his ideas about diet and health have ~

join the mainstream  
children of immigrants will ~

**society: center & periphery / river**

**center & periphery: river**

## **major league (success)**

major league  
his journey from the streets to the ~ (a rapper)

**success & failure: baseball / sports & games**

## **make (make of something)**

make of the (Trump administration's) decision  
what do you ~

make of it  
so what did you ~

make of this

what do you ~

make of (all) this

so what do Americans ~ (NPR analysis)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb**

### **make-believe (noun)**

air of make-believe

diplomacy can have an ~ (protocol, etc.)

**fantasy & reality: magic**

### **make-believe (adjective)**

make-believe world

I lived in a ~ that afforded me great comfort (abused)

**fantasy & reality: magic**

### **make up (verb)**

made the whole story up

police are investigating whether he ~ (hate crime allegation)

**creation & transformation: verb**

### **making (creation)**

making and unmaking

the book describes her ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

**creation & transformation: manufacturing**

### **malpractice (noun)**

malpractice

the diagnosis is wrong, and the prescription is ~

foreign-policy malpractice

this qualifies as ~ (politics)

**failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine**

### **manacle (noun)**

loosen (Germany's) manacles

Hollande wants to ~ of austerity (economics)

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime**

### **Manhattan Project**

Manhattan Project for autism

Gardner has dreamed of a sort of ~

company's Manhattan Project

he called it the ~ (Monsanto's roundup-resistant plants)

new Manhattan Project

he's calling it a ~ for clean energy

**difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / history**

### **mania (noun)**

self-improvement mania

the ~ is sweeping the country

Internet retail mania

the rising tide of the ~

**enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health**

### **mantle (noun)**

mantle

its ~ was taken away (a champion tree)

mantle of religion

blasphemy laws are cloaked in the ~

mantle of his office

he still seems to be adjusting to the ~ (district attorney)

mantle of the presidency

he is set to ~ (leader)

mantle of a prophet

he increasingly adopted the ~

feminist mantle

she has laid claim to the ~

maverick mantle

she wears the ~ (a politician)

progressive mantle

he took up the ~ in the nominating process (Bernie Sanders)

mantle fell on him

the ~ (job responsibility)

assume the mantle

now that Pavarotti is dead, who will ~ (opera)

claimed his mantle

the new party has ~ (politics)

given up the mantle

women have ~ of being defined by their husbands

inherited his mantle

she ~

invoke the (respectable) mantle

they ~ of originalism, but... (constitutional law)

cast off the mantle

Klopp can now ~ (of a loser in soccer finals)

picked up the mantle

the group ~ (fan club for dead celebrity)

shake off the mantle

they want to ~ of tradition (artists)

taken up their mantle

he has ~ (politician and an issue)

♦ A mantle was a cloak.

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: clothing & accessories**

**representation: clothing & accessories**

### **mantra (message)**

mantra

the ~ was trade not conquest (British East India Company)

mantra of American rage

the ~ (I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore)

mantra in the computer world

"innovate or die," long the ~

mantra (we all learn) in nursing school

the ~ is, "If it isn't charted, it isn't done"

Toyota mantra

in the ~, quality was always first

cherished mantras

"We must fix poverty" is one of the most ~ in education

familiar mantra

"16 shots and a cover-up" became a ~ (Chicago police)

"hope and change" mantra

the ~ that propelled Obama to the presidency

**message / repetition: religion**

## **man up (verb)**

man up

it was time for me to ~

**responsibility: direction / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / verb**

## **map (on the map)**

on the map

the village is ~ again (presidential visit)

on the streetfood map

the Philly cheese steak put the city ~

on the financial map

he put Bank of America and Charlotte ~

on the literary map

he helped put the review ~

put Los Angeles on the art map

he helped ~ (a sculptor)

**consciousness & awareness: map**

**location / place: map**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: map**

## **map (drop off the map, etc.)**

drop off the map

the Grenadines are an idea place to ~

fall off the map

you see teams that ~ after losing (NBA)

**consciousness & awareness: map / verb**

**location / place: map**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: map**

## **marathon (effort)**

marathon meeting

gearing up for a ~ next week (city government)

marathon (public) speeches

during his ~

**difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games / walking, running & jumping**

## **marbled**

marbled with orchards

the community is ~

**configuration: materials & substances**

## **march (together, etc.)**

march in lockstep

climate and carbon dioxide clearly ~ (ice cores)

**unanimity & consensus: military / walking, running & jumping / verb**

## **march (march ahead, etc.)**

marching ahead

the science is ~ (genetic tests)

**progress & lack of progress: direction / movement**

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## **march (noun)**

march of globalization

the inexorable ~

March of Time

the ~ was a series of short films (1935-1951)

march towards majority rule

rugby's starring role in the ~ (South Africa)

inexorable march

the ~ of globalization

**progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping**

## **marching orders**

marching orders

his ~ were to bring discipline to the staff

marching orders from the White House

they are getting their ~ (NSA / CIA)

**control & lack of control: military**

**unanimity & consensus: military**

## **margin (on the margins)**

on the margins

boxing has long been a social staircase for those ~

live on the margins

they ~, where things often go wrong (justice system)

**society: center & periphery**

## **marginalized**

marginalized

the Pope said religion was being ~

politically marginalized  
the far right in Germany is small and ~

**attenuation: center & periphery**  
**strength & weakness: center & periphery**

### mark (black mark)

black mark on the city  
the case put a ~ (a murder)

black marks on their credit  
~ that can last for year (credit cards)

**characterization / reputation: mark**

### mark (effect)

mark on Morgan County  
she's made an indelible ~ (tragedy)

mark on the region  
the waves of Germans who made their ~ (Wisconsin)

mark on soldiers  
Afghanistan leaves a ~

profound marks  
immigration left ~ on the region

high-water mark  
it was the ~ of his career (athlete)

indelible mark  
she's made an ~ on Morgan County (drunk-driving)  
terrorism has left an ~ on his presidency (9/11)  
his trip to Sri Lanka left an ~ on him (Chekhov)

left a mark  
she ~ on all of us who crossed her path (an actor)

left (profound) marks  
immigration ~ on the region

made their mark  
the waves of Germans who ~ on the region (Wisconsin)

**effect impression: mark**

**feeling, emotion & effect: mark**

### mark (off the mark)

way off the mark  
you are ~ (argument)

**target: weapon**

### mark (high mark)

high marks for his courage  
I give him ~ and commitment (anti-terrorism)

**judgment: school & education**

### marketplace (noun)

marketplace of ideas  
New York City is a cacophony of voices and a ~

**competition: money**

### marmite (noun)

marmite person  
he was a ~, people either hate him or love him (views)

♦ A similar food is the durian!

**attraction & repulsion: food & drink**

### marooned

marooned by history in positions  
they were ~ out of kilter with their era (leaders)

marooned on a (lonesome) block  
the restaurant is ~

marooned on a traffic island  
hundreds of protestors were ~ (by police)

marooned in camps  
people are ~ (refugees from fighting)

marooned in a traffic jam  
truckers have been ~ for a week (China)

marooned in a sea  
I was ~ of premeds (an arts major)

marooned overnight  
several subway trains were ~ after losing power (snow)

marooned hopelessness  
in that isolation, in the ~ of the protagonists... (a film)

marooned travelers  
at JFK, ~ slept on cots (blizzard)

feel marooned  
people ~ (survivors of earthquake)

**isolation & remoteness: island / sea**

**society: island / sea**

### marquee (attention)

marquee hearing  
this is the first big ~ for the Democratic-controlled house

marquee issue  
immigration is his ~ (politics)

marquee things  
the ~ that make headlines (better pay and benefits, etc.)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: film / sign, signal, symbol**

### marriage (relationship)

marriage of convenience  
they appear to have made a ~ (terrorist groups)  
their alliance was a ~, not deep ideological affinity

marriage of Java and VRML  
the ~ (computing)

marriage of mobile phones and the Internet  
the ~

marriage of new media and old media

the ~ (AOL and Time Warner)

marriage of science and government  
the ~ in the US

marriage of technology and opera  
the ~

marriage of the Web and the classroom  
the ~ ("education")

marriage between Islam and modernity  
some Arabs want a ~

**relationship: love, courtship & marriage**  
**division & connection: love, courtship & marriage**  
**marriage (shotgun marriage)**

shotgun marriage of S4C and the BBC  
the ~ is an awkward match

shotgun marriage between the two parties  
the ~ will not last (politics)

♦ Cartersville, Ga., May 13.—William V. Jones, a young man of Taylorsville, was violently taken from his home on Tuesday night to the residence of Miss Ida Gaston, whom he was accused of betraying, and compelled under pressure of shotguns to marry her. He came here today and entered suit for divorce." ("Married Under Threats, of Death," *The New York Times*, May 14, 1885.)

**relationship: love, courtship & marriage**  
**division & connection: love, courtship & marriage**  
**eagerness & reluctance: love, courtship & marriage**  
**coercion & motivation: love, courtship & marriage**  
**married**

married to her job  
the kind of woman people describe as ~

**division & connection: love, courtship & marriage**  
**relationship: love, courtship & marriage**

## Marshall Plan

21st-century Marshall Plan  
we need to invest in a ~ for Honduras... (immigration)

**help & assistance: allusion / history**  
**difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / history**

## martyr (person)

free speech martyrs  
don't turn loudmouths and thugs into ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: person / religion**  
**person: religion**

## mask (drop the mask)

dropped the mask on his nativist sentiments  
he has ~ (a politician)

**concealment & lack of concealment: face**

## mask (hide)

mask your intentions

in war, you try to ~ (intelligence)

mask the location  
Moscow's ability to ~ of Russian forces

**concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb**  
**masterclass (noun)**

masterclass in showmanship  
it was a ~ (historic Kim-Trump meeting at DMZ 2019)

gives a masterclass  
De Gea ~ (excellent performance in goal)

produced a masterclass  
Tottenham ~ at Everton (English football)

**knowledge & intelligence: school & education**  
**superlative: school & education**

**masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)**

masterpiece of spins  
a technical ~, spirals and footwork (Michele Kwan)

engineering masterpiece  
these race cars are ~s  
the Taif escarpment road is an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

technical masterpiece  
a ~ of spins, spirals and footwork (Michele Kwan)

three-hit masterpiece  
he threw a ~ (baseball)

**achievement, recognition & praise: picture**  
**creation & transformation: picture**  
**superlative: picture**

## mat (welcome mat)

welcome mat  
Australia is yanking the ~ (for refugees)

yanking the welcome mat  
Australia is ~ (for refugees)

**welcome: carpets & rugs**

## match (death match)

in a death match  
the two men are engaged ~

**conflict: film / history / sports & games**

## Matilda effect

example of the Matilda effect  
women who don't cite themselves is an ~

♦ In her essay "Woman as Inventor," Matilda Joslyn Gage (1826-1898) claimed that women scientists did not get as much recognition as male scientists.

**achievement, recognition & praise: allusion**

## mature (verb)

matured

our relationship has ~ (between India and US)

**growth & development: death & life / verb**

## maturity

democratic maturity

a key measure of the ~ of Turkey

**growth & development: death & life**

## maverick (noun)

maverick

I like being a little bit of a ~

being the ~ that I was, I decided to challenge those rules

Shackleton was too much of a ~ for a desk job

hard-charging maverick

he was a ~ who shook up football (a coach)

♦ This word relates to Samuel A. Maverick (1803-1870).

**character & personality: animal / cows & cattle / horse  
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / person**

## maze (terrain)

maze of canyons

wild horses—both mustangs and runaways— roam the ~

maze of (decaying) seracs

one last trip through the ~ (Icefall / Everest)

maze of (tire) tracks

the only roads are a ~ in the sand (Dadaab)

maze of trails

a ~ that leads to a construction site and a series of roads

maze of (deer) trails

a ~

maze of ice and rocks

alone, lost in a ~ (Nuptse)

maze of mangrove, canals and swamps

the forest was a dark ~ (U Minh)

**complexity: infrastructure**

## maze (structures)

maze of (hillside) slums

people crammed into the ~ (Kabul)

maze of (vertical) slums

squeezed into a ~ without bathrooms (Kabul)

maze of (narrow) streets

crowds of shoppers in the ~ (Nanning)

maze of tunnels

they got lost in a ~ (Canary Islands)

maze of bars, restaurants and nightclubs

a ~ (Kuta Beach, Bali)

maze of dikes and dams and ditches

the Tulare Lake Basin, with its ~

maze of shanties and shacks

fought their way through a dense ~ (Mogadishu)

maze of (refuse-strewn) back streets and alleyways

the ~ (Sadr City)

**complexity: infrastructure**

## maze (other)

maze of (bureaucratic) rules

a civil-service culture, with a ~ (NASA)

heath care maze

an immigrants tale of navigating the tangled ~

bureaucratic maze

her scholarship money got lost in a ~

workers whose only job is to navigate the ~ (Sudan)

navigate the (bureaucratic) maze

workers whose only job is to ~ (Sudan)

got lost in a bureaucratic maze

when her scholarship money ~...

♦ Gardens are associated with mazes, knot gardens and labyrinths. People also enjoy corn and mirror mazes. *Labyrinth* is of Minoan origin and is associated with the Minotaur.

**complexity / situation: infrastructure**

## McCarthy

McCarthy moment

this cancellation culture is the SJW ~ (of Walt Whitman)

**oppression: allusion / history**

## McCarthyite

McCarthyite hysteria

Democrats are sometimes prone to ~ (against Russia)

**oppression: allusion / history**

## meal ticket

saw him as a meal ticket

she ~ (source of support and money)

**cost & benefit: food & drink / ticket**

## meander (verb)

meander in new and different directions

as the two states ~ (Ireland and UK)

meander in unexpected ways

conversations ~

meanders from action to satire to romance

the film ~

highways meander

~ in the South

**fictive motion: verb**

**direction: movement / verb**

## **meat (substance)**

meat of the subject  
and then go on to the real ~

meat on the bone  
there isn't any ~ (nothing to investigate)

**substance & lack of substance: food & drink / meat**

## **meat (fresh meat)**

fresh meat  
they knew we were ~ (prison-guard trainees)

**experience: meat**

## **meat (piece of meat)**

piece of meat  
they get another fresh ~ to fill the slot (adjunct PhDs)

pieces of meat  
football players are ~ sold to the highest bidder

**product / worth & lack of worth: meat**

## **mecca**

mecca of basketball  
a ~ (the Christian Street YMCA in Philadelphia)

mecca of bluegrass  
the ~ (Bean Blossom, Indiana)

mecca of Manolos and Miuccia Pradas  
Manhattan's ~ (Bergdorf Goodman)

mecca for (500,000) bikers  
a motorcycle ~ (Sturgis, S.D.)

Mecca for climbers  
Hueco Tanks State Historical Park, a ~

mecca for (Arizona) tourists  
a ~ (Kartchner Caverns)

mecca for glider pilots  
Marfa, Texas, is a ~

mecca for kite lovers  
the Washington (D.C.) area is a ~

Mecca for train buffs  
the town is a ~ (Folkston, GA / USA)

mecca to (whitewater) paddlers  
the Altays are a ~ (Russia)

arts mecca  
the city wants to be an ~

drug mecca  
Spain has replaced Amsterdam as the new European ~

tourist mecca  
the ~ of Waikiki (Hawaii)

motorcycle mecca  
a ~ for 500,000 bikers (Sturgis, S.D.)

spring break meccas  
~ like Pensacola and Panama City Beach

boxing Mecca  
he settled in Philadelphia, a ~ (Joe Frazier)

gambling meccas  
~ like Atlantic City and Las Vegas

skateboarding mecca  
he moved to the ~, California

homophile mecca  
this ~ (San Francisco)

♦ Over a billion Muslims around the world pray five times a day towards the Saudi city of Makkah, and over two million Muslim pilgrims a year visit that city for the annual Haj.

**attraction & repulsion: place / religion**

## **medal (noun)**

take it as a medal  
I ~ (the label 'bleeding heart')

**achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol**

## **medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)**

got a taste of her own medicine  
she ~ (therapist goes to therapy)

**experience: food & drink / health & medicine / taste**

**reversal: food & drink / health & medicine / taste**

**fate, fortune & chance: food & drink / health & medicine / taste**

## **medieval (adjective)**

medieval  
to the outside eye, the system appears ~ (Afghanistan)

dark, sadistic and medieval  
his ~ vision of the future (al-Zarqawi)

**growth & development: history**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history**

**knowledge & intelligence / violence: history**

## **meet (attain)**

met with (limited) success  
traditional methods have ~ (problem bears)

meet (strict academic) criteria  
to get in, girls must ~ (high school)

meet their goals  
students should record whether or not they ~

met the objectives  
how well the group had ~ of the lesson (schools)

on track to meet

the services are ~ reserve manpower goals (military)

**attainment: verb**

## **meet (something can meet you)**

met our eyes

an unusual sight ~ (on a wilderness trip)

**fictive meeting & seeing: verb**

## **megaphone (noun)**

megaphone for rants

the Internet gives anyone a free ~

media megaphone

his voice is amplified by the ~ (a Wall Street analyst)

pulpit and the megaphone

use the ~ of the office to highlight human rights

lost his megaphone

I'm happy that Jones has ~ (deplatformed by Twitter, etc.)

**message / transmission: tools & technology**

## **melodrama (noun)**

legal melodrama

a ~ erupted, dismaying and demoralizing patients

**feeling, emotion & effect: theater**

## **melodramatic (adjective)**

melodramatic

don't be so ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: theater**

## **melt (verb)**

melted (silently) into the trees

the platoon ~

melted under the onslaught

Saudi Arabia ~, as Germany... (soccer)

**appearance & disappearance: snow & ice / verb**

## **melt away (verb)**

militias have melted away

Shiite ~

tension melted away

all my tension ~

**appearance & disappearance: snow & ice / verb**

## **meltdown (noun)**

in meltdown

the country is ~ (Yemen)

market meltdown

a bill to prevent a repeat of the ~ of 2008

dot-com meltdown

the ~ and poor economy

NotPetya meltdown

Maersk's global network in the wake of its ~ (worm)

social-media meltdown

it was a major ~ (Facebook goes down for 14 hours)

economic meltdown

the landmark restaurant was a victim of the ~

financial meltdown

the IMF tries to avert ~s

we are still paying for the ~ (2010)

meltdown dealt a deathblow to both ideas

the financial ~ (foreign policy)

avert (financial) meltdowns

the IMF tries to ~

triggered (economic) meltdown

sanctions have ~

paying for the (financial) meltdown

we are still ~ (2010)

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / nuclear energy**

**destruction: nuclear energy**

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

## **melting pot (noun)**

cultural melting pot

a foundational element of US society is that we are a ~

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl

is the United States a ~

**mixture: container / fire / mining / temperature**

**identity & nature: container / fire / mining / temperature**

## **memory lane (down memory lane)**

trip down memory lane

a ~ (old photos)

walk down memory lane

a ~

**memory: infrastructure**

**past & present: infrastructure**

## **mend (on the mend)**

on the mend

but now his life is ~

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism**

## **mend (verb)**

mend the divisions

~ in East Timorese society (elections)

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb**

## **menu (computer)**

Search Menu



Back to ~ (computer)

start menu

each user has a customized desktop and ~ (computers)

tools menu

on the ~, click mail merge (computers)

View menu

click on the following items on the ~ (computers)

items on the View menu

click on the following ~ (computers)

**alternatives & choices / computer: food & drink**

### **mercenary (person)**

mercenaries for hire

he was ashamed to see his former colleagues ~

mercenary approach

some of his former colleagues took a more ~

mercenary model

locals renting rooms has been supplanted by a more ~

**character & personality: conflict / money / person**

### **mercurial (adjective)**

mercurial insight

he is a visionary with a capacity for ~ (scientist)

mercurial personality

his ~ caused headaches (an employee)

mercurial and uncertain

he is ~

brash and mercurial

Somalia's pirates are ~

**character & personality: materials & substances**

### **merry-go-round**

merry-go-round of foster care

the ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sports & games**

### **mesmerizing (adjective)**

mesmerizing performance

she bewitched all with a ~

makes the film mesmerizing

strangeness and emotion ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic**

### **mess (person)**

mess

he's a ~ (not in control of his life)

hot mess

I admit it, I've been a ~ lately

being in your 20s is a ~, a mad time

**character & personality: hygiene**

### **mess (noun)**

clean up the mess

grownups must ~ (finances)

cleaning up this mess

we're ~ (diplomacy)

**flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene**

**situation: hygiene**

### **message (send a message, etc.)**

message of hate

bin Laden's ~ (terrorism)

message of hope

a ~ versus false hope (schizophrenia)

the film offers a ~

message of unity and equality

his ~ (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

messages about cheating

schools send mixed ~

play's message

some have questioned the ~ (controversial, political)

song's message

the ~

core message

his ~ is...

key message

I think one of the ~s is...

public health message

Angolans have resisted the ~ (Marburg virus)

underlying message

understand their ~ (autistic behaviors)

inspiring message

not exactly an ~

leaders issued ~s

mixed message

schools send ~s about cheating

subliminal message

logos can be powerful, and they are all about ~s

wrong message

sending the ~ to kids (that thin is good)

important psychological message

this would send an ~ to Noriega

message is getting through

our message is ~

get the message across

we need to ~ to every fan that racist abuse is wrong

send messages  
people ~ through their body language

**message: tools & technology**

## **messy (adjective)**

messy situation  
it's a ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene**

## **metastasize (verb)**

metastasize  
this is a cancer that has been allowed to ~ (an issue)

metastasized  
the mission has ~ (a military operation)

metastasized to (over) \$20,000  
that debt ~ (credit-card debt)

metastasized into a (regional) crisis  
the cancer has ~ (terrorism)

metastasized into a (global) crisis  
recklessness ~ (financial collapse)

metastasized into a Great Depression  
the great slump could have ~ (2010)

metastasized from a controversy to an indication  
the situation has ~ of a larger problem (blackface controversy)

grown and metastasized  
extremism has ~ in the country

allow the (underlying) problem to metastasize  
treating the symptoms of the problem can ~ (politics)

**affliction: health & medicine**

**growth & development: health & medicine**

## **meteoric (adjective)**

meteoric  
her academic progress was less than ~

meteoric rise  
his ~ was the stuff of New York dreams (literary agent)  
she had a ~ and a heartbreaking fall (Whitney Houston)  
the podcast chronicles her ~ and fall from grace

meteoric success  
he achieved ~ (owner of Israeli winery)

**speed: astronomy**

## **miasma**

miasma of sleaze and corruption  
the administration is mired in a ~ (politics)

**corruption: air / atmosphere / smell**

## **Michael Jordan (epithet)**

Michael Jordan of the dog-show world

Mick is the ~ (a blue terrier)

**superlative: basketball / sports & games**

**ability & lack of ability: basketball / epithet / sports & games**

**epithet: basketball / sports & games**

## **microclimate**

microclimate of white literary bourgeois Cape Town  
her novel is an evocation of the ~

**environment: weather & climate**

## **microscope (under a microscope)**

under the microscope  
cycling is ~ (Lance Armstrong, on doping)  
every aspect of their relationship is ~ (celebrities)  
now her own behavior is ~ (sex scandal)  
now it's Trump's turn ~ (a book by Bob Woodward)

get put under a microscope  
the first time a family gets a foster kid they ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology / eye**  
**analysis, interpretation & explanation: tools & technology / eye**

## **microscope (through a microscope)**

look at things through a microscope  
my job is to ~, not the binoculars (reporter)

**perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology**

## **Midas (Midas touch)**

Midas touch  
he had the ~ (Steve Jobs)

**money: allusion**

## **middle (in the middle)**

caught in the middle  
civilians are ~ (war)

**situation: position**

## **Middle Ages (history)**

medical Middle Ages  
the Civil War was fought at the end of the ~ (US)

marching backward to the Middle Ages  
it feels like this country is ~ (religion)

**growth & development: history**

## **middle-of-the-road**

middle-of-the-road approach  
we are taking a ~

**position, policy & negotiation: position**

## **middle-of-the-roader**

middle-of-the-rovers

they are ~

**position, policy & negotiation: person / position**

### **midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)**

one more stroke closer to midnight  
for him, the campaign clock took ~ (failing)

♦ This is a reference to the Doomsday Clock.

**fate, fortune & chance: allusion / clock / day**

### **midwife**

played midwife to (new) democracies  
the US ~ in Germany and Japan after World War II

served as midwife  
Stanford has ~ to many disruptive technologies

**creation & transformation: birth**

### **mile (the extra mile)**

gone the extra mile to make  
we have ~ the fair safe

**difficulty, easiness & effort: distance**

### **mileage**

political mileage  
~ to be gotten from historic grievances (blacks)

**cost & benefit: distance**

### **milestone**

milestone  
the groups applauded Bush's signing of the bill as a ~

milestone in (modern Holocaust) awareness  
Eichmann's trial was a ~

milestone in the development  
a ~ of Africa (emergency-med conference)

milestone in our journey  
this is a significant ~ towards the promise of... (medicine)

milestone for a kindergartner  
tying his shoes can be quite a ~

another milestone  
this is ~ in Georgia's democratic development (election)

developmental milestones  
~ occur (babies)

major milestone  
the extraditions are a ~ in our effort... (law)

next milestone  
the ~ in neural prosthetics (for quadriplegics)

sad milestone  
this is a ~ on our descent into intolerance (shooting)

22 milestones  
we laid out a series of ~ (contract)

milestone was reached  
today a ~ (Stock Market hits 40,000)

passed a milestone  
the country appears to have ~ (Iran / nuclear weapons)

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♦ The Romans positioned milestones on the roads. Old milestones might indicate the distance to a place, or from a place. Modern milestones are called mile markers, and are metal signs, instead of stones.

♦ Traditional sociologists listed five milestones of adulthood: finishing school; leaving home, getting a job; marrying; and having a child.

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips**  
**achievement, recognition & praise: journeys & trips**  
**importance & significance: journeys & trips**

### **milk (verb)**

milk this issue for all it's worth  
he will ~ (a politician)

**taking & removing: cows & cattle / verb**

### **mill (gossip / rumor mill)**

gossip mill  
the ~ at the office

rumor mill  
we all know the ~ churns out misinformation  
getting involved in the ~ at work can get sticky

rumor mills whirred  
in the soldiers' camps, ~

♦ In Ghana, people pass on information word-of-mouth through the "talking drum," the figurative one. In the Philippines, people hear things through the bamboo telegraph. In Hawaii, word-of-mouth is referred to as the coconut wireless. And in the US, people hear things through the grapevine, or the rumor mill.

**content / gossip: manufacturing**

### **mill (grist for the mill)**

grist for their (propaganda) mill  
the leaks will be more ~ (war)

grist for the tabloid mill  
his attention-grabbing antics are ~

provided the grist  
the report ~ for a lot of conspiracy theories

♦ Grist is grain that is ground to make flour.

**content / gossip: manufacturing**

### **mill (other)**

"mills of citizenship"  
the role of French schools as ~ (and Frenchness)

diploma mill  
he received his degree from a ~ (coach)  
the NCAA is trying to clean up the high school ~s  
~s are only one troubling part of youth basketball

propaganda mill

the leaks will be more grist for their ~ (war)

pill mill

the doctor ran an illegal "~" for addicts, dealers

term-paper mill

online ~s

online (term-paper) mills

♦ A mill traditionally ground wheat, then the word became synonymous with a factory.

♦ Workers in West Bengal's foundries make manhole covers for New York City. The workers make a few dollars a day, and are not supposed to work barefoot.

**creation & transformation: manufacturing**

**million-dollar**

million-dollar question

that's the ~

**importance & significance: money**

**mince (verb)**

minced no words

Putin ~

**speech: cooking / verb**

**mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.)**

wrap our minds around what

it was hard to ~ had happened

wrap his mind around what

he is trying to ~ the future will be like (after disaster)

get their heads around

that's very difficult for people to ~ (murder trial)

get my head around it

I still can't ~

wrap you mind around it

you try to ~ but it's just incomprehensible (a disaster)

**comprehension & incomprehension: mind / verb**

**mind (area)**

through your mind

so what went ~

cross your mind

did it ~ that...

**mind: space**

**mind (platform)**

on your mind

what's ~

get it off my mind

I can't ~

cross your mind

did it ~ that...

**mind: platform**

**mind (container)**

in mind

what do you have ~ (idea)

change our minds

we might ~

opened (Afghan women's) minds

the media has ~

keep in mind

it is a benchmark that we must ~

put the problem out of his mind

he tried to ~

come into your mind

how did the idea ~

get it out of my mind

I can't ~

**mind: container**

**mind (open mind)**

tunnel vision versus an open mind

~ (criminal investigations)

have an open mind

God tells us to ~ and an open heart (interfaith issues)

we ~, we have to think out of the box (WHO and Ebola)

keeping an open mind

we are ~ (about cause of disease)

♦ "A person can be so open-minded that his brains fall out." (A critic, speaking of Thabo Mbeki's willingness to accept any argument against giving antiretrovirals to South African H.I.V. sufferers.)

**mind: access & lack of access / container**

**minded (steely-minded)**

steely-minded detective

Miss Marple is a ~

**mind: materials & substances**

**mine (search)**

mined the debris for anything

the Palestinians have ~ usable or sellable

mine (real-time) intelligence

security personnel will now ~ (at airports)

mine the (elaborate) chemical signatures

researchers have begun to ~ of breath (medicine)

**searching & discovery: mining / verb**

**minefield**

minefield

the unwritten rules, hidden agendas, and ~s

minefield of (early) adolescence

the story follows him through the precarious ~

minefield of challenges

the tumor presents a ~ for the surgeons

minefield for those

the immigration bill is a ~ who have been waiting...

minefield of (US) politics

I'm not going to walk into the ~ (a foreign leader)

political minefield

how to dispose of his body is a ~ (a dead dictator)

relational minefield

school can be a daily ~ for girls (social aggression)

rhetorical minefield

he has entered the Mideast's ~ (use of word *crusade*)

social minefield

every day of school can be a new ~ (girls' bullying)

planted a (political) minefield

the British colonizers ~ in the 1920s (Sudan)

**danger: explosion / military / walking, running & jumping / weapon**

## mining (data, etc.)

data-mining (m)

~ software sorts information

text mining (m)

~ software to analyze customer feedback

**searching & discovery: mining**

## minnow (noun)

minnow

the FA Cup allows a ~ to kill a giant (soccer)

European minnow

the ~s knocked out Lyon on penalties (soccer)

♦ "Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks." (A model.)

♦ "The whole country will be behind the minnows." (Les Herbiers plays Paris St-Germain for the final of the Coupe de France.)

**importance & significance: animal / fish / size**

**strength & weakness: animal / fish / size**

**power: animal / fish / size**

**size: animal / fish**

## minted

freshly minted (m)

~ graduates

newly minted (m)

~ M.B.A.s

guests jockeyed for face time with the ~ star (party)

**creation & transformation: money**

## miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.)

Miracle of Bern

the "~", as the '54 final is known (World Cup soccer)

Miracle on the Hudson

the crash landing became known as the ~ (Flight 1549)

Miracle of Istanbul

the ~, it's called (Liverpool wins Champions League)

**fate, fortune & chance: epithet**

**epithet: religion**

## miracle (other)

miracle

there can be ~s when you believe...

who knows what ~s you can achieve

photosynthesis is a ~ linking heaven and earth

miracle cure

there's no ~ on the horizon (brain tumors)

miracle drug

the beneficiary of a ~

miracle pill

it is not a ~ (a drug)

miracle worker

you're a ~ (helped solve a person's problem)

Christmas miracle

sometimes ~s just don't happen

accomplished miracles

he ~

expect miracles

you can't ~ (search dogs)

pray for a miracle

until the moment of death, families ~

pray for miracles

we still ~ in West Virginia (trapped miners)

believe in miracles

we ~ (that trapped miners are alive)

worked a miracle

you ~ last night (praise for a nurse)

pulled off a miracle

they ~... (sports comeback)

**fate, fortune & chance: religion**

**cost & benefit: religion**

## miraculous (adjective)

miraculous

the last-minute goal bordered on ~ (sports)

miraculous escape

reports of his ~ (from capture)

**fate, fortune & chance: religion**

**feeling, emotion & effect: religion**

## **mired (stuck)**

mired at 9.6 percent  
unemployment is ~

mired in Afghanistan  
now we are ~ (war)

mired in crisis  
Somalia has been ~ since 1991

mired in (economic) distress  
people are ~ (unemployment)

mired in the doldrums  
we remain ~ (poor economy)

mired in grief  
rabbi stress Yom Kippur should not be ~

mired in litigation  
the university is still ~

mired in misery  
Haiti remains ~

mired in a (4-decade) war  
Colombia is ~ against guerrillas

mired in squalor and devastation  
they led lives ~ (Chechnya)

get mired in another Iraq  
the US doesn't want to ~ in another Iraq (Syria)

**obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land**

**flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land**

**progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land**

## **mirror (verb)**

mirrored his erratic (off-the-field) behaviour  
his unpredictable style ~ (sports)

**repetition: mirror / verb**

## **mirror (noun)**

look at himself in the mirror  
he's got to ~ (businessman / ethics)

hold a mirror up to ourselves  
we must ~ and ask why (physician suicides)

holds a mirror up to how  
the film ~ people in this generation grew up

♦ Some amusement parks have mirror mazes.

♦ A carnival or funhouse mirror is a curved mirror that can distort your image. Such a mirror can make you look like a fat midget, or make your chin look a foot long.

**consciousness & awareness: mirror**

## **mirror (in the rear-view mirror)**

in the rear-view mirror  
she knows her setbacks will soon be ~ (teen)  
we'll be glad to put this cold weather ~

**past & present: mirror**

## **misbehave (verb)**

misbehaved  
when one of the newer gyros was switched on, it ~ (Hubble)

**functioning: mechanism / verb**

**flaws & lack of flaws: mechanism / verb**

## **miscarriage (of justice, etc.)**

miscarriage of justice  
the referee made mistakes and there was a ~ (soccer coach)

**failure, accident & impairment: baby / birth / health & medicine**

## **miscue (noun)**

verbal miscue  
he clouded his message with a series of ~s (politician)

♦ A miscue refers to billiards or pool.

**failure, accident & impairment: sports & games**

## **misdiagnose (verb)**

misdiagnosed the severity  
economists ~ of the problem (financial)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: health & medicine / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine / verb**

## **mislead (verb)**

misled Congress  
he disputed that he ~ last month when he said...

mislead anyone about his credentials  
he said he had not tried to ~

**direction: journeys & trips / verb**

## **misleading**

misleading  
laboratory results were ~ (vs. fieldwork)

misleading advertisements  
~ (personal ads for porn sites on Internet)

misleading case  
having made a ~ for war... (in Iraq)

misleading (label) claims  
exotic supplements with ~

misleading (accounting) practices  
~ in the marketplace

misleading statement  
~s have been made

misleading or inaccurate  
the information presented is ~ (medical Web sites)

totally misleading  
the stereotype is ~ (that young drug users are "losers")

phony, dishonest or misleading  
there was nothing ~ about the photo (Iwo Jima)

**direction: journeys & trips**

### **misread (verb)**

misreading the evidence  
he is ~ (scientific dispute)

misread him  
I guess I ~ from the beginning

misread each other's intentions  
countries ~, in the fog of all these events (the Gulf)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb**

### **missing in action (MIA)**

missing in action from the big screen  
they have been ~ for years (old stars)

MIA  
Google may be ~ (at tech hearings)

**involvement: military**

**appearance & disappearance: military**

**presence & absence: military**

### **missionary (person)**

missionary to America  
he was a soccer ~

soccer missionary  
he was a ~ to America

**message: person / religion**

**enthusiasm: person / religion**

**person: religion**

### **misstep (noun)**

misstep  
the lamb was topped, in a ~, with tomatoes (food)

public-relations misstep  
the store's decision to change its logo was a ~

costly misstep  
this bill is a ~ (politics)

honest misstep  
he made an ~ (politician)

inadvertent misstep  
he should be blamed for an ~ (ethics)

incendiary misstep  
the organization has made some politically ~s

procedural misstep  
death-penalty cases are vulnerable to ~s

strategic misstep  
the company's

admitted missteps  
he ~ in his first year (president)

made any missteps  
he hasn't ~ (political campaign)

marred by missteps  
the operation was ~ and poor judgments (government)

**failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping**

**flaws & lack of flaws: walking, running & jumping**

### **mist (red mist)**

red mist came down  
he acted deplorably as the ~ (prosecutor / England)

**feeling, emotion & effect / violence: blood**

### **mix (in / into the mix)**

soldiers in the mix  
more ~ will ensure the desired outcome

get (right) back in the mix  
you've got to get back up and ~ (MMA fighter)

bring more people into the mix  
we must ~ (process)

**involvement: mixture**

### **mixed up**

mixed up with a Japanese girl  
I got ~ in Honolulu

**involvement: mixture**

### **moat (noun)**

moat around the outbreak  
officials acted to build a ~ (bird-flu outbreak)

protective moats  
oceans are highways rather than ~ (geopolitics)

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

### **mob (group)**

mob of volunteers  
police were joined by a ~ (search)

**amount / behavior / group, set & collection: crime**

### **mob (society)**

liberal "mob"  
he portrayed himself as a victim of a ~ (culture wars)

twittermob  
yet none of this matters to the ~ (racism controversy)

baying of the mob  
he did not bow to the ~ (followed his own mind)

**society: person**

## **mogul (noun)**

media mogul

long-time Trump ally and conservative ~

music mogul

the ~ lured youngsters into his cars

**power: history / person**

## **mold (verb)**

mold their athletes into officers

coaches help ~ able to lead (West Point)

**creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb**

## **mold (fit a mold)**

fit a (prescribed) mold

in an environment where you feel pressured to ~

fit the mold

male anchors who don't ~ (TV news)

fit a (prescribed) mold

workplaces where you feel pressured to ~

**behavior: manufacturing**

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: manufacturing**

## **mole (noun)**

Russian mole

he turned out to be a ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: animal**

**subterfuge: animal**

## **Molotov cocktail**

digital Molotov cocktail

the arrests were greeted with ~s (hackers' revenge)

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion**

## **momentum (lose momentum)**

losing its momentum

the US economic recovery is ~

**failure, accident & impairment: movement**

## **momentum (noun)**

momentum of the game

the missed penalty kick changed the ~

momentum for a lottery

the budget crisis creates ~ (state)

anti-noise momentum

the ~ appears to be growing

lost momentum

the Democrats need to regain their ~ (politics)

word-of-mouth momentum

the ~ that propels a book (publishing)

changed the momentum

the missed penalty kick ~ of the game

gained momentum

the notion has ~ (that speaking out is therapeutic)

street protests have ~ (Myanmar in 2007)

gaining momentum

protests are ~

gathering momentum

a campaign to regulate the company is ~ (Facebook)

losing its momentum

the US economic recovery is ~

lost their momentum

they ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement**

**increase & decrease: movement**

**progress & lack of progress: movement**

**force: movement**

## **monarch (primacy)**

monarch of AI

deep learning is the reigning ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty**

**superlative: person / royalty**

**person: royalty**

## **monster (Monster.com, etc.)**

Monster and MSN

the site is jointly operated by ~ (Web site)

**proper name: creature**

## **monster (create a monster)**

created a monster

we have ~ (diplomacy)

they still don't accept that they ~ (Facebook)

**affliction: allusion / creature**

## **monster (affliction)**

monster

only ~s could have planned this (Siberian slave labor)

it is a ~ (methamphetamine usage in small rural town)

these are the ~s we've been hunting (serial shooters)

~s committed this crime

vicious monster

they have become ~s (terrorists)

turned into a monster

in the 3 months we were engaged he ~

♦ "Unemployment is a monster which not only renders the fit powerless but prevents them from contributing to their society's development." (Abdullah Al-Asmari, in Al-Watan, on unemployment in Saudi Arabia.)

**affliction: creature**



## monster (size)

monster

it's a ~, it's awesome (speaking of a huge wildfire)

monster hit

the studio hasn't had a ~ since... (films)

monster hurricane

the tingling anxiety one feels facing a ~  
a ~, with its 150-mile-an-hour winds

monster kite

running a ~ is a special skill

monster ramp

most of the riders had never ridden the ~ (MegaRamp)

monster ratings

the game show's ~

monster swarm

trillions of cicadas are emerging in a ~ (Brood X)

monster tsunami

a ~ had been unleashed (Indian Ocean / 2004)

monster waves

the hurricane spawned ~ that toppled beach houses

monster (40-foot) waves

surfers couldn't resist the challenge of the ~

monster dust devil

Mohammed created a ~ (battle of Bahr near Medina)

monster iceberg

a ~ is drifting towards western Australia (2009)

monster sandstorm

a ~ grounded coalition forces south of Baghdad

concrete monster

it's a dinosaur, a ~ (an old sports stadium)

mechanical monster

as the clattering ~ descends (helicopter)

**size: creature**

## monument

monument to insignificance

the novel is a 576-page ~

greatest monument

"Warsaw Survivor" is music's ~ to the Holocaust

**importance & significance: infrastructure**

## monumental

monumental achievement

it was a ~ (scholarship)

monumental law

but passage of the ~ was an uphill battle

**importance & significance: infrastructure**

## moonscape

moonscape

the desert was a ~

scorched moonscape

a ~ scoured by whirlwinds of ash (wildfire)

barren moonscape

elephants turn woodland into a ~

vast, grassy moonscape

Pierre is ringed by a vast, ~ (isolation)

turn woodland into a (barren) moonscape

elephants can ~

**appearance / resemblance: moon**

## moored

moored in an (earlier) time

the religion seems permanently ~ (criticism)

**progress & lack of progress: boat / movement**

## morass (noun)

morass of (complicated and conflicting) research

school officials are confronted with a ~ (education)

legal morass

he found himself in a ~

**complexity / environment: ground, terrain & land**

**obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land**

**progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land**

## moribund (adjective)

moribund

the pace of economic growth is ~

the economy is ~

moribund economy

he should focus on our ~ (politics)

**condition & status: death & life / health & medicine**

## Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)

Mormons of the Middle East

the Druze are the ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: epithet / religion**

**epithet: religion**

## morning (early in the morning)

early in the morning

but it's ~, at this point... (response to computer virus)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: day**

## mosaic (noun)

mosaic of evidence

it adds to the overall ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture**

## moth (attraction)

flame to (a good many) moths  
he was certainly a candle ~ (Lord Byron and women)

**attraction & repulsion: fire / light & dark**

## mothball (verb)

mothball the carriers  
some wanted to ~ (because of high cost / Britain)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: insect / verb**

## mother (mother's milk)

mother's milk of politics  
money is the ~

**bases: food & drink**

**importance & significance: food & drink**

## mother (mother ship, etc.)

mother ship  
divers on tethers to their ~  
their orbiting ~ (above asteroid)  
refueling, resupplying with the help of tenders and ~s  
pirates operating from a ~ off the Somali coast  
this submarine and its mother ship (DSSV Pressure Drop)

**division & connection: family**

**relationship: family**

**person: family**

## mother (superlative)

mother of all battles  
Saddam promised the ~ (Gulf War)

**superlative: family**

## mother (mother of invention, etc.)

mother of invention  
if necessity is the ~, discontent is the father of progress

mother of (all) learning  
repetition is the ~

**creation & transformation: epithet / family**

## mother (mother earth)

mother earth  
care for our ~

**relationship: epithet / family**

## mother (Mother Nature)

Mother Nature  
~ didn't cooperate (Winter Olympics weather)  
let ~ take her course (a sick animal)  
~ had other ideas (concerning explorer's planned trip)  
~ makes smart critters (salmon head upstream, etc.)

at the mercy of Mother Nature  
we're ~ right now (wildfire / town)

**biodiversity: epithet**

**weather & climate: epithet**

## mother (Mother Mountain, etc.)

Mother Mountain  
Sam Ahkeah says that it is the ~ near Taos

Mother and Child  
the ~ are peaks in Vietnam

**proper name: family**

## mother (den mother, etc.)

den mother  
she is a natural ~

stage mother  
I'm not a pushy ~

**help & assistance: animal / family / person**

## mother hen

mother-hen (m)  
she justified her ~ efforts as being in her daughter's best interests

**help & assistance: animal / family / bird**

## mother lode

mother lode  
the ~, the jackpot, Valhalla (88th episode of show)

hit the mother lode  
we ~ (information in archive)

**source: mining**

## mother tongue

speak Chinese as their mother tongue  
over a billion people ~

speak English as their mother tongue  
372 million people ~

translate from their mother tongue  
students who need to ~ to English

taught in their native tongue  
children must be ~ (indigenous languages / Nigeria)

**speech: family**

## mount (verb)

bloodshed mounted  
the ~ on both sides (gang violence)

concerns (over data security) mount  
as ~ (Internet)

costs mounted  
his ~ and mounted some more (bankruptcy)

losses are mounting  
livestock ~ (blizzards in Colorado / especially cattle)

pressure is mounting  
the ~

outrage is mounting  
~ over the security guard who...

continued to mount  
heat-related deaths ~

**increase & decrease: pile / verb**

## mountain (difficulty)

mountain  
you can move ~s if you put your mind to it

steep mountain  
the team has a ~ to climb

move mountains  
they will ~ for your (coach about his players)

♦ "Enjoy [your unbeaten streak]—the emotion of getting to the top of the mountain—because you can't duplicate that. It's a lot tougher to stay on the mountain than it is to climb it." (Ara Parseghian's advice to Tyrone Willingham.)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: mountains & hills**

## mountain (amount)

mountain of cocaine  
he has done a ~ (a troubled celebrity)

mountain of criticism  
she was subjected to a ~ (a tennis star)

mountain of data  
the newspaper had to sort, search and understand a ~

mountains of data  
sift through ~

mountain of debris  
people trapped under a ~ (building collapse)

mountains of disagreement  
negotiators tried to scale ~ (G-20)

mountain of evidence  
police have a ~ and a statement (murderer)

mountains of garbage  
neighborhoods here are ringed by ~ (Luanda)

mountains of refuse  
~ filled the streets (Athens)

mountain of research  
a ~ shows that...

mountains of waste  
~, public nudity, drunkenness, drugs (biker rally)

mountain of (coal) waste  
a ~, now 50 stories high (Shanxi Province)

mountains of paperwork  
the ~ take up so much time that... (Sudan aid)

man-made mountain

a ~

**amount: mountains & hills**

## mountainous (adjective)

mountainous seas  
~ threatened to dash them against the rocks (sailing)  
Cape Horn, with its ~

mountainous waves  
~ crashed against the headlands (Pillar Point)  
~ overturned ocean-going freighters (typhoon / Japan)

**resemblance / size: mountains & hills**

## Mount Everest (and Everest)

Everest  
"Ulysses" was an ~ no filmmaker dared assault

Mt. Everest of surfing  
Hawaii's Waimea Bay, the ~

Mount Everest of wreck diving  
the Andrea Doria is considered the ~

Mount Everest of surfing waves  
Pipeline is the ~ (North Shore of Oahu)

Mount Everest of the yachting universe  
Cape Horn is regarded as the ~

regarded as the Mount Everest  
Cape Horn is ~ of the yachting universe

♦ "It's really the center of the surfing universe. It's like Mount Everest for surfers everywhere. And Pipeline is really the wave one needs to come to terms with as a surfer in order to be considered a great surfer." (Shaun Tomson.)

**superlative: mountains & hills / place**

**size / danger / difficulty, easiness & effort: epithet / mountains & hills / place**

**epithet: mountains & hills**

## mounting

mounting (medical) bills  
he needs to protect himself from ~

mounting concern  
in response to ~ over...

mounting criticism  
he had to address the ~

mounting debt  
a network of lies and ~s

mounting (public and congressional) doubts  
there are ~ about the war

mounting evidence  
~ suggests that...

mounting pile  
a ~ of invitations

mounting scandal

a ~ over accusations that... (church)

**increase & decrease: pile**

## Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore of heavyweights  
if there were a ~, it would have the likenesses of...

**superlative: allusion / place / mountains & hills**

## mouse (size)

mouse lemur  
~s are the planet's smallest primates (Madagascar)

**size: animal**

## mouth (entrance)

mouth of a cave  
8 Delacour's langurs scampered into the ~ (Vietnam)

mouth of the cave  
piles of breakdown at the ~

mouth of a (hanging) valley  
the ~ generally discharges a waterfall

tunnel's mouth  
his office at the ~ (Mont Blanc)

cave mouth  
salamanders also live under rocks near ~s

goal mouth  
moving quickly from post to post in the ~ (ice hockey)

river mouth  
sea snakes can be found near ~s

**resemblance: mouth**

## mouth (speech)

speaks out of both sides of his mouth  
he ~

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: mouth**

**speech: mouth**

## mouthpiece (noun)

loyal mouthpiece  
she was a ~ (president's press secretary)

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: mouth**

**speech: mouth**

## mouthwatering (adjective)

looks mouth-watering  
a bout at a catchweight ~ (boxing)

**eagerness & reluctance: bodily process / food & drink**

## mouthy (adjective)

mouthy  
he's ~

**speech: mouth**

## move (move an inch, etc.)

move an inch  
I wouldn't ~ (negotiations)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb**

## move (take action)

move on this  
gentlemen, we need to ~ (reaction to plot)

move aggressively  
many universities felt they had to ~ (online education)

got to move  
we've ~ (act)

**action, inaction & delay: movement / verb**

## move (direction)

moving in a different direction  
we're ~ (an investigation)

move in that direction  
it is in everyone's interest to ~ (diplomacy)

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**direction: movement / verb**

## move (progress)

moved beyond race  
America has largely ~ (opinion)

move forward  
we can't ~ until you send your answers back (US census)

moving forward  
things are ~ and they're moving quickly (many projects)  
we are ~ with solutions on many issues (politics)

moving a little too fast  
maybe we've been ~ (relationship)

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

## move (chess move, etc.)

chess moves  
with a couple of ~, the CIA changed Iran's history (1953)

move towards authoritarianism  
critics called the vote a ~ (Hugo Chávez)

career move  
one of the best ~s I ever made

genius move  
playing that card was no ~ (father's influence)

career-ending move  
it was considered a ~

unprecedented move  
in an ~...

get-tough move  
in the latest ~

bold move  
it was regarded as an unusually ~

dangerous move  
it was a politically bold and ~ (gay marriage)

extraordinary move  
removing a commander in combat is an ~

latest (get-tough) move  
in the ~

next move  
commanders have been forced to rethink their ~  
now we await the ~ from House Democrats (politics)

poor political move  
this is a ~ (Republicans)

risky move  
he testified in his own defense, a potentially ~ (trial)

smart move  
it's just not a ~ (celebration resulting in a penalty)

strategic move  
this was a ~ (an airline merger)

**strategy: cards / chess / sports & games**

### **move (move up)**

moving up in the world  
he is ~ (affluence, power)

**progress & lack of progress: movement / direction / verb**

### **movement (progress)**

little movement  
there has been ~ in the negotiations

**progress & lack of progress: movement**

### **move on (resiliency)**

move on  
let's just ~ (end of a relationship)  
we've got to ~ (put the church controversy behind)  
we need to close the book on this and ~  
we want to close this dark chapter of our history and ~  
it's time to put this behind us and ~ (Muller report)

moved on  
Nina had ~ (after end of relationship)

move on with your life  
you need to ~ (encouragement)

move on with our lives

we've got to put this behind us and ~ (disaster)

move on to other areas  
I'm going to ~ that need discussion

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

**resiliency: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

### **move on (change the subject, etc.)**

move on to other areas  
I'm going to ~ that need discussion

move on to a different story  
let me ~ (ABC news interview)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

### **mud (drag something through the mud)**

dragged the city's reputation through the mud  
he has ~ (false allegation of hate crime)

dragged through the mud  
the doctors in the case have been ~ (criticism)

**accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land / verb**

**reputation: ground, terrain & land / verb**

### **mud (sink in the mud)**

mud of defeat  
the US is sinking into the ~ (Iraqi spokesman on war)

sinking into the mud  
the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

**obstacle & impedance: ground, terrain & land / verb**

**progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land / verb**

### **mud (in the mud)**

in the mud  
we're all ~ and have to get dirty (intelligence)

♦ "You cannot catch rats without going into the sewers." (A British spy.)

**behavior: ground, terrain & land**

### **mudslinging (noun)**

mudslinging  
they both seem to prefer ~ (politicians)

mudslinging between rival factions  
~ is being waged out in the open (catholic church)

name-calling and mud-slinging  
~ (politicians)

**accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land**

### **muffled**

muffled

Australia's conversation has been ~ by defamation laws (sex abuse)

**constraint & lack of constraint: speech**

## Muhammad Ali (epithet)

Muhammed Ali of her generation  
Megan Rapinoe is the ~

her generation's Muhammad Ali  
Megan Rapinoe is ~

younger generation's Muhammad Ali  
Nike supports the ~ (Colin Kaepernick)

**ability & lack of ability: boxing / epithet / sports & games**  
**superlative: boxing / sports & games**  
**resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / epithet / sports & games**  
**epithet: boxing / sports & games**  
**mule (drug mule, etc.)**

mule profile  
he fit the ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

drug mule  
Iranian ~s fly into Dubai every few months

**transportation: animal**

## mule-headed

mule-headed  
he is ~ (stubborn)

**character & personality: animal**

## multiplier (force multiplier)

acts as a force multiplier  
Fox TV ~ for President Trump

**increase & decrease: military / number**

## multipronged

multipronged effort  
this is a ~

multipronged scheme  
the suit claims the pair of companies carried out a ~

**branching system: horn**

## murk (in / amid the murk)

amid the murk  
it's hard to find clarity ~

in the murk of the conflict  
he is a beacon of moral truth ~ (Middle East)

in the murk of history  
he is a shadowy figure lost ~

in the murk of the situation  
I got lost ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: water / light & dark**  
**murk (other)**

cultural and political murk  
investigators have been slowed by the ~ (Middle East)

**perception, perspective & point of view: water / light & dark**  
**murky (adjective)**

murky problem  
what to do with pirates has become a ~ (Somalia)

murkier question  
you get into the ~ of whether there are other factors at play

murky world  
foreign women working in the ~ of the bar trade (Japan)

still murky  
exactly what happened is ~

remain murky  
though the facts ~... (criminal case)

remains murky  
even now, the source of the problems ~

**certainty & uncertainty: light & dark / water**  
**comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark / water**  
**perception, perspective & point of view: water / light & dark**  
**muscle (political muscle, etc.)**

muscle-flexing  
~ by Pakistan's armed forces

geopolitical muscle  
Iran is increasingly flexing its ~s

political muscle  
the Eastern Band has visibly flexed its ~ (Cherokee)  
they use their ~ to scare Republicans

economic and political muscle  
unions once had ~

flex its muscles  
North Korea might ~

flexing its muscles  
the religious right is ~ in the corridors of power

flexing its (geopolitical) muscles  
Iran is increasingly ~

flexing their muscles  
California politicians are ~ on the national stage

♦ You got so many kids out here acting crazy, wanting to flex some muscle. They don't have respect for life." (South Los Angeles resident, commenting on spate of gang killings.)

**force / power: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## muscle (verb)

muscled its way through the Midwest

the storm ~ (tornadoes and rain)

**force / power: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

**force: movement**

## **museum (noun)**

museum of agriculture

the EU is a ~ (according to US ambassador)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques**

**past & present: antiques**

## **mushroom (verb)**

mushroom into a (strategic) blunder

this is a tactical mistake that will ~ (a company's decision)

mushroomed in Zambia

anti-Chinese sentiment has ~ since 2005

♦ In Asheville, North Carolina, mushrooms truly DO mushroom after a period of rainy, damp weather. They spring up in patches, can be quite colorful, and some of them can be quite large.

**appearance & disappearance: plant / verb**

## **musical chairs**

musical chairs at the Justice Department

~ (acting attorney general due to be replaced)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sports & games**

## **muster (pass muster)**

passes (constitutional) muster

a judge will decide if the law ~

**judgment: military / verb**

## **muster (muster courage, etc.)**

muster the courage

republicans must ~ to stand up

**assembling: military / verb**

## **mute (speech)**

mute

he remained ~

**ability & lack of ability: speech**

## **mutinous (adjective)**

mutinous mood

workers are in a ~

mutinous homeowners

~ are trying to secede from the town

**resistance, opposition & defeat: boat**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: boat**

## **mutiny (noun)**

mutiny against her teachers

the 9-year-old girl contacted Johnny Depp to lead a ~

mutiny among (federal) judges

the verdict is so outrageous that it has produced a ~

mutiny among taxpayers

high taxes set off a ~

World Cup mutiny

Anelka was involved in the ~ (against the coach)

provoked a mutiny

he ~ (a boss, of his employees)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: boat**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: boat**

## **muzzle (verb)**

muzzle dissent

they are seeking to ~

**constraint & lack of constraint: animal / verb**

**speech: mouth / verb**

## **myopia (noun)**

myopia

this ~ can be cured by leadership (shortsightedness)

myopia of (modern democratic) politics

the ~ is all too obvious (the near term, quick fixes, short-termism)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**

**future: eye**

## **myopic (adj)**

myopic policymaking

this kind of ~ was dubbed the "political-business cycle"

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**

**future: eye**

## **myth (noun)**

myths about trauma and sexual offences

there are a number of ~

bolster the myth

this has helped to ~ that children... (intersexed)

perpetuate (dangerous) myths

he comments ~ (opinion on transgender athletes)

bound up in the myths

Indians are ~ white Americans have created

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## **mythology (noun)**

family mythology

this Paradise Lost kind of ~ (formerly rich family)

**bases: religion**

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## nadir (at the nadir)

at a nadir

his popularity was ~ (a politician)

at its nadir

the team is ~ (losing)

at their nadir

in 2009, stock prices were ~

at the nadir of the (financial) crisis

~, gold was a safe haven (investment)

at the nadir of a bad economy

the store opened ~

at the nadir of his tenure

he finds himself ~ (a politician)

reached their nadir

house prices have not yet ~ (falling)

**decline: astronomy**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy**

## nadir (since the nadir)

since the (recession's) nadir

~ in 2009, things have improved

**decline: astronomy**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy**

## nadir (other)

nadir of his career

the ~ came after... (Frank Sinatra)

nadir of education

the late sixties were surely the ~ (US)

nadir in (US) history

his presidency was the ~ (politics)

economic nadir

they have taken us to this ~ (politics)

political nadir

the government has reached a ~

hit a nadir

sales have ~

hit its nadir

the population of panthers ~ in the 1980s (Florida)

**decline: astronomy**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy**

## nail (nail something)

nailed it

you ~ (correct answer)

nailed (several huge) jumps

he ~ and a spock 540

nailed a (48-yard) field goal

he ~ (football)

**success & failure: nail / verb**

## nail (nail somebody)

nail this guy

we need more evidence to ~ (police)

**pursuit, capture & escape: nail / verb**

## nail-biting (fingernails)

nail-biting experience

the space repair was a ~ for NASA

nail-biting thriller

it's a ~ (a TV show)

**feeling, emotion & effect: finger / gesture**

## nail down (gain)

nail down the agreement

she helped to ~ between... (government)

**success & failure: nail / verb**

## nail down (settle)

nail down the facts

it was very hard to ~

nailed down her proofs

Evans ~ (concerning undulant fever)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: nail / verb**

## naked (unadorned)

naked abuse

this is ~ of power (politics)

naked aggression

lies, deceit and ~ (Saddam Hussein)

naked bigotry

the ~ (Muslims murder 4 Pakistani female nurses)

naked discrimination

their marginalization is due to ~ (an ethnic group)

naked self-interest

~ among budding lawyers (university)

naked truth

what I believe to be the ~ (identity of murderer)

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

**appearance & reality: clothing & accessories**

## naked (substance)

naked

our leaders are ~



♦ This reminds us of the 1837 story "The Emperor's New Clothes" by Hans Christian Andersen, about the child who exclaimed, "The King has no clothes!"

**substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories**

## naked (protection)

naked to the elements

they were ~

left us naked

the destruction of their air-defence radars ~

**protection & lack of protection: clothing & accessories**

## name (reputation)

name

his ~ is dirt

bad name

his comments give boxing a ~ (Deontay Wilder)

big enough name

he was still a ~ that his latest book sold well, but...

good name

the company has a ~

clear his name

he has vowed to ~ (a politician)

clear my name

I'm here today to ~ and restore my reputation (fired coach)

♦ "A name doesn't spoil a man, but a man can spoil a name." (A Finnish proverb.)

♦ Life is for one generation; a good name is forever. (Japan.)

♦ "You have blackened our name. Kill yourself and clean our shame or we will kill you first." (Text message to a 17-year-old Turkish girl in Southeast Anatolia from one of her uncles. She had taken a boyfriend.)

♦ The Howards and the Turners; the Hatfield and the McCoys; the Frenches and Eversoles; the Martins and Tollivers; the Bakers and Howards... (Famous Appalachian family feuds.)

♦ "Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against the Campbells, but I would not stay a night in the company of one." (Said by a MacDonald recently, referring to a massacre of MacDonalds by Campbells after the Campbells had accepted the MacDonalds' hospitality. The murders took place in 1692.)

**reputation: proper name**

## name-check (verb)

name-checked you

the President has ~, called you a rat (NPR)

♦ This merely means to mention somebody's name.

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: person / verb**

## nanny (person)

nanny state

people expect the ~ to do everything for them (Brexit)

**dependency: baby / family / person**

## nap (noun)

taking a nap

the GOP is ~ somewhere (politics)

**action, inaction & delay: sleep**

**consciousness & awareness: sleep**

## Napoleon (of surgery, etc.)

Napoleon of Surgery

on June 26, 1870, 'the ~' died (James Syme)

**ability & lack of ability: epithet**

**epithet: military**

## narcotic

narcotic

rising profits were a ~ that affect everyone

primordial narcotic

salt is the ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: addiction / health & medicine**

## narrow (breadth)

narrow lead

he holds a ~ over his opponent (election)

narrow win

the US survived with a ~ over Spain (World Cup soccer)

**size: breadth**

## narrow-minded (adjective)

narrow-minded

he is ~

**mind: breadth**

## narrowness (noun)

ideological narrowness

~ is a threat to intellectual openness

**mind: breadth**

## nascent (beginning)

nascent campaign

kindness and decency is the central thrust of his ~ (politics)

**growth & development: baby / birth**

## nature (force of nature)

force of nature

she is a wonderful woman, a ~ (Canadian innocence project)

**amount & effect: storm**

**character & personality: storm**

## navigate (verb)

navigate the (bureaucratic) maze

workers whose only job is to ~ (Sudan)

navigate the (tangled health-care) maze

it's difficult to ~ (immigrants)

navigate the (DMV) process

he coached applicants on how to ~ (crooked lawyer)

navigate the terrain

he knows how to ~ (philosophy)

navigate a (dense) thicket

Netflix is trying to ~ of challenges

navigate the threat

they are forced to ~ of rape daily (girls in South Africa)

**direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb**

## navigation (cyberspace)

ease of navigation

great content and ~ (a Web site)

**direction / computer: boat**

## nearsighted

nearsighted

the committee members are ~ (Nobel Peace Prize)

corporate America is ~

nearsighted and ill-informed

most Americans are ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**

## neck (save one's neck)

save his neck

nothing he can do will ~

save his own neck

he is doing anything he can to ~ (death row)

**death & life: neck**

**survival, persistence & endurance: neck**

**fate, fortune & chance: neck**

## neck (up to one's neck)

up to their necks in clutter

they are ~

up to his neck in corruption

everyone's ~ around here (illegal logging / Siberia)

buried up to my neck

I was ~ in debt

**involvement: neck**

## neck (fate)

neck

my ~ is on the chopping block (accountability)

stick their necks out

people don't want to ~ (buying decisions)

stick your neck out

if you ~, you might get your head cut off (Mexican politics)

**fate, fortune & chance: neck**

## neck (pain in the neck)

pain in the neck

rebuilding it will be a ~ (damaged overpass)

what a ~

pain in my neck

she was often a ~

**affliction: health & medicine / neck / sensation**

## neck (oppression)

neck of the people

as the boot is removed from the ~ (Saddam's regime)

**oppression: neck**

## neck (area)

Chicken's Neck

the Siliguri Corridor, or the ~ (India)

**area: shape**

**shape: neck**

## neck and neck (adjective)

neck and neck with the Yankees

they are ~ (a baseball team)

**competition: horse**

## necklace

necklace of islands

to the east was a long ~ known as the Lau Group

necklace of sensors

an electronic ~ (traffic management in urban areas)

electronic necklace

an ~ of sensors (traffic management in urban areas)

**configuration: clothing & accessories**

## needle (verb)

needled Republicans about why

he ~ the resolution... (politics)

**affliction: sensation / verb**

**speech: sensation / verb**

## needle (move the needle, etc.)

move the needle

these ads can ~ if executed correctly (social consciousness)

move the needle from A to B

legislators have the power to ~ (regulation of social media)

move the (moral-outrage) needle

it takes a lot to ~

moved the needle against social inequality

these philanthropists haven't ~

moving this needle forward

black women are ~ (protesting a policy)

needle seems (kind of) stuck  
the ~ to me (on progress)

**feeling, emotion & effect: tools & technology / verb**  
**effect: tools & technology / verb**  
**action, inaction & delay: tools & technology / verb**  
**progress & lack of progress: tools & technology / verb**  
**needle (shape)**

bullets, needles, prisms, columns  
snowflakes come in shapes: ~, stars, cups, and plates

**shape: cloth**

## **needle (needle in a haystack)**

needle in a haystack  
they found a ~ (searchers for body of missing girl)

needle in a haystack of nothing  
my blog was a ~

found a needle in a haystack  
they ~ (searchers for body of missing girl)

looking for a needle in a haystack  
these poor scientists were ~ (viruses back in the day)

♦ "Someone said it's kind of like looking for a needle in a haystack—only right now, the haystack is covered with snow." (Winter search for body of missing woman.)

♦ In August, 2008, two-year-old Emmett Trapp wandered off into the desert. Many wished to look for him, but officials refused offers of help, saying only they were qualified to search, based on their training. After 40 hours, the little boy was found by a citizen who had disregarded the officials. The boy was just outside the official search zone, which had been combed over and over. He was only about a mile from his home.

**searching & discovery: tools & technology**

## **negotiate (terrain, etc.)**

negotiated the (rocky) terrain  
she adeptly ~ of the New York publishing world

**direction: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / verb**

## **neighborhood (in the neighborhood)**

in the neighborhood of 3,000  
most scholars believe that the actual number is ~

**proximity: house**

## **nemesis (noun)**

sees her as its nemesis  
the banking lobby ~ (politics)

♦ Nemesis was the Greek Goddess of divine retribution, revenge and justice.

**punishment & recrimination: allusion / religion**

## **nerve (anxiety)**

war of nerves  
how soldiers cope with the ~ (waiting for combat)

nerves are shot  
her ~, she has no confidence (Wimbledon)

nerves can become frayed  
~ in the blasting Antarctic winds

calm his nerves  
he lit a cigarette to ~

calm people's nerves  
he appeared on TV to ~ (trade war)

♦ Andy: Barney, you've just GOT to control your nerves. (The Andy Griffith Show. Barney was comically excitable.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**  
**nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)**

raw nerve  
her epic fail is still a ~ among Democrats

hit a nerve  
the tweet ~ for doctors (from NRA)

hit a Russian raw nerve  
the German report ~ (about Kursk Battle)

struck a nerve  
her article ~ (rant against obese people)

struck a (raw) nerve  
the incident ~ in Haiti (foreign adoptions)

struck a (growing anti-bullying) nerve  
his death ~ in America (suicide)

touched a (raw) nerve  
the withdrawal ~ (troops give up area)

**effect / feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

## **nerve (courage)**

lose our nerve  
terrorists can win if we ~ and abandon our mission (Iraq)

lost his nerve  
one intended suicide bomber ~ (Casablanca)

shatter (the enemy's) nerve  
the objective is to ~ (shock and violence)

get up the nerve  
it has taken me 11 years to ~ to come here...

**courage & lack of courage: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## **nerveless (adjective)**

nerveless Stosur  
a ~ dominated the match (tennis)

**feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## **nerve-racking**

nerve-racking  
it was ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## nest (mortar nest, etc.)

sniper's nest

a hole was carved in the trunk to create a ~  
he transformed his hotel room into an elaborate ~

mortar nest

Marines are destroying Iraqi ~s and other targets (Iraq)

machine-gun nest

a ~

**place:** animal / bird / military

## nest (empty nest)

"empty nest" parents

**place:** animal / bird

## nest egg

nest egg

at age 69, he had a ~ (retirement savings)

**money:** animal / bird

## nestled

nestled on the Black Sea

this regional capital ~ (Trabzon, Turkey)

nestled between Bhutan and Nepal

Sikkim is a jewel ~

**configuration:** animal / bird

## net (cast a net)

cast a (wide) net

they have not yet ~ (a criminal investigation)

casting a very broad net

it is a fishing expedition for information, ~

cast a (wide) net for the assassins

police ~ (bus / rail / plane, etc.)

**pursuit, capture & escape:** fish / verb

## netherworld (noun)

disappeared into the netherworld

he ~ of Egyptian jails

**environment / society:** direction

**concealment & lack of concealment:** direction

## neuter (verb)

neutered blogging

social media ~ as a mode of online expression

neuter (if not destroy) trade unions

the legislation was designed to ~

**attenuation:** health & medicine

**force:** health & medicine

**strength & weakness:** health & medicine

## neutral (in neutral)

in neutral

uncertainty is keeping the economy ~

**activity:** mechanism

## never-never land

never-never land Britain

she set her novels in a ~, massively elitist (Christie)

♦ This is an allusion to Peter Pan.

**fantasy & reality:** allusion

**environment:** allusion

## newborn

"newborn" country

Kosova, the ~

newborn league

the ~ is fighting for its life (soccer / US)

**growth & development:** baby

## new school

new school / old school

a classic ~ rift (newer kayaking moves)

**past & present:** school & education

## next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)

next Steve Jobs

she was supposed to be the ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

**sequence:** epithet / prep, adv, adj, particle

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence:** epithet / prep, adv, adj, particle

## Niagara (the river and falls)

Niagara of vitriol

it was a ~ (a rock interview)

**amount & effect:** ground, terrain & land / river / water

## nibble (destroy)

nibbling away at land and vital infrastructure

coastal erosion is ~ (remote Air Force radar stations)

**destruction:** animal / food & drink / predation / verb

## nibble (noun)

got a nibble

he finally ~ from a potential employee

**pursuit, capture & escape:** fish / verb

## night (death)

go (gently) into that good night

do not ~ (Dylan Thomas)

**death & life:** day / sign, signal, symbol

## nightmare (worst nightmare)

worst nightmare

the ~ a parent could endure (missing kid found dead)

girl's worst nightmare

it's every ~ (getting pregnant accidentally)

industry's worst nightmare

shoppers like her are the supermarket ~

mother's worst nightmare

as a teen, she was every ~ (drugs, sex, etc.)

parent's worst nightmare

every ~ (child kidnapping, murder)

my worst nightmare

this was ~ (emergency landing in plane)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sleep**

## nightmare (noun)

nightmare

you're seeing shyness as a ~ and it can be...

she talks about her ~ (rape)

traveling alone with young kids can be a ~ (airlines)

she sees her ~ unfolding before her (traffic jam)

it's been a ~ (affirmative action for fire department)

he soon discovered the job was a ~

shopping for school clothes can be a ~ (girls)

the ~ was not over (one more round / boxing)

the ~ began with an e-mail (hackers extort company)

nightmare of all firefighters

structural collapse is the ~

nightmare of (loose) granite

a ~ and overhanging seracs (Dhaulagiri)

nightmare of Sept. 11

nearly a year after the ~, kids still...

nightmare scenario

the ~ for NATO

the ~ for many biologists, conservationists

that's a ~ for those... (politics)

nightmare year

it was a ~ (teaching at troubled D.C. school)

nightmare first round

they horribly underachieved in a ~ (World Cup)

credit nightmare

divorce can create ~s

examination nightmare

but would it be an ~ (scheduling school tests)

traffic nightmare

the city festival will cause a ~

parking and traffic nightmares

residents living near the popular club face ~

public-relations nightmare

they are fighting a ~ (restaurant chain)

horrifying nightmare

blind dates are either a huge success or a ~

living nightmare

he described his life as a "~" (paralysed neck down)

scheduling nightmare

family events can become a ~

annual nightmare

the ~ of Christmas cards

bureaucratic nightmare

he found himself in a ~

complete nightmare

it's turned into a ~ (trapped at airport by blizzard)

concave nightmare

a ~ of loose granite, overhanging seracs (Dhaulagiri)

Kafkaesque nightmare

my ~ is to be...

legal nightmare

it was the beginning of a ~

a ~ arises (Jehovah's Witnesses and doctors)

logistical nightmare

getting a force that size into Iraq by air would be a ~

the Haj is a ~ (Makkah / Saudi Arabia)

resupply was a ~ (Egyptians fight in Yemen)

nuclear nightmare

India has revived the ~ (nuclear tests)

racial nightmare

turning the trial into a ~

ultimate nightmare

"brilliant" bombs strike some as the ~

18-hour nightmare

it turned into an ~ (Mogadishu firefight)

beginning of a (legal) nightmare

it was the ~

start of the nightmare

yeah, that was the ~ (security arrest)

dream and nightmare

every surfer's ~ (Condition Black / huge surf)

nightmare arises

a legal ~ (Jehovah's Witnesses and doctors)

nightmare began

his ~ with a phone call from...

nightmare (finally) coming to an end

is the ~ (politics)

found himself in a nightmare

he ~ (bureaucracy)

make commuting (by train) a nightmare

the gropers who ~ for women (in Japan)

turned into an (18-hour) nightmare  
it ~ (Mogadishu firefigh)

turned the dream into a nightmare  
the loans have ~ (home ownership)

♦ A find-yourself-standing-naked-in-Times-Square-type nightmare...

**feeling, emotion & effect: sleep**

## nightmarish (adjective)

nightmarish scene  
it was a ~ (125-vehicle pileup that killed four)

nightmarish thoughts  
~ about...

**feeling, emotion & effect: sleep**

## nimble

nimble  
the security system is not ~ enough (border)

nimble negotiating  
Egypt had distinguished itself for ~ (the past)

nimble mind  
he has a ~

nimble and aggressive  
the company vowed to be more ~ (layoffs)

nimble, tough-minded and effective  
we need government that is ~

lean and nimble  
the company must become more ~

remain nimble  
we must ~ (military)

keep your mind nimble  
you need to ~

**ability & lack of ability: body**

## nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.)

Australia's 9/11  
in many ways, it is ~ (Bali bomb blast)

**subterfuge: allusion / epithet / history**  
**epithet: history / military**

## Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark of (exotic) wildlife  
the Berenty Reserve is a ~ (Madagascar)

modern-day Noah's Ark  
Norway's Global Seed Vault is a ~ for plant seeds

**biodiversity: allusion / Bible / epithet / religion**

## nod (agree)

heads nod

there are days when I see ~ (defense of Facebook)

**judgment: gesture / head / verb**

## nod (refer)

nods to Ralph Ellison  
the chapter ~ (Colin Whitehead)

**achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / verb**

## no-holds-barred

no-holds-barred conversation  
it was a ~

**restraint & lack of restraint: sports & games / wrestling**

## noise (data)

noise  
trying to pick out the signal from the ~ (epidemiology)  
a lot of extraordinary data are nothing but ~  
there has been a lot of ~ and trending on Twitter about...

"noise" in the data  
~ makes the new results dubious (earthquakes)

noise in the system  
there's going to be some ~ (way to produce statistics)

separate the signal from the noise  
~ (when considering President Trump)

integrate, unify, and make simple the (apparent) noise  
he wants to ~ of the world (Karl Friston)

rise above the noise  
artists need to ~ and stand out (TikTok)

♦ This word is similar to *static*.

**activity: sound**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound / tools & technology**

**obstacles & impedance: sound**

## nomad (person)

nomads of the agriculture world  
beekeepers are the ~

academic nomad  
she's become an ~ (adjunct professor)

railroad nomad  
"shantytown," a word evoking ~s...

Greyhound nomads  
they arrived as ~ (Somali refugees in Lewiston)

become an academic nomad  
she's ~ (adjunct professor)

**migration: person / journeys & trips**

**person: journeys & trips**

## no man's land (people)

No Man's Land

early cartographers called it ~

no man's land

the reserve is a vast, jungly ~ (rain forest)  
the desert was not a ~ (archaeology)  
the piers became a ~, blocked off by highways

**isolation & remoteness: map / journeys & trips**

**no man's land (war and violence)**

no-man's-land

murders and kidnappings make the district a ~

bureaucratic no man's land

he found himself in a ~ amid 3 agencies

regulatory no man's land

oil-exploration waste falls into a ~

left charities in no man's land

the error in funding has ~

**environment: military**

**control & lack of control: military / history**

**noose (fate)**

noose

the ~ is tightening (manhunt)  
the ~ is tightening around him (a dictator)

noose around Baghdad

we're tightening the ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

noose around my neck

for six months the media had a ~ (Van Gaal at Man U)

global financial noose

the ~ is tightening around Iran (sanctions)

legal noose

the newspaper is putting its head in a ~ (libel)

noose is tightening

the ~ (manhunt)

tightening the noose

we're ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)  
they are ~ but we will fight to the end (protestors)

**fate, fortune & chance: death & life**

**North Korea (epithet)**

North Korea of Africa

Eritrea is often described as the ~

Africa's North Korea

why Eritrea is called ~ (*The Economist* magazine)

♦ *The Economist* has a wonderful article entitled "Why Eritrea is called Africa's North Korea" (August 14th 2018). It is wonderful because it starts out with how Eritrea is NOT like North Korea.

**isolation & remoteness: epithet**

**nose (shape)**

Nose

a popular routes is "The ~" (rock climbing)

**shape: nose**

**nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)**

Nose

the ~ is a peak in Alberta, Canada

Devil's Nose (m)

the ~ section of the Mokolumne (a river)

Gladstone's Nose

~ is a rock in the Western Cape, South Africa

Alligator Nose

~ is a point in Honduras

Dolphins Nose

the ~ is a point in Andhra Pradesh, India  
the ~ is a headland (Myanmar)

**proper name: nose**

**nose (orientation)**

nose of the plane

pulled back on the stick to get the ~ up

deck, tail, nose, rails and wheels

a skateboard has a ~

**orientation: animal / direction / nose**

**nose (under somebody's nose)**

everybody's nose

this is going on right under ~ (child abuse)

under the noses of the security forces

they set up cells right ~

**consciousness & awareness: nose**

**nose (ability)**

nose for it

he has a great ~... (talent for basketball)

**ability & lack of ability: nose**

**nose (thumb one's nose)**

thumbed his nose at the (US) government

he has ~ (laws)

thumbing their nose at the rules

people are ~ (leash law for dogs)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: nose**

**insult: gesture / nose / verb**

**nose (attention)**

get your nose out of your computer

~ and spend more time with...

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: nose**

**nose (look down one's nose)**

looks down its nose

satire generally ~ at its subject

**admiration & contempt: eye / gesture / height / nose**

### **nosedive (verb / decrease)**

nose-dived from A's to (straight) D's  
her grades ~

temperature will nosedive  
the ~ by this weekend

**increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / plane / verb**

### **nosedive (noun / decrease)**

taken a nosedive  
the temperatures have ~

**increase & decrease & decrease: flying & falling / plane**

### **nosedive (verb / decline)**

nosedived  
relations (with North Korea) have ~

**decline: flying & falling / plane / verb**

### **nosedive (noun / decline)**

nosedive  
his career took a ~ because of questionable integrity

took a nosedive  
his career ~ because of questionable integrity (doctor)

**decline: flying & falling / plane**

### **nostrum (noun)**

vague nostrums  
they give voters promises and ~ (politicians)

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

### **note (compare notes)**

compared notes about Iraq  
the soldiers ~ (in hospital ward)

**knowledge & intelligence: school & education**

### **note (on a note)**

on a confident note  
Republicans ended their convention ~

on a high note  
at least I finished ~ (learning a job)

ended (their convention) on a confident note  
Republicans ~

finished on a high note  
at least I ~ (learning a job)

leave on a high note  
he wanted to ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound**

### **note (right note)**

struck (all) the right notes  
the words he spoke ~ (a conciliatory politician)

**flaws & lack of flaws: music / speech**

### **note (note of caution, etc.)**

note of caution  
he sounded a ~ over encouraging...

note of confidence  
he is injecting a new ~ into the Nato campaign

note of fear  
in his voice I detected a ~ (dangerous weather)

cautious note  
he sounded a ~ at the meeting

defiant note  
the Iraqi information minister sounded a ~

hopeful note  
striking the same ~, the girl's aunt... (abducted girl)

new note  
he is injecting a ~ of confidence into the Nato campaign

optimistic note  
he struck an ~

detected a note  
in his voice I ~ of fear (dangerous weather)

injecting a (new) note  
he is ~ of confidence into the Nato campaign

sounded a note of caution  
he ~ over encouraging...

struck (all) the right notes  
the words he spoke ~ (a conciliatory politician)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound**

### **nothing-burger**

nothing-burger  
they claim the meeting was a ~ (political scandal)

biggest nothing-burger ever  
she called it the ~ (political scandal)

big, fat nothingburger  
is the memo a damning expose or a ~ (politics)

**importance & significance: food & drink**  
**substance & lack of substance: food & drink**

### **nourished**

nourished by the media  
sports are ~

**growth & development: baby / plant**



## nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)

getting nowhere  
we are ~ fast

going nowhere  
the peace process is ~ anyway  
negotiations are ~ (politics)

get anywhere  
if you're worried about the outcome, you don't ~ (sports)

**progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / verb**  
**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips**

## nowhere (out of nowhere)

out of nowhere  
he had himself a career day ~ (football)

came out of nowhere  
the team ~ (winning in the NCAA tournament)

**appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky**

## noxious (adjective)

noxious (online) behaviors  
stalking and bullying are ~ (Internet)

noxious law  
we need to repeal this ~

noxious tide  
we need to stem the ~ of ideologically-driven rhetoric

noxious (racial) views  
this book connects his ~ to his foreign policy

bigoted and noxious  
the film is ~

♦ Literally, this word tends to collocate with fumes, chemicals and smoke. In other word, smells.

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / smell**  
**corruption: smell**

## nudge (noun)

nudge behaviours  
the ICO is targeting ~ (Snapchat streaks, "likes," etc.)

nudge technique  
but does the "nudge" really work (Japan / blue lights / suicide prevention)  
~s are way of influencing behaviour and can have large impacts  
we must put an end to so-called "nudge" (kids and social media)  
~s encourage children to make bad choices (social media)

get nudges  
~ that remind you... (Gmail)

takes a (gentle) nudge  
sometimes it ~ to get the ball rolling

**coercion & motivation: arm / gesture**

## numb (adjective)

numb with grief  
she and others who knew her best felt ~ (murdered)

became numb  
he ~ to even the most gruesome scenes (a marine)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**  
**consciousness & awareness: sensation**

## number (noun)

number came up  
my ~ (blown up by a landmine)

**fate, fortune & chance: number**

## numbered

numbered  
Mubarak's days are ~

**fate, fortune & chance: number**

## nurture (verb)

nurtured his student's career  
he ~ and became a second father (a coach)

nurtures (militant) groups  
Pakistan ~ in the area

nurtured her iconoclasm  
her parents encouraged her ambitions and ~ (musician)

nurtured her interest  
it was he who first ~ in art

nurture the (infant) market  
~ (e-publishing)

nurtured relationships  
he ~ with members of the faculty (journal editor)

nurtured a reputation  
Japanese companies have ~ for reliability (products)

nurture civil society  
education helps to ~

nurture, protect, love  
the essence of motherhood is to ~

tap, feed and nurture  
he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

**growth & development: baby / plant / verb**

## nurtured

nurtured by the West  
he is a criminal ~ (an award winner)

nurtured by his father  
his ideas about cooking were ~

nurtured by his mother  
his early interest in poetry was ~

carefully nurtured  
he was ~ by the club (young soccer player)

**growth & development: baby / plant**

## nut (person)

religious nut  
he's a ~ (controversial politician)

**character & personality: fruits & vegetables / mental health / person**

## nuts (crazy)

nuts  
but what's really ~ is insisting that...

**behavior: fruits & vegetables / mental health**

## nuts and bolts

nuts and bolts  
take me through the ~ about how this is going to work

**bases / functioning: mechanism**

## nutshell (in a nutshell)

in a nutshell  
that's it, ~ (short and sweet)  
this is Atkinson ~ (review of a writer)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: food & drink**

# O

## oak (Royal Oak, etc.)

*Royal Oak*  
the ~ battleship was sunk by a U-boat in Scapa Flow

**proper name: tree**

## oak (strength)

Hearts of Oak  
the British have ~

**strength & weakness: materials & substances / tree**

## Oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)

Oasis of the Seas  
the ~ is the world's largest cruise ship

Oasis Hotel  
the ~ has 8 awards of excellence (Cairo)

**proper name: desert / ground, terrain & land**

## oasis (environment)

oasis  
Somaliland is an ~ in comparison to Somalia

oasis of (relative) calm  
it provides an ~ within Iraq (Kurdish region)

oasis of peace  
it was once an ~ in volatile West Africa (Ivory Coast)

oasis within New York City  
Park Slope, Brooklyn, is an ~ (parks, families, etc.)

oasis for (late-night) customers  
we are an ~ (White Castle)

jungle oases  
a civilization grew near these ~ (cenotes / Mayas)

green oasis  
New York City's High Line is a ~ (elevated walkway)

peaceful oasis  
Bali was considered a ~ (before Kuta Beach bombing)

spiritual oasis  
Cloud Cottage Sangha is a ~ for me (Buddhist)

considered a (peaceful) oasis  
Bali was ~ (before Kuta Beach bombing)

**environment: desert / ground, terrain & land**

## oats (feel one's oats)

feeling its oats  
China is ~ (booming economy)

**power: animal / horse**

**strength & weakness: animal / horse**

## Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)

Russia's Obama  
Jean Gregoire Sagbo is known as ~

**superlative: epithet / government**

## obsessed

politically obsessed  
for those of us who are ~ (pundits)

**enthusiasm: mental health**

## ocean

ocean of air  
we live submerged at the bottom of an ~ (atmosphere)

ocean of sand  
the Sahara's ~

**resemblance: sea**

## odd couple

odd couple  
this ~ makes for a compelling violin concerto

**character & personality: love, courtship & marriage**

**relationship: love, courtship & marriage**

## ode (praise)

ode to cinema  
his film is an ~ as a whole (Cannes hype)

ode to historically black colleges  
her performance was an ~ (Beyoncé at 2018 Coachella)

**achievement, recognition & praise: speech**

## Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)

Odyssey  
the 75-square-foot solar array that powers ~ (Mars)  
so far, ~ is an unqualified scientific success (Mars)

Mars Odyssey  
the ~ (a NASA Mars probe)

**proper name: Iliad & Odyssey**

## odyssey (on an odyssey)

on an odyssey  
these girls have been ~ (from Sierra Leone to US)

on a (six-day, 900-mile) odyssey  
he claimed she accompanied him ~ (kidnapper)

**development: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips**

## odyssey (other)

odyssey of two (likable) women  
the documentary is the ~

Georgia man's odyssey  
a ~ to Europe... (7 flights with XDR TB)

substance-abuse odyssey  
she began a long ~ by sniffing fingernail polish...

personal odyssey  
the documentary is the ~ of two strong, likable women

remarkable odyssey  
her life traces a ~ from her farmhouse in Poland to...

three-decade odyssey  
his trip turned into a ~

**development: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips**

## off (it is off, etc.)

off  
the game is ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending:: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## offer (verb)

offers audiences a vision  
the latest performance similarly ~ of themselves

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning:: verb**

## offspring

offspring of the phone booth  
the ~, referred to as an "enclosure"

**product: family**

## offshoot

offshoot of (Shiite) Islam  
Zaydism is an ~

offshoot of Dutch  
Afrikaans is an ~

Los Angeles offshoot  
the Actor's Lab, a ~ of the Group Theater

latest offshoot  
stand-up paddling is surfing's ~

**branching system: plant**

## oil (pour oil)

poured oil on the fire  
he has ~

**increase & decrease: fire / verb**

## old (of old)

days of old  
in ~

**past & present: day**

## old guard

old guard  
the ~ has yielded the throne (world soccer)

old guard and younger, more liberal members  
this exposes a divide between the ~ (democratic party)

evangelical old guard  
there's a lot at stake for the ~ (gender issues)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / history**

## old hand (experience)

newcomers (to the research) versus old hands  
~ (science)

accepted (as soldiers) by the old hands  
we were being ~

**experience: hand**

## old school

old school  
he is unashamedly ~ (a 68-year-old Montana farmer)

old-school in his approach  
he's as ~ to opponents as he is in the ring

old-school discipline  
he was famous for his ~ (sports coach)

old school 35mm film  
he wanted to deliver his film on ~

old-school mentality  
that's that ~ (comment on boxer's work ethic)

old-school reporter  
he was an ~ who would challenge anyone

old-school style  
he brings ~ to the sport (auto racer not afraid to bump)

old-school French bistro  
a much loved, ~

new school / old school (m)  
a classic ~ rift (newer kayaking moves)

**past & present: school & education**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: school & education**

## olive branch

olive branch  
it was an ~ from Knight to Alford (dispute)

extended an olive branch to South Korea  
he ~

offered an olive branch to the Republicans  
in the State of the Union, he ~

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tree**

## Olympian (adjective)

Olympian scorn  
his reactions to the world ran from dismay to ~

**size: allusion / mountains & hills / religion**

## Olympus (Mount Olympus)

Olympus of sociological research  
the University of Chicago was the ~

**superlative: allusion / place / mountains & hills / religion**

## on (it is on, etc.)

on  
the summit is back ~

ticks on  
Brazil are starting to lose hope as the time ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## one-size-fits-all

one-size-fits-all approach  
the ~ is not the way to go (retirement plans)

one-size-fits-all journalism  
we were offering ~ to very different audiences

one-size-fits-all solution  
there is no ~ (to managed retreat due to climate change)

**adapting: clothing & accessories**

## one-strike-and-you're-out

one-strike-and-you're-out (honor-code) policy  
~ do more harm than good

**punishment & recrimination: baseball / sports & games**

## ongoing (investigation, etc.)

ongoing (security) arrangements  
ensure ~ are appropriate

ongoing (budget) battle  
an ~ between the school system, county

ongoing debate  
the ~

ongoing (intratribal) disputes  
~ (Native Americans)

ongoing effort  
the regulations are part of an ~ to...  
this mission is an ~ to take away enemy sanctuaries

ongoing focus  
there is an ~ on these economic issues (White House)

ongoing investigation  
would compromise the ~

ongoing mission  
we don't comment on ~s (military)

ongoing (contract) negotiations  
~ (pilots union)

ongoing plot  
forcing terrorists to betray the details of ~s

ongoing (management) problems  
the ~

ongoing process  
this is going to be an ~

ongoing studies  
a number of recent and ~

ongoing theft  
the ~ of intellectual property

ongoing violence  
against a backdrop of ~ (Middle East)

ongoing work  
researchers and their ~

ongoing management problems

ongoing love-hate relationship  
the ~ between...

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement  
condition & status: movement**

## onion (noun)

layer of the onion  
you notice that for every ~ there's another underneath it

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables**

## onslaught (noun)

onslaught of globalization  
many countries resist the ~

under the onslaught  
Saudi Arabia melted ~, as Germany... (soccer)

**amount & effect: military**

## opacity (noun)

opacity of (Lanier's) criticism  
the ~ may account for...

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark  
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark**

## opaque (adjective)

opaque  
it's really very ~ what is happening (revolution)

opaque world  
he offers insights into the often ~ of finance

often opaque  
he offers insights into the ~ world of finance

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark  
consciousness & awareness: light & dark  
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark**

## open (open marriage, etc.)

open marriage  
they had an ~

**constraint & lack of constraint: access & lack of access  
restraint & lack of restraint: access & lack of access**

## open (in / into the open)

into the open  
she has brought the issue ~

out in the open  
mudslinging between rival church factions is being waged ~

broke out into the open  
the anger ~ for the whole world to see (Catholic pedophilia)

**concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land  
/ hunting**

**consciousness & awareness: ground, terrain & land**

## open-and-shut

open-and-shut case  
it wasn't an ~  
it should have been an ~

**certainty & uncertainty: books & reading**

## open-minded (adjective)

open-minded  
"I'm ~," he said softly  
people are more ~ now (race)

my neighbors are very ~  
we should be more ~  
he had tried to be ~

extroverted, unpretentious and open-minded  
Tijuana citizens have acquired a reputation for being ~

♦ "A person can be so open-minded that his brains fall out." (A critic, speaking of Thabo Mbeki's willingness to accept any argument against giving antiretrovirals to South African H.I.V. sufferers.)

**mind: access & lack of access / container**

**constraint & lack of constraint: container**

## openness (noun)

intellectual openness  
ideological narrowness is a threat to ~

**mind: access & lack of access**

**constraint & lack of constraint: container**

## open up (emotions, speech, etc.)

open up  
we are asking them to ~ all over again (crime podcast)

opened up about her mother  
she finally ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb**

**speech: container**

## open up (access)

open up the sportscasting world  
~ for women

**access & lack of access: container / verb**

## opera

opera of screeches, shrieks and squawks  
a riotous ~ (tropical birds)

**sound: music**

**resemblance: music**

## opiate (noun)

opiate of the people  
sports, not religion, is the ~

**consciousness & awareness: addiction / health & medicine**

## optics (noun)

optics  
the ~ look bad (politics)  
the ~ are just awful (a newspaper story)

optics of rapprochement

Kim's letter played a part in the ~ (Korean leader)

♦ "It's not the optics that are not good, it's the facts that are not good." (Colorado Republican Congressman Mike Coffman about an ethics issue.)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye / tools & technology**

## option (nuclear option)

nuclear option for state

this is the ~ (opting out of federal Medicaid)

opposes the (so-called) nuclear option

he ~ (withdrawal of US from Afghanistan)

employ the nuclear option

employers may be forced to ~ (drop health coverage)

oppose the nuclear option

I oppose the ~ (changing rules in Congress)

considered the “nuclear option”

the move was always ~ (Commerce Dept’s entry list)

**alternatives & choices: nuclear energy**

**coercion & motivation: nuclear energy**

## oracle (person)

oracle of Silicon Valley

he has been nicknamed the ~

♦ The Delphic Oracle was an important priestess in ancient Greece.

**future: allusion / person / religion**

**person: religion**

## oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.)

Oracle Corporation

the American multinational ~

**proper name: religion**

## orbit (noun)

in his orbit

the investigation will look at people ~ (politics)

Trump orbit

he never lost touch, that often happens in ~

China’s orbit

Thailand has moved firmly into ~

entered the Trump orbit

she first ~ during the campaign

brought him into the orbit

Juilliard ~ of Wynton Marsalis (Lawrence Leathers)

**configuration / proximity: astronomy**

**bases: movement / astronomy**

**attraction & repulsion: astronomy**

**division & connection: astronomy**

## orchestrate (verb)

orchestrated the assassination

no one knows who ~

orchestrated attacks

he has ~, bombings, kidnappings and beheadings

orchestrate a coverup

they tried to ~

orchestrated a hoax

he may have ~ (false hate-crime allegation)

**directing: music / verb**

## orchestrated

orchestrated campaign

Muslims fear they are the target of an ~ (religion)

orchestrated leads

~ from the White House have exposed rifts

**directing: music**

## orchid (character)

orchid children

“~” are more sensitive and biologically reactive

orchid or a dandelion

is your child an ~

♦ Terms with similar meanings are *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

**character & personality: person / plant**

**strength & weakness: person / plant**

**resiliency: person / plant**

## order (get something in order, etc.)

get your house in order

you must ~

get our (fiscal) house in order

we must ~ (debt)

put his life (back) in order

he saw Islam as a way to ~ (terrorist)

**amelioration & renewal: hygiene**

## orgy

orgy of looting

an ~ followed the collapse of Saddam's regime

orgy of thrill-seeking and risk taking

a national ~

national orgy

a ~ of thrill-seeking and risk taking

**restraint & lack of restraint: sex**

## original sin

original sin

the ~ was what happened in 1953 (Iran-US relations)

euro's original sin

perhaps this was the ~ (no penalty for breaking rules)

**fate, fortune & chance: religion**

## orphan (noun)

orphan

the issue is an ~

“orphan” academies  
the school has been caught in the twilight zone of ~

orphan diseases  
incentives to develop orphan drugs for ~

orphan drugs  
incentives for companies to develop “~”

orphan wells  
these “~” often sit on farmland (bankrupt oil firms)

\* Orphan drugs treat rare diseases affecting fewer than 200,000 people.

**division & connection: family**

**relationship: family**

**person: family**

## orphaned

inactive, abandoned, or orphaned  
at least 167,000 wells are ~ (oil)

**division & connection: family**

**relationship: family**

## Orwellian (adjective)

Orwellian agency  
the futility of fighting an ~ with an obvious vendetta

Orwellian surveillance system  
exporting such an ~ to other countries

**oppression: allusion**

## ostracized (society)

socially ostracized  
if you're truthful, you'll be ~

**acceptance & rejection: society**

## ounce (amount)

ounce of prevention  
an ~ is worth a pound of cure

ounce of truth  
there's not an ~ in anything he says

**amount: weight**

## out (leave somebody an out, etc.)

left an out for Iran  
he has ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## out (outpace, etc.)

outpace, outshine, outweigh, etc.

**superiority & inferiority: affix**

## out (currency)

out this year  
short skirts are ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**  
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## out (want out)

wanted out  
she ~ (of a marriage)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: container**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle**

**situation: container / verb**

## outcast (person)

social outcast  
he is a ~

outcast and non-conforming  
Ibiza has long been an island for the ~

**acceptance & rejection: person / society / throwing, putting & planting**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: person / society / throwing, putting & planting**

**society: person / throwing, putting & planting**

**person: society**

## outcry (noun)

sparked an outcry  
his remarks ~ (about racism)

**appeal: speech**

**conflict: sound**

## outdueled

outdueled by Manning  
Romo was ~ (two football quarterbacks)

**conflict: weapon**

## outfox (verb)

outfoxed his (political) opponents  
he ~

**subterfuge: animal / fox / verb**

## outlet (noun)

outlet for (public) criticism  
the majlis provides an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

outlet for their frustrations  
people need an ~ (Baghdad gyms)

outlet or hobby  
a creative ~ that fosters a sense of achievement (coping)

creative outlet  
a ~ can do a lot to relieve stress

give people an outlet  
the media ~ (TV and radio in Afghanistan)

**amelioration & renewal: pressure**

## outlier (noun)

outlier

when it comes to free speech, the US is the ~ (too free)

outlier case

why is an ~ like this getting so much oxygen (hoax hate crime)

**society: center & periphery**

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: center & periphery**

## outpace (verb)

outpacing the ability

technology is ~ of governments to keep up

**superiority & inferiority: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**competition: verb / walking, running & jumping**

## outpouring

outpouring of aid

the disaster prompted an ~

outpouring of generosity

the ~ has slowed to a trickle (aid)

outpouring of (new) poems

in his 60s the floodgates opened with an ~ (Geoffrey Hill)

outpouring of sympathy

there has been a tremendous ~ from so many...

outpouring of (both) praise and outrage

her film has drawn an ~

tremendous outpouring

there has been a ~ from so many of you

**amount & effect: water**

## outrider (noun)

hedonistic outriders

he had contempt for modernity and its ~

**driving force: horse**

## outset (from the outset)

from the outset

she had wanted a different approach ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips**

## outset (at the outset)

at the outset of the (Trojan) War

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips**

## outshine (verb)

outshines us in health care

Canada clearly ~

outshine the main act

sometimes an opening act will ~ (concerts)

outshine the competition

he continues to ~

outshone everyone else

she ~ onstage (ballet)

outshone his rivals

during the financial crisis, he ~ (a C.E.O.)

he ~ in the first debate (a politician)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / light & dark / verb**

**superiority & inferiority: light & dark / verb**

## outsider (person)

outsider

Trump won because he was an ~

they are ~s banging on the doors of city government

outsiders to the world

~ of money soon notice... (finance)

outsider art

he is well known to fans of ~

political outsider

he presents himself as a ~ who will not represent K Street

he was a ~ (independent politician Ross Perot)

rebellious outsider

he is a ~

weird outsider

he is the ~ who becomes influential (scientist)

♦ The Japanese refer to foreigners as *gaijin*, literally, "outsider.")

**society: center & periphery / person**

**power: center & periphery / person**

## outweigh (power)

outweigh us in every department

they ~ (war)

**power: weight / verb**

**superiority & inferiority: verb / weight**

## outweigh (cost and benefit)

outweighed the bad

the good ~ (in a relationship)

outweigh the deeds

the acts of a few should not ~ of the many (war)

outweigh the risks

the drug is usually safe but benefits must ~

**cost & benefit: scale / weight / verb**

## over (dominance)

over me

I don't want nobody ~

has an advantage over her

he ~ (politics)



hierarchy: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

## over (finished)

over

class was finally ~  
the Gilded Age of rock journalism is ~  
this won't be ~ anytime soon

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle  
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj

## over (overheated, etc.)

overdose, overweight, overheated, overdone, etc.

flaws & lack of flaws: affix

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix

## overboard (behavior)

a little overboard

I admit I went ~ (dispute with store manager)

way overboard

we have gone ~ (incarceration)

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: boat

## overdose (noun)

overdose of history

as a child I was poisoned by an ~ (Israeli Amos Oz)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: addiction / health & medicine

## overdrive (in / into overdrive)

into overdrive

it sent the village rumour mill ~

went into overdrive

my imagination ~

activity: engine / mechanism

## overflowing (adjective)

overflowing inbox

problems with an ~

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: water

## overheated (adjective)

become overheated

she advises him not to get so ~ (an advocate)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

## overinflated (adjective)

overinflated reputations

a critic should prick ~ (poetry)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere

## overlord (person)

conglomerate's IT overlords

the ~ gathered in Maidenhead, England (NotPetya worm)

power: history / person / royalty

## overnight

overnight success

she was an ~ (an artist)

the firm wasn't an ~

collapsed overnight

apple sales ~

come about overnight

the recession didn't ~

solved overnight

the problem will not be ~

speed: day

## overplay (verb)

overplayed their hand

they ~ (Google versus EU)

failure, accident & impairment: cards / sports & games / verb

## overreach (verb)

overreached

BP ~ (and caused an oil-drilling catastrophe)

behavior: arm / boundary / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: arm / boundary / verb

constraint & lack of constraint: arm / boundary / verb

## overshadow (verb)

overshadowed the race

the tragedy ~ (fatality)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / shadow / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: light & dark / shadow / verb

superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow / verb

## overstep (verb)

overstepped his authority

a judge ruled the health commissioner ~

overstep his boundaries

a journalist should not ~

overstepped his bounds

he's a creep who ~ (gossip)

overstepped a line

he felt she had ~

the covert operation probably ~

overstepped the line

most priests are not predators, but some have ~ (sex)

overstepped his (electoral) mandate  
the governor has ~ (politics)

overstepped his office  
the president has ~ (interfering in local issue)

overstepped its power  
the government has ~

**behavior: boundary / verb / walking, running & jumping**  
**restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb / walking, running & jumping**  
**constraint & lack of constraint: boundary / verb / walking, running & jumping**

### over-the-top (adjective)

over-the-top news stories  
most ~ cite anonymous officials (South Korea)

**restraint & lack of restraint: military**

### overthrow (verb)

overthrew his father  
the emir, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, ~

overthrow the government  
he vowed to ~ (Joseph Kony / Uganda)  
its goal is to ~ and install a theocracy (Algeria)

overthrew the government  
the military ~ (Fiji / 2006)

vowed to overthrow  
he ~ the government (Joseph Kony / Uganda)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb**  
**dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb**

### overturn (verb)

overturn the ban  
they will go to court to try and ~  
he is working to ~ (nuclear power / California)  
he led the charge to ~

overturn the (climbing) ban  
the group wants to ~ (Twin Sisters / Idaho)

overturned the conviction  
a French appeals court ~ of six accused of...

overturned (conventional) theories  
he ~ about the origin of autism (Rimland)

overturn his (father's) will  
Leon Hendrix was seeking to ~ and gain control

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb**  
**dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb**  
**disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb**  
**reversal: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb**

### overturned

overturned convictions  
unnecessary appeals and ~  
faulty FBI lab work may result in ~s

**dismissal, removal & resignation: direction**  
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**  
**reversal: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb**

### owe (verb)

owe people explanations  
you don't ~

owe my (windsurfing) career to him  
I ~ (mentor)

owe a lot to my heritage  
I ~ (Iowa)

owed it to myself  
I ~ to consider the implications...

owe a lot to my parents  
I ~

owe a debt (of gratitude) to my editor  
I ~ (writer / acknowledgments)

owe its existence to fiber optics  
the information superhighway ~

owes its origins to the Phoenicians  
the name Spain (Hispania) ~

owes to Allah  
Haj is a duty that mankind ~

owe you anything  
the world does not ~

owe you nothing  
your parents ~

**obligation: money / verb**

### own (verb)

"own" Myanmar  
people say China is the "big daddy" and will soon ~

owns the past  
who really ~ (looted and smuggled antiquities)

owned the pool  
the US has ~ (at British Olympics)

**possession: money / verb**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: money / verb**

### own (make something one's own)

made it her own  
she ~ (the song "Respect" sung by Aretha)

**possession: money / verb**

### ownership (noun)

took no ownership  
he took ~ of what he's done (criminal case)

**possession: money**

### oxygen (fuel)

oxygen

liberalism is the ~ that his conflagration required (Trump)  
why is an outlier case getting so much ~ (hoax hate crime)

oxygen for the theory  
the ~ is that...

political oxygen  
underdog candidates gulped much-needed ~ (TV debate)

oxygen has been sucked up  
much of the political ~ by the presidential race (other races)

provide more oxygen  
if they did that, it would ~ for this controversy (sports)

give oxygen  
ignoring it will ~ to extremists (ethnic identity of criminals)  
we don't want to ~ to his ideology (media suppresses  
manifesto)

**initiation: air / atmosphere / chemistry / fire**

**increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / chemistry / fire**

## P

### pace (at a pace)

at the pace of repairs  
frustrated ~, he traveled to San Jose...

at one's own pace  
and there's more freedom to work ~

at a snail's pace  
moving ~ is the norm above 8,000 meters (climbing)

at their own pace  
the computer program allows students to work ~

at an accelerating pace  
these norms are unraveling ~

at an alarming pace  
but disasters have continued ~ (mine industry)

at an accelerated pace  
lesbian culture evolved ~  
achieving the desired outcome at an ~

at a set pace  
it is not ~ (human growth and development)

at a furious pace  
when national chains were building ~;  
once the snow began, it fell ~

at a glacial pace  
benefits and appeals are decided ~ (veterans)

at a rapid pace  
the polar ice cap will shrink ~ for the next 50 years

at a tolerable pace  
denial allows assimilation of tragic information ~

**speed: foot / walking, running & jumping**

### pace (speed)

pace (of medical research) is glacial  
the ~

dictated the pace  
he has ~ (mixed-martial arts fight)

gathers pace  
as the emergency response ~

♦ "Every word has its own pace." (Peter Sokolowski answering a question about how long it takes for a word to become recognized.)

**speed: foot / walking, running & jumping**

### pace-setter

pace-setter  
the US has always wanted to be the ~ (in physics, etc.)

**driving force: sports & games / walking, running & jumping**

**competition: sports & games / walking, running & jumping**

### pack (competition)

head of the pack  
the consensus is that she is at the ~ (a candidate)

**competition: animal / dog / wolf**

### pack (group)

pack of riders  
on Sunday, he finished in the main ~ (Tour de France)

packs of youth  
~s roamed the streets (Ottawa power outage)

lead pack  
as the ~ approached the third turn on lap 39 (NASCAR)  
he stayed in the ~ (Nascar racer)

main pack  
Armstrong finished with the ~ (Tour de France)

troop or pack  
everyone involved in a ~ (Boy Scouts)

finished with the (main) pack  
Armstrong ~ (Tour de France)

break free from the pack  
~ (ad for a contraceptive)

**group, set & collection: animal**

### package (benefits, etc.)

incentive package  
creating ~s

benefit package  
the federal government offers a very generous ~ (jobs)

settlement package  
the company's ~ (for death of worker)

severance package  
the charge will fund ~s (a company)

he got a \$5.5 million ~ (executive of failed company)

financial aid package

asking for a better ~ (colleges)

generous (benefit) package

the federal government offers a very ~ (jobs)

**configuration: container**

## package (commercial)

package rate

30 percent off the ~ for a ski trip

hotel's (\$899-a-couple) package

the ~

dive package

selling ~s

air and accommodation packages

the lodge offers ~ (Alaska)

most heavily promoted package

most choose the ~ (buying autos)

\$899-a-couple package

the hotel's ~

offers (air and accommodation) packages

the lodge ~ (Alaska)

**configuration: container**

## pack rat (person)

pack rat

he is a ~, and kept the original packaging (a CD)

**character & personality: animal**

## page (on the same page)

on the same page

this year, everyone is ~ (successful team)

**unanimity & consensus: books & reading**

## page (development)

start a new page

we will ~

turn the page

it's time to ~ and go to the next chapter of my life

turning over a new page

we are ~ in the history of Kyrgyzstan (elections)

turn a new page after two world wars

he went to Germany to ~ (Charles de Gaulle)

page has turned

it feels like a ~ regarding sex abuse (stronger sentences)

**development: books & reading**

## pain (noun)

pain in the ass

it's a ~ (doing the job right)

pain in the butt

journalists are a ~ (asking questions, etc.)

pain in the neck

rebuilding it will be a ~ (damaged overpass)

what a ~

pain in my neck

she was often a ~

economic pain

many Americas are experiencing great ~ (recession)

there is only corruption, humiliation, and ~

tariffs will just cause us ~

**affliction: health & medicine**

## painful (adjective)

painful chapter

it was a ~ in Indian history (white boarding schools)

painful truth

here's the ~

painful vigil

the ~ of a mother

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation**

## paint (characterize)

paint the entire border patrol with this same brush

to ~ is irresponsible and unfair (misdeeds of 3 agents)

painting her as an adulteress

the prosecution ~

painting the North as a promised land

he ~ (Robert Sengstacke Abbott of *Chicago Defender*)

painting democrats as extreme

republicans want to ~

painting alcoholics in harsher colors

we need to ~ (TV shows)

painting a (bleaker) picture

there are doctors who ~ than necessary

painting an (ugly) picture

she ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

painting the accuser as troubled

his lawyer continued to ~

**characterization: picture / verb**

## paint (resemblance)

knead, wax, pluck, rub, and paint

estheticians ~ people

**resemblance: picture / verb**

## palace (movie palace, etc.)

Palace of Weddings

the city's elegant ~ (Krasnoyarsk)

Beckingham Palace

their country mansion, known as ~ (English soccer star)

corn palace

the world's only ~ (Mitchell, South Dakota)

ice palace

in the late 1800s cities built ~s for winter carnivals

movie palace

the ~s of his youth

pet palace

Atwood's Pet Resort in SeaTac is a ~

air-conditioned palace

the Grand Ole Opry moved into its new ~

**resemblance: royalty**

## palatable (adjective)

palatable to the left

a way that is ~

**consumption: food & drink / taste**

**flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste**

## palatial (adjective)

palatial (Manhattan) loft

she designed the kitchen in his ~

run from basic to palatial

river shacks ~ (South Carolina)

**size: royalty**

## palisade (noun)

palisades of steel

they are great ~ (container ships)

**resemblance: fortification**

## pall (cast a pall)

cast a pall on the (peace) process

the victory by Hamas ~

cast a pall over the Olympics

the accident ~ (luge death / Winter Olympics)

casts a pall everywhere

if it ~, there is a special darkness to it here in the US (mass shooting)

♦ A pall is the cloth covering a coffin, hearse or tomb.

**feeling, emotion & effect: burial / cloth / verb**

**oppression: burial / cloth / verb**

## palm (in the palm of one's hand)

in the palm of his hand

he had everything ~ and it was taken away (arrest)

in the palm of their hand

they had victory ~ but... (soccer team)

**attainment: hand**

## panacea (noun)

panacea

the new rules will not be a ~

blockchain is not a ~, it's not this magical thing

♦ A synonym for *panacea* is *cure-all*. In Greek mythology, *Panacea* was a goddess of healing.

**amelioration & renewal: allusion / health & medicine**

## pancake (verb)

pancaked during the earthquake

several buildings ~

**configuration: food & drink / verb**

## pancake (pancake ice, etc.)

pancake ice

~ in the Weddell Sea

**shape: food & drink**

## pancake (noun)

pancake

the collapse created a ~ on the floors below

**configuration: food**

## pancaked

pancaked

the plane was ~, it's totally crushed and pulverized  
about half of the parking garage was ~

pancaked floors

they could see bodies in the ~ (earthquake)

**configuration: food & drink**

## pander (verb)

pandered to their political bases

the politicians ~

♦ According to Homer, Pandarus led the Lycians in the Trojan War. Boccaccio, Chaucer and Shakespeare refer to him as instrumental in supplying the girl Cressida for the king of Troy. He helps the two lovers in Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde*.

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: allusion / sex / verb**

**speech: allusion / sex / verb**

## Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)

reopen the Pandora's box of (ethnic) conflict

failure to act will ~ (Balkans)

opened a Pandora's box of (menacing) possibilities

they have ~ (war)

opened up a Pandora's box of (legal) troubles  
his plea agreement may have ~ of legal trouble for Trump

opened a Pandora's box  
they have ~ of menacing possibilities (war)

♦ Nathaniel Hawthorne wonderfully tells the story of Pandora's box in *A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys*. His emphasis is on the curiosity that all children have.

**initiation: allusion / creature / religion / verb**  
**affliction: allusion / creature / religion / verb**

## Panglossian

Panglossian viewpoint  
it's easy to make fun of his ~

♦ Pangloss was a fictional character from *Candide* by Voltaire. Candide was famous for his optimism.

**character & personality: allusion**

## panhandle (area)

Florida panhandle  
he drove through the ~

♦ Nine US states are considered to have panhandles, including Florida.

**shape: cooking**

## panopticon (noun)

medical panopticon  
Thrun envisages a ~ that constantly scans us (AI diagnosing)

♦ This refers to Jeremy Bentham's idea for a circular penitentiary open to hidden view from a central office. The idea was, inmates would control themselves if they knew they were being secretly watched at every moment.

**surveillance: allusion / crime / history**

## pan out (verb)

pan out  
the deal didn't ~  
if the projects ~... (energy development)  
she had a couple of relationships that didn't ~

♦ One dictionary dates the origin of this word to 1868. Famous gold rushes include: California (1848), Australia (1851), South Africa (1886), and the Klondike (1898).

**success & failure: mining / verb**  
**worth & lack of worth: mining / verb**

## pantheon (noun)

pantheon  
other athletes deserve to be in that same ~ (winners)

pantheon of (past keynote) speakers  
he joins a ~ (political conventions)

pantheon of great surfers  
his long rides in the barrel place him in the ~ (Garrett McNamara)

Blues pantheon  
the Chicago ~ (Howlin' Wolf, Elmore James, Magic Sam, and Junior Wells)

♦ In ancient Greek times, a pantheon was a temple dedicated to all of the gods.

**superlative: allusion / place / religion**  
**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## pants (caught with one's pants down)

caught with our pants down  
we were ~ (CDC official)

**readiness & preparedness: clothing & accessories / verb**

## pants (get in somebody's pants)

get in my pants  
they all wanted to ~ (pretty girl and high-school boys)

**sex: clothing & accessories / verb**

## pants (scare the pants off somebody)

scare the pants off people  
it will ~ (lawlessness)

**courage & lack of courage: clothing & accessories / verb**

**hyperbole: clothing & accessories**

## paper tiger

paper tiger  
Osama bin Laden believed America was a ~

**substance & lack of substance: animal / tiger**

**strength & weakness: animal / tiger**

**force: animal / tiger**

## parachuted (verb)

parachuted in  
he was ~ last year to lead a turnaround of the business

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane / verb**

## parachute (golden parachute)

golden parachute  
CEOs got high salaries and generous ~s

lucrative golden parachute  
they rewarded him with a ~ (Blatt)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane**  
**achievement, recognition & praise: plane**

## parade (noun)

parade of suspects  
the investigation has seen a ~ over the years (crime)

endless parade  
the seemingly ~ of principals (troubled middle school)

never-ending parade  
a ~ of visits

nonstop parade  
a ~ of local heroes carrying the Olympic torch

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / walking, running & jumping**

**group, set & collection: walking, running & jumping**  
**paradise**

hikers' paradise  
Aspen is a ~

smuggler's paradise  
the ~ of Tijuana (drugs)

surfer's paradise  
this ~ (Kuta, Bali)

surfers' paradise  
Jaws is a ~ (north shore of Maui, Hawaii)  
the North Shore of Oahu has long been a ~

bird lover's paradise  
Horicon Marsh is a ~

skateboarder's paradise  
the park is a ~

train lover's paradise  
China is a ~ (43,000 miles of operating tracks)

island paradise  
the ~ turned into hell by terrorists (Bali)

windsurfing paradise  
the Columbia River Gorge is a ~

natural paradise  
they live in a ~ (langurs of Halong Bay)

socialist paradise  
he promised Venezuelans a better life in a ~

tropical paradise  
in theory this place should be a ~

♦ Truly, the Horicon Marsh in Wisconsin is a bird-lover's paradise with its geese and great blue herons. The largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States also has an amazing backstory that started with the last Ice Age and continues to the present.

**environment / superlative: religion**

**flaws & lack of flaws: religion**

**Paradise Lost (allusion)**

Paradise Lost  
this ~ kind of family mythology (formerly rich family)

♦ *Paradise Lost* was the poem by John Milton.

**division & connection: allusion / religion**

**paradisiacal (adjective)**

paradisiacal sounds  
fountains provide ~ (Hama, Syria)

♦ Pronounced para-duh-SEE-uh-kul.

**feeling, emotion & effect: religion**

**paralyze (verb)**

paralyzed Algiers  
the heaviest snow in more than 50 years ~

paralyzed Yaoundé  
antigovernment riots ~, Cameroon's capital (2008)

riots paralyzed Yaoundé  
antigovernment ~, Cameroon's capital (2008)

snow (in more than 50 years) paralyzed Algiers  
the heaviest ~

**functioning: health & medicine / verb**

**paralyzed (feeling)**

paralyzed with grief  
when I got home I was ~ (Everest 96)

paralyzed by fear  
we are absolutely ~ (stuck in a job you don't like)

**feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / health & medicine**

**paralyzed (functioning)**

paralyzed by hackers  
Baltimore struggles to revive computer systems ~

left (most of) the capital paralyzed  
the assault ~ (Baghdad terrorism)

**functioning: health & medicine**

**paralysis (noun)**

political paralysis  
it was a result of the ~ in Washington  
~ may push American off a fiscal cliff

**functioning: health & medicine**

**paramount (adjective)**

paramount importance  
being ethical is of ~

**importance & significance: height / mountains & hills**

**parasite (noun)**

parasite  
critics are ~s (literary critics)  
tax evaders are ~s to society (Italy)  
illegal immigrants are ~s and should be deported  
she is a ~ who exploits her culture for money (a writer)

parasite on the economy  
the government is not simply a ~

**affliction: animal**

**parent (parent company, etc.)**

parent company  
a revenue-sharing arrangement with its ~  
the Washington Post and its ~  
taxation of ~s and their subsidiaries

**division: family**

## parent (relationship)

parent company

a revenue-sharing arrangement with its ~  
the Washington Post and its ~  
taxation of ~s and their subsidiaries

parent star

the brown dwarf orbits around its ~ (astronomy)

**relationship: family**

**division & connection: family**

## pariah (person)

pariah state

Israel is an apartheid ~

pariah status

Zimbabwe seeks to jettison its ~

made himself a pariah

he ~ at his old studio (an actor)

♦ This word refers to a caste in India.

**society: person**

**acceptance & rejection: person**

**person: society**

## Paris (epithet)

"Paris of the South"

attempts to promote Asheville as the ~

Paris of the Middle East

before 1975, Beirut was known as the ~

**superlative: epithet / place**

**epithet: place**

## park (walk in the park)

walk in the park

people who said it would be a ~ were wrong (Brexit)  
I knew it wasn't going to be a ~ (transgender hormones)  
it should be a ~ (US women should win World Cup)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: walking, running & jumping**

## park (hit something out of the park)

hit it out of the park

she ~ (a great debate performance)

**success & failure: baseball / sports & games**

## parrot (verb)

parroted the (official) line

he ~ about enemy losses

parrot the Pledge of Allegiance

kids who ~ often say, "I led the pigeons to the flag"

**repetition: bird / verb**

## parse (verb)

parse each of his sentences

let's ~ (radio host / news show)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb**

## part (moving parts)

a lot of moving parts

there are ~ to this story

so many moving parts

there are ~ in terms of the legal issues

**complexity: mechanism**

## party (late to the party)

late to the party

aren't you rather ~ (entering new market)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: party**

## pass (free pass)

free pass

many thought the press gave him a ~ (politician)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ticket**

## pass away (verb)

passed away last week

he ~

♦ A "deceased person" who has "passed away" is a dead person who has died.

♦ "Fire Department medic unit Number 4 responded and transported the victim to Temple Hospital, where she was subsequently pronounced at 5:33 a.m." (A police spokesperson about a murder.)

**euphemism: death & life**

## pass (end)

pass

your problems will soon ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping**

## pass (progress)

passed the US

many countries have ~ in healthcare and quality of life

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement**

**competition: journeys & trips / verb**

## pass by (progress)

pass us by

we don't want to let this ~ (chance to adopt new technology)

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips / movement**

## passing (death)

passing of our friend and brother

it is with the heaviest of hearts that I tell you of the ~



**euphemism: death & life**

**death & life: movement**

## **passion (enthusiasm)**

passion

my ~ is skiing

passion in life

his biggest ~ was climbing (killed by lightning)

passion for chemistry

his ~ (Richard Smalley)

passion for graffiti

his ~ was extinguished when... (tagging accident)

passion for (water) sports

a ~ (kitesurfing, etc.)

passion for trains

his life-long ~ (model trains, train spotting, etc.)

passion for vengeance

the understandable ~ (against terrorists)

passion for water sports

a young man with a ~ (kitesurfing, etc.)

passion for acting

he quit his job to pursue a lifelong ~ (TV, movies)

passion for boating

he has a love and ~ (a kayaker)

passion for caving

his ~ and cave diving has taken him around the world

passion for dancing

an active teen with a ~

passion for gambling

his ~

passion for sky diving

he had a ~

passion for caving and cave diving

his ~ has taken him around the world

passion and devotion

ramen inspires ~ among Japanese and foreigners

lifelong passion

he quit his job to pursue a ~ for acting (TV, movies)

space flight has been his ~ (astronaut)

interest / passions / hobbies

the return of ~ (after trauma, crisis abroad)

love and passion

he has a ~ for boating (a kayaker)

secret or (a) passion or (an) issue or (a) decision

when race is a ~ (people)

followed his passion

he ~ (a windsurfer)

follow your passion

that's part of the spirit of mountaineering, to ~

inspires passion

ramen ~ and devotion among Japanese and foreigners

turn your passion into a profession

how do you ~ (ad on TV or arts school)

♦ According to Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., *passion* originally meant suffering. Then it morphed in the late 14th century (the time of Chaucer) to mean powerful emotions like hatred and rage, including the tender passion of love. In Funk's day, it came to relate to the powerful emotion of sex. Today it commonly means enthusiasm. *Compassion* comes from the same root and literally means, "with suffering," or "I feel your suffering."

♦ "Some people may say that passion is folly. I think if you haven't followed your passions, you haven't lived. If you haven't lived, you haven't evolved." (John Chao, photographer and founder, publisher and editor in 1993 of the magazine *American Windsurfer*. In December 2016 he drove a panel truck full of firewood and propane from The Dalles, Oregon, to North Dakota to support the Standing Rock Dakota Access Pipeline activists in their winter camps.)

**enthusiasm: sex**

**control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: sex**

## **passionate**

passionate about this case

I was ~ (Johnnie Cochran)

passionate about the (local) people

he was so ~ (a scientist in the field)

passionate defender

President Jacob Zuma is a ~ of Zulu traditions (S. Africa)

passionate response

she delivered a ~

young, passionate and pissed

I was ~ (climber who lost best friend)

**enthusiasm: sex**

**control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: sex**

## **passionately**

feel passionately

but for those of us who ~ about the oceans (preservation)

**enthusiasm: sex**

**control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: sex**

## **passage**

passage into womanhood

her quinceañera, the celebration of a Hispanic girl's ~

girl's passage

her quinceañera, the celebration of a Hispanic ~ into womanhood

**growth & development: journeys & trips**

**course: journeys & trips**

## **passport (noun)**

passport to freedom

education is our ~ (young European Muslim women)

passport out of death row  
a low IQ can be a ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: document / government**

## past (in the past)

in the past  
this all happened ~

♦ Scott Simon: *When is the past past? Ever?* / Channele Benz: *Well, I think we can lay the past to rest once we've had some kind of reckoning with it.* ("Channele Benz On 'The Gone Dead,'" NPR, Weekend Edition, June 22, 2019.)

**past & present: container  
time: container**

## pasture (put out to pasture)

put out to pasture  
some think the musical should be ~ (The King and I)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal / horse / verb**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse / verb**

## patch (amelioration)

patched up the (contentious) issue with a compromise  
they ~ (world leaders)

patched things up  
the two eventually ~ (a relationship)  
the company has ~ (problems)

patched up their differences  
they have ~ (a couple)

patched the (security) flaw  
Microsoft has ~

patched his relationship  
he has ~ with them

patch the rift  
he is trying to ~ (disagreement)

**amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb**

## patch (patch together)

patched together an agreement  
leaders finally ~ (diplomacy)

patched together a (workable group)  
he has ~

**creation & transformation: cloth / verb**

## patched

patched  
Windows is full of security holes that can never be ~

patched up  
the problems have been ~

**amelioration & renewal: cloth**

## patchwork (noun)

patchwork  
the system, however ~, works well

**amelioration & renewal: cloth**

## path (on the path)

on the path to sainthood  
the Pontiff put him ~

on the path to democracy and freedom  
they are ~ (Iraq)

on the right path  
I have put Qatar ~ (Sheikh Hamad)  
so the economy's ~

continue on the path  
we're going to ~ that we started on last year

continue on the (same) path  
we will ~ that was laid out by Osama...

got on the (right) path  
he straightened his life out and ~ (former criminal)

set out on this path  
he ~ in 1997 by writing... (rehabilitated his career)

put Qatar on the right path  
I have ~ (Sheikh Hamad)

put him on the path  
the Pontiff ~ to sainthood

continue on this path  
we should let the economy ~

**course: journeys & trips**

## path (on a path)

on a (sustained) expansion path  
the economy now appears to be ~

on a (good expansionary) growth path  
the economy seems to be on a good expansionary ~

on a downward path  
the debt to GDP ratio is ~ (economy)

on a troubled path  
when someone you love is ~

♦ "In Japan there has been only one path, and today an increasing number of people are not on it. It's easy to say that academic background is not everything. But the parents cannot suggest another path because they don't know one." (A Japanese psychologist talking about *Hickikomori*, the withdrawal from society by young people.)

**course: journeys & trips**

## path (in the path)

obstacles in the path  
the FAA threw ~ of the Peotone proposal (airport)

threw obstacles in the path  
the FAA ~ of the Peoton proposal (airport)

**obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips**

### **path (down a path)**

down a path (that)

don't force your child ~ you wanted to follow

down a dangerous path

his unswerving belief in himself led him ~

down the wrong path

it has taken us ~ (antiterrorism)

down a moderate and secular path

lead Pakistan ~

go down paths

they can ~ that relate to... (investigation)

led him down a dangerous path

his unswerving belief in himself ~

taken us down the wrong path

it has ~ (antiterrorism)

continue down that path

it's important that we ~ (environmental cleanup)

force your child down a path

don't ~ you wanted to follow (but didn't)

**course: journeys & trips**

### **path (cross paths)**

cross paths

when competitors ~, violence usually follows (prison)

cross his path

he is a danger to all who ~

crossed paths

late Monday night, the two men ~ again (cop / felon)

crossed her path

she left a mark on all of us who ~ (an actor)

cross paths with a stripper

an accountant might ~ (at an airport)

**fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips / verb**

### **path (beat a path)**

beating a path to China's door

the world is ~

**eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / verb**

### **path (off the beaten path)**

off the beaten path

even tours of federal buildings ~ are possible

far off the beaten path

she lives in a place ~

**isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips**

### **path (path of peace, etc.)**

path

the ~ they follow may not be simple (investigation)  
figure out what ~ will work best for you (education)  
jihad is its ~ ( Hamas motto)

path of Allah

the ~

path of peace

the ~ is still the right path

path of prosperity

we need to get back on the ~ (politics)

path of (ecological) sustainability

they follow a ~ (reindeer peoples)

path of reason, justice and dialogue

adopt the ~ to resolve... (Kashmir)

**course: journeys & trips**

### **path (path to / toward legalization, etc.)**

path to citizenship

we offer a ~ for 1.8 million illegal immigrants

path to jihad

hundreds of Americans have followed the ~

path to legalization

immigrants need a ~ (US)

path to pride

his job to help the school find a ~ (troubled high school)

path to riches

a marketing wizard who hopes he had found the ~

path to success

negotiations with no clear ~ (Middle East)

paths to success

there are many ~

path to discipline, tenacity, courage

hardship is the surer ~

path to inner peace

the Buddhist ~

path toward a market economy

the difficult, unguided ~ (Russia)

path toward peace and prosperity

putting the continent on a ~ (Africa)

**course: journeys & trips**

### **path (alternatives and choices)**

path of least resistance

he's lazy, he'll take the ~

path of the lesser evil

we took the ~ (US support of Saddam)

two paths  
there are ~ now for supercomputing  
you can take one of ~ in high school (boy-crazy or study)

another path  
parents can't suggest ~ (Japan)

different path  
persuade young delinquents to take a ~

many paths  
there are ~ to success

one path  
in Japan there is only one ~

quickest path  
the ~ is not always obvious  
the ~ to raise school's profile is to buy a football team

two paths  
there are ~ now for supercomputing  
you can take one of ~ in high school (boys or academics)

**alternatives & choices: journeys & trips**

### **path (a path can turn)**

path took an (unexpected) turn  
her life's ~ (serious injury)

**development: journeys & trips**

### **path (somebody's path)**

brother's path  
he assured his father he wouldn't follow his ~

father's path  
he eventually followed his ~ (seminarian)

life's path  
her ~ took an unexpected turn (serious injury)

Saudi Arabia's path  
but Qatar does not stray too far from ~

**course: journeys & trips**

### **path (tough / easy path, etc.)**

clear-cut (career) paths  
not all fields at universities have ~

clear path  
negotiations with no ~ to success (Middle East)

difficult path  
military families walk a ~ in wartime (dissent, etc.)

smooth path  
no candidate will have a ~ to the Democratic nomination

straight path  
we ask Allah to lead the Muslims to follow the ~

surrier path  
hardship is the ~ to discipline, tenacity, courage

difficult, unguided path  
the ~ toward a market economy (Russia)

long, tortured path  
it's been a ~ for the international space station

walk a difficult path  
military families ~ in wartime (dissent, anxiety, etc.)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips**

**flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips**

### **path (other)**

career path  
clear-cut ~s  
a ~ shaped by combat experience (the military)

converging paths  
he concluded that species had evolved along ~ (Darwin)

academic path  
decide what the best ~ for you may be

Buddhist path  
the ~ to inner peace

spiritual path  
turning to a ~ in their search for answers

step along the path  
a preliminary trial is a ~ to a criminal trial (Colorado)

adopt the path  
~ of reason, justice and dialogue to resolve... (Kashmir)

chose the path  
another bored child of privilege who ~ of revolution

find a path  
his job to help the school ~ to pride high school)

follow a path  
they ~ of ecological sustainability

followed his (father's) path  
he eventually ~ (seminarian)

follow their (mothers') paths  
often, young prostitutes ~ into the sex trade

follow in Qeis's path  
he vowed he will ~ (suicide bomber)

take its path  
justice has to ~ (investigation)

got on the right path  
he straightened his life out and got on the ~ (criminal)

started down a path  
we have ~ that we won't turn back from (legal action)

set me along this path  
my mother helped to ~ (of being a writer)

stray from the path  
a good Muslim must not ~

stray (too far) from (Saudi Arabia's) path  
but Qatar does not ~

get back on the path  
we must ~ of prosperity (politics)

**course: journeys & trips**

## pathbreaking

pathbreaking article  
he wrote a ~ on this subject

pathbreaking filmmaker  
he was a ~ who... (obituary)

pathbreaking ideas  
he garnered admiration for some ~ but also enmity

path-breaking research  
he brought ~ to economics

pathbreaking role  
the museum played a ~ in fostering education

path-breaking study  
he was the primary author of a ~ that found...

pathbreaking work  
his ~ opened a new era in cancer research

**importance & significance: journeys & trips**

## pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.)

HMS *Pathfinder*  
the ~ was sunk by a German U-boat in 1914

Lisa Pathfinder  
the European Space Agency's ~

Nissan Pathfinder  
he was struck by a ~

**proper name: journeys & trips**

## pathology (noun)

pathology  
Nazism emerged as a ~ of an inflation-wracked...

symptom of a (much wider) pathology  
he is a ~ infecting the entire system (Chinese politics)

**affliction: health & medicine**

## pathway (route)

pathway to citizenship  
illegal immigrants need a ~  
the Dreamers need a ~

pathway from complaint to trial  
the ~ is too long (sex abuse cases)

**route: journeys & trips**

## patient zero

patient zero in the NotPetya plague

the servers that played the role of ~ (computer worm)

**affliction / initiation: health & medicine**

## patron saint

patron saint  
feminists found in her a sort of ~ (an artist)

**representation: religion**

## pause (noun)

hit pause  
they have agreed to ~ on their escalating trade war

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism**

## pawn (noun)

pawn of Israel and the West  
he is widely seen as a ~

pawn in the Great Game  
Azerbaijan was a ~ for territory and power

pawns in a (political) chess game  
they use human beings as ~ (hostages)

pawns in a (highly profitable) scam  
we were ~ (employees at Southern Poverty Law Center)

pawn on the board  
they were grasping at straws, I was just a ~ (John Artis)

use him as a pawn  
both sides will try to ~ for their own purposes (politics)

**control & lack of control: chess / sports & games**

**power: chess / sports & games**

**strength & weakness: chess / sports & games**

## pay (benefit)

pays to go back  
sometimes it ~ and start over (detective / cold cases)

pays to be nice  
it ~ to strangers (got free tickets)

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

## pay (pay a price)

pay the price  
when it comes to high heels, the feet ~

pay a price  
you want the fame but, baby, you ~ (Frank Sinatra)

pay the price of the war  
they ~ with their arms and legs (injured civilians)

pay the price (of the war) with their arms and legs  
they ~ (injured civilians)

pays the price in fear, suffering and death  
society ~ (anti-vaccination fears and causes)

paid a price for his beliefs

Yusuf Islam has ~... (controversy, etc.)

pays a price for her (burning) righteousness  
she ~ (a play)

paid a very high price  
we ~ (military commander, about casualties)

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

### pay (obligation)

paid me a complement  
he ~

paying tribute to our (nursing) colleagues  
~—past, present and future

paid little mind to the outside world  
they ~ (rural isolation)

paid with his life  
he ~ for the people's freedom (terrorist)

pay for their actions  
they must ~ (teen killers)

paid his debt  
he has ~ many times over (44 years in prison)

pays (little) heed  
the program ~ to issues of gender and sexuality

paid (close) notice  
France's minority communities ~ when...

pay the (ultimate) penalty  
they want those guilty to ~ (death)

pay my respects  
I was determined to ~ to Ronald Reagan (on his death)

paid his respects  
the president personally ~ to Sheehan

pay his respects  
he went to the cemetery to ~ (to a victim of terrorism)

pay its respects  
the base was opened for the public to ~ (military deaths)

paid their respects  
people ~ to the 12 men who died (coal miners)

paid tribute  
he ~ to the men and women in the armed services

paid a (surprise) visit  
he ~ and was shocked by what he saw (illegal logging)

paid an (unannounced) visit  
Rumsfeld ~ to Iraq (government official)

**obligation: money / verb**

### pay (revenge)

pay  
I'm going to make you ~ (a threat)  
you will ~ for what you did

**revenge: money / verb**

### payback

payback for his reporting  
was his murder a crime or a political ~ (journalist)

payback time  
it's ~

**revenge: money**

### pay dirt

pay dirt  
he finally hit ~ (in the 1930 census) (genealogy)

movie pay dirt  
the company turns graphic novels into ~

hit pay dirt  
he finally ~ (a researcher)  
on the fourth day, he seemed to ~ (experiment)

**success & failure: ground, terrain & land / mining**

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining**

**worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land / mining**

### pay off (verb)

pay off  
what you are doing will ~ (studying / school)

paying off  
the training is ~ (military / counter-IED measures)  
China's strategy is ~ (G-20 negotiations)

gamble paid off  
the ~

lessons paid off  
the piano ~ (plays well)

work had paid off  
all our hard ~ (a scientist)

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

**worth & lack of worth: money / verb**

### payoff

payoff for a job well done  
it was an incredible ~ (successful medevac)

**cost & benefit: money**

**worth & lack of worth: money**

### peak (at the peak)

at the peak of his career  
he disappeared seemingly ~ (an artist)

at the peak of his popularity  
he was ~ (a leader)

at the peak of his powers  
he is ~ (a rugby player)

**achievement, recognition & praise: mountains & hills**

**growth & development: mountains & hills**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: mountains & hills**

**increase & decrease: mountains & hills**

## peak (other)

peaks and troughs

the regional patterns of ~ could change (rising sea levels)

peaks and valleys

it's a long season, you're going to have ~

there are more emotional ~ in the film (than in the book)

**progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills**

**shape: mountains & hills**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: mountains & hills**

**increase & decrease: mountains & hills**

## pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.)

Pearl of Africa

Mogadishu, the ~, is in ruins (Somalia)

Pearl of Asia

when Phnom Penh was known as the ~

Pearl of the Orient

Manila, the ~ (Philippines);

the city that came to be known as the ~ (Saigon)

"Pearl of the Adriatic"

the ~, on the Dalmatian Coast (Dubrovnik)

"Pearl of the Antilles"

the city was considered the ~ (Havana, Cuba)

**superlative: epithet / sea**

**epithet: mining / sea**

## pearl (string of pearls)

string of pearls (m)

when the 21 pieces of the "~" comet hit Jupiter

**configuration: sea**

## Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)

Australia's Pearl Harbor

the Japanese attack on Darwin is known as ~ (1942)

**subterfuge: allusion / epithet / history**

**epithet: history / military**

## pecking order

corporate pecking order

we still have ~s and rigid job categories (lack of change)

at the bottom of the pecking order

we were ~ (biker club)

**hierarchy: animal / bird**

## pedestal (on a pedestal)

put him on a pedestal

they ~ (George Washington)

people who ~ since he took charge

put on a high pedestal

they are ~ (priests in immigrant community)

**admiration & contempt: height**

## pedestaled

pedestaled notions

the pressure to conform to ~ of female beauty

**admiration & contempt: height**

## peek (verb)

peeked through the clouds

the sun ~

**appearance & disappearance: eye**

**resemblance: eye**

## peel (peel back the layers, etc.)

peeled back the layers

as investigators ~, they found more

peel back the world

he writes with eager curiosity to ~ the world of...

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables / verb**

## Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.)

Pele of Saudi Arabia

Majid Abdullah, the ~

Pele of Brazilian literature

he is the ~ (Paulo Coelho, according to Arnaldo Niskier)

Russian Pele

he earned the nickname, "the ~" (Streltsov)

**superlative: sports & games**

**ability & lack of ability: epithet / sports & games**

**epithet: sports & games**

## pendulum (reversal)

pendulum is swinging back

now the ~ (from spending to austerity)

pendulum has swung too far

some think the ~ and they want to push it back

pendulum will swing back

the ~ (politics)

**development / reversal: pendulum**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: pendulum**

## pent-up (constrained)

pent-up anger

there's a lot of ~

pent-up (civic) forces

the dictator's ouster unleashed a whirlwind of ~

pent-up frustration

~s have flared into violence (Nigeria)

left it all pent up

it's as though the stuttering ~ (talkative person)

**feeling, emotion & effect: container**

**constraint & lack of constraint: container**

## pepper (verb)

peppered him with questions

she ~

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb**

**throwing, putting & planting: food & drink / verb**

## peppered

getting peppered

he is ~ (boxing match)

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink**

**throwing, putting & planting: food & drink / verb**

## percent (one hundred and ten percent)

gave it one hundred and ten percent

I ~ (investigation of child abduction)

**commitment & determination: number**

## perch (verb)

perched in the rugged hills

their house is ~

**configuration: bird / verb**

## perch (knock something off its perch)

knock Facebook off its perch

only the government can ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / bird**

## percolate (verb)

percolating

the debate is ~ in various forms (controversy)

percolating (for years) around the blogosphere

the argument has been ~

percolated throughout the U.S. Army

the idea of permanent divisions ~ for at least 20 years prior to 1917

**activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water**

**initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water**

## perspective (from a perspective)

from the perspective of another culture

see Uluru ~ (Australia)

from the perspective of curators

the arrangements were organized ~

from the perspective of lesbians

discussing social events ~ and gay men

from the perspective of students

but ~ and many staff members, nothing changed

from the perspective of African people

history ~ as subjects, not objects...

from a black man's perspective

~, I expect to be able to... (soccer racism)

from the customer's perspective

we're trying to look at it ~

from the employer's perspective

help them see the barrier ~

from the government's perspective

~, he should have been deported years ago

from the passengers' perspective

~, it was a normal day... (D.C. Metro)

from a pilot's perspective

a look at the flight data from a ~ (crash of...)

from the victim's perspective

murder ~

from a native perspective

if you look at history ~ (Cherokee)

from a classroom perspective

it's important to remember ~ that...

from a cost or time perspective

when it's infeasible or impractical ~

from a law-enforcement perspective

things get a little easier ~

from a collecting perspective

~, there is a huge interest in these dolls

from a marketing perspective

~, bankers just don't see the possibilities

from the African perspective

studying from the ~ (African-American studies)

from a federal perspective

that is possible from a ~ in this matter

from their perspective

~, the future of arctic wildlands... (Greenpeace, etc.)

from your perspective

and so ~, how do you think about that and...

from an economic perspective

~, the Strait of Malacca is... (importance)

from a historical perspective

people teaching ~

from a psychological perspective

people teaching ~

from a sociological perspective

people teaching ~



from a strategic perspective  
~, the Strait of Malacca is... (importance)

consider it from a (larger) perspective  
~ that includes... (the town, history, etc.)

look at history from a native perspective  
if you ~ (Cherokee)

look at it from their perspective

made it from the Japanese perspective  
he ~ (Clint Eastwood / a film)

see the world from a different perspective  
people who ~ (autism)

looked at from a long term perspective  
however if ~... (exploiting ANWR)

♦ Heard on NPR: "Carrie, let me get your 3,000-foot perspective on something. Do you think that..."

♦ Heard on NPR: "Let me ask you to pull back 3,000 feet..." (To put a matter into context and perspective.)

♦ "We are looking at it from the 30,000 foot level." (California Democrat Congressman Adam Schiff on NPR.)

**perception, perspective & point of view: position**

### **perspective (in perspective)**

difference in perspective  
the ~ between Western and Arab views of Hezbollah

kept things in perspective  
most importantly, they have ~

keep things in perspective  
to ~, these are scary cases but... (stranger abductions)

put the figures in perspective  
to ~, each... (water scarcity / Middle East)

put the interview in perspective  
~ (jobs)

put it (all) in perspective  
what ~ was a woman who came up and said...

put things in (a different) perspective  
you sure ~ when you tell us about...

put things in (their proper) perspective

put things in perspective  
when we finish grieving and we can ~

put the whole thing in perspective  
old people can better able ~ (memories)

kept in perspective  
the threat needs to be ~ (Al-Shabab in Somalia)

**perception, perspective & point of view: position**

### **perspective (into perspective)**

puts everything else into perspective  
a child's death ~ (on Tour de France)

put it into perspective  
I think you have to ~ (string of skydiving fatalities)

put this into perspective  
to ~, this is... (comparison of pay-per-view fights)

**perception, perspective & point of view: position**

### **perspective (other)**

perspective  
your ~ is welcome (a call-in TV show)

perspective that  
the past ~ they were pastoralists has been corrected

perspective of a historian  
he brought to the subject the shrewd ~

perspectives of the Civil War  
if both black and white ~ are recognized...

perspective on (AIDS) issues  
articulate the public health ~

perspective on life  
articulating the Saudi ~, religion and Sept. 11

perspective on how  
they don't have enough ~ they're being formed (teens)

Parent's Perspective  
a ~ (depression in children)

public health perspective  
articulate the ~ on (AIDS) issues

marketing perspective  
I think in terms of the larger picture, which is a ~

balanced perspective  
it is important to have a ~ (safety and study abroad)

limited perspective  
I had a ~ (status of windsurfing of US vs. rest of world)

Saudi perspective  
articulating the ~ on life, religion and Sept. 11

another perspective  
~ came from prostitutes... ("John" School)

cultural perspective  
a distinctive ~ that we simply don't have

different perspective  
different groups have ~s  
they can't see that their partner simply has a ~  
~s can produce different outlooks on the war (pilots)

enough perspective  
they don't have ~ on how they're being formed (teens)

historical perspective  
Biological warfare: A ~ (JAMA article)

invaluable perspective  
Glen Mills provided him with ~ (a good school)

new perspective  
it must revitalize itself with new ideas and ~s (college)

sense of perspective  
he has a thick skin and a ~ (homicide detective)

shortcomings of the perspective  
they try to redress the ~ (African-American studies)

objectivity or perspective  
~ are not easy to come by in books generated by the war

reflection or perspective  
calm ~ are not easy to come by (war books)

sympathy and perspective  
~ are not easy to come by in wartime

time, distance, and perspective  
I am able to write about it now because of ~

perspectives differ  
why their ~ (Boomers vs. Gen Xers)

my perspective might have been skewed  
~ (US vs. European attitudes to...)

perspective lends understanding  
~ (history of Dubai)

perspective was shared  
Cohan's ~ by a number of Asian-Americans

adds a (fresh) perspective  
the parent's view ~ to their fight (intersexed)

add my perspective  
I'd like to ~ to the discussion

consider (Native American) perspectives  
federal officials need to ~ when...

gained some perspective  
he professed to have ~ in the ruins of his career

promote (the proper ethical) perspectives  
commanders ~ (military)

supplied perspective  
David Morrison of NASA ~ (asteroid danger to earth)

take a (global or an American) perspective  
should it ~ (black studies)

keep some perspective about it  
try to ~ (toddlers who throw food)

introduce (new) perspectives into curriculums  
trying to ~ (schools)

agreed with my perspective  
not everyone ~

depends on your perspective  
so it probably ~ as to where you are (education reform)

provided him with (invaluable) perspective  
Glen Mills ~ (a good school in a bad neighborhood)

gives you (a little) perspective  
it ~ (reading about industry trends)

gives you a perspective  
it ~ that everyone is not the same (International camp)

gives you perspective  
the institute ~, you see that other people feel...

**perception, perspective & point of view: position**

## pet (vocative)

my pet  
don't worry, ~

**vocative: animal**

## pet (pet cause, etc.)

pet cause  
seeking attention for a ~

pet name  
my girlfriend's ~ for it is...

pet phrase  
"We shall see" is one of his ~s

pet project  
a ~ of Navy Secretary Danzig  
earmarks are ~s that lawmakers insert into giant bills

teacher's pet  
I was the ~ (school)

**enthusiasm / relationship: animal**

## petri dish

petri dishes of cafes and storefronts  
a new theatrical culture grew in the ~ (NYC)

♦ The petri dish was named after the German bacteriologist Julius Richard Petri.

**growth & development: biology**

## phantom

phantom classes  
an academic scandal involving ~ (athletes)

**appearance & disappearance: creature**

## pharaoh (power)

military pharaoh  
power has transferred from a ~ to an Islamic one (Egypt)

**power: history**

## Pharaonic (adjective)

Pharaonic  
the scale and ambition of the project are ~ (a book)

**size: allusion / history**

## Phoenix (myth)

Phoenix

we will rise from the ashes like the ~ (town burned by wildfire)

♦ In Greek mythology, the Phoenix was a bird that periodically was consumed by fire and then regenerated from the ashes. A bronze monument featuring a phoenix saving a woman from a fire commemorates Atlanta, Georgia's rise from the ashes of the Civil War.

**creation & transformation: allusion / fire**

**survival, persistence & endurance: allusion / fire**

**destruction / origin: fire**

## photobomb (verb)

photobomb the images

Ms Steinbach denied she had been asked to ~

♦ Kelly Steinbeich (AKA Kelleth Cuthbert) became known as the Fiji Water Girl after she upstaged celebrities on the Golden Globe red carpet while providing that brand of water to them.

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture / theater / verb**

## pick (pick oneself up)

pick themselves up

they've got to ~ (a losing team)

**resiliency: direction / hand / verb**

## pick apart (analyze)

picking apart the language

opposition leaders have been ~ (Brexit deal)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb**

## picnic (noun)

picnic

in comparison with Nanda Devi East, Everest is a ~

**difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink**

## picture (out of the picture)

out of the picture

he is ~ (husband who abandoned family)

take you out of the picture

a mistake will ~ (competition)

wanted him out of the picture

she ~ (murder)

**involvement: picture**

**presence & absence: picture**

## picture (in the picture)

put you in the picture

this will ~

**involvement: picture**

## picture (in the big picture)

in the big picture

it's not important ~

♦ If you want to know whether a ship is moving, you don't look at the deck, you look over the side... (A quote attributed to the great geologist John Tuzo Wilson, an important convert to and proponent of the theory of continental drift and plate tectonics.)

**context / perception, perspective & point of view: picture**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture**

## picture (big picture)

get big picture

let's back up and just ~ for a second (NPR)

**context / perception, perspective & point of view: picture**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture**

## picture (view)

picture of the economy

the conventional ~ is...

picture of their kids

confused parents have no clear ~

heart-wrenching picture

the ~ of last week...

complicated picture

an investigation presented a ~

accurate picture

present an ~ of the current boom (economy)

better picture

we need to get a ~ of what's going on

bigger picture

you never see the ~, do you (criticism)

bleak picture

it is an amazingly ~ that you present (jobs / adjuncts)

bleaker picture

there are doctors who paint a ~ than necessary

clear picture

confused parents have no ~ of their kids

no single agency has a ~ of who is responsible for what

complete picture

complaints authorities haven't provided a ~ (epidemic)

conventional picture

the ~ of the economy is...

different picture

a ~ emerged of the risks...

little-picture (m)

a ~ trend

pessimistic picture

they are painting a ~ of her career (an actor)

sordid picture

the allegations painted a ~ (recruiting violations)

true picture

disclosure will give a ~ (toxic emissions)

ugly picture

she painted an ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

whole picture

you have to look at the ~

you might not be seeing the ~ (health ad)

quite a (gloomy) picture

he presented ~ of the region

one-sided picture

the ~ purveyed by the media

favorable picture

suspects want to paint the most ~ possible

picture emerged

a different ~ of the risks...

as the cases accumulated, a common clinical ~ (epidemic)

described a different picture

but he ~... (of a crisis)

get a better picture

we need to ~ of what's going on (diplomacy)

painted an (ugly) picture

she ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

paint a (bleaker) picture

there are doctors who ~ than necessary

**characterization: picture**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture**

## pie (apple pie)

apple pie

nativism is as old as ~

**identify & nature: food & drink**

## piece (missing pieces)

missing pieces

the ~ now are falling into place (police investigation)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle**

## piece (pick up the pieces)

pick up the pieces

hopefully, negotiators can ~ and find a way forward

**amelioration & renewal: destruction / verb**

**resiliency: destruction / verb**

## piece together (verb)

piecing together (historic) clues

he began ~

piece together what

police are trying to ~ led to the shooting

pieced together where

investigators have still not ~ the money came from

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle / verb**

## pied piper

“pied piper of R&B”

he adopted the nickname, ~ (R. Kelly)

**attraction & repulsion: allusion / epithet / magic**

## piety (noun)

pieties of the (early) 1990s

liberals have reverted to the ~ (alleged sex harassment)

lazy pieties

she avoids ~ and reactionary forecasts ( a writer)

takes aim at the pieties

she is a heretic who ~ of diet culture

**idea: religion**

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

## pig (insult)

pig

he's a ~

no matter how much lipstick you put on a ~, it's still a pig

♦ **What do you expect from a pig but a grunt!**

**insult: animal**

## pile (pile of money, etc.)

pile of money

they hoped to make a ~

**amount: pile**

## pile-on (noun)

joined the pile-on

soon big-named comedians ~ (Instagram problem)

callouts, draggings, and pile-ons

some Y.A. books are targeted in intense social-media ~

**unanimity & consensus: pile / sports & games**

**accusation & criticism: pile / sports & games**

## pile on (consensus)

pile on

some urged Democrats not to ~ (attacks on Joe Biden)

piled on

national Democrats ~ (calls for resignation)

fans ~ (to criticize Bill Buckner after his 1986 error)

the media ~ (criticism of Bill Buckner after 1986 error)

**unanimity & consensus: pile / sports & games / verb**

## pile on (increase)

pile on the pressure

he's ~ (politics)

**increase & decrease: pile / verb**

## pile up (verb)

pile up

disturbing details began to ~ (missing child)

distractions can pile up  
~ (while driving a car: kids, music, cellphone, etc.)

evidence was piling up  
the ~ (investigation of missing woman)

**increase & decrease: pile / verb**

## **pilgrimage (trip)**

pilgrimage site  
his restaurant is a ~ for foodies

annual pilgrimage  
they've made the ~ for 12 years (Daytona 500)

make the pilgrimage  
Scandinavians ~ here each year (northern Jutland)

makes a pilgrimage  
nearly every day, somebody ~ here (Lake Lure)

♦ The "devotional crawl" around Kang Rinpoche (Mount Kailas) in western Tibet takes about two weeks. The path starts at an altitude of 15,000 feet, attains an altitude of 18,600 feet at the Drolma La Pass, is 33 miles long, and crosses streams. Most pilgrims walk or crawl in a clockwise direction, but the Bonpos go counterclockwise. Pilgrims spend years and even decades simply getting to the mountain.

**enthusiasm: religion**

**attraction & repulsion: religion / place**

## **pill (poison pill)**

poison pill  
they included a ~ in the spending bill (to kill it)

**destruction / subterfuge: health & medicine**

## **pill (bitter pill)**

bitter pill  
the long term solution may be a ~

bitter pill to swallow  
getting advice can be a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

## **pill (miracle pill)**

miracle pill  
it is not a ~ (a drug)

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## **pillar (basis)**

pillars of Islam  
pilgrimage is one of the five ~

pillar of the (US) approach  
another ~ is to minimize civilian casualties

pillar of the (Iraq) coalition  
a ~ has collapsed (Spain)

pillar of the community  
the family was a ~  
he has always been a ~ (slain businessman)

pillars of excellence  
black schools that were once ~ fell into decline

pillar of their faith  
a pilgrimage that is a ~ (Haj)

pillars of our plan  
here are the four ~ (State of the Union address)

pillar of (modern) science  
peer-reviewed journals are a ~

pillars of (Somali) society  
clan elders, the traditional ~ (Somaliland)

community pillar  
the ~ became an object of loathing (pedophile)

ideological pillar  
she assaulted the ~s of the system

traditional pillars  
clan elders, the ~ of Somali society (Somaliland)

four pillars  
the AAMDC executes the ~ of Missile Defense

five pillars  
pilgrimage is one of the ~ of Islam

first pillar  
the ~ of our framework offers a path to citizenship for...

second pillar  
salah, prayer, is the ~ (of Islam)

second (Israeli) pillar  
a ~ was the Israeli Air Force (1973 war)

fourth pillar  
fasting during Ramadan is the ~ of Islam

fifth pillar  
Haj is the ~ (Islam)

rested on the (three) pillars  
victory ~ of intelligence, the air force, and tanks

**bases: infrastructure**

## **pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.)**

Pillar  
the ~ is a mountain in British Columbia

Pillars of Hercules  
the northern pillar of the ~ is the Rock of Gibraltar

Pillar Point  
we walked to ~ (Hong Kong)

**proper name: infrastructure**

## **pillar (resemblance)**

pillars of smoke  
huge ~ rose above buildings (bombardment)

**resemblance: infrastructure**

## pillory (verb)

pilloried the president over (federal) spending  
he has ~ (politics)

♦ In *Krakatoa*, the wonderful writer Simon Winchester reprints a German soldier's list of punishments in Batavia (present-day Jakarta) in 1676. The soldier mentions beheadings, six unfortunate men who were broken on the wheel, a hanging, whippings, burnings (brandings), two soldiers forced to run the gauntlet, and "A Dutch Schoolmaster's Wife," caught cheating on her husband, who was "put in the Pillory."

**accusation & criticism: violence / verb**

## pilloried

pilloried in the media  
he was ~

pilloried (by critics) for supporting  
he is sometimes ~ the revolutions (Arab Spring)

**accusation & criticism: violence**

## pilot (verb)

piloted the school to (considerable) success  
he ~ (a principal)

**directing: boat / verb**

## pin (attach)

pinning its hopes on a new strategy  
the company is now ~ (oil leak)

pinning their hopes on the new treatment  
they are ~ (leukemia)

pinned their hopes on the report  
many Democrats ~ as a game changer (politics)

**attachment: cloth / verb**

## pinch (noun)

pinch of hunger  
to feel the ~ in April and May (Alaska)

economic pinch  
what unites them is the ~ and anger at the president  
(protests)

feeling the pinch  
the economy is bad, and shopkeepers are ~

♦ "Scraping along / In a little shack, / With hardly a shirt / To cover his back, / And a prairie wind / To blow him down, / Or pinching times / If he went to town." ("Nancy Hanks" by Rosemary Benet. The 1933 poem describes the poverty in which Abraham Lincoln grew up.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**

**affliction: sensation**

## ping-pong (verb)

ping-pongs along  
as the dialogue ~, the audience... (a play)

ping-pong back and forth  
versions ~ between the House and Senate (spending bill)

ping-ponged (around) from music to comics  
the conversation ~

ping-pong between institutions  
patients often ~ (nursing homes and hospitals)

ping-pong between the two (major) parties  
voters ~ (Mexico)

ping-ponged between Los Angeles and New York  
he ~

ping-ponged (numerous times) between Syria and Iraq  
her family ~

ping-pongs between vulnerable and obnoxious  
she ~ (a child in a film)

**movement: ball / verb**

## ping-pong (noun)

ping-pong editing  
what I call ~ (close-ups toggle between 2 talking people)

ping-pong exchange  
the ~ of offer and counteroffer

ping-pong structure  
the book's ~ makes for a kinetic read

ping-pong with your emotions  
this sport plays ~ (Costello & Bunce / boxing)

budget ping pong  
it's a game of ~ between the two parties (spending bill)

game of (legislative) Ping-Pong  
it's a ~ (budget dispute)

**movement: ball**

## pinnacle (achievement)

pinnacle of her profession  
after reaching the ~ on her shuttle mission...

pinnacle of (Scottish) wooden shipbuilding  
she really was the ~ (the *Terra Nova*)

pinnacle of success  
Tyson reached the ~ at the age of just 20

reached a pinnacle  
his popularity ~ when he won the lead in the school play

♦ A pinnacle is a long pointed "cap" on a tower or buttress. They are common on gothic cathedrals. The name comes from the Latin for "little feather."

♦ Towers (the Trango Towers); cathedrals (the Baltoro Cathedrals); spires (the Lobsang Spires); spurs (the Abruzzi Spur), peaks (Broad Peak); horns (the Matterhorn), pyramids (Carstensz Pyramid / Puncak Jaya); pinnacles; pillars; crags; domes (Half Dome); knobs (Huckleberry Knob); balds (Hooper Bald)... (Climbing.)

**achievement, recognition & praise: height / infrastructure**

## pinned

pinned in the (submerged) rock jumble  
I saw his boat, ~ (kayaking)

pinned to the ground  
the squad was engaged by weapons fire and ~

pinned vertically  
his boat was ~ (kayaking)

**attachment: cloth**

## **pinned (pinned down)**

pinned down on a roof  
the two marines were ~ (Falluja)

**attachment: cloth**

## **pinpoint (locate)**

pinpoint with accuracy  
engineers can ~ the areas... (oil)

pinpoint the (relic's) age  
but metals experts could not ~ (a watch)

pinpoint (with accuracy) the areas  
engineers can ~... (oil)

pinpoint the location  
acoustic sensors can ~ of snipers (combat)

pinpoint locations  
G.P.S. can ~

pinpoint the (shooter's) position  
police used computer software to ~

pinpoint the (tumor's) size and location  
a CT scan can ~

difficult to pinpoint  
it is ~ a spot in the desert

**location: map / verb**

## **pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)**

pinpoint accuracy  
direct his bombs with nearly ~

pinpoint precision  
cops can track a person's whereabouts with ~ (5G)

pinpoint timing  
surfers must hit a wave with ~

**location: map**

## **pioneer (person)**

pioneer of their sport  
a fallen ~, Craig Kelly (avalanche / snowboarding)

pioneers of (wilderness) therapy  
he is one of the ~

pioneer of tow-in surfing  
Laird Hamilton, the ~

pioneer in his field  
he is a ~ (psychology)

pioneers in their field  
those who become ~s of endeavor

pioneer species  
~ like brown sedge colonize disturbed sites

industry pioneer  
the National Captioning Institute, the ~

big-wave pioneers  
~ such as Greg Noll and Jeff Clark (surfing)

Internet pioneer  
an ~

hip-hop pioneers  
~ RUN-DMC

skateboarding pioneer  
Andy Kessler, a ~... (1970s / NYC)

snowboarding pioneer  
Craig Kelly, a ~ who died in an avalanche

♦ "The Explorer" (1898) by Rudyard Kipling is a stirring poem about an explorer and the pioneers who followed in his footsteps.

**importance & significance: history / person**

**driving force: journeys & trips / person**

**person: journeys & trips**

## **pioneering**

pioneering contribution  
their ~s to intelligence testing

pioneering (elephant) researcher  
a ~ in Nairobi

pioneering study  
his ~, "Sexual Behavior..." (Alfred C. Kinsey)

pioneering work  
he has done ~ in this field (neural prosthetics)

**importance & significance: history**

## **pipe (sports)**

full pipe  
the park has a ~, bowls, vert ramp and fun box

halfpipe  
snowboarders catch big air in the ~

quarterpipe  
the landing area flows to a 27-foot-tall ~

**shape: infrastructure**

## **pipe (go down the pipes)**

went down the pipes  
our relationship ~

**failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb**

**destruction: infrastructure / verb**

## **pipe dream**

pipe dream

it's not just a ~ anymore

remains a pipe dream

democracy ~ in places like the Congo and Sudan

dismissed as a pipedream

restoring function after paralysis can no longer be ~

**fantasy & reality: addiction / mental health**

## pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)

Pipeline

~ is one of the world's most dangerous surf spots

~ has claimed its victims (fatalities)

Pipeline breaks

~ 30 feet from shore (Hawaii)

**proper name: infrastructure**

## pipeline (shape)

waves, tubes, pipelines and barrels

the ~ of surfing

**shape: infrastructure**

## pipeline (other)

drug pipeline

the ~ that runs through the reservation (border)

money pipeline

the US vowed to shut down the ~ that finances terror

**route: infrastructure**

## piracy

Internet music piracy

music executives are trying to end ~

biopiracy

if the tribe does not share in the profits, it's ~ (Brazil)

**taking & removing: crime**

## pirate (person)

pirate trade

its perceived benefits have fueled a ~ (tree frog)

music pirate

the industry is pursuing lawsuits against ~s (Internet)

porch pirates

they call them ~ (parcel thieves)

radio pirate

~s get on the bad side of the FCC

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates

they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

counterfeit, pirate or bootleg (m)

seizures of ~ labels soared (music)

track down the pirates

~ (CDs, computer software, etc. / UAE)

♦ Somali pirates are now capturing ships closer to India than to Africa. Xarardheere is a notorious pirate town on the Somali coast.

♦ "[A] sudden check came in the form of a piratical incursion. A small prau arrived which had been attacked by pirates and had a man wounded. They were said to have five boats, but more were expected to be behind and the traders were all in consternation, fearing that their small vessels sent trading to the "blakang tana" would be plundered. The Aru natives were of course dreadfully alarmed, as these marauders attack their villages, burn and murder, and carry away women and children for slaves... Several praus went out in search of the pirates, sentinels were appointed, and watch-fires lighted on the beach to guard against the possibility of a night attack, though it was hardly thought they would be bold enough to plunder Dobbo. The next day the praus returned, and we had positive information that these scourges of the Eastern seas were really among us... They are said to be Sooloo pirates, but have Bugis among them. On their way here they have devastated one of the small islands east of Ceram..." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace. Chapter 30: The Aru islands & residence in Dobbo.)

**taking & removing: crime / person / sea**

**person: boat / crime / sea**

## pit bull (dog)

pit bull

she's a ~, sinks her teeth into a case and doesn't let go

pit bull for the president

he has been a ~ (a lawyer)

**coercion & motivation: animal / dog**

**commitment & determination: animal / dog**

## pitch (promote)

itches the nation's charms

he ~ (tourism)

**enthusiasm: speech / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: speech / verb**

## pitchfork (oppression)

pitchfork-wielding

they are derided as ~ hysterics (sensitivity readers)

**oppression: allusion / creature**

## pitch in (help)

pitch in on child's play

the government needs to ~ (no playgrounds, etc.)

**help & assistance: throwing, putting & planting / verb**

## pitch-perfect (adjective)

pitch-perfect

his speech was ~ for his audience

**flaws & lack of flaws: music / speech**

## pitfall (noun)

pitfalls of capital punishment

the case is an illuminating window into the ~

pitfalls of launching adolescents

it's time to wake up to the ~ into an adult lifestyle (models)

pitfalls in interpretation

~ (seismic data interpretation by geologists)



scams, schemes, and pitfalls  
the shadow world of literary ~

pitfalls await  
many ~ the new House majority (politics)

avoids the pitfalls  
his book ~ that come with its territory (a biography)

♦ Hunters dig pitfalls to catch animals. V. K. Arseniev writes about the practice in his rediscovered classic "Dersu Uzala." As Dersu explained, hunters built fences that blocked animals from their water source. The wooden barricades could stretch for miles through the taiga. At intervals along the fence were openings for the forest deer to get through. At those openings the hunters dug the pitfalls. Both Arseniev and Dersu were disgusted that the hunters did not fill in the pitfalls when they left the area, leaving the trapped animals to die and rot.

**danger: hunting / walking, running & jumping**

## **pivot (noun)**

remarkable pivot  
this represents a ~ for the State Department (in Iraq)

**reversal: direction / mechanism**

**development: direction / mechanism**

## **pivotal**

pivotal elections  
these are ~ (Zimbabwe after Mugabe)

pivotal (naval) battle  
it was a ~ (Battle of Trafalgar)

pivotal people  
name five ~ in your life

pivotal (backstage) role  
he played a ~ in persuading...

**development: direction / mechanism**

**importance & significance: mechanism**

## **place (resting place)**

resting place  
the sub would never move from its ~ (sunk)

**place: burial**

**euphemism: burial / death & life**

## **plague (verb)**

plague patients with (long hospital) stays  
infections ~

plagued California for years  
blackouts have ~

plagues Vermont all winter  
a remedy for the cabin fever that ~

plagued him for years  
depression had ~

plague Guatemala  
police corruption, lawlessness and drug trafficking ~

plagued Russia

illegal logging has long ~ (Siberia)

plagues the south  
the lawlessness that ~ (Somalia vs. Somaliland)

plagued him  
injuries ~ (an athlete)

**affliction: health & medicine / verb**

## **plague (noun)**

plague of locusts  
its worst ~ in nearly 30 years (Afghanistan)

plague of (gold) prospectors  
the natives faced a ~

plague of (Western) wildfires  
the annual ~ (US)

plague of drugs and prostitution  
victim's relatives have worried about the ~

crack plague  
the ~ of the late 1980's

cellphone plague  
the ~ began in the 1990s (a teacher / schools)

HIV plague  
the growing ~

NotPetya plague  
the servers that played the role of patient zero in the ~

growing (HIV) plague  
the ~

annual plague  
the ~ of Western wildfires (US)

plague began  
the cellphone ~ in the 1990s (a teacher / schools)

faced a plague  
the natives ~ of gold prospectors

consider motoboys a plague  
ordinary motorists ~ (Sao Paulo)

♦ The great traveler Ibn Battuta recorded that during the Plague of 1348 in Damascus, representatives and members of the three major religions—Muslims, Jews, and Christians—all made their way to the Mosque of the Footprints with their holy books to pray for the end of the sickness. Ibn Battuta recorded that in Damascus deaths reached under 2,000 people a day, while in Old Cairo they reached 24,000 a day.

♦ China has been periodically ravaged by plague, including 1911 and 1917. A. J. Cronin writes about plague during that period in his novel, "The Keys of the Kingdom," and so does Mary Ninde Gamewell in "New Life Currents."

**affliction: health & medicine**

**amount & effect: health & medicine**

## **plagued**

plagued with violence  
Southern Thailand has been ~ for years

plagued with cracks

the monument is ~, leaks and corroding surfaces

plagued by drugs

her life has been ~ and other personal demons

plagued by (sectarian) violence

Karachi has been ~ (Shiites / Sunnis)

plagued by homesickness

he was ~ (student)

plagued by (cost) overruns

the project has been ~ (Big Dig / Boston)

plagued by coups and dictators

Mauritania has been ~ since independence

plagued by faulty elevators, mold, and leaky roofs

the 33-story building is ~

accident-plagued (m)

accident-plagued 195

corruption-plagued

~ civilian governments (Pakistan)

crash-plagued (m)

the innovative but ~ aircraft

crime-plagued (m)

a ~ neighborhood

deficit-plagued

the ~ Federal Government

injury-plagued

after an ~ season in Europe (sports)

insurgent-plagued

Haditha, a lawless, ~ city in Anbar Province

mine-plagued (m)

African children live on the most ~ continent

mosquito-plagued (m)

Siberia's ~ expanse

scandal-plagued (m)

a ~ program (Alabama football)

the ~ former prime minister

violence-plagued (m)

in ~ Iraq

**affliction: health & medicine**

## planet (noun)

planet in the Arab world

Egypt is a ~

**importance & significance: astronomy**

## plank (noun)

plank of the investigation

the obstruction charge was a secondary ~

**bases: infrastructure**

## plant (put)

planted a bomb

he ~ along the route (terrorist)

planted the explosives

he would not speculate about who might have ~

planted a (political) minefield

the British colonizers ~ in the 1920s (Sudan)

**throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

## plant (create)

plant the seeds

the British helped to ~ of discord in Afghanistan

Nasser wanted to ~ of revolution on the Arabian Peninsula

planted the seeds

he ~ that gave principals more autonomy (education)

planted and tended

as field director, she has ~ chapters across the country

**creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

**throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

## plastered (impression)

plastered across magazine covers

her face was ~

**impression: materials & substances**

## plate (step up to the plate)

step up to the plate

it's time to ~ and take responsibility

stepped up to the plate

he could have ducked it but he didn't, he ~ (honesty)

**responsibility: baseball / sports & games / verb**

## plate (on one's plate)

a lot on his plate

he has ~ and wants to get back to work (Obama)

have a lot on your plate

I know you ~ (busy)

**work & duty: food & drink**

## plateau (noun)

hit a plateau

if you slip up or ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

**progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills**

**shape: mountains & hills**

**increase & decrease: mountains & hills / shape**

## plateau (verb)

slightly plateaued  
she has ~ (decreased need for sex)

**increase & decrease: mountains & hills / shape**

## platform (noun)

platforms to bloggers  
his show gave ~ like...

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater**

## play (verb)

play to their base  
he expects Republicans to ~ for a time

**performance: theater / verb**

## play down (verb)

played down concerns  
the Pentagon has ~ over the Chinese fighter (plane)

played down the importance  
Democrats ~ of the findings (politics)

played down the incident  
he ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb**

**attenuation: theater / verb**

## play (play out)

play out  
how do you think this will ~ (a sports scandal)

playing out  
all this was ~ in Washington (controversy)

play out along the border  
anger and confusion continues to ~

**development: rope / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: rope / verb**

## playbook

playbook  
others are taking a page out of that ~

follow the (administration's) playbook  
nominees closely ~

**script: books & reading / sports & games**

## playground

playground for Westerners  
Nairobi, once a favorite ~ in Africa...

summer playground  
Lebanon's resorts were the ~s of wealthy Arabs

whitewater playground  
the ~s do not freeze in winter (city of Vancouver)

rapids-filled playground

the river is a ~ (paddle sports / the Gauley)

**environment: school & education**

## playing field (uneven playing field, etc.)

uneven playing field  
corruption and greed have created an ~ (college admissions)

playing field has been tilted  
they claim the ~ has been tilted in China's favor

**flaws & lack of flaws: sports & games**

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games**

## playing field (level the playing field)

level the playing field  
the changes will ~ (sex cases on campus)

**amelioration & renewal: sports & games / verb**

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games / verb**

## plod (verb)

plod along  
he expects Republicans to ~ for a time

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**speed: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

## plot (verb)

plot new lives  
freed miners in Chile ~

**direction: journeys & trips / map / verb**

## plot line (development)

torn up the (division's proposed) plot lines  
Andy Ruiz Jr has ~

**development: theater**

## plow (plow through, etc.)

plowed through the (review) books  
I ~ (studying for test)

plowing ahead  
we are ~ (difficult medical research)

**work & duty: farming & agriculture / verb**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: farming & agriculture / verb**  
**starting, going, continuing & ending: farming & agriculture / verb**

## plow (put)

plowed their money into gun smuggling  
they have ~ (ex-pirates)

**throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / verb**

**directing: farming & agriculture / verb**

## plug (verb)

plug the hole  
the Ministry of Defence must find savings to ~ in their budget

**amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / verb / water**

## plug (pull the plug)

pulled the plug on the project  
homeland security ~ (border towers)

pulled the plug on the show  
CBS ~

pulling the plug on its mascot  
the university is ~ (getting rid of it)

pull the plug on the (global) talks  
no one is quite ready to ~ (climate)

pull the plug on hate radio  
we need to ~

time to pull the plug  
it's ~ on the project

decided to pull the plug  
they ~ on their marriage

threatening to pull the plug  
investors are ~

**curtailment: infrastructure / verb / water**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: infrastructure / verb / water**

## plugged (fixed)

holes have been plugged  
the security ~ (computers)

**amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / water**

## plugged in / into

plugged into politics  
people who are very ~

**division & connection: electricity**

## plum (desirable)

plum assignment  
the final ~ at the end of a distinguished career;  
it was a ~ for a young detective

plum commission  
won the ~ for the library (architecture)

plum (committee) seats  
promises of ~ (politics)

**superlative: fruits & vegetables**

**worth & lack of worth: fruits & vegetables**

**flaws & lack of flaws: fruits & vegetables**

## plumbing (noun)

plumbing of the Internet  
the copyright legislation messes with the secure ~

plumbing components  
the essential ~ are the routers (Internet)

economy's plumbing  
financial data centers put much of the ~ in one place

Internet's plumbing  
we're now seeing attacks on the ~  
he wants to create standards to secure the ~

**bases: infrastructure**

## plume (shape)

plume  
~s started blowing off the summit (Everest)

plumes of ash  
sending out ~ and three rivers of lava (volcano)

plume of cyanide  
a ~ reached to the Black Sea (spill into Danube)

plume of dust  
a rockslide sent up a ~

plume of (sarin) gas  
blowing up the Khamisiyah dump released a ~ (Iraq)

plume of smoke  
the ~ from a rocket-propelled grenade

plumes of smoke  
sent up huge ~ (military air strikes)

plume of water  
on the left is a huge ~ called "The Thing" (kayaking)

plume altitude  
information about ~ (volcanic eruption)

plume bifurcation  
~ was visible (volcanic eruption)

ash plume  
~s from the two volcanoes

sarin plume  
US troops in the path of a huge ~ (Gulf War)

smoke plume  
~s streaking diagonally through the sky (shuttle disaster)

vapor plume  
traces of water in a ~

classic plume  
you can see the ~ blowing off the top right now (Everest)

huge plume  
sending a ~ of smoke into a cloudless sky (air strike)

toxic plume  
bombing chemical sites could sent up ~s

radiological or biochemical plume  
evacuation in the event of a ~

in the path of a (huge sarin) plume  
US troops ~ (Gulf War)

♦ Many species of birds were nearly driven to extinction by plume hunters eager to make money from adorning women's hats. At one time, cormorants and egrets were mercilessly hunted for their feathers.

**shape: animal / bird**

## plummet (decline / decrease)

plummeted from \$5.9 to \$3.3 billion  
spending at the agency ~

plummeted out of contention  
the team ~ (sports)

business has plummeted  
its advertising ~

levels can plummet  
women's testosterone ~ as they age

morale had plummeted  
~ (US soldiers / Vietnam War)

price (of gold) has plummeted  
the ~

rates have plummeted  
crime ~ over the last decade

production plummeted  
agricultural ~, leading to growing unemployment

temperature can plummet  
the ~

wages plummeted  
~, and the black market flourished

blood pressure plummeted  
his ~

output plummeted  
economic ~ and unemployment rose

**increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / verb**

**decline: direction / flying & falling / verb**

## plundered

plundered  
had he tapped on the link, the phone would have been ~

**taking & removing: crime**

## plunge (noun / decline)

plunge in the stock price  
the ~ was based on reaction to an article...

harrowing plunge  
a day after a ~ in the stock market

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

**increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling**

## plunge (decline / decrease)

plunged to 38 years  
in Zambia, life expectancy has ~ (AIDS, drought, etc.)

plunged by two-thirds  
the number of Shinto weddings has ~ (Japan)

plunged 33 percent  
new-home sales ~

grades plunged  
his ~ (school)

markets plunged  
but the ~ (bankruptcy)

sales plunged  
but then ~ (the auto industry)

life expectancy has plunged  
in Zambia, ~ to 38 years (AIDS, drought, etc.)

**increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / verb**

**decline: direction / flying & falling / verb**

## plunge (plunge into something)

plunge into (dangerous sexual) behavior  
newly released prisoners often ~ (H.I.V.)

plunge into the ocean  
~ of pleasure (ad for porn Web site)

plunge into my subject  
before I ~... (lecture)

plunging into the unknown  
we are ~ (new technology)

**involvement: flying & falling / water / verb**

## plunge (involvement)

take the plunge  
it was time to ~ (begin dangerous trek)

**involvement: flying & falling / water**

## plus (benefit)

plus to us  
he has been a ~ (versus a detriment)

negative or a slight plus  
tariffs might be a ~

**cost & benefit: letters & characters**

## poach (verb)

poached rival quarterbacks  
he ruthlessly ~ (leader of a league)

poached several employees from Apple  
the company ~

**taking & removing: crime / verb**

**pursuit, capture & escape: crime / verb**

## poached

poached by (software giant) Oracle  
she was ~ (prodigy)

**taking & removing: crime**

**pursuit, capture & escape: crime**

## pocket (deep pockets)

deep pockets  
the Gulf's ~ beckon (arms sales)

**money: purses & wallets**

## pocket (in the pocket)

in the pocket of Donald Trump  
the Republican Senate is completely ~

**control & lack of control: purses & wallets**

## pocketbook

good for the pocketbook  
it's ~, too (energy conservation)

**money: purses & wallets**

## point out (verb)

point out that  
let me ~ I wasn't...

pointed out that  
he ~ murder is illegal in all societies

pointed out  
Chevron Texaco ~ it was already doing a lot... (Nigeria)  
another cause of concern, he ~, are the lack of road signs...

pointed out in the NYT magazine  
as she ~...

pointed out the blunder  
only when he ~ did Hutchison... (Everest)

pointed out the inconsistencies  
liberals have long ~ of conservative support for...

pointed out problems  
media stories have ~ in assisted living...

neglects to point out  
what he ~, though, is that...

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: finger / verb**

## point (sticking / friction point)

sticking points  
so what are the ~ in these talks (tariff negotiations)

**flaws & lack of flaws: mechanism**

## point (tipping point)

tipping point  
we're at that ~ (demand for antibiotic-free meat)

what was the ~ that made the company say, "Enough is enough"

Syria's tipping point  
this could be ~ (pro-democracy protests)

reached a tipping point  
he thinks 3D has reached a ~ (new normal for films)

**development: direction / mechanism**

## point man (person)

point man  
he is the ~ for the administration's efforts to... (politician)

♦ The point man is the lead man in a column of soldiers. He goes a bit ahead of the group and must look for snipers, mines, and booby traps. The enemy may shoot him dead. Or, the enemy may shoot to wound him and then pick off anyone trying to come to his aid. Or, the enemy may let him pass and shoot at the main body of men, leaving him cut off without support. Walking point is nerve-racking and dangerous and can literally drive a soldier crazy.

**driving force: military / person**

**person: military**

## point of view (from somebody's point of view)

from the point of view of concealment  
select supply positions ~

from the point of view inside his (climbing) boots  
it was written ~ (Boukreev's "The Climb")

from Abdul Tawab's point of view  
~, the marriage helped his position

from the animals' point of view  
~ (animal rights, cruelty, eating meat, etc.)

from the destroyers' point of view  
Native Americans ~

from the enemy's point of view  
consider the traps ~ (military)

from a spectator's point of view  
~, the most interesting match was...

from our point of view  
characteristics which are catastrophic ~ (a terrorist)

from your point of view  
which country is most promising ~ (Central Asia)

from an Indian point of view  
museum exhibitions ~ (Native Americans)

from the Japanese point of view  
the film is told ~ ("Letters from Iwo Jima")  
he tells the story of Iwo Jima ~ (Clint Eastwood film)

from an intelligence point of view  
~, this is a problem

from the policy point of view  
another aspect, again ~ (educational establishment)

from a safety point of view  
improve things ~ (motor racing)

from a driving point of view  
~ you know what's happening (racing)

from a human point of view  
its scope and setting is horrible ~ (terror)

from a military point of view  
~, we don't face any threats (Uzbekistan)

from a pragmatic point of view  
~, don't... (monitoring employees)

from a scientific point of view  
~, geothermal power is touted as "clean"

catastrophic from out point of view  
he has 3 characteristics which are ~ (a terrorist)

consider (the traps) from the enemy's point of view  
~ (military)

describe an event from two (different) points of view

imagine it from their point of view  
~ (toilet training for toddlers)

told from his point of view  
the story is ~

told from the Japanese point of view  
the film is ~ (*Letters from Iwo Jima*)

**perception, perspective & point of view: position**

**point of view (other)**

point of view  
depending on your ~  
their parents denied or ignored their ~ (suicidal kids)

point of view of concealment  
select supply positions from the ~

point of view on tourism  
a Hawaiian ~

employer's point of view  
an ~ (on hiring) (job searching)

people's points of view  
~ are influenced by their language and culture

each other's point of view  
it is important to try to understand ~

another person's point of view  
it is important to understand ~

public health point of view  
he patiently explained the ~ (an epidemic)

Hawaiian point of view  
a ~ on tourism

Nez Perce point of view  
increased emphasis to the ~ (park sites)

minority point of view  
the ~

outlaw point of view  
his affinity for the ~ (teacher in jail)

conflicting points of view  
good articles tend to be built on ~ (journalism)

differing points of view  
these ~ (in the "education" community)

opposing points of view  
the two songs show ~ of the same situation...

clear point of view  
she has a very ~

different point of view  
in order to understand a ~

different points of view  
we seek out sources with ~ (free press)  
people have ~ (culture, circumstances, etc.)

strong point of view  
reluctance to offer a ~ on civics (education)  
excellence often involves taking a ~  
a ~ can even work against you

two (different) points of view  
describe the same event from ~

differences in point of view  
those ~ fueled the debate (Confederate flag)

affinity for the (outlaw) point of view  
his unconcealed ~ (teacher in jail)

denied or ignored their point of view  
their mother and father ~ (suicidal kids)

explained the (public health) point of view  
he patiently explained the ~ (an epidemic)

understand each other's point of view  
it is important to try to ~

♦ Nasreddin was lying on the bank of a river, relaxing. Across the water, he saw a man. The man shouted, "Hey, how do I get to the other side of the river?" Nasreddin shouted back to him, "You are on the other side of the river!"

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A city man decided to visit his relative in the countryside. He made a sign that said, "Gone to the countryside," posted it to his door, and set off. He drove through the desert. Then he drove off road, following tracks in the sands. At a certain point he could drive no more, so he got out and walked the flat barren empty gravel desert. Finally, he reached his relative's house. On the door, he saw a sign: "Gone to the countryside."

♦ "Where you stand (on an issue) is determined by where you sit."

**perception, perspective & point of view: position**

**poised (adjective)**

poised on Baghdad's doorstep  
coalition forces are ~

poised to lose  
the party is ~ the elections

poised to write

he is ~ a triumphant new chapter (Obama)

**readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability**

## poison (verb)

poison the atmosphere

fear and distrust can quickly ~ (epidemic)

poison (everyday) life

trivialities ~

poison the project

this academic feud began to ~ (undersea mapping)

♦ Perhaps the worst mass poisoning of a population in history has taken place in Bangladesh. Around 25 million people have been exposed to arsenic through runoff from agriculture and industry into man-made ponds and the water table. Ironically, many of the contaminated ponds and boreholes were dug with the help of international relief organizations to protect villagers from unclean water.

**corruption: materials & substances / verb**

## poisonous (adjective)

poisonous

the taint of a bankruptcy can be ~

the rot in Pakistani society is more ~ than anyone thought (violence)

poisonous atmosphere

a "~" has descended on the Times (firings)

poisonous (political and rhetorical) climate

politics suffers from a ~

poisonous doctrine

he was an antidote to the ~ of extremism

poisonous mix

he despises the ~ of religion and politics (an Iraqi)

poisonous situation

it was a ~ (politics and war)

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

## poker (game)

high-stakes poker

this is ~ (a business decision)

**strategy: cards / gambling**

## poker-faced

poker-faced

they were ~

poker-faced (young) man

poker-faced chairman

the ~

**appearance: cards / face / gambling**

**feeling, emotion & effect: cards / face / gambling**

## polarizing (adjective)

polarizing figure

he is a ~ (a football coach)

intensely polarizing

among intellectuals, he is ~

**division & connection: direction**

## police (thought police, etc.)

behavior police

the ~ don't just stick to soccer (women in sports)

cultural police

~ punish writers for using their imagination (sensitivity)

outrage police

the ~ are calling for him to be fired (TV news culture wars)

thought police

he called Facebook "~" (for removing his posts)

parenting police

she has run afoul of the ~ (the marvelous singer Pink)

**oppression: justice / person**

**control & lack of control: person**

## police (verb)

polices (his kid's gaming) habits

he ~ carefully

police students' speech

universities should not ~ so carefully

**control & lack of control: justice / verb**

## polish (verb)

polished the image

the Klitschko brothers have ~ of the sport (boxing)

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / verb**

**amelioration & renewal: light & dark / verb**

## polished (adjective)

polished professional

there is a vulnerable woman beneath the ~

polished speaker

he is a ~ who hits just the right tone (Beto O'Rourke)

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

## pollute (verb)

polluted airwaves

rudeness has ~

**corruption: water / verb**

## polluted

polluted with incivility

the airwaves are ~



polluted with sex  
our children's minds are being ~

polluted with spam  
Web searches on health are ~

polluted (political) rhetoric  
we must clean up our ~

polluted sea  
pop music has become a ~

**corruption: water**

## Pollyanna

Pollyanna  
not everything goes smoothly, and she is not a ~  
I am no ~  
I don't want to be a ~, but tomorrow is another day

Pollyanna appeal  
the film has a ~

Pollyanna territory  
she explores optimism without tipping into ~

feel like (such) a Pollyanna  
I ~ here...

sound (too) Pollyanna  
do I ~

turned me into a Pollyanna  
the awards show has ~

accused of being a Pollyanna  
he isn't usually ~ (a financier, stock-market guru)

♦ *Pollyanna was a character from the 1913 children's-literature novel by Eleanor H. Porter. A Pollyanna is a person who is incredibly optimistic even in the most dire circumstances, and the word is often used in the pejorative sense.*

**character & personality: allusion**

## Pollyannaish (adjective)

Pollyanna-ish (and calming) assumption  
it was the ~ of some analysts that while...

Pollyanna-ish notion  
he mocks the ~ that nations hate war

seems (oddly) Pollyanna-ish  
at times, he ~ about his future

sounding Pollyanna-ish  
I know I'm ~, but...

**character & personality: allusion**

## Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)

“Pompeii of the East”  
the site is known as the ~ (1815 eruption of Mount  
Tambora)

Pompeii of the New World  
Cerén is sometimes called the ~ (El Salvador)

♦ *Pompeii and the nearby town of Herculaneum were buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The excavated Pompeii is today a Unesco World Heritage Site and a time capsule for life in the Roman era.*

**ruins: allusion / epithet / place / volcano**

**epithet: volcano**

## pontificate (verb)

pontificate on any subject  
he was ever ready to ~ (Thomas Edison)

**speech: religion / verb**

## poodle (noun)

UK poodle  
the US government and its ~

**dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:  
animal / dog**

## pool (verb)

pool and share  
enhance the ability of the FBI and CIA to ~ information

**group, set & collection: water / verb**

## pool (people)

pool of (available) brides  
the ~ is scarce... (rural China / Loess Plateau)

pool of candidates  
he'd looked at the entire ~ (government)

pool of (prison-educated) college graduates  
the ~

pool of test takers  
the ~ has grown larger

adjunct pool  
spent 7 years in the ~ in Atlanta (Ph.D.)

applicant pool  
the ~ has doubled (entry to a Jesuit boys' high school)

employment pool  
Seattle offered an ideal ~

jury pool  
strike eccentric citizens from ~s  
~s are disproportionately female  
most of the ~ was white

labor pool  
the shrinking ~ will slow growth

media-pool (m)  
a ~ representative in the execution witness room

office pool  
~s for money are generally illegal (sports)

press pool  
and as the ~ left the room

talent pool

the company's ~ is remarkable

shrinking (labor) pool  
the ~ will slow growth

ideal (employment) pool  
Seattle offered an ~

**group, set & collection: water**

## pool (things)

pools of information  
databases are vast ~

pool of (two- and three-year-old) used cars  
the ~

car-pool (m)  
~ lanes

envy pool  
women are little ~s with one another

**group, set & collection: water**

## pop up (verb)

popping up in (third-tier) cities  
writers are ~ (China)

**appearance & disappearance: direction / plant / verb**

## portal (entrance)

portals to the underworld  
Maya culture long considered cenotes to be ~

portals for discovery  
mistakes are the ~

portal back to the 1960s  
the book offers a vivid ~

**portal: doors & thresholds / gate**

## portrait

portrait of life  
he painted a grim ~ in North Korea

grim portrait  
he painted a ~ of life in North Korea

painted a (grim) portrait  
he ~ of life in North Korea

**characterization: picture**

## possessed

possessed by rage  
he was ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: mental health / religion**

**fictive possession: hand**

## post (abandon one's post)

abandon his post  
he will not ~ to run for governor

**work & duty: military / verb**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb**

## poster (poster child, etc.)

poster boy for everything  
he became a ~ that was wrong with boxing

poster boy for how  
he is a ~ to do it well (a fund-raiser)

poster boy for the sport  
he was considered the ~ (Ray Mancini / boxing)

poster child for the spoiled athlete  
he's a ~

poster child for ignorance  
he has become a ~ (racist)

**representation: picture / sign, signal, symbol**

## post-mortem (analysis)

post mortem  
I'm sure after the ~ people will analyse and... (sports)

campaign post-mortem  
her book is a ~

election post mortem  
Republican governors perform ~

focus of post-mortems  
the bridge's design will be a ~ (collapsed)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life**

## posture (position)

posture of (ADA) units  
the readiness ~ (military)

posture on the border  
the force has increased its security ~

posture as tough on terrorism  
he seeks to exploit his ~

posture, stance, attitude  
what surprised you most about China's ~ (diplomacy)

assault posture  
the Iraqis were in a classic air-land ~

security posture  
the force has increased its ~ on the border

readiness posture  
the ~ of ADA units (military)

systems posture  
we will review our ~ based on events (White House)

aggressive posture  
put his troops in a more ~

defensive posture  
destroyed 10 Iraqi T-55 tanks dug in a ~

the Israeli counterattack has all of Lebanon in a ~

nuclear posture (m)

the classified ~ review (US government)

protective posture

it causes us to maintain ~s but doesn't stop us (BW)

**position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying**

## posture (performance)

defiant posture

Iraqi officials struck a ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

tough-guy posture

he hides behind a ~

**performance: standing, sitting & lying**

## posturing

partisan posturing

after days of ~ by senators, she was confirmed (judge)

political posturing

a lot of the rhetoric is just ~ (politics)

finger-pointing and (political) posturing

we must put behind us ~ and solve this problem

**position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying**

**performance: standing, sitting & lying**

## potato (small potatoes)

small potatoes

I think it's ~ compared to... (politics)

**importance & significance: potato / size**

## potency (strength)

potency of this

the ~ is beyond the individual services (aircraft carrier)

**functioning / strength & weakness: health & medicine**

**attenuation / force / power: health & medicine**

## potent (adjective)

potent

the ideology is very ~ (Isis)

politically potent

the Arab community is not as ~

**functioning / strength & weakness: health & medicine**

**attenuation / force / power: health & medicine**

## pothole (noun)

public relations potholes

the film would soon run into a number of ~

**obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / journeys & trips**

**failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / journeys & trips**

## potshot (noun)

potshot

a few ~s have been aimed at him (criticism of artist)

potshot approach

I don't like that kind of a ~ (politics and criticism)

gleeful potshots

Republicans are taking ~ at Democratic opponents

two potshots

they loved her ~ at the state's Republican governor

taken potshots at Harvard

people like to ~ (elitist, rich, politically correct, etc.)

taken (more than a few) potshots at his home state

he has ~ over the years

takes potshot at whatever is bothering him

he takes ~ (comedian)

**accusation & criticism: weapon**

## pounce (verb)

pounce

Schmeichel held on to the ball as Aguero waited to ~

pouncing

his opponents are ~ (politics)

pounced on the story

British tabloids ~

quick to pounce

the Obama campaign was ~ (on opponent's gaffe)

♦ An article about tigers at the BBC states that a tiger can leap forward 33 feet from a sitting position!

**predation: animal / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**eagerness & reluctance: animal / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

## pound (amount)

pound of cure

an ounce of prevention is worth a ~ (proverb)

**amount: weight**

## pound (verb)

pounded the Northeast

record snowfalls have ~

pounding the Northeast

the hurricane is ~

pounded targets

US aircraft ~ in Libya

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / verb**

## pour (in, into, out, etc.)

poured in

complaints ~

**pouring in**  
casualties from the attack started ~ (to a hospital)

**poured out**  
thousands of protestors ~ of the mosque

**poured into (neighboring) Turkey**  
thousands of Syrians ~

**pouring into Iraq**  
terrorists from every group are ~

**pouring into Kabul**  
with rural migrants and refugees ~

**pour into the city**  
thousands of delegates began to ~ for the... (UN)

**poured into hospitals**  
scenes of anguish as civilian casualties ~

**pour into his office**  
messages ~ from disaffected Saudis (dissident)

**poured into the slum**  
police ~ in armored cars (Paraisopolis / São Paulo)

**pouring into streets**  
Jewish worshippers ~ following sundown prayers

**aid poured in**  
international ~ and disaster was averted...

**leads poured in**  
the ~ (70,000 / child abduction)

**invitations have been pouring in**  
~ (to speak at colleges / author)

**praise poured in**  
~ for Carter (Oslo agreement)

**amount & effect: verb / water**  
**movement: verb / water**

**pour (put)**

**pour fuel on the fire**  
this will ~ of toxic political warfare

**pour fuel on the flames**  
the documents are likely to ~ of a strained relationship

**pour gases into the air**  
factories ~

**poured his heart and soul into the game**  
he ~ (Reggie Miller speaking of Larry Bird)

**poured our hearts into the movement**  
we really ~ (social justice)

**poured money into improvements**  
King Fahd ~ (Haj)

**poured money into its Web site**  
the company phased out its catalogue and ~

**poured my soul into it**  
I ~ (singing performance)

**pour its resources into transit**  
some question whether the region should ~

**poured effort and money into developing**  
different companies have ~ jets

**poured (intense) fire into the position**  
he ~, killing three enemy as...

**pour (deadly) fire upon the enemy**  
Pfc. Lozada continued to ~ (combat)

**poured a stream of fire at the enemy**  
undaunted, he ~ (combat)

**pouring on the pressure**  
he is ~ (a boxing match)

**throwing, putting & planting: verb / water**  
**directing: verb / water**

**pour (resemblance)**

**pouring over the mountains**  
dark storm clouds were ~

**pour downhill**  
boulders ~ in debris flows

**resemblance: verb / water**

**powder keg**

**powder keg**  
Northern Nigeria is a ~ (sectarian divisions)  
the region is a ~, and things could bet out of hand

**human powder keg**  
plantation owners knew they were sitting on a ~ (race)

**handle (political) powder kegs**  
he knows how to ~ (president)

**danger / initiation: explosion / military / weapon**

**powerhouse (noun)**

**powerhouse (investment) bank**  
the ~ Goldman Sachs

**powerhouse (legal) team**  
he was represented by a ~ (rich pedophile)

**global powerhouse**  
US whalers were a ~ (in the past)

**ratings and merchandizing powerhouse**  
it is a ~ (Sponge Bob cartoon show)

**driving force: dam / electricity**  
**power: dam / electricity / river**  
**strength & weakness: dam / electricity**

**praise (sing someone's praises)**

singing his praises

I have been ~ ever since he joined Liverpool (sports)

**achievement, recognition & praise: music / verb**

## pray (verb)

praying that

Democrats are ~ the case will disappear

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: religion / verb**

## preach (verb)

preach about what

my father would ~ we could do and couldn't do

preaches against the evils

Sports Illustrated periodically ~ of steroid use

preaching to the choir

we are ~ (a drug program / parents)

preaching a gospel (of rebirth) to everyone

he is ~ (Detroit mayor)

preaching a gospel

he is ~ of rebirth (Detroit mayor)

preach hate

school textbooks ~ for religions other than Islam

preach the virtues

many ~ of diversity and tolerance, yet...

practices what he preaches

he ~ by hiking regularly (fitness)

**message: religion / speech / verb**

**speech: religion / verb**

## precipice (at the precipice)

at the precipice of (epic) failure

he stands ~ (politician)

stands at the precipice

he ~ of epic failure (politician)

**proximity: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

**fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

**destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

## precipitous (adjective)

precipitous deterioration

their daughter's ~ in the month before her death

**decline: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

## predation

predations of (unscrupulous) business people

Africa can defend itself against the ~...

defend themselves against the predations

young people must know how to ~ of credit

**predation: animal**

## Predator (UAV)

Predator

a Hellfire air-to-ground missile launched from the ~  
the ~ is a medium-altitude, long-endurance drone

Predator drone

an unmanned ~ (military)

Predator unmanned aerial vehicle

the ~, a 27-foot-long drone

the ~ is operated remotely by controllers on the ground

**proper name: animal / military / predation**

## predator (people)

predators on the Internet

the problem of sexual ~

predators and the prey

in prison, there are the ~

predators and thieves

they are all ~ (bankers)

online predator

~s trying to have sex with children

within minutes, he heard from his first ~ (Webcam)

lethal predators

~ are psychopathic, sadistic, and sane (evil)

serial (sexual) predator

he was a ~ (pedophile)

sexual predator

dealing with ~s (pedophile)

the problem of ~s on the Internet

Web cams are a magnet for ~s

sexual-predator (m)

six states have ~ laws

prey and predator

he believed people fell into two groups: ~

evolved into a (serial) predator

how a high-school dropout ~

♦ If you are not a wolf, a wolf will eat you.

**predation: animal**

## predatory (adjective)

predatory business

Internet gambling is a ~

predatory coach

~s are some of the most successful (sex abuse)

predatory educators

I view for-profit collages as ~, like predatory lenders

predatory lender

the poor fall prey to ~s

predatory priest

the archdiocese is accused of harboring ~s

predatory publisher

the company is a ~ (fees, no checking, fake lists)

predatory lending

~ is alive and well (credit cards)

criticize (payday) loans as predatory

consumer advocates ~ (300 percent annual interest)

**predation: animal**

## **prehistoric (adj)**

prehistoric (college football) coaches

~ are killing players (heat stroke, etc.)

**knowledge & intelligence: history**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history**

## **prescription**

prescription

the diagnosis is wrong, and the ~ is malpractice

prescription to save

a ~ globalization from itself

prescription for disaster

it was a ~ (girl wants acceptance, boys like alcohol)

**script: health & medicine**

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## **press (verb)**

press him

I had questions, but I didn't ~

**coercion & motivation: pressure / verb**

## **pressure (under pressure)**

under (relentless) pressure to boost

schools ~ scores

under (enormous) pressure to succeed

children are ~ (education)

under the pressure of (battle) conditions

the unit performed well ~

under pressure from Washington

Saudi Arabia has come ~ to reform

under pressure from the Vietnamese-Americans

~, the museum left out...

pressure from (animal rights) groups

under ~

pressure from higher-ups

the recruiters are under ~ (military)

under enormous pressure

children are ~ to succeed (education)

under relentless pressure

schools ~

come under pressure

Saudi Arabia has ~ from Washington to reform

plays well under pressure

the team ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: pressure**

**coercion & motivation: pressure**

## **pressure (noun)**

pressure

the ~ leads his colleagues to "blow up" from time to time

pressure to be

they face strong family ~ dutiful sons

pressure to succeed

there's a lot of ~ (Chinese athletes)

pressure to open up

the ~ areas like Badger-Two Medicine and ANWR

pressure of allies

the ~ who counsel against war

pressures of his job

feeling overwhelmed and unable to cope with the ~

pressures of sex, drugs and alcohol

the ~ (adolescents)

pressures (and stress) of everyday life

escape the ~ (an inn)

pressure from (hardline) Muslims

Saudi Arabia faces internal ~

pressure from Moscow

because of political ~

pressure from (the other) players and parents

she felt ~ (ice-hockey goalie)

pressure from abroad

~ is responsible for the government's about-turn

pressure from family members

the relentless ~ (India)

pressure on the adversaries

diplomatic ~ to seek a diplomatic solution

pressure on (arable) land

population ~

pressures on Muslims

the social ~ can be intense (US high schools)

pressure on police

people are scared and there's a lot of ~ (murders)

pressure on getting

there's so much ~ good grades

pressure in the Alps

increasing settlement ~ and avalanche...

pressure along the Appalachian Trail

growing development ~

pressure and competition  
society is full of ~ (China / suicide)

pressures and stress  
escape the ~ of everyday life (an inn)

development pressure  
growing ~ along the Appalachian Trail

diplomatic pressure  
he faces increased internal and international ~ (a ruler)

government pressure  
~ kept the book under wraps

immigration pressure  
~ on Germany or even Italy

job pressure  
freedom from ~s

population pressure  
~ on arable land

schedule pressure  
I do not think we are being unduly influenced by ~

settlement pressure  
increasing ~ in the Alps and avalanche...

added pressure  
he expected ~ (NASA scientist, after series of failures)

sustained pressure  
~ from the European imperialist powers

academic pressure  
~ and peer pressure in schools

diplomatic pressure  
~ on the adversaries to seek a diplomatic solution

family pressure  
they face strong ~ to be dutiful sons

intense pressure  
she was under ~ to join the boycott (Olympics);  
teenagers will be under ~ to... (early puberty)

internal pressure  
Saudi Arabia faces ~ from hardline Muslims

political pressure  
because of ~ from Moscow

relentless pressure  
the ~ from family members (India)  
schools under ~ to boost students' performance

social pressure  
the ~s on Muslims can be intense (US high schools)  
the ~s on middle school girls (acceptance, sex, etc.)

strong (family) pressure  
they face ~ to be dutiful sons

so much pressure

there's ~ on getting good grades

freedom from (job) pressures

anger under pressure  
he has shown ~ in the past (police chief)

pressure is building  
~ to end the 18-year moratorium on whaling

ease the pressures  
~ on common resources (medicinal plants, etc.)

escape the pressures  
~ and stress of everyday life (an inn)

face (strong family) pressure  
they ~ to be dutiful sons

felt pressure  
she ~ from the other players and parents (sports)

put on the pressure

keep up the pressure  
we need to ~

come under pressure from Washington  
Saudi Arabia has ~ to reform

crack under pressure  
favored competitors have been know to ~ (cycling)

crack under the pressure  
some people ~ (stressful, demanding jobs)

thrive under (enormous) pressure  
some people are able to ~ (jobs)

put pressure on their children to achieve  
parents ~

prevail in the face of (extraordinary) pressures  
the boldness that enabled him to ~ (Musharraf)

**feeling, emotion & effect: pressure**

**pressure cooker**

pressure cooker  
the White House is a ~ that can burn out idealistic aides  
despotism is a ~ without a safety valve (protests)  
our son graduated from the ~ that is Cornell  
he was a ~ who lacked a safety valve (murderer)

pressure cooker of the San Siro  
he did a good job in the ~ (a soccer player)

pressure cooker of ideas  
the California scene in those days was a ~ (art)

pressure-cooker atmosphere  
the accusations underscore the ~ in the region

pressure cooker environment  
high school can be a ~ (bullying, sex, etc.)

reputation as a pressure cooker  
M.I.T. is battling a ~ (student suicides)

**environment: pressure**

## **pressured**

pressured to choose  
many students feel ~ sides (rape allegation at school)

pressured to cooperate  
his client is being ~ in the investigation

feel pressured  
many students ~ to choose sides (rape allegation)  
I ~ to fit a prescribed mold (work)

**feeling, emotion & effect: pressure**

**coercion & motivation: pressure**

## **pressure-filled**

pressure-filled environment  
this ~

pressure-filled meeting room  
in a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: pressure**

## **prey (prey on somebody)**

prey on (homeless) addicts  
drug dealers who ~...

preyed on parents' fears  
he ~ (university admittance fraud)

preyed on the political prisoners  
criminals ~ (gulag)

prey on ego and greed  
regal-sounding diploma mills ~

**predation: animal / verb**

## **prey (fall prey to something)**

fall prey to (unscrupulous) agents  
don't ~ (sex trafficking of Nepalese to UAE)

fell prey to the (voracious) sun  
eight ~ (stranded whales)

fall prey to traffickers  
older women can ~ (sex trafficking)

fall prey to HIV  
as many as 45 million people will ~ (by 2010)

**predation: animal / verb**

## **prey (other)**

prey for terrorists  
subways, shopping centers are easy ~

prey and predator  
he believed people fell into two groups: ~

easy prey  
subways, shopping centers are ~ for terrorists  
their status outside the law makes them ~ (migrants)

predators and the prey  
in prison, there are the ~

makes them (easy) prey  
their status outside the law ~ (illegal immigrants)

regard girls as prey  
boys ~

**predation: animal**

## **price (noun)**

price to pay  
a little bit of sexism is a small ~ for a lot of attention

price to be good  
he's willing to pay the ~ (an athlete)

price of doing  
the ~ the same old thing is higher than price of change

price of fame  
Hinckley forced Jodie Foster to think hard about the ~

price of freedom  
"the ~ is eternal vigilance"

price of hypocrisy  
the ~ has never been lower (politicians and sex)

price of liberty  
eternal vigilance is the ~ (Thomas Jefferson)

price of peace  
the costs of war and the ~ (soldiers)

price of success  
weary but optimistic, he weighed the ~ (a rapper)

price of war  
white tombstones, a reminder of the ~ (Arlington)  
they pay the ~ with their arms and legs (civilians)

price of our inaction  
the ~ will be paid by our kids (unplanned growth)

price for writing  
there is a ~ your mind (journalist in conflicts)

price for (their) fame  
celebrities pay a huge ~

price for freedom  
the ~ is high (fight against terrorists)

price for your sins  
Jesus Christ paid the ~

heavy price  
fame came with a ~

high price  
we paid a very ~ (military commander, casualties)

huge price  
celebrities pay a ~ for their fame

small price



a little bit of sexism is a ~ to pay for a lot of attention

terrible price

but Knievel's fame came at a ~ (daredevil / injuries)

paid the (ultimate) price

she ~ (drug death)

you have to be willing to ~ (surfing)

weighed the price

weary but optimistic, he ~ of success (a rapper)

comes at a price

user-friendliness ~

came at a (terrible) price

but Knievel's fame ~ (daredevil / injuries)

comes with a price

fame ~

have a price

false hope can ~ (unproven treatments)

♦ No sin without a price

**cost & benefit: money**

## price tag

price tag

obsessive attention to the ~ is misleading

there's no ~ you can put on it (hearing a wolf in the wild)

**cost & benefit: money**

## prick (verb)

prick (overinflated) reputations

a critic should ~ (poetry)

**affliction: sensation / verb**

## prince (epithet)

Prince of Cartography

John George Bartholomew, called the “~”

prince of surgeons

Lister, the ~, hugged Pasteur (1892)

**superlative: epithet / royalty**

**epithet: royalty**

## prince (person)

little prince

I got used to being the ~ (first-born Asian male)

**superlative: person / royalty**

**person: royalty**

## princess (person)

princess

she thinks a ~ in a pink gown is kid stuff (Halloween)

princess phase

every little girl goes through a ~ (US / pink)

princess or angel

I want to be Britney Spears, no more ~ (Halloween)

pop princess

teen ~ Britney Spears

teen (pop) princess

~ Britney Spears

fairy-tale (princes and) princesses

**superlative: person / royalty**

**person: royalty**

## prism (through the prism)

through the prism of its own ideology

the US sees the world ~

through my own ethnic prism

I view the world ~

looks at Israel through the prism

he ~ of his Christian faith (Bush)

sees his role through the prism

Bush ~ of the war on terror (Middle East)

**perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology**

## prism (other)

ethnic prism

my own ~ sometimes distorts my perspective

ideological prism

his ~ has not changed (Qaddafi / anti-imperialism)

**perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology**

## prisoner (constraint)

prisoners of our own doctrine

we were ~ (Israelis in 1973 war)

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime**

## prisoner (no prisoners)

take-no-prisoners (m)

the ~ approach to justice

his aggressive, ~ attitude was always on display (a coach)

**punishment & recrimination: military**

## prize (noun)

prize

it was their biggest ~ yet in the 18-day old war (airport)

she has some obstacles between her and the ~ (candidate)

Arctic prize

perhaps the biggest ~ is oil and natural gas

strategic prize

the city is a vital crossroads and a ~ (war)

An Nasiriya is considered a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

considered a (strategic) prize

An Nasiriya is ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

**cost & benefit: money**

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: money**

## prized

prized in China

the saiga horn is ~ as a traditional remedy (Mongolia)

prized as an ingredient

the saiga horn is ~ of Chinese medicine

prized (in China) as a (traditional) remedy

the saiga horn is ~

prized as dairy cattle

the kuri are native to the Lake Chad region and ~

prized for their odor

durians are ~ (fruit)

prized for their taste

edible wild mushrooms are ~ (poisonings)

prized by the (local) Bushmen

ostrich eggs are greatly ~ (water containers)

prized by Iran, North Korea and terrorist groups

a stash of weapons-grade uranium that would be ~

prized dish

they're a ~ at restaurants (Cat Ba langurs)

prized fur

llamas and their ~

prized (QB) recruit

Alabama beat Tennessee for a ~

horn is prized

the saiga ~ in China as a traditional remedy

greatly prized

ostrich eggs are ~ by the Bushmen

most prized (m)

sable was the ~ accessory in the courts of Europe

**cost & benefit: money**

**worth & lack of worth: money**

## procrustean (adjective)

procrustean criticism

they faced ~ from rightists and leftists (immigration)

procrustean decisions

film editing sometimes requires making ~

*\* This refers to making everyone and everything fit to an arbitrary standard; to ensure conformity. In science, it can relate to tailoring data to fit the hypothesis. It is similar to "one size fits all." Procrustes was a crazy man who stretched people or cut off body parts so that his victims would fit a metal bed.*

**adapting / unanimity & consensus / oppression: allusion**

## prod (verb)

prodged the government to do something

he ~

prodging districts to apply

the government is ~

**coercion & motivation: finger / verb**

## profit (verb)

profit from lessons learned

he was confident that he could ~

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

**worth & lack of worth: money / verb**

## profile (low profile)

low profile

US citizens should maintain a ~ (terrorism)

Westerners keep a ~ in line with embassies' advisories

my company was ~

keep a low profile

Westerners ~ in line with their embassies' advisories

maintain a low profile

Americans should ~ (terrorism overseas)

US citizens should ~ (Saudi Arabia)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: height**

## profile (high profile)

high-profile case

~s involving sex

the police are under pressure to solve the ~

high-profile disappearance

it was the nation's fourth ~ of a child

high-profile intellectual

Mr. Ramadan ins not just a professor but a ~

high-profile target

the US is a ~ (terrorism)

highest-profile (soccer) star

he is one of the world's highest-paid and ~s

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: height**

## profile (attention)

profile of atheists

raising the ~ in America (a march)

profile in the US

trying to raise the sport's ~ (table tennis)

profile in the region

the US has raised its military ~ (Korea)

sport's profile

trying to raise the ~ in the US (table tennis)

military profile

the US has raised its ~ in the region (Korea)

profile soared

her ~ spectacularly in 2016 (after interviewing Trump)

raised her profile  
the endorsement ~ (a politician)

raise the (sport's) profile  
trying to ~ in the US (table tennis)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: height**

**profile (picture)**

profile of the killer  
he created a ~

profile of the women  
construct a reproductive ~ in the tribe

profile of Los Angeles  
as the demographic ~ changed (police department)

profile parameters  
~ for Arab terrorists

person's (personality) profile  
a ~ is a powerful influence

consumer profile  
portal sites are doing a lot with ~

credit profile  
customers with even riskier ~s (phone companies)

criminal profile  
techniques for developing a ~

flight profile  
the dangerous potential of the ~ (aircraft crash)

mule profile  
he fit the ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

personality profile  
a person's ~ is a powerful influence

DNA profile  
the law mandates taking a ~ of all criminals  
the F.B.I. maintains a national database of ~s

detailed profile  
~s that include the donors' health history

criminal profile  
techniques for developing a ~

demographic profile  
as the ~ of Los Angeles changed (police department)

different (homicidal) profile  
he appears to fit a ~

discernible profile  
these victims do not fit any ~ (spree killings)

geographic profile  
~s use crime locations to determine...

homicidal profile  
he appears to fit a different ~

particular profile

victims usually fit a ~, such as prostitutes...

psychological profile  
construct a ~ of a serial killer  
the FBI is working on developing a ~ of the suspect  
FBI ~s of the Green River killer appear to match him

reproductive profile  
construct a ~ of the women in the tribe

profile had suggested  
an FBI ~ the kidnapper is a predator, and possibly...

profile (also) suggested  
the ~ that the killer... (FBI-created profile)

construct a (psychological) profile  
~ of a serial killer

developing a (criminal) profile  
techniques for ~

fit a (particular) profile  
victims usually ~, such as prostitutes...

fit any (discernible) profile  
these victims do not ~ (spree killings)

fit the (mule) profile  
he ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

**characterization: picture**

**prognosis (noun)**

grim prognosis  
the ~ was consistent with new figures (world economy)

scientific prognoses  
grim ~ have come to pass (death of the Amazon)

**condition & status: health & medicine**

**future: health & medicine**

**progress (verb)**

case has progressed  
a lot has happened as this ~

**progress & lack of progress: movement / verb**

**development: movement / verb**

**Promised Land**

painted the North as a promised land  
he ~ (Robert Sengstacke Abbott of Chicago Defender)

**superlative: allusion / Bible / religion**

**environment: allusion / Bible / religion**

**prong (river)**

South Prong  
the ~ of the Current River

**branching system: animal / horn**

**prophet (person)**

prophets

some of these ~ had been spectacularly wrong (stocks)

mantle of a prophet

he increasingly adopted the ~

turned (doomsday) prophet

the news anchor ~ (the film *Network*)

**future / message: religion**

**person: religion**

### **prop up (verb)**

props up North Korea with aid and trade

China ~

prop up his government

foreigners ~ (Venezuela)

prop up (global) growth

China may not be able to ~

props up Maduro

the military ~ (Venezuelan leader)

prop up her spirits

though her body sagged, her doctor helped ~

**amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: infrastructure / verb**

### **proselytize (verb)**

proselytize for his government

his political allies are expected to ~ (workers)

**message: religion / verb**

**speech: religion / verb**

### **prowl (on the prowl)**

on the prowl for (naïve) girls

Internet predators are always ~

**predation: animal**

### **prune (verb)**

prune the budget

they are seeking ways to ~ (government)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: farming & agriculture /**

**plant / verb**

### **public-spirited**

public-spirited

~ citizens

~ journalists

**character & personality: religion**

### **pull (tidal pull)**

tidal pull

the ~ of Berkeley was strong on her (academic)

**attraction & repulsion: sea / tide**

### **pull (pull for someone)**

pulling for you

we're ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal: burden / verb**

### **pull (pull together)**

pull together

we all ~ (hurricane)

**work & duty: burden / verb**

**unanimity & consensus: burden / verb**

### **pull back (verb)**

pulled back

he ~ after giving the green light and go order (military)

pulled those ships and planes back

he ~ (called off military attack)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: verb**

**avoidance & separation: verb**

### **pull out (verb)**

pull out of the agreement

they want to ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: burden / verb**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: burden / verb**

### **pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.)**

pulpit

television is the ~ from which they preach (politics)

presidential bully pulpit

Obama should use the ~ to address entitlements

pulpit and the megaphone

use the ~ of the office to highlight human rights

**message: Bible / religion / speech**

### **pulsating (adjective)**

pulsating contest

in a ~, Ward produced a composed performance (boxing)

**feeling, emotion & effect: movement**

### **pulse (noun)**

pulse of the planet

the satellites allow scientists to take the ~ (climate)

pulse of the (Israeli) public

the polling firm regularly takes the ~

oceans' pulse

robot subs help to take the ~

taken the pulse

we have ~ of sex in the US today (survey)

keep our finger on the pulse

help us to ~ (popup survey at a website)

**condition & status / measurement: blood**

## **pummel (verb)**

pummeled him over the cost  
Republicans ~ of the bill (politics)

pummels Midwest with snow  
spring blizzard ~

pummeled Barbados  
the hurricane ~  
pummels Midwest

pummeled the company's earnings and stock prices  
the problem has ~

pummeled her rival  
she ~ (a tennis match)

**hitting, slamming & lashing: boxing / fist / verb / violence**  
**accusation & criticism: boxing / fist / verb / violence**

## **pummeled**

pummeled  
the bank's shares have been ~

pummeled in the media  
she has been ~ (a leader)

pummeled for failing  
he has been ~ to solve the problem

pummeled by conservatives  
he was ~ for even broaching the topic (politics)

pummeled by the storm  
the area was ~

pummeled by both sides  
he has been ~ (Obama)

pummeled by drugs and crime  
the neighborhood has been ~

**hitting, slamming & lashing: boxing / fist / violence**

## **pump (direct)**

pumps \$20 million into the (local) economy  
rafting ~ (Summersville, WV)

pumped (new) life into the (martial-arts) genre  
he ~

pumped (more than) \$100 million into (city) schools  
the Gates Foundation has ~

**directing: verb / water**

## **pumped (directed)**

pumped into the facility  
for all the money that was ~...

**directing: pump / water**

## **pumped (feeling)**

so pumped  
others were not ~ (eager to deploy to Iraq)

**feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / pump**

## **pump up (verb)**

pump up your confidence  
~ (job hunting)

pumped the rookies up  
having ~, he now deflates them... (NFL camp)

**increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / mechanism / pump / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / mechanism / pump / verb**

## **punch (punch above one's weight, etc.)**

fight above our weight  
we're going to have to ~ (politics)

punches above its weight  
Hungary ~ in math, it has produced many mathematicians

**power / substance & lack of substance: boxing / verb / weight**

**effect: boxing / verb / weight**

## **punch (sucker punch / verb)**

sucker punched France  
the US has ~ (scored a goal against run of play)

**subterfuge: boxing / fist / verb**

## **punch (pull a punch)**

pulled no punches  
he ~ when he spoke of the president (cursed him)  
prosecutors ~ (called him a liar, thief, cheat)  
the women wrote the toughest scrips, they ~ (Chris Meloni)

pulled his punches  
he was very direct, never minced his words or ~

**restraint & lack of restraint: boxing / speech / sports & games / verb**

**speech: boxing / sports & games / verb**

## **punch (punch back)**

punching back  
he wants Trudeau to keep ~ (trade war)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / verb**

## **punch (roll with the punches)**

roll with the punches  
you just have to ~ (government shutdown)

**survival, persistence & endurance: boxing / verb**  
**resiliency: boxing / verb**

## punch (beat somebody to the punch)

beat Kim to the punch

it was a way for Trump to ~ (cancel meeting before Kim could)

**sequence: boxing / verb**

**readiness & preparedness: boxing / verb**

## punch (force)

punch

Atlantic Beach was feeling Hurricane Isabel's ~

knockout punch

he is looking for a ~ (political race)

most brutal punch

the storm saved its ~ for New England

one-two punch

the ~ has devastated wildlife (algae and red tide)  
the extinction could have been a ~

**hitting, slamming & lashing: boxing / fist / violence**

## punch (effect)

punch-counterpunch

this kind of ~ makes Canadians nervous (trade war)

emotional punch

the play packs an ~

rhetorical punch

she landed a ~ (at a political debate)

**feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / violence**

## punchline (joke)

punchline

he is a ~ (athlete who failed, choked, blew it)

**insult: speech**

## punctuate (verb)

punctuate her points

her hands move emphatically to ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb**

## punctuate (configuration)

punctuate the horizon

huge red-rock walls and pillars ~ (Utah / Indian country)

**configuration: letters & characters / verb**

## puncture (verb)

punctured Slater's aura

he ~ of invincibility (surfing)

puncture (widely held) beliefs

the allegations ~ about how he operated

**destruction: air / atmosphere / verb**

## punt (verb)

punt to the courts

the strategy is to ~ and run out the clock (politics)

punted their decision back to him

they ~ (did not decide themselves)

punted on a major test

the Supreme Court ~ (gerrymandering)

punted on what to do

the Supreme Court ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football / verb**

## puny (adjective)

puny (bailout) mechanism

we must extend the euro's too ~

**strength & weakness: health & medicine / size**

## puppet (control)

puppet

she was a ~ under his control

promoters run the shop, the guys in the ring are just ~s (boxing)

puppet master

some say he is a ~ of the news media (WikiLeaks)

he is the ~ of a brutal human-trafficking group

puppet ruler

Nazi ~s in Croatia killed thousands (Jasenovac)

**control & lack of control: puppet**

## puppet (sockpuppet / internet)

sockpuppet

a sockpuppet is an online identity used for purposes of deception (Wikipedia)

**computer: puppet**

**subterfuge: puppet**

## puppeteer (noun)

cast Murdoch as a ~, controlling British politics

they ~ through is partisan newspapers

**control & lack of control: puppet**

## purgatory (noun)

period of purgatory

he had been living in a ~ (pilot's crash kills people at air show)

remain in purgatory

the refugees ~

**situation: religion**

**action, inaction & delay / environment: religion**

## purse (money)

purse of seventeen million dollars  
a ~ (boxing match)

total purse  
the ~ is at least \$475,000 (New York Marathon)

**money: purses & wallets**

## purse strings

controls the (family's) purse strings  
he ~

controls the purse strings  
Congress ~

**money: purses & wallets**

## pursue (pursue a dream, etc.)

pursue it with (great) vigor  
I intend to ~ (full investigation)

pursue their (own hidden) agendas  
factions ~ outside of the law

pursue (both old and new) approaches  
NASA will ~ simultaneously

pursue an (acting) career  
he moved to Los Angeles to ~

pursue a (film) career  
left her TV show to ~

pursue the case  
the Pakistani government vowed to ~ (rape of girl)

pursuing a doctorate  
he was ~ in computer sciences at...

pursue her dream  
she quit her job to ~ of becoming...;

pursue a dream  
people who switched courses late in life to ~

pursue an education  
it is in his interest to ~ in computers or technology

pursue my education  
the thing that will make me happiest is to ~

pursue (higher) education  
women who delay marriage to ~ and a career

pursued her goal  
she ~ by studying...

pursue your interests  
you can certainly find an hour a day to ~

pursue (other) interests  
I want to have time to travel and ~

pursue its (own strategic) interests  
the US should ~ (vs. high-minded goals)

pursuing (even quadruple) majors  
students are ~

pursue these matters  
but we'll ~ further to build on... (diplomacy)

pursue (military) objectives  
army forces must ~ energetically

pursue opportunity  
they left to ~ in California (black Okies)

pursue (new job) opportunities  
the ability of workers to ~

pursue (other) opportunities  
she resigned, saying the time had come to ~

pursue the opportunity  
she encouraged him to ~ (of study abroad)

pursue all possibilities  
he said investigators would ~ (blast)

pursue this  
I think it's wrong to ~, we should let it drop

pursues his vision  
Wangurri clan Elder Timothy Buthimang ~

pursue a film career  
left her TV show to ~

pursue its lawsuit  
the company retained the right to ~ if...

pursued a (ruinous) economic policy  
he has ~ (a president)

whether to pursue  
the lawyers will determine ~ further appeals

continue to pursue  
and so we will ~ a relationship with Russia that...

aggressively pursued  
if it had ~ an investigation (FBI / 9/11 terrorists)

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## pursuit (in pursuit)

in pursuit of (economic) development  
Native American tribes ~

in the pursuit of their duties  
they are overzealous ~ (Saudi religious police)

in pursuit of goals  
~ that are political, religious, or ideological (terrorists)

in pursuit of gratification  
cybersex addicts risk jobs, marriages ~

in their pursuit of justice  
rape victims often find cultural bias ~ (Mexico)

in the pursuit of knowledge  
men swear off women ~

in pursuit of (various) objectives  
~ (special operations)

in its pursuit of peace  
Afghanistan has a long way to go ~

in our pursuit of victory  
we will be relentless in our ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

### **pursuit (other)**

pursuit to satisfy  
her ~ the ticking biological clock

pursuit of excellence  
it's what the ~ in his field requires (a doctor)

pursuit of happiness  
freedom, equality, justice and the ~ (US)

pursuit of revenge  
the ~ is a turn-on for men (brain studies)

pursuit of truth  
the historian's supposedly disinterested ~

dangerous pursuit  
climbing mountains can be a ~

noble pursuit  
working for the homeless or some other ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

### **push (coercion and motivation)**

pushed me to do better  
he ~ (a teacher)

push immigrants to drop out  
critics say Regents English Tests ~

pushes for (speedy) elections  
as the Bush Administration ~ (in Iraq)

push you around  
don't let people ~

**coercion & motivation: arm / verb**

### **push (force)**

push a breed to extinction  
economic forces can ~ (indigenous pigs, cows)

push one's enemy to the point of despair  
one should never ~, because...

push them over the edge  
just a tiny temperature rise can ~ (coral bleaching)

pushed religion too far  
the Islamists ~ (a Somali)

pushing or suppressing  
people wonder if the BBC is ~ agendas

**force: arm / verb**

### **push (attainment)**

pushing \$500  
the price of gold is ~ an ounce

**attainment: arm / verb**

### **push (push somebody away, etc.)**

push him away from me  
I don't want to ~ (relationship)

**avoidance & separation: arm / verb**

### **push (summit push, etc.)**

push for acceptance  
the public ~ of its technology (Microsoft)

push for (Maori) rights  
the ~ (New Zealand)

push for the summit  
the final ~ began in the evening

summit push  
in anticipation of a ~ the next day (K2);  
waiting to begin the final ~ (Camp IV / Everest)

final push  
the ~ for the summit began in the evening

next big push  
the US retrenches for its ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: arm**

### **push back (verb)**

push back  
they are preparing to ~

pushed back against the military's claim  
he ~ of impropriety (a filmmaker)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / verb**

### **pushback (noun)**

pushback from Congress over the treaty  
do you expect any ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: arm**

### **pushed around**

pushed around  
we will not be ~ (tariff war)

**coercion & motivation: arm**

### **pushed (pushed out)**

pushed out of better paid work into lower paid work  
they were ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: arm**



## pushing

pushing the extremes

~ of calculational speed (a supercomputer)

pushing a quick pace

with Heras ~, they passed Jalabert (Tour de France)

pushing for an Islamic state

~ in Egypt

pushing for a place

~ in the cell-phone business

pushing yourself into unknown realms

adventure is ~

**commitment & determination: arm**

## push (push on)

pushed on

in spite of the insults, she ~ (lesbian soldier)

**starting, going, continuing & ending; force / journeys & trips / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: force / verb**

**resiliency: force / verb**

## pushover

no pushover

the Iraqi Army was no ~

**difficulty, easiness & effort: arm**

## pushy (people)

pushy

knowing how to be encouraging without being ~ (kids)

pushy parents

the problem of ~ in public schools

pushy people

don't let ~ affect your decisions

pushy stage mother

I'm not a ~

come across as pushy

or you'll ~...

**behavior / character & personality: arm**

**coercion & motivation: arm**

## put (put something back together)

put my life back together

I'm trying to ~

putting his life back together

he was just ~ after being sexually assaulted

put the talks back together

negotiators have been scrambling to ~

**amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mechanism / verb**

**resiliency: infrastructure / mechanism / verb**

## put (put something together)

put it together

nobody ~ (clues leading to a spy)

put these pieces together

when we ~, we have a better idea about...

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle / verb**

## put (put something to rest)

put the matter to rest

Cook had now ~ (no Southern Continent)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: burial**

## put (put somebody through something)

put me and my family through

I had to forgive the media for what they ~ (Bill Buckner)

**affliction / oppression: mechanism**

## putty (noun)

putty in the hands

according to the code, students are ~ of all-powerful professors

**control & lack of control: materials & substances**

**character & personality: materials & substances**

## put up with (verb)

put up with it

they are a nation of terrorists, and we won't ~

put up with this

enough is enough, I'm not going to ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: verb**

## puzzle (problem)

puzzle

I'm happiest working on ~s (chemist)

puzzle-solving

there is ~ in all technical climbing

puzzles, riddles and real-life problems

solving ~ (forensic science)

piece of the puzzle

that was the ~ we needed (crime tip)

pieces of the puzzle

gather as many ~ as possible (investigation)

pieces of a puzzle

one agency can have ~ that another agency is missing

larger puzzle

it might be a key piece in the ~ that is emerging (investigation)

unlock the (whole) puzzle  
a tiny detail can ~ (police investigation)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle**  
**comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle**

## puzzling

puzzling comment  
not long after hearing this ~...

puzzling details  
investigators were trying to make sense of some ~

puzzling disease  
making some sense of this ~

puzzling news  
this was ~ indeed...

**comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle**

## pygmy (size)

pygmy goat  
visitors pet ~s (at a zoo)

pygmy parrot  
the ~ is so small it fits in a human hand (Madagascar)

**size: person**

## pyramid (hierarchy)

tip of the (tennis) pyramid  
it seemed impossible they could regain the ~

tennis pyramid  
it seemed impossible they could regain the tip of the ~

at the apex of the (economic) pyramid  
those individuals ~

at the bottom of the economic pyramid  
new jobs are coming ~ (poorly paid jobs)

at the top of the pyramid  
the people ~ know exactly what they are doing (justice)

**hierarchy: history / shape**

## Pyrrhic victory

Pyrrhic victory  
the confidence vote may prove to be only a ~

♦ "If we are victorious in one more battle with the Romans, we shall be utterly ruined."

**resistance, opposition & defeat: allusion**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military**  
**cost & benefit / success & failure: military**

# Q

## quagmire (noun)

quagmire of Vietnam

we're in the ~ (war in Afghanistan)

quagmire of (boxing) negotiations  
the two camps are swimming through the ~

fear of a (Somalia-like) quagmire  
~ which could have endangered US troops (Rwandan genocide)

digging themselves deeper into the quagmire  
they are ~ (an embattled regime fighting to survive)

**obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land**  
**progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land**

## quail (movement)

covey of quail  
everyone scattered like a ~

**movement: animal / bird**

## quarantine (verb)

quarantine (suspicious) files into sandboxes  
systems ~ (computing)

**protection & lack of protection: health & medicine / verb**

**avoidance & separation: health & medicine / verb**

**acceptance & rejection: health & medicine / verb**

**computer: health & medicine / verb**

## queen (Queen of Soul, etc.)

Queen of Crime  
Agatha Christie, the so-called ~ (mystery writer)

Queen of Soul  
Aretha Franklin, the ~ (singer)

queen of her sport  
she is the ~ in her country (speedskater)

Queen of Soul Food  
Sylvia Woods, the ~ (Sylvia's Restaurant in Harlem)

**superlative: epithet / person / royalty**

**epithet: royalty**

## queen (role)

queen bees  
selecting ~ from the most productive colonies

queen-size (m)  
a queen-size bed

beauty queen  
the Georgia ~ is accused of murdering her boyfriend

Coffee Queen  
she won the popular title of ~ (Argentina)

drag queen (m)  
~ theater

drama queen  
Nikki is fussy, she's a ~ (sister)

Festival Queen

Nicholas County Potato ~ (West Virginia)

opera queen  
gimlet-eyed ~s

soap-opera queen  
the ~ Susan Lucci

powwow queen  
this year's ~

homecoming queen  
she was ~ her senior year (high school)  
a gay student who ran for ~ caused a huge stir  
students elected their first male ~ (university)

King and Queen  
the coronation of a Geek ~ (Geek Prom)

kings and queens  
homecoming, the American tradition featuring ~

call María Lionza the queen  
devotees ~ (María Lionza religion / Venezuela)

**superlative: person / royalty**

**person: royalty**

### **queen (Dairy Queen, etc.)**

Queen Elizabeth  
the ~ is the third Cunard ship of that name

Queen Charlotte Islands  
the ~, or Haida Gwaii (British Columbia)

Dairy Queen  
Faisal found a job at ~

**proper name: royalty**

### **quest (in a quest)**

in our (never-ending) quest to be  
~ more, and do more

in the quest for peace  
the deal was a necessary concession ~

in their quest for profits  
companies often change business strategies in their ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages**

**searching & discovery: Middle Ages**

### **quest (on a quest)**

on a (widely publicized) quest to ascend  
she was ~ Everest

go on a (vision) quest  
~ with the help of a medicine man

**pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages**

**searching & discovery: Middle Ages**

### **quest (other)**

quest to ascend  
her widely publicized ~ Everest ended in disaster

quest to become  
she is 2 months into a ~ the youngest person to ...

quest to develop  
in their ~ a vaccine effective for HCV

quest to find  
the ~ the biggest, scariest wave (surfing)

quest to get  
their ~ cheap AIDS drugs (India)

quest to honor  
their ~ a man (Rocky Versace, Medal of Honor)

quest to observe  
the ~ an extremely young moon is a lifelong one

quest to reach  
in his ~ the largest possible audience (film)

quest to land  
her ~ at the FBI was still up in the air

quest for answers  
an almost three-year ~ (Columbine shooting)

quest for employment  
his Ph.D. has not helped him in his ~

quest for Everest  
her ~ (climber)

quest for identity  
the ~ is a constant undercurrent in the Middle East

Quest for Immortality  
the ~: Treasures of Ancient Egypt (exhibit)

quest for the moon  
NASA's ~ in the 1960s

quest for peace  
the deal was a necessary concession in the ~  
if the US stays steady in our ~ (Middle East)

quest for profits  
companies will change business strategies in their ~

quest for self-understanding  
transmute the violent impulse into a ~ (prison teacher)

quest for a (separate) state  
the ~ (Uighurs)

quest for a (fourth Tour de France) title  
his ~ (Lance Armstrong)

quest for (some elusive underlying) unity  
our ~

quest for the mountain quail  
my personal ~, a Code-2 bird (bird-watching)

quest for love, lust, adventure  
one woman's ~

NASA's quest  
~ for the moon in the 1960s

woman's quest  
one ~ for love, lust, adventure

airlines' (decadelong) quest  
~ to create frictionless travel

vision quest  
go on a ~ with the help of a medicine man

never-ending quest  
in our ~ to be more, and do more

widely publicized quest  
she was on a ~ to ascend Everest

ceaseless quest  
in the ~ to stake out bigger slices of the market

her quest  
she isn't about to give up ~ anytime soon

personal quest  
he was on a ~ to...

spiritual quest  
jihad can also mean one's private ~

private spiritual quest  
jihad can also mean one's ~

decadelong quest  
airlines' ~ to create frictionless travel

century-long and decade-long quest  
this ~ (genome achievements)

three-year quest  
their ~ to impose dosage restrictions

start of their quest  
the ~ to dethrone the champs (NBA)

exhaustive but fruitless quest  
the ~ for a scientific basis for...

go on a (vision) quest  
~ with the help of a medicine man

give up her quest  
she isn't about to ~ anytime soon

made reliability its quest  
Toyota ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages**  
**searching & discovery: Middle Ages**

**question mark**

question marks  
he has got a lot of ~s (a suspect athlete)  
the ~ hovering over their rematch (boxing)

question mark over the evidence of... (criminal trial)  
so now there is a ~

**certainty & uncertainty: letters & characters**

## quicksand (in / into the quicksand)

in the quicksand of organized crime  
~, murder is an option for solving disputes

**obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land**

## quiet (adjective)

gone quiet  
the gangs have ~

seek quiet  
Israel does ~, with elections only a week away (fighting)

**activity: sound**

## quiver (noun)

presidential quiver  
he will use every arrow in his ~ to get his will

**group, set & collection: weapon**

## quixotic (adjective)

quixotic campaign  
he finally ended his ~ for the GOP nomination this week

quixotic project  
each of them pursued a ~ (two inventors)

♦ This adjective comes from *Don Quixote de la Mancha* by Cervantes.

**fantasy & reality: allusion / person**

## R

## rabbit hole

rabbit hole  
the Percocet could have sent her down a ~

rabbit hole of conspiracy theories  
simply typing "federal reserve" led students down a ~

informational rabbit hole  
clicking on the links would propel me down an ~ (Title IX)

Internet rabbit hole  
following a browser down some weird ~ (surfing)

populist rabbit hole  
the country is diving down a ~ (Czech Republic)

follow Trump down the rabbit hole  
when people ~, that's when we lose (a Democrat)

**fantasy & reality: addiction / allusion / animal / hole / mental health / person**

## rabid

rabid fans  
~ that make for a true sports town

rabid supporters  
there are many ~ of death for blasphemy (Pakistan)

♦ Human rabies symptoms include: hallucinations, including tactile ones such as a sensation of insects crawling around in the mouth; delirium; muscle spasm; paralysis; hydrophobia at the sight or sound of water; hyper-salivation; agitation; difficulty swallowing; neck pain; and deviation of the tongue.

**behavior: animal / dog / health & medicine / wolf**

## **rabidly**

rabidly intolerant  
they are ~ of Israel

rapidly opposed  
Republicans ~ the legislation

**behavior: animal / dog / health & medicine / wolf**

## **race (time)**

raced to its end  
as the term ~ (university)

**time: movement / walking, running & jumping**

## **race (hurry)**

racing to take credit  
politicians are ~ for the initiative

**speed: walking, running & jumping / verb**

**competition: walking, running & jumping**

## **race (politics)**

race in Hawaii  
an all-female ~ (for governor)

race for the White House  
the quadrennial ~

all-female race  
an ~ in Hawaii (for governor)

closely fought race  
other ~s just outside Washington

closely watched race  
in the most ~ in Virginia (politics)

quadrennial race  
the ~ for the White House

in the (most closely watched) race  
~ in Virginia (politics)

**competition: government**

## **race (arms race)**

arms race with spammers  
this has been a bit of an ~ (CAPTCHAS)

arms race to build plush new dorms and stadiums  
Berea College has opted out of the college ~

technological arms race  
the stock market has become a great ~ (electronic)

**competition: sports & games**

## **race (competition)**

race to build  
the ~ computer chips out of individual molecules

race-to-the-moon (m)  
the glorious ~ days

arms race  
the ~ and mutual misunderstanding  
Southeast Asia is facing a regional ~

**competition: sports & games**

## **race (race to the bottom)**

race to the bottom  
we are engaged in a ~ (two states wooing companies)

**decline: direction / sports & games / walking, running & jumping**

## **race (race against time, etc.)**

race against time  
saving endangered animals is often a ~  
we are in a ~ (disaster relief)

race-against-time (m)  
it's a classic ~ film

in a race with the clock  
we are ~

race is on  
the ~ to save the Gulf (oil spill)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: competition / sports & games**

**competition: sports & games**

## **radar (on the radar)**

on the radar  
he has long been ~ of groups following hate groups

on their radar  
he had been ~ for a long time (trafficker)

on anyone's radar  
it's not really ~ (Pakistan's contribution to warming)

on our radar  
he came ~ when we were looking through footage (riot)

**consciousness & awareness: tools & technology**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology**

## **radar (below / under the radar)**

under the (cultural) radar  
men-only clubs operating for decades under the ~

went below the radar  
it really ~ (a piece of news)

work below the radar  
they work best when they ~ (ICRC / POWs)

keep him under the radar  
we are trying to ~, out of the spotlight (troubled athlete)

**consciousness & awareness: tools & technology**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology**

### **radar (drop off the radar)**

dropped off the radar  
several of the men have "~" (terrorists)

**consciousness & awareness: tools & technology / verb**  
**appearance & disappearance: tools & technology / verb**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology / verb**

### **radar (under the radar screen)**

under the radar screen  
girls' aggression often passes ~ (school bullying)

well under the radar screen  
flying ~ was a move by Congress to...

flying (well) under the radar screen  
~ was a move by Congress to...

passes under the radar screen  
girls' aggression often ~

**consciousness & awareness: tools & technology**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology**

### **radar (radar screen)**

radar screen  
I want this on everybody's ~ (kids need more sleep)  
films like "Good Will Hunting" put him on our ~s

Hollywood's radar screen  
he popped onto ~ two years ago with...

national radar screen  
he disappeared from the ~ 4 years ago (a coach)

blip on the radar screen  
Ecstasy is no longer a ~ (the club scene)

fell off the radar screen  
both men ~ (terrorists)

disappeared from the (national) radar screen  
he ~ 4 years ago (a coach)

popped onto (Hollywood's) radar screen  
he ~ two years ago with...

put him on our radar screens  
films like "Good Will Hunting" ~ (an actor)

radar screen went dark  
then the ~ where Heinrich was concerned (child murder)

**consciousness & awareness: tools & technology**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology**

### **radioactive (adjective)**

radioactive  
he is only 24, yet he's currently ~ (troubled player)

radioactive in the Arab world  
NATO is ~ and seen as a tool of US imperialism

radioactive for them  
Democrats have decided the issue is ~ (gun control)

radioactive words  
the play contains ~ (relating to race, sexual identity)

**avoidance & separation: nuclear energy**

### **raft (amount)**

raft of books  
there have been a ~ about the case

raft of shell companies  
he set up a ~

raft of research  
there has been a ~ lately that...

**amount: boat**

### **rail (verb)**

railed against the government's trade policies  
he ~

**accusation & criticism: sound / speech / verb**  
**speech: sound / verb**

### **rail (off the rails)**

off the rails  
it seems like he is ~ (behavior of celebrity)

off-the-rails speech  
everyone is talking about his ~

gone off the rails  
science has ~, gone astray, many times (Havana syndrome)

went off the rails  
he ~ after moving to the big city (Brazil)

**failure, accident & impairment: train**  
**behavior: train**

### **rail (third rail)**

third rail of politics  
social security reform is the ~

third rail of (American) politics  
this issue was once considered ~ (gun control)

third-rail issues  
this is one of those ~ (criticism of Israel)

embraced the third rail  
he has ~ of Republican politics (pro-immigration)

**danger: electricity / train**

### **railroad (verb)**

railroad the sick into giving up  
the healthy could ~ (assisted suicide)

railroaded him into seeking  
he claimed the university had ~ publicity (cold fusion)

**coercion & motivation: train / verb**  
**oppression: train / verb**

## **railroaded**

got railroaded  
people say they think he ~ (victim of #MeToo movement)

**coercion & motivation: train**

## **rain (amount and effect)**

rained on (northern) Israel  
Hezbollah rockets ~

rained debris for (more than) 10 miles  
the explosion ~ (2 trains collide)

raining mud and ash  
it is now ~ (eruption of volcano on Rabaul)

rockets rained  
Hezbollah ~ on northern Israel

**amount & effect: rain**

## **rain (rain down)**

rained down  
more than a hundred cruise missiles ~ (Libya)

rain down missiles on Israel  
they could ~

rained down on her  
boos ~ (an athlete)

**amount & effect: rain / verb**

## **rainbow (searching and discovery)**

end of the rainbow  
Chile, to me, is the ~ (Bill Sharp / surfing)

follow every rainbow  
~, 'till you find your dream (song)

**searching & discovery: atmosphere / sky**

## **rainbow (color)**

rainbow sheen  
material or ~ on water (pollution incident)

**color: atmosphere / sky**

## **rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)**

Rainbow Falls  
~ is on the Wailuku river in Hilo, Hawaii

rainbow trout  
~ are predators

♦ Many falls around the world are named Rainbow Falls. This is often because, when the light is right, you can see a rainbow in the mist at the bottom of the falls.

**proper name: atmosphere / sky**

## **rainbow (mixture)**

rainbow mix  
a ~ of Creole, Garifuna, Mestizo, Spanish, Maya (Belize)

rainbow nation  
what Trinidadians call their "~"

♦ Rainbows occur when it is raining while the sun is shining. To see a rainbow, turn your back to the sun. Look at your shadow on the ground. From the shadow of your head (the antisolar point), measure 42 degrees upwards, or about four fist widths with your arm held straight out in front of you, as if you were holding a stick in your fist vertically. There you may see the top of the rainbow. The sun must be less than 42 degrees above the horizon, so that you will never see a rainbow at noon on a summer day in the US, when the sun is high in the sky. At 51 degrees, you may see a second rainbow above the primary rainbow.

**mixture: atmosphere / sky**

## **rainforest (epithet)**

rainforests of the sea  
coral reefs are often called the ~

**biodiversity: epithet**

## **raise (attention)**

raised (a number of ) issues  
we both ~ (diplomacy)

raised objections  
they have ~

raised a (fundamental) question  
his firing ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: height / verb**

## **raise (feeling)**

raised our spirits  
she really ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height / verb**

## **rake in (verb)**

rake in big money  
lobbyists can ~ (government)

raked in more than \$100 million  
their business model has ~ (Somali pirates)

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: tools and technology / verb**

## **rake up (verb)**

raking up some horrible memories  
we are ~ (a crime podcast)

**searching & discovery: tools & technology / verb**

## **rally (verb)**

rallied the troops  
she ~ (an executive of troubled company)

rallied around her

her fans ~ (controversy)

rallied behind him

conservatives have ~ (a minister in trouble)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb**

**assembling: military / verb**

## **ramp (off-ramp)**

diplomatic “off-ramp”

there appears to be no easy ~ in this crisis

**starting, going, continuing & ending: infrastructure**

## **rampart (protection)**

rampart against militancy

France relied on Ben Ali as a ~

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

## **rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)**

Upper Ramparts

the ~ is a canyon on the Porcupine River (Yukon)

**proper name: fortification / military**

## **rampart (other)**

ramparts of the Hindu Kush

the Wakhan Corridor is cut off by the ~

**resemblance: fortification / military**

## **ramp up (verb)**

ramping up our efforts

we are ~ (diplomacy)

**increase & decrease: tools & technology / verb**

## **rank (close ranks)**

closed ranks around him

in the past they have always ~ (politics)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb**

**unanimity & consensus: line / military / verb**

## **rank (break ranks)**

break ranks

some democrats will ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb**

**unanimity & consensus: line / military / verb**

## **rank-and-file (adjective)**

rank-and-file rebels

she has secured her nominations after negotiations with ~ (politics)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: military**

**unanimity & consensus: line / military**

## **rape (verb)**

raping me all over again

I felt like the system was ~

**destruction: violence**

## **rape (noun)**

rape of (Indonesia's) forests

the devastating ~

**destruction: violence**

## **rash (affliction)**

rash of (home) burglaries

concern about a ~

rash of cases

a ~ occurred in Puerto Rico (early puberty)

rash of clashes

a recent ~ between bikers (motorcycle gangs)

rash of crime

gun sales are up after a ~s

there has been a ~s against women

Academy officials have no explanation for the ~

rash of drownings

the ~ has tourism officials on the spot (Florida)

rash of abductions and murders

the impression of a ~ of children

rash of accidents and near misses

a ~ had spooked the sailors of the 7th Fleet

recent rash

the ~ of cybervandalism

**affliction / amount / amount & effect: health & medicine**

## **rash (road rash, etc.)**

river rash

it's just ~ (scratches on used kayak)

road rash

he proudly showed off his ~ (skateboarder)

**resemblance: health & medicine**

## **rash (hasty)**

rash decision

he made a ~ (short of money, he shoplifted)

**haste: health & medicine**

## **Rashomon (point of view)**

Rashomon moment

this was a ~ meeting a Rorschach test (3-group confrontation on Mall)

Rashomon effect

the ~ refers to conflicting eye-witness accounts of an event

♦ In the 1950 film by Akira Kurosawa, four people give radically different versions about how a man ended up dead.

**perception, perspective & point of view: allusion / film**



## rat (lab rat, etc.)

gym rat

he's a ~

he was the quintessential ~ (Larry Bird / basketball)

lab rat

if you weren't such a ~, you would know that

mall rat

my brother is a ~

pack rat

I'm a bit of a ~ (hoarder)

river rat

~s (kayakers, rafters) versus the locals

he has been a ~ since the age of 14 (guide)

"snow rat"

he was a ~ from childhood (a snowboarder)

**enthusiasm: animal / person / rat**

## rat (snitch)

rat

the other inmates think he's a ~, an informant

**allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / person / rat**

## rat (smell a rat)

smell a rat

I ~ (something suspicious)

**suspicion: animal / rat / smell**

**evidence: animal / rat / smell**

## rat race

rat race

deep into the ~, far from the finish line of retirement

corporate rat race

many women drop out of the ~ (competition, etc.)

drop out of the (corporate) rat race

many women ~ (competition, etc.)

♦ The Rat Race is for Rats! (A bumper sticker.)

♦ Even if you win the rat race, you're still a rat. (A bumper sticker.)

**work & duty: animal / rat**

**competition: animal / rat**

## ratchet up (verb)

ratcheted up its criticism

the State Department has ~ of China on this issue

ratchets up the pressure

this ~ on him (athlete receives sports award)

his arrest ~

ratcheted up the pressure

he has ~ on foreign oil companies

ratcheted up his (anti-American) rhetoric

he has ~

tensions ratchet up

before a deployment, ~ (military families)

♦ A ratchet is a tool that can be used to tighten cables or metal strips. The pawl of the ratchet, which looks like a Toucan's beak, prevents slippage backwards. Deckhands on riverboats use ratchets to tighten cables that hold the barges together. Warehouse workers often use a ratchet to securely bundle together trash-compacted material, which is then taken away by a forklift.

**increase & decrease: tools & technology / verb**

**increase & decrease: mechanism / pressure / verb**

## rattle (disrupt)

rattled some people

I ~ (female CEO and former athlete)

rattle our cage

don't ~

**disruption: equilibrium & stability / sound / verb**

## rattled (feeling)

rattled

the city is ~ (a series of murders)

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability**

## rave (verb)

raved about her (smoky gray) eyes

*Multichannel News* ~

**speech: mental health / verb**

## ravenous (adjective)

ravenous for success

he is ~

intellectually ravenous

he was ~ (an academic)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink**

**consumption: food & drink**

## raw (adjective)

raw

her emotions are still ~

rubbed raw

she was ~ emotionally (newspaper advice columnist)

the battle ~ the country's cultural, gender and political divides

remain raw

emotions ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**

## ray (ray of hope, etc.)

ray of hope

looking for a ~

**evidence: atmosphere / light & dark**

**amount: atmosphere / light & dark**

## razor (razor-thin)

razor-thin margin  
the election was decided by a ~

**size: breadth**

## reach (reach out)

reached out to people  
he has ~ who have been looked over (a fashion designer)

reaches out to his rivals  
he ~ (politician)

reach out to students  
universities ~ from all walks of life

reach out to those  
it is not unusual for the Amish to ~ who hurt them

reach out to us  
we hope he will ~ (cops seek contact with criminal)

reach out to (minority ethnic ) youth  
the government has failed to ~ (France)

reach out to non-Muslims  
~ and educate people about Islam

**division & connection: arm / verb**  
**acceptance & rejection: arm / verb**

## reach (beyond reach)

beyond our reach  
what was once in our grasp is now ~

**attainment / proximity: arm**

## reach (within reach)

within reach  
the president has declared world peace ~

**attainment / proximity: arm**

## reach (extent and scope)

gang's reach  
the ~ extends across America

reach was extended  
the paper's ~ by Pullman porters (*Chicago Defender*)

**extent & scope: arm**

## read (read something in something)

read too much into it  
don't ~

read anything into that  
but I really would beg you not to ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb**

## read (analyze)

read between the lines  
they fail to listen, observe and ~  
~ and you can see...  
you have to ~ to understand

read clues  
the FBI's failure to properly ~ available before 9/11

read a map  
I can't ~ to save my life

read your (electric) meter  
how to ~ (utility brochure)

read my mind  
you ~

read the (blocking) schemes  
they know how to ~ (football players)

read the signs  
if you can't ~, you won't survive (the taigá)

reads the signs  
he ~ like a map ("Shadow Wolves" tracker)

read the sky  
they pride themselves on their ability to ~ (hunters)

read a (financial) statement  
she learned how to read a ~

read the weather, wind, sun, stars  
a sailor must be able to ~ (sailing)

hard to read  
Ohio is ~ (elections)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb**

## read (a sign can read something)

altimeter read  
my ~ 27,500 feet (Mount Everest)

banners read  
huge ~ "*Allez les Bleus*" (World Cup soccer)

card read  
his business ~ "Any kinds of Ladies' Tailor and Skin, etc."

decals (on the door) read  
a ~ "In the name of Allah we enter..."

label reads  
the ~, "Made in England"

poster read  
the ~, "You're Not Good Enough To Be A Marine"

radar read  
the ~ 31,500, 25,400, and 18,300 (diving plane)

sign read  
a hand-painted ~, "God Bless America"

watch read

my ~ 1:17 P.M. (at the top of Mount Everest)

**fictive communication: books & reading / verb**

## realm (area)

pushing yourself into unknown realms  
adventure is ~

**area: royalty**

## reap (verb)

reaped (vast) sums from (Nigerian) oil  
Shell has ~

reap (enormous political) support from the unions  
politicians can ~ (education)

reap their (biggest) profits by selling  
sex traffickers ~ virgins (Asia)

reaping a (bitter) harvest  
teachers are ~ (dislike by public)

reap the whirlwind  
he who sows the wind shall ~ (Bible)

**product: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

## rebel (person)

rank-and-file rebels  
she has secured her party's nomination after negotiations  
with ~

world's oldest rebel  
he calls himself the ~ (Harry Leslie Smith)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / person**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military / person**

## rebel (adjective)

Rebel Royal  
Princess Margaret: ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military**

## rebellion (noun)

seeds of rebellion  
enforced potty sitting can sow the ~ (toddlers)

courting rebellion by pushing ahead  
he is ~ with his plan (political party)

**conflict: military**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military**

## rebirth

rebirth of (mountain) culture  
the ~

death and rebirth  
the primordial pageant of ~ of light (solar eclipse)

**amelioration & renewal: birth**

## reboot (verb)

reboot the series  
he is helping ~ (new Twilight Zone)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb**

## reborn

reborn career  
a ~ as an advertising icon (Jeff Hakman)

**amelioration & renewal: birth**

## rebound (verb)

rebounded in numbers  
it's possible the sharks have ~

ability to rebound  
resilience is the ~

rates never fully rebounded  
vaccination ~ (autism fears)

skin can rebound  
~ and look younger (anti-aging creams)

**resiliency: ball / verb**

**increase & decrease: ball / verb**

## rebound (on the rebound)

on the rebound  
the economy is finally ~  
the sick seal appears to be ~

**resiliency: ball**

**amelioration & renewal: ball**

## rebound (rebound headache, etc.)

rebound headache  
it sounds like you're experiencing ~s  
drugs can cause ~s

rebound hypertension  
abrupt discontinuation may cause ~ (drug)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ball**

## rebuild (verb)

rebuild their lives  
they are trying to ~

**amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb**

## recant (verb)

recanted  
one of his earliest supporters ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal: religion / verb**

## recast (verb)

recast the (university's) image

it is part of a longstanding plan to ~

recast (modern) womanhood  
she helped ~ (Helen Gurley Brown / *Cosmo*)

**characterization: manufacturing / verb**

**creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb**

## recipe

recipe for conflict  
in the brutal world of Afghan politics, this was a ~

recipe for controversy  
combining sex and religion is a ~ (the arts)

recipe for disaster  
this is a ~ (using pig organs for human transplants)

recipe for success  
working together is a ~ (sports)

recipe for a breakdown  
I can't let it tear me apart because it's just a ~ (anxiety)

**script: food & drink**

## recoil (verb)

recoiled from his comments  
fellow Republicans ~

**attraction & repulsion: tools & technology / verb**

## recycle (verb)

recycle parts  
we hope to ~ of the program

**amelioration & renewal: manufacturing / verb**

## red (Red Sea, etc.)

Red Sea  
Jeddah, the bride of the ~

Red Volta  
the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

**proper name: color**

## red alert (on red alert)

on red alert  
all organizations employing Westerners are ~ (terror)

**readiness & preparedness: color**

## red carpet (treatment)

red carpet for investors  
lay out the ~

lay out the red carpet for investors  
they ~

rolled out the red carpet for Karzai  
the White House ~

**welcome: carpets & rugs / royalty**

## red flag

red flags

it raised some ~ to me (ethical question)  
the company's disclosure raises a ~ (fraud)

red flags of arson

there are many ~ (arson investigation)

intelligence red flags

a range of ~ signaling terrorist activity (Kenya)

warning signs or red flags

there were no ~ (mass shooter)

red flags may signal

the following 10 ~ an early problem (children)

raised red flags

I ~ at the time the decision was made

♦ "Not only were there red flags, they were flapping in the wind." (A psychiatrist, commenting on the suicide of a university student.)

**warning: flags & banners / sign, signal, symbol**

## red (politics)

red state

is Iowa at this point a ~ or a blue state

♦ "Is Iowa at this point a red state or a blue state?" "Iowa is still a purple state." (US politics, as talked about on NPR.)

♦ "Red, R, Reagan, that's why we chose red." (A network broadcaster during the 1984 presidential election, explaining why states that had gone for Reagan were colored red on a national map. Democratic states were colored blue.)

**identity & nature: color**

## redoubt (noun)

redoubt of independent Russian mass media  
the radio station is the last ~

redoubt of (all-male Protestant) privilege  
Princeton University was a ~

redoubt for the townies and old-timers  
the hotel and its bar is the last major ~

redoubt for carousing  
it was a ~ (Sarajevo bar during war)

redoubt in hay loft  
the barn cat watched me from its ~

last redoubt  
North Korea is the ~ Stalinist isolation

gritty, blue-collar redoubt  
Williamsburg used to be a ~ (Brooklyn)

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

## red tape

red tape  
rescue efforts got bogged down by ~ (earthquake)

bureaucratic red tape

the ~ required to...

incompetence and red tape

the ~ is amazing (Italian government)

ran into red tape

the inmate's transfer ~

cut through (all) the red tape

he ~ to get it done

got bogged down by red tape

rescue efforts ~ (Kobe earthquake)

**obstacles & impedance: government**

**action, inaction & delay: government**

## reel (verb)

reeling from accusations

Wall Street is ~ that it is a rigged casino

reeling from her diagnosis

she is ~ (HIV)

reeling from the effects

the town is ~ of the hurricane

reeling from 3 hurricanes

Cuba is still ~ in a year last year

reeling from a (citizens') revolt

the city council is ~ over officials' pay

reeling from a (massive) scandal

Massachusetts is ~ in its state's crime lab

reeling from a series

the industry is ~ of scandals

reeling from the shock

the staff is still ~ of the shootings

economy is reeling

the ~, and politicians are making it worse

**equilibrium & stability: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping**

## reel in (verb)

reel him in

maybe there's a way we can ~ (investigation)

**pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb**

## reflex (noun)

standard reflex

when confronted, his ~ is to try and gaslight you

**control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## refuge

refuge from bullying

nowadays there is no ~ (teens and cyber-bullying)

seek refuge

many ~ in delusion, denial and fantasy (Mideast)

**protection & lack of protection: place**

## rehearsal

rehearsal

~s build confidence (military)

~s improve performance (military)

~s reveal weaknesses or problems (military)

rehearsal of all (critically timed) events

a ~ should be done (ARSOA)

rehearsal for invasion

North Korea calls the maneuvers a ~

rehearsals or reconnaissance

terrorists undertake ~

dress rehearsal

if a full-scale ~ is impossible (military)

mission rehearsals

this plan, along with ~... (military)

plans, SOPs, standards, and rehearsals

integrate measures into ~ (fratricide)

planning, rehearsal, and execution

during mission ~ (military)

reconnaissance and (some) rehearsal

no doubt it required some ~ (attack on Red Cross)

conduct rehearsals

~ on terrain that resembles the actual ground (military)

**readiness & preparedness: theater**

## rehearse (verb)

rehearse for combat

the maneuvers are a chance for soldiers to ~ (Kuwait)

rehearse on terrain and under conditions

if possible, ~ like those at the operation site (military)

rehearsed your answers

when you have your script and have ~ (interview)

rehearse procedures

~ for evacuation requests (casualties / military)

rehearse the signals

~ to be used on the patrol (military)

rehearses (critical) tasks

the platoon ~

tasks to rehearse

some important ~ include assaulting a bunker

failure to rehearse

short planning time, ~, and leader fatigue... (military)

plan, rehearse, and execute

~ the operation (military)

**readiness & preparedness: theater / verb**

## reign (verb)

uncertainty reigns

even with computer models as a guide, ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: royalty / verb**

## reign (noun)

reign

his ~ as the heavyweight champion lasted only...

his ~ as a terrorist mastermind (Palestinian)

reign as the (heavyweight) champion

his ~ lasted only seven months

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty**

## reigning

reigning academics

he battled against the stale works of the ~

reigning champion

as ~, Armstrong... (Tour de France)

reigning champs

we're the ~ (basketball)

reigning wisdom

this has become the ~ of the nineties

former and reigning (m)

~ heavyweights (boxing)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty**

## re-ignite (verb)

re-ignite (economic) growth

I'll ~ (commercial for a politician)

**initiation: fire / verb**

## reign of terror / fear, etc.

reign of fear

Iraq's Shiites describe a ~ (Saddam)

reign of terror

a full-scale invasion to end the ~ (Haiti)

stoning is used to extend the ~ (Iran)

reign of terror against (ethnic) minorities

carrying out a ~ (Burma)

reign of terror in Uganda

Idi Amin's ~

reign of terror by (indigenous) Dayaks

a savage ~ (Indonesia)

Idi Amin's reign of terror

~ in Uganda

savage reign of terror

a ~ by indigenous Dayaks (Indonesia)

imposed a reign of terror

foreign militants have ~ in South Waziristan

**oppression: allusion / history / royalty / violence**

## rein (rein in)

rein in (Medicare) costs

he wants to ~ (politics)

rein in (tribal and personal) rivalries

~ (Afghanistan)

rein in the rocket fire

Hamas has been trying to ~

rein in (government) spending

we need to ~

**control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb**

## rein (reins of power, etc.)

reins of Holland

he ran PSV Eindhoven before taking the ~ (coach)

reins of power

he has successfully gathered all the ~ into his hands (crown prince)

reins to the union

he holds the ~

organizing reins

Rose will turn over the ~ to Sunny Ross

hold on the reins

he now has a much stronger ~ (government)

holds the reins to the union

he ~

turn over the (organizing) reins to Ross

he will ~

handed the reins

he has been ~ (new coach for team)

seize the reins

he will probably ~ (football player for a position)

**control & lack of control: animal / horse**

## rein (free rein)

free rein

he was given ~ to loft his jumper (basketball)

the panel has a ~ to look at other areas of his research

have a free rein

weapons inspectors must ~ (in Iraq)

**constraint & lack of constraint: animal / horse**

## reined in

reigned in

the violence of his previous films has been ~

violence has been reined in

the ~ (in a filmmaker's latest film)

**control & lack of control: animal / horse**

## reinvigorate (verb)

reinvigorated the agency  
she has ~

reinvigorates support  
Nike's ad ~ in Kaepernick's corner

**amelioration & renewal: death & life / health & medicine / verb**

## rekindle (verb)

rekindles memories  
it ~ of the bad old days of Suharto

rekindle our relationship  
I'm not looking to ~

rekindling their romance  
Lindsay and Samantha may be ~ (celebrities)

rekindle stereotypes  
he worries the case might ~ of Mississippi

rekindle (these) stereotypes  
CBS comes along to ~ (show on hillbillies)

**initiation: fire / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb**

## relative (relationship)

relative  
anorexia nervosa, or its ~, bulimia nervosa

relative of the giraffe  
the okapi, a ~...

close relative  
chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a ~ of Alzheimer's

**relationship: family**

## relic

relic of a (different) era  
this system is a ~ (governance)

relic of the past  
privacy has become a ~ (Internet, etc.)  
his confrontation approach was rejected as a ~ (coach)

relic of an earlier time  
the club is a ~ (a social club)

relic of households past  
the iron is a ~

relic of the Cold War  
NATO is not a useless ~

dated relic  
some think the musical is a ~ (The King and I)

obsolete relic  
the book-based world will be an ~ (Internet)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: religion**

## relief (in bold relief)

in bold relief  
the Battle of the Bulge revealed those intelligence failures ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: height**

## religion (enthusiasm)

religion to many  
barbecuing is a ~ ...

morphed into a religion  
for many Americans, work has ~

**enthusiasm: religion**

## remain (verb)

remain  
but many questions remain (terrorism)

remaining coy  
most potential candidates are ~ for now (presidency)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: movement / verb**

## remedy (verb)

remedy the problems  
we must ~ of the past

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb**

## remedy (noun)

remedy for stress  
a sense of control is the best ~ (living with terrorism)

remedies for violations  
administrative ~ of the statute (Title IX)

remedy for the cabin fever  
a ~ that plagues Vermont all winter

administrative remedy  
~s for violations of the statute (Title IX)

best remedy  
a good mousing cat is the ~ (mice in stable)  
a sense of control is the ~ for stress (terrorism)

legal remedy  
the injustice cried out for a ~  
in some countries marriage is a ~ for statutory rape

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## renaissance

renaissance era  
its release ushered in Disney's ~ (Little Mermaid, 1989)

career renaissance  
she is enjoying a ~ (an actor)

something of a renaissance  
documentary has undergone ~ in the last ten years

**growth & development: birth / history**

**amelioration & renewal: birth / history**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: birth / history**

## repair (verb)

repair the economy  
we need to ~ at home

repaired their relationship  
she and Tom have ~

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb**

## repair (noun)

in need of repair  
their marriage is ~

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism**

## repay (verb)

repaid me with petty insults  
he ~ for having rejected him (#MeToo)

repay the debt of gratitude  
we can never ~ owed to our nation's veterans

**obligation: money / verb**

## repercussion (noun)

shocking repercussions  
her reaction had some ~

crime and its repercussions  
this gruesome ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound**

**effect: sound**

## repertoire (noun)

repertoire of your teaching kit  
jokes may contribute to the ~ (education)

**amount / help & assistance / performance: theater**

**group, set & collection: theater**

## report card

Report Card for America's Infrastructure  
the 2005 "~" (American Society of Civil Engineers)

nation's report card  
the national assessment is often called "~"

**judgment: school**

## reprieve (noun)

reprieve from (intense) colds  
with only 20 weeks of ~ every year... (Siberia)

**fate, fortune & chance: justice**

**punishment & recrimination: justice**

## rescue (verb)

rescue the program from mediocrity  
he promised to ~ (a new coach)

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb**

## reservoir (amount)

reservoir of (submerged) hatred  
the militants can tap into the ~ towards the West

reservoirs of rage  
the loneliness of children and their often unrecognized ~

reservoir of good feeling  
polls show a surprising ~ toward Obama

**amount: dam / river / water**

## reservoir (source)

viral reservoir  
bats are among the most dangerous ~ on earth

**source: dam / river / water**

## reset (noun)

reset  
he wants an overall ~ (policy towards Afghanistan)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism**

## reset (verb)

reset relations  
Obama promised to ~ with Russia

fix or reset  
the law's efforts to ~ struggling schools (No Child Left Behind)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb**

## reshape (verb)

reshape how  
the debate could ~ Americans understand foreign aid

reshaped Hollywood  
the *Jaws* producer who ~ (Richard Zanuck)

reshaping (Indian) society  
westernization is ~

reshaped the (ethnic) landscape  
the brutal violence has ~

**creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb**

## resonate (verb)

resonate with students  
his speech will ~ (politics)

resonated loud and long  
accounts of the 1963 Everest epic ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb**



## rest (put something to rest)

put this matter to rest  
we must ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: sleep / verb**  
**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep / verb**

## restlessness

musical restlessness  
that ~ has made her a lightning rod (country music)

**activity: sleep**

## resurrect (verb)

resurrect a career  
he was desperately trying to ~ that... (a boxer)

resurrected a killer  
scientists have ~ (reconstructed 1918 flu virus)

resurrect many of the old criticisms  
a German defeat will ~ (soccer)

**amelioration & renewal: death & life / religion / verb**

## resurrection (noun)

resurrection of the (1918) flu  
the story of the ~ began in 1995...

retrieval, resurrection, and revival  
his ~ (Thoreau / US literary canon)

**amelioration & renewal: death & life / religion**  
**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / religion**

## resuscitate (verb)

resuscitate this (all but abandoned) city  
how can we ~ (Detroit)

resuscitate the middle class  
if only we could ~

**amelioration & renewal: death & life / health & medicine / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb**

## retch (verb)

retch  
if education jargon causes you to ~

make me want to retch  
some of his comments ~ (politics)

**acceptance & rejection: bodily process / verb**

**hyperbole: bodily process / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: bodily process / verb**

## retire (verb)

retire the term  
it's time to ~ (LGBTZ+)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / work & duty**

## retort (speech)

angry retort  
the allegations have brought an ~

♦ A retort is a chamber or vessel relating to heat.

**speech: tools & technology**

## retreat (withdraw)

retreated into himself  
he ~ (high-altitude bivouac on Gasherbrum IV)

retreated into a fantasy world  
she ~ (9-year-old, father jailed)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / military**

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / military**

## retreat (reverse)

retreated from that stand  
he has since ~, saying... (politician)

retreated on several points  
still, the state has ~ (prisoners' demands)

retreating on his policy  
he is ~ to... (president)

retreated on that  
but the EPA ~ (reverses a ban)

**reversal: direction / military / verb**

## return (verb)

return to normal  
coral can recover if conditions ~ (bleaching)

returned to normal  
his heart and liver function had ~ (CO poisoning)

returned in force  
it was still horribly cold and the wind ~ (climbing)

conditions return  
coral can recover if ~ to normal (bleaching)

function had returned  
his heart and liver ~ to normal (CO poisoning)

wind returned  
it was still horribly cold and the ~ in force (climbing)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb**

## return (animals, etc.)

return of this (national) symbol  
the dramatic ~ (bald eagle)

return of the wolf  
the west has seen the ~ (US)

dramatic return  
the ~ of this national symbol (the bald eagle)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## **return (point of no return)**

point of no return

many see annexation as a ~ in terms of a peace deal

**fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips**

**development: journeys & trips**

**commitment & determination: journeys & trips**

## **return (noun)**

return of function

full ~ is common (fracture)

return of cold temperatures

the ~ led to an ice age

return to function

complete ~ is the norm (fracture)

return to the fundamentals

Salafis advocate a strict ~

return to the "old days"

what he really wants is a ~ (Pakistani Christian)

return to traditional foods

the tepary bean symbolizes a ~ (Tohono O'odham)

point of no return

I reached the ~

symbolizes a return

the tepary bean ~ to traditional foods (Tohono O'odham)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement**

## **reveal (verb)**

reveal a (genetic) bottleneck

blood samples ~ (too few Amur tigers left)

reveal some dirt

critics hoped the report would ~ on the President (politics)

revealed the extent

dawn ~ of devastation

revealed a (deep) fissure

the resignations ~ among Afghan leaders

reveals (many) hidden gems

the road ~ (N7 in France)

reveal gulf

antiwar marches ~ between leaders and people

reveal how

his novels ~ things really got done (spycraft)

reveal the hypocrisy

he listed the façade of respectability to ~

reveals a (disturbing) pattern

the data ~ to a trained eye

**concealment & lack of concealment: verb**

**evidence: verb**

## **reveal (big reveal, etc.)**

big reveal

when will she make the ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: verb to noun**

## **rev up (verb)**

revved up the debate

the information ~ over the war

**increase & decrease: engine / verb**

## **revved (revved up)**

revved up

the crowd is ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: engine**

## **reverberate (verb)**

reverberates beyond our own shores

the political dialogue in the US ~ (New Zealand massacre)

reverberate through admission offices

the case is sure to ~ (forged transcripts)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb**

**transmission: sound / verb**

## **reverberation (noun)**

reverberations across the globe

the attacks in Christchurch have had ~ (mass shooting)

political reverberations

the ~ continued to be felt (assassination)

reverberations haven't died away

that was 150 years ago, yet the ~ (Civil War)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sound**

**transmission: sound**

**effect: sound**

## **review (noun)**

rave reviews

his new pitch has drawn ~ (a pitcher)

mixed reviews

but his performance got ~ (a lawyer)

**judgment: theater**

## **revive (verb)**

revive (computer) systems

Baltimore struggles to ~ paralyzed by hackers

revive hiring

government intervention can ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb**

**amelioration & renewal: death & life / verb**

## revolt (verb)

revolted against the pay  
shareholders have ~ awarded to...

revolted against her attempts  
many supporters of her party have ~ at austerity

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb**

## revolution (noun)

revolution in (data) storage  
astronomy faces a ~

communications revolution  
the ~ that is the Web

information revolution  
the impact of the ~

Internet revolution  
helped propel the ~

digital music revolution  
his startup, MP3.com, helped ignite the ~

shortboard revolution  
his board designs helped kick off the ~ (surfing)

lesbian revolution  
her hit song *Wenn die beste Freundin* unleashed a ~

sexual revolution  
living in a country that went through the ~ (US)

aftermath of the (sexual) revolution  
in the ~

impact of the (information) revolution  
the ~

path of revolution  
another bored child of privilege who chose the ~

revolution is brewing  
a ~ (against bilingual education)

launched a revolution  
he ~ (astronomer looking at X-ray emitters)

kick off the (shortboard) revolution  
his board designs helped ~ (surfing)

**importance & significance: history**  
**growth & development: history**  
**disruption: history**

## revolutionary (adjective)

revolutionary for biology  
the discovery of DNA was ~

revolutionary for physics  
the discovery of cosmic microwave fluctuations was ~

revolutionary breakthroughs  
~ in armor technology (military)

**importance & significance: history**  
**growth & development: history**  
**disruption: history**

## revolutionize (verb)

revolutionized the (retail drug) business  
Mr. Walgreen ~ in the 1950s

revolutionized (medical) care  
the CAT scanner ~ throughout the world

revolutionized women's lives  
the sewing machine ~ (1870s)

revolutionized forensic anthropology  
the body farm ~ (Knoxville, TN)

**importance & significance: history / verb**  
**growth & development: history / verb**  
**disruption: history / verb**

## revolve (revolve around something)

revolved around heroism  
for many tribes, life ~

revolved around the sea  
his life ~ (a surfer)

revolved around sports  
his childhood ~

revolved around a (church) youth group  
her social life ~

revolve around personalities and geography  
allegiances ~ (Tuvalu politics)

**bases: astronomy / movement / verb**  
**attraction & repulsion: astronomy / verb**

## revolving door

revolving door  
her romantic life is a ~

revolving door of the Trump administration  
through the ~ goes another high-level departure

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / movement**

## reward (verb)

reward you with its beauty  
whatever the season, the galax will ~ (plant)

reward the winners with certificates  
we ~ of achievement (class project)

rewards loyalty over excellence  
he ~ (president)

reward (or punish) students for their behavior  
grades should not ~

rewards (creative) approaches  
the competition ~ to... (research)

rewards the (personal) loyalty  
the bureaucracy ~ of those at the bottom

reward or punish  
grades should not ~ students for their behavior

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

## reward (noun)

reward  
I think that the risk is part of the ~ (a climber)

rewards of fish watching  
introduce recreational divers to the ~

rewards like money, sex and drugs  
the human brain is acutely attuned to ~

rewards for (good) work  
high grades are given as ~ (school)

rewards or other kinds of motivation  
recognize achievement with ~ (job)

rewards and dangers  
developing the Arctic carries ~ for those in the area

cash reward  
the new software is delivering ~s

unpredictable rewards  
~ produce much larger signals in the brain

lion's share of the rewards  
they reap the ~

incentives and rewards  
improve class climate through ~ (teachers)

perils and rewards  
the ~ of the backcountry (Mt. Rainier)

rewards (certainly) justified the effort  
the ~ (hiking)

carries rewards  
developing the Arctic ~ and dangers

delivering (cash) rewards  
the new software is ~

attuned to rewards  
the human brain is acutely ~ like money, sex and drugs

**cost & benefit: money**

## rewarding

rewarding  
the work is very hard but very ~ (nursing assistant)

rewarding experience  
it's the most ~ I've ever had (adoption)

rewarding thing  
it's the most ~ I've ever done (adoption)

rewarding spiritually

it's very ~ (paragliding / Hawaii)

fun and rewarding  
wilderness and travel medicine can be ~

**cost & benefit: money**

## ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)

Ribbon Creek  
we paddled up ~ (Alberta, Canada)

Ribbon Lake  
~ is in Alberta, Canada

Ribbon Reef  
we scuba-dive on ~ (Queensland, Australia)

**proper name / shape: cloth**

## rich (rich land, etc.)

rich  
the land here is particularly ~

**worth & lack of worth: money**

## rich (plentiful)

rich in (natural) beauty  
the Aisén area of Patagonia is ~ (Chile)

rich in minerals  
Guinea, a former French colony that is ~

rich in uranium  
the north of Niger is ~

rich in protein, iron and calcium  
teff, an easily absorbed millet ~ (Ethiopia)

feature-rich  
it is not nearly as ~ or versatile (a camera)

fiber-rich (m)  
to avoid hemorrhoids, fill up on ~ foods

fossil-rich (m)  
at the ~ site in China...

oxygen-rich (m)  
fish need ~ water to survive (pollution)

resource-rich (m)  
China and India court ~ counties like Nigeria

target-rich (m)  
he flew into a ~ environment (combat)

wildlife-rich (m)  
the ~ province of Mpumalanga

**amount: money**

## rich (superlative)

rich (maritime) heritage  
the New York and New Jersey area has a ~

rich (Jewish) legacy

there is a ~ associated with boxing

rich (basketball) tradition  
Philadelphia has a ~

rich, sophisticated and varied  
Islamic civilization—~

**superlative: money**

## ricochet (verb)

ricochet  
this could ~

**reversal: weapon / verb**

## riddled

riddled with lookouts  
the gang-infested neighborhood is ~

**affliction: animal / insect**

## ride (rough ride, etc.)

ride of my life  
this has been the greatest ~ (graduating basketball star)

bumpy ride  
consumers are in for a ~ this year (customer service)

fantastic ride  
we have had a ~ (soccer coach / his team loses in semifinal)

greatest ride  
this has been the ~ of my life (graduating sports star)

rough ride  
we're in for a ~ (new troops in Iraq)

wild ride  
it's going to be a ~ (future events)  
his tweets and interviews make for a ~ (President Trump)

take you along for the ride  
a start-up that's ready to ~ (job)

♦It looks like we're in for a wild ride, so hang on. (A Wall Street bear market.)

**experience: horse / movement / riding**

## ride (ride on something)

rides on our ability  
the future ~ to adapt

rides on terminology  
much ~ (diplomacy)

riding on this  
a lot of people's jobs are ~ (strike)

hopes are riding  
all ~ on their daughter (immigrant family)

**dependency: riding**

**fictive transportation: verb**

## ride out (verb)

ride this thing out  
we'll just have to ~ (a hurricane)

rode out the hurricane at home  
they ~

ride out his affliction  
he chose to ~ (instead of going to the hospital)

rode out the storm  
the punch hurt him, but he ~ (boxing)

**survival, persistence & endurance: boat / riding / verb**

## rift (division)

rift  
a ~ occurred between the radicals (Seattle mosque)

rift between Hamas and Fatah  
hopes to end the deepening ~

rifts between blacks and whites  
already existing ~ in the South

rifts between the Defense Secretary and the military  
~ (US)

rifts (between blacks and whites) in the South  
already existing ~

rifts in the city  
trying to heal the racial ~ (LA)

rift among Indians  
the move created a ~ here (Yakama Nation)

rifts over (America's) strategy  
orchestrated leaks from the White House have exposed ~

deepening rift  
hopes to end the ~ between Hamas and Fatah

centuries-old rift  
a ~ has come to the surface (Egyptians in the US)

racial rift  
trying to heal the ~ in the city (Los Angeles)

new school / old school rift  
a classic ~ (newer kayaking moves)

exposed rifts  
leaks have ~ over America's strategy

healed the rift  
the years have not ~ between Shipa and her family

**division & connection: ground, terrain & land**

## right (right a wrong, etc.)

right our (fiscal) ship  
we must ~ (budget)

right this wrong  
we must ~

right a (perceived) wrong  
seeking to ~ with a firearm

seeking to right  
~ a perceived wrong with a firearm

**amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / orientation  
/ verb**

### **right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)**

right-hand man  
he was Mubarak's ~ for decades

**importance & significance: hand / position**

### **rigid (constraint)**

rigid (religious) beliefs  
he has ~

rigid doctrine  
the group does not have a ~

rigid hierarchy  
teachers should avoid establishing a ~ of groups

rigid routine  
inside, life followed a ~ (a Chinese factory)

rigid rules  
he has relaxed some ~ (coach)

rigid (production) schedule  
workers must deal with ~s

rigid versus a flexible (m)  
commanders must weigh the benefits of a ~ plan

rigid and omnipotent  
its caste dynamics were ~

rigid and puritanical (m)  
Wahhabism, the ~ strain of Islam (Saudi Arabia)

ideologically rigid  
our political leaders are too ~

less rigid (m)  
the Berbers practice a ~ form of Islam today

**constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances  
ability & lack of ability: materials & substances**

### **rigid (character)**

rigid  
she was not ~, and her views evolved (Ann Landers)  
we are not being so ~ as saying that is the only option  
don't be ~, stay aware of your environment (military)

rigid in his beliefs  
his parents claim he is not ~ (religion)

rigid or extremist  
his parents say he is not ~ in his beliefs

**character & personality: materials & substances  
ability & lack of ability: materials & substances**

### **ring (ring false, etc.)**

rang false  
her story ~

rang hollow  
his apology ~ (insincere)

rings true  
his story ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: sound / verb**

### **ring (ring of truth, etc.)**

ring of truth  
his words had the ~ (murder trial)  
it doesn't have the ~ (an FBI report)

magical ring  
those three letters have a ~ (BBC);  
'Vichyssoise' still has a ~ to it (for a chef)

successful ring  
it had a ~ (a boxer's boxing name for himself)

**perception, perspective & point of view: sound**

### **ringed (circled)**

ringed by sand flats  
Rabbit Key, a small mangrove hummock ~s (Florida)

ringed by barbed wire  
the area is ~ (military post)

ringed by mountains of garbage  
neighborhoods here are ~ (Luanda)

ringed seal  
the ~ is the chief prey of the polar bear (Arctic)

**configuration: shape**

### **ring in (the New Year, etc.)**

ring in the Year of the Pig  
next month, China will ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: bell / verb  
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bell / verb**

### **ringmaster (person)**

ringmaster of the (daily) news briefings  
he was the ~ (government public-affairs news briefer)

ringmaster of loyalty investigations  
he was the ~ (Joe McCarthy)

role of the ringmaster  
he is playing the ~ (a crusader and media personality)

turned himself from spectator to ringmaster  
he artfully ~ and took control (a mayor)

**directing: circus / person**

**performance: person**

**person: circus**

## ring out (voice)

voice rang out  
her ~ with an accusation

**speech: sound / verb**

## ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)

shot rang out  
suddenly, a ~ and a bullet fired from the house struck...

**sound: bell / verb**

## ripe (adjective)

ripe  
the time is ~ to sit down with the Chinese

ripe for a (large) fire  
conditions are ~ (dead trees)

ripe for cultivation  
the colonists found meadows ~

ripe for rebellion  
the city is ~ (Basra)

made conditions ripe  
the fronts and temperatures ~ for tornadoes

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: fruits & vegetables**

**growth & development: fruits & vegetables / plant**

## ripple (verb)

ripple out  
all sorts of abuses ~ (from dogfighting)

rippled westward  
the tradition may have ~ with the Scythians (art)

rippled through the system  
United's flaws ~ (plane transportation)

rippled through every industry  
the effects of the movement have ~ (me too)

**feeling, emotion & effect: water / verb**

**effect: water / verb**

## ripple (noun)

political ripple  
the existence of child workers has made barely a ~ here

barely a ripple  
the existence of child workers has made ~

made (barely) a ripple  
the existence of child workers has ~ here

sending ripples through colleges  
the changes are ~

ripple on the economy  
that move, in turn, has had a ~

ripples of Columbine

what were the ~

ripples of the shutdown  
travelers everywhere felt the ~ (airport)

ripple in the atmosphere  
the smallest changes can have a ~ (tornadoes)

ripples from the drownings  
the ~ have affected river access (kayaking)

ripples thousands of miles away  
delays in one area can have ~ (planes)

headaches and ripple effects  
Kazakhstan's policies have caused ~ in all directions

ripple effects have affected  
the ~ river access (kayaking fatalities)

ripples could extend  
the ~ beyond the industry (tainted beef)

have ripple effects  
weather delays ~ (air transportation)

adds to the ripple effect  
every new infection ~ (AIDS epidemic)

**feeling, emotion & effect: water**

**effect: water**

## rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)

rising to the challenge  
we are ~

rise to the occasion  
can they ~

rose to the occasion  
he ~ like freshly baked dough

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / height / verb**

## rise (rise above something)

rose above party politics  
he was a towering figure who ~ (McCain)

**behavior: direction / height / verb**

## rise (resistance)

rose in revolt  
the people ~

rise up  
no one knows if the people will ~  
people who ~ often get killed (rebellion)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## rise (on the rise)

on the rise  
feed prices are ~ (drought effect on herds of animals)

on the rise in Tajikistan  
Islam is ~

**growth & development: direction**  
**increase & decrease: direction**

### rise (rise of agriculture, etc.)

rise of the Roman Empire  
with the decline of Greece and the ~...

rise of Buddhism  
with the ~ the study of anatomy was prohibited

rise of Christianity and Islam  
the practice predates the ~ (FGM)

rise of China  
if you are worried about the ~

rise of agriculture  
his hypothesis suggests that the ~ led to...

rise of feminism  
this period witnessed the ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**  
**growth & development: direction**

### rise (achievement)

meteoric rise  
she had a ~ and a heartbreaking fall (Whitney Houston)

**achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height**

### rise (achieve)

rise in the company  
he was anxious to ~ (workplace sociopath)

**achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / verb**

### rise (rising)

rising star  
she is a ~ (a singer)

**achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height**

### rite (rite of passage)

rite of passage  
it's kind of a ~

wild rite of passage  
Las Vegas becomes a ~ for new 21-year-olds (booze)

**growth & development: journeys & trips / religion**  
**course: journeys & trips**

### ritual

ritual of (village) life  
in a ~

rituals and routines  
many people have ~ before bedtime (nursing)

concert ritual

~s include "body surfing"

bedtime ritual  
follow a nightly ~ (bath, pajamas, story, bed) (kids)

springtime ritual  
drinking sap from the maple tree is a ~ (S. Korea)

pre-spring-break ritual  
what became a ~ (females diet / eating disorders)

fraternity drinking ritual  
his son had taken part in a ~ (died)

personal finance ritual  
recording checks is a ~

hazing ritual  
it was a ~ (training)  
Yale has strict policies barring ~s (fraternities)  
~s pushed too far (high school)

mating ritual  
cicadas engage in a frenetic ~

ancient ritual  
the ~ of the blood feud still holds sway (Albania)

bizarre rituals  
elaborate and sometimes ~ (OCD)

nightly (bedtime) ritual  
follow a ~ (bath, books, and bed) (toddlers)

superstitious ritual  
~s such as wearing the same shirt (sports)

wacky (bedtime) ritual  
you learn who's got ~s (sharing a room)

yearly ritual  
the start of the ~ (Cancun spring break)

bedtime ritual  
follow a nightly ~ (bath, pajamas, story, bed) (kids)  
you learn who's got wacky ~s (sharing a room)

follow a (nightly bedtime) ritual  
~ (bath, books, and bed) (toddlers)

stop the ritual  
colleges have tried various tactics to ~ (alcohol)

engage in a (frenetic) mating ritual  
cicadas ~

taken part in a (fraternity drinking) ritual  
his son had ~ (died)

**behavior: religion**

### river (resemblance)

River of Grass  
the ~ that is the Everglades (Florida)  
the Florida Everglades, the so-called ~  
the subtle, sodden grandeur of the so-called ~

river of (high-altitude) air



the jet stream, a speeding ~, veered far south

river of ice

the glacier is broad and grand, like the ~ it is

river of lava

sending out plumes of ash and three ~s (volcano)

the volcano sent 200-foot-wide ~ through the town

river of wind

that ~, called the jet stream

atmospheric river

the Pineapple Express is an ~

you can see the ~ on the satellite here (weather report)

**resemblance: river**

## river (amount and effect)

river of hogs

this annual migration, this “great ~” (Buncombe Turnpike)

iron river

the ~ refers to the flow of guns from the US into Mexico

**amount & effect: river / water**

**movement: river / water**

## river (Niger River, etc.)

Niger River

Mungo Park explored the ~

**proper name: river**

## riveted

riveted in the (public) imagination

Brandi Chastain is forever ~

**attachment: tools & technology**

## road (turn in the road, etc.)

turn in a (troubled) road

it was one more ~ (personal problems)

**direction: journeys & trips**

**development: journeys & trips**

## road (road from / to something)

road to recovery

she is well on the ~

the economy is on the bumpy ~

road to riches

other companies saw a different ~ (online education)

road to ruin

a doctor's ~ (addiction)

road to the truth

the ~ is still a very long one (slave laborers in Siberia)

road to sin and evil

it blocks the ~ (women and non-mahram males)

road to stardom

the ~ hasn't been a superhighway for her (film actor)

road to the White House

his ~ was paved with discretion and loyalty

road to a fit, fabulous body

the ~ isn't short

road from convert to jihadist

the ~ can be remarkably short (terrorists)

road from research to (finished) product

the ~ is long and costly (drugs)

road (to get) from where we are now to impeachment

there's a long ~

first step on that road

this is a pretty aggressive ~ (to impeachment)

**course: journeys & trips**

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips**

**survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips**

## road (along / on the road)

along the (long) road of parenting

it'll help you ~ (advice about toddlers)

on the road to fame

they were young, just starting ~

on the road to peace

we're still ~ (Palestinian road map)

the negotiations are an important stepping stone ~ (Sudan)

on the bumpy road to recovery

the economy is ~ to recovery

well on the road

she is ~ to recovery

bumps along the road

there have been a few ~

start on the road to e-riches

all eager to ~ (Internet prospectors)

♦ “We're still on the road to peace, it's just going to be a bumpy road, and I'm not going to get off the road until we reach the vision.” (President Bush on Palestinian road map, after 4th suicide bombing.)

**course: journeys & trips**

## road (road ahead, etc.)

on the road ahead

nobody knows what is ~

long road ahead

there is still a very ~ for Ms Warren (running for presidency)

**future: journeys & trips / direction**

## road (down the road, etc.)

down the road

but that's ~, right now, people are still...

this will lead to problems ~

it could be indictable ~ (in the future)

the company hopes to make money ~ (in the future)

easier down the road  
it'll make your job ~

few years down the road  
we don't want to find out a ~ that... (investigator)

further down the road  
they hope for improvement in relations ~ (diplomats)

**future: journeys & trips / direction**

### road (down a road before)

down this road before  
we have been ~  
I can tell you've been ~

down that road before  
I've been ~ (exploited by girlfriend)

**past & present: journeys & trips**

**experience: journeys & trips**

### road (go down that road, etc.)

go down that road  
let's not ~

**eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / movement**  
**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: journeys & trips / movement**

### road (end of the road)

the end of the road  
a defeat does not necessarily mean ~ for Nigeria

hit the end of the road  
he has ~ (arrested for murder)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips**

### road (long road)

long road  
the ~ we have traveled in the U.S. (desegregation)  
it's a ~ when you face the world alone (Mariah)  
it's been a ~, and sometimes it has been fun (old rocker)

long road of parenting  
it'll help you along the ~ (learn to pick your battles)

long road to an uncertain result  
investigators face a ~

long road ahead  
there is still a very ~ for Ms Warren (running for presidency)

face a long road  
investigators ~ to an uncertain result

traveled a long road  
we have ~ (desegregation)

help you along the long road  
I'll ~ of parenting (learn to pick your battles)

**course: journeys & trips**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips**  
**road (tough / easy road, etc.)**

bumpy road  
the economy is on the ~ to recovery

difficult road  
they team slogged a ~ to qualify for the tournament

hard road  
it's been a ~ (a victim of abuse)

rough road  
President Obama faces a ~ (politics)

safe road  
do I take the ~, or do I venture out

tough road  
it's been a ~ for everybody

troubled road  
it was one more turn in a ~ (personal problems)

bumps along the road  
there have been a few ~

bumps in the road  
many families encounter ~ to toilet training

stumbles on the road  
there have been some ~ to reform

on a road (that)...  
~ is paved with leaks, supposition, speculation (enquiry)

**flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips**  
**difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips**

### road (the high road)

taken the high road  
he has ~ and refused to respond to the insults

**behavior: direction / height**

### road (fork in the road, etc.)

come to a fork in the road  
the countries involved in the Middle East have ~  
when things like that happen, you ~

different road  
other companies saw a ~ to riches (online education)

similar road  
the six countries all followed a ~ (to democracy)

going down that road  
I am not ~

going down a road  
you are ~ that will be your undoing

take you down the wrong road  
it's a question that can ~ (job interview)

♦ Robert Frost's classic poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" recounts how he came to a fork in the road and took "the one less traveled by."

**alternatives & choices: journeys & trips**

## **road (push something down the road)**

pushed down the road

some of the big decisions were ~ (government)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: journeys & trips / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: walking, running & jumping**

**action, inaction & delay: journeys & trips / verb**

## **road (the Silk Road, etc.)**

Silk Road

the ~ was not one route, but a series of routes

Whale Road

early Icelanders referred to the sea as the ~

**proper name: journeys & trips**

**route: epithet**

## **road (road to Damascus)**

road to Damascus kind of conversion

this can't be a ~ (Al Sharpton on whites getting black electoral support)

**reversal: allusion / Bible / journeys & trips / religion**

**consciousness & awareness: allusion / Bible / journeys & trips / religion**

**creation & transformation: allusion / Bible / journeys & trips / religion**

**allegiance, support & betrayal: allusion / Bible / journeys & trips / religion**

## **roadblock**

legislative roadblock

the union headed to Albany to set up a ~ (education)

face some roadblocks

we ~ (better relations with China)

**obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips**

## **road map**

road map toward peace

a ~ in the Middle East

road map to cutting

he has a detailed ~ spending (politician)

roadmap for the Internet

the 13 root servers that provided the ~

road map for what

it's a ~ we must do (plan to save coral reefs)

**script: journeys & trips / map**

## **roar (noun)**

roar of the waterfall

he had to shout over the ~

**sound: animal**

**resemblance: sound**

## **roar back (verb)**

roaring back

he promised to bring manufacturing ~ (politics)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: animal / sound / verb**

## **roast (verb)**

roasted the president

she ~ (White House Correspondents' Dinner)

**speech: cooking / fire / verb**

## **rob (verb)**

rob the winds of their moisture

the uplands ~ (valley in rain shadow)

robbed me of my health and vitality

he ~ (a sex abuser)

**taking & removing: crime / verb**

## **robbed**

robbed of our child

we were ~ (murdered)

**taking & removing: crime**

## **robbery (noun)**

highway robbery

it's an outrage, ~ (boxer gets draw instead of win)

**taking & removing: crime**

## **robot (noun)**

robot

he's not a ~, he's got feelings and emotions

I'm not a ~, I get tired (an athlete)

robot in (pressure-packed) situations

he's a ~ (a coach)

robot kid

in a world of cookie-cutter ~s, he was different

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism**

**strength & weakness: mechanism**

## **robust (adj)**

robust

our quality-control systems are ~

robust debate

the controversy has ignited a ~ on Web sites

robust response

the threat of terrorism requires a ~

**strength & weakness: health & medicine**

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## rock (verb)

rocked the (scientific) community  
the earthshaking experiment has ~

rocked the media  
the story ~

rocked the (Japanese) sport  
the match-rigging scandal has ~ (sumo)

rocked Silicon Valley  
the scam ~ (technology fail)

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb**  
**disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb**

## rock (support)

rock of a family  
Barbara Bush was the ~ dedicated to public service

**bases: ground, terrain & land / materials & substances**  
**strength & weakness: ground, terrain & land / materials & substances**

**epithet: ground, terrain & land**

## rock (on the rocks)

on the rocks  
their relationship is ~

**failure, accident & impairment: boat / sea**  
**danger / destruction: boat / sea**

## rock (turn over every rock, etc.)

look under every rock  
people then were not prepared to ~ (historical sex abuse)

turn over every rock to see  
we're going to ~ if... (police investigation)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: ground, terrain & land / verb**  
**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb**  
**pursuit, capture & escape: ground, terrain & land / verb**

## rock-bottom (adjective)

rock-bottom  
the prices for scuba diving are ~ (Belize)

rock-bottom price  
rented at ~s

**decline: ground, terrain & land**

## rocked (disruption)

rocked by the sex scandal  
the network was ~ (CBS)

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb**  
**disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb**

## rocket (increase)

rocket to 1 billion  
the number of passengers is expected to ~ by...

rocketing upward  
demand is ~ (for a service)

levels will rocket  
sediment ~ (dam removal)

**increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / rocket / verb**

## rocket (speed)

rocketed down the slope on his back  
he ~ (climbing)

rocketed to fame  
she ~ in New York (an actor)

**speed: rocket / verb**

## rocket (resemblance)

fired a rocket past the keeper  
a moment later, he ~ (soccer)

**resemblance: rocket**

## rocky (adjective)

rocky  
his relationship with his superiors was ~  
their season has been ~ (a women's basketball team)

rocky (midterm Congressional) elections  
the president faces ~

rocky (on-again, off-again) relationship  
they've had a ~ (a couple)

rocky start  
his NFL career got off to a ~

rocky tenure  
he had a ~ at the State Department (resigned)

rocky year  
it was a ~ for the newspaper (criticism)

**flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land**

## rogue (noun)

rogue Chinese scientist  
a ~ claims to have edited the DNA of twin girls

gone rogue  
he has ~

**society: animal**

**control & lack of control: animal**  
**character & personality: animal**

## roil (verb)

roiled (Tibetan) areas  
ethnic unrest has ~ of China

roiling the markets  
what is ~ is the fact that... (international finance)

**feeling, emotion & effect: water / verb**

**disruption: water / verb**

## role (act)

played the role

he ~ of a loving husband and doting father (murderer)

**performance: theater**

## role (function or part)

sport's (starring) role

the ~ in the end of apartheid (South African rugby)

played a role

the investigation into his sexting case ~ in the 2016 US presidential election

**importance & significance: theater**

## roll (on a roll)

on a (pretty good) roll

we're ~ now (basketball coach / win streak)

get on a roll

you ~, you get momentum... (winning streak)

started the year on a roll

the radical right ~

**progress & lack of progress: ball / movement**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / movement**

**flaws & lack of flaws: ball / movement**

## roll (verb)

start rolling

revolutions often ~ when the army refused to shoot

rolling on

the controversy keeps ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement**

**progress & lack of progress: movement**

## roll (move)

roll across the mountains

some strong thunderstorms ~ (news / weather)

thunderstorms roll

some strong ~ across the mountains (news / weather)

**movement: ball / verb**

## roll back (verb)

roll back the (health-care) reform

politicians want to ~

**reversal: mechanism / verb**

## roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.)

roller-coaster ride

culture shock can be a ~ of emotions

roller coaster of a career

she had such a ~ (Judy Garland)

emotional roller coaster

it's frustrating, an ~

an ~, with many tears and goodbyes (deployment)

the family rode an ~ for months (daughter kidnapped)

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

## roller coaster (development)

roller coaster

my life is a ~ and this is a down time

roller-coaster

this is a real ~ (attempts to rescue trapped miners)

roller-coaster ride

it's been a ~ ride for investors

roller coaster (weight) gains and losses

she has a long history of ~

legal roller coaster

the ~ over stem-cell research...

**development: direction / movement / sports & games**

**increase & decrease: direction / movement / sports & games**

## roll in (verb)

rolling in

donations are ~ (after fire at cathedral)

**movement: ball / verb**

## rolling (movement)

rolling end

the war had a rolling start and will have a ~ (Iraq)

rolling start

what commanders have called a ~ to the war (Iraq War)

the war had a ~ and will have a rolling end (Iraq War)

rolling blackouts

another day of ~ (California)

**movement: ball**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement**

## roll out (verb)

roll out (six) new models

Chrysler will soon ~ (automobiles)

rolled out a package

the Party ~ of reforms (China / economy)

rolling out new policy

we are not ~ (politics / election)

roll the (new) settings

we are going to ~ this week (Website)

**inauguration: mechanism / verb**

## roll over (verb)

roll over

Watford won't ~ (FA Cup final underdogs)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / dog / verb**

**conflict: animal / dog / verb**

## romance (noun)

romance with the West

his ~ makes him vulnerable to detractors (leader)

**enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage**

## roof (a roof can cave in)

roof has caved in on the team

the ~ (losing)

**failure, accident & impairment: house / roof / ruins**

**destruction: house / roof / ruins**

## roof (through the roof)

going through the roof

the price is ~

shot through the roof

prices have ~

**increase & decrease: house / flying & falling / roof**

**extent & scope: house / flying & falling / roof**

## roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)

roof of the cave

the ~ collapsed

roof of his mouth

he got peanut butter on the ~

**orientation: direction / house / roof**

## room (wiggle room)

wiggle room

negotiators had very little ~

he then used the only ~ the law allowed him

wiggle room on wages

the MTA has hinted at ~ (negotiations with union)

wiggle room for players

there's no ~ (11-point table-tennis games)

**constraint & lack of constraint: ground, terrain & land**

**situation: ground, terrain & land**

## room (space)

room to hide

thick forests and deep gorges offer ample ~ (Caucasus)

room for a dart game

a few pool tables and ~

room for wasted space

no ~ in the apartment

room for 12 coffins

a mausoleum with ~, 20 cremation niches and...

legroom

new seats allow more ~

sea room

a ship with adequate speed and ~

ample room

thick forests and deep gorges offer ~ to hide (Caucasus)

**constraint & lack of constraint: space**

## room (opportunity)

room for advancement

his predecessor left because there was no ~

room for compromise

there is little ~

room for diplomacy

there is ~ here... (UN issue)

room for error

there's no ~

room for improvement

there was ~ in his shooting (basketball)

room for maneuver

how much ~ do you think he has in Brussels (diplomacy)

room for an additional voice

there's ~ (new newspaper)

room for slipups

if you don't allow yourself ~... (dieting)

breathing room

provide ~ to consider the options

the rate increase gives the Postal Service "~"

negotiating room

how much ~ is there on the part of...

allow yourself room

if you don't ~ for slipups... (dieting)

**constraint & lack of constraint: space**

**situation: space**

## root (at the root)

at the root of his desperate act

the mystery ~

**bases: plant / tree**

## root (root cause)

root cause

nobody is looking at the ~s...

root causes of the conflict

the accord failed to address the ~ (Darfur)

root causes of jihad

it's not easy to address the ~

root cause of these problems  
the ~ ...

root causes of global warming  
the burning of coal, oil, and gas is the ~

root cause of Global Dimming  
the burning of coal, oil, and gas is the ~

root cause of why  
that might be the ~... (reasons for a disaster)

root causes or common threads  
in some places, suicides seem to have ~

**bases: plant / tree**  
**analysis, interpretation & explanation: plant / tree**  
**root (root of the problem, etc.)**

roots of conflict  
the ~ run deep (Sudan)

roots of militancy  
the ~ lie in a feeling of intense humiliation

roots of this misery  
the ~ are not hard to find (Indian reservations)

root of the problem  
once you find out the ~

roots of terrorism  
understand and address the ~

roots of the disorder  
there is little info about the ~

**bases / origin: plant / tree**  
**root (origin)**

roots in Mexico  
he is proud of his ~ (son of immigrants)

roots in Virginia  
time to research her family ~

roots (deep) in the Jordanian desert  
he is of the Beni Hassan tribe, with ~

roots in the (local) culture  
he had no ~ (Barak Obama in Hawaii)

NASCAR's (moonshine whiskey) roots

family's roots  
time to research her ~ in Virginia

surfing's roots  
I'm stoked to be in Hawaii, back to ~

university's (military-school) roots  
the ~

military-school roots  
the university's ~

reporting roots  
it marked a return to his ~ (editor reports on war)

moonshine-running roots  
its ~ (NASCAR)

Azeri roots  
many Iranians have ~

Catholic roots  
the region has never lost its ~ (New Mexico)

Dalit roots  
despite his ~, he earned a degree... (Kanshi Ram)

Italian roots  
Rico himself has no ~ (mobster)

Jewish roots  
he's tried to deny his ~ (politician)

Polynesian roots  
he traces the history of surfing back to its ~

Southern roots  
as NASCAR grew from its ~ into a national sport

ancient roots  
the science of anatomy has ~

biological roots  
little info about the ~ of the disorder

humble roots  
this learned man from ~ (North Carolina poet laureate)

urban roots  
this competition is a tribute to the ~ of street skating

deep historical roots  
it's a dispute that has ~ (Greece and Macedonia)

proud of his roots  
he is ~ in Mexico... (son of immigrants)

deny his (Jewish) roots  
he's tried to ~ (politician)

**origin: plant / tree**  
**root (take root, etc.)**

deep roots  
child labor retains ~ (west and central Africa)  
Catholicism has very ~ in Ireland

firm roots  
Christianity failed to set ~ in Japan and China

shallow roots  
his success has ~  
a sport with ~ in this country (tennis in China)  
many residents have ~ in the city (state workers)

take root  
but the colony did not ~ (Australia)

taking (commercial) root  
the new generation of nanomaterials is ~

took root  
cricket ~ during the colonial era of the Raj (Pakistan)

put down roots  
many Canadians have ~ in Florida (home-buyers)

set (firm) roots  
Christianity failed to ~ in Japan and China

**growth & development: plant / tree**

## root (root server)

root server  
organizations responsible for operating the ~s  
the ~s serve as a sort of master directory for the Internet  
8 or more of the world's 13 ~s must fail before...  
the 13 ~s that provided the roadmap for the Internet

root server (m)  
at the top of the ~ hierarchy is the "A" root server  
the most complex DDOS attack ever against the ~ system

**computer: plant**

## rooted

rooted in (violent) collisions  
a sport whose popularity is ~ (NFL / concussion)

deeply rooted (m)  
Ethiopia, a country with a ~ (Christian) identity  
fireworks are a ~ tradition in Peru  
family deer hunts in November are a ~ tradition

**bases: plant / tree**

## root out (verb)

root out crooked cops  
the force must ~

root out corruption  
the UN must improve its accountability and ~

root out an enemy  
the marines are trying to ~ that knows the terrain

root out militants  
efforts to ~ inside Egypt

root out (wasteful) spending  
we need to ~

root out terrorists  
send more troops and ~ (in Iraq)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree / verb**

## rope (learn the ropes, etc.)

learning the ropes  
she is still ~ (a waiter)

knows the ropes  
she ~

**experience: boat / rope**

## rope (at the end of one's rope)

at the (very) end of my rope with him  
I think I'm ~ (kid)

**feeling, emotion & effect: rope**

## rope (on the ropes)

on the ropes  
many Hawaiian species are ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: boxing / rope**

## Rorschach (test)

Rorschach test  
this was a Rashomon moment meeting a ~ (3-group confrontation on Mall)

newest human Rorschach test  
she is America's ~ (Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez)

**perception, perspective & point of view: allusion / picture**

## Rosetta Stone

Rosetta stone for understanding  
the article is a ~ Y.A.'s toxic culture (Kat Rosenfield)

**comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / history  
analysis, interpretation & explanation: allusion / history**

## rot (verb)

left to rot  
the working class has been ~ (US)

**corruption: food & drink / verb**

## rot (noun)

rot in (Pakistani) society  
the ~ is more poisonous than anyone thought (violence)

rot in the system  
Shevardnadze sniffed out the ~ (Georgia)

Rot at the Top  
the lead opinion piece was entitled, "The ~" (politics and corruption)

rot and corruption  
the moral ~ (of the Republican Party)

moral rot  
the silence on the issue is an example of ~

sniffed out the rot  
Shevardnadze ~ in the system (Republic of Georgia)

stop the rot  
the church needed someone else at the helm to ~ (Catholics)

♦ The fish rots from the head. (A proverb about the leaders in organizations, governments, etc.)

**corruption: food & drink**



## rotten (adjective)

rotten

your billing system is ~

rotten administrator

she's a ~ but a nice person

rotten shape

the job market is in ~

**corruption: food & drink**

## roulette (noun)

genetic roulette

we are playing ~ with our agriculture and crops

**fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games**

## round (boxing)

Round One

it's ~ in a prizefight, but the bell hasn't rung yet

round one

this is just ~ (in the budget battle)

**development: boxing**

## round up (assemble)

rounded up a few things

I've ~ (Cortana internet search)

**assembling: animal / verb**

## route (course)

roundabout route

he had come to painting by a ~

go this route

I'm surprised more people don't ~ (turn down fame)

came to painting by a roundabout route

he had ~

**course: journeys & trips**

## row (row to hoe)

long row to hoe

it's going to be a ~ (a legal challenge to president)

tough row to hoe

he's got a ~ (a boxing match)

without him, the state will have a ~ (prosecution)

**work & duty: farming & agriculture**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: farming & agriculture**

## row (row in the same direction, etc.)

row in the same direction

it's better when we ~

**unanimity & consensus: boat**

## row (row back)

rowed back

the Academy tried to make changes, but they have ~ on most of them

**reversal: boat / direction**

## rub (rub somebody the wrong way)

rubbing fans the wrong way

her whining is ~ (Danica Patrick / auto racer)

rubbed me the wrong way

what he said ~ (rationalization)

rubbed a lot of people the wrong way

she ~ (a poor woman who married money)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb**

## rubber stamp (noun)

rubber stamps for (special-interest) groups

we must assure that these forums are not just ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mark**

## rubble (in the rubble)

In the Rubble

Finding a New Economics ~ (financial earthquake)

**destruction: ruins**

## rubble (other)

financial rubble

regulators sifted through the ~

reduced the country to rubble

they have ~ (Somalia)

**destruction: ruins**

## Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)

crossed that Rubicon

and so we ~ (journalist passes info to police)

**commitment & determination: allusion / history / river**

**fate, fortune & chance: allusion / history / river**

## rub off (verb)

rubbs off on the (local) host

the factory refutes the idea that foreign technology ~

rubbing off on you

I guess living with me is ~ a little (father / son)

rub off on Vanessa

I hope some of her will ~ (better behavior)

**transmission: rubbing & washing / verb**

## rudderless

rudderless in the gathering storm

the hospital is ~ (deficits)

seemed rudderless  
an isolated political class that has ~, even helpless

**control & lack of control / direction: boat**

## ruffled (feathers)

appeared ruffled  
he rarely ~ (a diplomat)

**appearance: animal / bird**

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird**

## rug (under the rug)

swept under the rug  
the whole affair will be ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: carpets & rugs**

## rug (pull the rug out)

pulled the rug out from under him  
the White House ~ (failed to support him)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: carpets & rugs / verb**

## Ruhr Valley

Ruhr Valley  
Hebei Province, China's new ~ (steel)

**steel: epithet / place**

## ruin (verb)

ruined our country with corruption  
they have ~ (president and his family)

ruined me professionally  
the accusations ~

ruined the INS  
decades of that civil-service mentality have ~

ruined the careers  
the Greenville has ~ of two captains (nuclear sub)

ruin (Bruce's) career  
he essentially tried to ~ (scientists)

ruins the ceremony  
letting white guys or non-Indians in ~

ruin it  
if you overcook kangaroo meat, you ~

ruins kidneys  
life support ~, it ruins brains, it ruins all the organs

ruins (people's) lives  
crystal meth ~ (a cop)

ruined my life  
he ~ and a lot of girls' live (rich pedophile)

ruined his (medical) practice  
the H.M.O.s have ~

ruin his (company's) reputation

he was determined not to let the hackers ~

ruin the (tourist) trade  
crime could ~

ruins the catalytic converters  
high-sulfur fuel quickly ~ (sour crude)

tried to ruin  
he essentially ~ Bruce's career (scientists)

quickly ruins  
high-sulfur fuel ~ the catalytic converters (sour crude)

endanger or ruin  
I hope this doesn't ~ your career

**destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb**

## ruin (in ruins)

in ruins  
my life is ~

largely in ruins  
a civil war that left the country ~ (Sierra Leone)

economy is in ruins  
the rural ~ (Buryatia)

left that country (largely) in ruins  
a civil war that ~ (Sierra Leone)

left his life in ruins  
his alcoholism ~

♦ "The timeless allure of ruins" by Paul Cooper (BBC Culture, 16 January 2018) is a wonderful article about our fascination with ruins, accompanied by tremendous artwork.

**destruction: infrastructure / ruins**

## ruin (road to ruin)

doctor's road to ruin  
a ~ (addiction)

**destruction: infrastructure / ruins**

## ruined

ruined by the greed  
the land was ~ of strip-mining

**destruction: infrastructure / ruins**

## ruled

ruled by vice  
my soul was ~

**control & lack of control: royalty**

## run (a road can run, etc.)

runs through the (An Nafud) desert  
the route ~

♦ *Run* is extremely polysemous, as explained in "A Verb for Our Frantic Times" by the always delightful Simon Winchester, *New York Times*, May 28, 2011. And the man himself can be heard speaking at "Has 'Run' Run Amok? It Has 645 Meanings... So Far," NPR, Talk of the Nation, May 30, 2011.

**route: walking, running & jumping**

**fictive motion: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **run (run deep / high / strong)**

run (especially) deep

fears of Moscow ~ in Poland (2009)

runs deep

Wright's admiration for the marines ~ (correspondent)

the sense of allegiance to the Catholic Church ~ (city)

resentment of the US ~ (Arabs)

support for the insurgency ~ (Kandahar)

runs deepest

in places where anti-American sentiment ~ (Iraq, etc.)

ran high

as anti-Western sentiment ~ in the Arab world

runs high

envy ~ in the world of art and intellect

run high

emotions ~ with an abandoned infant (ED nursing)

runs strong

the grief and anger still ~ (murder)

admiration (for the marines) runs deep

his ~ (an embedded correspondent)

anger (still) runs strong

the ~

emotions run high

~ with an abandoned infant (ED nursing)

envy runs high

~ in the world of art and intellect

fears (of Moscow) run deep

~ in Poland (2009)

grief (still) runs strong

the ~

resentment (of the US) runs deep

~ in the Arab world

tensions (in the area) are running high

~ (Gaza)

tradition and reverence for the dead run deep

this is a town where ~ (Puerto Rico)

♦ Melting snowpack will cause a river to run high. If it runs too high, it might burst its banks and cause a flood.

**feeling, emotion & effect: river**

### **run (run into next week, etc.)**

run into next week

the defense's case will ~

**starting, stopping & continuing: walking, running & jumping**

**future: movement / walking, running & jumping**

### **run (run into something)**

run into (further) delays

in case the Russians ~ (space station)

running into some hurdles

marine-energy developers are ~

ran into problems

but Zhou's plan to get even ~

ran into (political and financial) problems

the project ~ (museum)

ran into (serious) resistance

she ~... (girls wants to play football)

run into trouble

trail angels figure out where hikers are likely to ~;

the laws have ~ on free-speech grounds (cross burning);

he has ~ with the law before

ran into red tape

the inmate's transfer ~

run into a brick wall

law enforcement has ~

run into stone walls

journalists have ~ with the administration

ran into a hornet's nest

the Apache helicopters ~ of antiaircraft fire

**obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **run (run away)**

still running

my dad was with another woman, and I ran away, and I am

~ (Amos Oz)

**avoidance & separation: verb / walking, running & jumping**

### **run (in / over the long run)**

over the long run

our advocacy of human rights ~

happiest in the long run

the thing that will make me ~ is to pursue my education

pay off in the long run

it would ~

**time: distance / walking, running & jumping**

### **run (on the run / haste)**

on the run

we had to improvise solutions ~

**haste: walking, running & jumping**

### **run (on the run / retreat)**

have our enemies on the run

we have ~ (terrorism)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: walking, running & jumping**

## runaround

bureaucratic runaround

months of unanswered phone calls and ~s (NYC)

♦ In the wonderful film "Coal Miner's Daughter" there is a funny scene. Doolittle asks Mr. Ted Webb for his daughter Loretta's hand in marriage. Mr. Webb tells him to ask his wife, Clara. Clara tells him to ask Ted. Loretta, who has been waiting expectantly, stops Doolittle on his way back to her father and asks him what is going on. Doolittle explains, and Loretta advises him to wait until Ted and Clara are both in bed, and he can catch them together. And that is just what Doolittle does.

**progress & lack of progress: direction**

## runaway

runaway debt

we have to stop ~ (ad for a politician)

runaway rhetoric

we must tone down this ~

runaway success

the ~ of the building

**control & lack of control: animal / walking, running & jumping**

## rung (on the bottom rung)

on the bottom rung

child molesters are ~ (prison)

informants are ~ (prison)

**hierarchy: ladder**

## rung (bottom rung)

bottom-rung job

she landed a ~ there (TV station)

bottom-rung workers

~ in plants, behind counters

**hierarchy: ladder**

## rung (other)

rung of the hierarchy

trappers occupy the most basic and brutal ~ (fur trade)

rungs of power

he worked his way up the ~ (government)

rungs of the (Hindu) caste hierarchy

those on the lowest ~

rung on the (corporate) ladder

their ~

ladder's (lowest) rung

the socioeconomic ~

bottom rung

child molesters and informants are on the ~ (prison)

bottom-rung (m)

she landed a ~ job there (at a TV station)

lowest rung

the socioeconomic ladder's ~

highest rung

free speech occupies the ~ of First Amendment values

**hierarchy: ladder**

## running (continuing)

long-running argument

a ~ about what it means to...

long-running battle

the ~ over the rights of...

long-running competition

their ~

long running conflict

settles a ~ that went to arbitration (business)

long-running (trade) dispute

a ~

long-running dispute

their ~ over bananas (EU / Ecuador)

long-running feud

the latest flare-up of their ~ (2 NASCAR drivers)

long-running fight

a ~

long-running joke

a ~

long-running (government-financed) program

a ~

long-running war

the ~

bitter and long-running (m)

the bloody culmination of a ~ feud (cop / citizen)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping**

**survival, persistence & endurance: walking, running & jumping**

## run-of-the-mill

run-of-the-mill politician

your ~

run-of-the-mill sinner

a ~

run-of-the-mill store

a ~

**worth & lack of worth: manufacturing**

## run out (verb)

running out of excuses

I'm ~ that sound plausible

ran out of gas

he ~ (a losing boxer)

run out of ideas  
we've ~

running out of patience  
Iraqis are ~ with foreign fighters

running out of time  
we're ~ (press conference)  
in the new academic world, she's ~ (adjunct)  
my greatest fear is ~ (filmmaker)

luck is running out  
I feel my ~ (Marine killed in Falluja)

patience is running out  
my ~

time is running out  
~ (negotiations)

**consumption: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## rupture (noun)

bridge the rupture  
US diplomats are trying to ~ (Middle East)

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism**  
**division & connection: mechanism**

## rush (rush to judgment)

rush to judgment  
we contended there had been a ~ (defense lawyer)  
we don't need a ~ (national-security lapse)

fell victim to a rush to judgment  
she ~ by police following the murder

**haste: justice**

## Russian roulette

play Russian roulette with my livelihood  
I can't afford to ~

**fate, fortune & chance: weapon**

## rust (functioning)

rust  
at age 38, the ~ caught up with him against... (boxing)

ring rust  
Tyson had ~ after long layoff (boxer)  
he showed considerable ~ (boxer after a layoff)

**functioning: chemistry**

**flaws & lack of flaws: chemistry**

## rust (resemblance)

wheat rust  
a fungus causes ~  
the disease, ~, caused famines in the past  
in the 1950s, ~ devastated crops in North America

**resemblance: chemistry**

## rusty (adjective)

rusty  
his skills are ~

a little rusty  
after a winter's layoff, every kayaker is ~

**functioning: chemistry**

**flaws & lack of flaws: chemistry**

## rut (in a rut)

in a rut  
we are ~ and spinning our wheels (financial reform)

stuck in a rut  
he is ~, unable to move forward

**progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land / movement**

**obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land**

## S

## saber rattling

calculated saber rattling  
it's not the drum beat of war, it is ~

**message: military / sound / sword**

## sabotage (verb)

sabotaged his (attempted) reforms  
conservatives ~ (politics)

**destruction: military / verb**

## sabotaged

sabotaged by subzero temperatures  
our efforts to force the route were ~ (climbing)

**destruction: military**

## saccharine (adjective)

saccharine propaganda  
Green Book's ~ (Academy Award winning film)

**feeling, emotion & effect: speech / taste**

**consumption: speech / taste**

## sacred (adjective)

sacred to Cubs fans  
the statue is ~

**importance & significance: religion**

## sacred cow

sacred cow of (farming) subsidies  
many countries are afraid to touch the ~

sacred cows are slaughtered  
some ~ on the way (educational theory)

destroy the "sacred cow"

I am not out to ~ of the Kennedy presidency (filmmaker)

**idea: animal / cows & cattle / religion**

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / cows & cattle / religion**

### **sacrifice (give up something)**

sacrificed free speech to political correctness  
the university has ~

sacrificed everything for me  
he ~ and the team (Tour de France)

sacrificed himself for the sake of the team  
he ~ (professional foul / soccer)

sacrifice for success  
boomers are generally willing to ~ (careers)

sacrificed his dream  
he ~ of attending college to help finance...

sacrificed his life  
he ~ by throwing himself directly onto the grenade

sacrificed their lives  
the Rangers who ~ (Roberts Ridge)

sacrifice themselves  
thousands will come after us, ready to ~ (terrorists)

sacrifice their personal lives  
they don't want to ~ (for a career)

ready to sacrifice  
thousands will come after us, ~ themselves (terrorists)

willing to sacrifice  
each one of us is ~ himself for... (suicide terrorist)

**sacrifice: religion / verb**

### **saddle (shape)**

saddle between the peaks  
he climbed the ~

**shape: horse**

### **saddle (acting saddle, etc.)**

acting saddle  
she got right back in the ~ (after college)

**role: horse**

### **saddle (oppress)**

saddled him with (derogatory) nicknames  
his opponents have ~ (a politician)

saddled America with (high) unemployment  
the stimulus merely ~ and more debt

**oppression: horse / verb / weight**

### **saddle (Saddle Island, etc.)**

Saddle Island  
we visited ~ (Yemen)

Saddle Mountain  
~ is in Queensland, Australia

**proper name: horse**

### **saddle (saddle up)**

saddle up  
let's ~ (get ready and go)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / verb**

### **saddled**

saddled in debt  
I was ~

**oppression: horse / weight**

### **safety net**

safety net  
the ~ has become a hammock (dependency)  
the poor don't need a ~, they need a trampoline

safety net for (troubled) students  
gaps in the ~ (suicides at college)

safety net for the poor and uninsured  
the hospital was a ~ (closed)

social safety net  
he dismantled the ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

gaps in the safety net  
~ for troubled students (suicides at college)

dismantled the (social) safety net  
he ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

weaken, repair, or strengthen the social safety net  
we can ~, or leave it alone (politics)

**protection & lack of protection: circus**

### **sag (verb)**

sag  
morale in some parts of the office has begun to ~

sags a little bit  
the first half of the movie ~

**decline: direction / verb**

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

**strength & weakness: materials & substances**

### **saga (noun)**

saga  
there is continuing public interest in his ~ (a boxer)

**development: journeys & trips**

## sail (sail to victory, etc.)

sailed to victory  
he ~ (a politician)

sailed through the House and Senate  
the bipartisan bill ~ by unanimous voice vote (Hubbard Act)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: boat / verb**

**attainment: boat / movement / verb**

## sailing (smooth sailing)

smooth sailing  
after that, it's ~ (job)  
it's not been all ~ (marriage)  
it's not going to be ~ from now on

**difficulty, easiness & effort: boat**

## saint (superlative)

saint  
Judge was a real ~ (9/11 chaplain)  
he was not a ~ (anger issues / politician)

no saint  
Mr Berlusconi has always maintained he is “~”

**behavior / superlative: religion**

## sainthood (noun)

secular sainthood  
his family have mixed feelings about his ~ (Matthew Shepard)

**superlative: religion**

## salient (important)

salient points  
he covered all the ~ in his report

♦ A salient is a projecting part of a fortification. Or it is a bulge on the front line. If the salient is cut off, it becomes a pocket. A salient can form in a number of different ways, and can be defended or used offensively in a number of ways. In World War II, the Kursk Battle and the Battle of the Bulge each developed around a salient. At Kursk the Germans attacked a Russian salient; at the Battle of the Bulge, they used their own salient to spearhead their attack. Both ended up in crushing defeats for them.

**importance & significance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military**

## salivate (verb)

salivating over the (class-action) lawsuits  
lawyers should be ~

salivating at the prospect  
consumers are ~ of the new product

salivating to attack  
Republicans are ~ the president over...

salivating to build  
developers are ~ in the area

**eagerness & reluctance: bodily process / mouth / verb**

## salt (sailor)

old salt  
the ~ sent the apprentice off to find Charlie Noble

♦ Hazing inexperienced sailors is common. Here, the Charlie Noble actually refers to the galley chimney. But in this case the unwitting apprentice would assume he had been sent to find a person, and would end up asking the entire ship's crew, all of them in on the joke, for the whereabouts of Charlie Noble before realizing he was being hazed.

**experience: boat / taste**

## salty (language)

salty response  
a ~ from an artist who won't back down (you idiot!)

**speech: taste**

## salute (verb)

saluted his efforts  
his colleagues ~ to lower racial barriers (tribute)

salute you  
we ~ (encouragement to those who stick to their diets)

**achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / military / verb**

## salvage (verb)

salvage a (decent) life from the wreckage  
money to ~ of misfortune

salvage order out of chaos  
we are trying to ~ (East Timor)

salvage his career  
he got a chance to ~

salvage their credibility  
politicians need to ~ (versus corruption)

salvage its season  
the team is desperate to ~ (sports)

salvage a (recently scrapped) summit  
they are trying to ~

**amelioration & renewal: boat / manufacturing / verb**

## salve (noun)

salve for (racial) rancor  
the only ~ is honesty

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## salvo (noun)

latest salvo  
this is the ~ in the war against plastic straws

verbal salvo  
they exchanged ~s over this turn of events (enmity)

fired salvos  
a number of generals publicly ~ at each other

**accusation & criticism / speech: weapon**

## **sand (political sands, etc.)**

political sands

the ~ are shifting (diplomacy after the Arab Spring)

**environment: desert**

## **sandwiched**

sandwiched between Australia and Indonesia

East Timor is half an island ~

sandwiched between Europe and Central Asia

Turkey has a strategic role in a region ~ (Caucasus)

**configuration: food & drink**

## **sanitize (verb)**

sanitized Mark Twain's masterpiece

he has ~ by replacing the N-word

sanitize the history

the Japanese often ~

textbooks sanitize

~ Japan's wartime atrocities (Japanese schools)

**concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb**

## **sanitized**

sanitized edition

the ~ of 'Huckleberry Finn' has caused an uproar

sanitized version

lawmakers read aloud a ~ of the US Constitution

less sanitized (m)

reenactors aim for a fun, ~ view of the Old West

**concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene**

## **sardined**

sardined in the settlement

no more convicts could be ~

**configuration: animal / fish / pressure**

## **satellite (noun)**

Iranian satellite

Bahrain could become an ~

**attraction & repulsion / relationship: astronomy**

## **Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)**

Saudi Arabia of coal

the US is the ~

West Virginia has been called the ~

Saudi Arabia of cotton

the South was the ~ (the US Civil War)

Saudi Arabia of lithium

Afghanistan could become the ~ (mineral)

we know that Bolivia can become the ~

Saudi Arabia of clean water

thanks to Lake Michigan, Chicago is the ~

**amount: epithet / place**

**superlative: place**

## **savage (verb)**

savaged his critics

the president ~

**accusation & criticism: animal / predation / verb**

**speech: animal / predation / verb**

## **savant (noun)**

heavily travelled savants

(sports) scouts are ~ who value young players

**knowledge & intelligence: person**

## **save (verb)**

save globalization from itself

a prescription to ~

save face

dictators always need to ~ (China / repression)

save "honor"

Pakistani killed daughters to ~ (headline)

save the honor

men who kill women to ~ of their family

save his own skin

he was a liar who just wanted to ~ (criminal trial)

save their skins

executives sold their stock, hoping to ~ (Enron)

save his voice

he would play music to ~ (early days of radio)

**survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb**

## **savior (noun)**

environmental savior

the press made Obama out to be the ~

global savior

NASA doesn't really want the job of ~ (NEOs)

**help & assistance: religion**

## **savor (verb)**

savor the benefits

~ of living a healthier lifestyle (energy, sleep, etc.)

savored the feeling

I ~ (a massage)

savor the moment

some other voice was telling me to slow down, to ~

savored the moment



I ~ (a moonlit swim)

**feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste / verb**

**say (a sign can say something, etc.)**

say

restaurants signs that ~, "Restrooms for customers only"

says

a street sign that ~ Martin Luther King

**fictive communication: speech / verb**

**scaffold (verb)**

scaffold instruction

we need to ~ in mixed-ability classes and materials

**amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb**

**scaffolding (noun)**

cosmic scaffolding

strands of dark matter form a kind of ~

**amelioration & renewal: infrastructure**

**scale (tip the scales)**

tip the scales

this could ~

tip the scales against him

this could ~ (politics)

**development / initiation: scale / verb / weight**

**scalp (noun)**

claim another (big) scalp

Palace ~ (victory against Tottenham Hotspur in FA Cup)

collected scalps

they issued demands, ~ (US student protestors force resignations)

**success & failure: hair / Native Americans / violence**

**scapegoat (noun)**

make Pakistan a scapegoat

the US is trying to ~ for the war in Afghanistan

**punishment & recrimination: animal**

**scar (verb)**

scarred me

the way my grandpa taught me to drive forever ~

**affliction: health & medicine / mark / verb / wounds & scars**

**scar (psychological scars, etc.)**

deep (psychological) scars

soldiers are coming home with ~ (from Iraq)

emotional scars

the ~ he inflicted on his children

psychological scars

~ suffered by the orphan subjects (experiment)

soldiers are coming home with deep ~ (from Iraq)

**affliction: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars**

**scar (blemish)**

scar on the face

the slums are a ~ of a beautiful city (Jeddah)

scar on the history

the Sand Creek massacre is a permanent ~ of Colorado

gaping scar

the open-pit mine has left a ~ two sq miles in size

permanent scar

the Sand Creek massacre is a ~ on the history of...

**flaws & lack of flaws: mark / wounds & scars**

**scarred (afflicted)**

scarred by a (harrowing) incident

all of us have been ~ that happened to a friend...

scarred by (childhood) rejection and abuse

an angry young man ~

scarred for life

I was ~ (traumatic incident)

emotionally scarred

if you are half as ~ as I am...

**affliction: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars**

**scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)**

scarred with piles

the open land around Norilsk is ~ of tailings (mines)

battle-scarred buildings

checkpoints and ~ (Middle East)

battle-scarred capital

in Mogadishu, Somalia's ~

battle-scarred country

a ~ divided among warlords (Afghanistan)

battle-scarred air base

American forces based at the ~ (Afghanistan)

**flaws & lack of flaws: mark / wounds & scars**

**scarring**

scarring experience

it was a ~ (being bullied)

**affliction: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars**

**scattershot (adjective)**

scattershot approach

they have taken a ~

**extent & scope: weapon**

**configuration: weapon**

## **scene (behind the scenes)**

behind the scenes

people want to know what goes on ~

working (feverishly) behind the scenes

the US is ~ (diplomacy)

**concealment & lack of concealment: theater**

## **scent (throw somebody off the scent)**

threw the Nazis off the scent with subterfuge

she ~ (saves Polish Jews)

throw the investigators off the scent

he tried to ~

throw the press off the scent

he tried to ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / smell / verb**

**subterfuge: hunting / smell / verb**

## **schism (noun)**

schism between the sides

the ~ has deepened (politics)

**division & connection: religion**

## **schooled**

schooled (at an early age) on how to be

he was ~ a drug dealer

**experience / knowledge & intelligence: school & education**

## **scintillating (adjective)**

scintillating performance

she gave a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect / superlative: light & dark**

## **sclerotic (adjective)**

sclerotic bureaucracy

businessmen must deal with a ~

sclerotic culture

she campaigned to change the ~ of Sacramento (election)

sclerotic (judicial) system

the ~ is in need of reform

sclerotic, authoritarian (m)

it is not the only country with a ~ political system

unthinking and sclerotic (m)

they rebelled against ~ traditionalism (filmmakers)

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## **scold (verb)**

scolded the White House press corps for behaving

she sometimes ~ like her children (Sarah Sanders)

**accusation & criticism: family / verb**

## **scorched-earth**

scorched-earth offensive

this ~ that we saw from the president (attacks his critics)

scorched-earth politics

republicans have adopted his slash-and-burn, ~

**conflict / destruction: military / fire**

## **scorching (adjective)**

scorching (final) scene

in the play's ~, she unleashes a torrent of fury at...

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire / temperature**

## **score (settle a score, etc.)**

score

you're gonna pay, 'cause I'm the one who's keepin' ~

settle scores

there are worries that people may try to ~

♦ **Score refers to an account or a bill.**

**revenge: money / verb**

## **scour (verb)**

scoured the Earth

Bill Whitman ~ for rare fruit (collector)

scoured the Web

crazed fans ~ ("Blair Witch Project")

scoured his computer

police ~

scoured (all) the records

the new team ~ in the case (prosecution)

scoured 46,332 sq miles

the search ~ of sea floor (for MH370)

**searching & discovery: rubbing & washing / verb**

## **scoured (verb)**

scoured by whirlwinds

a scorched moonscape ~ of ash (wildfire)

**feeling, emotion & effect: rubbing & washing**

## **scourge (noun)**

scourge of (mass) incarceration

the ~ rips apart poor communities

scourge of (violent) jihad

the ~ has not gone away

scourge of the Resistance

Klaus Barbie was the ~

**affliction: violence / whip**

## scout (noun)

boy scouts

the ~ are shining paragons of American boyhood

sports scouts

~ are heavily travelled savants who value young players

♦ The scout / snipers serve as the eyes and ears of the battalion commander.

**searching & discovery: military / person**

## scout (verb)

scout blind drops

please ~ (memorial to kayaker Edward Lee Green)

scout for talent

he came to Bosnia to ~ (KSM / terrorist)

**searching & discovery: military / verb**

## scramble (verb)

scramble to get

I had to ~ some money

scrambled (this week) to prevent

attorneys ~ the public release of recorded statements

scrambling to provide

the government is ~ additional security (Olympics)

scrambling to put

negotiators have been ~ the talks back together

scrambling to salvage

they are ~ the treaty (diplomacy)

scrambling to stop

health officials are ~ the spread of the virus (measles)

scrambled for his (political) survival

he has ~ this week (ethics problems)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: walking, running & jumping / verb**

**haste: walking, running & jumping / verb**

**activity: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## scramble (disrupt)

scrambled the lives

he has ~ of everyone in the news business (president)

**disruption: mixture / verb**

## scrap (verb)

scrapped (nearly all of) the changes

he has ~ (of the previous regime)

scrapped the idea

the team ~ of...

scrapped (NASA's) plan

the administration has ~ to return to the moon

scrap its plan

the government must ~ to restart the nuclear reactors

scrap that strategy

they should ~ and try something different

scrapped the (color-coded) system

the Obama administration ~ (terrorism alerts)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: manufacturing / verb**

## scrap (noun)

scraps of the (old) economy

young people should fight over the remaining ~

**amount: food & drink**

## scrape (verb)

scrap 500,000 members' private details

the flaw allowed hackers to ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife / verb**

**searching & discovery: rubbing & washing / verb**

**computer: knife / blade / verb**

## scrape by (verb)

scraping by

farmers are just ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: blade / knife / verb**

## scrapped

scrapped by the governor

the project was ~

project was scrapped

the ~

program will be scrapped

he believes the ~ later this year (State Dept.)

tour was scrapped

the ~ (music)

want them scrapped

Americans oppose the bills and ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: manufacturing**

## scream (scream "premium," etc.)

scream 'premium'

if there are scratches on the tin, that doesn't ~ (paint)

**fictive communication: speech**

## screen (split screen)

split screen of conduct

it's a ~ that is required (manufacturing hygiene in India)

**comparison & contrast: film**

## screw (tighten the screws)

tightened the screws

the judge ~ and... (sentence)

**pressure: tools & technology / verb**

**coercion & motivation: tools & technology / verb**

### **screw up (verb)**

screwed up

I ~

**failure, accident & impairment: tools & technology / verb**

### **script (to script)**

exactly to script

things haven't gone ~ (a boxer's career)

gone (exactly) to script

things haven't ~ (a boxer's career)

**development / script: theater**

### **scrub (remove)**

scrub campuses clean

some want to ~ of words, ideas, and subjects that might cause discomfort

scrub a computer

they made a plan to ~ (criminal investigation)

scrub the record

can you imagine Clinton after impeachment trying to ~

scrub your criminal record

state agencies can ~ (expungements, sealing records)

**concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb**

### **scrum (reporters)**

sidewalk scrum

during a ~ with reporters, he was asked why... (a politician)

♦ A press gaggle is similar.

**group, set & collection: sports & games**

### **scum (insult)**

wash the scum off the streets

we need to ~ (criminals, etc.)

some day a real rain will come and ~ (the film *Taxi Driver*)

**insult: hygiene**

**worth & lack of worth: hygiene**

**violence: hygiene**

### **scupper (verb)**

skuppered the deal

that's what ~ the last time

**destruction: boat / sea / verb**

### **scuttle (verb)**

scuttled an agreement

she headed off a dispute that nearly ~ (diplomacy)

scuttled her plans

she ~ to become a teacher

scuttled its economics program

the university ~

scuttled the talks

no side wishes to appear to have ~

♦ On November 27, 1942, the French scuttled the French fleet in Toulon as the Germans attempted to seize it. Three battleships, 7 cruisers, 15 destroyers, and 12 submarines were sunk. Sea valves were opened, also, demolition charges were set off. The German military was disappointed they hadn't been able to seize the ships intact, but Hitler was pleased because the fleet was destroyed and could not be used against the Axis. The captains of a few ships were able to sail them to the Allies.

♦ On the 21st of June, 1919, German sailors scuttled the interned German High Seas Fleet in Scapa Flow. Arguably, it was the greatest loss of shipping in a single day in world history. Fifty-two of the 74 ships went to the bottom.

**destruction: boat / sea / verb**

### **scuttled**

scuttled by the governor

the project was ~

scuttled show

the musical was a last-minute replacement for a ~

deal was scuttled

the ~ (politics)

plan was (later) scuttled

the ~ was (government)

**destruction: boat / sea**

### **Scylla and Charybdis**

between "Scylla and Charybdis"

their proposals are an unnecessary choice ~ (Greek crisis)

Scylla of blandness and the Charybdis of confrontation

like most shows of this ilk, it toggles between the ~

**alternatives & choices: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**

**danger: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**

### **sea (in a sea)**

in a sea of (armed) chaos

Somaliland is an island of stability ~

in a (rising) sea of (moral) pollution

they saw themselves as a small archipelago of decency ~

sea of sexism

we existed in a ~ (Poppy Northcutt of NASA)

in a sea of woes

a school flailing ~ (title of article)

**environment: sea / water**

### **sea (environment)**

sea

it is the ~ we all swim in (the Internet and regulation)

**environment: sea / water**

## sea (at sea)

at sea  
policy makers are ~

**direction: boat / sea**

## sea (amount)

sea of candles  
a ~ and flowers (public memorial to terror victims)

sea of clouds  
I saw a ~ extending miles and miles (fire tower)

sea of data  
the testing mandates had generated a ~ (education)

sea of debt  
a ~ threatens to drown the dreams of a generation

sea of (unfamiliar) faces  
all I saw was a ~

sea of humanity  
the pilgrims formed a ~ (Haj)

sea of (rights) issues  
the turbulent ~ (copyright)

sea of merchandise  
there's a ~ (department store)

sea of people  
as far as I could see was a ~ (state funeral)

sea of pilgrims  
a seemingly endless ~ (Haj)

sea of protestors  
a ~ were waving Socialist party flags (Albania)

sea of red  
the stands were a ~ (Seoul World Cup stadium)

sea of squalor  
islands of prosperity within great ~ (Bombay, etc.)

sea of thoughts  
he says his mind is a muddled ~

sea of unknowns  
the oil spill has created a ~

sea of candles and flowers  
a ~ (public memorial to terrorist victims)

sea of (Japanese) flags and signs  
the stands were a ~ (baseball)

sea of (2,000 mostly) Hispanic students  
this ~ (school)

sea of red ink  
keep it from crashing in a ~

**amount: sea**

## sea (sea of sand, etc.)

sea of mud  
everywhere is a ~ (after a tsunami)

sea of sand  
their way was blocked by an impassible ~ (desert)

dune sea  
the great ~s called ergs in Arabic (Sahara)

sand sea  
the Eastern Erg, a ~ covering 120,000 square miles

**resemblance: sea**

## sea change (noun)

sea change for Saudi Arabia  
it's a ~ (ending reliance on oil)

**amount & effect: sea**

**creation & transformation: sea**

## seal of approval

seal of approval  
he gave me that grin of his, and that was his ~

mob's seal of approval  
a kiss on the cheek was the ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign**

## seam (burst at the seams)

bursting at the seams  
a nearby campground is ~

**size: clothing & accessories**

## seamless (adjective)

seamless service  
the company delivers ~ to its customers

seamless teamwork  
~ can be a potent weapon (epidemiology)

**division & connection: cloth**

**flaws & lack of flaws: cloth**

## seamlessly

seamlessly  
they work together ~

**division & connection: cloth**

## search (for truth, cure, etc.)

search for answers  
the ~ should start with...  
turning to a spiritual path in their ~

search for a cure  
the ~ for autism

search for evidence

the ~ of childhood abuse  
search for fulfillment  
their ~ goes unrewarded (quarterlifer crisis)  
search for identity  
his adolescence was marked by a painful ~ (racial)  
search for thrills  
the ~ can kill (Chilko River rafting disaster)  
search for the truth  
in the unrelenting ~  
unrelenting search  
in the ~ for the truth  
spiritual search  
he began a ~ that took him to...

**searching & discovery: hunting**

### search (strip search)

digital strip-searches  
critics are unhappy over ~ (cop requests for smartphones)  
~ of victims are unnecessary and violate victims' rights

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / crime**

### seared

seared into my consciousness  
that period of time was (divorce of her parents)  
seared in the Japanese consciousness  
Hiroshima and Nagasaki are ~  
seared into the national consciousness  
their names are ~ (names of World War I battles)  
seared in my mind  
that's a moment that is ~ forever (disaster)  
seared in her memory  
her rape is ~  
remain seared  
the images ~ in our collective memory (9/11)

**impression: fire / mark / sensation**

**sensation: fire / mark**

### searing (adjective)

searing attack  
he launched into a ~ on the Republicans (politics)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fire**

**sensation: fire**

### season (time)

harvest season  
he has a sense that this is his "~" (lifetime awards)  
going through a season

we are ~ right now but we will come out of it (hope of change)

**time: season**

**development: season**

### seasoned (adjective)

seasoned actor  
she is a ~  
seasoned doctors  
~ are likely to be resistant to coaching  
seasoned executive  
the company needs a ~ with a proven track record  
seasoned investigator  
he is a ~ who specializes in cleaning house (government)  
seasoned (tax) lawyers  
even ~ are confounded by the new rules  
seasoned professional  
she is a ~  
seasoned (diplomatic) troubleshooter  
he is a ~ (dispatched by president to Egypt)  
seasoned and sensible (m)  
he is a ~ traveler  
young but seasoned  
he is ~ (city lobbyist at state capital)

**experience: taste**

### seat (front seat)

front seat  
I have had a ~ to many profound events

**proximity: theater**

### seat (front-row seat)

front-row seat to the tornado  
they had a ~ (storm chasers)  
had a front-row seat  
they had a ~ to the tornado (storm chasers)

**proximity: theater**

### second-class (adjective)

second-class citizen  
comedy has always been a ~ (in films, versus drama)

**superiority & inferiority: ticket**

### seduce (verb)

seduce patrons (of the arts) into parting  
he hoped to ~ with some money (backers' audition)  
seduce Hollywood  
the film has gone on to ~ since being unveiled at Cannes

**pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / verb**

## seduced

seduced by him

authors were often ~ at first but then became disenchanted (publishing)

seduced by the siren song

they've been ~ "college for everyone"

**pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage**

**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage**

## seductive (adjective)

seductive spokesman

he is a ~ for a new brand of youthful defiance (Han Han)

seductive theory

it's a ~

sounded seductive

the pitch has ~ (for an educational fad)

**attraction & repulsion: sex**

## see (a date can see something)

saw (over 250) climbers trying

23 May ~ to summit Mount Everest

**fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb**

## see (visit / meet)

sees him (maybe) once a month

his biological father ~

see a doctor

he had to pay \$95 to ~ (immigrant)

I advise you to ~

saw a neurologist

she ~, who diagnosed traumatic brain injury with...

see the (patient's) nurse

please ~ to obtain a mask (hospital)

see you around

I'll ~

came to see

thousands ~ Willy Nelson (concert)

advise you to see

I ~ a doctor

place to see

the mall, for many teens, is a ~ and be seen

**social interaction: eye / verb**

## see (see action, etc.)

saw action

she last ~ Jan. 8 against Arizona (basketball)

see combat

he never expected to ~ (young soldier)

saw combat

the B-2 stealth bomber first ~ in the air war over Kosovo

see fees

consumers ~ everywhere (phone, credit cards, hotels)

seen (angry) protests

Bolivia has ~ by the country's indigenous majority

see the world

in his early 20's he set off to ~

I wanted to ~...

see a great fight

win or lose, you're going to ~ (with boxer Arturo Gatti)

see more responsible government

we are beginning to ~ (Indonesia)

seen the return of the wolf

the west has ~ (US / relocation programs)

seen an increase in attendance

the library has ~ at spoken-word events

expected to see

he never expected to ~ combat (young soldier)

a lot to see

there is quite ~ within the underwater caves here

set off to see

in his early 20's he ~ the world

**experience: eye / verb**

## see (comprehension)

see

you'll ~...

I ~ (understand)

see your point

I ~ and it's a good one

see for yourself

you'll ~ how you can save (ad for store)

see the potential

don't you ~ for disaster here

**comprehension & incomprehension: eye / verb**

## see (see something coming)

saw it coming

I never ~

they never ~

nobody ~ (boy arrested)

we were caught flatfooted, we never ~

see it coming

he didn't ~ (heart attack)

♦ Shrek: My father was an ogre. He tried to eat me. I should have seen it coming.

♦ You don't play with snakes and not expect to get bitten.

**consciousness & awareness: eye / verb**

**development: direction**

**future: eye / movement / verb**

### see (future)

see

we'll just have to ~ (what will happen)  
but we don't know what the court will do, we'll ~

see beyond the next election

many politicians can barely ~

**future: eye / verb**

### see (perceive)

see Tutsi as (foreign) interlopers

many Congolese ~ (eastern Congo)

see the collapse on the horizon

we can ~ (a resumption of ethnic strife)

see himself as an ambassador

he ~ for his sport (Tito Ortiz)

see it as a (good) excuse

some ~ not to go to the office (snowfall in London)

seen themselves as the gatekeepers

book publishers have long ~ of literary culture

see immigration as an (invisible) invasion

people ~ (Europe)

saw the Germans as liberators

many Siberian gulags ~ (W. W. II)

see themselves as members

many Congolese Tutsi ~ of a vulnerable minority

see boxing as a ticket

many Indian girls ~ to a middle-class life (India)

see themselves as the victims

Shiites always ~ (said by a US diplomat / Iraq)

see the world from a different perspective

people who ~ (autism)

see eye to eye

I don't ~ with my new boss

sees fit

he is determined to live as he ~ (a Native American)

see the best

~ in others (wise advice)

see nothing wrong

many ~ with it

see choice

patients ~ as both a blessing and a burden

saw himself

what mattered was how he ~ (identity)

see any hope

Palestinians don't ~ in the plan

see it

there's another world out there, you just can't ~

see warmth

the thermal-imaging camera can ~ through walls (cops)

saw different things

people ~ (televised hearings)

continue to see

we ~ strong job growth

hard to see

progress may be slow and ~ (nursing / rehabilitation)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye / verb**

### see (a date can see, etc.)

seen

This is some of the hottest air we have ~ in half a decade

saw over 250 climbers

23 May ~ try to summit (Mount Everest)

seen a 100 degree temperature

New York City has not ~ in seven years

saw the Scandinavians eliminated

her goal ~ by the same team that...

**occurrence: eye / verb**

**fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb**

### see (refer to)

see [www.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nlm.nih.gov) / research

a draft version is available, ~

See Instructions

~ (product)

**reference: eye / verb**

### see (see through something)

see (right) through you

I can ~ (to real motivations)

saw through the (spurious) claims

he ~ of a therapy called... (autism)

**consciousness & awareness: eye / verb**

**subterfuge: eye / verb**

### seed (noun)

seeds of distrust

India's 21-day war with China in 1962 sowed ~

seeds of doubt

plant the ~

seeds of rebellion

enforced potty sitting can sow the ~ (toddlers)

seeds of (sectarian) hatred

the ~ had taken root



seeds of revolt

Facebook helped to blow the ~ across the country

seeds of revolution

Nasser wanted to plant the ~ on the Arabian Peninsula

seed for that (momentous) law

the ~ was planted about 40 years earlier (Title IX)

seeds for (future) unrest

they have planted the ~ (military hangs on to power)

seed money

the government loans will be ~ (to new businesses)

plant the seeds

the British helped to ~ of discord in Afghanistan

planted the seeds

he ~ that gave principals more autonomy (education)

sowing the seeds

he could be ~ of a new disaster (price controls)

sow the seeds

enforced potty sitting can ~ of rebellion (toddlers)

♦ "He planted the seed, and I'm just one of the apples that fell from the tree." (Tribute paid by a black rodeo rider to a pioneer in his sport.)

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

♦ "He who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind." (The Bible.)

**creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant**

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant**

**seep (verb)**

seeps into (neighboring) countries

heroin ~ and then into Russia (from Afghanistan)

seeped into mainstream thinking

it ~

**movement: water / verb**

**seesaw (noun)**

seesaw of emotions

thus began, for him, a violent ~ toward Kevin

seesaw battle

they are locked in a ~ for the strategic city

see-saw (economic) recovery

the ~

legal seesaw

the ~ was part of a protracted battle (environment)

**development: direction**

**seethe (verb)**

seething with anger

protestors are ~ (against the US)

**feeling, emotion & effect: heating water / temperature / verb / water**

**initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water**

**seismic (adjective)**

seismic

the impact would be ~ (if poor teachers got better)

seismic shift

increased female enrollments portends a ~ (education)

we need a ~ in the way maternity care is provided

historic and seismic (m)

the coalition government marks a ~ shift (Britain)

**amount & effect / extent & scope: earthquake**

**seize (verb)**

seize the moment

he has failed to ~ (a politician and economic problems)

seize the reins

he will probably ~ (football player for a position)

seize or hold

~ key terrain and counterattack the enemy

**possession: hand / verb**

**fictive possession: hand / verb**

**self-destructive (adjective)**

self-destructive behaviour

he is known for his ~ (celebrity)

self-destructive tendencies

his ~ have resurfaced

self-destructive habit

most addicts want to kick their ~

**behavior: explosion**

**character & personality: explosion**

**destruction: explosion**

**sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)**

sell my soul to the devil

I'd ~ for...

**hyperbole: money / verb**

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: money / verb**

**commitment & determination: money / verb**

**sell (promote)**

sell his (immigration) bill to the public

a trip to ~ (President Bush)

sells women an ideal

the fashion industry also ~ of beauty (thinness)

sell yourself

you have to ~ (job interviewing)

selling himself as a dealmaker

he's ~ who can take on President Trump (Joe Biden)

**message: money / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: money / verb**

## sell out (verb)

selling out to big energy  
environmentalists say federal officials are ~ (drilling)

sold out for the money  
he was a great actor, but he ~ (films)

sold out his (progressive) ideals  
he has ~

sold out its members  
some say the union has ~ (contract)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: money / verb**  
**resistance, opposition & defeat: money / verb**

## sensitive (adjective)

sensitive to their concerns  
we must be ~ (diplomacy)

sensitive issue  
this is a ~ in Israel

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**

## sentence (life sentence)

permanent life sentence  
there can't be a ~ on someone who does something wrong

**punishment & recrimination: justice**

## sentinel (noun)

sentinels of environmental quality  
birds are ~

**warning: military / person**

## Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)

Serengeti of the North  
the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is often referred to as the ~

**biodiversity: epithet / place**

## sermon (message)

subject of his sermon  
the sinister power of TV is the ~ (the film *Network*)

**message: Bible / religion / speech**

## servant (noun)

servants  
hold the church accountable for the actions of its ~

servants to us  
fossil fuels are enormous ~

civil servants  
54% of ~ come to work late (Saudi Arabia)

public servant  
he is a ~ in the Russian Forestry Service

**help & assistance / work & duty: person**

## serve up (verb)

serves up anti-Obama rhetoric  
he ~ every night (a news host)

**supplying: food & drink / verb**

## set (skill set)

skill set (was perfect) for that show  
his ~ (S.N.L.)

**group, set & collection: tools & technology**

## setback (progress)

setback  
a ~ in their frustrating hunt for the sniper (D.C. area)

setbacks  
he has had some ~  
she knows her ~ will soon be in the rear-view mirror (teen)

handed (its first major) setback  
the terrorist group was ~ when...

crises and setbacks  
the heartbreak of constant medical ~

**progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / journeys & trips**

## set off (verb)

set off a domino effect  
this ~ (economic collapse)

set off a (political) storm  
her decision has ~ in the Netherlands

set off a firestorm  
he ~ of opposition when he...

set off a (trade) war  
economic sanctions could ~

set off shock waves  
he ~ with his statement

set off a shoot-out  
the request ~ between the two camps

**initiation: explosion / verb**

## set off (feeling and emotion)

set him off  
little things would ~ (a violent man)

set the president off  
that was the thing that ~ (upset him)

set off a wave of emotions  
the resignations ~ from sadness to relief

set off a wave of fury  
the nominee list ~

set off a wave of pride  
his success has ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb**

### set out / off (verb)

set out on this path  
he ~ in 1997 by writing... (rehabilitated his career)

set out to film  
they ~ the city's prostitutes (documentary / Calcutta)

set out to master  
I ~ fence-building and brush-clearing

set out to take  
Mr. Marwa ~ revenge (on murderers of his relative)

set out to terrorize  
extremists rejected these terms and ~... (Rwanda)

set out to take revenge  
Mr. Marwa ~ (on murderers of his relative)

set off on a wild rampage  
dozens of teenage boys ~ (Central Park)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb**

### set piece (noun)

regular weekly media set-pieces  
the ~ are no longer the must-watch sideshows (soccer club)

**performance: theater**

### settle down (verb)

settle down  
nobody knows when things will ~ again (shaken)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: equilibrium & stability / verb**

### sewn (sewn up)

sewn up the nomination  
he has effectively ~ (a politician)

sewn up the support  
she has ~ she needs (politics)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth**

### shackle (noun)

break the shackles  
we must ~ of an oppressed people's chains

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime**

### shade (throw shade)

threw some shade at the channel  
he congratulated his rival but also ~ (PewDiePie)

**accusation & criticism: light & dark**

### shadow (concealment)

in the shadows  
killing, interrogating and bribing are done ~ (terrorism)

from the shadows to the spotlight  
survivors have moved ~ (sex abuse)

live in the shadows  
many homeless men and women avoid shelters and ~

live life in the shadows  
they ~ (CIA agents)

lurking in the shadows  
syphilis is a major scourge ~ (China public health)

operate in the shadows  
spammers ~, relying on botnets (Russia)

drive them (further) into the shadows  
the law will only ~ (illegal migrants)

draw the undocumented out of the shadows  
we need to ~ and into the sunlight of legal status

**concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / shadow**

### shadow (cast a shadow)

cast a shadow  
his flaws ~ (Sinatra)

casts a shadow (of suspicion) over all priests  
it ~ (sexual misconduct)

cast a shadow over the Oscars  
the war ~ this year (Iraq)

cast a shadow over the (New York) Police  
the case ~

cast a shadow over our (foreign-policy) record  
Rwanda ~

cast a (dark) shadow  
the tragic accident ~ over US-Korean relations

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow**  
**oppression: light & dark / shadow**

### shadow (in / under the shadow)

in the shadow of the gun  
they live ~ (Kashmiris)

in the shadow of terrorism  
many are revitalizing family ties ~ (US)

under the shadow of a boycott  
Algeria voted ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow**  
**oppression: light & dark / shadow**

### shadow (dark shadow, etc.)

dark shadow  
the ~ of the tyranny has been lifted (Obama / Libya)

deadly shadow  
the mystique of pole vaulting includes a ~ (fatalities)

horrible shadow  
there has been this ~ over his legacy (child abuse)

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow**

**oppression: light & dark / shadow**

### **shadow (attention)**

shadow of the (previous) coach  
he will never escape the ~ (basketball)

brother's shadow  
he was desperate to emerge from his ~ (Mike Quarry)

in Moscow's shadow  
a city that has always labored ~ (St. Petersburg)

in the shadow of (such a) legend  
was it hard growing up ~ (grandson of famous woman)

labored in (Moscow's) shadow  
a city that has always ~

escape the shadow  
he will never ~ of the previous coach (basketball)

emerge from his brother's shadow  
he was desperate to ~ (boxer Mike Quarry)

step out of the long shadow  
Sarajevo is attempting to ~ of war

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / shadow**

**superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow**

### **shadow (proximity)**

in the shadow of Mount Snowdon  
she works as a hill farmer ~

lives in its shadow  
the volcano shapes the lives of everyone who ~

**proximity: light & dark / shadow**

### **shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)**

beyond any shadow of a doubt  
I will convince you ~ (trial)

without a shadow of a doubt  
they knew, ~, that he was guilty

**certainty & uncertainty: light & dark / shadow**

### **shadow (devitalized)**

shadow of himself  
he's a ~, of his best times (a chess grandmaster)

shadow of its former self  
the company will be a ~  
the group is a ~ (terrorists)

shadow of what it used to be

in reality the Royal Navy is already a ~

**attenuation: light & dark / shadow**

**substance & lack of substance: light & dark / shadow**

### **shadow (proximity)**

shadow

I'm supposed to be your ~ (follow you and watch you)

**proximity: light & dark / shadow**

### **shadow (follow)**

shadow the politician  
she asked to ~ on a 15-hour "ride-a-long" (reporter)

**proximity: light & dark / shadow / verb**

### **shadow (mirror)**

shadow governors  
the rebels have named ~

shadow foreign secretary  
Labour's ~ Emily Thornberry

shadow attorney general  
the ~

**repetition: light & dark / shadow**

### **shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)**

shadow boxing  
jumping rope, ~, hitting the heavy bag (boxers)

**substance & lack of substance: light & dark / shadow**

### **shadow (rain shadow, etc.)**

rain shadow  
the uplands leave the valley in a ~

**configuration: light & dark / shadow**

### **shadowy**

shadowy figure  
he is a ~ whose intentions remain shrouded in mystery

shadowy (extremist) groups  
~ have burned Internet cafes

shadowy (Internet) organization  
the documents were released by a ~

shadowy world  
his arrest provides a lens onto the ~ of computer hackers

shadowy Baluchistan Liberation Army  
the ~, born in the 1970's (Pakistan)

**concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / shadow**

### **shady (adjective)**

shady dealings  
~ made him a rich man

**corruption / subterfuge: light & dark / shadow**

## shake (disrupt)

shaken the university  
the allegations have ~

shakes people from their slumber  
I hope this film ~ (Spike Lee)

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb**  
**disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb**

## shake (remove)

shake her demons  
she couldn't ~ (singer dies of drug overdose)

shake my depression  
I couldn't ~

shake off the sense  
I couldn't ~ of pessimism and failure I felt

**dismissal, removal & resignation: movement**

## shaken (feeling)

shaken to my core  
I was ~ (by a perceived injustice)

drained and shaken  
I left feeling ~ (tour of Auschwitz)

left him shaken  
the violence ~

leave the movie shaken  
you ~ (a film review)

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability**

## Shakespearean

Shakespearean in scope and grandeur  
the Olympics will be ~ (drama, tragedy, comedy)

Shakespearean proportions  
this is a tragedy of ~ (family murder)

**superlative: allusion**

## shake up (verb)

shook up the (immigration) debate  
the president ~ (President Trump)

**disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb**

## shake-up (noun)

shakeup in leadership at the Department of Homeland Security  
what do you think the ~ indicates

sudden shake-up  
the ~ could signal instability in the regime

**disruption: equilibrium & stability**

## shaky (equilibrium)

shaky bank  
~, volatile markets...

shaky ground  
their relationship is on ~

shaky relationship  
they have a ~

shaky science  
the company's claims rest on ~

shaky start  
the spacewalk got off to a ~

shaky truce  
they have reached a ~ in their trade dispute

**flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability**

## shallow (adjective)

shallow analysis  
this is a ~ of a complex problem

shallow book  
it is a ~ from a shallow man

shallow goal  
looking beautiful is a ~

shallow roots  
she has ~ in the state (a politician)

shallow questions  
they are asking very ~

uneducated & shallow  
her detractors are ~

**extent & scope / substance & lack of substance: water**

## shape (condition)

financial shape  
airlines aren't in ~ to back a new industry (biofuels)

fiscal shape  
we are in better ~ now (politics)

in good shape  
baseball is ~

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## shape (verb)

shape a (desired) behavior  
teachers can ~

shape the future  
a battle that could ~ of home cinema (standard)

**creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb**

## shaped

shaped by coal

the 19th century was ~

shaped by oil

the 20th century was ~

shaped by natural gas

the 21st century may well be ~ (energy)

**creation & transformation: manufacturing**

### shark (throw someone to the sharks)

thrown to the sharks

Alberto has been ~ (unproven allegations of doping)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / shark / verb**

### shark (predation)

financial shark

he is a ~ who downsizes companies

full of sharks

elite summer basketball is ~ (AAU coaches)

**predation: animal / shark**

### sharp (adjective)

sharp

his skills are still ~

**functioning: blade / knife**

**condition & status: blade / knife**

### sharp (speech)

sharp words

the officer exchanges ~ with a man

**speech: blade / knife**

### sharpen (verb)

sharpen her concentration

the extreme pressure only seemed to ~ (Wimbledon)

sharpen our instincts

we must ~ for empathy

sharpen his skills

he took a kayaking clinic to ~

sharpen wit

the prospect of death can ~

**amelioration & renewal: blade / knife / verb**

**increase & decrease: blade / knife / verb**

### sharp-tongued

sharp-tongued

she's a ~ woman

**speech: blade / knife / tongue**

### shatter (verb)

shattered the (fragile) calm

the attack ~ that had descended on Tel Aviv

shattered (people's) hopes

they ~ of seeing their country become a democracy

shatter our image

it does kind of ~ of Taos (crimes)

shatter (the enemy's) nerve

the objective is to ~ (shock and violence)

shattered stability

the country's first-ever coup in 1999 ~

shatter her self-esteem

it will ~

shatter stereotypes

Tunisia's liberal social policies ~ of the Arab world

shattered the family's life

her daughter's rape and death ~

shatter everyday life

drugs and crime ~

**destruction: materials & substances / verb**

**feeling, emotion and effect: materials & substances / verb**

### shattered

shattered by the (Sept. 11) attacks

that illusion was ~

confidence (in United) is shattered

his ~ (airline delays)

illusion was shattered

that ~ by the Sept. 11 attacks

**destruction: materials & substances**

### shattering

confidence-shattering (m)

trying to overcome a ~ rookie year (basketball)

ear-shattering (m)

he heard an ~ noise

earth-shattering

the potential is ~

**destruction: materials & substances**

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

### shave (removal)

shave billions off their taxes

companies know how to ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / hair / verb**

### shave (close shave)

close shave

it was a ~ (narrow escape)

**danger: blade / hair**

**fate, fortune & chance: blade / hair**

## shed (verb)

shed (36,000) jobs  
the economy ~ last month

shed the pound  
those who are trying to ~ (dieting)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: hair / verb**

## sheep (consciousness)

sheep  
most people are ~

**consciousness & awareness: animal / sheep**

## sheep (black sheep)

black sheep of the family  
he's the ~  
I was the ~ and took the wrong direction (gang)

black-sheep brother  
invite the ~ to the wedding

**character & personality: animal / sheep**

## shelf life

has shelf life  
he ~, he will last (a philosopher)

**survival, persistence & endurance: food & drink**

## shell (substance)

shell  
he came back a ~, like a ghost (soldier)

shell company  
~s for the tax evader and money launderer

**substance & lack of substance: sea**

## shell (protection)

come out of my shell  
I was a shy person who needed to ~ (got into boxing)

came out of my shell  
that's when my life began and I ~ (gay leaves home)

stayed inside my shell  
I ~ for the first two or three weeks (summer camp)

**protection & lack of protection: animal / sea / water**

**isolation & remoteness: animal / sea / water**

## shellshocked

shellshocked  
I was so ~, I left the building by the wrong exit

shell-shocked Barca side  
a ~ was unable to fashion any serious response

looked shellshocked  
he ~ in court (a celebrity who was arrested for rape)

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion**

## shelter (verb)

sheltered the terrorist  
Pakistan denied that it had ~

**protection & lack of protection: place / verb**

## shelve (verb)

shelved its mascot  
the university has ~

shelved the plan  
Beijing officials have ~ to redevelop the neighborhood

**dismissal, removal & resignation: books & reading / verb**

## shepherd (verb)

shepherding the (main) bill through the Senate  
he is ~ (US)

shepherded me through the medina  
he ~ (Fez guide)

**directing: journeys & trips / sheep / verb**

## Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes  
I used to call her ~ (journalist Lyra McKee)

**searching & discovery: allusion**

## shibboleth (noun)

educational shibboleth  
"learning styles" has become an ~

jab at the shibboleths  
he took a populist line to ~ that China promotes

**idea: religion**

**sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: religion**

## shield (noun)

shield from the (sun's harmful) rays  
ozone provides a protective ~

missile shield  
the first step in deploying a ~  
a global ~ won't work

missile defense shield  
U.S. testing of a ~

Desert Shield (m)  
the ~ buildup before the Persian Gulf War

global (missile) shield  
a ~ won't work

human shield  
Muslim rebels used men, women and children as ~s  
Saddam's loyalists are using Iraqi civilians as ~  
his supporters have offered themselves up as ~s

protective shield

ozone provides a ~ from the sun's harmful rays

human and religious shields  
the Iraqis have used ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

testing of a (missile defense) shield  
U.S. ~

**protection & lack of protection: military / weapon**

### **shift (change)**

political shift  
there has been a big ~

**position, policy & negotiation: position / movement**

### **shifty (adjective)**

shifty character  
she's a ~, watch out

**character & personality / subterfuge: direction**

### **shining (superlative)**

shining examples  
these men stand as ~ of bravery

shining paragons  
~ of American boyhood (scouts)

**superlative: light & dark**

### **ship (ship of state, etc.)**

ship of their research  
they caulked up every seam in the ~

ship of state  
the protestors wish to sink the ~

**bases: boat / sign, signal, symbol**

**epithet: boat / sea**

### **ship (ship of the desert)**

“ships of the desert”  
many Australian farmers keep the country's prolific ~

**transportation: boat / epithet**

**epithet: boat / sea**

### **ship (tight ship, etc.)**

run a (very) tight ship  
we ~ (a company with many rules)

steering the ship  
some believe he was actually ~ (a vice-president)

**control & lack of control: boat**

### **ship (abandon / jump ship)**

abandon ship  
it's time to ~ (a failing company)

jumping ship  
a lot of investors are ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: boat**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: boat**

### **ship (sink the ship)**

sink the ship  
the protestors wish to ~ of state

**destruction: boat / verb**

### **ship (right the ship, etc.)**

right the ship  
we'll see if the company can ~ (financial problems)

righted the ship  
he ~ (a troubled government agency)

right our (fiscal) ship  
we must ~ (budget)

steady the ship  
even Messi was unable to ~ (loss to Liverpool)

**amelioration & renewal: boat / verb**

**equilibrium & stability: boat / verb**

### **ship (ship has sailed, etc.)**

ship has sailed  
that ~ (no regrets now)

ship has (long since) sailed  
the civility ~ in American politics (2019)

♦ “Your dad loved her very much. It there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed.” (Austin Powers to Vanessa Kensington from the film *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*.)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: boat / verb**

### **ship (launched a thousand ships)**

launched a thousand jokes and memes  
this bipartisan hope that has ~ (infrastructure)

**initiation: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**

### **shipwreck (noun)**

shipwreck of my conscience  
I would not make a ~ (Paulet, 1587)

**destruction: boat / crashes & collisions**

**failure, accident & impairment: boat / crashes & collisions**

### **shoal (noun)**

run aground on the shoals  
the promises have ~ of changing sex ratios

**failure, accident & impairment: boat / sea**

**danger / destruction / obstacles & impedance: boat / sea**

### **shock (verb)**

shocked the world  
Ireland ~ by announcing... (dispute with Vatican)

shocks and terrifies



violence ~ even the best-trained troops (combat)

offend, shock or disturb  
those that ~ the majority (freedom of expression)

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / verb**

**shock (in shock)**

still in shock  
he was ~ but relieved... (survivor of porch collapse)

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity**

**shock (feeling)**

shock  
9/11 was a ~ that should not have come as a surprise

shock of combat  
training can lessen the surprise and ~

shock of prison  
after the ~ wears off

shock for me  
it was a ~ and everyone else

shock for the (previously unbeaten) team  
it was a ~

shock radio  
for those who enjoy ~

shock and delight  
the winners' ~ (MacArthur Award)

shock or horror or outrage or indignation  
I could not show ~ (journalist witness to ethnic strife)

family's shock  
she recalls the ~ when her mother was arrested

culture shock  
reverse culture shock can worse than the classic ~

sticker shock  
bracing themselves for ~ (laptop-computer prices)

absolute shock  
this is an ~ (death of a young athlete)

quite a shock  
it was ~ (mine disaster)

look of shock  
I saw the ~ in his face

state of shock  
we were all in a complete ~ (athlete's sudden death)

anger and shock  
the ~ (to yet another terrorist bombing)

surprise and shock  
training can lessen the ~ of combat

shock (of prison) wears off  
after the ~

lessen the (surprise and) shock  
training can ~ of combat

come as a shock  
I know this may ~ to you  
it may ~ to people...

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity**

**shocked (adjective)**

shocked  
not one of the students in the group looked ~

shocked that  
people are ~ this is so close to home;  
they're kind of ~ her parents are white, and she's not  
he said that he is ~ a killing could take place there

shocked to see  
he was ~ so many dead or wounded (combat)

shocked at her appearance  
they were ~ (eating disorder)

shocked at the prices  
they may be ~ (rent for assisted living)

shocked at what  
they are ~ is now happening

shocked when  
Iraqi commanders were ~ they discovered...

shocked by the attacks  
Australians were ~ (bombing on Bali)

shocked by the decision  
he was ~ not to renew his contract (job)

shocked by the (gorilla) killings  
conservationists were ~ (DR Congo / Virunga)

shocked by the news  
they were ~ (favorite restaurant closed)

shocked by the number  
she was ~ of Muslims having surgery to...

shocked by these revelations  
I was ~ (in the press)

shocked by the (death) toll  
people were ~ (climbing disaster)

shocked by the verdict  
I'm ~ (jury lets businessman off)

shocked by the viciousness  
police were ~ of the attack (hate crime)

shocked silence  
through it all she sat in ~

shocked and appalled  
we are ~ by this news (plans to shoot tigers)

shocked and baffled  
the rap word was ~ by the murder (Jam Master Jay)

shocked and bewildered (m)  
the ~ passengers (train crash)

shocked, embarrassed and disgusted  
residents are ~ (town government)

shocked and grief-stricken (m)  
~ relatives of the victims gathered (bus-truck crash)

shocked and outraged  
I was ~

shocked, upset, fearful and angry  
the community is ~ (hate crime)

completely shocked  
I was just completely shocked

definitely shocked  
when I found out, I was ~

genuinely shocked  
I was ~

a little shocked  
he looked ~ that I wasn't ready to go out

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity**

### **shocker (noun)**

honeymoon shocker  
couples who encounter the "~" (a snoring spouse)

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity**

### **shocking (feeling, emotion and effect)**

shocking  
the mismanagement and incompetence is ~  
the firing was surprising but not ~ (Notre Dame coach)

shocking crime  
it was a ~ (a murder)

shocking defeat  
they talked about his ~ of Lewis (boxing)

shocking news  
the ~ is...

shocking scenes  
~ of dead or terrified children (Chechen terrorism)

shocking story  
he related a ~

shocking upset  
at the conclusion of the ~ (football)

shocking and inflammatory (m)  
desecration of the Koran is a ~ act

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity**

### **shock wave**

shockwave of trauma

this decision has caused a ~ across the church (Methodists reject gays)

send shock waves through the market  
such a drastic step would ~

sent shock waves through French politics  
the poll ~ (strength of right)

sent shock waves through the American psyche  
Tet ~ (Vietnam War)

sent shockwaves through the skiing world  
his death ~ (Doug Coombs)  
the arrests have ~ (blood doping)

sent shock waves around the globe  
the dramatic plunge of the Web site ~

sent shock waves rippling  
the discovery of sperm whales ~ through Nantucket

set off shock waves with his statement  
he ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / explosion**  
**effect: earthquake / explosion**

### **shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)**

shoe has fallen  
now that the ~, where will he go (fired)

the other shoe  
people wait for the other ~ to drop (occupation)

waited for the other shoe to drop  
his colleagues ~ (investigation)

**fate, fortune & chance: clothing & accessories / verb**

### **shoe (in somebody's shoes)**

in her shoes  
I'm gay, I've been ~

put yourself in his shoes  
~ (see if from that person's point of view)

**empathy & lack of empathy: clothing & accessories**  
**perception, perspective & point of view: clothing & accessories**

### **shoe (a stone in the shoe)**

stone in our shoe  
Ecuador's president has described him as ~ (Assange)

**affliction: clothing & accessories / sensation**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: clothing & accessories / sensation**

### **shoestring (noun)**

shoestring budget  
NASA supports the ~ to find NEOs

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: clothing & accessories**

## shoot (shoot up)

shot up

- the price of gas has ~
- the price of food has ~
- the price of helium has ~

**increase & decrease: weapon / verb**

## shoot (speech)

shoot first

- he tends to ~ and aim second (a politician)

shoot from the hip

- people who ~, who tell it like it is

**speech: weapon / verb**

## shoot (shoot back)

shot back

- he ~, "Of course it's easier..." (to criticism)

**speech: weapon / verb**

## shooter (straight shooter)

straight shooter

- I'm a ~, very candid

**speech: direction / weapon**

## shoot-out (noun)

shoot-out between the two camps

- the request set off a ~ (privacy vs. right to know)

**conflict: weapon**

## shore (far shore)

left stranded on the far shore

- his system of critical judgment was ~

**society: ground, terrain & land**

## shore (resemblance)

shore

- Sahel is the Arabic word for "~"

shore of the Sahara Desert

- the Sahel is the ~

shore of the salt pan

- after reaching the further ~ (Ntsetse in Botswana)

Sahara's southern shore

- the Sahel is a band of dry grassland, the ~

**resemblance: sea**

## shore up (verb)

shore up their (criminal) case

- the police are working to ~

shore up her confidence

- a victory would ~ (athlete)

**amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb**

## short-circuit (verb)

short-circuited the process

- he ~

**failure, accident & impairment: electricity / verb**

## shortcut (noun)

shortcut to success

- athletes who take a ~ (doping)

safety shortcut

- ~s led to the oil spill

magical shortcut

- joining the military should not be a ~ to hero status

**difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / journeys & trips**

**course: journeys & trips**

## shortsighted

shortsighted to treat

- it is ~ addicts as criminals

shortsighted in the extreme

- this policy is ~ (self-interest vs. collective good)

shortsighted and dangerous

- it would be both ~ to allow...

criticized it as shortsighted

- they ~ (a policy)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**

## shot (shot in the arm, etc.)

shot in the arm

- it's a ~ (the encouragement of a research prize)

shot in the arm for the local economy

- this is a ~ (a basketball tournament)

real shot in the arm

- this victory is a ~ (union victory)

shot of adrenaline

- his writing is a ~ that awakens us from our apathy

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## shot (attempt)

shot at advancement

- his son has a better ~ than he faced as a young man

shot at the job

- I thought I had a ~ (job interview)

shot at the peak

- this was their last ~ (mountaineering)

shot at the summit

- helping the other group cost the climbers a ~

shot at the title  
a win would keep him on track for a ~ (boxer)

shot at the (world) championship  
a ~ (boxing)

shot in Orlando  
he knew he had a ~ (to win, at a championship)

title shot  
give Tyson a ~ (boxing)

another shot  
Tyson might get ~ (to fight for championship)

first shot  
Tomaz got his ~ at the Himalayas in 1994

good shot  
I thought I had a ~ at the job (interview)

last shot  
this was their ~ at the peak (mountaineering);  
a ~ to right a historical wrong (reparations)

one more shot  
at least give it ~ (try)

on track for a shot  
a win would keep him ~ at the title (boxer)

give him a shot  
hopefully somebody will ~ (an athlete)

got a shot  
she finally ~ on the Tonight Show

taken a shot  
at least 7 expeditions had ~ at Gasherbrum IV

cost the climbers a shot  
helping the other group ~ at the summit

**attempt: weapon**

### **shot (chance)**

one-in-a-million shot  
400 times a day, a ~ will occur (probability)

**fate, fortune & chance: weapon**

### **shot (criticism)**

taking shots at him  
everyone is ~ (criticism)

**accusation & criticism / speech: weapon**

### **shot (shot over the bow, etc.)**

shot over the bow  
it was a ~ (penalty against Facebook)

**warning: boat / weapon**

### **shot (call the shots)**

calls the shots  
he ~ (boss)

calling its own shots  
North Korea is ~ and not taking orders from anybody

**directing: weapon / verb**

**control & lack of control: verb / weapon**

### **shot (opening shot)**

opening shot of his campaign  
the speech was the ~ (politics)

**conflict: weapon**

### **shot (parting shot)**

parting shot  
as a ~, he said...

**conflict / speech: weapon**

### **shot (warning shot)**

fired a warning shot  
he ~ at his colleagues (about priorities)

**conflict / warning: weapon**

### **shot (best shot)**

best shot  
the guys have given it their ~  
I have given it my ~ (spots event)

gave it my best shot  
I ~ (tried as hard as I could)

**attempt: weapon**

### **shot (shot across the bow)**

fired a shot across the bow  
he also fired a ~ (praised, then criticized)

**conflict: boat**

### **shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)**

shoulder the blame  
he must ~ for the loss (sports)

shoulder the (financial) burden  
the government should ~

shoulder the cost  
BP must ~ of the cleanup (oil spill)

shoulder the load  
the defense is not yet ready to ~ (sports)

shoulder the responsibility  
he must ~ now

**responsibility: shoulder / verb / weight**

**work & duty: shoulder / verb / weight**

### **shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)**

put your shoulder to the grindstone  
you've got to ~ (work harder)

**work & duty: shoulder / weight**

## **shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)**

standing shoulder to shoulder  
we must make sure we are ~ (US and Britain)

**unanimity & consensus: shoulder**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: shoulder**  
**shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)**

offered him a shoulder to cry on  
she ~

**empathy & lack of empathy: shoulder**  
**shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)**

look over our shoulders  
the government should not be allowed to ~

**surveillance: shoulder**  
**shoulder (oppression)**

shoulders  
it's definitely a weight off my ~

**oppression: shoulder / weight**  
**shoulder (fall on the shoulders)**

falls on the shoulders of regular Americans  
the tax burden still ~ (politics)

falls on the shoulders of BP  
that ~ (responsibility)

falls on the shoulders of those  
the burden ~ least able to bear it (the poor)

♦ **You can't put an old head on young shoulders!**

**responsibility: shoulder / weight**  
**shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)**

stand on the shoulders of other artists  
artists ~

stand on the shoulders of giants  
we ~ (achievement)

stand on the shoulders of those  
we all ~ before us (tweakers of innovation)

stand on their shoulders  
we are proud to ~

**bases: shoulder / verb**  
**show (performance)**

all (a) show  
the meeting was ~, no substance

become a show  
bring your popcorn, this has ~ (congressional hearing)

♦ **A commentator talking about a senate hearing used the words *stunt*, *spectacle*, and *public show*.**

**substance & lack of substance: theater**  
**performance: theater**  
**show (the show must go on)**

show must go on  
the ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: theater**  
**show (steal the show)**

stole the show  
Travis Pastrana ~ (X Games / motocross)  
she ~ at the MLS match (girl belts out national anthem)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb**  
**showboat (verb)**

showboat  
he likes to ~ (an athlete)

♦ **A showboat was a river steamboat on which theatrical performances were given. *Show Boat* was a very popular novel and musical.**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: boat / verb**  
**character & personality: boat / verb**  
**behavior: boat / verb**

**show business (performance)**

show business  
it's just ~, it's sort of performance art (politics)

**performance: theater**  
**showcase (verb)**

showcase your talents  
a good resume can ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: container / verb**  
**showcase (noun)**

showcase of (twisted) psychology  
the trial has been a ~ (murder)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: container**  
**shower (verb)**

showered the two men with gifts  
she ~

**amount & effect: rain / verb**  
**showman (person)**

whip-smart showman  
he was a ~ who loved the media attention (defense lawyer)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / person**

## shrapnel (noun)

emotional shrapnel

the ~ scarred both children (divorce)

**affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: weapon**

## shred (shred of hope, etc.)

shred of comfort or hope

the film offers hardly a ~ (*Network*)

**amount: cloth**

## shrine (reverence)

shrine to the Backstreet Boys

her bedroom is a poster-filled ~ (teen girl)

shrine to NASCAR

the new museum is a ~ (auto racing)

banana shrine

Ann Lovell's house is a ~ (banana memorabilia)

poster-filled shrine

her bedroom is a ~ to the Backstreet Boys

**enthusiasm / reverence: religion**

## shrink (downsize)

shrink its footprint

as the US military begins to ~ in Afghanistan

shrink our (leviathan) government

he wants to shrink our ~ (a politician)

shrink the military

he wants to ~ and reduce its footprint overseas

**increase & decrease: size / verb**

## shrink (decline)

shrank

as Britain's global influence ~ (after WWII)

**decline: size / verb**

## shrivel (verb)

shrivel (slowly) to irrelevance

the group could ~

**decline: plant / verb**

## shroud (noun)

shroud of mystery

a ~ surrounds him

**cover: cloth**

## shrouded (covered)

shrouded in clouds

the top of the mountain was ~ all day (*Mount Hood*)

exhaust-shrouded (m)

we walked down ~ Fifth Avenue

fog-shrouded (m)

the helicopter crashed in the ~ Balsam Gap area  
a passenger jet overshot a ~ runway, killing 42

snow-shrouded (m)

we walked through the ~ fields

remained shrouded

she ~ in a flowing black abaya (*Doha*)

**configuration / cover: cloth**

## shrouded (concealment)

shrouded in mystery

the details are ~ (an ancient Swazi rite)

the course of infection in chimps is ~ (SIV)

he is a shadowy figure whose intentions remain ~

Lewis' death was ~ (*Lewis and Clark expedition*)

the exact origins of the film are ~ (*controversy*)

the whole Liston story is so ~ (*death of the boxer*)

shrouded in secrecy

its work is ~ (*Saudi Dept. of General Statistics*)

shrouded in myths and mystery

the origin of the Maasai is ~

shrouded from public view

inmates' lives are largely a mystery, since prison life is ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth**

## shrug (gesture)

responded with shrugs

Wall Street luminaries have mostly ~ and dismissals

shoulder shrug

he has kind of a ~ towards that (politician about spying)

**confronting, dealing with and ignoring things: gesture**

## shrug off (verb)

shrug off

it's nothing that you can just ~ (*responsibility*)

shrugged off his reputation

he ~ as a daring space explorer (*Neil Armstrong*)

shrugged it off

he ~ (*a setback*)

**confronting, dealing with and ignoring things: gesture / verb**

## shun (verb)

shunned computers

he ~ for years (*a journalist*)

shunned the spotlight

he ~ for the rest of his life (*Neil Armstrong*)

shunned violence

the group has ~

shun the 21st century

they ~ (Mennonite colony in Bolivia)

**acceptance & rejection: society / verb**

### shunned

shunned (by executives) for being (openly) gay  
he was ~

shunned by the world  
he felt ~

**acceptance & rejection: society**

### shut down (verb)

shut them down  
we have to spot them and ~ (Nazi websites)

**curtailment: mechanism / verb**

### shut out (verb)

shut out  
many writers have been ~

**access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / verb**

### shy (adjective)

shy of coming  
others are ~ into Pakistan (versus China)

**eagerness & reluctance: love, courtship & marriage**

### shy (shy away)

shied away from focusing  
he has not ~ on abuses in Russia (a Russian journalist)

shy away from making  
the Republicans will not ~ tough proposals

shy away from speaking out  
he did not ~ politically (a cleric)

shy away from (difficult) decisions  
he does not ~ (a politician)

shied away from the issue  
politicians have ~ (taxes)

shy away from the fact  
we cannot ~ that...

**avoidance & separation: horse / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: horse / verb**

### sibling

hideous sibling  
education's ~: training

**relationship: family**

### sick (condition)

sick  
the bond market is ~

Sick Man

our country is the ~ of Europe

sick computer  
she fixes ~ (tech worker)

sick (auto) industry  
increased new-car sales would help our ~

sick institution  
~s should be allowed to die (finance)

sick, failing or unsuccessful (m)  
we are not dealing with a ~ industry (oil leak)

**condition & status: health & medicine**

### sick (disgusted)

sick of lawyers  
America is ~ (terrorism)

sick of war  
Ugandans are ~ (Lord's Resistance Army)

sick of hearing  
I'm ~ your complaints

sick of airports and plane  
I am ~ (security, poor service, etc.)

sick and tired of it  
frankly, I am ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

### sick (other)

sick with anxiety  
I was almost ~ (teaching first class)

sick (to my stomach) with dread  
I felt ~

sick with envy  
one academic ~ over another

worried sick  
both were ~ (parents of abducted young woman)

made me sick  
her story ~ to my stomach (rape)

felt sick (to my stomach) with dread  
I ~ (mother of 1 pound 15 oz baby)

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine**

### sickle (shape)

sickle cell (m)  
he has ~ anemia

**shape: blade**

### sickness (noun)

sickness in society  
there is a ~ (gun violence)

**corruption: health & medicine**

## side (conflict)

two sides

the ~ were on the brink of major fighting

**conflict / division & connection: direction**

## side (on one's side / time)

on their side

time is ~ (negotiation and diplomacy)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / position / time**

**time: direction / position**

## side (on one's side / person)

on your side

you need someone ~ (ad for lawyer)

on the side of the White House

the public is not really ~ (political issue)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / position**

## side (on the good side, etc.)

on America's good side

if they want to be ~

**social interaction: position**

## side (on the wrong side, etc.)

get on the wrong side of him

you don't want to ~ (a workplace sociopath)

**social interaction: position**

## side (dark side)

dark side

this fantastic concept has a ~ (adult family home)

people soon realized he had a ~ (bad temper)

dark side of addiction and (emotional) abuse

he had a ~

dark side to him

he had a ~ (a serial killer)

has a dark side

although regarded as genteel, cricket ~ (match fixing)

**flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark**

## sideline (on the sideline)

sitting on the sideline

hope is not ~ or shirking from a fight (a politician)

stand on the sidelines

Russia will not ~

**involvement: sports & games**

**center & periphery: sports & games**

## sideline (other)

watches from the sidelines

he now ~ (Iraqi politician)

relegated to the sidelines

the ambassador was ~ (war)

**involvement: sports & games**

**center & periphery: sports & games**

## sideshow (noun)

sideshow

the Russians didn't see information warfare as a ~ (unlike US)

**importance & significance: center & periphery / circus**

## sidestep (verb)

sidestepped Congress

the President ~ and issued an order

sidestep the issue

the academy is doing its best to ~ (controversy)

sidestepped the (major) issues

the Supreme Court ~ (gerrymandering)

sidestepped the question

he ~ entirely, instead discussing citizenship (a politician)

sidestepped questions

the State Department spokesman ~ about why...

**avoidance & separation: movement / verb / walking,**

**running & jumping**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**obstacles & impedance: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**strategy: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**subterfuge: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

## sidetracked

become sidetracked

it's easy to lose focus and ~ with all the nonsense

got sidetracked

he ~ and ended up talking about...

**progress & lack of progress: movement / journeys & trips**

## sideways (go sideways)

go sideways

from there, things started to ~ (political fortunes)

**failure, accident & impairment: direction**

## siege (under siege)

under siege from a population boom

the wilderness is ~

Prime Minister is under siege

and now to the U.K., where the ~ (Brexit)

wilderness is under siege

the ~ from a population boom



world under siege  
videos depicting a Muslim ~

country under siege  
this is a ~ (by crime / South Africa)

**amount & effect: fortification / military**  
**resistance, opposition & defeat: fortification / military**  
**conflict: fortification / military**  
**siege (other)**

siege mentality  
the ~ (Israel)  
the government is showing signs of a ~ (Syria)  
the generals are comfortable in their ~ (Myanmar)

siege tactics  
traditional ~ used in Himalayan climbing

**amount & effect: fortification / military**  
**resistance, opposition & defeat: fortification / military**  
**scientist (rocket scientist)**

rocket scientist  
you don't need to be a ~ to explain this (criminal trial)

take a rocket scientist  
it doesn't ~ to understand what they did was illegal (police)

**knowledge & intelligence: person**

**sift (searching)**

sifted the sources  
she has ~, examining their reliability (historian)

sift for youth  
job requirements in the Valley ~ (Silicon Valley)

sifted the debate for clues  
observers ~ about action on carbon legislation

sifted through the returns for lessons learned  
both parties ~ (election)

sift through the debris  
fans have been left to ~ of a failed season (sports)

sifted through evidence  
investigators ~ and interviewed survivors (arson)

sift through the (classified) materials  
it could take three months to ~ (investigation)

sift through names  
the computer program will help officials to ~ (crime)

sifted through many submissions  
she ~ (photo competition)

sifted through the rubble  
an excavator and a bulldozer ~ (earthquake)

sift through the results  
search engines make you ~ for an answer

sifted through the trash

they ~, looking for anything edible or saleable

sifted down to her  
the terrible facts ~ when she heard...

♦ Sieves are found in most any kitchen. Archaeologists also employ them. Workers used sieves to search for human remains and objects from the World Trade Center collapse.

**searching & discovery: tools & technology / verb**  
**worth & lack of worth: tools & technology / verb**  
**sifted**

sifted for (fresh) clues  
the new trove of material was being ~ (terrorism)

sifted for evidence  
the report is ~ of subtle changes in policy (China)

sifted, correlated and analyzed  
data can increasingly be ~ (online behavior)

wisely sifted  
more information, ~, is usually better than less

**searching & discovery: tools & technology**

**sigh (sigh of relief)**

breathing a sigh of relief  
companies are ~  
leaders are ~  
they are all ~ (health care)

**feeling, emotion & effect: breathing / bodily process**  
**danger: bodily process / breathing**

**sight (in sight)**

in sight  
relief is ~  
gains are nowhere ~ (progress of war)  
there's no relief ~ (wildfires in California)  
there is still no viable solution ~

**future / proximity: eye**

**sight (lose sight)**

lose sight that  
do not ~ we are at war (government)

lose sight of the big picture  
don't ~ (advice to teachers)

**consciousness & awareness: eye / verb**

**sight (in somebody's sights)**

in the SEC's sights for fraud  
the Wall Street firm is ~

had him in their sights  
federal prosecutors ~ (criminal investigation)

have it in our sights  
we ~ (merger)

**target: weapon**

## sight (sights)

turned their sights on Joe  
then they ~ (prosecutors in trial)

**target: weapon**

## sign (warning sign)

warning sign  
~s include confusion, ashy skin (heatstroke)  
~ that your child may be doing drugs

warning sign of problems  
a ~ ahead

warning signs of psychosis  
spotted the ~ in himself

warning signs of suicide  
public education about the ~

warning signs of an (impending) eruption  
scientists caught the ~

warning signs for stroke  
people should learn the ~

warning signs for violent behavior  
17 ~

warning signs and dangers  
the ~ of huffing (sniffing glue, etc.)

stroke's warning signs  
recognize ~

ample warning signs  
there were ~ (psychotic breakdown)

education about the warning signs  
public ~ of suicide

warning signs or red flags  
there were no ~ (mass shooter)

display (any of) the warning signs  
if they ~ of suicide...

know the warning signs  
~ (depression)

missed the warning signs  
they ~ (son's breakdown)

**warning: sign, signal, symbol**

## sign (sign off)

signed off on the plan  
he ~ (government)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: writing & spelling / verb**

## signal (verb)

signal a change  
I don't mean to ~ in policy (government official)

signals danger  
stress is an external stimulus that ~

signals the onset  
ejaculation ~ of puberty in boys

signal the presence  
the green palm trees ~ of water (Egyptian desert)

signal a problem  
the following 10 red flags may ~ (child development)

signal a shift  
gifts can ~ in a relationship

signaled a willingness  
the administration has ~ to be creative with...

signal diabetic coma  
Kussmaul respirations ~ (nursing)

signaled a sucking chest wound  
the bubbling blood ~ (ED)

gifts can signal  
~ a shift in a relationship

palm trees signal  
the green ~ the presence of water (Egyptian desert)

red flags may signal  
the following 10 ~ a problem (child development)

**evidence: sign, signal, symbol / verb**

## signal (mixed signals)

mixed signals about his plan  
the President is sending ~ for the southern border

sent mixed signals  
his lawyer has ~ (about what his client might do)

**message: tools & technology**

## signal (other)

sends (multiple) signals  
Iran's action ~ (military deployment)

separate the signal from the noise  
~ (when considering President Trump)

pick out the signal from the noise  
trying to ~ (epidemiology)

**message: sound / tools & technology**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound / tools & technology**

## signature

signature  
if he is alive, he's not moving enough to create a ~

signatures of (past or present) life  
organic molecules, possible ~ (Mars)

signature of our submarines

reducing the acoustic ~

signature of the vehicle  
the smaller the width or track ~

signature of water  
searching for the chemical ~

signatures of unmanned aerial vehicles  
the small thermal ~

signature crusade  
he made health-care reform the ~ of his career

artillery's (firing) signature  
the field ~ makes it vulnerable

chemical signature  
searching for the ~ of water  
researchers mine the elaborate ~s of breath

chemical "signature"  
DEA labs are testing the heroin to find a ~

dust signatures  
rapid movement causes dramatic ~ (military)

heat signature  
stationary aircraft have a considerable ~  
screen exhaust systems to reduce ~ (trucks)

lane signature  
increase the ~ to aid passage of larger forces

return signature  
a ~ that indicates a mine (mine detector)

sand (and dust) signatures  
movement is detected by ~ (military)

track signature  
the smaller the width or ~ of the vehicle

aircraft signature  
ensure that the ~ will be minimized

firing signature  
the field artillery's ~ makes it vulnerable

acoustic signature  
reducing the ~ of our submarines

acoustical signature  
the V-22 Osprey flies with a lower "~"

considerable (heat) signature  
stationary aircraft have a ~

criminal signature  
he left his ~ at each crime scene (serial killer)

dramatic (dust) signatures  
rapid movement causes ~ (military)

electronic signature  
it has no ~ (an air-defense weapon);  
the Tactical Operations Center has little ~

infrared signature

reducing ~s is a passive anti-air consideration

metallic signature  
locate mines by a slight ~ (AN/PSS-12)

operational signature  
its ~ was aggressiveness (L.A. police)

slight (metallic) signature  
locate mines by a ~ (AN/PSS-12)

small (thermal) signature  
the ~s of unmanned aerial vehicles

thermal signature  
the small ~s of unmanned aerial vehicles

track signature  
the smaller the width or ~ of the vehicle

visual signature  
markers provide commanders with a ~

thermal and optical signatures  
friendly and enemy ~

footprint or signature  
they don't have a ~ (terrorists)

detected by (sand and dust) signatures  
movement is ~ (military)

#### **evidence: writing & spelling**

### **signpost**

signpost as to how bad  
his death was a ~ things were (Liston, boxing, the mob)

signposts of my childhood  
I pass the ~

signposts of (rulers') authority  
Baghdad's bridges are ~

signpost on a road  
the Balfour Declaration was a ~ heading towards a cliff

#### **evidence: sign, signal, symbol**

### **silent (fall silent)**

fall silent  
the factory will ~

#### **starting, going, continuing & ending: sound**

### **silo (academic silos, etc.)**

academic silos  
the school wants to break down ~

silo-busters  
leaders should be ~

♦ This word is nicely written about in "The Vocabulary: How did 'silo' get to mean something else?" by The Vocabulary, BBC, 30 June 2015.

**isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture**  
**division & connection: farming & agriculture**

## **siload**

siload

Jobs had insisted that departments were ~ (secrecy)

siload off

I'm kind of ~, our studios are in Brooklyn...

**isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture**

**division & connection: farming & agriculture**

## **silver (speech)**

silver-tongued (m)

a ~ recruiting sergeant

♦ **Speech is silver, silence is gold!**

**speech: materials & substances**

## **silver-tongued**

silver-tongued (m)

a ~ recruiting sergeant

**Speech is silver, silence is gold!**

**speech: materials & substances / tongue**

## **simmer (verb)**

simmered with resentment

he ~

**activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water**

**initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water**

## **simmering (activity)**

simmering resentment

~ blossomed into warfare (two politicians)

long-simmering debate

the ~ over whether dinosaurs...

long-simmering dispute

his ~ with...

long-simmering event

this ~ in our history

long-simmering tension

~ between the private university and the town

long-simmering (ethnic) tensions

~ have erupted into violence

long-simmering (racial) tensions

the altercation caused ~ to erupt

**activity: heating water / temperature / water**

**initiation: heating water / temperature / water**

## **sink (destroy)**

sank the (prosecution's) case

it was the torpedo that ~ (forensics)

**destruction: boat / sea / verb**

## **sink (behavior)**

sunk to a new low

she has ~

sinking lower and lower

broadcasters are ~ to get higher ratings

**behavior: direction / verb**

## **sink (put)**

sink (a lot of) money into their kids' sports

adults ~

**throwing, putting & planting: water / verb**

## **sink (sink into a coma, etc.)**

sank into a coma

he ~

**consciousness & awareness: direction**

## **sink (sink into debt, etc.)**

sinking (deeper) into debt

I was ~ (now homeless)

swim or sink

we are going to ~ together (revitalizing Detroit / 2010)

**survival, persistence & endurance: direction / water**

## **sink (sink into despair, etc.)**

sink into despair

she was starting to ~ (losing soccer game)

heart sank

my ~... (news of murder of boy)

spirits sank

my ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb**

## **sink (sink into the mud, etc.)**

sinking into the mud

the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

sinking into the mud

the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

**failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb**

## **sink (sink into obscurity, etc.)**

sank into obscurity

Petra ~ about 1000 AD

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb**

## **sink (decline)**

sinks into melodrama

the story ~

sank fast

United ~ after City went ahead (2019 soccer game)

stocks sank

blue-chip ~ Friday (stock market)

**decline: direction / verb**

### **sinkhole (noun)**

sinkhole of shame and self-hatred

stuttering leaves behind an ever-deepening ~

**decline: ground, terrain & land**

### **sink in (verb)**

sink it

it took two days for it to ~

if you let that ~, that's an alarming statistic (police suicide)

**absorption & immersion: verb / water**

### **sinking (sinking feeling, etc.)**

sinking feeling

I had a ~ that...

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction**

### **sink or swim**

sink or swim type

it was a ~ type of thing (new bandmember)

**survival, persistence & endurance: water**

### **siphon (verb)**

siphon Republicans away

a "centrist" might ~ from Trump (elections)

**directing: verb / water**

### **siren (siren call / song)**

siren song of bargains

the ~ is too irresistible to avoid (outlet malls)

siren call of booze

they cannot resist the ~ (alcoholics)

siren call of fads

don't give in to the ~ (tattoos you can live with)

heed the siren call

her book is for all who ~ of the water (swimming)

seduced by the siren song

they've been ~ "college for everyone"

**attraction & repulsion: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**

### **siren (other)**

siren

this is the age of Viagra, and Mr. Trink was its ~

siren-voiced (m)

a ~ singer

**attraction & repulsion: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**

### **sister (big sister)**

big sister

I was like a mother hen to them, I was like ~ (skateboarder)

**help & assistance: family**

### **sister (relationship)**

sister

our ~s the plants, our brothers the animals (a Navajo)

sister city

Asheville's ~, Saumur, France

sister event

Bike Week and its ~, Biketoberfest (Daytona Beach)

sister organizations

he described them as "~" (terrorist groups)

sister publications

the *Los Angeles Times* and its ~

sister ship

the HMS *Queen Elizabeth* and her ~, HMS *Prince of Wales*

sister virus

Marburg's ~: Ebola (African hemorrhagic fevers)

ugly sister

eugenics and its ~, eugenic euthanasia (Nazis)

three sisters (m)

~ soup, built from beans, squash and corn

**relationship: family**

**person: family**

### **sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.)**

Two Sisters

we sailed to the ~ (Saudi islands off of Jizan)

Three Sisters

we could see the ~ (mountains in KwaZulu-Natal)

Seven Sisters

the Pleiades are often called the ~ (stars)

Assam is one of the ~ (states in India)

Seven Sisters (m)

the ~ Waterfall has 7 separate streams (Norway)

Roaring Sister

the ~ is a rock on the Western Cape of South Africa

**proper name: family**

### **Sisyphean (adjective)**

Sisyphean task

it is a ~ (creating a database)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion**

### **sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.)**

sat in a suburb

his house ~ called...

**fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **sit (sit on one's hands)**

sat on their hands

they ~ on the sidelines (politicians)

sit (back) on our hands

what are we supposed to do, ~ when we see there may be problems

**action, inaction & delay: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **sit by (verb)**

sit idly by

I couldn't ~ (need to take action against barking dogs)

**action, inaction & delay: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **sit down (verb)**

sit down with the opposition

we need to ~

sitting down with the Taliban

we shouldn't be ~

**position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / table / verb**

### **sit-down (other)**

sit-down with the child

have a serious ~ (a serious talk)

serious sit-down

have a ~ with the child (a serious talk)

**position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / table**

### **sitting duck**

sitting duck

my brother's a ~ (snitch in prison)

the convoys are ~s (Pakistan)

**protection & lack of protection: animal / bird**

**danger: animal / bird**

### **skein (entanglement)**

messy skein

he was already tangled in a ~ of indictments

**involvement: cloth**

**complexity: cloth**

### **skeletal (adjective)**

skeletal

state services for victims are ~ (sex / North Dakota)

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

### **skeleton (skeleton in the closet)**

skeleton

who knows what ~s he's got in his closet (troubled)

skeletons in our closet

I knew we had ~ (newspaper's lack of coverage of...)

skeletons in its (Communist) closet

Poland exhumes ~

skeletons in the closet

all the ~ are spilling out (Turkey)

he has a few ~ that he doesn't want you to know about

skeletons (in the closet) are spilling out

all the ~ (Turkey's past)

newly revealed skeletons

~ joined old ones in his closet (a politician)

exhumes skeletons

Poland ~ in its Communist closet

♦ "If you autopsy anybody's personal life deep enough, everybody's got skeletons." (A police chief under fire.)

**concealment & lack of concealment: skeleton**

### **skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)**

skeleton crew

we are operating with a ~

we were able to open with a ~ (store after hurricane)

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

### **skeleton (substance)**

skeleton

this is just a ~, you need to flesh it out (essay)

**substance & lack of substance: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

### **skeleton (resemblance)**

skeleton

she was skin and bones, a ~

charred skeleton

all that was left of the boat was a ~ (burned to waterline)

**resemblance: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

### **sketchy (adjective)**

a little bit sketchy

details remain ~ at the moment (a criminal assault)

**certainty & uncertainty: picture**

### **skewer (verb)**

skewered the powerful with his cartoons

he ~ (an editorial cartoonist)

skewer (office) life and (business) norms  
modern literary fiction often attempts to ~

**accusation & criticism:** cooking / verb

**affliction:** cooking / verb

**speech:** cooking / verb

## skewered

skewered in an (attack) ad  
he has been ~ for speaking French (a US politician)

**accusation & criticism:** cooking

**affliction:** cooking

**speech:** cooking

## skin (feeling)

got under his skin  
I knew I ~ (at a trial)

got under my skin  
she really ~

made my skin crawl  
it ~ (disgust)

**feeling, emotion & effect:** skin, muscle, nerves & bone

## skin (jump out of one's skin)

jump out of my skin  
loud noises make me ~

**feeling, emotion & effect:** skin, muscle, nerves & bone

**hyperbole:** skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

## skin (save one's skin)

save their skins  
executives sold their stock, hoping to ~ (Enron)

save your skin  
it's lucky they're taking you to the boss, that may ~

**survival, persistence & endurance:** skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

**euphemism:** skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

## skin (outside)

skin  
someone had tended to its guts, if not its ~ (a rifle)

mango skin  
the ~ ripping away from the fruit's flesh...

**orientation:** skin, muscle, nerves & bone

## skin-deep

skin-deep  
the reforms have only been ~

**extent & scope:** skin, muscle, nerves & bone

**substance & lack of substance:** skin, muscle, nerves & bone

**appearance & reality:** skin, muscle, nerves & bone

## skirmish

skirmishes  
it's important to know which ~ to join and which to ignore  
(bureaucracy)

budget skirmish  
the budget is subject to annual ~s

**conflict:** military

## skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)

skirted the issue  
he ~

**avoidance & separation:** clothing & accessories / verb  
**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things:** clothing & accessories / verb

## skirt (configuration)

skirt Xinjiang and Tibet  
the Kunlun Mountains ~

**configuration:** clothing & accessories / verb

## sky (the sky can fall)

sky  
the ~ is not falling (fears of attacks on Internet)

**fate, fortune & chance:** atmosphere / sky

## sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)

a clear blue sky  
the attack on the politician did not come out of ~

**appearance & disappearance:** air / atmosphere / sky

## sky-high

sky-high  
fans were ~ after the win  
emotions were ~ (at a murder trial)

sky high  
costs are ~

sky-high costs

**extent & scope:** atmosphere / sky

## skyrocket (to attention, etc.)

skyrocketed onto the (national political) scene  
he ~ in 2018

**attention, scrutiny & promotion:** direction / rocket / sky / verb

## skyrocket (increase)

population has skyrocketed  
in Europe's prisons, where the Islamic ~

price (of helium) is skyrocketing  
the ~

profits skyrocket  
corporate ~ even as the economy remains stalled

unemployment is skyrocketing  
the economy is crashing, ~ (politics)

**increase & decrease: direction / rocket / sky / verb**

### skyscraper (tall building)

earthquake-resistant skyscraper  
architects design ~s

4,000 skyscrapers  
a city that already has ~, double New York (Shanghai)

**size: atmosphere / sky**

### skyway

Cherochala Skyway  
the ~ connects western North Carolina and Tennessee

tunnel and skyway (m)  
Montreal is known for its ~ network  
Toronto and Minneapolis are known for their ~ networks

**route: atmosphere / sky**

### slack (noun)

slack  
she deserves a little ~

**behavior: rope**

**constraint & lack of constraint: rope**

### slam (verb)

slammed the politician for his hatred and bigotry  
he ~

**accusation & criticism: force / verb / violence**

**hitting, slamming & lashing: verb / violence**

**speech: verb / violence**

### slam-dunk

slam-dunk for him  
this is no ~ (a tough boxing match)

slam-dunk for republicans  
this should have been a ~ (election)

**certainty & uncertainty: basketball / sports & games**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: basketball / sports & games**

### slap (slap in the face, etc.)

slap to the prosecutor  
his words were a ~ (judge orders new trial)

slap in the face  
his offer was a ~

slap in the face to Chicagoans  
his actions were a ~ (false accusation of hate crime)

slap in the face to the female students  
it was a ~ (who had been molested at USC)

**insult: face / gesture**

### slash (verb)

slash (state) agencies  
he wants to ~

slash (private and corporate) taxes  
his budget blueprint would ~ (politician)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife / verb**

### slash-and-burn (adjective)

slash-and-burn process  
their approach to cutting costs is a ~ (politics)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / fire / farming & agriculture**

**destruction: fire / farming & agriculture**

**conflict: fire / farming & agriculture**

### slave (verb)

slaved over this  
I really ~ (a project)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: history / verb**

**work & duty: history / verb**

**hyperbole: history / verb**

### slave (modern-day slave, etc.)

modern-day slave  
she lived as a ~ in London (maid)

modern-day slaves  
the silk industry depends on ~ (children)

**work & duty: person**

### slave (slave to fashion, etc.)

slaves to the clock  
we aren't ~, like the Americans

slave to fashion  
she is a ~

slave to laziness  
don't become a ~

slave to the past  
Turkey is not a ~

slave to the rules  
I refuse to be a ~

slave to tobacco  
to smoke is to be a ~ (public-health ad)

slave to trends  
she is chic, but not a ~

debt slave  
don't be a ~ to your mortgage

become a slave  
don't ~ to laziness



- ♦ Do a favor for a beggar and you'll be his slave!
- ♦ Teach me one thing, and I am your slave. (Proverb said in Saudi Arabia.)

**dependency: person**

## sledding (tough sledding)

tough sledding  
it's been ~, but... (progress of war)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: snow & ice**

## sleep (noun)

awakening from (its winter) sleep  
nature is ~

**resemblance: sleep**

## sleep (put something to sleep)

put *woke* to sleep  
it's time to ~

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep / verb**

## sleeping

sleeping majority  
I was one of the ~, but now I have woken up (Egypt)

**consciousness & awareness: sleep**

## sleepwalking

sleepwalking into a level of risk  
it's ~ you don't realize you have (funds cut to Navy)

**consciousness & awareness: sleep**

## sleepy

sleepy backwater  
oil transformed Khartoum from a ~ to a modern city

sleepy community  
the ~ of...

sleepy oasis  
Korla, once a ~, is undergoing an oil boom (Xinjiang)

sleepy (little farm) town  
a ~

**activity: sleep**

## sleight of hand

linguistic sleights of hand  
governments propagandize citizens with ~

**subterfuge: magic**

## slender

slender chance  
there was a ~ she would recover (sick)

slender victory  
Uruguay's ~ over Saudi Arabia ensured that...

**size: fatness & thinness**

## slice (piece)

slices of the market  
in the ceaseless quest to stake out bigger ~

**amount: blade / knife**

## slice (road slices, etc.)

slices through the land  
where a creek ~ near the house

slices through the heart of the forest  
the Cuiabá-Santarém road, which ~

road slices  
the ~ through thick pine and spruce forest

**resemblance: blade / knife / verb**

## slide (noun)

slide to perdition  
give socialism a foothold, and nothing can arrest the ~

**decline: direction / movement**

## slide (verb)

slid into a depression  
she ~ of extraordinary depth and duration

slide to perdition  
give socialism a foothold, and nothing can arrest the ~

**decline: direction / movement / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / movement / verb**

## slim (small)

slim majority  
Republicans have a ~ in the Senate

**size: fatness & thinness**

## slip (verb)

slipping  
gun sales have been ~ under Trump

slipped 7 percent  
murders ~ last year

**decline: direction / verb**

**increase & decrease: direction / verb**

## slip (permission slip)

permission slip  
the US does not need a ~ to defend its security

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: school & education**

## slog (verb)

slogged a difficult road  
the team ~ to qualify for the tournament

**difficulty, easiness & effort: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **slog (long hard slog, etc.)**

easy slog

this is not going to be an ~

lifelong slog

learn a language, getting there needn't be a ~  
(advertisement)

long hard slog

the fight will be a ~ (war)  
the candidates have a ~ to go (election)  
the election campaign will be a ~  
it may be a ~ to bring about regime change (in Venezuela)

tough slog

it was a ~ to get that done (legislation)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping**

### **slope (on a slippery slope)**

on a slippery slope

she is ~ (celebrity bad behavior)

**fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

### **slope (slippery slope)**

slope

the ~ is slippery in both directions (censorship)

slippery slope towards democracy

this was the start of the ~ (South Africa)

slippery-slope argument

the ~ (relating to precedents)

fear of a slippery slope

the ~ was pervasive (military intervention)

start of the slippery slope

this was the ~ towards democracy (South Africa)

push the state down a slippery slope

this will ~ of prosecuting thoughts (versus acts)

**fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills**

### **slow (adjective)**

slow to ground

the FAA was ~ the 737 MAX (after two crashes)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement**

**speed: movement**

**action, inaction & delay: movement**

**time: movement**

### **slug (slug something out)**

slugged it out

Obama and Clinton ~ in the primaries

**conflict: boxing / verb**

### **sluggish (adjective)**

sluggish

growth has been ~  
tourism is still ~  
sales were ~ in July  
hiring remains ~  
economies range from ~ to staggering (downturn)

sluggish economy

everyone is feeling the effects of the ~  
he found himself bedeviled by the ~ (president)

sluggish growth

the report shows ~ (economy)

sluggish pace

the economy is improving, but at a ~

sluggish response

the city will investigate the ~ to the storm

remain sluggish

economies in the US and Europe also ~

remains sluggish

hiring ~

**speed: animal / movement**

**condition & status: health & medicine**

### **slumber (noun)**

shakes people from their slumber

I hope this film ~ (Spike Lee)

**consciousness & awareness: sleep**

### **slump (verb)**

growth slumped

economic ~

**decline: direction / verb**

### **slut (enthusiasm)**

photo slut

~, surfers going big on small waves for the money

stats slut

he abhors the "~-s" (a football analyst)

**eagerness & reluctance: sex**

**enthusiasm: sex**

### **small-minded**

small-minded

she's ~

**mind: size**

**extent & scope: size**

## smart (verb)

smarting from the last couple of weeks  
people are still ~ (a bruising political battle)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb**

## smart (technology)

smart bomb

~ are less likely to go astray  
~s used to be guided by a laser  
~s hit the target, but rely on good intelligence  
~s and stealth technology won Gulf War I  
"brilliant" bombs are the ~s of the future  
all-weather ~s are guided by satellites  
JDAM ~s are guided by inertial guidance and GPS  
JDAM ~s are unaffected by clouds, dust, smoke  
the stock of satellite-guided ~s is depleted

smart card

~s that store data have been routinely cracked

smart device

~s—smart PCs, smart cell phones...

smart dust

"~"—tiny digital sensors, strewn around the globe  
~ would monitor, measure and understand the world  
~ remains a ways off  
~ has proved impossible because sensors need power

smart fuse

a "~" for penetrating warheads uses an accelerometer

smart house

~s could monitor the elderly  
~ could monitor those with chronic conditions

smart mine

dumb mines versus ~s (self-destruct / self-deactivate)

smart munitions

targeting of assets for attack by ~ (UAVs)

smart tractors

farmers could use it to keep tabs on autonomous ~ (5G)

smart elevators and window shades

complaints about ~ (new office building)

"smart" licenses and visas

~ that incorporate anti-counterfeiting chips

smart crosswalks

~ flash overhead warnings when you step off the curb

smart ID card

soldiers will be issued with ~s

smart and scatterable (m)

~ mines and their delivery vehicles (military)

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)

~ bombs (military)

♦ "We call it a smartie, and her name is Ripley." (SpaceX vice president Hans Koenigsmann, about the dummy named Ripley sent into space on March 2, 2019.)

**knowledge & intelligence: mechanism**

**ability & lack of ability: mechanism**

## smear (verb)

smear at will

attack groups can ~ and do it anonymously (politics)

smear my reputation

she tried to ~

smear (Chicago's) reputation

he has ~ (false hate-crime accusation)

**reputation: mark / verb**

**flaws & lack of flaws: mark / verb**

**speech: mark / verb**

## smear (noun)

smear campaign

the allegations are part of a ~ by opponents  
the ~ is based on unjustified and groundless allegations  
there is no evidence of a ~ (against a film)

smear on conservatives

the Right condemned the report as a ~ (hate groups)

inflammatory and misleading smears

he described warnings over US farming practices as ~

**reputation: mark**

**flaws & lack of flaws: mark**

**speech: mark**

## smell (suspicion)

smell right

something doesn't ~ (suspicion)

smells bad

something ~ (suspicion)

**suspicion: smell**

## smell (evidence)

smell of disaster

it began to ~ (a public-relations offensive)

smell an upset

they began to ~ (a team playing well)

**evidence: smell**

## smile (verb)

smiled on him

Lady Luck has ~

smiled on Modi

but fortune ultimately ~ and his colleague

smiled on me

God has ~  
fate ~ that day

smile on the Winter Olympics  
Mother Nature is finally starting to ~

smiled on (affirmative action) programs  
he has ~ from the bench (a judge)

smiled on us  
I think today Mother Nature ~ (NASA launch)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb**

**judgment: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb**

### **smitten (effect)**

smitten by the song  
I was ~

smitten by birding  
he was ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / weapon**

### **smitten**

smitten by polio  
he was ~...

**affliction: fist / weapon**

**hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / weapon**

### **smoke (evidence)**

smoke  
where there is ~, there is fire

**evidence / substance & lack of substance: fire**

### **smoke (smoke clears)**

smoke has cleared  
now that the ~, investigators... (stock-market plunges)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: fire**

### **smoke and mirrors**

smoke and mirrors  
this is ~, nothing has changed (politics)  
he has accused ministers of using “~” over its plan...

smoke and mirrors deal  
the government has done ~ with the energy companies

**subterfuge: theater**

### **smoke out (verb)**

smoke out the opposition  
he is trying to ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: fire / verb**

### **smokescreen**

smokescreen  
his aggressiveness is just a ~

**subterfuge: fire**

### **smoking gun**

smoking gun  
the letter is a ~ that shows...

find a smoking gun  
prosecutors could not ~

finds no smoking gun  
he ~, no evidence that... (a historian)

provides the smoking gun  
Madagascar ~ for... (impacts from asteroids or comets)

turn up a "smoking gun"  
months of searching failed to ~ (UN / Iraq)

**evidence: weapon**

### **smolder (verb)**

smolders  
the conspiracy theory still ~ today (spy issue)

tensions smolder  
racial and gender ~ (hiring firefighters)

**activity: fire / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb**

### **smooth (verb)**

smooth over their frictions  
Britain and Pakistan hope to ~

smooth over its (rocky) relations  
the Chinese military wants to ~ with the Pentagon

smooth (capitalism's) rough edges  
her policies aim to ~ (a progressive)

smooth relations  
officials hope to ~ with Beijing

smooth the road  
there is no way to ~ to assimilation (forget racial past)

**amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness / verb**

### **smooth (speech)**

smooth talker  
he is a ~

**speech: taste**

### **smooth (character)**

smooth and self-assured  
he is ~ (a politician)

**character & personality: materials & substances**

### **smooth (lack of flaws)**

smooth ride  
the team's season has not been a ~ (sports)

smooth transfer  
he seeks to ensure a ~ of power to his son

smooth transition

the new administration has made a ~

smooth and speedy

we should encourage a ~ transition to democracy

**flaws & lack of flaws: hardness & softness**

### smorgasbord (noun)

smorgasbord of sound

the musical festival offers a virtually limitless ~ (SXSW)

smorgasbord of meetings

the annual gathering is a ~ (UN general assembly)

biggest smorgasbord

it's the ~ on TV (Olympics coverage)

**alternatives & choices: food & drink**

**amount: food & drink**

### smother (amount and effect)

smothered her (little) boy with love

she ~ and attention

smothered the trio in hugs and kisses

her grandmother ~

**amount & effect: breathing / verb**

### smother (cover)

smothered the grenade with his body

he shouted a warning and ~ (combat)

smothered the ball

the goalkeeper ~ to prevent the own goal (soccer)

sand dunes smother

~ empty homes (desertification / northwest China)

**cover: breathing / verb**

### smother (oppress)

smothered me with their rules

they ~ (angry teen about her parents)

campaign to smother

an unsuccessful ~ separatist ambitions

**oppression: breathing / verb**

### snag (noun)

technical snag

a ~ aborted the test launch (satellite rocket)

hit a snag

negotiations ~ over...

♦ "Fully to realize the marvelous precision required in laying the great steamer in her marks in that murky waste of water, one should know that not only must she pick her intricate way through snags and blind reefs, and then shave the head of the island so closely as to brush the overhanging foliage with her stern, but at one place she must pass almost within arm's reach of a sunken and invisible wreck that would snatch the hull timbers from under her if she should strike it, and destroy a quarter of a million dollars' worth of steam-boat and cargo in five

minutes, and maybe a hundred and fifty human lives into the bargain." (*Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain.)

**obstacles & impedance: river**

### snail mail

"snail" mail

electronic mail versus ~

**speed: animal / snail**

### snail (at a snail's pace)

moving at a snail's pace

queues are ~ (Saudi Passports Department)

**speed: animal / snail**

### snail (snail's pace / other)

snail's pace of the investigation

the ~ (murder)

snail's pace of (scientific) publishing

the ~

**speed: animal / snail**

### snake (character)

snake

the guy was a ~ (got her in trouble)

you don't play with ~s and not expect to get bit

**character & personality: animal / person / snake**

**person: animal / snake**

### snake (a trail can snake)

snake downward

the trails ~ (public cave)

snaked down the streets

lines of voters ~ outside polling places (Lusaka)

snakes between Boston and Cambridge

the Charles River ~

snake through the wilderness

logging roads ~

snaked through the long hallways

lines of people ~ (congressional hearing)

snakes (more than) 300 miles

the Trans-Ecuadorean pipeline ~

snakes from Lago Agrio to the Pacific

the Trans-Ecuadorean pipeline ~

trails snake

the ~ downward (public cave)

pipeline snakes

the Trans-Ecuadorean ~ more than 300 miles

**movement: animal / snake / verb**

**resemblance: animal / snake / verb**

**fictive motion: animal / snake / verb**

## snake (snake-bit)

snake-bit

I'm ~ (Spike Less on losing two Oscars to "driving" movies)

♦ This means having bad luck, bad fortune. There are many snakes, but few people get bitten.

**fate, fortune & chance: animal / snake**

## snake pit

media snake pit

jump into the ~

♦ Psychiatric hospitals were referred to as snake pits for their chaos, distress and horror.

**environment: animal / mental health / snake**

**conflict: animal / snake**

**danger: animal / snake**

## snap (verb)

snapped

he had a short fuse and he just ~ (troubled veteran)

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / verb**

## snapshot

snapshot of the epidemic

the studies were the first to provide a ~ in the US

**characterization: picture**

## snare (verb)

snared real people

his website had ~ (fake news)

**involvement: hunting / verb**

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

## snarl (verb)

snarled travel

the storm ~ (snow)

**obstacles & impedance: rope / verb**

## snarl (speech)

snarled

"Shut up!" he ~

**speech: animal / verb**

**sound: animal / verb**

## snatch (verb)

snatched defeat from victory

athletes who have ~

**taking & removing: hand / verb**

**sound: animal / verb**

## sneeze (verb)

sneezes

if Wall Street ~, Europe gets a cold

**relationship: bodily process / verb**

**transmission: bodily process / health & medicine / verb**

## sniff out (verb)

sniffed out a new avenue

he soon ~ for his marketing genius (Southern Poverty Law Center)

sniff out intelligence

spies ~

sniffed out the rot

Shevardnadze ~ in the system (Georgia)

**searching & discovery: smell / verb**

**evidence: smell / verb**

## snipe (verb)

snipe from the sidelines

tradition dictates former presidents don't ~

**accusation & criticism: weapon / verb**

**speech: weapon / verb**

## sniping (noun)

Gingrich's sniping

~ has left Romney better prepared for... (politics)

**accusation & criticism: military / weapon**

**speech: weapon**

## snowball (verb)

snowball

their problems ~ (newly homeless)

snowballed into beatings

the abuse ~ (school)

snowball into panic

a false alarm can ~

snowball into something

this could ~ much worse (trade war)

snowball into trouble

these trends could ~ for the US (conduct of war)

snowballed from there

it ~ and the interest never died (windsurfing)

snowballed out of control

it was an accident that ~ (murder trial)

continued to snowball

the effects ~

started to snowball

the number of her Instagram followers ~

scandal has snowballed  
the ~

**increase & decrease: snow & ice / verb**

### **snowball (snowball effect)**

snowball effect  
entitlements like these always seem to have a ~

created a snowball effect  
the media and public fascination with serial murder ~

**increase & decrease: snow & ice**

### **snowflake (person)**

targets snowflakes  
the ad campaign ~ (British Army)

♦ A similar term to *snowflake* is *teacup*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*, a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

**character & personality: hardness & softness / person / snow & ice**

**strength & weakness: hardness & softness / person / snow & ice**

**person: snow & ice**

### **snuff (verb)**

snuffed the rally with an interception  
they ~ (football)

snuffed out the movement  
a series of high-profile arrests soon ~ (in Syria)

**curtailment: fire / verb**

**destruction: fire / verb**

### **soaked**

sun-soaked (m)  
the highway runs along ~ Pacific beaches (Hawaii)

**absorption & immersion: water**

### **soak up (verb)**

soaked up the sun  
she ~

**absorption & immersion: verb / water**

### **soap opera (noun)**

soap opera  
it's the greatest ~ of the year (NBA Draft)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater**

**feeling, emotion & effect: theater**

### **soar (verb)**

career was soaring  
his ~ (an academic)

rents are soaring  
~ (in France)

sales and profits soared  
~ (a drug company)

toll soars  
China landslide death ~

**increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / verb**

### **sober (verb)**

sobered voters about the costs  
Iraq has ~ of big wars

**feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol / verb**

### **sober (adjective)**

sober assessment  
the panel has issued a ~ of National Defense Strategy

sober reminder  
this report is a ~ of the expensive legacy costs of operating nuclear powered submarines

**feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol**

### **sobering**

sobering figures  
these are ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol**

### **soft (soft on crime, etc.)**

soft on Australia  
he does not want to be painted as ~ (Indonesian politics)

soft on illegal immigration  
he is ~

**strength & weakness: hardness & softness**

### **softball (noun)**

softball question  
TV interviewers lobbed ~s at him

**difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games**

### **soften (verb)**

soften the blow  
the program intends to ~ of the economic downturn

soften their image  
the rebels are on a mission to ~

soften the impact  
the military is trying to ~ (families greet coffins)

soften the law  
lawmakers have tried to ~ (marijuana)

softened her stance  
she has ~ on the issue

**attenuation: hardness & softness / verb**

## soften (speech)

soften his tone  
the president appeared to ~ (tariffs)

softened their tone  
the US and China have ~ (dispute)

**speech: hardness & softness / verb**  
**amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness / verb**

## soft-hearted (adjective)

soft-hearted woman  
she's a ~

**character & personality: heart**  
**heart: hardness & softness**

## soil (fertile soil)

fertile soil for the cultivation  
Pakistan has proved to be ~ of terrorist activity

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant**

## soil (on one's soil)

on its soil  
the government will protect foreign diplomats ~

**possession: ground, terrain & land**

## soldier (soldier on)

soldiered on  
she and her mother ~ (in poverty, after divorce)

**starting, going, continuing & ending / work & duty: military / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: military / verb**

**resiliency: military / verb**

## solid (adjective)

solid evidence  
there is no ~ that...

solid bet  
investing in gold is not a ~

solid footing  
the company is on ~ (profitable, etc.)

solid foundation  
terrorism has weakened the ~ of our democracy

solid performance  
she had a ~ (an athlete)

solid (backup) plan  
the team has a ~

solid results  
the bank has shown ~

rock solid  
the case law is ~ (suit should fail)

rock-solid (m)  
their ~ case began to crumble (murder)

look solid  
the economies of Southeast Asia ~

remain solid  
the ties between our two countries ~

**strength & weakness: materials & substances**  
**substance & lack of substance: materials & substances**  
**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / equilibrium & stability**

## Solomonic (adjective)

Solomonic choice  
firefighters had to make a ~ (choose a building to save)

Solomonic compromise  
supporters of the decision regarded it as a ~ (politics)

Solomonic decision  
the three-judge panel made a ~

Solomonic solution  
she suggested a ~  
they fear her ~ will flood both sides (raising sluice gates)

♦ In 1941, during the blitz, London firefighters had to make a Solomonic choice: save the House of Commons or Westminster Hall next door. They chose to save Westminster Hall.

**judgment: allusion / Bible / religion**

## soothe (sensation)

soothe concerns  
what he said did not ~

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / sensation / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation / verb**

## soothsayer (person)

soothsayer  
I'm not a ~, I don't have a crystal ball  
there were some ~s who were saying... (election results)

market soothsayers  
TV allowed the ~ to reach a voracious audience

media soothsayers  
all these ~ are crazy (sports)

stock market soothsayer  
secrets of the ~ (David Schwartz)

**future: magic / person / religion**

**person: magic / religion**

## sore (affliction)

running sore  
Bloody Sunday became a ~ in the body politic (Ireland)

**affliction: health & medicine**



## sore (sensation)

sore loser

he's just a ~ (boxer complains of decision)

sore spot

regional rivalries are a particular ~ (Central Asia)

sore subject

money can be a ~ in any relationship

**sensation: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## sort out (analyze)

sort it (all) out

joining us to ~ is our media correspondent

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: mechanism**

## soul (identity)

soul

every place has its ~ (Solovetsky Islands)

soul of the Democratic Party

she has won a critical battle for the ~ (anti-Semitic Somali)

heart and soul

racing has lost its ~ (death of popular driver)

he was the ~ of our team (mountaineering)

he poured his ~ into the game (Larry Bird / basketball)

hearts and souls

their ~ are in it (NASA scientists)

sell my soul to the devil

I'd ~ for...

**identity & nature: religion**

## soul-searching

soul-searching

after much ~ we decided...

I did some ~, it was a wakeup call to me (athlete)

there will be ~ (boxing champ loses in shock defeat)

career-oriented soul-searching

he did some ~

national soul-searching

the Holocaust memorial is the result of years of ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: religion**

## sound (perception)

sound of that

I don't like the ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: sound**

## sound (measure)

sounds (dark comedic) depths

the play ~

**measurement: verb / water**

**extent & scope: verb / water**

## sound (solid)

scientifically sound

their theory isn't ~ (about autism and the brain)

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

**strength & weakness: materials & substances**

## soup (mixture)

soup of pollutants

the fish live in a ~ (tomcod in New York)

**mixture: food & drink**

## soup (alphabet soup)

alphabet soup

he dislike the alphabet soup (LGBTQ+)

alphabet soup of choices

we have the ~ (federal organizations and their initialisms)

alphabet-soup designation

the ~ for sexual minorities

**mixture: food & drink / letters & characters**

## sour (verb)

souring on the (administration's) handling

polls show the public is ~ of the catastrophe

soured many on service

a variety of things has ~ (military reservists)

soured investors

uncertainty over legislation has further ~ (Mexico)

soured relations

the incident ~ between the two countries

sour the relationship

raising the question of human rights could ~ (diplomacy)

relationship soured

but the ~ (between two politicians)

relationship has soured

the ~ between museums and archaeologists

**corruption: food & drink / taste / verb**

## sour (adjective)

sour taste

the whole experience left a ~ in my mouth

gone sour

her perfect marriage had ~

turn sour

when did the relationship ~

turned sour

his life in England ~

went sour

a series of business ventures ~

**corruption: food & drink / taste**

## sour (personality)

sour person

she's a ~

**character & personality: food & drink / taste**

## south (go south)

went south

that's when things ~ (runaway locomotive)

things ~ pretty quickly

crop prices ~ (worries of trade war)

the economy ~ and jobs dried up

something ~ in the prosecutor's case, perhaps a witness

went (seriously) south

something ~ in the prosecution's case (all charges dropped)

going south

she knew things were ~ when he locked the door (rape)

**failure, accident & impairment: direction**

## sow (verb)

sowed farmlands and fields with mines

combatants ~ (Balkans)

sowed violence across the region

extremists have ~ (Northern Caucasus)

sow chaos

Assad's fall could ~ in Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon

sowed (such) confusion

he and his legal advisers ~ that... (a general)

sowed discord

the act ~ that lasted for years

sow doubt

a psy-op to ~ and defeatism (military)

sow fear

they use terrorism to ~ and undermine security

snipers ~ (combat)

sowed fear

the killings have ~ and apprehension (sniper murders)

sow goodwill

you can ~ by referring them to competitors (business)

sow instability

the drug war has helped ~, particularly in Bolivia

the insurgents seek to ~ (Iraq)

sow the seeds

enforced potty sitting can ~ of rebellion (toddlers)

sowing the seeds

he could be ~ of a new disaster (price control)

sown the seeds

this successes may have ~ of his demise (business)

sow terror

shooting and carjacking rampage ~ through city (news)

sowed fear and apprehension

the killings have ~ around the area (sniper)

sow fear and distress and anger

terrorists know that headlines ~

♦ "He who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

**creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

**growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

**throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

## sown (planted)

sown in (such) a field

antipersonnel mines should not be ~ until...

**throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant / verb**

## sown (mine-sown, etc.)

mine-sown (m)

a ~ strip of earth (border)

**configuration: farming & agriculture / plant**

## spaghetti (snarl)

spaghetti plots

these are the ~ (storm approaches cast / weather report)

**configuration: food & drink**

## spar (verb)

sparred over education and immigration

the candidates ~ (politics)

**conflict: boxing / verb**

## spare (a minute to spare, etc.)

10 minutes to spare

he called the attack off with ~ (President Trump)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: money / verb**

**time: money / verb**

## spark (verb)

sparked attention

the "frog vaccine" has ~ among foreign researchers

sparked a (land) boom

the lure of cheap homesteads and easy money ~

sparked a (wild) celebration

his winning penalty kick ~ (soccer)

spark conflicts

fences could ~ over access to water (nomads)

sparked his imagination

reading science fiction ~

spark (media) interest  
parental kidnappings do not ~ (of kids)

sparked a (major) inquiry  
her death ~

spark interest  
these clouds continue to ~ (Noctilucent Clouds)

spark a new interest  
sometimes learning will ~

sparked an outcry  
his remarks ~ (racism)

sparked outrage  
the killing ~ around the world  
the shooting was captured on video, and ~ across the city (Chicago)

sparking outrage  
the Israeli raid is ~ around the world

sparked a recall  
ignition problems ~ (automobile company)

sparked resentment  
Chinese investment has ~ in Karachi (Sind)

sparked an (intense) search  
her disappearance ~ that ended when...

sparked an uproar  
his dismissal ~ on campus (popular coach Bobby Knight)

spark (widespread) violence  
elections could ~ (Ivory Coast)

sparked a war  
the border dispute ~ (Eritrea and Ethiopia)

sparked a wildfire  
a single protest ~ (1848)

sparks the wildfire  
Virginia will be the match that ~ of change (politics)

spark or reinforce  
these stores can ~ the "Hillbilly" stereotype

**initiation: fire / verb**

**spark (noun)**

spark for his comeback  
the rivalry was the ~ (a rapper)

small spark  
the clash showed how a ~ could ignite another war

sparks erupted  
those ~ into a bonfire of civic rage

sparks flew  
they had different ideas about money, and ~ (a couple)

keep the spark alive  
the dreams of what were ahead helped ~ for me (love)

put that spark in me  
he ~ that made me want to be a scientist

created a (much-needed) spark  
his visit ~ and drew the world's attention to the Bronx

**initiation: fire**

**spark (spark of hope, etc.)**

spark of hope  
the ~ is getting smaller, but it hasn't gone out

**amount: fire**

**sparkling (superlative)**

sparkling form  
the Watford keeper was in absolutely ~ against West Ham

**superlative: light & dark**

**spark plug**

team's spark plug  
he's the ~

**initiation: electricity**

**sparring partner (role)**

verbal sparring partner  
she is his ~ and confident

**help & assistance: boxing / person**

**spartan (adjective)**

spartan  
it was very ~

**size: allusion**

**spasm (noun)**

spasms of bloodshed  
~ continue (violent drug gangs)

convulsed in a spasm  
for 3 minutes the casino ~ of violence (biker riot)

**affliction: health & medicine**

**spasmodic (adjective)**

spasmodic (sectarian) slaughter  
during the ~ of 2006-2007 (Iraq)

**affliction: health & medicine**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: health & medicine**

**spawn (verb)**

spawned controversy  
the agency has ~ (Darpa)

spawned a generation  
tanning beds ~ of tanning addicts

spawned a (TV) miniseries  
the book ~

spawned an (Oscar-winning) movie  
her book ~ (To Kill a Mockingbird)

spawned (a great wave of ) philanthropy  
Carnegie, Rockefeller and Mellon ~

spawned terrorism  
the Taliban's militancy has ~ inside Pakistan

spawned three tornadoes  
severe weather ~

spawned (monster) waves  
the hurricane ~ that toppled beach houses

**creation & transformation: animal / birth / fish / verb**

## spawned

spawned by the war  
the terrorism ~ in Chechnya

**creation & transformation: animal / fish**

## speak (evidence)

speak for itself  
we hope the evidence will ~

speaks for itself  
the subpoena ~

speak for themselves  
the test results ~

speak louder  
actions ~ than words

**evidence: speech / verb**

## speak (the people have spoken, etc.)

spoke  
people in Massachusetts ~ (elections)

**judgment: speech**

## speak (speak to something)

speak to the imagination  
lighthouses ~

**appeal: speech / verb**

**fictive communication: speech / verb**

## speak out (verb)

speak out against (perceived) injustices  
she feels compelled to ~

spoken out against Chinese rule  
she has ~ over Tibet

spoke out with a (contrary) opinion  
we ~

speak out for white European-Americans

encourage (rape) victims to speak out

**resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb**

## speak up (verb)

speak up  
they were too scared to ~ (a corporation)  
a manager warned her not to ~

spoke up  
he ~ and said, "This man is not qualified"  
she was glad that she ~

courage to speak up  
the importance of having the ~ (military)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb**

## spear (tip of the spear)

"tip of the spear"  
they will be the ~ if America invades Iraq

tip of the spear of the armored column  
the ~ (7th Cavalry Regiment)

**driving force: weapon**

## spearhead (verb)

spearhead the Orange Revolution  
Ms. Tymoshenko helped ~ (Yulia)

spearhead a campaign  
he called on radiologists to ~ to reduce dosages

spearheading the drive  
she is ~ to get him elected

spearheading the initiative  
Brazil, France, Mexico and Norway are ~

spearhead the project  
he helped ~ (downtown revitalization)

looking to spearhead  
we are ~ a major shift...

**driving force: weapon / verb**

## spearhead (noun)

spearhead of a (new) economy  
energy is the ~

spearhead of globalization  
the W.T.O. is the ~

spearhead of the (democratic) movement  
Solidarity was the ~ in Eastern Europe

spearhead for (Islam's) advance  
the Sufis were the ~ into South Asia

**driving force: weapon**

## species (type)

vanishing species  
he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

**taxonomy & classification: animal**

## species (vanishing species)

vanishing species

he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal**

## speckled (configuration)

speckled with corpses and farmhouses

rolling fields ~

**configuration: mark**

## specter (noun)

specter of Sept. 11

he is haunted by the ~

specter of defeat

incumbents face the ~ (elections)

specter of war

the ~ is rising

ugly specter

the deal raises the ~ of conflict of interest

specter (of the past) lingers

the ~

specter (of eating disorder) haunts

the ~ many dancers

confront the specter

once again, Americans ~ of impeachment (politics)

confronts the specter

he ~ of mortality (aging)

facing the specter

he is ~ of death

raises the specter

rising crime ~ of the bad old days (Newark)

rising corn prices ~ of higher prices for beef and pork...

haunted by the specter

he is ~ of Hurricane Katrina

**affliction: creature**

## speed (up to speed)

up to speed on the details

I'm sorry, I'm not ~

up to speed on that

I'm not ~

time to get up to speed

new hires need ~

bring him up to speed

his advisors will ~ on the details (president)

get new workers up to speed

experienced employees can help ~ quickly

keep its algorithm up to speed

he has struggled to ~ (YouTube)

**functioning: mechanism / movement**

**speed: mechanism / movement**

**experience: mechanism / movement**

## spell (spell disaster, etc.)

spells disaster

this ~ for urban peace (unemployment, guns, etc.)

spell disaster

unattended daily challenges could ~ (Velux 5 race)

spells doom

contact with outsiders often ~ for isolated tribes

spell trouble

four of these symptoms could ~ (panic disorder)

spells trouble

I think the whole thing ~ for the president (investigation)

spell (job-search) woes

bad credit can ~

**fate, fortune & chance: writing & spelling / verb**

## spell (under a spell)

under her spell

she brought employees, investors and journalists ~ (a fraud)

under the (nonconformist) spell of Thoreau

he fell ~ (Andrew Martinez)

falls under its spell

everyone ~ (a panda)

fell under its spell

I quickly ~ (a book)

fell under Kelly's spell

she ~ (sex abuse)

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic**

**attraction & repulsion: magic**

## spell (cast a spell)

cast a spell on a ball

he seemed to ~ (Juninho / soccer)

cast a spell over the (rapt) audience

he ~ (a pianist)

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb**

## spell (in a dry spell)

in a dry spell

I was ~, lacking imagination and incentive (an artist)

six-month dry spell

having been in a ~ (dating)

**progress & lack of progress: weather & climate**

## spell (into a dry spell)

fell into a (long) dry spell  
he ~ (athlete)

**progress & lack of progress: weather & climate**

## spell (throughout a dry spell)

throughout that dry spell  
~ he showed composure (golfer)

**progress & lack of progress: weather & climate**

## spell (dry spell / other)

dry spell ended  
and then the long ~ (investments and buying)

ended his dry spell  
the goal ~ (sports)

**progress & lack of progress: weather & climate**

## spellbinding

spellbinding story  
the play was the concluding chapter in a ~ (series)

spellbinding mug shot  
we look at his ~ and wonder why he did it (murder)

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic**

## spellbound

spellbound  
I watched her, ~  
she listened ~ to his account

spellbound by (Old English) poetry  
he was ~ (Auden)

stunned and spellbound (m)  
he confessed all he had done to a ~ courtroom

held us spellbound  
she ~ (an actor's performance)

kept the crew spellbound  
the aurora ~ for hours (the Far North)

**feeling, emotion & effect: magic**

## spelled out

spelled out in the handbook  
the policy is ~ distributed to every....

policy is spelled out  
the ~ in the handbook distributed to every...

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: writing & spelling / letters & characters**

## spell out (verb)

spells out  
nothing in the law ~ what to do with a student like her...

spells out what  
nothing in the law ~ to do with a student like her

spell out fees  
contracts that don't ~ or... (assisted living)

spell it out  
do I have to ~ in every ugly detail

spells (all) this out  
the contract ~...

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: writing & spelling / letters & characters / verb**

## spend (time)

spent the night on cots  
about 20 people ~ (tornado survivors)

spent a day in combat  
the academic professional who has never ~

spent weeks in the hospital  
she ~ recuperating

spent 19 days in jail  
she ~

spent the night in the (dining hall) lodge  
they ~ (climbers)

spent years in exile  
they ~ in Iran (Hakims / Iraq)

spent 29 years in the Navy  
Ms. Evans ~

spent years in school  
I ~ studying a foreign language

spent less time at high altitude  
I'd ~ (Everest)

spent a few hours with Hani Shukrallah  
I ~

spent eight months (in jail) awaiting  
he ~ until...

spent three years building  
I just ~ this (an inn destroyed in flood)

spent (most of) his (adult) life climbing  
he has ~

spent about two hours digging  
the group ~ the cave by hand (climbers)

spent about 15 minutes examining  
the trauma team ~ the boy

spend several weeks feeling  
I ~ incredibly guilty about the situation

spent the afternoon hiking  
we ~

spent the afternoon and early evening paddling

we ~ (sea-kayaking)

spent endless hours practicing  
she ~ basketball (SuAnne Big Crow)

spent three hours removing  
surgeons ~ the arrow (hunting accident)

spent a week searching  
police ~ the area

spent their 77-hour ordeal standing  
the miners ~, wet (trapped)

spent three months studying  
he ~ English in Santa Monica

spend the last four years studying  
he has ~ oceanography

spent the evening talking  
they ~

spent his career training  
he ~ young men and women for war

spent a lot of time trying  
I ~ to fix it

spend days waiting  
they can ~ in line (Chinese truck drivers / coal)

spent the morning watching  
I ~ TV

spent his life working  
having ~ in hospitals...

spent six hours working  
he ~ on the framework (space-station spacewalk)

spent several years working  
he ~ at a restaurant

spent most of my time rock climbing  
At 20 I ~ (Reinhold Messner)

spent the day sightseeing  
he ~ on the Las Vegas Strip

spent her (two) pregnancies nauseated and vomiting  
she ~

spend the night  
~, not a fortune (Scenic View Motel, Bryson City, NC)

spend (Monday) night  
I'll ~ someplace outside of Washington (trip)

**time: money / verb**

### **spend (spend energy, etc.)**

spent a lot of energy  
they ~ in the search

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

### **spew (vomit)**

spewed venom  
she ~ (neurotic woman)

hate-spewing (m)  
~ crazies rarely care about the facts

**speech: bodily process / verb**  
**throwing, putting & planting: bodily process / verb**  
**sphere (in the sphere)**

in the economic sphere  
~...

**environment: earth & world**

### **sphinx (noun)**

sphinx of Washington  
the silent ~ finally spoke at length (Robert Mueller)

Washington sphinx  
for two years he was a ~, silent and mysterious (Mueller)

**character & personality: creature / statue**

### **spice up (verb)**

spice up your sex life  
10 ways to ~

**amelioration & renewal: food & drink**

### **spigot (noun)**

loan spigot  
lenders opened the ~ (home loans and foreclosures)

gushing (federal) spigot  
many voters don't want to shut off the ~ (deficit)

spending spigot  
the ~ must close (government spending)

open the military-spending spigot  
the Cold War helped to ~

shut off the spigot  
they are trying to ~ of Russian boar (invasive species)

**constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure / water**  
**leaking: infrastructure / water**

### **spike (increase)**

spiked last week  
gun and ammunition sales ~

**increase & decrease: shape / verb**

### **spike (spike in business, etc.)**

spike in business  
dollar stores are seeing a ~

spike in demand  
we can expect a ~ (housing market)

**increase & decrease: shape**

## spill (speech)

spilled out  
she pauses briefly before the words ~

spills out  
her indignation ~, but soon she calms down and...

**speech: water / verb**

## spill (amount and effect)

spilled out  
US special forces troops ~ of C-130s...

spilled out into their back yard  
trash ~ (hoarders)

spilled out into the streets  
people ~ (earthquake)

spill across the border  
problems from Somalia ~ (into Kenya)

spilled over the border into Chad  
the Darfur conflict has ~

spill over into other countries  
he believes this trend will ~, including...

spill over onto MSRs  
take action to ensure refugees do not ~ (military)

spilled over the border  
its forces opened fire when the fighting ~ (Thailand)

spilled into Virginia  
none of the protests ~ (from D.C. / IMF / World Bank)

**amount & effect: water / verb**

**movement: water / verb**

## spin (spin out of control)

spinning out of control  
digital downloading and copying is ~  
his personal life seemed to be ~  
Nairobi is ~ (crime)

spun out of control  
the argument ~

**control & lack of control: movement / verb**

## spin (message)

political spin  
all the ~ in the world won't change that...

put an alarmist spin on the story  
the reporter ~, as though the company were in bad shape

♦ "She was very concerned about the manipulation of news, she was very concerned about how stories were spun, how they were reported, and how they were changed over time, something that is obviously very topical now as we see news with questionable content." (The son of the remarkable Marion Stokes, who recorded news broadcasts on VHS from 1979 to 2012. From "Why a woman secretly taped 30 years of TV news," BBC, May 8, 2019.)

**message: movement**

## spin (spin control)

international spin control  
official attempts at ~

attempts at (international) spin control  
official ~

**message: movement**

## spine (courage)

America's spine  
we have seen the steel in ~

show (a bit of) spine  
politicians stand in front of unsympathetic audiences as a way to ~

have (enough) spine  
some Republicans ~ to stand up to the president (politics)

**courage & lack of courage: back**

**strength & weakness: back**

## spine (branching)

spine of the Pyrenes  
behind us we have the ~ (on the French coast)

agricultural spine  
in the landlocked Central Valley, the state's ~ (CA)

**bases: back**

**branching system: back**

## spin-off (noun)

spin-offs from (space) experimentation  
the medical and technological ~

medical and technological spin-offs  
the ~ from space experimentation

**creation & transformation / product: movement**

## spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)

spiraled out of control  
Rye's junior prom ~ (drunk teens)  
events quickly ~ (Bosnian war)

spiraling out of control  
in danger of ~

spiral out of control  
medical expenses can often ~  
his life seemed to ~ (drug addict)

spiraling out of control in the Caucasus  
violence is ~

life spiraled out of control  
his ~

prom spiraled out of control  
Rye's junior ~ (drunk teens)

expenses can (often) spiral



medical ~ out of control

violence (in Iraq) spiraled  
as ~ beginning in 2003

violence is spiraling  
~ in Russia's North Caucasus

**control & lack of control: movement / plane / verb**

### **spiral (spiral downward, etc.)**

spiraled downhill  
at home, he ~ (troubled soldier back from Iraq)

spiraled downward  
the economy of Detroit has ~

**decline: direction / verb**

### **spiral (downward or upward)**

spiral upwards  
the reported tanker attacks caused oil prices to ~

**increase & decrease: direction / plane / verb**

### **spiral (in a spiral)**

in a death spiral  
American newspapers are ~ (declining circulations)

**decline: direction**

### **spiral (into a spiral)**

plunged into a spiral of drug use  
he ~ in his early teens

**decline: direction**

### **spiral (on a downward spiral)**

on a downward spiral  
the team is ~ (sports)  
he has been ~ over the past 6 months (alcohol, etc.)

**decline: direction**

### **spiral (downward spiral, etc.)**

downward spiral  
sexual addiction is an ugly ~  
her ~ began years ago when...

**decline: direction**

### **spiral (other)**

spiral of depression  
the downward ~, which can lead to death

death spiral  
the avalanche ~ is likely to continue

**decline: direction**

### **spiraling (increase)**

spiraling costs  
the ~ of a college education

spiraling (health care) costs  
how to cover the uninsured and control ~

spiraling (suicide) rates  
~ sound a warning bell

spiraling violence  
~ in the Middle East

**increase & decrease: direction**

### **spirit (feeling)**

spirit of the hajj  
the ~, where all stand equal before God

spirit of adventure  
wilderness education instills the ~ (high school)  
safaris are antithetical to the ~ (luxury / Zambia)

spirit of camaraderie  
developing a ~

spirit of the carnival  
some say the true ~ is being lost (Rio / commercialism)

spirit of defiance  
what I appreciate about Bonds is his ~ (baseball player)

spirit of the (American) military  
the honorable and decent ~

spirit of the Olympics  
taking controversial judging decisions in the ~

spirit of reconciliation  
work together in a ~ (Vietnam, US)

spirit of religion  
violence and terrorism are incompatible with the ~

spirit of the sport  
what violates the ~ (doping, etc.)

spirit of wilderness  
Windy Falls embodies the ~ to me

spirit of exploration and adventure  
for centuries, the North Pole has inspired a ~

spirit of amateur competition  
supposedly this violated the ~ (1920s)

spirit of sisterhood  
encourage the true ~ (sorority)

spirit competition  
the annual Cheerleading Worlds—the Super Bowl of ~s

spirit, courage and talent  
a man of indomitable ~ (Mayor Giuliani)

NASA's spirits  
the success lifted ~

city's spirit  
Rocky Balboa has come to symbolize the ~ (Philly)

company's (fighting) spirit

no one questions the ~

festival's (innovative) spirit  
the ~ (San Sebastian International Film Festival)

group's (enterprising) spirit  
the ~, anti-drug message

people's spirits  
the wet weather has dampened ~ (France)

state's (independent) spirit  
the ~ (Nevada)

Christmas spirit  
~—goodwill toward men

Ramadan spirit  
local Muslims complain of a lack of ~ (Dubai)

St. Patrick's Day spirit  
get in that ~

community spirit  
unprecedented level of ~ (after tragedy)

holiday spirit  
share some ~

pioneer spirit  
the ~, the cowboy spirit

school spirit  
bonfire, and the ~ it inspires...

team spirit  
they hold hands in a show of ~ (high-school football)  
that magic moment when you feel the ~ coming together

cowboy spirit  
a latter-day extension of the ~  
names that evoked the ~

start-up spirit  
a corporate culture that maintains the ~

can-do spirit  
its ~ has given way to a civil-service culture (NASA)  
NASA's original sense of mission and ~

enterprising spirit  
the group's ~, anti-drug message

fighting spirit  
no one questions the company's ~  
she attributes her ~ to her father (singer with pink hair)  
his exemplary ~ in the face of... (military)

uplifting spirit  
it retains its ~ (film into a musical)

American spirit  
he is an outstanding example of the ~ (hero bus driver)

adventurous spirit  
she's an ~  
she has always had an ~

civic spirit

Buffalo residents met the blizzard with ~

competitive spirit  
the ~ (Ping-Pong players)

entrepreneurial spirit  
the ~ that built America lives on in Dubai  
there is a deep ~ and a highly ambitious workforce  
he spoke of their ~ and effort (Somali immigrants)  
America's open frontier and ~... (bail bond companies)

free spirit  
she was a ~ who played the flute

good spirits  
she was in ~, but hungry and in pain (rescued POW)

independent spirit  
the state's ~ (Nevada)

indomitable spirit  
a man of ~, courage and talent (Mayor Giuliani)

innovative spirit  
the festival's ~ (San Sebastian International Film Festival)

patriotic spirit  
people show their ~ (Veterans Day)

true spirit  
encourage the ~ of sisterhood (sorority)

level of (community) spirit  
unprecedented ~ (after tragedy)

show of (team) spirit  
they hold hands in a ~ (high-school football)

honorable and decent spirit  
the ~ of the American military

band and spirit (m)  
the ~ squads (college football)

body and spirit  
an ordeal of ~ (high Himalayan bivouac)

compassion, spirit, (even) gallantry  
residents show ~ (nursing home)

courage, spirit and (selfless) devotion to duty  
his ~

minds and spirits  
a place to renew our ~ (creative retirement center)

name, spirit and tradition  
the ~ of the school (Saint-Cyr)

Opportunity and Spirit  
NASA's durable twin rovers, ~ (Mars)

spirit changed  
her ~, she wasn't the same (after being beaten)

spirits sank  
my ~

boosted my spirits

it ~

break my spirit

no matter how long they keep me here, they can't ~ (jail)

dampened (people's) spirits

the wet weather has ~ (France)

embodies the spirit

he ~ of moderate Islam...

inspired a spirit

for centuries, the North Pole has ~ of exploration

for centuries, the North Pole has ~ of adventure

lift our spirits

the best thing to ~ is a sexy photo (man's magazine)

lifted (NASA's) spirits

the success ~

symbolize the (city's) spirit

Rocky Balboa has come to ~ (Philly)

violated the spirit

supposedly this ~ of amateur competition (1920s)

prop up her spirits

though her body sagged, her doctor helped ~

keep their spirits up

they sang and prayed to ~ (illegal migrants on boat)

get in that (St. Patrick's Day) spirit

it's not hard for her to ~

getting in the spirit

we are ~ (Halloween)

**feeling, emotion & effect: religion**

## spirited

spirited competition

a ~

free-spirited

the ~ girlfriend

mean-spirited (m)

~ defenders of traditional values

**character & personality: religion**

## spit out (verb)

spit out

high-tech machinery can ~ 400,000 lobster traps

**creation & transformation: bodily process / mouth / verb**

## spit (spit down)

spat down rain

the sky ~

**resemblance: bodily process / mouth / verb**

## spit (verb)

spit you out

the river will ~ like a pumpkin seed (enders / kayaking)

spit (tons of) lava

Mount Nyiragongo ~ onto this central African border...

**resemblance: bodily process / mouth / verb**

## splash (effect)

big splash

why did we make a ~ about it (arrest of a spy)

she made a ~ in her visit to the state (candidate)

major splash

he made a ~ early on (a writer)

felt the splash

when the Internet bubble popped, every Web site ~

made a splash

the book ~

made a splash

he ~ when he accused...

make a (big) splash

why did we ~ about it (arrest of a spy)

**feeling, emotion & effect: water**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: water**

**effect: water**

## split (noun)

cause splits

they seek to ~ between the citizens and the government

**division & connection: materials & substances**

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances**

## split (verb)

splitting the party

the issue is ~ (politics)

**division & connection: materials & substances / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb**

## split (split apart / up, etc.)

split families apart

our immigration policies ~

split up

Connie and Ivy ~ (marital problems)

**division & connection: materials & substances / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb**

## sponge (noun)

sponge

he's a ~ (a coachable tennis player)

he called her his ~ because she asked so many questions

he is a ~ when it comes to soaking up information

sponge of culture

it's a ~ (headquarters of an artists' collective)

sponge for ideas

she was a ~ (a cook with thousands of recipes)

sponge for (musical) ideas

he is a ~ from a great variety of sources (composer)

sponge for information

I'm a ~ (an arts organizer)

human sponge

he's a ~ (a comedy writer who collects words, ideas)

**absorption & immersion: animal / water**

**spook (verb)**

spooked the sailors

a rash of accidents and near-misses had ~ of the 7th fleet

spook them

horses know what to do if you don't ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: creature / verb**

**spooked**

spooked

financial markets are ~

current bondholders would be ~

got spooked

he ~ (a suspect under police surveillance)

**feeling, emotion & effect: creature**

**sport (team sport)**

ultimate team sport

aviation safety is the ~ (regulators and manufacturers)

**unanimity & consensus: sports & games**

**spot (in a tight spot, etc.)**

in a tight spot

we're ~ with very little wiggle room

in a (very) difficult spot

this outcome puts him ~ (failed negotiations)

♦ A "fat man's squeeze" is the name for a narrow spot in a cave.

**situation: container / ground, terrain & land**

**spot (tight spot, etc.)**

wiggled out of tight spots

he's ~s before (terrorist)

**situation: container / ground, terrain & land**

**spotlight (in / under the spotlight)**

in the spotlight since high school

she has been ~ (college basketball player)

in the spotlight for the way

police are ~ they handled the case

in the national spotlight

the reporter put the case ~ (murder)

in the spotlight

how do you handle having your love life ~ (a celebrity)

under an (international) spotlight

its every move is ~ (a political group)

sport is in the spotlight

the ~ after the death of...

put the case in the (national) spotlight

the reporter ~ (murder)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark**

**spotlight (into the spotlight)**

dragged into the spotlight

they had been ~ by...

thrust into the spotlight

I was ~ (Miss USA and the Haiti earthquake)

from the shadows to the spotlight

survivors have moved ~ (sex abuse)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark**

**spotlight (out of the spotlight)**

out of the (public) spotlight

he is now ~

keep him out of the spotlight

we are trying to ~, under the radar (troubled athlete)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: spotlight / light & dark**

**spotlight (shine a spotlight)**

shine a light on the abuse

what he did was ~ (prison guard)

shined a spotlight on (racial) tensions

an attack that has ~ here (Long Beach)

shines a spotlight on the practices

he ~ and beliefs of the Mormons

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark / verb**

**spotlight (steal the spotlight)**

steal the spotlight

any team can ~ in the early stages of the Tour de France

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark / verb**

**spotlight (other)**

international spotlight

the ~ is bringing the country down (social media)

grab the spotlight  
this gives China a chance to ~

shunned the spotlight  
he ~ for the rest of his life (Neil Armstrong)

shift the spotlight to the president's handling  
we need to ~ of the economy (politics)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark**

### **sprawling (adjective)**

sprawling city  
Aleppo is a ~ of 3 million people

sprawling compound  
he has retreated to his ~ (a dictator facing protests)

sprawling (intelligence) leviathan  
9/11 helped to create a ~

sprawling (computer) networks  
as we grow more dependent on ~, we grow vulnerable...

**size: standing, sitting & lying**  
**extent & scope: standing, sitting & lying**  
**configuration: standing, sitting & lying**

### **spring (growth)**

Arab Spring  
the series of revolts represent an ~

**growth & development: season**

### **spring (spring into action, etc.)**

spring into action  
when a disaster hits, local responders ~

**eagerness & reluctance: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **springboard (noun)**

springboard to the sacred  
she uses nature as a ~ (a poet)

**initiation: mechanism / water**  
**throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / water**

### **spring up (verb)**

sprang up  
many new housing developments ~

**appearance & disappearance: plant / verb**

### **sprinkle (verb)**

sprinkled (nonscientific) rulers throughout the agency  
she ~ (C.D.C.)

**configuration: rain / verb**

### **sprinkled (configuration)**

sprinkled with the names  
Antarctica is ~ of explorers and scientists

sprinkled among the crowds  
~ were far-right extremists

**configuration: rain**

### **sprout (verb)**

sprouting next to slum communities  
you see high-rises ~ (Bangkok)

sprouting all around  
condos and office buildings are ~

**appearance & disappearance: plant / verb**

### **spur (verb)**

spurred the international community to threaten  
the atrocity ~ the Serbs with Nato airstrikes (Bosnia)

spur growth  
the government is trying to ~

**initiation: horse / verb**

### **spur (shape)**

spur ridge  
as we snowshoed up a ~

spur track  
trains roll in and out on the network of ~s

bone spur  
he removed a ~ that had developed (in elbow)

**shape: horse**

### **spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)**

Geneva Spur  
we slowly made our way up the ~ (Everest)

Mummery Spur  
they were swept away high up on the ~ (Nanga Parbat)

Snake Spur  
~ twisted before us (Queensland, Australia)

Sunrise Spur  
~ is in Queensland, Australia

Half Moon Spur  
we looked up ~ (New Zealand)

**proper name: horse**

### **spur (on the spur of the moment)**

go stargazing on the spur of the moment  
it was not uncommon for them to ~

**haste: horse**

### **spurned**

spurned by anyone  
bamboo bows are ~ who can afford a compound bow

gift spurned

it was a ~ (soccer player misses easy goal)

**acceptance & rejection: love, courtship & marriage**

### **spur-of-the-moment (adjective)**

spur-of-the-moment brawl  
the ~

**haste: horse**

### **spurred**

spurred to speak out  
he has been ~ out (environmental activist)

spurred to action  
he has been ~, to speak out (environmental activist)

**initiation: horse**

### **sputter (verb)**

sputtering  
the economy is ~

**functioning: engine / mechanism / sound / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: engine / mechanism / verb**

### **square (public square)**

modern public square  
Twitter is a ~ (lawsuit against Twitter)

modern town square  
Twitter is not merely a website, it is a ~ (lawsuit against Twitter)

**inclusion & exclusion: infrastructure / speech**

**society: infrastructure / speech**

### **square off (verb)**

square off in the general election on 6 November  
the two men ~

**conflict: boxing / verb**

### **squeal (protest)**

squealing  
downstream industries are ~ (steel tariffs)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / sound / verb**

**speech: animal / sound / verb**

**sound: animal / verb**

### **squeeze (fit)**

squeeze (5,500) inmates into a space  
prison officials, trying to ~ built...

squeeze the subject in  
he cajoles teachers to ~ (civics)

squeeze their experiences onto one page  
many try to ~ (resumes)

**configuration: pressure / verb**

### **squeeze (squeeze something for / from / out of something)**

squeeze apologies from corporations  
~ (slavery)

squeeze settlements from corporations  
~ (slavery)

squeeze some good from his pain  
he began talking about it, hoping to ~

squeeze out a living from this terrain  
parents who ~ (mountains)

squeeze (so much) power out of engines  
how it was able to ~ so small

squeeze sales out of (fewer) resources  
helping businesses ~

**creation & transformation: pressure / verb**

### **squeeze (put the squeeze on something)**

put the squeeze on a rival gang  
he ~ (Al Capone)

**oppression: pressure / verb**

### **squeeze (pressure)**

financial squeeze  
the city is feeling the ~

putting the squeeze on Taiwan  
China is ~

**oppression: pressure**

### **squeezed (oppressed)**

squeezed  
if the growers are ~, the banana workers feel the pain

**oppression: pressure**

### **squeezed (fitted)**

squeezed into a maze  
families are now ~ of vertical slums (Kabul)

squeezed onto 550 acres  
Dharavi is home to a million people ~ (Mumbai)

squeezed between Tajikistan, Pakistan and China  
the Wakhan Corridor is ~

**configuration: pressure**

### **stab (stab somebody in the back)**

stab each other in the back  
how we like to ~ (blacks)

stabbed her in the back  
he ~ (was unfaithful to his wife)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: knife / verb**

## stab (sensation)

stab of love  
she feels a ~ so fierce (mother for husband, kids)

stab of pain  
I felt a ~ in my ribs

**sensation: knife**

**feeling, emotion & effect: knife**

## stab (attempt)

stab in the dark  
it was a ~, but...

stab at Everest  
Chantal Mauduit was making her seventh ~

stab at boxing  
many of my friends also took a ~

seventh stab  
Chantal Mauduit, who was making her ~ at Everest

making her (seventh) stab at Everest  
Chantal Mauduit, who was ~ without oxygen

took stabs at boxing  
many of my friends also ~, some for the workout...

take a stab at TV  
sometimes filmmakers ~ (Bruckheimer, Spielberg, etc.)

**attempt: knife**

## stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)

stabbing pain  
I felt a ~ in my side

**sensation: knife**

## stability (noun)

restore stability  
in the latest effort to ~ after a military coup...

**functioning: equilibrium & stability**

## stabilize (verb)

stabilize the situation  
US officials are trying to ~

**amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / verb**

## stable (noun)

stable of (young) fighters  
he has a ~ at the James Shuler Memorial Gym (Philly)

**group, set & collection: animal / horse**

## stack (blow one's stack)

blew my stack  
I finally got fed up and ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: boat / explosion / verb**

## stage (verb)

staged the abduction  
police do not believe the missing girl ~

staged an (impromptu) parade  
a million people ~ (French World Cup victory)

staged protests  
angry citizens ~ against the government

staged an (unauthorized protest) rally  
they ~ near Red Square

staged tests  
he ~ under simulated combat conditions

staged a (phony) kidnapping  
he ~ to cover up his crime

**directing / performance: theater / verb**

## stage (set the stage)

sets the stage for a confrontation  
this ~

sets the stage for (further) violence  
the incident ~

**development: theater / verb**

## stage (center stage)

center stage  
Clinton's next opportunity to take ~

take center stage  
Clinton's next opportunity to ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater**

**center & periphery: theater**

## stage (attention)

national stage  
this was his debut on the ~ (a politician)

burst onto the stage  
he was one of several poets who ~ in the 60s (Russia)

returning to the world stage  
China is ~

has the stage all to himself  
he ~ (a controversy others can't comment on)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater**

**center & periphery: theater**

## staged (directed)

staged  
the famous photo was not ~  
there was nothing faked, nothing planned, nothing ~

staged by the government  
the confessions were ~ for domestic consumption

staged by an ethnic group  
the blockade is part of a strike ~ (Nepal)

staged for the auditor's benefit  
the lesson was clearly ~ (school)

staged reading  
their ~ of the Constitution was cynical (politics)

organized or staged  
the accident has not changed how the event is ~ (race)

**directing / performance: theater**

### **stage-manage (verb)**

stage-managed visits  
the military ~ to troops (Afghanistan in 2006)

**performance: theater / verb**

### **stagger (verb)**

staggered the (scientific) community  
he ~ (11-year-old William James Sidis)

**feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb**

**disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb**

### **stagnant (adjective)**

stagnant  
wages are ~, jobs scarce, and credit tight

stagnant economy  
employers are reluctant to add jobs in a ~  
Republicans are to blame for the ~ (NYT)

**decline: movement / water**

### **stagnate (verb)**

stagnated under his rein  
the office ~

**decline: movement / water / verb**

### **stain (verb)**

stained everyone  
he has ~ (cyclist denies doping, then confesses)

**reputation: mark / verb**

**flaws & lack of flaws: mark / verb**

### **stain (noun)**

stain on our history  
this is a ~ (lynching of blacks in the US)

stain on the honor  
it is a ~ of the US military (anti-gay policy)

stain on the profession  
he is a ~ (nurse who killed patients)

stain on his reputation  
the ban lingered as a ~  
the second ~ involves... (a US general)

great stain  
the incident was a very ~ on the reputation of the Army

indelible stain  
doping left an ~ on his record (sports)

reputational stain  
the ~ is greater in these cases (sex abuse)

bore the stain  
the city ~ of what had happened (Philadelphia, MS)

remove this stain  
we must ~ from the laws of our nation (gays in military)

put a stain on her record  
this could ~

**flaws & lack of flaws / reputation: mark**

### **stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)**

Stairway Falls  
~ is in Queensland, Australia

Grand Staircase  
the ~ rises from the Grand Canyon (geological layers)

**proper name / shape: stair**

### **stake (importance)**

stakes  
the ~ are high

raised the stakes  
the pope's opponents have ~

♦ This word relates to potential for gain or loss.

**importance & significance: gambling**

### **stake (high stakes)**

high-stakes test  
teachers prepare students for ~s

**importance & significance: gambling**

### **stakeholder**

stakeholders in education  
there are many ~

♦ In the old days, stakeholders held the money of bettors.

**interest: gambling**

### **stake out (verb)**

stake out (bigger) slices  
in the ceaseless quest to ~ of the market

stake out (new) territory  
as Microsoft tries to ~

**possession: surveying / verb**

### **stale (adjective)**

stale  
there's nothing ~ about the new retail concept



stale news  
this is ~ being recycled by those with personal agendas

stale work  
he battled against the ~s of the reigning academics

feel stale  
he started to ~ and underachieving

grown stale  
the company's offerings have ~ (mobile phones)

went stale  
the relationship finally ~ (coach and team)

**corruption: food & drink**

**flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink**

## stalemate (noun)

political stalemate  
infrastructure projects are at risk due to the ~

**progress & lack of progress: chess**

## Stalingrad (epithet)

Stalingrad of the East  
the campaign is often described as the ~ (Kohima / Imphal)

turn Sloviansk into a "Stalingrad"  
he threatened to ~ (War in Donbass in 2014)

**conflict: epithet / history / military**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: epithet / history / military**

**epithet: history / military**

## stalk (verb)

stalk the refugee camps  
malnutrition and disease ~ (Darfur)

stalks their every move  
death ~ (soldiers in Afghanistan / IEDs)

stalked the residents  
tragedy ~ of Maple Street

**predation: animal / verb**

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / predation / verb**

## stalking-horse (noun)

stalking horse  
the company was the system's ~ (sued)

♦ Hunters discovered that if they hid behind a cutout of a horse, they would not frighten their prey.

**subterfuge: horse / hunting**

**concealment & lack of concealment: horse / hunting**

## stall (verb)

stalled  
negotiations have ~  
the economic recovery has ~

**failure, accident & impairment: engine / mechanism / verb**

**functioning: engine / mechanism / verb**

**progress & lack of progress: engine / mechanism / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / mechanism / verb**

## stalled

stalled talks  
a breakthrough in ~ on a bill that... (lawmakers)

remains stalled  
the economy ~ in a deep recession  
the governor's controversial plan ~ (by opposition)

**failure, accident & impairment: engine / mechanism**

**functioning: engine / mechanism**

**progress & lack of progress: engine / mechanism**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / mechanism**

## stamp (impression)

stamp of our experiences  
our faces bear the ~

put a stamp  
his performance ~ on a great career (athlete)

**impression: mark / tools & technology**

## stamp (stamp of approval)

government stamp of approval  
the label is the ~ for energy saving (EnergyStar)

privacy stamp of approval  
the company gives a ~ to Web sites

societal stamp of approval  
it is doubtful the practice will ever win a ~

gave his company a stamp of approval  
the government ~ (regulators)

gave its stamp of approval to the plan  
the board ~

put its stamp of approval on the negotiations  
the Arab League has ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mark**

## stamped

stamped on the nation's conscience  
the murders were ~ (Philadelphia, MS / civil rights)

**impression: mark / tools & technology**

## stamp out (verb)

stamp out "criminal machismo"  
he has vowed to ~ (abuse of women)

stamp out superstition  
Mao tried unsuccessfully to ~ (China / numbers, etc.)

stamp out many traditions  
the ruling mullahs sought to ~ (Iran / Nowruz)

stamp out their way of life

Saddam drained the wetlands to ~ (marsh Arabs)

sought to stamp out  
the ruling mullahs ~ many traditions (Iran / Nowruz)

vowed to stamp out  
he has ~ "criminal machismo" (abuse of women)

**destruction: foot / verb**

### **stampede (noun)**

crowd stampede  
a thousand people drowned in a great ~ (Lagos)

**behavior: animal**

### **stance (take a stance)**

take a stance on abortion  
we would never ~ (editor of small paper)

take a (strong) stance against North Korea  
China is under pressure to ~

took an assertive stance  
he took an ~ (diplomacy)

take a strong stance  
China is under pressure ~ against...

**position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (resist)**

stand against Hollywood  
it's futile to ~ when... (film dispute)

stand our ground  
we must ~ on education and health care (budget cuts)

stood their ground  
the mayor and the police chief both ~ (criticism)

stood firm  
he ~ and got his way and it is good he did

stand fast  
the US will ~ against violence at its diplomatic missions

futile to stand  
it's ~ against Hollywood when... (film dispute)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (position)**

stand on the issue  
where does he ~

stand with the victims  
we ~ of injustice

**position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (stand as one, etc.)**

stand as one  
we ~ (on policy issue)

**unanimity & consensus: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (stand firm)**

stand firm for social justice  
we will ~

**commitment & determination: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (stand behind something, etc.)**

stand behind their product  
they ~ (satisfied J.C. Penney shopper)

stood by his decision  
he ~ to fire her

stand tall  
he will ~ for you (ad for politician)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (stand in the way)**

stand in the way  
just a few contract details ~ (boxing)  
never ~ of a person's dream  
he has made it clear he will not ~ (investigation)

stand in their way  
nothing is going to ~

**obstacles & impedance: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (stand the test of time, etc.)**

stood the test of time  
standards of honor that have ~  
their marriage has ~ (arranged)

stood or fell  
the government ~ by its alliance with...

**survival, persistence & endurance: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (last stand, etc.)**

her last stand  
her senate appearance may prove to have been ~ (Rousseff)

last stand for Ted Cruz  
is Indiana the ~ (republican presidential primary)

♦ The rearguard action of a group of British soldiers at the village of Khig, following the British disaster in the Battle of Maiwand (27 July 1880) during the Second Anglo-Afghan War, was one of the most courageous last stands in military history. It helped to allow the bulk of the British troops to safely withdraw to Kandahar. The only survivor of the last stand was Bobbie, a terrier attached to the Berkshires, who made it all the way back to England. Bobbie visited Queen Victoria, who awarded him with a

medal. Custer's last stand is well known to Americans. Less well known is the fact that there was one survivor: Comanche, the favorite mount of Captain Myles Keogh, who was found wandering the battlefield, badly wounded. Comanche was transported by ship to Fort Lincoln, and then to Fort Riley, Kansas, to live out his life in peace, never ridden again, allowed to eat the flowers from the flower gardens, and called upon only to participate in "riderless horse" ceremonies. Another famous rear-guard action was the Battle of Thermopylae in Greece in 480 BC, against the invading Persians, who were eventually defeated.

**resistance, opposition & defeat: flags & banners / military / standing, sitting & lying**

### **stand (a tough stand, etc.)**

stand on abortion  
people want to know his ~

tough stand  
his ~ could create instability (a world leader)

united stand  
a ~ on African development

stand reflects  
his new ~ more politics than principles (politician)

take a stand  
FIFA must ~ on fan racism

taken a stand  
athletes have ~ by taking a knee (NFL)

**position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying**

### **stand (stand still / time)**

time can stand still  
time can move and ~

time seems to have stood still  
~ (Mocha Island)

**time: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (stand still / progress)**

standing still  
his friends were moving ahead while he was ~

**progress & lack of progress: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (stand still / development)**

language doesn't stand still  
~ (constantly changes and evolves)

**development: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand (a lamp can stand, etc.)**

language doesn't stand still  
~ (constantly changes and evolves)

**fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **standard-bearer**

standard bearers of (American) tennis  
they are the ~ (Williams sisters)

standard-bearer for women's issues  
she is a ~ nationwide

standard-bearer for his issues  
he has been a consistent ~ for decades (Bernie Sanders)

losing its standard-bearer  
the company is ~ (Starbucks)

**representation: flags & banners / military / person**

### **stand by (verb)**

stand (idly) by  
we cannot ~ while the dictator kills his people

**action, inaction & delay: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand by someone (support)**

stood by him  
he thanked the fans that had ~ (scandal)

standing by me  
I know he is ~

stood by his story  
his bosses ~ (a reporter)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand down (verb)**

stand down  
planes were in the air when word came to ~

stood the military down  
the operation was in the early stages when Trump ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: military / verb**  
**action, inaction & delay: military / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **stand for (verb)**

stand for  
what does he ~ (a candidate)

**position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**representation: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

### **standing (continuing)**

longstanding absence  
adapt to the ~ of water (Santa Fe)

longstanding (gentleman's) agreement  
violated a ~ between owners

long-standing dispute  
the ~

long-standing embargo  
a ~

long-standing feud

motivated by a ~ (murder in Afghanistan)

longstanding grievances  
the uranium boom has given new life to ~ over land

long-standing history  
a woman with a ~ of depression and abuse

long-standing interest  
I have a ~ in politics

long-standing policy  
the AMA had a ~ against... (medicine)

longstanding (US) policy  
an update of ~

long-standing practice  
his ~ of accepting lavish gifts

longstanding practice  
end the ~ here of abandoning unwanted children

longstanding (security) relationship  
the ~ between the two countries

longstanding resentments  
the judge's ruling did not end ~ (integration)

long-standing resentments  
~ over past mistreatment (US blacks)

longstanding taboo  
a ~ against use of nuclear weapons except as last resort

longstanding (Chinese) tradition  
spitting is a ~

longstanding (security) relationship  
the ~ between the two countries

long-standing and deserved (m)  
it has a ~ reputation for... (a company)

deep and long-standing  
our ties are ~ (US / Canada)

recurrent, chronic, or longstanding  
symptom episodes may be ~ (depression)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: standing, sitting & lying**  
**survival, persistence & endurance: standing, sitting & lying**  
**standoff (noun)**

standoff  
there's a ~ here and somebody has to blink (politics)

standoff between the US and Israel  
the diplomatic ~

standoff over the North's (nuclear) activities  
the ~ (Korea)

standoff distance  
a 62-meter ~ from launcher to detonation point

hostage standoff

a ~ ended early yesterday

diplomatic standoff  
the ~ between the US and Israel

75-minute standoff  
after a ~

71-day standoff  
the ~ (Wounded Knee II)

**conflict: standing, sitting & lying**  
**stand out (attention)**

stand out  
two main courses ~ (restaurant review)

stands out  
she really ~

stood out  
some things ~ (murder investigation)

stand out from the crowd  
a good cover letter will help you to ~

stands out from the crowd  
one man ~

stood out among her (immediate) peers  
she ~ (investment banker)

stands out as something special  
the Ponzi scheme still ~

stand out in my mind  
there are so many images that ~ from that time...

stand out in the (reality-show) cesspool  
it's hard to ~ (TV)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / superlative: standing, sitting & lying / verb**  
**standout (noun)**

standout on the (basketball) team  
he is a ~ (high school)

standout in a regime  
Ali Hassan al-Majid was a ~ of criminals (Iraq)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / superlative: standing, sitting & lying**  
**standstill (noun)**

standstill traffic  
he spends 10 minutes on average in ~

at a standstill  
with politics ~... (lack of government action)

came to a standstill  
the main port in Chittagong ~ (Bangladesh)

**progress & lack of progress: movement / standing, sitting & lying**

## stand up (stand up for something)

stood up for

if Joe believed in something, that's what he ~

stand up for what

they are proud to ~ they believe in

stands up for what

he ~ is right (ad for a politician)

stand up for (other) people

she taught him to ~

stand up for students

teachers admitted that they did not always ~

stand up for themselves

children must learn to ~ (during abductions)

stand up for the students

and we've had straight teachers who ~ (gay)

stand up for (all the) women

I hope she will ~ in the world (father of abuse victim)

stand up for the little guy

he isn't afraid to ~

stand up and be counted

this was a perfect opportunity for the chance to ~ (oppose terrorism)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## stand up (stand up to something)

stand up to aggression

we must ~

stood up to the (schoolyard) bully

he ~ (student vs. record-industry lawyers)

stand up to bullies

we are supposed to ~, not follow them (politics)

stand up to employers

employees must ~ (unions)

stand up to (religious) fundamentalists

he was brave enough to ~ (assassinated)

stand up to the government

it took a brave man to ~

stand up to (scientific) scrutiny

she has no figures which would ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## star (shape)

star dune

~s have a high central column

~s have 3 or more arms radiating outwards (deserts)

star quilt

a traditional ~ (Sioux style)

five-pointed star

a Wiccan religious symbol, a ~ inside a circle

Wicca's symbol, the pentacle, is a ~ inside a circle

gold star

she awards a ~ for good work (teacher)

Silver Star, Bronze Star

he won a ~, and Purple Heart (World War II)

**shape: astronomy / star**

## star (person)

star of the sitcom

the ~ (TV)

star of mixed martial arts

Tito Ortiz, a ~, trains in gyms at Big Bear Lake

stars in show business

some of the biggest ~ were there (a party)

stars in Major League Baseball

international ~

star on the (acoustic music) scene

she's a fast-rising ~

star at the academy

she has been an academic ~ (Naval Academy)

star's ego

massaging a ~ is a necessary indignity

star athlete

a top student, a ~, and a caring girlfriend

star performer

recognize our ~s (customer service)

star power

the film hardly lacks for ~

star professor

~s move from one university to the other

star quality

youth, ~ and idealism

the ~ that very few people have

star scorer

she was a ~ (basketball)

star turn

the case was full of dramatic ~s

star case agent

~s fabricated reports (CIA)

Harvard's (rising academic) stars

he had been one of ~

movie's star

the ~

child star

she is a Hollywood ~ gone bad

movie star  
it was my first experience with celebrities and ~s

pop star  
Youssou N'Dour, the Senegalese ~

rap star  
one of the first female ~s

rock star  
fans of the Croatian ~ Marko Perkovic (Thompson)

soccer star  
a ~ at J.E.B. Stuart High School  
David Beckham, the ~  
one of the world's highest-paid and highest-profile ~s

television star  
writers, politicians, ~s...

basketball star  
Len Bias was a ~  
the ~ Michael Jordan

country-music star  
a guitar signed by various ~s

gangsta-rap star  
he is better known as the ~ DMX

Hollywood star  
a biography of a ~  
his client list once included many ~s (PI)

martial arts star  
he looked up to the ~ Bruce Lee as a role model

rising star  
the 25-year-old ~ (film actor)  
Sgt. Murad is a ~ in this effort (Arabic speakers)

rising (Hispanic) star  
the GOP has a ~ in Texas (politics)

rising (academic) star  
he had been one of Harvard's ~s

fast-rising star  
she's a ~ on the acoustic music scene

widely known and highly paid stars  
~ (network-news anchors)

academic star  
she has been an ~ at the academy (Naval Academy)  
he had been one of Harvard's rising ~s

international star  
~s in Major League Baseball

political star  
Pakistan's new ~ is bad news for the US

superstar  
she evolved from star to ~ (an actor)  
he is one of those ~ authors

nationally famous star

from local acts to ~s (music)

25-year-old (rising) star  
the ~ (films)

biography of a (Hollywood) star  
the ~

**achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / person / star**  
**superlative: astronomy / person / star**  
**person: astronomy / star**  
**star (achievement)**

star  
his ~ continued to rise

star in the (neoconservative) firmament  
Bloom had become a ~

Obama's star  
~ is still rising

rising star  
she was once Silicon Valley's fastest ~

shooting star  
Gale Sayers was football's ~

star is still rising  
Obama's ~

star rose  
he won his first contest and his ~ quickly

star continued to rise  
his ~

**achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / light & dark / star**  
**superlative: astronomy / light & dark / person / star**  
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / light & dark / star**  
**star (decline)**

star was (clearly) dimming  
his ~ (a baseball player)

star (of Lucy Lunsford) has dimmed  
how the ~

star was fading  
her ~ fast (head of corporation)

star had (already) set  
his ~ long before his death

star has fallen  
his ~ (a teen idol)

star had wobbled out of the heavens  
in the end, her ~ (Whitney Houston)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / light & dark / star**  
**decline: astronomy / light & dark / star**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / light & dark / star**

## star (fate)

stars align

sometimes the ~ and we're treated to an artist...  
every song is a roll of the dice, but sometimes the ~ (a hit)

stars rarely align

the ~ to produce a winner (music)

stars aligned

the ~ when he was given a chance to direct his first film

stars have aligned

the ~ for Lopez Obrador (election)

stars lined up

the ~ (John Paul Stevens joins the Supreme Court)

stars have to align

a lot of ~ for those tax increased to pass (politics)

♦ *Nina Totenberg: [John Paul] Stevens' rise was, to some extent, a fluke... / Clifford Sloan: It was an accident of history, and the stars lined up in a way that could not have been possible before that precise moment and probably could not have been possible after that precise moment.* (Gerald Ford appointed Stevens to the Supreme Court.)

**fate, fortune & chance: astronomy / star**

## star (Silver Star, etc.)

Silver Star, Bronze Star

he won a ~, and Purple Heart (World War II)

**proper noun: astronomy / military / star**

## stare (stare at defeat, etc.)

staring at defeat

she was ~ at 4-1 in the second set (tennis)

**fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb**

## stare down (verb)

stared down his (personal) demons

he ~

stared down his opponents

he ~ (a politician)

staring down the regime

protestors are ~

stare down risk

skiers ~ (crashes, fatalities, etc.)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / eye / verb**

## stare-down (noun)

stare-down over (budget) issues

they got into a ~ (ruling party and opposition)

stare-down with the police

some protestors stayed behind for a ~

stare-down contest

we had a ~, and he won (conflict)

stare-down game

in a kids' ~, you lose if you laugh or giggle

had a stare-down

he and the coyote ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / eye**

## start (running start)

running start

he's off to a ~ (politician runs for presidency)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games**

## starvation (noun)

starvation budget

scientific agencies on ~s

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food**

## starvation wages (noun)

starvation wages

sweatshop workers endure ~, dangerous conditions

♦ *My dictionary dates this word to 1898.*

**sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food**

## starved

starved for attention

he is ~ (a boy)

starved for cash

the army has been ~ since the cold war's end (Iraq)

starved for sex

Meagan complained she was ~ (on national TV)

cash-starved (m)

~ budgets

love-starved (m)

visits a ~ wife in her house

sex-starved (m)

we find ~ girls (Internet porn site)

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink**

## static (noun)

static of statistics

a story can dart through the ~ into people's hearts and minds

oceans of static

locating kernels of truth within ~

chaos and static and negativity

Trump ~

♦ *This word is similar to noise.*

**activity: sound**

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound**

**obstacles & impedance: sound**

### **steal (steal the show, etc.)**

stole the show

Travis Pastrana ~ (X Games / motocross)

she ~ at the MLS match (girl belts out national anthem)

steal headlines

we aren't here to ~ (cold-case detectives)

steal the spotlight

you can ~ in the early stages (Tour de France)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: crime / verb**

### **steal (steal customers, etc.)**

steal customers from convenience stores

Kmart hopes to ~ like 7-Eleven

stole a (close) decision

Trinidad ~ (against De La Hoya / boxing)

stole the round

he ~ at the end (a boxer)

steal the vote from Gbagbo

he was toppled when he tried to ~

**taking & removing: crime / verb**

### **steam (verb)**

steaming over this

I'm ~ and ready to explode (angry)

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / pressure / temperature / verb**

### **steam (blow / let off steam)**

blew off steam

he ~ in the Kamnik Alps (troubled climber)

blow off (a little) steam

on Fridays after work I like to ~

let off steam

if your child is high-spirited, let her go outside to ~

**amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: pressure / verb**

### **steam (pick up steam, etc.)**

gathering steam

job growth is ~

it looked like PMS as a defense was ~

pick up steam

it looks like it's starting to ~ (firefighter on wildfire)

**force: train / verb**

### **steam (full steam)**

full steam ahead

prosecutors are moving ~

**force: train**

### **steam (lose steam)**

losing steam

the campaign was ~

**force: train / verb**

### **steam (take the steam out, etc.)**

take the steam out of the protests

the president is trying to ~ (France)

**force: train / verb**

**amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb**

### **steamroll (verb)**

steamrolled to victory

the Americans ~ (sports)

steamrolled through the playoffs

the Detroit Pistons ~ (basketball)

steamrolled by Ovechkin

Luongo is fine after being ~ (hockey collision)

steamrolled by a (billionaire) bully

I will not allow our food community to be ~

steamroll the (traditional studio) system

streaming companies are going to ~

steamrolled his way

he ~ to title in 2014 and 2015 (a wrestler)

steamroll Siberia and the Far East

if the economy doesn't improve, China will ~

**destruction: tools & technology / verb**

### **steamy**

steamy

Bollywood soap operas are not as ~ as Latin ones

steamy (sex) movie

I watched this ~

steamy (Australian) videos

tourists will want to buy ~

**sex: temperature**

### **steel (strength)**

steel

you have been baptized in fire and come out ~ (combat)

ring of steel

Times Square will be a ~ (New Year's security)

**strength & weakness: materials & substances / steel**

### **steep (verb)**

steeped myself in classics

at Oxford, I ~



steeped himself in the theories  
at Oxford, he ~ of Richard Dawkins (scientist)

**absorption & immersion: verb / water**

## steeped

steeped in turmoil  
the team is ~ (sports)

**absorption & immersion: water**

## steer (verb)

steered contracts to cronies  
he ~ (political corruption)

steered money to his mistress' husband  
he ~ (a politician)

steer money to a program  
the tried to ~ that... (controversy)

steer patients towards abortion  
counselors may ~ (genetic diseases)

steer them in the right direction  
you have to ~ (training elite athletes)

steer mothers in the right direction  
we need to ~ (breastfeeding)

steered people into returning  
the recession has ~ to school

steer him from bad influences  
some who worried did try to ~ (troubled football player)

steered away from describing  
he ~ his injury (an athlete)

steer people away from generics  
drug companies may hype expensive products to ~

steers the talk away from gay issues  
she ~ (marriage)

steers us off course  
sometimes life ~

steers the conversation  
he ~ (group therapy)

**directing: mechanism / verb**

## steer (steer clear of something)

steered clear of controversy  
he has ~ (an ex-politician)

steer clear of drugs  
programs to help students ~

steers clear of (clothing) styles  
he ~ favored by Hispanic gangs

**avoidance & separation: boat / mechanism / verb**

## stellar

stellar (boxing) ability  
Mayweather is honing De La Hoya's already ~

stellar (young) boxer  
Dmitriy Salita is a ~ and an Orthodox Jew

stellar (job) candidate  
she seems like a ~

stellar (employment) record  
he was denied partnership despite a ~ with the firm

stellar views  
the house has across the Anacostia to the Capitol

stellar year  
the company had a ~ (profits)

stellar body of work  
she has a ~ (a biologist)

**superlative: astronomy / star**

## stem (from stem to stern)

from stem to stern  
the book is anti-religious ~

**extent & extent: boat**

## stench (noun)

stench of corruption  
he has begun to remove the ~ (brave Newark mayor)

**evidence: smell**

## step (shape)

step waterfall  
a cascade or ~ isn't steep, doesn't plunge

**shape: stair**

## step (first step, etc.)

good first step  
the repeal is a ~ (politics)

first step toward stability  
housing is only the ~ (homeless)

first step towards keeping  
the measure is a ~ a campaign promise

first step in limiting  
EPA takes ~ aircraft emission

first step to repeal  
this is the ~ Obamacare (politics)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping**

**sequence: walking, running & jumping**

## step (step ahead / pursuit)

one step ahead of him

I'm trying to stay ~ (woman being stalked)

one step ahead of them

but every time he was ~ and he got away (hunt for KSM)

one step ahead of us

he was ~ (a criminal)

**pursuit, capture & escape: walking, running & jumping**

## step (a step ahead / competition)

one step ahead of her daughter

she tries to stay ~ (a 13-year-old / dating, etc.)

one step ahead of their teachers

it's easy for students to stay at least ~ (cheating)

one step ahead of our kids

we've got to stay ~

at least one step ahead

cheaters are always going to be ~ of the testers

remained a step ahead

AOL has ~, first with chat and email...

stay one step ahead

she tries to ~ of her daughter (a 13-year-old / dating)

**competition: walking, running & jumping**

## step (a step away)

step away

he's just a ~ from success (a singer)

**proximity: walking, running & jumping**

## step (a step closer)

one step closer to a second term

he is ~ (Hawaiian politics)

**proximity: walking, running & jumping**

## step (every step of the way)

every step of the way

he was there ~ (supporting us)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping**

## step (a step in the right direction)

step in the right direction

from what I hear, it's a ~

the decision is a small ~

this is a ~, but there is still a long way to go

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping**

## step (a step forward)

step forward

they are trying to take things a ~

tremendous step forward

we think this is a ~ (a conference)

bold step forward

the commission has taken a ~

taken a (giant) step forward

our nation has ~ on the issue of race

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping**

## step (a step back / backwards)

a step back

the team has taken ~

a step backwards

this is a ~ to the bad old days (homeless policy)

the game was ~ (disappointed soccer coach)

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping**

## step (in step)

in step with New Yorkers

her views are more ~ (politician)

in step with the times

he is not ~

in step with voters

she is ~ (a politician)

more in step

his conservatism is ~ with Republicans (politics)

marched in step

his career has ~ with the growth of the field

**unanimity & consensus: walking, running & jumping**

## step (out of step)

out of step with his colleagues

he is ~ (a politician)

out of step with the consumers

the company seems ~ (autos)

out of step with the nation's

his priorities are ~ (president)

out of the step with the times

he may be ~, but... (songwriter)

out of step with the values

he is ~ of the modern Democratic Party (Joe Biden 2019)

out of step with the voters

his views are ~ (politics)

out of step with the (state's) values

his views are ~ (politician)

**unanimity & consensus: walking, running & jumping**

## step (baby steps, etc.)

toddler steps towards equality

we have made some ~, and then we fall back

take baby steps

on the ridge leading to the Hillary Step I could only ~

**progress & lack of progress: baby / walking, running & jumping**

### step aside (verb)

step aside for a younger man

it is better that he ~ (boss)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### step away (verb)

stepped away from boxing

he ~ because of the politics of the sport (Quartey)

step away from them

I didn't want to ~ (a film directors speaks of themes)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### step down (verb)

step down

protestors are calling on the King to ~

stepping down as the chief executive officer

she is ~

steps down as the coach

Klinsmann ~ of Germany (World Cup soccer)

steps down as (Cuban) leader

Castro ~ (headline)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping**

### step (step back / perspective)

step back

it's a good time to ~ and think about the future (NASA)

it's important to ~ and see the big picture

**perception, perspective & point of view: position / verb**

**context: position / verb**

### step (step back / sequence)

step back

we are going to ~ now to explore another issue

**sequence: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### step (step back from something)

step back from the brink

they must ~ (rioters battle soldiers)

**avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping**

### stepchild (weakness)

stepchild position

the ~ of intelligence officers...

**strength & weakness: family / person**

**worth & lack of worth: family / person**

**relationship: family / person**

**person: family**

### step in (verb)

step in

the grownups must ~ and clean up the mess (finance)

the president could ~ to fire people (politics)

**involvement: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**action, inaction & delay: movement / walking, running & jumping / verb**

**responsibility: walking, running & jumping / verb**

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### stepmother (cruelty)

heartless stepmother

the EU is a ~ trying to drive Greece out of the family

**relationship: family**

### stepping stone

stepping stone

she characterized the deal as a "~" (to peace)

stepping stone to get

migrants see Italy as a ~ them to France

stepping stone on (South Sudan's) path

the polls are an important ~ to nationhood (2010)

important stepping stone

the negotiations are an ~ on the road to peace

saw the job as a stepping stone

she ~ (modeling)

saw it as a stepping stone

Shackleton ~ (job with RSGS)

**help & assistance: river / journeys & trips**

**division & connection: bridge / river**

### step up (increase)

stepped up their courtship

both India and China have ~ of Africa

stepped up their drills

the marines have ~, a Pentagon adviser said

stepping up enforcement

officials are ~ of anti-discrimination laws in education

stepped up our game

we've ~ since 2016 (protecting US elections)

stepped up (naval) patrols

Italy and Libya have ~ to reduce the flow of migrants

step up the tempo  
NASA believes it can ~ of launchings (shuttle)

**increase & decrease: electricity / verb**

### **step up (rise to the occasion)**

step up  
great leaders ~ and take responsibility

stepped up to help  
his colleagues ~ him (sick wife)

step up to their challenge  
who among you will ~

step up to the plate  
parents have to ~ (having "sex talk" with teen kids)

step up and deal with it  
we saw law enforcement ~ (Austin serial bomber)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: walking, running & jumping / verb**

**responsibility: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **steroids (on steroids)**

AI on steroids  
Amazon can deliver in two days because of ~

hang-glider on steroids  
they are a ~ (hypersonic weapons)

Reaganomics on steroids  
Trump's policy is ~

put it on steroids  
racism didn't start with him, but he ~ (politics)

**increase & decrease / power / strength & weakness: health & medicine**

### **stew (mixture)**

stew of chemicals  
workers breathed a ~ (9/11)

stew of (caustic political) commentary  
the documentary film is a ~

stew of (energizing) contradictions  
it is a ~ (Game of Thrones)

stew of (inhaled) particles  
the burning ~ was composed of many things (9/11)

stew of religion, politics and (anti-immigrant) feeling  
the case involved a ~ (attempt to build mosque)

stew of (disappointed) separatists and Islamists  
the country is a seething ~

chemical stew  
sewers are ~s

toxic stew  
the broken well produced a ~ of gas and chemicals

**mixture: food & drink**

### **steward (role)**

stewards of the Earth  
we are ~

stewards of the environment  
native people as ~

stewards of the land  
native residents are better ~ than newcomers

**help & assistance: boat / person / plane / train**

**directing: boat / person / plane / train**

### **stick (emotion)**

stuck with me ever since  
it has ~

sticks to you  
it is stunning, and it ~ (the movie *A face in the Crowd*)

**attachment: materials & substances / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: materials & substances / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / verb**

### **stick (stick to / by / with something)**

stick to the evidence  
people in traditional medicine said he did not ~

stick to our plan  
let's ~...

stuck to that principle  
and he ~ (Abraham Lincoln)

stuck to my story  
and I ~ (interviewed by FBI)

sticking to a (proven) strategy  
he was ~ (Tour de France)

stick to its (newly aggressive) strategy  
how long the US can ~ (in Iraq)

stick to Islamic values and traditions  
she urged women to ~ (Saudi royal)

urged women to stick to  
she ~ Islamic values and traditions (Saudi royal)

stick by him  
we will ~

stick with their given names  
many immigrants ~ (Takeru, Quirino, etc.)

stick with the rules  
he must ~ of the game

**attachment: materials & substances / verb**

**survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: materials & substances / verb**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: materials & substances / verb**  
**commitment & determination: materials & substances / verb**

## **stick (endurance)**

stick  
the allegations of child abuse didn't ~ (messy divorce)  
there is uncertainty whether the recovery will ~  
the deal might not ~ (diplomacy)

stuck  
he threw polices at the wall and saw what ~ (FDR)

**survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb**

**attachment: materials & substances / verb**  
**sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)**

sticky situation  
even the most independent women face ~s

get sticky  
getting involved in the rumor mill at work can ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**  
**situation: materials & substances**  
**attachment: materials & substances**

## **stifling (adjective)**

stifling  
the byzantine regulations are ~

**oppression: breathing**

## **stigmatize (verb)**

stigmatize the mentally ill  
people still ~

**characterization: mark**

## **stillborn**

stillborn effort  
he documents a ~ to develop new antiviral agents

**success & failure: baby / birth / death & life**  
**creation & transformation: baby / birth / death & life**  
**growth & development: baby / birth / death & life**

## **sting (noun)**

take the sting out of giving and getting  
five tips to ~ advice

**sensation: insect**

## **stinging (adjective)**

stinging article  
she wrote a ~ criticizing...

stinging blow

the jury's decision was a ~

stinging criticism  
officials unleashed ~ at the Fed

stinging defeat  
it was a ~ for the Democrats (elections)

stinging rebuke  
the elections were a ~ to the Democrats  
the Vatican delivered a ~ to American nuns  
his comments are a ~ of Obama (diplomacy)

**feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation**

## **stink (verb)**

stinks  
this situation ~

**corruption: smell / verb**

## **stink (raise a stink)**

raising a stink about the article  
no one is ~ about the article

**conflict: smell / verb**

## **stir (effect)**

stir in the (national news) media  
it created a ~

stir among the (general) public  
the issue has caused little ~

huge stir  
a gay student who ran for homecoming queen caused a ~

caused a stir  
the antiwar statements of a few Oscar winners ~

causing such a stir  
why Beto O'Rourke is ~ in 2020 race

created a stir  
it ~ in the national news media

**feeling, emotion & effect: cooking**  
**effect: cooking**

## **stir (verb)**

stirred up  
the novel ~ a critical storm (Thani Al-Suwaidi)

stirred passions across North Africa  
the unrest in Tunisia has ~ (2011)

stirs the drink  
he's the straw that ~ in Congress

stirred fears  
the attacks ~ that...

stirred the (public) imagination  
the killer's ability to avoid capture has ~

**initiation: cooking / verb**

## stir up (verb)

stir up controversy

he tries to ~ (college Republican)

stir up gossip

this will ~

stir up indignation

we hope to ~ and stimulate action (MSF)

stirred up a (great) dust

all of the activity ~ above the village (powwow)

stir up (Democratic) turnout

they sent leaders across the country to ~

**initiation: cooking / verb**

## stitch together (verb)

stitched the dispatches together into a story

he ~ (a journalist)

stitched together a community

we have ~ of nations

**creation & transformation: cloth / verb**

## stock (worth)

stock

his ~ is surely set to soar (boxer after fight)

his ~ was high in the early weeks of the season (a coach)

his ~ has fallen so much (boxer loses championship)

stock has risen

his ~ steadily in the West Wing (vice-president)

**worth & lack of worth: money**

## stoic (adjective)

stoic (Norwegian immigrant) farmers

he grew up in a family descended from ~

remained stoic

he ~ as the verdict was announced

**feeling, emotion & effect: allusion / sensation**

## stoke (verb)

stoke (racial) animosity

the flag issue has helped to ~

stoke a debate

the incident seemed likely to ~ about...

stoked (furious) discussion

the issue has ~ at the Website

stoke the fire

increasing his punishment will only ~

stoking the (racial) fires

he is ~ (a politician)

stoked the fires

the issue has ~ of sectarian violence

stoked hysteria

the media have ~ (public health)

stoked (local) outrage

the company's policies have ~ (mining)

stoked protests

the acquittal of the soldiers ~

stoke (racial) resentment

the right is trying to ~

stokes resentment

she ~ of elites (a politician)

stoking their wrath

the state media have been ~

**initiation: fire / verb**

**increase & decrease: fire / verb**

## stomach (accept)

hard to stomach

it's ~ (sudden death of young athlete)

**acceptance & rejection: food & drink / verb**

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

## stomach (food)

stomach

an army marches on its ~

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink**

## stomach (eagerness)

stomach for battle

an Iraqi Army unit showed little ~

stomach for the (entitlement) fight

the president clearly has no ~

stomach for what's ahead

it's not clear that the American people have the ~ (war)

stomach for boxing

his heart and ~ are no longer there

stomach for fighting

he has no ~

stomach for tackling

politicians have no ~ the issue (immigration)

heart and stomach

his ~ for boxing are no longer there

have the stomach

do the American people ~ for what's ahead (war)

**eagerness & reluctance: food & drink / stomach**

## stomach (turn one's stomach)

turned my stomach

I saw some stuff that ~ (combat in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: stomach / verb

## stone (throw stones, etc.)

stone throwing

it's time to call a halt to all the ~

throw stones

people in glass houses should not ~

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land

## stone (turn over every stone, etc.)

no stone

~ has been left unturned (a criminal investigation)

difficulty, easiness & effort: ground, terrain & land / verb

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: ground, terrain & land / verb

## Stone Age

take society back to the Stone Age

they want to ~ (suppression of media)

growth & development: history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

## stone-hearted

stone-hearted (m)

this ~ world

heart: materials & substances

empathy & lack of empathy: heart

## stone's throw

stone's throw from the JFK airport

a ~ is a Portuguese neighborhood

proximity: arm

## stonewall (verb)

stonewalled the Swiss

the CIA ~ (investigation)

stonewalling

he was ~ very successfully (expert witness at trial)

the White House is ~ so aggressively

obstacles & impedance: wall / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: wall / verb

## stoop (behavior)

stoop to that

why would you ~ (behavior)

stoop to his level

don't ~

stoop to that level

it is not necessary to ~ (racial insults)

behavior: direction / verb

## stop (stop at nothing)

stop at nothing

he will ~ to silence the truth

they are so desperate to win they will ~

they will ~ to destroy the president (politics)

stops at nothing

Candi Station ~ to create

restraint & lack of restraint: distance / verb

behavior: distance / verb

## stop (pull out all the stops)

pulled out all the stops

we ~ (investigation of child abduction)

♦ This idiom relates to a pipe organ.

commitment & determination: music / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: music / verb

## storm (verb)

stormed the (park) gates

the kids ~

stormed back to win

the team ~ (sports)

stormed the barricades

he ~s (to hold church accountable)

amount & effect / force: storm / verb

## storm (by storm)

by storm

she took Hollywood ~

amount & effect / force: storm

## storm (Desert Storm, etc.)

Storm King

the USS ~ was commissioned in 1943 (a ship)

Storm King (m)

14 firefighters died on ~ Mountain (Colorado)

Desert Storm

he participated in direct-action missions during ~

proper name: storm

## storm (weather the storm)

weather the storm

it remains to be seen if he can ~ (a politician)

weather this (economic) storm

cities need help to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: storm / verb

## storm (in the storm)

in the gathering storm

the hospital is rudderless ~ (deficits)

**conflict: storm**

### **storm (perfect storm)**

perfect storm of challenges

the team is trying to weather a ~ (sports)

perfect storm of events

a ~ caused the die-off (of dolphins in the Gulf)

perfect storm of risks

the world economy faces a ~

perfect storm of depression, concussion and overtraining

her father described a ~ (daughter commits suicide)

fiscal perfect storm

states have sailed into a ~ (debt)

looking at the perfect storm

we are ~ (allergies and allergy season)

**amount & effect: storm**

### **storm (amount and effect)**

storm of accusations

a ~ of sexual abuse (Catholic Church)

storm of controversy

the ~ that has blown up around him over...

storm of criticism

the ~ helped prompt NASCAR to...

the president returned home to a ~

storm of protest

the decision produced a ~ (government)

unleashed a storm

congressmen ~ of patriotic rage

**amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind**

### **storm (conflict)**

center of the storm

at the ~ is Ayaan Hirsi Ali (Holland)

center of a (diplomatic and political) storm

he was at the ~

Gathering Storm

"Rising above the ~" decries our loss of competitiveness

passing storm

this may be just a ~ (politics)

diplomatic storm

the Prime Minister's stance triggered a ~

economic storm

cities need help to weather this ~

political storm

her decision has set off a ~ in the Netherlands

the report has caused a ~ in Rwanda (genocide)

worst of the storm

the ~ is over (employment rises from historic lows)

storm was brewing

outside, the ~ (protests against the government)

storm is gathering

a ~ (US lack of innovation, competitiveness)

provoked a storm

the article ~

quiet the storm

the league issued a statement to ~ (controversy)

rode out the storm

the punch hurt him, but he ~ (boxing)

set off a (political) storm

her decision has ~ in the Netherlands

weathered (all sorts of) storms

the Catholic Church has ~ across the centuries

**conflict: storm**

### **storm (calm before the storm)**

calm before the storm

this is likely to be the ~ (lull in computer hacking)

**activity / development: storm**

### **storm (immune-system storm, etc.)**

immune-system storm

an ~, anaphylactic shock, which can be fatal

**resemblance: storm**

### **stormy**

stormy marriage

his ~ to...

stormy relations

the Shinnecocks have long had ~ with local authorities

stormy relationship

she divorced and began a ~ with...

he has had a ~ with management (network host)

♦ The hardy sailor comes from stormy seas.

**flaws & lack of flaws: storm**

### **story (horror story)**

horror story

we've all heard ~s (bad landlords)

"horror stories" about methamphetamine

the press is full of ~

horror stories about family breakdown

all the ~

restaurant horror story

~s are on the rise



health-care horror story

a ~

managed-care horror story

another ~

**resemblance: story / books & reading**

## story (war story)

their war stories

their podcast focuses on ~ (two heroin junkies)

recounts his war stories

as he ~ (about the film industry)

**experience: books & reading / military / story**

## storybook

storybook moment

it was a ~ (glass-carriage royal wedding)

storybook romance

baby, won't you be my sweetheart, we could share a ~

storybook season

it's been a ~ for us (a basketball coach)

storybook victory

the validity of the ~ was questioned (sports)

**resemblance: story / books & reading**

**flaws & lack of flaws: books & reading**

**superlative: books & reading**

## straddle (straddle the fence)

straddling the (diplomatic) fence

the Yemeni leader is ~ (US vs. Iraq)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: fence / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**position, policy & negotiation: fence / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**commitment & determination: fence / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## straddle (connect)

straddles the line between news and entertainment

he ~ (TV personality)

straddled the worlds

he ~ of mainstream and alternative medicine

**division & connection: leg / line / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## straddle (configuration)

straddles the border

the community library ~ (between US and Canada)

**configuration: leg / line / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

**fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

## straight (honest)

straight story

give us the ~ on how common they are...

set some people straight

he ~

set the record straight

I wish to ~

**character & personality: direction**

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction**

## straight (the straight and narrow)

walked the straight and narrow

he has ~ for 14 years (defense asks for bail at trial)

**character & personality: direction**

**behavior: direction**

## straight arrow (person)

straight arrow

she didn't drink or do drugs, she was a ~

♦ A straight arrow is a person who is proper and conventional.

**character & personality: direction / person**

**behavior: direction / person**

## straighten out (verb)

straighten out the (financial) mess

the act appointed a trustee to ~

**amelioration & renewal: direction / rope / verb**

## straightforward

straightforward approach

her ~ startles many (on pediatric safety)

Carroll's rah-rah style and Stoop's more ~ vary sharply

we take a ~ to business (honesty, integrity)

straightforward style

others liked his ~ (a coach)

honest, truthful, straightforward, ethical (m)

you can't always expect ~ behavior from recruiters

**character & personality: direction**

## straight-talking

straight-talking outsider

he was a ~

**speech: direction**

## strain (type)

strain of Islam

Wahhabism, the rigid and puritanical ~ (Saudi Arabia)

strains of Islam

with radical ~ percolating through Europe (prisons)

strain of (Sunni) Islam

the mainstream, Turkish-influenced ~ (Balkans)

radical strain

with ~s of Islam percolating through Europe (prisons)

rigid and puritanical strain

Wahhabism, the ~ of Islam (Saudi Arabia)

**taxonomy & classification: health & medicine**

### strain (verb)

strained power grids

the heat wave ~

**work & duty: burden / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: burden / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

### strain (pressure)

strains of (military) life

the unique ~ (problems)

strain on our relationship

it put a ~ (husband into motorcycle club)

strains among the (Western) allies

intervention could create ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

### strained

strained

his relationship with his parents was ~

strained by demand

logistical elements can be ~ for ammo, etc.

strained relations

the ~ between our two nations (US / France)

strained relationship

he wanted to improve his ~ with his father

strained social compact

an already ~ will grow yet more frayed

badly strained

relations were ~ in March (between 2 countries)

relations are (more) strained

~ than ever (between talent and the studios)

**flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

### strait (dire straits, etc.)

dire financial straits

contrary to the report, the company was not in ~

**situation: breadth / container**

### straitjacket (noun)

straitjacket of stress

a ~ shut me down (stuttering)

policy straitjacket

they put themselves in a ~ (euro zone)

chemical straitjacket

psychotropic drugs are a ~ (the mentally ill)

intellectual straitjacket

I began to realize my faith was an ~

absolutist and dogmatic straitjacket

they are confined in an ~ (Supreme Court justices)

escape the straitjacket

he could never ~ of the church

free the museum of the straitjacket

the museum is trying to ~ of ethnicity (MoMA)

puts nations into a straitjacket

targets ~

broken free from a straitjacket

he has ~ of his own making (a leader)

**constraint & lack of constraint: mental health**

### strand (noun)

strands of Christianity

the focus of the day differs within the ~ (Epiphany)

strands of thought

these comments represent two ~

**taxonomy & classification: cloth**

### strand (connection)

strand

the crisis ruined every ~ that knitted the country together  
the flood ruined every ~ that knitted this country together

four strands

there are ~ to the novel

**division & connection: cloth**

### strand (strand of hair, etc.)

strand of hair

needles that are smaller than the diameter of a ~

strands of hair

she collects ~ (of famous people)

strands of lights

people decorate their houses with ~ (holidays)

strands of razor ribbon

there are five ~ on the inner fence

miles-long strand

longlines—~s with hundreds of baited hooks

**resemblance: cloth**

### stranger (no stranger)

no stranger to death

like most climbers, Anker was ~

no stranger to (difficult legal) disputes

the judge was ~

no stranger to war  
Jaffna is ~ (Sri Lanka)

**experience: person**

## strangle (verb)

strangling Iraq  
the embargo is ~

strangle companies  
I've seen government bureaucracy ~ (a politician)

strangle the experiment in its cradle  
if nobody watches, it will ~ (TV show)

**oppression: breathing / verb**

## strangled

strangled in its cradle  
Bolshevism must be ~ (Winston Churchill / Russia)

strangle by poverty  
they are ~ (Gazans)

**destruction / oppression: breathing**

## stranglehold

stranglehold on America  
the monopolies had a ~

stranglehold on the transport  
Iraq has a ~ of oil from Iraqi Kurdistan

virtual stranglehold  
a ~ on...

break their stranglehold  
he set out to ~ (a ruler versus elites)

had a stranglehold  
the monopolies ~ on America

**oppression: breathing**

## strangulation

strangulation of Iraq  
the ~ (embargo, etc.)

**destruction / oppression: breathing**

## stratosphere

put his career into the stratosphere  
the song ~ (Michael Jackson's Thriller)

**extent & scope: atmosphere**

## stratospheric

stratospheric  
such profits are ~, well over the average (academic publishers)

stratospheric reaches  
the ~ of the entertainment world

stratospheric rise

her ~ was brought low by personal tragedies (actor)

went stratospheric  
she ~ in America (Miriam Makeba)

**extent & scope: atmosphere / direction**

**increase & decrease: atmosphere / direction**

## straw (the last straw)

last straw  
the ~ was the hike in the price of electricity (riots)

last straw scenario  
all these things have created this ~ (vote to censure Saudis)

♦ This probably refers to the straw that broke the camel's back. An inconsequential event, after a series of indignities, causes an extreme reaction.

**feeling, emotion & effect: burden / weight**

**development: weight**

**failure, accident & impairment: animal / weight**

**oppression: burden / weight**

**affliction: burden / weight**

**initiation: weight**

## straw man (noun)

"straw man" issues  
Ryan assails Obama for ~ (politics)

**subterfuge: farming & agriculture**

## stray (behavior)

strayed  
women whose husbands have ~ (been unfaithful)

stray (so far) from the limits  
kids will disobey, but they won't ~ you set

**behavior: direction / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction / verb**

## stray (direction)

strayed into the (restricted) airspace  
the small aircraft inadvertently ~

stray out of sector  
navigation problems can cause units to ~ (military)

strayed from its (intended) mission  
Wall Street has ~ (to raise money, versus betting)

stray from the path  
a good Muslim must not ~

stray (too far) from (Saudi Arabia's) path  
but Qatar does not ~

strays from its route  
we can disable a truck by remote control if it ~

stray from tradition  
the younger generation has begun to ~

stray from the tenets and the values  
black magic encourages people to ~ of Islam

strayed off course  
it appeared the sub had not ~ (hit seamount)

stray even the slightest  
his refusal to ~ from the Code of Conduct

stray too far  
but Qatar does not ~ from Saudi Arabia's path

refusal to stray  
his ~ even the slightest from the Code of Conduct

**direction: journeys & trips / verb**  
**failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction / verb**

### **streak (winning streak)**

on a (real) winning streak  
Republicans have been ~

**success & failure: sports & games**

**stream (tears stream, etc.)**

streamed down her face  
tears ~

streamed down his face  
blood ~ (a boxer)

**resemblance: water / verb**

### **stream (direct)**

stream video  
what hardware is recommended to ~ on broadband

stream, burn, beam, buy or subscribe  
should you ~ (Internet)

**transmission: water / verb**

**stream (move)**

streamed to the polls  
Iraqis ~ (election)

streamed into Sydney  
sex workers who have ~ (for the Olympics)

streamed into the Good Shepherd Chapel  
people of all walks of life ~ (Mychal Judge)

stream through town  
about 15,000 tourists ~ hoping... (Churchill / bears)

stream (in) through the windows  
light would ~ as she...

stream in  
light would ~ through the windows as she...

streams in  
another picture ~, this one of a Chinese teen (Internet)

**movement: water / verb**

### **stream (amount & effect)**

stream of casualties

the attacks are causing a steady ~

stream of contributions  
fundraisers and a steady ~

stream of customers  
a steady ~ (an electronics-repair shop)

stream of pilgrims  
a ~ jammed the Via della Conciliazione (Vatican)

stream of preachers  
the issue brought a ~ to the mike

stream of reports  
a steady ~ that Israel has been providing

stream of residents  
a ~ headed out of town (huge Colorado wildfire)

stream of text  
one long, continuous ~ (e-book)

stream of tips  
police are following up on the steady ~

stream of traffic  
a constant ~ (city / vehicles)

steady stream  
police are following up on the ~ of tips  
the attacks are causing a ~ of casualties  
a ~ of customers (an electronics-repair shop)

stream (of jihadists into the country) has been cut  
the ~ to a trickle

endless stream  
he saw an ~ of wounded and dead (Vietnam War)

**amount & effect: water**  
**movement: water**

**stream (resemblance)**

streams of excrement  
the route to her hut is a path stinking with ~ (Kabul)

stream of fire  
he continued his deadly ~ until... (battle)

streams of lava  
the volcano sent ~ down the mountain

stream of urine  
stopping the ~ is hard for many people (specimen)

urinary stream  
difficulty initiating the ~ (medical)

jet stream  
the Everest peak is in the ~  
the ~, a speeding river of high-altitude air  
that river of wind, called the ~  
the ~ veered far south  
the ~ blows at around 30-36,000 feet  
the ~ wanders between 30° and 60° in both hemispheres  
commercial airlines often hitch a ride in the ~ (eastward)

the Germans first discovered the ~ in the 1930s  
high-altitude winds of the ~ (climate, weather)

**resemblance: water**

### **stream (bloodstream, etc.)**

arrival stream

a new runway will allow O'Hare three independent ~s

bloodstream

a blood clot can break loose and travel through the ~

funding stream

you've got to put together all of these ~s

mail stream

introduce new technology into the ~ (post office)  
the Postal Service is adjusting to a new type of ~  
the anthrax letters entered the ~ from a mailbox

revenue stream

another ~ is needed for public schools (state lottery)  
ecommerce is tomorrow's ~  
online advertising is yesterday's ~  
cable TV's dual ~s: subscribers plus advertisers

wastestream

the elimination of mercury from hospital ~s

waste stream

food waste in the residential ~ (recycling)

reporting streams

the quantity of intelligence from multiple ~ (terrorism)

independent (arrival) streams

a new runway will allow O'Hare three ~

multiple (reporting) streams

the quantity of intelligence from ~ (terrorism)

**branching system: river / water**

**route: river / water**

### **streamed (digital)**

streamed into the kiosks

the music is ~ via the Internet

**transmission: water**

### **streaming (digital)**

streaming technology

as ~ improves

download or streaming

Walk Away Renee .mp3 is available for ~

**transmission: water**

### **streaming (streaming media)**

streaming media

~ delivers audio & video over the Internet

streaming media for video conferences & meetings

use ~

streaming media advertisement

a ~ plays before the video

streaming-media division

the Microsoft Corp. ~ division

streaming-media player

ever improving ~s

streaming-media traffic

~ is of growing concern

**transmission: water**

### **streamline (speed up)**

streamline the (permitting and approval) process

we must also ~ (for building infrastructure)

**speed / timeliness & lack of timeliness: shape / verb**

### **street (society)**

street

the ~ is not afraid of governments any more (protest)

Arab street

the ~ reacts to rumors

the ~ has risen up (Egyptian protests)

Iran's leaders play to the ~

the ~ sympathizes with the Palestinians

mood on the street

the ~ should be watched (protests in Egypt)

**society: infrastructure**

### **street (cloud street, etc.)**

cloud street

~s can indicate thermals (hang gliding)

~s are rows of cumulous clouds

**resemblance: infrastructure**

### **street (two-way street)**

two-way street

trust is a ~

**social interaction: infrastructure**

### **stretch (verb)**

stretch (limited) resources

the costs will ~ (defense budget)

**flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

### **stretch (extent)**

stretches from Hollywood to the halls of academe

the scandal ~ (admissions scandal)

**extent & scope: materials & substances / verb**

## stride (in stride)

taking things in stride  
most people are ~ (terrorism fears and alerts)

took the high water in stride  
residents ~ (a flood)

## equilibrium & stability: walking, running & jumping stride (progress)

great stride forward  
the bill is a ~

made giant strides  
the city has made ~ in the last decade

made great strides  
Blacks have made ~ in all areas (desegregation)

made (giant) strides in the last decade  
the city has ~ in the last decade

made (great) strides in all areas  
Blacks have ~ (desegregation)

## progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping stride (hit one's stride)

hit its stride  
it has ~ and just keeps on gaining momentum (movie series)

hit his stride  
he seemed to ~ when he talked about... (politics)

## starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping / verb

## stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)

knock them off stride  
dealing with something just before kickoff didn't ~ (team)

## disruption: horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

failure, accident & impairment: horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

## strike (strike a deal, etc.)

struck  
in 1994, a deal was ~

## creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

## strike (forces of nature)

strike Mexico  
the hurricane was expected to ~ early Tuesday (Yucatán)

struck with a (13.9-foot) storm tide  
Hurricane Audrey ~ (1957)

struck Monday  
the storm ~ with little warning... (tornado)

struck at 1:34 p.m.

the quake ~ local time (Greece)

struck a church  
a tornado ~ just as the minister said, "Be prepared..."

struck an (oil storage) tank  
lightning ~ and set it on fire

struck (two of the) trees  
lightning ~

lightning struck  
~ two of the trees  
they were under a tree when ~, killing them...

earthquake struck  
a powerful ~ off the Solomon Islands, causing a tsunami  
a powerful ~ here Monday night (Afghanistan)

quake struck  
the ~ at 1:34 p.m. local time (Greece)

storm struck  
the ~ Monday with little warning (tornado)

tornado struck  
a ~ without any warning siren being sounded  
warnings were delivered 11.5 minutes before a ~

tsunamis strike  
catastrophic ~ less often (than major earthquakes)

typhoon struck  
the ~ the coast at 3:50 p.m. in Fujian Province

landslide struck  
the ~ late Saturday in Olongapo city

rainstorm struck  
a freak desert ~ (Moltsog Els / Mongolia)

## hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / verb

## strike (tragedy, etc.)

catastrophe struck  
then, ~ (accident)

disaster strikes  
his parents have told him what to do if a ~

disaster struck  
~ and the men found themselves drifting... (fishermen)

tragedy struck  
~ motor racing hard in 1999

## hitting, slamming & lashing: fist / verb occurrence: fist / verb

## strike down (verb)

struck down the law  
a judge ~

struck down by the lower courts  
the travel ban was ~ but upheld by the Supreme Court

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

**dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb**

## strike out (verb)

strike out

if you ~ at the source, work the edges (an investigation)

struck out

I ~ (failed to accomplish something)

struck out

law enforcement had ~ (child murder)

**success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: baseball / sports & games / verb**

## striking (adjective)

find it striking

I ~ that...

**feeling, emotion & effect: fist**

## string (pull strings)

pull strings

I can't ~ and make them perform (a teacher)

pull the strings

politicians ~ and make the policies

he believes insiders ~ (the so-called deep state)

pull strings to get

he had his father ~ him out of the draft

pull strings from behind the scenes

they will ~ (politicians)

pulled strings in high places

she ~ to get her access to...

tried to pull strings

he ~ to secure an officer's commission

♦ "The Americans are the ones pulling the strings, and Moreno their puppet dancing to the tune of money." (Kristinn Hrafnsson of Wikileaks.)

**control & lack of control: puppet / verb**

## string (sequence)

string of murders

he was guilty of a ~

**sequence: rope**

## string (attachment)

with strings attached

"free" credit reports often come ~

with no strings attached

there are few "free" deals ~

no-strings-attached (m)

we were both looking for ~ sex

~ handouts sap incentive (welfare)

**involvement: rope**

## strip (verb)

stripped him of his security clearance

the government ~

stripped him of command

the Navy ~ of the aircraft carrier

strip unions of their (bargaining) rights

he wants to ~ (politics)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories / verb**

## strip (strip something down)

strip it down to its core

if we ~ (music)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: clothing & accessories / verb**

**substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories / verb**

## stripe (noun)

earn your stripes

you've got to ~ (stock-car racing)

**experience: military**

## stripe (of all stripes)

politicians of all stripes

~ say they want to lower prescription-drug costs

**taxonomy & classification: cloth**

## stripped

stripped of his titles

he was ~ (for doping)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories**

## strong-arm (verb)

strong-armed subjects

he ~ to get them to lie (a prosecutor)

strong-arm him into joining

his strict father tried to ~ the family's business

**coercion & motivation: verb / violence**

## stronghold

stronghold of apartheid sympathy

the Limpopo Province is a ~

stronghold in (eastern) Saudi Arabia

Qatif, a Shiite ~

Ibo stronghold

Nigeria with its Yoruba heartland, ~s and Hausa north

Shiite stronghold

Qatif, a ~ in eastern Saudi Arabia

salmon stronghold

Kamchatka, one of the last ~s on earth

lost control of (some of) its former strongholds  
the party ~ (Mexico)

**protection & lack of protection: fortification / military**

### **strongman (person)**

“strongman” image

his ~ many not win him votes (Narendra Modi)

strongman leader

he is a ~ in the mold of Erdogan and Putin (Narendra Modi)

military strongman

Khalifa Haftar is Libya’s ~

**character & personality: circus / military / person**

### **struck (effect)**

struck by how long

I was ~ it took him

**feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force**

### **stud (noun)**

stud

he thinks he’s a real ~ with the women

**character & personality / sex: animal / horse**

### **stuck (adjective)**

stuck

without any other job prospects, he is ~

stuck with (obsolete) equipment

they are ~ (Philippine military)

stuck in a (forgotten) corner

Siberians no longer feel ~ of the globe

stuck in a (vicious) cycle

she’s ~ (eating to relieve depression)

stuck in the doldrums

the economy is ~

stuck in place

animals can move, but trees are ~

stuck in the trailers

the refugees may be ~ for years (Katrina)

stuck in the (Vienna) airport

most of his gear got ~ (climber)

stuck in a civil war

the Central African Republic has been ~ (2009)

stuck between adolescence and adulthood

he is ~ (a young snowboarder)

stuck between its past and its future

Haiti is ~

stuck between a rock and a hard place

I’m ~ (too poor to improve situation)

stuck between the underground and the mainstream

he is ~ (a young snowboarder)

stuck in aging schools

children ~ without air conditioning

feel stuck

Siberians no longer ~ in a forgotten corner of the globe

get stuck

we all ~ in bad beauty habits (cosmetics)

you don't have to ~ in that cycle (a gang)

got stuck

most of his gear ~ in the Vienna airport (climber)

**obstacle & impedance: ground, terrain & land**

**progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land**

### **study (noun)**

study in contrasts

he is, in many ways, a ~

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: school & education**

### **study (quick study)**

quick study

he’s a ~, but he has a lot to learn

**ability & lack of ability: school & education**

### **stumble (verb)**

stumbled offensively

they have ~ (sports team)

stumbled out of the gate

her campaign ~ but has since found its footing

economy is stumbling

the ~

strategy stumbled

that ~ when the group rejected...

talks have stumbled

~ repeatedly over efforts to... (climate change)

**failure, accident & impairment: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**obstacles & impedance: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**progress & lack of progress: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**flaws & lack of flaws: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**equilibrium & stability: verb / walking, running & jumping**

### **stumble (noun)**

stumbles on the road

there have been some ~ to reform

string of stumbles

her ~ changed that calculus~ (that she could win easily)



suffered a stumble

his campaign ~ before it began, when he... (politics)

**failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping**

**obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping**

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping**

**equilibrium & stability: walking, running & jumping**

### **stumble (stumble across / on / upon)**

stumbled across (skeletal) remains

a game agent ~ (human)

stumbled across (an amazing) break

we ~ (surfers)

stumbled across something

but then she ~ that would change her life (chat rooms)

stumbled on a (major meth) lab

authorities ~

stumbled on her story

he ~ when he... (a journalist)

stumbled on a (new) way

he ~ to do it

stumbled upon a (major) cache

police ~ of weapons

**searching & discovery: walking, running & jumping / verb**

**fictive meeting & seeing: verb**

### **stumble (stumble into something)**

stumbled into a civil war

Tajikistan quickly ~

**involvement: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **stumble (stumble over one's words)**

stumbling over my words

I tried to explain, but I was ~

**speech: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**flaws & lack of flaws: speech / verb / walking, running & jumping**

### **stumbling block**

stumbling block in the negotiations

the issue proved to be a major ~

major stumbling block

the issue proved to be a ~ in the negotiations

**failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping**

**obstacle & impedance: walking, running & jumping**

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping**

### **stun (verb)**

stunned authorities

some of the incidents have ~ (youth violence)

stunned the nation

the crime ~ (Central Park "wilding")

stunned visitors

the death ~ of the community (animal attack)

stunned (U.S.) delegates

the vote ~

stunned France

when Senegal ~, 1-0 (soccer)

stunned Norfolk

the killings ~

stunned many Russians

the death toll ~ (military crash)

**feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation / verb**

### **stung (feeling)**

stung by their breakup

he was ~ (relationship)

remains stung

she ~ by how she is being portrayed in the press

**feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation / verb**

### **stunned (feeling)**

stunned

the mountaineering world was ~ (by Tomaz Humar)

I stood there, ~ (kayaker after near-death experience)

doctors were ~ (new epidemic disease)

stunned to discover

he was not the only one ~ they were drug traffickers

stunned to hear

he was ~ that...

she was ~ him say... (pedophile)

stunned to learn

he was ~ about the Air Force's use of amphetamines

stunned at the number

they were ~ of jihadists heading overseas

stunned by Cameroon

Argentina was ~ 1-0 (soccer)

stunned by the ferocity

commanders were ~ of the ambush (Afghanistan)

stunned by the hostility

she was ~ (gender discrimination)

stunned by the (general's) murder

he is still ~

stunned by what I saw

I was ~ (effects of windstorm)

stunned bystanders

entire houses floated by ~ (flash flood)

stunned mourners

~ gathered (after Kurt Cobain's suicide)

stunned reporter

the ~ kept repeating, "Oh, my goodness..."

stunned silence

there was a brief, ~ (birders see rare bird)

stunned survivors

he gathered the ~ into a defensive perimeter (combat)

stunned travelers

the airport was thronged by ~ (after Bali bombing)

stunned courtroom

no one in the ~ seemed prepared for...

stunned and helpless (m)

they watched in ~ awe (flash flood)

stunned and hurt

her teammates were ~ (racist chants at sports event)

truly stunned

I was ~ (UN decision to allow genocide to continue)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation**

### **stunning (adjective)**

stunning news

his arrest was ~ in the NHL (hockey)

he summoned his staff and delivered the ~

stunning performance

his ~ in the Alps and the Pyrenees (Tour de France)

stunning twist

it was a ~

stunning victory

he won a ~ Monday night (elections)

**feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation**

### **stunted**

stunted as a force

we must not let the Internet be ~ for invention

**corruption / growth & development: size**

### **suck up (verb)**

suck up information

the F-35 can ~ and pass it to other aircraft

♦ Or, *hoover up...*

**absorption & immersion: verb / water**

### **suffocate (verb)**

suffocate

the economy will ~ without new-jobs creation

suffocate every (natural) instinct

her parents tried to ~ in her (sex)

**oppression: breathing / verb**

### **suffocated**

suffocated by this deluge

the coral reefs are slowly ~ by refuse (trash, nets, plastic)

**oppression: breathing**

### **suffocating**

suffocating

the feeling of isolation is ~ (an island off of Chile)

**feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: breathing**

### **suggest (indicate)**

suggest

what it does ~ is that...

suggest that

we don't have any evidence to ~... (investigation)

suggest one bacterium over another

the character of the sputum may ~

suggest another diagnosis

these symptoms are uncharacteristic and should ~

suggests fracture

gingival bleeding at base of tooth ~

suggest the possibility

certain clues ~ of a struggle

suggest violence

pattern injuries ~

suggest abuse or battering

contusions that are circular or linear ~

suggested poisoning

his symptoms ~

advisory suggested

the ~ climbers descend... (bad weather)

analysis has suggested

matched cohort ~ a lower mortality rate in...

analyses suggest

similar ~ that whales evolved from land animals

data suggest

the ~ that mothers who smoke... (study)

new census ~ that there are far more...

~ that insignificant contact with bats may...

recent ~ that captopril may play a unique role in...

edema (also) suggests

the peripheral ~ deep vein thrombosis

estimates suggest

government ~ the strike has cost over...

evidence suggests

that idea is not quite right, ~

anecdotal ~ that most users are males under 40

a growing body of ~ that even brief bedrest is...

but some new ~ this one might be different

the overwhelming ~ that we eat too much salt

experience suggests

his own ~ that a typical corporate network suffers...

findings suggest  
the following physical ~ a focal infection  
the ~ that...

forecasts suggest  
the administration's own economic ~ that... (jobs)

history (of vaginal discharge) suggests  
a ~ that... (ED)

injuries suggest  
pattern ~ violence (ED)

models (of ARDS) suggest  
adult and infant animal ~ that...

profile had suggested  
an FBI ~ the kidnapper is a predator, and possibly...

profile (also) suggested  
the ~ that the killer... (FBI-created profile)

recommendations suggest  
recent ~ treatment for 60 days with... (anthrax)

reconstruction (of this crash) suggests  
as a ~, some accidents may be "normal" (plane crash)

reports suggested  
preliminary ~ rough seas overwhelmed the boat

research suggests  
but new ~ that even...

researchers suggested  
some ~ that the study might have understated...

scores suggested  
and test ~ that 70% of Fremont's students didn't...

signs suggest  
nearly all ~ Armstrong is ready (Tour de France)

statistics suggested  
that risk was, ~, far higher than... (shuttle)

studies suggest  
some ~ that prolonged bedrest...  
although ~ a greater prevalence in developed nations  
current ~ that four or five times a week is best;  
molecular ~ that SIV entered chimpanzees long after...  
other ~ that 3-10% of elders are abused or neglected

surveys suggest  
recent ~ that 36% of under-29-year-olds in Britain...  
national ~ that 94% of parents acknowledge...

symptoms suggest  
contraindicated in children whose ~ Reye syndrome

theory suggests  
this ~ that elder abuse is caused by...

common sense suggests  
~ that at some point...

vital signs may suggest

the ~ sepsis even if fever is absent

testing suggested  
shuttle ~ that the wings were vulnerable...

evidence to suggest  
there is no ~ that he informed school officials...

nothing to suggest  
there was ~ the action was in any way related to...

reasons to suggest  
there are plenty of ~ that...

fair to suggest  
it isn't ~ that the Central Asians are...

strongly suggests  
the evidence ~ that...

strongly suggest  
pink frothy sputum and dyspnea ~ pulmonary edema

**evidence: speech / verb**  
**fictive communication: verb**  
**suggestion**

suggestion of foul play  
there was no ~

**evidence: speech**  
**suicide (career suicide, etc.)**

suicide by a thousand cuts  
the company is committing ~ (failing)

suicide magnet  
the viaduct has a morbid reputation as a ~ (Toronto)

career suicide  
they have decided to risk ~  
he's committing ~ (prosecutor refused to drop case)

commercial suicide  
not to use the engine would have been ~ (Boeing)

political suicide  
investigating our own agency would be ~  
it's ~ for the Democrats... (politics)

committed (political) suicide  
he ~ by announcing that...

**starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life**  
**destruction: death & life**  
**suit (follow suit)**

follow suit  
states feel pressure to ~ (gambling policy)

**uniformity & consensus: cards / verb**  
**suite (suite of tools, etc.)**

suite of tools  
the rover has a ~ (Mars Science Lab)

**help & assistance: infrastructure**  
**group, set & collection: infrastructure**

### **suitor (noun)**

a lot of suitors  
but there are a ~... Sri Lanka / China, etc.)

**pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage**

### **sully (verb)**

sullied my reputation  
the incident ~

♦ This verb has its origin in the soil.

**accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land / verb**

### **summer**

summer  
a life without love is like a year without ~

**love, courtship & marriage: season**

### **summit (at the summit)**

at the summit of her achievement  
the work stands ~ as an artist

at the summit of his fame  
he turned his back on Hollywood ~

at the summit of his power  
he died ~

**achievement, recognition & praise: direction / mountains & hills**

### **sun (currency and obsolescence)**

moment in the sun  
he had his ~ (rock star)  
I think they have had their ~ (team in World Cup)

new day in the sun  
the research is having a ~ (on attention)

sun has set  
the ~ on the Kennedy era

sun is setting  
the ~ on the dirty energy of the past

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day / sun**

### **sunk in**

sunk in  
it's over, and that hasn't ~ yet

**comprehension & incomprehension: water**

**absorption & immersion: water**

### **sunlight (concealment)**

sunlight of (open) debate  
he exposed them to the disinfecting ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark**

### **sunny**

sunny side  
look on the ~ (advice to parent of toddler with problem)

sunny smile  
a ~ seemed the antidote to adversity

danceable, sunny (m)  
the group wrote ~ lyrics

**feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark**

### **sunset (ride into the sunset)**

riding into the sunset  
after tomorrow, I'm going to be ~ (vote)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day / film / sun**

### **Super Bowl**

Super Bowl of spirit competitions  
the annual Cheerleading Worlds—the ~

Super Bowl of the canines  
the ~ (Westminster Dog Show)

Superbowl of church suppers  
the ~ (Wild Game Supper in Bradford, Vt.)

akin to the Super Bowl  
in the mountainous nations, the *Hahnenkamm* is ~ (skiing)

**superlative: epithet / football / sports & games**

### **superhighway**

superhighway  
the road to stardom hasn't been a ~ for her (actor)

shipping superhighway  
the Strait of Malacca is a ~

information superhighway  
popular culture now rides on the ~  
he mines the ~  
the railroad was the original ~

**route: infrastructure**

### **supernova (achievement)**

tech supernova  
she was a ~ who said she had an amazing invention  
(Elizabeth Holmes)

pitching supernova  
Dwight Gooden was a ~

**achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / light & dark / star**

**superlative: astronomy / light & dark / star**  
**growth & development: astronomy / light & dark / star**  
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / light & dark / star**

## supernova (attention)

went supernova  
the conflict ~ in the pages of the *New York Times*

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: astronomy / light & dark / star**

## supine (adjective)

supine relationship  
he embodies his party's rather ~ to this president (politics)

supine and silent  
Congress has been ~

**dominance & submission: standing, sitting & lying  
resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying**

## supple (adjective)

supple  
artificial intelligence can be as ~ as a human's

supple intelligence  
her ~ distinguished her (a political advisor)

supple sensitivity  
he performs the songs with ~ (Sinatra)

supple voice  
her ~ can caress and shock (a singer)  
his ~ constantly transforms itself

supple (pop-jazz) voice  
she has a ~

supple and durable (m)  
radio is a ~ technology

**ability & lack of ability: materials & substances  
constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances**

## surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)

surefire investment  
I thought it was a ~

surefire recipe  
this is a ~ to ruin the economy (politics)

surefire replacement  
the team has no ~ for either player (sports)

surefire solution  
there is no ~ for this

surefire technique  
another ~ is to...

surefire way  
it's a ~ to make money  
no one has yet found a ~ to do that

seems surefire  
a scene that ~ in rehearsal can fall flat

**flaws & lack of flaws: weapon  
certainty & uncertainty: weapon**

## sure-footed (adjective)

sure-footed  
he came off as defensive, not so ~ (a politician)

**flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability**

## surf (computers)

surf the Internet  
she likes to ~

**computers: sports & games / verb**

## surface (verb)

surface  
the truth may never ~ (rumors in the news)

surfaced on (several) gossip blogs  
the video clip ~ last week

surfaced in Canada  
they disappeared and then ~

eventually surface  
the truth will ~ (disappearance of college coed)

evidence has surfaced  
no new ~ in the case

name surfaced  
his ~ during the investigation (terrorist)

**appearance & disappearance: water / verb**

## surface (on the surface)

on the surface  
~, it looks bad

**appearance & reality: water**

## surface (under the surface)

under the surface  
but ~, the sectarian divisions remain (Lebanon)

bubbling (just) under the surface  
conflict is ~

**appearance & reality: water**

**concealment & lack of concealment: water**

## surface (scratch the surface)

scratch the surface  
these findings just ~

scratches the surface  
even this huge number barely ~ (microbes in gut)

**extent & scope: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

## surface (bring to the surface)

brought the (bitter) rift to the surface  
the incident ~ (between military and government)

**appearance & disappearance: verb / water**

**concealment & lack of concealment: verb / water**

## **surge (noun)**

surge in violence

there has been a ~ (Chicago gang violence)

**amount & effect: tide / water**

**movement: tide / water**

## **surge (intransitive verb / increase)**

membership surged

gang ~

numbers surging

why are the ~ (for testing accommodations)

**increase & decrease: tide / water / verb**

## **surge (intransitive verb / effect)**

surging across the southern border

migrants are ~

**amount & effect: tide / verb / water**

**movement: tide / verb / water**

## **surge (transitive verb)**

surged their (national) resources

the ATF ~ (serial bombings in Austin, Texas)

**directing: tide / verb / water**

## **surgery (noun)**

drastic surgery

~ seems the only answer, amputate before infection spreads  
(soccer club)

radical surgery

France is resisting such ~ (austerity)

**amelioration & renewal: health & medicine**

## **surrender (verb)**

surrender their seats to (pregnant) women

some refuse to ~ (New Yorkers)

surrendered his (medical) license

he has ~ and can no longer practice

surrender (unlicensed) firearms

the Interior Ministry appealed to citizens to ~

surrendered its artistic freedom

criticism the opera house had ~ (to Muslims)

**possession: military / verb**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb**

## **survivor (person)**

political survivor

she is a shrewd ~ (German Chancellor)

**survival, persistence & endurance: person**

**resiliency: person**

**person: death & life**

## **suspended**

suspended between modernity and the Middle Ages

Casablanca is ~

**configuration: pendulum**

**division & connection: pendulum**

## **swallow (accept)**

swallow

take as much sovereignty as you can ~ (Yeltsin)

a "conflict" is easier to ~ than a war

swallowed his story hook, line and sinker

I ~ (army recruiter)

hard to swallow

the results of such a study are ~

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

**acceptance & rejection: stomach / throat / verb**

**consumption: food & drink / verb**

## **swallow (disappearance)**

swallowed him up

the streets ~ real quick (Detroit crime)

the sea just ~, queer... (Moby Dick)

swallowed (two unoccupied) cars

a sinkhole ~ in Seattle (broken main)

swallow huts

sand dunes threatened to ~ (desertification in Niger)

swallowed them

always the jungle rose and ~ (villages, civilizations)

sinkhole swallowed

a ~ a sewer-repair truck (Portland);

a ~ two unoccupied cars in Seattle (broken water main)

**appearance & disappearance: bodily process / verb**

## **swallowed**

swallowed whole

the company's promises would be ~ by most of the  
technology press

**acceptance & rejection: stomach / throat**

**consumption: food & drink**

## **swamp (verb)**

swamp Tibet with (Chinese) migrants

our main concern is that the railway will ~ (Qinghai-Tibet  
Railway)

**amount & effect: boat / verb / water / wave**

**movement: water / verb / wave**

## swamp (fever swamp)

fever swamp of the alt-right  
this is sort of the ~ (books of a conspiracy theorist)

online fever swamps  
they dredge up wild beliefs from ~ (a podcast)

♦ "This game has all the qualities of a neglected pond, turgid, stagnant and honking." (A disgruntled fan, about a Champions League final.)

**environment: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water**  
**corruption: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water**

## swamp (drain the swamp)

drain the swamp  
he promised to ~ of Congress  
Twitter tries to ~ (trolls)

**amelioration & renewal: swamp / verb / water**  
**corruption: swamp / verb / water**

## swamped

swamped by criticism  
BP has been ~ as the oil leak gushes (in Gulf of Mexico)

swamped with patients  
the VA is ~ with hearing problems

get swamped  
you can ~ on every single issue (government)

**amount & effect: boat / water**

## swan song

swan song  
it was the restaurant's ~ (celebration of bankruptcy)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: animal / bird / sound**  
**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: animal / bird / sound**

## swarm (verb)

swarming  
lawyers are ~

swarm around foreigners  
children and grown men ~ (Cox's Bazar)

swarms with pilgrims  
during the week before Christmas Lalibela ~ (Ethiopia)

swarming the city  
security guards are ~ (Olympics)

swarmed the playground  
the children ~ (opening ceremony)

♦ In a delightful "Talk of the Town" article in *The New Yorker*, Michael Schulman points out that New Yorkers "swarm" for things like "flash mobs, Occupy Wall Street, the cronut line." His article is about actual swarms and how New York City's finest deal with them. ("Law and Order: Bee Cops," September 17, 2018.)

**activity: animal / insect / verb**  
**behavior: animal / insect / verb**  
**amount & effect: animal / insect / verb**

## swarm (noun)

"swarm tactics"  
~ will be used to overrun the enemy (Iraqi Freedom)

swarm of (citizen) complaints  
the noise has prompted a ~

swarms of particles  
the comet sheds ~ as it nears the sun (Leonids)

swarms of protestors  
the meetings of the World Bank have drawn ~

swarms of shoppers  
the nation's malls opened to ~ (holiday season)

swarm of tornadoes  
a ~ and powerful thunderstorms belted the area  
a devastating ~ left four people dead (Texas)

"swarm" of tremors  
a ~ were felt last year (earthquakes in Surrey)

♦ The wonderful writer Carol Kaesuk Yoon has reported that in 1875 a swarm of Rocky Mountain locusts formed the largest recorded locust swarm in recorded history, 1,800 miles long and 110 miles wide... Just twenty-eight years later, the Rocky Mountain locust was extinct. The last live locust was collected in 1902, and today the only way scientists can study them is to examine the carcasses of those locusts blown off course and preserved in glaciers.

**activity: animal / insect**  
**amount & effect: animal / insect**  
**behavior: animal / insect**

## sweat (feeling)

made to sweat  
the US side was ~ by the French (close US soccer victory)

**feeling, emotion & effect: bodily process**

## sweeping

sweeping change  
the report called for ~ (shuttle safety)  
there is not yet a groundswell of support for ~

sweeping curve  
the ~ directly upstream of the falls (river)

sweeping impact  
the ~ of fire on the sagebrush plains

sweeping (U.N.) resolution  
a ~ against terrorist financing

**extent & scope: pendulum**

## sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)

temperamental sweepstakes  
if you are impervious to self-doubt, you have won the ~

won the (temperamental) sweepstakes  
if you are impervious to self-doubt, you have ~

**success & failure: gambling**

## sweet (personality)

sweet dreams

you hug her and kiss her and wish her ~

sweet personality

her ~ has made her a lot of friends (exchange student)

sweet-charactered (m)

a suitable and ~ girl

sweet-faced (m)

a TV show filled with ~ young men

sweet-tempered (m)

a ~ boy

cute, sophisticated and sweet

fashion to make her feel ~ (adolescents)

**character & personality: taste**

## sweetheart (vocative)

sweetheart

hey, ~

**vocative: heart / taste**

## sweetheart (other)

sweetheart

baby, won't you be my ~

high school sweetheart

she wed ~ Bobby

high-school sweetheart

they had been ~s

kiss of my sweetheart

the tender ~ on my cheek

**heart: taste**

## sweet spot

looking for a sweet spot

a happy medium, something in between, they are ~

**flaw & lack of flaws: allusion**

## swell (verb)

swollen in South Carolina

welfare rolls have ~

swelled enrollment from 1,500 to 2,100

a marketing push that has ~ (school)

swelled to (nearly) 8,000

by the 1940s, the number of fire lookouts had ~

swelled to (more than) 1 million

the population ~ (Everglades alligators)

swelled by (another) 1 million

the capital of 1.3 million had ~ (Kabul)

swelled beyond (official) estimates

struggling to help a group that has ~(immigrants)

population swelled

the ~ to more than 1 million (Everglades alligators)

numbers swelled

as their ~ to 437,000 (adjuncts)

ranks swell

their ~ out of sympathy (radicals)

staff swells

its ~ to 400 with the approach of summer

**increase & decrease: size / verb**

## swept away (emotion)

swept away

he's ~ (drummer on a giant elk-skin drum)

**feeling, emotion & effect: river / sea / water**

## swept away (removal)

swept away

the old order was ~ (Russian revolution)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: river / sea / water**

## swim (verb)

swim or sink

we are going to ~ together (revitalizing Detroit / 2010)

**survival, persistence & endurance: water / verb**

## swing (take a swing)

took a swing at BP

the President ~ (oil slick)

**conflict: boxing / verb**

## swing (in full swing)

in full swing

the economic recovery is ~

the fire season is ~

**activity: pendulum**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: pendulum**

**extent & scope: pendulum**

## swing (swing around)

swung around

this thing has ~ (losing boxing wins round)

**reversal: pendulum**

**development: direction**

## swing (development)

swing state

Iowa is a ~

**development: pendulum**



## swirl (verb)

swirling

questions are ~, “What happened” (murder of woman)

swirl around him

allegations continue to ~ (cheating, etc.)

swirling for two years

these allegations have been ~ (politics)

swirled for decades

rumors have ~ (assassination)

continue to swirl

question ~ around Boeing after two deadly air crashes

continues to swirl

the mystery ~ about exactly what happened (crime)

**activity: movement / verb / water**

**initiation: movement / verb / water**

## swoon (verb)

swooning over the (new) products

retailers are ~ (trade fair)

swoon over the (artistic) renderings

architects still ~ (an eco-city)

swoon for him

Romney will never get voters to ~ (election)

caused critics to swoon

the band has ~

**attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / verb**

**feeling, emotion & effect: love, courtship & marriage / verb**

## sword (cross swords)

crossed swords with the (US) administration on Iraq

he ~ (an Egyptian leader)

crossed swords with rights campaigners

he ~ (a country's leader)

cross swords over this

did you ever ~ (become antagonistic)

**conflict: sword / verb**

## sword (at swords' points)

at swords' points

they are ~

**conflict: sword**

## sword (fall on one's sword)

fell on his sword

he ~ right away (admitted guilt)

fall on our swords

we don't need to ~ for this principle (practicality)

**judgment / responsibility: sword / verb**

## sword (double-edged sword)

double-edged sword of biotechnology

the ~ (germ warfare)

**feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword / verb**

## sword (two-edged sword)

two-edged sword

it's a ~ (injuries during football practices)

freedom of choice can be a ~ (too many choices)

**feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword / verb**

## sword (fate)

sword

the whole agency has a ~ hanging over it (INS)

**fate, fortune & chance: blade / sword**

## Sword of Damocles

Sword of Damocles

it's a ~, and it's hanging over our head

there's a ~ hanging over lawmakers for the next 3 weeks (reform)

**fate, fortune & chance: allusion / blade / sword**

## sword (violence)

sword

the pen is mightier than the ~

he who lives by the ~, dies by the sword

**violence: sword**

## swordfish

swordfish

tuna, ~, and marlin are almost gone (overfishing)

**proper name / resemblance: sword**

## symphony (noun)

symphony of frogs

the sound of thunder competes with a ~ (Yucatán)

symphony of croaking, grunting, barking, chirping,

we listened to a spectacular ~ and squeaking (rain forest)

**sound: music / symphony**

**resemblance: music / sound / symphony**

## symptom

symptom of changing times

another ~

symptom of a (much wider) pathology

he is a ~ infecting the entire system (Chinese politics)

**evidence: health & medicine**

## synch (in synch)

in synch with the president's

his hawkish ideas are ~

**unanimity & consensus: tools & technology**

## system (circulatory system)

circulatory system of the global economy  
companies like Maersk underpin the ~ (NotPetya worm)

**branching system: blood**

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## table (on the table)

on the table  
is the offer still ~ (employment)  
all options are going to be ~ (diplomatic and military)  
all of this needs to be ~ and part of the discussion

**position, policy & negotiation: table**

## table (under the table)

pay employees under the table  
some employers ~ to escape taxes

**subterfuge: direction / table**

## table (bring something to the table)

brings a lot to the table  
she ~ (employee)

**worth & lack of worth: table / verb**

## table (come back to the table)

come back to the table  
so is your company ready to ~ (negotiate)

**position, policy & negotiation: table / verb**

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: table / verb**

## table (off the table)

off the table  
freedom of speech is ~

take it off the table  
there are good reasons not to ~ (to not use a chemical)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: table**

**position, policy & negotiation: table**

## table (turn the tables)

turned the tables  
China ~ and expressed its own complaints (diplomacy)

turned the tables on her tutor  
she ~

**reversal: table / verb**

**position, policy & negotiation: table / verb**

## table (inclusivity)

seat at the table  
by the '80s, the drive was on to claim a ~ (minority poets)  
the defense industry should have a ~, but not own the table

table has been extended  
the ~ but is still within establishment walls (poetry)

**inclusion & exclusion: table**

## table (Table Mountain, etc.)

Table Bay  
~ was named after Table Mountain (Cape Town)

Table Island  
~ has a flat top

Table Mountain  
~ overlooks Cape Town (South Africa)

**proper name: table**

**shape: table**

## taboo

taboo of his era  
he married a white woman, the ultimate ~ (boxer)

taboos against homosexuality  
the ~

taboo against use  
a longstanding, sitting & lying ~ of nuclear weapons  
except...

taboo in India  
public displays of affection remain largely ~

taboo in Turkey  
the subject is still ~ (Armenian genocide)

taboos about (sexual) behavior  
strong ~... (in conservative Muslim areas)

taboo practice  
~s tend to grow in popularity

taboo site  
block access to ~s (Internet)

taboo subject  
he found humor in ~s (comedian Richard Pryor)  
he addressed such ~s as race and sexuality (Pryor)

taboo topic  
raising taxes is a ~ (Republicans)

taboo and mysterious  
people are attracted because it's so ~ (a sex act)

longstanding taboo  
a ~ against use of nuclear weapons except...

cultural taboo  
~s and scientific advancement (autopsies)  
rape is a ~ in Sudan

few carry it out because of strong ~s (suicide / Korea)

moral taboos

the ~ associated with germ weapons

social taboo

homosexuality is considered a ~... (US high schools)

she challenged a ~ (Egyptian refused abortion)

strong taboos

~ about sexual behavior (in conservative Muslim areas)

ultimate taboo

he married a white woman, the ~ of his era (boxer)

for many people, anal sex is the ~

a bit of a taboo

asking somebody what they earn is ~ (in US)

carries a taboo

voodoo still ~ (New Orleans)

challenged a (social) taboo

she ~ (refused an abortion and filed a paternity suit)

considered taboo

women work, often alongside men, once ~ (Algeria)

♦ Captain James Cook may have introduced this word to the English language following his visit to Tonga. The Tongan word *tabu* or *tapu* means not allowed, forbidden.

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion**

**tack (verb)**

tacked to the center

he has charted a new course and ~ (politician)

change tack

he decided to reverse these strikes, to ~ (military decision)

**direction: boat / verb**

**tack (noun)**

backward tack

I am embarrassed by the ~ of this administration

different tack

she took a ~ for her next project

**direction: boat**

**tackle (verb)**

tackle its (drug) gangs

Mexico needs to ~

tackle that issue

the administration will ~

tackle it

soccer must face up to this problem and ~ (fan racism)

tackle our problems

we need to ~ in a practical way (Obama)

tackle (big-ticket) problems

scientists and engineers used to ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**action, inaction & delay: football / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping**

**tail (chase one's tail)**

chasing our tails

we're just ~

**progress & lack of progress: animal / dog / direction / verb**

**tail (turn tail)**

turned tail on the issue

he has ~ (a politician)

**dominance & submission: animal / verb**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / verb**

**reversal: animal / verb**

**tail (orientation)**

logistical tail

a ~ stretching hundreds of miles (war)

♦ Is it better to be the head of a donkey or the tail of a horse?

**orientation: animal / direction**

**resemblance: animal**

**tail end (at the tail end)**

tail end of my career

I'm at the ~ but... (boxer touting next fight)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: animal**

**taylor (verb)**

tailors its coverage to support

it ~ Hamas (TV network)

tailor drills to fit

~ the situation and terrain you will encounter (military)

tailor METT-TC to fit

creative leaders ~ each situation (military)

**adapting: clothing & accessories / verb**

**amelioration & renewal: clothing & accessories / verb**

**tailspin (into a tailspin)**

sent her into a tailspin

the news ~ (light sentence for her stalker)

throws the project into a tailspin

the vote ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / plane**

**decline: movement / plane**

**tailspin (in a tailspin)**

CNN is in a tailspin

~ (losing viewers)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / plane**

**decline: movement / plane**

## **tailwind (noun)**

economic tailwind  
the president is riding an ~

♦ "The president is riding an economic tailwind. The president is riding that tailwind very well... Any president as a pilot would be riding this tailwind, but for some reason this president can't seem to stay long enough [chuckling] in the jet stream to ride the tailwind that he has in the economy. He goes off on tangent after tangent and doesn't seem able to ride the economic boom that he's sitting under because he just can't maintain the discipline to do that. He does not ride the tailwind that he has." (ABC News Chief Political Analyst Matthew Dowd, Sunday, May 5, 2018.)

**help & assistance: plane / wind**

## **taint (noun)**

taint of a bankruptcy  
the ~ can be poisonous

taint of (any serious) crime  
the ~ can blight a family (Japan)

**evidence: materials & substances**

## **taint (verb)**

tainted his data  
his drug company financing ~ (doctor)

taint (a doctor's or researcher's) judgment  
drug company ties can ~

taint his legacy  
the revelations ~ (informant for FBI)

**corruption: materials & substances / verb**

## **tainted**

tainted  
the election was ~ (missing absentee ballots)

tainted by faulty methodology  
scientists say his studies are ~ (autism)

tainted by (government lawyers') misconduct  
the verdict was ~

tainted by torture  
he though evidence was ~ (military lawyer)

evidence was tainted  
he thought ~ by torture (military lawyer)

**corruption: materials & substances**

## **take (endure)**

take it  
I'm not going to ~ (abuse from boss)

take it any more  
I can't ~

took it on the chin  
he ~ (arrested criminal refuses to snitch)

**survival, persistence & endurance: force / verb**  
**take (take somebody somewhere)**

take us where  
the investigation will ~ it takes us

took me to new heights  
he ~ (sex)

**directing: journeys & trips / verb**  
**fictive transportation: journeys & trips / verb**

## **takeaway (noun)**

big takeaway  
so give me the ~, what did you find (a new poll)

takeaway thoughts  
are you left with any preliminary big ~ about what this means

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving, bringing & returning**

## **take down (verb)**

taken down a who's who  
the fallout has ~ of the rich and connected (universities)

take them down  
videos are shared before Facebook and YouTube can ~

**curtailment: direction / verb**  
**accusation & criticism: direction / sports & games / verb / wrestling**

## **takedown (noun)**

literary takedown  
I love a good ~ (fact-checking, plagiarism, etc.)

**curtailment: direction / verb**  
**accusation & criticism: direction / sports & games / wrestling / verb**

## **take off (verb)**

take off  
I think it's going to ~ great (a new directory)

taken off  
none of these websites have ~ and caught fire (filtering)

take off all over the country  
his business is starting to ~ (Novosibirsk)

took off in a big way  
his business ~

sales (of luxury cars) have taken off  
~ (in China)

make e-reading take off  
a Windows-compatible system will ~

**growth & development: plane / flying & falling / verb**

initiation: plane / flying & falling / verb

## take on (verb)

take on the big banks  
she has pledged to ~ (a candidate)

take on President Trump  
a growing list of Democrats hope to ~ (election)

resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

## talent scout (and spotter, etc.)

talent spotter for Iranian intelligence  
she began working with a so-called ~ (American)

searching & discovery: person / theater

## talk (trash talk)

trash talk (v)  
they don't have to ~, they talk with their feet (NFL)

trash talk (n)  
the ~ escalated to violence

trash talking  
months of ~ and hype preceded the boxing match

♦ In *Smithsonian* (June 2011) there is a page showing a pretty, smiling young woman sitting behind a pile of trash consisting of empty plastic bottles. The page is titled "TRASH TALK" and points the reader to an article on sustainable development.

speech: waste

insult: speech / waste

## talk (sweet talk)

sweet talk  
just don't believe the ~ (from bar girls)

speech: taste

## talk (talk somebody through something)

talk us through this  
~, why... (explain)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb

## tame (verb)

tame a (schoolyard) bully  
how to ~

tame the deficit  
we need to ~

tame a (rabies) outbreak  
the authorities are trying to ~

tame a (great) river  
it's impossible to ~ (floods)

tame her urge  
she can't ~ to go shopping

tamed the Wild West  
Google has ~ of copyright infringement

control & lack of control: animal / verb

behavior: animal / verb

amelioration & renewal: animal / verb

## tame (adjective)

renders the munition tame  
high heat ~ (mustard agent)

attenuation: animal

## tangent (on a tangent)

went off on a tangent  
he ~ (conversation)

speech: geometry

## tap (verb)

tap this anger  
he wants to ~, feed it and nurture it (politics)

tap your creativity  
we want to ~

tap the talent  
the agency wants to ~s of people who...

tapped the vein  
he has ~ of popular outrage over... (politician)

tap, feed and nurture  
he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

access & lack of access: water / verb

## tap (noun)

taps turned off  
the ~ (money for refinancing loans)

access & lack of access: water

## tap (on tap)

on tap  
is there currently any legislation ~ that addresses this

on tap for tomorrow  
heavy rain is ~ (weather forecast)

on tap for the South  
more heavy rain ~

future: water

## tap into (verb)

tapped into people's distrust  
his ideas ~ of government (vaccinations)

tap into funding  
the president will ~ from other government agencies

tap into (new) markets  
we are seeking to ~

tap into the reservoir  
the militants can ~ of submerged hatred towards the West

tapped into a (long-standing millenarianism) tradition  
he ~ (Hong Xiuquan of the Taiping Rebellion)

**access & lack of access: water / verb**

### **tapestry (noun)**

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl  
is the United States a ~

**mixture: carpets & rugs / cloth**

**identity & nature: carpets & rugs / cloth**

### **tar (tar and feather, etc.)**

tar Trump as an anti-Semite  
many liberal American Jews have tried to ~

tarring Trump with the same brush  
she is ~ that Trump used to tar Obama

**accusation & criticism: verb / violence**

**punishment & recrimination: verb / violence**

**speech: verb / violence**

### **target (verb)**

target them towards children  
the government will stockpile flu shots and ~

target the behaviors  
rewards should ~ you would like to encourage

**target: weapon / verb**

### **target (noun)**

target  
every policeman is a ~

targets of anger  
family, friends and the health team are often ~ (the dying)

target of a bully  
being the ~ is not pleasant

target of (barracks) humor  
his innocence makes him the ~ (soldiers)

target of an investigation  
he was the ~ by the commission (corruption)

targets of jealousy  
Native American athletes risk becoming the ~

targets of a (domestic-terrorism) probe  
~ by the FBI

targets of revenge  
judges sometimes become ~

target of the (war's) supporters  
the interview made Arnett a ~ (Iraq War)

target of prejudice or (physical) harm  
fear of becoming a ~ (gays in sports)

target of (would-be) illegal immigrants  
Melilla is a major ~ (Morocco)

targets of bullying  
students who are ~ (grade 6-10)

targets of (last week's) rioting  
the ~ included...

target of kidnappings and killings  
the family has been the ~ (Colombia)

targets for (violent) individuals  
government agencies are often ~

target for (future human) exploration  
asteroids are a tempting ~

targets for (violent) perpetrators  
the elderly are easy ~

targets for poachers  
panhandler bears become easy ~

targets for (negative) stereotypes  
they are easy ~ (Irish Travelers)

targets for (reparations) lawsuits  
companies that are potential ~ (US)

target audience  
the ~

target date  
fund the project to completion by the ~ of 2030

target demographic  
its ~ of Jews in their twenties

target disease  
tetanus is one of the ~s of the WHO (neonatal)

target genes  
he's focusing on ~ for schizophrenia

target populations  
~ such as school-age children (public health)

target pressure  
pop-off valves set to the ~ (hyperbaric chamber)

tempting target  
~s for future human exploration (asteroids)

earnings target  
the company announced it would miss its ~

enlistment target  
the Navy fell short of its ~

takeover target  
smaller companies are easy ~

main target  
their ~s were...(looters following eruption)

numerical target  
we are not setting ~s for what they should buy

potential targets  
companies that are ~ for reparations lawsuits (US)

visible target

he made himself a ~ (arrested)

become targets

judges sometimes ~ of revenge

indicated the target

a yellow arrow ~ (BASE jump / landing zone)

zoom in on targets

the cameras can ~ 3 miles away (Newark / police)

**target: weapon**

### target (moving target)

moving target

it's a ~ (trying to calculate loss due to plane groundings)

**success & failure: weapon**

**target: weapon**

### target (hit the target)

hit all its targets

the company has ~

**success & failure: target / verb / weapon**

### target (miss the target, etc.)

fell short of its (enlistment) target

the Navy fell short of its ~

miss its (earnings) target

the company announced it would ~

missing its teacher recruitment targets

the government is ~

**success & failure: target / verb / weapon**

### target (easy target)

easy (takeover) targets

smaller companies are ~

easy target

the elderly are ~ for violent perpetrators;  
panhandler bears become ~s for poachers  
they look at you as an ~ (young men in prison)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: target / weapon**

**protection & lack of protection: target / weapon**

### target date

target date of 2030

fund the project to completion by the ~

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: target / weapon**

### targeted

targeted (radiation) treatment

a ~ (for breast cancer)

**target: weapon**

### tarnish (verb)

tarnishes the badge

this ~ we all wear proudly on our chests (bad cop)

tarnished the image

many lawyers believed that he ~ of the profession

tarnished the country's image

the government has ~ abroad

tarnished his reputation

his massive accumulation of wealth ~ (politician)

tarnishes his reputation

admitting to drug use ~ (an athlete)

tarnished his victory

allegations of fraud ~ (elections)

**attenuation: light & dark / verb**

**corruption: light & dark / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: light & dark / verb**

### tarnished

tarnished by allegations

his legacy is ~ he... (a boxer)

tarnished by (doping) scandals

it is the latest black mark on a sport that has been ~

tarnished reputation

this little film cleans the ~ of romantic comedies

reputation is (forever) tarnished

now his ~ (a professional athlete)

**attenuation: light & dark**

**corruption: light & dark**

**failure, accident & impairment: light & dark**

### taste (taste freedom, etc.)

taste abuse

she may also ~ (women who work abroad)

tasted defeat

he has ~ before (a boxer)

taste a freedom

a woman may ~ from familial duties (abroad)

♦ *Revenge tastes sweet.*

**experience: food & drink / taste / verb**

**consumption: food & drink / taste / verb**

### taste (taste of freedom, etc.)

taste of what

get a ~ Native Americans went through... (smallpox)

taste of (hostile) fire

they were getting their first ~ (marines)

taste of freedom

I wanted a ~

taste of home

the meal provided a ~ (Thanksgiving overseas)

taste of (cowboy) life  
Americans seeking a ~

taste of regret  
the bitter ~ (bad decisions)

taste of (business) success  
a ~

taste of winter  
western North Carolina gets ~ (snow showers, cold)

taste of acting  
he got his first ~ when he was twelve years old

taste of (local) Fijian culture  
we got our ~

bitter taste  
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

first taste  
he got his ~ of acting when he was twelve years old

got our (first) taste  
we ~ of local Fijian culture

seeking a taste  
Americans ~ of cowboy life

wanted a taste  
I ~ of freedom

**experience: food & drink / taste**  
**amount: food & drink / taste**  
**consumption: food & drink / taste**  
**taste (taste for violence, etc.)**

taste for it  
you have to have a real ~ (a culinary occupation)

taste for violence  
women have developed a ~ (books, films)

taste for flashy cars  
he displayed a ~ and elaborate mansions

taste for rice beer  
elephants have developed a ~ (Guwahati)

taste for fighting  
I've always had a ~ (a gang member)

consumer tastes  
a new trend in ~

movie tastes  
software to track ~ (Blockbuster)

higher-priced tastes  
they seemed to have more money and ~ (Tulane)

acquiring a taste  
nomads are ~ for the settled life (Saudi Arabia)

displayed a taste

he ~ for flashy cars and big mansions

developed a taste  
elephants have ~ for rice beer (Guwahati);  
he ~ for akpeteshi, palm-wine moonshine (Ghana)

had a taste  
I've always ~ for fighting (a gang member)

lost its taste  
England has not ~ for the fight (boxing)

lose her taste  
she seemed to ~ for the game (injured athlete)

cater to all tastes  
Sydney can ~ (sex)

**enthusiasm: food & drink / taste**  
**consumption: food & drink / taste**  
**wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink / taste**  
**taste (in good taste, etc.)**

in good taste  
I think it is ~ (athletes' fashions)

**judgment: food & drink / taste**  
**taste (judgment)**

taste in décor  
weight, wardrobe and ~ (hot-button issues for women)

taste in music  
if you're unsure about his ~... (dating advice)

taste in popular culture  
African-American girlfriends influenced Mankiller's ~

tastemaker  
her authority as a ~

expensive taste  
she was style conscious and had ~

personal taste  
placement is a matter of ~ and preference (piercing)

events for every taste  
there are ~... (concerts, contests / Sturgis biker rally)

judgment and taste  
he revealed questionable ~

cultivate a (less conformist) taste  
give her the courage to ~ (teens)

shown much taste  
nor has McKenzie ~ in new repertory (A.B.T.)

**judgment: food & drink / taste**  
**taste (a bad taste, etc.)**

bitter taste  
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

sour taste  
this has left a ~ (bad sportsmanship)



erased the (sour-milk) taste  
helped by a bullpen that ~ of Friday's loss...

leaves a bad taste in one's mouth  
but this ~ especially if...

**consumption: food & drink / taste**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste**  
**flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste**  
**corruption: food & drink / taste**

## tatters (in tatters)

left in tatters  
the party has been ~

**condition & status: cloth / clothing & accessories**  
**failure, accident & impairment: cloth / clothing & accessories**  
**flaws & lack of flaws: cloth / clothing & accessories**

## taxing (adjective)

taxing  
the job was extremely ~

**difficulty, easiness & effort: money**

## T-bone (verb)

T-boned me  
a semi-truck ran through a stop sign and ~

T-boned my mother's car  
the teen ran a stop sign and ~

**failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / letters & characters / shape**  
**shape: meat**

## T-boned

T-boned by a drunk  
I was ~ on Christmas (in a car)

T-boned by a dump truck  
five years ago, I was ~

**failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / letters & characters / shape**  
**shape: meat**

## teacup (person)

teacup  
he's a ~ (emotionally fragile student)

♦ A similar term to *teacup* is *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: *a shrinking violet*; *a pansy*; *a wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

**character & personality: hardness & softness / person**  
**strength & weakness: hardness & softness / person**

## teak (wood)

teak-tough  
Baranchyk, a ~ operator, didn't fall (the boxer)

**strength & weakness: materials & substances / tree**

## tea leaves

political tea leaves  
the governor is going to read the ~ and make a decision

**fate, fortune & chance: magic**  
**future: magic**

## team (dream team)

dream team of civic leaders  
he has put together a ~ (a promoter)

dream team of lawyers  
he had resources to throw at a ~ (Jeffrey Epstein)

known as the Dream Team  
they were members of the Simpson legal defence, ~ (trial)

**superlative: epithet / sports & games**  
**group, set & collection: sports & games**

## team up (verb)

team up  
fans ~ to bully and harass people online

**unanimity & consensus: sports & games / verb**

## teapot (internet teapot, etc.)

internet teapots  
the tempest of these controversies remains confined to ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: food & drink / heating water / sound**

## tear apart (verb)

tore apart her (tidy) life  
war ~ (a Serb in Kosovo)

tear the social fabric apart  
the stress of collapsing economies can ~

**destruction: breaking / verb**

## tear up (verb)

tear up the treaty  
the president wants to ~

**destruction: breaking / verb**

## tease out (verb)

tease that out  
let's ~ (talk radio)

tease out what  
well, let's try to ~ that might mean (talk radio)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb**

## tectonic (adjective)

tectonic plates  
the ~ of French politics have shifted (Marine Le Pen)

tectonic (paradigm) shift

this is an enormous, ~

**extent & scope:** earthquake  
**amount & effect:** earthquake

## teddy bear

teddy bear  
he's a ~

♦ \*The phrase relates to a cartoon of Theodore Roosevelt sparing the life of a bear cub while hunting.

**character & personality:** hardness & softness

## tee off (verb)

teed off an advertising boycott  
the tapes have ~ (politics)

**starting, going, continuing & ending:** sports & games / verb

## teeter (verb)

teetering on the brink  
the factory is ~ of insolvency  
the country is ~ of default (Greece / economy)  
the world was ~ of war

teeters on the edge  
the air travel network ~ of collapse

**fate, fortune & chance:** equilibrium & stability / verb

## teeth (in / into the teeth of)

in the teeth of these (challenging) times  
but ~ (politics, economy)

into the teeth of a storm  
the ship sailed ~ they knew was coming (*Viking Sky*)

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things:** teeth  
**danger:** teeth

## teeth (take the teeth out)

taken the teeth out of the law  
they have ~ (no mechanism for enforcement)

**force:** animal / teeth / verb  
**strength & weakness:** animal / teeth / verb  
**attenuation:** animal / teeth / verb

## teeth (to the teeth)

armed to the teeth  
they are ~

**extent & scope:** teeth

## teeth (force)

teeth  
the regulations must have enough ~ (enforcement)

teeth of the defense  
he ran right into the ~ (football game)

lack teeth  
the so-called reforms ~ and will do little

**force:** animal / teeth  
**strength & weakness:** animal / teeth  
**teeth (kick in the teeth)**

kick in the teeth  
it's been a real ~

**feeling, emotion & effect:** foot / teeth

## teeth (gnash one's teeth)

gnashing their teeth  
Democrats are ~ (third-party candidacy could split their vote)

**feeling, emotion & effect:** bodily process / teeth / verb

## teeth (sink one's teeth into something)

sink my teeth into  
I wanted a role that I could really ~ (actor)

sink my teeth into something  
I'm a pit bull, I ~ and don't let go (crime investigator)

**commitment & determination:** animal / dog  
**involvement:** food & drink / meat / teeth / verb  
**substance & lack of substance:** food & drink / meat / teeth / verb  
**consumption:** food & drink / verb

## teething

teething issues  
there are always new ~ (very young airplanes)

**growth & development:** baby / teeth

## tell (data can tell us something, etc.)

tell  
a skin test is the only way to ~ if you have TB infection

tells everyone  
a tie ~, "I respect you, my job, and myself" (an opinion)

told me  
my experience has ~ that...

tell us  
what did the data ~ at the time (investigation)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation:** speech / verb  
**fictive communication:** speech / verb

## telling

telling  
the terms used were ~ (G-20 negotiations)

telling sign  
that's a ~ (beaten boxer clinches)

**evidence:** speech

## temperature (raise the temperature)

raise the temperature of public debate  
questions over rights ~ (gay students)

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb**

## tempest (noun)

tempest

this ~ has already swept away governments (economy)

tempest of these controversies

the ~ remains confined to a handful of internet teapots

international tempest

the report caused an ~

**amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind**

## tempestuous (adjective)

mutually tempestuous

their relationship was ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: atmosphere / storm / wind**

## tendrils (resemblance)

tendrils of mist

~ were wrapping across the top of Lhotse (Everest)

dark little tendrils

gray-green clouds dropped virga in ~ (mountains)

**resemblance: plant**

## tendrils (growth)

tendrils of (international) terror

efforts to find the ~ in the US

**branching system: plant**

**extent & scope: plant**

**growth & development: plant**

## tent (fold one's tent)

fold our tents

we don't ~ and run... (prosecutors vs. appeals)

fold its tents

many think the football program should quietly ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: tent / verb**

**commitment & determination: tent / verb**

## tent (inclusivity)

bigger tent

a narrow definition of bluegrass versus a ~ (inclusion)  
fighting for the Methodist Church to become a ~ (gays)

big-tent philosophy

we no longer want to espouse a ~ (political party)

big-tent-theology

the Methodist Church has always been a ~ church

inside the tent

they were glad to be back “~” (consulted by government)

outside the tent

better to observe him there than have him ~ (government)

inside or outside the tent

does she want him ~ (government)

♦ “Bring everyone in and shut no one out, take no one for granted, write nobody off. So I'm for everyone.” (The politician Beto O'Rourke.)

**inclusion & exclusion: tent**

## tentacle

network's tentacles

the ~ reached far (human-organ trafficking)

**extent & scope: arm**

## tepid

tepid

support for the proposed center is ~

reaction to the president's speech was ~ at best

public support for it is decidedly ~ (impeachment)

tepid support

the proposed change won his ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

## termite (noun)

termites

he has referred to Muslims as ~ who need to be wiped out

**violence: animal / insect**

## terrain (area)

terrain

they have shown themselves adept at navigating the ~

native terrain

his ~ is modern Britain (a filmmaker)

changing terrain

the deal highlights the ~ as investors adjust

master much terrain

a contemporary musician must ~

**area / environment: ground, terrain & land**

## terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)

dangerous terrain

management is stepping into ~ (NPR fires Juan Williams)

difficult terrain

the Midwest, with its job losses, is ~ for Democrats

she explores ~, including her husband's death (a writer)

rocky terrain

she adeptly negotiated the ~ of the NYC publishing world

**flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land**

**danger: ground, terrain & land**

## terrain (known and unknown terrain)

familiar terrain

the farther you travel from the ~ of the legacy world

new terrain

the Emmys have entered ~ (backstage Webcasts)

**area: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map**

**certainty & uncertainty: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map**

### **territory (known and unknown territory)**

familiar territory

they are heading into ~, an important division game (sports)

uncharted territory

we're in ~ in terms of predicting his recovery... (coma)  
sending public opinion into ~

unknown territory

he was at 62, ~ for a man who'd never won (golf)

**area: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map**

**certainty & uncertainty: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map**

### **territory (with the territory)**

come with its territory

his book avoids the pitfalls that ~ (a biography)

comes with the territory

getting blamed ~ (a basketball coach)  
this ~ when you work in a hospital (long hours)

goes with the territory

some people are skeptical, but that ~ (diplomacy)

**presence & absence: ground, terrain & land**

### **territory (assigned area)**

home territory

cell-phone users outside their ~s

outside their (home) territories

cell-phone users ~

**area: ground, terrain & land**

### **territory (stake out territory)**

stake out new territory

as Microsoft tries to ~

**possession: ground, terrain & land**

### **territory (area)**

vast territory

the ~ between the extremes has been bridged (book retailing)

**area / environment: ground, terrain & land**

### **test (stress test)**

stress test

banks must take a ~ (check finances in case of crisis)

**condition & status: health & medicine**

### **tethered**

tethered to their computers

doctors and nurses are ~ (criticism of healthcare)

**attachment: rope**

### **thanks (noun)**

thanks to (two) headers

the Dutch reached the semis ~ in the second half (soccer)

thanks to TikTok

the song's massive blowup is partially ~

**help & assistance: speech / verb to noun**

### **thaw (verb)**

thaw

the freeze began to ~ when... (relations)

**amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature / verb**

### **thaw (noun)**

thaw in relations

the border will reopen after a ~ (Burma and Thailand)

the 2 leaders promised a ~ (Saudi / Iran)

**amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature**

### **theater (performance)**

negotiation theater

it looks serious, but it might just be ~ (trade talks)

diplomatic theater

it provided ~ of the most electrifying kind (UN)

political theater

get out your popcorn, get ready for ~ today (hearing)

the vote was a bit of ~

♦ "All the world's a stage, / And all the men and women merely players; / They have their exits and their entrances..." (Shakespeare, *As You Like It*)

**performance: theater**

### **theater (appearance)**

theater and hot air

many thought him all ~ (national leader)

**appearance & reality: theater**

### **theater of the absurd**

theater of the absurd

call this what this is, which is a ~ (California governor vs. Trump)

**fantasy & reality: theater**

### **theatrics (noun)**

cheap "theatrics"

the ~ (politics)

**performance: theater**

## there (there for me, etc.)

there for me

the community was ~ (in time of grief)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## there (destination)

not there yet

we're ~ (resolution of trauma)

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## thermometer (noun)

thermometer

a feeling, a ~, a temperature reading of what is happening (a poll)

**measurement: temperature / tools & technology**

## thick (in the thick of things)

in the thick of things

she was right ~ (government response to Katrina)

**involvement: ground, terrain & land**

## thicket (noun)

thicket of bureaucracy

they have created a ~ (a government agency)

dense thicket

Netflix is trying to navigate a ~ of challenges

regulatory thicket

the government wants to set up a ~

**obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land**

## thick-skinned

thick-skinned

I'm ~ so it doesn't bother me

tough and thick-skinned

New Yorkers are thought to be ~

tough, thick-skinned (m)

he is known as a ~ leader

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## thing (fad, etc.)

thing

today is bubble wrap appreciation day, yes, it's a ~ (ABC)

♦ This echoes the old cliché, "The next big thing..."

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: object**

## thing (the next big thing)

the next big thing

he is tipped to be ~ in basketball (Zion Williamson)

Next Big Thing

the suckers who want to get in on the ~ (stocks)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: object**

## thing (one's thing)

my thing

hockey is ~

**enthusiasm: object**

## thin (breadth)

razor-thin

the election was decided by a ~ margin

**size: breadth**

## thin-skinned

thin-skinned

he is ~, prone to ill-advised eruptions

he was abnormally ~ when it came to criticism

writers can be ~

thin-skinned about criticism

he is ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## thirst (noun)

thirst for energy

Canada helps quench America's ~ (oil exports)

thirst for knowledge

his collection hinted at his ~

thirst for revenge

the suicide bombers are driven by a ~

a ~, religious zeal and dreams of glory (suicide bombers)

thirst for oil and gas

China has a bottomless ~ (Xinjiang Province)

thirst for the vulgar and obscene

our ~ seems unquenchable (US)

America's thirst

Canada helps quench ~ for energy (oil exports)

ever-increasing thirst

the world's ~ for oil

bottomless thirst

China has a ~ for oil and gas (Xinjiang Province)

quench (America's) thirst

Canada helps ~ for energy (oil exports)

**consumption / wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink**

## thorn

thorn in (Polish-Soviet) relations

the massacre has been a ~ for decades (Katyn Forests)

thorn of terrorism

the ~ has been removed today (death of al-Zarqawi)

thorn in our side

Samarra has been a little bit of a ~ (military)

thorn in Mr. Bush's side

he is a ~ (Al Gore)

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (Arab proverb.)

**affliction: plant**

## thorny

thorny issue

~s remain a source of tension (diplomacy)

thorny topic

the president tackled the ~ of immigration

**affliction: plant**

**flaws & lack of flaws: plant**

## thrash (verb)

thrashed Saudi Arabia

Russia ~ (World Cup soccer)

**hitting, slamming & lashing: verb / violence / whip**

## thrashed

thrashed

they waved their flags in defiance as their team was ~

**hitting, slamming & lashing: verb / violence / whip**

## thread (connection)

thread

the ~ connecting doctrine and tactics is training

common thread

we found a ~ between the two accidents

in some places, suicides seem to have root causes or ~s

narrative thread

the ~ can get lost (procedure and Congressional hearings)

vivid threads

several ~ run through their narratives (stories of grief)

dangling thread

the tapes were a ~ to connect us back to 1965 (murder trial)

followed the thread

we ~ and began to unravel the case (tapes of old trial)

we ~ and unraveled a strange and illuminating story (tapes)

knits together many threads

the story ~ of Muslim grievances (suicide bomber)

pulled on this thread

we ~ to take us back to 1965 (old tapes of trial)

pulled on the thread

we ~ and realized it was woven into the fabric of life then

**division & connection: cloth**

## thread (verb)

threaded itself into the fabric

the gang has ~ of the village

**division & connection: cloth / verb**

## thread (by a thread)

hanging on by a thread

we were ~ (money problems and bills)

hanging on to my job by a thread

I'm ~

hang by a thread

their hopes of advancing ~ (tournament)

hanging by a thread

his career is ~

**fate, fortune & chance: cloth**

## threshold (cross the threshold)

crossed the threshold into a new dimension

Sputnik ~

crossed a threshold to extinction

lizards have already ~ (global warming)

**portal: doors & thresholds / verb**

## threshold (below the threshold)

live below the (poverty) threshold

75 percent of adults ~ of \$1 a day (World Bank)

**measurement: doors & thresholds**

## threshold (on the threshold)

on the threshold of their futures

they were literally ~ (guy kills his girlfriend)

**proximity: doors & thresholds**

## threshold (portal)

threshold to the grave

nursing homes are viewed as the ~

**portal: doors & thresholds**

## threshold (measurement)

threshold for lead poisoning

lead levels in their blood were four times the ~

threshold of old age

typically 60 or 65 years is considered the ~

threshold of \$1 a day

75 percent live below the World Bank's poverty ~

epidemic threshold

the number of weekly cases exceeded the ~ of 237

panic threshold

their ~ is higher... (solo sailors don't panic easily)

poverty threshold

75 percent live below the World Bank's ~ of \$1 a day

below the threshold

help keep tensions between nations ~ of conflict

low (pain) threshold

if you have a ~, don't get a tattoo at the base of your spine

lower threshold

a ~ for admission should be considered (the elderly)

four times the threshold

lead levels in their blood were ~ for lead poisoning

threshold is reached

salt added to water will dissolve until a ~

exceeds a threshold

if the level ~ set by the system...

lower the (seizure) threshold

the drugs ~ and should be used cautiously

**measurement: doors & thresholds**

**thrive (verb)**

thrived at the company

he ~

thrive under (enormous) pressure

some people are able to ~ (jobs)

thrives on sensationalism

the media ~

**growth & development: plant / verb**

**throat (resemblance)**

shredder throat

insert paper into the ~ (paper shredder)

insert paper into the (shredder) throat

~ (paper shredder)

**resemblance / shape: throat**

**throat (ram something down the throat)**

ram the reform down our throats

the government tried to ~

**oppression: throat / verb**

**throat (predation)**

going for your throat

this isn't a joke, she's ~

**predation: throat**

**throat (Devil's Throat, etc.)**

Devil's Throat

~ is a must (Iguazu Falls)

**proper name: throat**

**throat (jump down someone's throat)**

she jumped down my throat

~ when I told her...

**speech: throat / verb**

**throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)**

Blondie's Throne

~ is a flowstone (Marvel Cave, Missouri)

Devils Throne

~ is a summit in Idaho

Vulcans Throne

~ is a summit in Mohave County, Arizona

Vulcan's Throne

~ is a cinder cone volcano (Grand Canyon)

Great White Throne

the ~ is in Zion National park, Utah

**proper name: royalty**

**throne (power)**

contenders to the throne

there are many ~ (to replace sick leader)

power behind the (home-video) throne

he is a ~ (DVD producer)

**power: royalty**

**throne (in line for the throne)**

in line for the throne

she is ~ (a fashion designer)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty**

**throne (pretender to the throne)**

pretender to the throne of (champion) Jack Dempsey

he is the French heavyweight ~

chief pretender to the throne

he reigns as king, or at least ~ (sportswriter of a horse)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty**

**throne (primacy)**

challenger to their throne

the Celtics rebuffed a ~ (sports)

contender for Nadal's throne

he has established himself as a ~ (tennis)

perch atop the throne

he may soon lose his ~ (a baseball pitcher)

regained his throne

Humpty Dumpty has ~ (the egg as a healthy product)

yielded the throne

the old guard has ~ (world soccer)

knocked off the throne  
he has been ~ (a tennis player)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty**

## throw (throw oneself into something)

threw herself into piano lessons  
she ~

threw herself into renovating  
she ~ the space (art gallery)

**involvement: throwing, putting & planting / verb**

## throwback (noun)

throwback to the past  
when he talks about crime, it can sound like a ~ (politician)

throwback to an earlier time  
he is a ~

throwback to the 1890s  
Dawson City is a ~

vaudeville throwback  
a U.S.O. tour is a raunchy ~ (US military)

**past & present: direction**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## throw out (verb)

threw out the (rape) conviction  
the court ~ of...

threw him out  
her father ~

thrown out of court  
he is seeing to get the criminal case ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb**

**throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb**

## thrust (verb)

thrust him into the (national) spotlight  
his heroics ~

thrust into the spotlight  
I was ~ (Miss USA and the Haiti earthquake)

**throwing, putting and planting: mechanism / verb**

## thumb (under the thumb)

under the thumb of a Stalinist regime  
the people of Basra are ~

under her father's thumb  
back ~

**oppression: thumb**

## thumbs-down

thumbs-down on the proposal  
stockholders turned ~

**judgment: gesture / hand**

## thumbs-up

thumbs-up  
the spectacle gets a ~

thumbs-up reviews  
the technology is getting largely ~ (computers)

**judgment: gesture / hand**

## thunder (sound)

thunder of ice  
the ~ going out (spring ice-out)

muffled thunder  
the ~ of their horses' hooves

**resemblance / sound: storm**

## thunder (steal thunder, etc.)

steal our thunder  
it will ~ (a double wedding)

steal much thunder  
it was a tough weekend for a tennis player to ~

stolen so much of baseball's thunder  
the NFL has ~ (viewership and interest)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: storm**

## thunder (speech)

thundered that  
he ~ God was the answer (a rally)

**speech: sound / storm / verb**

**resemblance: storm / verb**

## thunderbolt (noun)

hurled thunderbolts  
he ~ at his own party (a politician)

**accusation & criticism: storm**

## thunderclap

thunderclap  
the new analysis served as a ~

legal thunderclap  
a ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: storm**

## thunderstruck (adjective)

thunderstruck  
we were ~ (by Arctic fox's epic trek)

thunderstruck by what  
he was ~ he heard

**feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / lightning / sound / storm**



## thunderous

thunderous explosion  
~s shook buildings (war)

**resemblance / sound: storm**

## ticket

ticket to obscurity  
historically the vice presidency has been a ~

ticket to success  
the Internet can be your ~ (online degrees)

ticket to transition  
trainers are the ~ (military trainers to Afghans)

ticket out of poverty  
it was her ~ (new career as technical writer)

see boxing as a ticket  
many Indian girls ~ to a middle-class life (India)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ticket**

## tick-tock (noun)

tick-tock of events  
is there any info about how this all happened, what the ~ was

♦ **Heard—where else! —on National Public Radio.**

**sequence: clock / sound**

**time: sound**

## tick on (verb)

time ticks on  
Brazil are starting to lose hope as the ~ (World Cup soccer)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: clock / sound / verb**

## tidal wave (in a tidal wave)

in a tidal wave of development  
their aboriginal rights were swept away ~

swept away in a tidal wave  
their aboriginal rights were ~ of development

**amount & effect: sea / wave**

## tidal wave (other)

tidal wave of calls  
a ~ to 911 (due to prevalence of cellphones)

tidal wave of (Muslim) immigrants  
the ~ arrive from India (Karachi)

tidal wave of (criminal) charges  
the ~ and civil lawsuits (priest abuse)

tidal wave of data and information  
computers are creating a ~

face a tidal wave  
parents ~ of pressure (from kids for sexualized products)

**amount & effect: sea / wave**

## tide (on a tide)

on a tide of discontent  
he was swept into office ~

on a tide of (anti-Washington) sentiment  
state lawmakers are capitalizing ~

on a tide of (military) success  
he was elected ~

on a tide of goodwill and emotion  
the team is riding ~ (Iraqi national soccer team)

**amount & effect: sea / tide**

## tide (turn the tide, etc.)

tide is turning  
the ~ in the war  
the ~ against insurgents in the province

tide turning  
is the ~ towards impeachment for President Trump

turned the tide  
in 1943, the Allies ~ (war in Europe)

turned the tide in the fight  
countries that have successfully ~ against HIV

turned the tide of battle  
Capt. Rubio's singularly heroic act ~

turned the tide of the war  
the Russians had ~ (Kursk, 1943)

successfully turned the tide  
countries that have ~ in the fight against HIV

**reversal: sea / tide / verb**

**development: sea / tide / verb**

## tide (buck the tide)

buck the tide  
he was an iconoclast, willing to ~ (doctor)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: sea / tide / verb**

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sea / tide / verb**

## tide (rising tide)

rising tide of gentrification  
the ~ (Miami Beach and sea-level rise)

**amount & effect: sea / tide / water / wave**

## tide (stem the tide, etc.)

slow the tide  
what needs to be done to ~ of immigration

resist the tide  
few politicians have done more to ~ of progress

stem the tide of junk mail  
we must ~

stem the tide of divorce  
measures to ~

stem the tide of foreclosures  
little can be done to ~

stem the tide of questions  
he had struggled to ~ (minister forced to resign)

stem the tide of suicide  
how can we ~ (doctors)

stem the tide of scandals  
the NCAA wants to ~ (sports)

**amelioration & renewal: sea / tide / verb**

## **tide (other)**

tide of filth  
publication of the letters drenched him in a ~ (a writer)

tide of immigration  
what needs to be done to slow the ~ (US)

tide of migrants  
a swelling ~ is moving into South Africa (Zimbabweans)

tide of optimism  
a new ~ was already sweeping across our land

tide of tourism  
the ~ cannot be stemmed (the Arctic)

tide of (Arab and Islam) bashing  
the rising ~ in America

rising tide  
~ of Arab and Islam bashing in America  
the ~ of Internet retail mania  
on Wall Street, though, a ~ lifts many boats  
prescription drugs are being linked to a ~ of problems  
he claims free trade is a ~ that will lift all boats

swelling tide  
a ~ of migrants is moving into South Africa

democratic tide  
there is a rising ~ in the region (for reform)

tide is running against him  
the political ~

swept up by the tide  
they have been ~ of domestic technology

swept away on a tide  
agrarian England was ~ of industrialization

**amount & effect: sea / tide / water**

**movement: sea / tide / water**

## **tie (verb)**

tied him to the gang  
police ~

**division & connection: rope / verb**

## **tied**

tied to his job  
he is ~

**division & connection: rope**

## **tier (hierarchy)**

top tier  
he is in the ~ of Hollywood directors

top tier candidate  
this looked like the rally of a ~ (presidential candidate)

third-tier cities  
writers are popping up in ~ (China)

third- or fourth-tier (m)  
the ~ cities of China are no longer cultural wastelands

**hierarchy: direction / position**

## **tie together (verb)**

tie the two crashes together  
the FAA was waiting to ~

**division & connection: rope / verb**

## **tiger (noun)**

tiger  
Pakistan couldn't get down from the ~ it rode

♦ "Dictators ride to and fro upon tigers which they dare not dismount. And the tigers are getting hungry." (Winston Churchill.)

♦ *Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett is a wonderful account of hunting actual man-eating tigers.

♦ "The Champawat Tigress is reported to have killed about 200 men and women before being driven out of Nepal into what is now the state of Uttarakhand in northern India. / She continued to kill there, and her total number of human victims was estimated at 430. / The tigress was finally tracked down and killed by the legendary hunter Jim Corbett in 1907." ("Tiger and leopard attacks in Nepal," BBC, 5 April 2012.)

♦ "On the top, on the right-hand side of the trail, stood a small joss-house, built of logs. Within was a crude carving illustrating Chinese gods, and in front of it two wooden boxes with the stamps of paper candles. On the other side were a few leaves of tobacco and a couple of pieces of sugar, sacrifices to the God of Forests. On a tree nearby fluttered a red rag, with the inscription: 'Shan men dzhen vei si-zhi-tsi-go vei da suay Tsin tsan da tsin chezhen shan-lin,' which means: 'To the True Spirit of the Mountains. In antiquity in the dynasty of Tsi he was commander-in-chief for the dynasty Da Tsin, but now he guards the forests and mountains.' / That is to say, the tiger." *Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "Tigers are gods, who protect ginseng from men." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "To the Lord Tiger who dwelleth in the Forest and the Mountains. In ancient days, in the time of the Khan dynasty, He saved the state. Today his Spirit brings happiness to man." (An inscription at a shrine in the Sihoté Alin mountains, noticed by Dersu Uzala and V. K. Arseniev.)

**control & lack of control: animal**

## **tight (money)**

tight  
things are rather ~ (lack of money to pay bills)  
wages are stagnant, jobs scarce, and credit ~

**money: sensation**

**amount: money**

### **tighten (verb)**

tightening its control

China is ~ of vital minerals

tightened controls

Germany ~ over livestock feed (dioxin scare)

tighten (immigration) laws

many campaigned to ~ (elections)

tighten oversight

we must ~ of the industry

tighten lending

banks continue to ~

**amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / verb**

### **tight-knit**

tight-knit community

the ~

tight-knit network

a ~ of family and clan protected him (Saddam)

**division & connection: cloth**

### **tightrope**

tightropes in politics

it's one of the hardest ~ to walk now (abortion issue)

diplomatic tightrope

the US is walking a ~

walk this tightrope

they have to ~ of how much change they can change

**fate, fortune & chance: circus**

**difficulty, easiness & effort: circus**

### **time (buy time, etc.)**

buying time

so basically we were ~ (astronauts face death)

**time: money / verb**

### **time (steal time, etc.)**

steal time

I had to ~ away from the daily grind (to go climbing)

**time: money / verb**

### **time (time has passed)**

time may have (already) passed

it's a gimmick whose ~ (augmented reality phone app)

**future / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence:**

**movement**

**time: direction / movement / verb**

### **time (borrowed time)**

borrowed time

he was living on ~

**time: money**

### **time (run out of time)**

running out of time

we're ~ (press conference)

in the new academic world, she's ~ (adjunct)

my greatest fear is ~ (filmmaker)

time is running out

~ (negotiations)

**time: consumption / verb**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb**

### **time (waste time)**

lay waste to the myths

it is time to ~ of Soviet propaganda (Katyn)

**time: consumption / verb**

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb**

### **time (use time)**

use their time

candidates must decide how best to ~

he studies how people ~ (a sociologist)

use their time on the job

the surprising ways Americans ~

use their time wisely

prosecutor want to make sure they ~

**time: consumption / verb**

### **time (the time can arrive, etc.)**

time

if you have things to do, now is the ~ (hurricane)

the time has arrived

~ to take a stand

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning**

### **time (it's time, etc.)**

it's (about) time

~ we started tackling this

it's time to pay

~ student athletes (universities)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: prep, adv, adj, particle**

### **time (time will tell)**

only time will tell

that old journalist canard, ~ (what will happen in the future)

**future: speech**

**fictive communication: speech**

## time (past time)

past time for Americans to set aside myths  
it's ~ about the Civil War and its aftermath

past time to stop them  
coaches are killing kids and it's ~ (heat stroke, etc.)

past time to confront the realities  
it's ~ (Civil War)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## time bomb (person)

time bomb of rage  
he was a ticking ~ (member of a hate group)

**character & personality: explosion**

## time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)

time bomb  
the company's debt load is a ~ waiting to go off

time bomb inside your body  
you could have a ticking ~ (pancreatic cancer)

privacy time bomb  
it's a ticking ~ (compiling lists of Web searches)

ticking time bomb  
Hillary Clinton called Sudan a ~  
it's a ~ (San Onofre nuclear-power plant waste)

environmental time bomb  
Central and Eastern Europe our littered with ~s

latent time bomb  
a computer command set off the ~ (Mars glitch)

psychological time bomb  
reflex-quick killing can be a ~ (the Army)

♦ "You never really want to have any situation described as a ticking time bomb."

**initiation / situation: explosion**

## time capsule (noun)

time capsule  
it's a ~ (an historic building)

time capsule of the era  
the TV show is a ~

time-capsule of manners  
the book is a ~

time capsule to archaeologists  
the site offers a ~

time capsule to another era  
the stories offer a ~

time-capsule charm  
the building has ~

cinematic time capsule  
the film is a ~

Soviet time capsule  
the state is a ~ (Abkhazia)

get out of the time capsule  
wake up, ~

**past & present: container**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: container**

## time machine

time machine  
you're in a ~ as you go up the bay (an ecologist)

**time: mechanism**

**future: mechanism**

**past & present: mechanism**

## time warp

Soviet time warp  
Abkhazia is living in a ~ (frozen in time)

**past & present: movement**

## tinderbox (resemblance)

tinderbox  
the whole forest is a ~ (wildfires)

turned (much of) the state into a tinderbox  
California's severe drought and extreme weather have ~

**resemblance: fire**

## tinderbox (violence, etc.)

tinderbox  
the city is a ~ (trouble in Jerusalem)

volatile tinderbox  
in that ~ of a time, Kennedy led with a steady hand

**initiation: fire**

## tin-eared (adjective)

tin-eared (political) lines  
he still spouts ~ (politics)

**flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech**

## tinker (verb)

tinkering with the rules  
they are ~

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb**

## tip (tip one's hand)

tips his hand  
under pressure from his audience, the candidate sometimes ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games**

## tired (adjective)

tired of the finger-pointing  
parents are ~ (school issues)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sleep**

## titan (noun)

titan of the Surrealist movement  
this ~ strode on stage (Salvador Dali on Dick Cavett show)

economic titan  
Asia's ~s, China and Japan...

global titans  
the Quakers had become ~ of the whaling industry

**size: creature**

**importance & significance: creature / size**

**achievement, recognition & praise: creature / size**

## today (noun)

today  
he is just as committed ~ as he was yesterday and the day before

**past & present: day**

## toe (on one's toes)

on their toes  
at this point, everybody is ~

**readiness & preparedness: toe / standing, sitting & lying**

## toe (step on toes)

stepped on a lot of toes  
he ~ with his stories (murdered journalist)

stepped on the toes of old theories and beliefs  
his discoveries ~ (Pasteur)

♦ "It was ticklish business. Powerful economic toes in the shoes of pseudo-science had to be stamped on." (*Men Against Death* by Paul De Kruif. From the chapter "Death in Milk" about Alice Evans and her work on undulant fever.)

**feeling, emotion & effect: foot / sensation / toe / verb**

**disruption: foot / sensation / toe / verb**

## toe (dip one's toes)

dipping its toes into digital apps  
Mattel is ~

dipping a toe into public life  
they are ~ (two sons of celebrity start YouTube channel)

dipping his toe in the (church-as-business) waters  
perhaps Kanye West is ~

**involvement: foot / toe / verb / water**

**experimentation: foot / toe / verb / water**

## toehold (noun)

toehold within the city  
Grbavica gave the Serbs a ~ (war in Bosnia)

toehold on a computer  
automated tools get hackers a ~

political toehold  
women have been unable to gain a ~ (Massachusetts)

**presence & absence: foot / toe**

**survival, persistence & endurance: foot / toe**

## toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)

go toe to toe  
the two warriors ~ (*Deadliest Warrior* TV show)

go toe-to-toe with the US military  
they certainly can't ~, but...

**conflict: boxing / toe / verb**

## toll (noun)

toll  
not getting enough sleep day after day takes its ~

toll of the war  
he wrote a report on the psychological ~ (on soldiers)

toll on the (entire) family  
their condition can take a ~ (autistic kids)

toll on musicians' bodies  
hours of practice take their ~

toll on lives and places  
war's ~ (Cambodia)

war's toll  
the ~ on lives and places (Cambodia)

actual (annual) toll  
the ~ might be 10,000 (vs. reported) (mine deaths)

emotional toll  
stuttering can exact a terrible ~

heavy toll  
rebel resistance was taking a ~  
the US raid, while brief, inflicted a ~

huge toll  
my job took a ~ (presidential advisor)

human toll  
the ~ was high

psychological toll  
he wrote a report on the ~ of the war  
the ordeal had taken a profound ~ (climbing accident)

**cost & benefit: money**

## toll (take a toll, etc.)

exact a (terrible emotional) toll  
stuttering can ~

taking its toll  
the buildup to war, too, was ~

took its toll  
the heat and humidity ~ (heat-related deaths)

took their toll  
years of graffiti "missions" ~ (arrests, etc.)

**cost & benefit: money / verb**

## **tomorrow (future)**

tomorrow  
~ is already here

tomorrow  
dominant industries today will give way to new industries ~

tomorrows  
"I'd trade all my ~, for that one single yesterday."

tomorrow's revenue stream  
ecommerce is ~

building a (better) tomorrow  
we are ~

**future: day**

## **ton (amount)**

ton of attention  
Charlottesville did bring a ~ to these groups

ton of football  
we've got a ~ for you (TV)

ton of detail  
we've heard vague reports, but there's not a ~

**amount: weight**

## **tone-deaf (adjective)**

tone-deaf  
his response to the accusation was ~

tone deaf and ignorant  
she was accused of being ~ to racial sensitivities

**flaws & lack of flaws: music / speech**

## **tone down (verb)**

toning down his rhetoric  
he is ~

**attenuation: speech / verb**

## **tongue (danger)**

tongue  
your ~ is your horse, protect it and it will protect you  
keep the ~ in your mouth a prisoner

punishment of his tongue  
what a man suffers in life is the ~ (Turkey)

**danger: speech / tongue**

## **tongue (language)**

foreign tongue  
he was speaking in a ~

**language: tongue**

## **tongue (hold one's tongue)**

hold your tongue  
I would advise you to ~

unable to hold her tongue  
she is ~

**speech: tongue / verb**

**control & lack of control: speech / tongue**

## **tongue (bite one's tongue)**

bitten my tongue  
I have ~ despite feeling I should say something

**speech: tongue / verb**

## **tongue (lose one's tongue)**

lost your tongue  
have you ~

**functioning: speech / tongue**

**speech: tongue / verb**

## **tongue (slip of the tongue)**

slips of the tongue  
~ are entirely normal in kids

**failure, accident & impairment: speech / tongue**

## **tongue-lashing**

tongue lashing  
the older player gave her a ~ (teen golfer)

tongue-lashings from the coach  
~ (basketball)

tongue-lashing from Kathy  
I took a ~ (wife)

**speech: tongue / violence / whip**

**accusation & criticism: tongue / violence / whip**

## **tongue twister**

tongue twister  
do you know a ~

♦ She sells sea shells by the sea shore. The sixth sick sheik's sheep's sick.

**difficulty, easiness & effort: speech / tongue**

## **tongue-twisting**

tongue-twisting name  
the ~ eosinophilic esophagitis

**difficulty, easiness & effort: speech / tongue**

## tonic (effect)

### tonic

military victory is anticipated as the ~ that will...

### tonic for the country

the team's revival has been a ~ that needs it (World Cup)

### tonic for the sport

her arrival proved a ~ (Danica Patrick)

### feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

### amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

## tool (help)

### tool to combat

it remains the principal ~ street homelessness

### tool to educate

Senior Step is a ~ older amputees (magazine)

### tool to save

it's the best ~ lives in avalanches (air bags)

### tool of repression

the Iraqi military was a ~ (Kurds)

### tool for (AIDS) prevention

the classroom as a ~

### tool for law enforcement

the antiterrorism law is an essential ~

### tools for (consumer) advertising

magazines are ~

### tool for analyzing

Microstran, an advanced ~ structures (software)

### tools for evaluating

their arsenal of ~ applicants (colleges)

### tool for measuring

the CATCS, a new ~ student cynicism (college)

### tools menu

on the ~, click mail merge (computers)

### assessment tool

the CATCS, a new ~ for measuring student cynicism

### communications tool

e-mail is a ~, not an information tool (hoaxes)

### hacker tools

Web sites specializing in ~

### information tool

e-mail is a communications tool, not an ~ (hoaxes)

### management tool

wilderness bonding as a ~

### research tool

the M.R.I. and PET are crucial ~s (brain)

### cancer-research tool

the virus became a widely used ~

### performance evaluation tool

the job description may also be a ~

### high tech tool

~s that could help in the war on terrorism

### learning tool

computers are kid's toys and ~s

### marketing tool

a subtle ~ to get out the message

wine has become a ~ as well (restaurants)

### recruiting tool

the parachutists are deployed as a ~

### screening tool

there is a need for better ~s for depression

### teaching tool

adopted as a standard ~; as a ~ he had a chart made

### depression screening tool

a nine question ~ (public health)

### fire-fighting tools

a growing arsenal of ~ (wildfires)

### advanced tool

Microstran, an ~ for analyzing structures (software)

### widely used (cancer-research) tool

the virus became a ~

### additional tools

~ to augment deadly force (nonlethal means)

### basic tool

education is the most ~ for helping you with diabetes

### biometric tools

~ (fingerprinting, facial recognition, iris scans)

### diagnostic tool

the CAT scan, a ~ used in hospitals worldwide

### essential tool

the antiterrorism law is an ~ for law enforcement

### indispensable tool

the typewriter was once an ~ in the writer's life

### political tool

forswore the use of violence as a ~

### powerful tool

password systems give merchants ~s

the technology can be a ~ to help doctors (MRI)

### principal tool

it remains the ~ to combat street homelessness

### psychiatric tool

brain imaging has been oversold as a ~ (psychiatry)

### standard (teaching) tool

adopted as a ~

### subtle (marketing) tool

a ~ to get out the message

arsenal of tools

their ~ for evaluating applicants (colleges)

arsenal of (fire-fighting) tools

a growing ~

creator of a (Web publishing) tool

Dave Winer, ~ called... (computers)

repository of (Sybase) tools

a non-commercial ~

access to ("cracking") tools

al Qaeda has ~ (cyberwarfare)

bonding as a (management) tool

wilderness ~

violence as a (political) tool

forswore the use of ~

develop tools

~ for addressing stereotypes when you hear them

oversold as a (psychiatric) tool

brain imaging has been ~

♦ "That's not to say it can do everything, but it is a tool with profound benefits, a great tool." (Dr. James A. Brink, on the importance of CAT scanners.)

**help & assistance: tools & technology**

## toolbox

tools in our toolbox

I'd like to see more ~ (interrogations of terrorists)

management toolbox

there are a whole host of tools that are in that ~ (wildfires)

**group, set & collection: tools & technology**

## toolkit

teacher's toolkit

the techniques and strategies in a ~

**group, set & collection: tools & technology**

## tooth (a tooth for a tooth)

tooth for a tooth

an eye for an eye, a ~

**revenge: Bible / religion / teeth**

## tooth and nail (adverb)

tooth and nail

she fought him, ~

they fought ~ to keep the evidence out (trial)

fighting (the effort) tooth and nail

the industry is ~ (regulation)

fight tooth and nail for her power

she has to ~ (the opera character Carmen)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: animal**

**predation: animal**

## toothless (adjective)

toothless resolution

this is yet another ~ from the Security Council (UN)

scorned as toothless

the regulatory agency is widely ~

**force: animal / teeth**

**strength & weakness: animal / teeth**

**attenuation: animal / teeth**

## toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)

put (all) that toothpaste back in the tube

it's very hard to ~ (morality)

**initiation: teeth**

## top (blow one's top)

blew his top

he ~ in front of a group of colleagues

**feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb / volcano**

## top (on top)

on top

the people are ~ nowadays (*Doctor Zhivago*)

society is like a layer cake, with the upper class ~

**hierarchy: position**

## top (on / at / to the top)

at the top of his game

he is ~

came out on top

it was a crappy situation, but we ~ (Rangers)

finished on top

San Jose ~ last season (soccer)

go out on top

like any other boxer, he wants to ~

motivated to be on top

he was ~ (Jeremy Lusk)

take him to the top

he hoped his right hand would ~ (a boxer)

**achievement, recognition & praise: direction**

**growth & development: direction**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

## top (on top / control)

on top of this

we are ~ (an emergency)

get on top of this

we need to ~ (epidemic)



stay on top of a project  
he will ~ until it is done

**control & lack of control: direction**

## top dog (hierarchy)

top dog  
there was no doubt he was the ~ (young Federal lawyer)

**hierarchy: animal / dog / position**

## topography (noun)

favorable political topography  
this is a ~ for us (the Republican senate)

**area: ground, terrain & land**

## topple (verb)

topple the government  
he was charged with attempting to ~ by force and conspiracy

toppled the government  
his self-immolation started the riots that ~ (Tunisia)

toppled (entrenched) leaders  
the protests have ~ in Egypt and Tunisia

topple the regime  
they wish to ~ (rebels)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / equilibrium & stability / ruins / verb**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / equilibrium & stability / ruins / verb**

**destruction: direction / equilibrium & stability / ruins / verb**

## torch (carry a torch)

carry the torch for the political allies  
judges should not ~

**representation: fire / verb**

## torch (other)

torch  
the ~ has been passed (from the Kennedys to O'Rourke)

torch of (Syrian contemporary art)  
for a long time the ~ was carried by Mustafa Ali

**representation: fire**

**transmission: fire**

## torchbearer

last torchbearer  
her generation is perhaps its ~s (Anglo-Indians in India)

**representation: fire**

## torn

torn between past and present  
Turkey, ~

torn between modernity and traditionalism

Turkey, ~

torn between the statements and the lack of evidence  
both juries were ~

torn between two career directions  
are you ~

torn between admiration and annoyance  
he was ~

torn over whether  
I'm ~ I should...

conflict-torn  
~ areas such as Kosovo and the Palestinian territories

violence-torn  
~ East Timor

war-torn (m)  
drilling for oil in this ~ area (Colombia)  
this poor, hungry, ~ backwater

**division & connection: destruction**

## torn up

torn up about it  
I was kind of ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: destruction**

## torpedo (verb)

torpedoing morale  
the overhaul of the system is ~ (education)

torpedoes her plea  
that ~ for self-defense

torpedoed their season  
the loss ~ (football)

♦ An international investigation came to the conclusion that North Korea torpedoed the South Korean warship *Cheonan*, killing 46 sailors. During the Falklands War, the submarine HMS *Conqueror* torpedoed and sank the ARA *General Belgrano*.

**destruction: boat / sea / verb**

## torpedo (noun)

torpedo  
it was the ~ that sank the prosecution's case (forensics)

**destruction: boat / sea**

## torpor (noun)

torpor and schlock  
he came back from years of ~ (Elvis Presley)

**activity: health & medicine**

## torrent (noun)

torrent of abuse  
his remarks unleashed a ~

torrent of data

genomics has released a ~

torrent of criticism  
the decision provoked a ~

torrent of (irate and obscene) e-mails  
he awoke to a ~

torrent of fury  
in the play's scorching final scene, she unleashes a ~ at...

torrent of information  
filtering, organizing, and customizing this ~ (Web)

**amount & effect: water**

**movement: water**

### **torture (afflict)**

tortured me for months  
my daughter ~ (potty training)

tortured him  
the rumors ~  
cancer ~  
the weeks ~, as he knew people were dying

**affliction: violence / verb**

### **torture (affliction)**

mental torture  
it was a form of ~ (combat soldiers talking about great meals)

puts his body through the torture  
he ~ required to prepare... (a boxer)

**affliction: violence**

### **tortured**

tortured about his sexuality  
a man ~ (closeted gay Republican politician)

tortured by bad weather  
this is an areas that has been ~ (spring tornadoes)

tortured emotions  
such ~ (towards sex / Arabs)

tortured path  
it's been a long ~ for the project (space)

tortured childhood  
he cries when he recalls his ~ (homosexual)

tortured, difficult and painful  
relations are often ~ (politics)

legal torture  
the way we feel is that we are going through ~ (family)

**affliction: violence**

### **torturous**

slow, torturous (m)  
a ~ death by drowning, hypothermia suffocation (sub)

**feeling, emotion & effect: violence**

### **toss back (verb)**

tossed political gerrymandering back to the states  
the Supreme Court has ~

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: arm / verb**

### **toss out (verb)**

tossed out of court  
his suit was ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb**

### **totem pole**

totem pole  
Flint was apparently low on the ~ (in a company)

**hierarchy: Native Americans**

### **touch (verb)**

touched everyone  
the loss ~ (children die in house fire)

touched many lives  
throughout his life, he ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: finger / verb**

### **touch (lose touch)**

lost touch with her  
officials said they had ~

loses touch with reality  
he ~ (a schizophrenic)

lost touch with firefighters  
fire officials ~ trying to... (poor communications)

lost touch with their father  
they ~ and Native heritage (Laguna Pueblo)

**division & connection: finger / verb**

### **touch (connection)**

touch with reality  
he loses ~ (a schizophrenic)

human touch  
the ~ comes naturally (a lawyer)

loses touch  
he ~ with reality (a schizophrenic)

**division & connection: finger**

### **touching (adjective)**

touching story  
this was the most ~ I've ever heard

**feeling, emotion & effect: finger**

## touchstone

touchstone of a generation

it was the ~ (Woodstock Music Festival / US)

touchstones of (medical) progress

vaccines and antibiotics are seen as ~ (vs. diagnostic test)

touchstone in (American) culture

her case became a ~ (Terri Schiavo)

touchstone in German Holocaust studies

the book became a ~ (by H. G. Adler)

touchstone for a set

the painting is a ~ of ideals ("Kindred Spirits")

"touchstone" (1960) book

Harper Lee's ~ ("To Kill a Mockingbird")

holiday touchstone

"It's a Wonderful Life" is now a ~ (film)

cultural touchstone

"American Psycho" has become a ~ (US / a book)

it is a ~ (dominoes / Latinos / NYC)

her fourth book is a ~ (*Eat, Pray, Love*)

emotional touchstone

Jerusalem is an ~ for many people in the Middle East

♦ A touchstone was a dark stone such as slate used to determine, or assay, the purity of a precious metal, like gold. It is similar in meaning nowadays to *litmus test*. The word seems to relate to authenticity, genuineness, or shared experience.

**representation: mark**

## touchy (adjective)

touchy subject

abortion is a ~ for some radio programmers

**feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## tough-minded

tough-minded

he is ~ and not afraid to take risks (commander)

nimble, tough-minded and effective

we need government that is ~

**mind: materials & substances**

## tout (person)

tout for the educational-technology industry

he is a ~

**message: person**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: person**

## tout (verb)

tout the wonders

Mexican officials ~ of Mexico (tourism)

**message: verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: verb**

## towel (throw in the towel)

threw in the towel on adding

he ~ a citizenship question (on the census)

ready to throw in the towel

she's not ~

**resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / verb**

## towering (towering figure, etc.)

towering figure

Jacky Robinson was a ~ in American sports

he was a ~ who rose above party politics (McCain)

**importance & significance: size / height / infrastructure**

## toxic (adjective)

toxic

the modern culture of the prom has become ~ (critics)

toxic atmosphere

political leaders have contributed to a ~ (politics)

toxic doctrine

the ~ of racial superiority (Nazis)

toxic environment

it has been a ~ for 8 years (actor on a TV show)

toxic (political) environment

incumbent politicians are at risk in the ~

toxic (work) environment

employees complained that he created a ~ (a boss)

toxic person

she is a ~

toxic relationship

their ~ ended in murder

toxic political warfare

this will pour fuel on the fire of ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

## track (on track)

on track to jump

the number of Wi-Fi cards sold is ~ 75 percent

on track to meet

the services are ~ reserve manpower goals (military)

on track for a shot

a win would keep him ~ at the title (boxer)

on an academic track

he is ~ (vs. vocational program) (high school)

on the right track

we are ~ (making progress towards our goal)

back on track

we are ~ (making progress)

they will get ~ today with a new bill (politics)

still on track

US policy there is ~ (Central Asia)

organized and on track

keep your job search ~

stay on track

your script should help you ~ (job interviews)

keep your job search (organized and) on track

get back on track

treatment options to help you ~ (depression)

it is possible to ~ (debt in economy)

get us (back) on track

I've got a solution that will ~

get our economy (back) on track

to help ~

**progress & lack of progress: train**

**direction: train**

### **track (fast track)**

on a fast track to a vote

the resolution is ~ on the floor of the senate

**speed: train**

### **track (across the tracks, etc.)**

lives across the tracks

the horror genre ~ in the literary community

**division & connection: train**

### **track (cover one's tracks)**

cover your tracks

you didn't ~ very well, you were easy to find

cover his tracks

people wondered if he disappeared to ~ (crime suspect)

cover his digital tracks

he failed to ~ (an Internet hacker)

**subterfuge: foot / verb**

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

### **track (stop something in its tracks)**

stopped the (FBI) investigation in its tracks

the plea agreement ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips /  
movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

### **track (stopped in one's tracks)**

got stopped in its tracks

the idea ~ (opening a liaison office)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running &  
jumping**

### **track (off the beaten track)**

off the beaten track

the whirlpools are ~

go off the beaten track

he doesn't hesitate to ~

**isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips**

### **track (direction)**

career track

I didn't take the traditional ~

traditional (career) track

I didn't take the ~

take the (traditional career) track

I didn't ~

**direction: train**

### **track down (verb)**

track down John Sergeant

I decided I would ~ and ask him what...

track down a (caller's) location

in order to ~... (police)

track down his (work) phone

it took some effort to ~

tracked down the relatives

Moroccan officials ~ of the man (terrorist)

tracked down the (first) vehicle

authorities ~, a Subaru Outback...

track down victims

early efforts to ~ turned up... (identity theft)

track down water

how hard it can be to ~ in the Mojave

track down (dog-friendly) cafes and hotels

~ (a Web site)

track down (high-school) girlfriends

they ~... (NFL background checks)

track down the financing

our efforts to ~ of al Qaeda

tracked down this sickness

Evans ~ lurking in the milk supply (undulant fever)

tracked him down at a (corner) dice game

she ~

effort to track down

it took some ~ his work phone

**searching & discovery: hunting / verb**

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

## tracked (followed)

tracked all over campus  
students are ~ (security systems)

tracked at factories, office parks, stadiums  
people are ~ (security systems)

tracked through the system  
parts must be ~ (military logistics)

information should be tracked  
this ~ in the TOC and the CTCP (military)

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## tracking

tracking of immigrants  
the need for the government to improve its ~

tracking information  
for ~, visit us at... (post office)

tracking number  
~ 844553785371 (Federal Express)

eye-tracking (m)  
usability experts may use ~ software

missile-tracking (m)  
Russia has constructed a large, ~ radar

radio tracking (m)  
animals fitted with ~ collars

countertracking (m)  
backtracking, doglegging or other ~ methods (military)

acquisition and tracking (m)  
frequencies of enemy ~ systems

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## track record

track record of accomplishments  
years of experience and a ~ (resume)

track record of these methods  
given the ~

track record of getting the big issues wrong  
he has a ~, time after time (Federal Reserve candidate)

track record in improving  
he has a ~ schools (election)

track record for success  
he's got a ~

skills, achievements and track record  
your ~ (job hunting)

♦ This usage refers to a runner's time.

**achievement, recognition & praise: sports & games**

## traction (gain / build / get traction)

build traction  
her campaign is starting to ~ (politics)

gain traction  
rumors ~ in an atmosphere of uncertainty

gained (significant) traction with customers  
none of their products ~ (a company)

gaining traction  
an effort to establish industrywide safety standards is ~

getting traction  
the economic recovery was finally ~

struggled to gain traction  
her campaign has ~ (elections)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb**

**progress & lack of progress: movement / verb**

**force: movement / verb**

## trade (verb)

traded some ideas  
we ~ on how we could work collectively (diplomacy)

**possession: money / verb**

## tragedy (noun)

ended in tragedy  
the hostage drama ~ when...

**feeling, emotion & effect: theater**

## traffic light (noun)

“traffic light” regime  
operators should observe a ~ (fracking / England)

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign, signal, symbol**

## trail (blaze a trail)

blazed the trail for many young film makers  
he ~ (Samuel L. Jackson on death of John Singleton)

blazed a trail between Greeks and Turks  
they have ~ with their music

blazed a trail into the workplace  
women like her ~

blazed his own trail  
he ~

**importance & significance: journeys & trips / verb**

## trail (follow)

trailed him  
the accusations have ~ for years (of sexual misconduct)  
the allegations that ~ finally caught up to him

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

## trail (throw somebody off the trail)

throw the police off their trail  
their effort to ~ failed (runaway mom)

**subterfuge: hunting / verb**

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb**

## trail (digital trail, etc.)

trail of deceit  
this industry has left a ~ (tobacco)

trail of devastation  
deadly tornadoes leave a ~ in Florida (newspaper)

data trail  
they followed the ~ to his computer (criminal)

digital trail  
investigators are going through a ~ of text messages

money trail  
they are following the ~

paper trail  
officials follow extensive ~s

**evidence: hunting**

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

## trail (campaign trail, etc.)

campaign trail  
the 2000 presidential ~

comeback trail  
they are on the ~ after serious injuries (skiers)  
the genre is on the ~ (hard rock music)

**route: journeys & trips**

## trail (trail of tears)

trail of tears  
the training can be a ~ (PJs / military)

♦ *The Trail of Tears refers to the removal of the Cherokee Indians from the Southeast to Oklahoma.*

**feeling, emotion & effect: Native Americans**

**survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips**

## trailblazer (person)

trailblazer  
she was a ~

trailblazer for (African-American) directors  
Singleton was considered a ~ in the 1990s

**importance & significance: journeys & trips / person**

**person: journeys & trips**

## trailblazing

trailblazing research  
~ in capital punishment

**importance & significance: journeys & trips**

## train (failure)

wheels are coming off the train  
the ~ in the mortgage business

**failure, accident & impairment: train**

## train (operation)

legal train  
the ~ chugs forward, unperturbed...

**operation: train**

## train (train has left the station, etc.)

train  
that ~ has already left the station  
he realized the ~ was leaving without him (merger plans)

♦ *"Your dad loved her very much. It there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed." (Austin Powers to Vanessa Kensington from the film Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery.)*

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: train / verb**

## train (future)

train has been coming down the tracks  
this ~ for the past 10 years (change in government)

**future: direction / train**

## train (runaway train)

runaway train of drug addiction  
data show the ~ has slowed down

**control & lack of control: train**

## train (hype train, etc.)

hype train  
the ~ was derailed (for Y.A. book, by sensitivity readers)

**driving force: train**

## train (in one's train)

in their train  
the Chinese arrived with disease ~ (eastern Siberia)

**sequence: train**

## train (get on the Trump train, etc.)

get on the Trump train  
Republicans must ~ or else

got on the Trump train  
when he ultimately ~, he stuck to it (politics)

boarded the Trump Train  
many of the events took place before he ~ (politics)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: train**

**unanimity & consensus: train**

## trajectory (noun)

trajectory

he started out on another ~ entirely (career)

stalled trajectory

she got depressed at the ~ of her once-promising career

epidemic's trajectory

a trial could have slowed the opioid ~

life's (natural) trajectory

sport compresses ~ of ascent, apogee and decline

set the trajectory

getting into the right college will ~ for the rest of your child's life

shifted the trajectory

new information has ~ their probe (police)

**development: journeys & trips / flying & falling / physics**

## trample (verb)

trample on his rights

that doesn't allow you to ~

**destruction: animal / foot / verb**

**oppression: animal / foot / verb**

## trampled

trampled underfoot

the rights of victims were effectively ~ (clergy sex abuse)

**destruction: animal / foot**

## translate (verb)

translate words into reality

the failure to ~... (diplomacy)

translate the language of science into terms

he can ~ people understand

translate into votes

endorsements don't always ~ (politics)

translate into (operational) safety

design safety does not necessarily ~ (factories)

**creation & transformation: speech / verb**

## transparency

transparency in (government) procurement

~ (part of WTO agenda)

Transparency measures

Article 7 ~ (UN convention against landmines)

transparency and accountability

the need for financial ~ (PLO)

financial transparency

the need for ~ and accountability (PLO)

lacks transparency

the process ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark**

## transparent

free and transparent (m)

ensuring ~ elections (Kosovo)

**concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark**

## transplant (noun)

Atlanta's transplants

creating a hometown atmosphere for ~ (sports bars)

**growth & development: plant**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: plant**

## trap (noun)

trap

his proposal is not a solution but a ~ (diplomacy)

speed trap

the State Police set up ~s to catch speeders

trap is set

the ~ (a stratagem to catch a criminal)

fallen into a trap

the Bush administration has ~ (by invading Iraq)

fallen for the trap

many online personals users have ~ (scam)

♦ Falling into a pattern is falling into a trap." (Ex-FBI profiler, speaking of the Washington, D.C.-area sniper.)

**subterfuge: hunting**

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

**danger: hunting**

## trap (Chinese finger trap)

Chinese finger trap

engaging with Trump is like a ~ (Joe Biden)

♦ Trying hard to remove your fingers only makes the trap tighter. Sometimes, if you are in a jam, it is better to relax.

**situation: container / pressure**

## trapdoor (computers)

trap door

'~s' allow outsiders access to the system (computers)

**computer: doors & thresholds**

**concealment & lack of concealment: doors & thresholds**

**subterfuge: doors & thresholds**

## trapped

trapped in a (sodomasochist) love affair

he was ~ with a former RAF pilot

trapped in the battle

~ between his warring parents

trapped as a (permanent) adjunct

you could end up ~ forever (colleges)

trapped by dogma  
don't be ~ (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

feels trapped  
she ~ (in a small town)

got trapped  
they ~ in a cycle of drug-taking (prostitutes)

end up trapped  
you could ~ as a permanent adjunct forever (colleges)

**involvement: hunting**

**pursuit, capture & escape: hunting**

**situation: ground, terrain & land**

**trash (noun)**

trailer trash  
she went from ~ to rich as sin and back

white trash  
Mama persuaded us we were special, not just ~

**worth & lack of worth: waste**

**trawl (verb)**

trawled through (400,000) documents  
the panel ~ (investigation)

trawled (daily) through (student) websites  
police ~ run by Muslim student groups at Yale

trawl through his communication records and social media history  
FBI investigators were able to ~

**searching & discovery: boat / fish / verb**

**pursuit, capture & escape: boat / fish / verb**

**tread (tread carefully, etc.)**

treading a (delicate) line  
the government is ~ between...

tread heavily  
you ~, but you speak the truth

tread lightly  
we have to ~ here (a murder investigation)

tread carefully  
they need to ~

**danger: walking, running & jumping / verb**

**treadmill (noun)**

treadmill  
the ~ isn't likely to stop anytime soon (language change)

treadmill of daily radio  
get off the ~ and see what's next

minimum-wage treadmill  
she discusses how people can get off the ~

step off the (industry's promotional) treadmill

by 2010 he was ready to ~ (a country singer)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism**

**work & duty: mechanism**

**treasure (money)**

treasure and blood  
how much more can we give in ~ (foreign wars)

**money: sign, signal, symbol**

**treasure (worth)**

national treasure  
National Public Radio is a ~

**worth & lack of worth: money**

**treasured (worth)**

treasured novel  
it is arguably America's ~ (*To Kill a Mockingbird*)

**worth & lack of worth: money**

**treasure house**

treasure house of the writings  
the library is a ~ at the core of the Western tradition

**amount: money**

**group, set & collection: money**

**worth & lack of worth: money**

**treasure trove (and trove)**

treasure trove of information  
a ~ from a data recorder (space shuttle)

trove of information  
intelligence agencies are acting on a ~  
soldiers discovered the tape among a ~

treasure-trove of (fossilized) jellyfish  
a ~ discovered in Wisconsin

trove of material  
the new ~ was being sifted for fresh clues (terrorism)

treasure trove of (grand, poetic) rhetoric  
the black church has always been a ~

trove of (bowling) treasure  
the Webers' home is a ~

treasure trove of trivia  
he has compiled a ~ about every president

treasure trove of plant life  
the Appalachians are a ~

treasure trove of (pilfered) military items  
a ~

treasure trove for a historian  
these materials were a ~

stunning trove  
scientists have discovered a ~ of fossils (Qingjiang biota)



geological treasure trove  
obtaining rocks from the mantle layer would provide a ~

acting on a trove of information  
intelligence agencies are ~ found during...

**searching & discovery: money**  
**amount: money**  
**group, set & collection: money**  
**worth & lack of worth: money**

### **treat (in for a treat)**

in for a treat  
you are ~

**experience: food & drink**

### **tree (resemblance)**

boot tree  
~s can prevent wrinkles and cracking (leather boots)

**resemblance: tree**

### **tremor (noun)**

created tremors  
the article ~ throughout Silicon Valley

**initiation: earthquake / volcano**  
**evidence: earthquake / volcano**  
**amount & effect: earthquake / volcano**  
**effect: earthquake / volcano**

### **trench (in the trenches)**

in the trenches  
he spent 34 years ~ (a teacher)  
the game is won ~ (football)

in the dating trenches  
friends of mine ~ have similar tales of woe (ghosted)

**driving force / experience: military**

### **triage (verb)**

triage between (bad and worse) options  
they have been forced to ~ (flooding)

**judgment: health & medicine / verb**

### **triage (noun)**

triage in flight delays  
there is no ~ (US airports)

triage mode  
aging forces democracies into ~

fiscal triage  
they have resorted to ~ (government)

political triage  
Democrats plan ~ to retain the House (election funding)

strategy of triage  
Democrats have begun a ~ (elections)

doing triage  
Theranos was ~ (troubled corporation)

**judgment: health & medicine**  
**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: health & medicine**

### **trial (show trial)**

“show trial”  
the investigation is a ~ (politics)

show trial  
we don't see the need for a ~ (political gaffe)

**appearance & reality / performance: theater**  
**judgment / oppression: justice**

### **trial balloon**

trial balloon  
his office floated a flurry of ~s (baseball)

**experimentation: atmosphere / balloon**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: atmosphere / balloon**

### **triangle (area)**

"triangle of death"  
the so-called ~ south of Baghdad

Sunni triangle  
the so-called ~ (Iraq)

coral triangle  
the ~ exhibits astonishing marine biodiversity

three-and-a-half-acre triangle  
a ~

**area: shape**

### **triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)**

Ilemi Triangle  
the ~ is contested by Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya

Afar Triangle  
the ~ is also known as the Danakil Depression

Yigra triangle  
the dispute centers on the ~ (Eritrea and Ethiopia)  
the 250-square-mile piece of rocky land known as the ~

**proper name: geometry**

### **triangle (things)**

fire triangle  
the ~ is fuel, oxygen and heat (wildfires)

India-Japan-Australia triangle  
China sits at the center of the ~ (trade)

**relationship: geometry / sign, signal, symbol**

### **triangle (people)**

love triangle  
she attacked her romantic rival in the ~

the play portrays a ~

apex of a romantic triangle  
she was the ~

**relationship: geometry / sign, signal, symbol**

## tribe (group)

girl's "tribe"  
he must play up to the ~ (her friends / teen dating)

"gathering of the tribe"  
many refer to it as a ~ (Masters / surfing)

**group, set & collection: person**

## tributary (noun)

numerous tributaries  
the main river of human lineage was split into ~  
(Denisovans, etc.)

**branching system: river**

## tribute (pay tribute)

payed tribute to its fallen detective  
the NYPD ~ (killed in line of duty)

**achievement, recognition & praise / obligation: money**

## trickle (noun)

trickle of information  
the ~ handed out so far (by police)

trickle of (surrendering) soldiers  
a ~ became a flood

trickle, flow, gush (m)  
we had a theory called, "~" (to rescue hostages)

slowed to a trickle  
the outpouring of generosity has ~ (aid)  
the export of Libyan oil has ~  
the flow has ~ (migrants)

cut to a trickle  
the stream of jihadists into the country has been ~

**movement: water**

**amount & effect: water**

## trickle (trickle in / out)

trickling in  
foreign tourists are ~ (Wakhan)

trickle in at inflated prices  
items ~ (Kisangani)

trickle out  
yesterday, the news started to ~ (politics)

**movement: water / verb**

## trigger (verb)

triggered my decision

what ~ was...

triggered a firestorm  
he ~ of controversy (a politician's remarks)

triggered outrage  
the online book ~

trigger a panic  
the government does not want to ~ (epidemic)

trigger a (regional) war  
he is willing to ~ (Assad)

trigger fear and chaos  
their aim is to ~ (political assassins)

**initiation: weapon / verb**

## trigger (noun)

triggers of asthma  
~ include allergens, infections, exercise, anxiety, reflux

trigger for abuse  
low income or stress may be a ~ (spousal abuse)

trigger for the accident  
the failure of the heat shielding may have been a ~

trigger for conflict  
water can be a ~ (world's rivers)

allergy trigger  
asthma and the effect of pets or other ~s

heartburn trigger  
there are many ~s (food, cigarettes, drugs, etc.)

pets or other (allergy) triggers  
asthma and the effect of ~

**initiation: weapon**

## trigger (pull the trigger)

pull the trigger  
nobody wanted to ~ and do a deal (publishing houses)

**initiation: verb / weapon**

**action, inaction & delay: verb / weapon**

## trim (verb)

trim money from the (defense) budget  
he proposed to ~

trim (state) spending  
he has been able to ~ (politician)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife / verb**

## trip up (verb)

trip up the president  
this could ~

**equilibrium & stability: verb / walking, running & jumping**  
**failure, accident & impairment: verb / walking, running & jumping**

## tripwire (initiation)

tripwire event

the Sopranos was the ~ that set off the golden age of TV

**initiation: explosion / military / weapon**

## tripwire (danger)

legal tripwires

she avoided ~ (Supreme Court confirmation hearing)

**danger: explosion / military / weapon**

## triumvirate (noun)

triumvirate of the great mountains

the ~ would be Everest, K2 and Nanga Parbat (Joe Simpson)

♦ The First Triumvirate in 60 B.C. consisted of Julius Caesar, Pompey, and Crassus.

**importance & significance: allusion / history**

## Trojan horse (computers)

viruses, worms and Trojan Horses

~ (computers)

**computer: Iliad & Odyssey**

## Trojan Horse (subterfuge)

Trojan Horses of the 21st century

cargo containers are the ~ (terrorism)

Trojan Horse in our midst

the INS may be a ~ (editorial in state paper)

Trojan Horse for the Chinese Communist Party

Huawei has been accused of being a ~

**subterfuge: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey**

## troll (verb)

trolling for votes

he is a cynical politician ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb**

## troll (computers)

troll

~s ask stupid questions and see who rises to the bait

~s provoke strangers online

~s love a vicious group hunt

~s push peoples' buttons

~s have caused people to commit suicide

~s posted flashing images to a Web site for epileptics

Web Troll

Prolific ~ Arrested (headline)

♦ In the old days, trolls lurked under bridges or in dark forests and caught and ate unsuspecting people. Nowadays, trolls are provocateurs who lurk online. They identify a person they consider to be a "blowhard" or "full of it" and provoke and attack him. While the person who is attacked goes nuts, the trolls sit back and laugh.

**computer: creature**

## troll (Troll Wall, etc.)

Troll Wall

the ~ is the tallest rock face in Europe (Norway)

**proper name: creature**

## trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)

trophy boyfriend

Asian boyfriends are the next "~s"

trophy girlfriend

she's found herself a young, hot ~

**superlative: sign, signal, symbol**

**achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol**

## trouble (in trouble)

in trouble

the magazine is ~ (libel)

**situation: container**

## troubled

troubled company

the ~ is in bankruptcy

**condition & status: mental health**

## trough (noun)

in a trough

we're ~ (technology seems to have slowed down)

peaks and troughs

the regional patterns of ~ could change (rising sea levels)

**progress & lack of progress: shape**

## trounced

trounced 4-0 at Everton on Sunday

they were ~ (Manchester United)

**hitting, slamming & lashing: violence**

## trove (see treasure trove)

## truce (noun)

call a truce

let's ~ (interpersonal problem)

reached a (shaky) truce

they have ~ in their trade dispute

**conflict: military**

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: military**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: military**

## truck (control)

my truck

this is ~, and in my truck we go by my rules

♦ This is like the person who said, "You're either on the bus or not on the bus, and I'm driving the bus."

**allegiance, support & betrayal: mechanism**  
**unanimity & consensus: mechanism**  
**control & lack of control: mechanism**

## **trumpet (blow one's own trumpet)**

blow her own trumpet  
she was unashamed to ~ (the great Nancy Hargreaves)

**appeal: military / verb**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb**

## **trumpet (verb)**

trumpeting its own product  
the company is ~

trumpeting their victory  
conservative groups were ~ (court)

**appeal: military / verb**  
**attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb**

## **trunk (branching system)**

trunk road  
we drove along France's old ~ (N7)

Grand Trunk Road  
I drove along the ~ to the Khyber Pass

♦ *Route Nationale 7 has been called France's Route 66. It links Paris to the Cote d'Azur. Like Route 66, it has been superseded by expressways, but still preserves its charm and history.*

**branching system: tree**

## **tsunami (noun)**

tsunami of traffic  
the Web site experienced a ~ (celebrity gossip)

tsunami warning  
Democrats face a ~ (elections)

digital tsunami  
it will be a challenge to keep up with the ~ (power)

electoral tsunami  
we will see an ~ on Nov. 2 (elections)

refugee tsunami  
the world has not seen a ~ like this since World War II

steroid tsunami  
the ~ nearly washed out Major League Baseball

green tsunami  
voters turned out for her in a "~" (Brazil)

slow-motion tsunami  
all we can do is watch this ~ (elections)

survive the (economic) tsunami  
companies are struggling to ~ (downturn)

**amount & effect: sea / tsunami / wave**

## **tube (go down the tubes)**

goes down the tubes

this is what happens when a corporation ~

**failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb**  
**destruction: infrastructure / verb**

## **tucked**

tucked between Australia and Fiji  
Vanuatu, ~

**configuration: cloth**

## **tug of war**

tug-of-war  
it's a ~ which ideology will control the party

tug-of-war over the house  
a post-divorce ~

tug-of-war between the airlines and FAA  
part of a familiar ~

tug of war between Congress and the administration  
the ~ over (border wall) funding took a new turn today

post-divorce tug-of-war  
a ~ over the house

constitutional tug-of-war  
the ~ between Moscow and the regions

legal tug-of-war  
he has been the subject of a long ~ between...

♦ *"Ah, but, but this case highlights kind of a sort of a tug of war between state and federal legal authorities, especially over issues of immigration and deportation." (Reporter Gabrielle Emanuel speaking on NPR.)*

**conflict: sports & games**

## **tumble (decline)**

Dow tumbled  
the ~ more than 500 points (2008 financial crisis)

prices have tumbled  
gas ~

**decline: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping**  
**failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping**

## **tumble (take a tumble)**

took a tumble  
the financial markets ~ today

**decline: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping**  
**failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping**

## **tumble down (verb)**

came tumbling down  
but it all ~ when... (a happy life)

**failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins / verb**  
**destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb**

## tumor (noun)

cancerous tumor

he described the country as a ~ (leader)

**affliction: health & medicine**

**growth & development: health & medicine**

## tumult (disruption)

political tumult

the ~ of the 1960s

**disruption: sound**

## tune (in tune, etc.)

in tune with his teammates

on Thursday he was ~ (soccer game)

in tune with the views

he is not ~ of his constituents (a politician)

in tune with (Bush's) view

he is more ~ of North Korea (a leader)

dance to the tune

many politicians ~ of the latest opinion poll or tweet

**unanimity & consensus: music**

## tune (out of tune)

out of tune with the needs

education is ~ of the economy

**unanimity & consensus: music**

## tune (change one's tune)

changed his tune

in May he ~ and confessed to doping (Tour de France)

changed their tune

it doesn't mean the bad guys have ~ (Baghdad)

**reversal: music / verb**

## tune (change in tune)

change in tune

this is a ~ (US will leave 200 troops in Syria after all)

**reversal: music / verb**

## tuned (stay tuned)

stay tuned

he urges people to ~ (to an ongoing issue)

stay tuned to find out

~ (a politically motivated lawsuit)

**consciousness & awareness: radio / verb**

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: radio / verb**

**development: radio / verb**

## tune-up (noun)

tune-up for the playoffs

the game was a good ~ (sports)

**readiness & preparedness: engine / mechanism / music**

**amelioration & renewal: engine / mechanism / music**

## tunnel (resemblance)

tunnel of (mature) rhododendron

a long arched ~

**resemblance: infrastructure**

## tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)

light at the end of the tunnel

sometimes it doesn't seem like there's a ~ (troubles)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: infrastructure**

## tunnel vision

tunnel vision

a kind of ~ dominates his perspective

tension tends to induce instant ~

I had ~ (an athlete who drove, shot, scored, won game)

tunnel vision thing

it was just kind of like a ~ (rescuer didn't hear screams of bystanders)

tunnel vision versus an open mind

~ (criminal investigations)

♦ "He's got target fixation." (A military pilot.)

**perception, perspective & point of view: infrastructure**

## turbocharge (verb)

turbocharged this (global social-media) ecosystem

the alt-right has ~ of hatred

**increase & decrease: engine / verb**

**power: engine / verb**

**strength & weakness: engine / verb**

**speed: engine / verb**

## turbulence

political turbulence

the ~ in the Palestinian Authority

**conflict: air / atmosphere / water**

## turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)

turbulent relationship

they had a ~

turbulent childhood

he emerged from a ~ emotionally brittle

**flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere / water**

## turf (control)

enemy turf

treading on ~

home turf

bring it to his ~

**control & lack of control: ground, terrain & land**

**area: ground, terrain & land**

### **turf (turf war, etc.)**

turf battles

~ likely to ensue (federal agencies)

turf wars between the C.I.A. and F.B.I.

~ (9/11)

alcohol turf war

allegations of an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

absurd turf wars

a series of ~ between the C.I.A. and F.B.I. (9/11)

bloody turf wars

the gang endured ~s

fight over turf

~ for distributing the drugs (gangs)

series of (absurd) turf wars

a ~ between the C.I.A. and F.B.I. (9/11)

**competition / conflict: ground, terrain & land**

### **turn (transform)**

turns from a hobby into an obsession

it ~ after a while (yo-yoing)

turn him from a criminal into a martyr

the Arabs will ~

turn into (physical) confrontations

verbal confrontations that ~ (police)

turned into a love affair

their friendship ~

turned into something more

it ~ (a relationship)

turned him into an advocate

his accident ~ for spinal cord research (Reeve)

turned (former) foes into allies

he has ~ (leader of Mexican drug cartel)

turned the telegraph into an antique

the telephone ~

turns a poem into a companion

memorization ~ (Billy Collins)

turns any meal into a feast

a good piece of fry bread ~

turns global into globalization

the kind of intercourse that ~ (Silk Road)

turned Yakutat into a (surfing) hotspot

they have ~ (Alaska)

turn the discussion into a lecture

don't ~ (advice to teachers)

turned Patteson into a (Christian) martyr

the murder ~ (Melanesia)

turned his (difficult) childhood into music

50 Cent ~ (rapper)

turned the dream into a nightmare

the loans have ~ (home ownership)

turn a cult activity into a mainstream sport

he helped ~ (surfing)

turned to grief

but euphoria ~... (all miners but one actually dead)

turned to panic

fear ~ (1918 flu pandemic)

turns to trust

distrust ~ when people get to know you

turned it to his advantage

he ~

turned angry

the march ~

turned fatal

his good deed ~ when...

turn tragic

a relatively minor mistake can ~ (climbing)

turned from bad to worse

the situation in Somalia has ~

**creation & transformation: direction / verb**

### **turn (turn to something, etc.)**

turn

I didn't know which way to ~

turned to the Internet to get

she ~ information on how to...

turn to plastic surgery to look

they ~ young

turned to Sununu to strike back

he ~ (politics)

turn to Crazy Horse for answers

I ~

turn to God for forgiveness

we must constantly ~

turn to traditional healers for help

8 in 10 South Africans ~ (sangomas)

turn to (school) officials for help

young lesbians will not ~ when...

turns to the I.M.F. for a loan

the next time it ~

turning to Islam

they are ~

turns to Allah  
if a person sincerely ~, seeking His help...

turned to his allies  
Zhou ~ in the local police (labor problems)

turn to anybody  
when there's no one else to listen to you, you'll ~ (gay)

turn to drugs  
youth who ~ in an effort to escape their circumstances

turned to drugs  
they ~ as a way of dealing with isolation and... (gay students)

turn to faith  
to cope with combat, soldiers often ~

turned to poetry  
he ~, his source of solace in times of difficulty

turning to sources  
Western scientists are ~ they once disparaged...

turned to sports  
they ~ to boost sagging morale (soldiers in war zone)

turn to terrorism  
enemies who cannot compete conventionally often ~

turned to the (Wyoming) can-do spirit  
but talk at the meeting ~

turned to the Adult Friend Finder  
he ~ dating service...

turn to traditional healers  
8 in 10 South Africans ~ for help (sangomas);  
undocumented workers ~ (Mexicans in US)

no one (there for me) to turn to  
there was ~

#### alternatives & choices: direction

### turn (turn against / on something)

turned on her  
her friends ~

turned on each other  
two of the main rebel factions have ~ (Darfur)

turn on the president  
he won't ~

turned on us  
the tools we use have ~ (technology)

turned (ruthlessly) against e-mail  
Mr. Ferriss ~ (author of "The 4-Hour Workweek")

turned against the war  
he was a Vietnam veteran who later ~

♦ "The enraged elephant then turned on the tourists, charging the crowd."  
♦ "The performing elephant turned on its handler and then charged..."

#### allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / verb

### turn (take a turn)

took a turn for the better  
their marriage ~  
our luck ~...

took a turn for the worse  
at nightfall, Jason ~ (injured Ranger / combat)  
her condition has taken a ~

took a (sharp) turn for the worse  
his uncertain health ~

took a devastating turn  
and then the case ~ (missing woman found murdered)

took another dramatic turn  
the case ~ when... (murder)

took an unexpected turn  
the case ~ (murder trial)

took a grim turn  
his troubled life ~ when he was shot... (bipolar)

took a romantic turn  
their friendship ~

took a sharp turn  
his uncertain health ~ for the worse

took a sour turn  
the day ~ when... (fight at park)

took a tragic turn  
events ~ (student party)

taken an ugly turn  
things have ~ (awkward moment)

path took an (unexpected) turn  
her life's ~ (serious injury)

#### development: direction / verb

### turn (development)

turn of events  
parishioners expressed their sadness over the ~ (abuse)

turns of events  
stunned by ~ you never saw coming

plot turn  
~s, notable scenes, acting performances

upturn  
our management team is focusing on the ~ (business)

180-degree turn  
a ~ of public opinion

twists and turns  
the plot has many ~ (movie)  
his career has taken many ~

#### development: direction / journeys & trips

## turn (wrong turn)

wrong turns

like a lot of historical ~, *LGBTQ* means well (the term)

wrong turns and dead ends

the series had some ~ (a TV show)

**failure, accident & impairment: direction / movement / journeys & trips**

## turnabout (reversal)

turnabout

for the computer industry this is a ~

turnabout reflects

the ~ a recognition that... (diplomacy)

**reversal: direction / trips & journeys**

## turn around (verb)

turned around CBS

he ~ (an executive)

turn around the economy

he will help Republicans ~

turn his life around

he is trying to ~ (a troubled athlete)

turn things around

we can ~

turn this thing around

we're going to ~ (improve schools)

**amelioration & renewal / reversal: direction / verb**

## turnaround

turnaround plan

the ~ has not worked (hospital in debt)

abrupt turnaround

the decline in his fortunes represents an ~ since autumn

dramatic turnaround

in another ~ (football coach's fortunes)

**reversal: direction**

## turn back (verb)

turn back

we can't ~ now... (plan)

we've gone too far to ~ now (politics)

we are in this fight for our lives, and we will not ~ (candidate)

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / verb**

## turn down (verb)

turn down clients

they were not allowed to ~ (sex slaves)

turn down an invitation

never ~ to go out... (dating)

turn down an offer

it's tempting to verbally ~ and skip writing a letter

turned down the part

he ~ (in a film)

turned down the (immigrants') requests

Italy has ~ for political asylum

turned down their requests

Germany ~ for political asylum

turned down his (zoning) request

Ann Arbor officials ~

turned down an (athletic) scholarship

he ~ from Villanova because...

turn down (extra) work

pilots invoked their contract right to ~

turn this offer down

few ~ ("john" school instead of court)

turned them down twice

school officials ~ (students request gay club)

**acceptance & rejection: direction / verb**

## turned down

turned down for a job

if you are ~ because of credit problems...

no one is turned down

get a degree without tests, ~ (diploma mill)

get turned down

so many things that are very good ~ (screenplays)

**acceptance & rejection: direction**

## turned off

turned off by (e-tailers') customer service

consumers are ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism**

## turned on

turned on by her

I was ~

really turned on

I was ~ by him

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism**

## turned up (discovered)

turned up by the FBI

based on information ~

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land**



## turn in (give)

turn in (uninspiring, half-hearted) performances  
boxers content to ~ (vs. Ward and Gatti)

turned in a performance  
if the US team ~ that was better than... (soccer)

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning: direction / verb**

## turning point

turning point in World War II  
the battle of El Alamein was a ~

turning point in the battle  
a ~ against entertainment violence

turning point of her career  
it was the ~

turning point in my life  
this was the ~

turning point in the history of the world  
it was a major ~ (gas attack at Ypres in 1915)

major turning point  
it was a ~ in the history of the world (gas attack at Ypres)

marked the turning point  
the battle ~

**development: direction / mechanism**

## turn-off (disgust)

turn-off for (most) women  
a lack of humor is a major ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism**

## turn on (verb)

turns me on  
it ~ (risk of getting caught / adolescent lesbian)

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb**

## turn-on

turn-on for men  
the pursuit of revenge is a ~ (brain studies)

major turn-on  
her scent is a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism**

## turn out (create)

turn out 10 times the amount  
super labs ~ of drugs (methamphetamine)

**creation & transformation: direction / verb**

## turn out (develop)

turned out  
I was surprised by how it ~

it makes sense the way it ~

turn out that  
it may ~ some anxiety disorders are caused by...

turns out that  
it ~ his girlfriend has already seen a lawyer

turn out to be the case  
that didn't ~

turn out to be nothing  
it may ~

turn out (quite) the way  
the next months did not ~ Scott had hoped

turn out to be easy  
that second goal didn't ~

turned out to be flawed  
the studies ~ (education)

turns out to be true  
it's a rare event when an Army rumor ~

turn out as advertised  
in Russia, things rarely ~ (Siberian adventure)

turned out OK  
my child ~ and I spanked him...

turn out best  
things ~ for people who make the best of things

turn out well  
when you make a decision and it doesn't ~ (regret)  
they can turn out to be heroes if things ~ (doctors)

turned out a lot worse  
the swim could have ~ considering... (kayaking)

**development: direction / verb**

## turn out (rally)

turn out in force  
activists will ~ to back those who stood up... (gays)

turned out in (record) numbers  
rural voters ~ to vote out...

turned out in (far greater) numbers  
demonstrators ~ than predicted

turn out in droves  
democrats predicted minority voters would ~

turn out for revival  
thousands ~, river baptisms (Cane River, NC)

fans turn out  
only a few thousand ~ at RFK to watch (women's soccer)

**appearance & disappearance: direction / verb**

## turnout (people)

turnout at the polls  
the election is expected to hang on ~

voter turnout  
~ was less than 20 percent  
there was a surge in ~ (Iraq election)

low turnout  
the election was marred by ~

surge in (voter) turnout  
there was a ~ (Iraq election)

stir up (Democratic) turnout  
they sent leaders across the country to ~

**appearance & disappearance: direction**

### **turnover (work)**

turnover rate  
nursing aides and their high ~ rate

staff turnover  
~ has been high (English school in Qatar)

teacher turnover  
~ has also been high

nursing staff turnover  
~ has been harmful

high turnover  
a teaching corps marked by ~ (middle school / NYC)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction**

### **turn up (increase)**

turned up the heat  
then he really ~ by starting a Web site accusing...

**increase & decrease: mechanism / verb**

### **turn up (appear)**

turned up at (local) parades  
he ~ (a politician)

turn up at (gun) shows  
blowguns also ~

turned up in (Robert's) bedroom  
the knives later ~, bearing traces of blood

turn up in dormitories, co-ops, bookstores  
Flugenock posters ~

turn up in a few days  
it'll ~ (a lost shoe)

turn up within a few weeks  
most are found or ~ (the missing)

turn up during (road) construction  
old bombs ~ (Germany)

turned up for the pig roast  
around 2,000 people ~ (Indonesian Papua)

turn up next  
where it might ~ (anthrax)

turned up next  
the school rash ~ in northern Virginia

turned up well armed  
Belgian troops ~ and ready to perform (UN force)

turned up dead  
one more gangbanger who ~ beside a ditch;  
Lina disappeared in 2000 and ~

turn up (here) regularly  
now prominent foreigners ~ (Afghanistan)

virus has turned up  
the dreaded West Nile ~ in New York City again...

body turned up  
her ~ four days later with the corpse of...

nothing turned up  
but ~ (search for missing woman)

something turns up  
if ~, you're terminated (criminal background checks)

**appearance & disappearance: ground / verb**

### **turn up (discover)**

turned up anything  
we never ~ in that case (a detective)

turned up the drugs  
a search of the car ~ (busted)

turned up (other) evidence  
their inquiries ~ (murder investigation)

turned up (39) incidents  
a computer check ~ over 15 years (crime)

turns up (unanticipated) information  
sometimes an investigation ~

turn up problems  
renovation at the high school did ~ with asbestos

turned up proof  
intelligence services had never ~ of wrongdoing

failed to turn up  
the schools ~ evidence of hazards (mystery rash)

investigation turned up  
an ~ no criminal activity...

search (of her apartment) turned up  
a ~ her packed luggage, jewelry...

search (of the car) turned up  
a ~ drugs (busted)

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb**

### **tweak (noun)**

small tweaks  
the administration has made ~ to regulation and policy

**amelioration & renewal: tools & technology**

**measurement: tools & technology**

## twilight (in the twilight)

in the twilight of the Soviet Union  
they came of age ~ (a generation)

in the twilight of his career  
now, ~ (a minister)

in the twilight of the republic  
we are in the ~ (US)

**decline: day / light & dark**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day / light & dark**

## twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)

legal twilight  
the ruling leaves her in a ~ (immigrant)

twilight zone  
the school has been caught in the ~ of “orphan” academies

**certainty & uncertainty: light & dark**

**situation: light & dark**

## Twilight Zone

Twilight Zone  
the latest accusation is from the ~

**fantasy & reality: allusion**

## twin (two)

twin failures  
the ~ of 1999 forced NASA to... (Mars missions)

twin (suicide) bombings  
Istanbul suffered ~ (terrorism)

**amount: family**

## twin (relationship)

twin masters  
bow to their ~: the ratings and advertisers (network TV)

twin threats  
~ face Russia's polar bears—global warming and poaching

South's (familiar) twins  
the ~, temperature and humidity

deadly twin  
TB has become AIDS' ~

evil twin  
September is the ~ of spring fever

familiar twins  
the South's ~, temperature and humidity

**relationship: family**

**division & connection: family**

## twin (the Twins, etc.)

the Twins  
we visited ~ (Marshall Islands)

Twin Rocks  
we sailed around ~ (Kemps Bay, the Bahamas)

Twin Peaks  
I hiked to ~ (Australia)

Twin Lakes  
she has a cabin on ~ (Ontario)

**proper name: family**

## twist (verb)

twisted the facts  
the magazine ~

**corruption: direction / verb**

## twist (noun)

twist in the case  
it was a sad ~

latest twist  
he will speak about the ~ (diplomacy)  
EFPs are the ~ in a lethal game of measure, countermeasure

sad twist  
it was a ~ in the case

stunning twist  
it was a ~

twists and turns  
the plot has many ~ (movie)

twist and turn  
he has covered every ~ in the story (a reporter)

**development: direction**

## twisted (corruption)

twisted for (political) gain  
in Washington, anything can be ~

twisted logic  
genocide followed a ~  
this is an example of ~

twisted psychology  
the trial has been a showcase of ~ (murder)

perverted, twisted (m)  
he is a man with a ~ mind

twisted world  
she lives in a ~

mentally twisted  
he is ~ (animal abuser)

numbers are twisted

**corruption: direction**

## twisted (character)

twisted killer  
he is a ~

twisted soul  
he is a ~

strange, twisted (m)  
it takes a ~ person do what she did

**character & personality: direction**

## twitch (quick-twitch)

quick-twitch media  
a ~, desperate to get it out, amplified flaws in the reporting

**control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

## twitter-lashing (noun)

twitter-lashing by President Trump  
this ~ towards the Kochs

**speech: violence / whip**

**accusation & criticism: violence / whip**

## tyrant

household tyrant  
he was a terrible ~

**oppression / power: history**

# U

## umbrella (protection)

air defense umbrella  
air cover or an ~ is necessary  
the passes lay outside the Egyptians' ~ (Sinai / 1973)

protective umbrella  
the Saudis did not want a U.S. ~

nuclear umbrella  
the US could extend its ~ to Israel, Egypt, and the Gulf

♦ Umbrellas were originally designed as sun shades for protection against the sun.

**protection & lack of protection: umbrella**

## umbrella (under an umbrella)

under the Taliban's umbrella  
it is one of the main groups fighting ~

work under the U.N. umbrella  
7,000 de-miners are at ~ (Afghanistan)

**cover: umbrella**

## umbrella (other)

umbrella agencies  
get in touch with the ~ below...

umbrella term  
"transgender" is an ~ to describe people who...

**cover: umbrella**

## unblemished

unblemished record  
he came to Glasgow with the title and an ~ (boxer)

**flaws & lack of flaws: mark**

## unbridled

unbridled ambition  
Qatar has leveraged its oil wealth and ~  
he is a man of ~

unbridled authority  
state's attorneys don't have ~ to appoint special prosecutors

unbridled capitalism  
~ undermines traditional social relations

unbridled enthusiasm  
he has the ~ of his party (a politician)  
there are problems with ~

unbridled expression  
the Internet allows ~

unbridled greed  
our ~ caused the economic crisis  
good for the company for saying no to ~ (a publisher)

unbridled (economic) growth  
pollution has been one of the downsides of China's ~

unbridled imagination  
musicians admired him for his ~ (a fellow musician)

unbridled optimism  
people praised his ~ in the face of his illness

unbridled optimist  
she is an ~

unbridled passion  
he has energy, enthusiasm and ~ of what's possible

**restraint & lack of restraint: horse**

**constraint & lack of constraint: horse**

**control & lack of control: horse**

## uncharted (adjective)

uncharted territory  
we're in ~ in terms of predicting his recovery... (coma)  
sending public opinion into ~

uncharted water  
the NCAA is wading into ~

uncharted waters  
this was ~ for us (youthful sex)

uncharted (legal) waters  
the charges have led the country into ~ (soldiers)

uncharted wilderness  
new routes into the ~ of the 21-century economy

**direction: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map / sea**

**certainty & uncertainty: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map / sea**

### unclear (adjective)

unclear  
facts are scarce and sources are ~ (news rumors)  
it's very ~ what happened (school shooting)

**certainty & uncertainty: light & dark**

**comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark**

**perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark**

### uncork (verb)

uncorked a declamation  
he ~ on why America is no longer the greatest (TV show)

uncorked (long-suppressed) public opinion  
the riots have ~

**initiation: bottle / pressure**

### uncover (verb)

uncover  
she would be surprised at the information she would ~

uncovered (more) bodies from a canal  
rescue efforts ~ (Nigeria)

uncovered crimes  
investigators dug into actions and ~

uncover explosives  
troops conduct raids to carry out arrests and ~

uncover the (true) extent  
he worked to ~ of bullying (schools)

uncovered an (unnerving) fact  
he ~ (scientist / about influenza)

uncovered evidence  
scientists digging south of Denver say they have ~ of...  
well, we've ~ that points in a different direction (crime)

uncover any links  
as federal agents work to ~ to terrorists

uncovered a (solid) motive  
the investigation has not yet ~ (rap-star shooting)

uncovered a plot  
police ~ to blow up commercial jetliners (terrorists)

uncovered the (Sept. 11) plot  
the FBI mishandled info that could have ~

uncovered a (growing muti-smuggling) racket  
a newspaper has ~ (Swaziland)

uncovered (one or two more of the) terrorists  
we could have ~... (9/11)

police uncovered  
~ thousands (tapes by militant Islamists)

investigations can uncover  
~ things that result in lawsuits

**appearance & disappearance: ground, terrain & land / verb**

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb**

**concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land / verb**

### under (hierarchy)

under him  
but because I was ~ (a company)

**hierarchy: prep, adv, adj, particle / position**

### underbelly

underbelly of globalization  
this is the ~ (toxic dumping in third world)

Glasgow's (dark) underbelly  
~ of vulnerability and danger (murdered prostitutes)

corrupt underbelly  
did he know too much about boxing's ~ (Sonny Listen)

dark underbelly  
the ~ of just how far parents are willing to go (college admissions)

**flaws & lack of flaws: orientation / stomach**

**appearance & reality: orientation / stomach**

**orientation: stomach**

**concealment & lack of concealment: orientation / stomach**

### undercurrent (noun)

undercurrent of extremism  
there is a serious ~ (in a country)

constant undercurrent  
the quest for identity is a ~ in the Middle East

**concealment & lack of concealment / force: river**

### underdog (competition)

underdog  
we don't consider ourselves ~s (basketball team)  
we're the ~s (sports team)  
he is an ~ (politics)

underdog potential  
who has that ~ (NCAA tournament)

front-runners and underdogs  
~ loved him (a race car driver)

consider ourselves underdogs  
we don't ~ (member of a basketball team)

**competition: animal / dog / position**

**strength & weakness: animal / dog / position**

**superiority & inferiority: animal / dog / position**

## underdog (hierarchy)

underdog  
she was an ~ some cheered for (Anna Nicole)

underdog story  
it's an ~ set during the Depression (a film)

**hierarchy: animal / dog / position**

## underground

underground church  
millions of Chinese Catholics worship in ~s

underground (extremist) group  
the ~ Army of God

underground magazine  
an ~ about dog fighting (illegal in US)

underground market  
drugs available on the ~

underground (anti-slavery) movement  
an ~

underground music  
acid-house was ~

underground churches and sects  
the spread of ~

underground and the mainstream  
he is stuck between the ~ (Shaun White in 2010)

cyber underground  
the ~ was abuzz with rumors

drives it underground  
cracking down on sex trafficking just ~

drive sex offenders underground  
Iowa's residency rules ~

**environment / society: direction  
concealment & lack of concealment: direction**

## underground railroad

underground railroad  
an ~ to get workers across the border (from Mexico)

**resistance, opposition & defeat: history**

## underhand (or underhanded)

underhand tactics  
his side was subjected to ~ (sports)

underhanded tricks  
protect yourself from ~

underhand ways  
she employs ~ to get ahead

covert & underhanded  
racism can be ~ (versus in your face)

**subterfuge: direction / hand**

## underlie (verb)

underlie the (chronic) inflammation  
allergic symptoms may ~

underlie the insurgency  
we must address the problems that ~

underlie mating games  
she is testing out the social skills that ~ (a teen girl)

♦ Geological basins and basement rocks underlie the Nullarbor Plain. (Geology.)

**bases: direction / verb**

## underline (attention)

double underline  
we need to ~ the conclusion (of a report)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb**

## underlying

underlying causes  
an understanding of the ~

underlying concept  
the approach and its ~s

underlying condition  
does not help the ~

underlying explanation  
no one challenged the ~ for the sudden death

underlying factors  
the ~ that contributed to the disaster (NASA)

underlying felony  
armed robbery was the ~ in the murders

underlying infrastructure  
a deep flaw in the ~ (Microsoft security flaw)

underlying injuries  
the diagnosis of ~

underlying issues  
~ include emotional immaturity, feelings of inferiority

underlying message  
understand their ~ (autistic behaviors)

underlying principle  
a world in which modesty is the ~ (Muslim girl)

underlying (Buddhist) principles  
a draft constitution based on ~ (Bhutan)

underlying (psychological) problems

underlying question  
imaging research has not answered the ~ (psychiatry)

underlying theme  
CBS stuck to the ~ of the report (expose)

underlying unity

our quest for some elusive ~

underlying medical condition  
regardless of their ~

**bases: direction**

## **undermine (verb)**

undermine assumptions  
the finding, if upheld, would ~ that... (migration)

undermine cohesion  
disparities in compensation ~ among troops

undermined confidence  
fear has ~ in the food supply (avian flu)

undermines (investor) confidence  
corruption ~ in new ventures

undermine cooperation  
selfish, exploitative people quickly ~

undermine (U.S.) credibility  
deliberate lies ~ (foreign policy)

undermine the (Eritrean) government  
Sudan's government tried to ~ (1990s)

undermined the law  
religious fanaticism has ~ (Pakistan)

undermine morale  
inefficient distribution of mail can ~ (military)

undermine relationships  
you can ~ with insecurity and jealousy

undermines their (own academic) reputation  
reviewers may react harshly to research that ~

undermine security  
they use terrorism to sow fear and ~

undermine (global) security  
a missile-defense system will ~

undermined (fundamental) values  
popular culture has ~

undermines his sex drive  
his performance anxiety ~

undermined his self-confidence  
the rejections ~ (job hunting)

threatens to undermine  
lawlessness ~ investor confidence

**failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb**

## **underneath (reality)**

underneath the bravado  
~ there is fear

**appearance & reality: direction**

**appearance & reality: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## **underscore (attention)**

underscores the need  
the report ~ for better data

underscored (recently) when  
the difficulties that women have was ~...

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb**

## **underside (noun)**

underside of the miracle  
but the ~ is... (booming economy but problems)

ugly underside  
the ~ of America's most popular sport (football)

**flaws & lack of flaws: orientation / stomach**

**appearance & reality: orientation / stomach**

**orientation: stomach**

**concealment & lack of concealment: orientation / stomach**

## **underwater (adjective)**

\$20.5 billion underwater  
the federal flood insurance program is currently ~

**survival, persistence & endurance: water**

## **underway**

underway  
an economic recovery is ~  
efforts ~ to develop job opportunities for those...

underway in Azerbaijan  
the alphabet reform ~

underway on the dam  
construction is ~

already underway  
a disaster accelerates economic changes that are ~  
an improvement plan is ~

currently underway  
a second, larger study is ~ (rehab therapy)

now underway  
an NIH-sponsored double-blind study is ~ to evaluate...

well underway  
construction is ~ on the dam

buzz was underway  
the water cooler ~ (Olympic controversy)

coup was underway  
one of the rogue officers denied a ~ (Philippines)

work is underway  
construction ~ on Ethiopia's huge Gibe III dam

trials are underway  
randomized controlled ~ (medicine)

got underway  
as the trial ~, prosecutors knew they had an uphill climb

**starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips**

## underworld

underworld figures

the bar is a favorite for ~ (crime)

Kyrgyzstan's (powerful criminal) underworld

the government may be trying to rein in ~

**environment / society: direction**

**concealment & lack of concealment: direction**

## unearth (verb)

unearth documents

the unit can ~ erased from hard drives (police)

unearthed evidence

FBI investigators ~ to show his involvement in IS  
the podcast claimed it had ~ that corroborated his alibi

♦ Workmen recently unearthed a 500-pound World War II bomb at Portsmouth Naval Base. It was detonated by bomb-disposal experts.

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb**

## unearthed

unearthed experiment

a recently ~ prompted US authorities to apologize

**searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining**

## unfathomable

unfathomable

this murder is so senseless, it's ~

unfathomable to him

the decision was ~ (business)

unfathomable stupidity

he survived due to the ~s of the regime (W.W. II)

heartbreaking and unfathomable

his murder was ~ (a rapper)

seem unfathomable

falsely admitting to a crime may ~ to many

**comprehension & incomprehension: sea / water**

## unfettered

unfettered

they can buy weapons ~ (in US)

unfettered access

she has ~ to files (an investigator)  
the church will give ~ to documents (sex abuse investigation)

unfettered press

people paid attention to their increasingly ~ (change)

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime**

## unfold (discover)

unfolding details

investigators are rapidly ~ of the plot (terrorism)

**searching & discovery: cloth / verb**

## unfold (develop)

unfolding in chapters

the mystery is ~ (missing plane)

still unfolding

the story is ~

events will unfold

agility requires an ability to visualize how ~ (military)

watched their own drama unfold

passengers ~ on satellite TV sets (JetBlue Flight 292)

**development: cloth / verb**

## unfolding (developing)

unfolding in Japan

a catastrophe has been ~ (nuclear problem)

unfolding disaster

a Greek chorus comments on the ~

still-unfolding (m)

a chapter in the ~ story

**development: cloth**

## unfolding (opening)

unfolding blossoms

the ~ of the fruit trees

**resemblance: cloth**

## unglued

came unglued

she ~ in the courtroom

**failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances**

**control & lack of control: materials & substances**

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

## unhealthy (condition)

something unhealthy at Manchester United

there is ~

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## unicorn (rarity)

tech "Unicorns"

Blipper was one of the UK's ~

♦ A tech unicorn is a start-up worth \$1 billion or more.

**worth & lack of worth: creature**

**computer: creature**



## universe

surfer's (turquoise) universe  
the ~ (tubes, barrels, pipelines, etc.)

yachting universe  
Cape Horn is regarded as the Mount Everest of the ~

basketball universe  
Indiana is the center of the ~

board-sport universe  
in the ~

academic universe  
more settled fields in the ~ (vs. black studies)

center of the (basketball) universe  
Indiana is the ~

♦ -Verse has become a suffix, for example, the *Twitterverse*.

**environment: astronomy**

### unleash (verb)

unleashed a (\$350 million) campaign to persuade  
Microsoft ~... (ad)

unleash (even more) oil into the Gulf  
it could ~ (a plan to stop oil spill)

unleashed a (powerful) shot from 20 meters  
he ~ (soccer)

unleashed a (mortar) barrage  
the Wa ~ and the Thais responded with...

unleashed his blows  
Tyson charged up to Lewis and ~... (boxing)

unleash a flood  
Tibetans fear the rail line will ~ of Han immigrants  
defeat of the bill will ~ of negative advertising (politics)

unleashes forces  
war ~ that cannot be predicted or controlled

unleashed its fury  
the massive storm ~ (tornadoes)

unleashed (additional rocket) salvos  
Palestinians have ~ (from Gaza)

unleashed a storm  
congressmen ~ of patriotic rage

unleashed (heavy) rain and (strong) winds  
thunderstorms ~ across parts of the Midwest

unleashes a torrent  
in the play's final scene, she unleashes a ~ of fury at...

unleashed a wave  
they ~ of protest

unleashed a bloodbath  
the bombing of the Mosque of the Gold Dome ~

unleashed a whirlwind

the dictator's ouster ~ of pent-up civic forces (Suharto)

unleash a civil war  
then Mr. Taylor returned to Liberia to ~

**initiation: dog / verb**

### unleashed

unleashed against (the area's) Muslims  
the repression ~ (Xinjiang)

unleashed by (fanatical) terrorists  
the violence ~ (Muslims)

unleashed by (emotional) trauma  
hysteria as a nervous-system disorder ~

genie (of racial hatred) has been unleashed  
the ~ (Ivory Coast)

**initiation: dog**

### unlock (verb)

unlocks the mystery  
this could be the key that ~

**searching & discovery: key / verb**

**amelioration & renewal: key / verb**

### unmaking (destruction)

making and unmaking  
the book describes her ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

**destruction: manufacturing**

### unpack (verb)

unpacking (implicit racial) bias  
for two decades she has been ~

unpack the idea  
the way I ~ is that...

unpack that  
let me ~...

♦ This is similar to *unpick*, which literally means to remove stitches.

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: container / verb**

### unpick (verb)

unpick one or two of those things  
let's ~ (discussion of Hapsburg Monarchy on BBC)

unpick this chain of events  
we sought to ~ in our film

♦ This literally means to remove stitches.

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb**

### unpolished

unpolished charm  
the movie's ~ dissolves into predictability

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

## unravel (fail)

unraveled at an accelerating pace  
those norms have ~

unraveling in Iraq  
with no criminal or psychiatric history, he had started ~

started unraveling  
with no criminal or psychiatric history, he had ~ in Iraq

harmony (of Russia's nationalities) is unraveling  
the enforced ~

life began to unravel  
her ~ when...

case (against him) may be unravelling  
the ~

meeting (quickly) unraveled  
the ~ (diplomacy)

norms unraveled  
those ~, replaced by an ethos of "anything goes"

pact unraveled  
the power-sharing ~ (Sierra Leone)

**failure, accident & impairment: cloth / verb**

## unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)

unravel the case  
we followed the thread and began to ~ (tapes of old trial)  
looking for a clue that would ~

unravel the mystery  
they are trying to ~ of tornadoes (storm chasers)

unraveled the mystery  
satellites have ~ of Mars' geological patterns ("spiders")

**searching & discovery: cloth / verb**

**amelioration & renewal: rope / verb**

## unraveled

unraveled  
there are mysteries yet to be ~ (crop circles)

**searching & discovery: cloth**

## unsavory

unsavory connections  
he has ~ (a tribal leader)

unsavory means  
he became rich through ~

unsavory methods  
he is known for his ~ (politician)

unsavory past  
he is a loose cannon with an ~ (politician)

unsavory reputation  
he has an ~

unsavory side  
he showed his ~

illegal or unsavory  
he engaged in practices that were ~ (businessman)

♦ Something may taste or smell savory. Stews and goulashes can have a savory smell. *Savory* is related to *palatable*.

**feeling, emotion & effect: taste**

**corruption: food & drink**

**consumption: food & drink / taste**

**flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste**

## unscathed (adjective)

left the debate unscathed  
his main rival ~ (politics)

**affliction: health & medicine / wounds & scars**

## unseat (verb)

unseated the incumbent Republican  
he almost ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: horse**

## unstable (adjective)

unstable  
the regime is ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability**

## unshackle (verb)

unshackle itself from the past  
hopefully, the sport can ~ (cycling and doping)

**constraint & lack of constraint: crime / verb**

## unsung (praise)

unsung hero  
the ~ for me was... (a championship soccer game)

**achievement, recognition & praise: music**

## untangle (verb)

untangled the history from the mythology  
we ~ to get the true story of what happened (podcast)

**amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb**

**analysis & interpretation: cloth / verb**

## untouchable

untouchables of academia  
it's a caste system, and we are the ~ (an adjunct)

**acceptance & rejection / hierarchy: society**

**society: person**

**person: society**

## unvarnished (adjective)

unvarnished advice  
he had some ~ for him

**appearance & reality: materials & substances**

## **unveil (make public)**

unveiled a new approach  
the government ~ to...

unveiled its (welfare) reforms  
the government ~

**inauguration: clothing & accessories / verb**

## **unwavering (adjective)**

unwavering  
his support is ~

total and unwavering  
our amazing veterans deserve our ~ support

**commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability / movement**

## **unwind (verb)**

unwind  
he watched TV and tried to ~ after work  
crime documentaries have become my default way to ~

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb**

## **up (increase)**

up our game  
we need to ~

upped the tariffs  
the Trump administration has ~

**increase & decrease: direction / verb**

## **up (your time is up, etc.)**

time is up  
my ~

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## **up (feeling)**

up  
keep your hopes ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## **up (higher)**

up  
employment is ~  
suicide rates are ~

**increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## **up (ups and downs)**

ups and downs  
there's going to be a lot of ~ in the months to come  
~ are simply a part of life (self-compassion)

she had her ~ (an athlete)

**development: direction**

## **up (up for something)**

up for the challenge  
people wonder if he is ~ (running for president)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

**commitment & determination: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

## **upend (verb)**

upend the (financial) industry  
looming challenges will ~

upended (entire) industries  
Amazon, Netflix and Uber ~ (technology)

upended the (presidential) race  
he ~ this week by picking...

**equilibrium & stability: orientation / verb**

**disruption: orientation / verb**

## **upheaval (disruption)**

upheaval  
the miners' action has opened the floodgates to more ~

upheaval of Ruiz's shock win  
a few weeks of calm after the ~ over Joshua (boxing)

**disruption: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land**

**effect: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land**

**equilibrium & stability: earthquake / ground, terrain & land**

**feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land**

## **uphill (difficult)**

uphill battle  
passage of the monumental law was an ~  
education on overfishing is an ~ (sharks, etc.)

uphill fight  
it will be an ~ (to win an election)

uphill struggle  
a difficult and ~

difficult and uphill (m)  
a ~ struggle

**difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills**

## **uppercutting**

upper-cutting guests with a sharp line of questioning  
she was known for her tough interviewing style, ~

**conflict: boxing**

## uprising (resistance)

wave of (democratic) uprisings  
a ~ is transforming the Islamic world

**resistance, opposition & defeat: direction**

## uproar (controversy)

political uproar  
the politics of mother's milk has created a ~

uproar (eventually) died down  
the ~ (dismissal of coach)

caused an uproar  
the sanitized edition of 'Huckleberry Finn' has ~

provoked uproar  
the case has ~ (guns versus domestic violence)

sparked an uproar  
his dismissal ~ on campus (popular coach Bobby Knight)

triggered the uproar  
what ~ was an incendiary post at a Website

**conflict: sound**  
**amount & effect: sound**

## uprooted

uprooted from rebel-held east Aleppo  
thousands have been ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree**

## upside (noun)

upside  
the ~ is things could be worse

has an upside  
the financial system has an ~  
depression ~

have an upside  
the predicament could ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: orientation**

## upside down

turned upside down  
then her life ~ (World War II)

turned our lives upside down  
his illness ~

turn the system upside down  
the proposed new tests will ~ (education)

turning the town upside down  
the mystery is ~ (missing children)

**disruption / equilibrium & stability: orientation**

## upstage (verb)

upstaged them on their home snow

he ~ (an Olympic skier)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb**

**orientation: direction / theater / verb**

## upstanding

upstanding member  
he is an ~ of the community

**character & personality: direction / height**

## upstream (swim upstream)

swimming upstream  
modern women are ~ (juggling various duties)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / orientation / river**

**orientation: direction / orientation / river**

## upsurge (noun)

upsurge in (volcanic) activity  
there is no suggestion the ~ is related

**increase & decrease: direction**

## uptick (noun)

uptick in attacks  
there has been an ~ (war)

**increase & decrease: direction**

## upturn (noun)

upturn in exports  
there has been an ~

upturn in the market  
the company will profit from any ~

economic upturn  
there are hopes for an ~ in the spring or summer

sharp upturn  
the political unrest has caused a ~ in oil prices

upturn is under way  
experts believe an ~ (economy)

derail this (vulnerable economic) upturn  
a conflict with Iran could yet ~ (in US)

signal an upturn  
the numbers ~ in the economy

**increase & decrease: direction**

## usher in (verb)

usher in a new age  
the Republicans seek to ~ of limited government

usher in a more socially conservative approach  
democrats warn Trump's choice will ~ to abortion

usher in change  
much blood has been shed to ~

ushered in a second sexual revolution

the digital revolution has ~

usher in the sixties

he helped to ~ with a new style of journalism (Tom Wolfe)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / theater / verb**

## usurp (verb)

usurp the (congressional) power

his plan will ~ of the purse (politics)

**control & lack of control: crime / royalty / verb**

**taking & removing: crime / royalty / verb**

**possession: crime / royalty / verb**

## U-turn

U-turn on (school) reform

scholar's ~ shakes up debate

scholar's U-turn

~ on school reform shakes up debate

**reversal: letters & characters**

## V

## vacuum (noun)

vacuum of power

there is a ~ developing in the Middle East

policy vacuum

there was a ~ in Washington (government)

**presence & absence: air / atmosphere**

## valence (attraction)

hateful valence

the ~ of that gesture is an open question (okay sign)

**attraction & repulsion: chemistry**

## valley (Silicon Valley, etc.)

Crypto Valley

the canton of Zug is now known as ~ (Switzerland)

Silicon Valley

she was the golden girl of ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

**proper name: mountains & hills**

## valley (noun)

peaks and valleys

it's a long season, you're going to have ~

**progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills**

**shape: mountains & hills**

## vandal (noun)

army of vandals

Rome's art heritage is under attack by an ~

**destruction: allusion / history / person**

## vanguard (in the vanguard)

in the vanguard of (iceboat) design

the company is ~

**driving force: military**

## vanguard (other)

vanguard of change

young people are acknowledged as the ~

acknowledged as the vanguard

young people are ~ of change

♦ Palsars serve in the vanguard of the Israeli military forces.

**driving force: military**

## vanishing (disappearance)

vanishing plants

save the genetic legacy of ~ (seed vault on Svalbard)

vanishing species

he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

**appearance & disappearance: death & life**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life**

## vantage point (from a vantage point)

from our vantage point

it's difficult to believe ~ (now)

from the vantage point of the victims

**perception, perspective & point of view: position**

## varsity (noun)

varsity

this is not the JV team, this is the ~ (a gang)

**experience / group, set & collection: sports & games**

## vault (verb)

vaulting into the top tier

he is ~ of TV interviewers

**progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## vegetable (consciousness)

vegetable

if she makes it she'll probably be a ~ (head injuries)

**consciousness & awareness: fruits & vegetables**

## veil (covering)

veil of (glowing) clouds

an hour after sunset a ~ appears (noctilucent)

veil of (limestone) dust

a slab resting on the dirt floor under a ~

**cover / resemblance: clothing & accessories**

## veil (under a veil)

under the veil of darkness  
the rustlers steal cattle ~ (Dakota)

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

## veil (concealment)

veil of mystery  
the desert "wears a ~" (Edward Abbey)

veil of secrecy  
sky watchers have pierced the ~ (spaceplane)  
the ~ was finally lifted over the weekend...

parted the veil  
US officials have ~ of secrecy to reveal...

pierced the veil  
sky watchers have ~ of secrecy (spaceplane)

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

## veiled

veiled in secrecy  
how money was disbursed was ~ (US aid to Pakistan)

veiled references  
the song has ~ to the shooting (rap feuds)

veiled threats  
direct or ~ of harm

thinly veiled (m)  
~ contempt  
reporters used ~ racist terms—gorilla, beast (Liston)

not-so-veiled (m)  
a ~ reference to his homosexuality

direct or veiled (m)  
~ threats of harm

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

## vein (tap a vein)

tapping that vein of American sentiment  
he is ~ (nativism and anti-immigrants)

**identity & nature: blood**

## vein (in that vein, etc.)

in that vein  
~, the campaign released an online ad on Monday...

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mining**

## vein (source)

vein of pain  
there's a pretty deep ~ that runs through these songs

similar vein  
in a ~, what do you think is the greatest failure...

tapped the vein

he has ~ of popular outrage over... (politician)

**source: mining**

## vein (ice in one's veins)

ice in his veins  
he has ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature**

## velvet (Velvet Revolution)

Velvet Revolution  
the ~ ended communist rule (Czechoslovakia / 1989)

**conflict: hardness & softness**

## vendetta

vendetta against him  
he believes the group has a ~

political vendetta  
he has called the case a ~ (convicted politician)

**revenge / conflict: violence**

## vener (appearance)

democratic venter  
despite a ~, the government retains oppressive control

religious venter  
they offer a ~ but they are ruthless and corrupt

**appearance & reality: materials & substances**

**substance & lack of substance: materials & substances**

## venerate (verb)

venerate Ronald Reagan  
Republicans ~

venerated him  
everyone ~ (an Ethiopian leader who died)

**importance & significance: religion / verb**

**reverence: religion / verb**

## Venice (epithet)

Venice of the Middle East  
Basra was once called the ~ (for its canals)

Venice of the North  
St. Petersburg, the ~

**canal: allusion / epithet / place**

## venom (noun)

social venom  
they are sowing hatred and ~ (politics)

rhetoric, the venom, the demagoguery  
after witnessing the inflamed ~

spewed venom  
she ~ (neurotic woman)

**accusation & criticism: animal / snake**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / snake**  
**speech: animal / snake**

### **venomous (adjective)**

venomous

the debate is becoming increasingly ~

venomous creatures

women were these ~ (a teen girl bullied by other girls)

**feeling, emotion & effect: animal / snake**

**speech: animal / snake**

**accusation & criticism: animal / snake**

### **vent (verb)**

vent about the issues

he wanted to do more than just ~ (a terrorist)

vented their anger

voters ~ by voting him out of office

vented their disdain

fans ~ through chants

vent frustration

it offers her a safe place to ~ (New Teacher Institute)

vented frustration

the president ~ with his own party

vent their anger with stones

they ~ (angry Palestinian kids)

vent for a while

take her someplace calm and let her ~ (crying kid)

**amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb / volcano**

**feeling, emotion & effect: pressure / verb / volcano**

### **verdict (noun)**

verdict is (still) out on that

the ~ (a policy)

**judgment: justice**

### **verge (on the verge)**

on the verge of being sent

she is ~ to jail

on the verge of a catastrophe

the country is ~ (China / AIDS)

on the verge of collapse

the provincial government is ~ (Iraq)

on the verge of combat

troops ~

on the verge of elimination

now the Jazz are ~ (NBA playoffs)

on the verge of eradication

the disease had been ~ (polio)

on the verge of extinction

some languages are ~ (few speakers left);

to others we are the "noble savages" ~ (Canada)

bluefin tuna are ~ in the Mediterranean

on the verge of orgasm

she was ~

on the verge of sex

being ~ and discovering you've got no birth control

on the verge of tears

he seemed ~ as the verdict was read

on the verge of war

with the US ~ with Iraq

on the verge of a (nervous) breakdown

I'm ~

on the verge of overrunning

when they again seemed ~ the small force

on the verge of passing out

14-year-olds vomiting, ~ (high-school dance)

on the verge of losing consciousness

he doesn't inhale until ~ (drowning)

**proximity: ground, terrain & land**

### **verge (to the verge)**

to the verge of war

Kashmir has pushed them to the ~ (Pakistan and India)

pushed them to the verge

Kashmir has ~ of war (Pakistan and India)

**proximity: ground, terrain & land**

### **vest (play something close to the vest)**

plays that close to his vest

as to whether he is a socialist, he ~ (a politician)

**concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / hand / sports & games**

### **veteran (noun)**

crafty veteran

he is a ~ of Middle East negotiating

**experience: military**

### **veteran (adjective)**

veteran roster

the US must add young blood to its ~ (women's soccer)

**experience: military**

### **viable (adjective)**

viable campaign

most do not think he can mount a ~ (election)

viable challenger

it is doubtful there will be a ~ to the President (election)

viable solution  
there is still no ~ in sight

stay viable  
rural schools are working to ~

**success & failure: baby / birth / death & life**  
**creation & transformation: baby / birth / death & life**  
**growth & development: baby / birth / death & life**  
**viability (political viability, etc.)**

political viability  
many like his ideas, but his ~ has been questioned

**success & failure: baby / birth / death & life**  
**creation & transformation: baby / birth / death & life**  
**growth & development: baby / birth / death & life**  
**vicious circle**

vicious circle  
it's in the nature of ~s that they're hard to stop

reverse a vicious circle  
people of good will can ~

**conflict: shape**  
**feeling, emotion & effect: shape**  
**sequence: shape**

**victim (fall victim to something)**

fell victim to a (common human) failing  
he ~ (padding his resume)

fall victim to the (cheap) hashish  
the young easily ~ (Arab immigrants in France)

fall victim to the stress  
but there are ways to not ~ (sports psychology)

fell victim to accident or illness  
whether someone simply ~ (vs. crime)

falling victim to black magicians  
more and more hapless people have been ~ (in the UAE)

fallen victim to human trafficking  
thousands of Moldovan women have ~

fell victim to a rush to judgment  
she ~ by police following the murder

**predation: animal / verb**

**Vietnam (epithet)**

Egypt's Vietnam  
Nasser lamented war in Yemen had become ~ (1967)

Britain's Vietnam  
"the War in Afghanistan, ~" (Daily Mail, 2006)

Sri Lanka's Vietnam  
the fight against the Tamils was ~

♦ In Vietnam the Vietnam War is called the American War.

**experience: military**

**view (verb)**

view stress as a challenge  
some workers ~ rather than a burden

view drownings as avoidable accidents  
juries tend to ~

view drugs as part of their social lives  
they ~ (young people)

view it as their main job  
high school is demanding, and kids need to ~

view the computer as another toy  
a tot under age 3 will ~ at his disposal

view this as a case of doping  
we don't ~ (competitive bicycling)

view the other members as competition  
people often ~ for jobs (networking)

view the problem as (pretty) serious  
I ~

view things through an ethnic lens  
he refused to ~ (Afghan military man)

view conflict through a theological lens  
he does not ~ (Middle East)

view both with skepticism  
we should ~ (explanations and prophecies)

view him with deep suspicion

view these programs skeptically  
many judges ~ (for batterers)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye / verb**

**view (in view)**

in view of the changes  
~ e-commerce is bringing, can book stores survive

in view of yesterday's action  
~, what's your position on that...

in view of lack of concealment  
CAS is more important in desert warfare ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**

**view (in somebody's view)**

in the view of (tobacco) critics

in the view of specialists  
~, the situation...

in the view of the Special Representative  
~, there is no doubt... (UN)

in Morison's view  
~ there is a 1-in-5,000 chance that...

in his view



~, the Cherokee culture is in danger because...

in my view  
~, interpretation has an important role to play in...

in your view  
which of the five Central Asian nations, ~, can we trust...

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye view (opinion)**

view that  
scientists challenged the ~...

view of abortion  
whenever I asked what the local ~ was...

view of the (Jack the Ripper) story  
a revisionist ~

view of sin, marriage and human nature  
a more tolerant ~ (adultery)

views on children  
we both have the same ~

views on the issue  
her ~ changed (Ann Landers / divorce)

view on (social) issues  
the mainstream Saudi ~ (women in sports, etc.)

views on race  
whatever his ~

views on politics and religion  
his complex ~

views on intelligence and genetics  
he holds controversial ~

views on how  
indigenous peoples have ~ the land should be utilized

views on whether  
he called in to offer his ~ Arab nationalism was dead

views on Islam  
the mosque attracted worshippers with militant ~

view on Wall Street  
the consensus ~ is...

views on stoning  
she tried to avoid stating her ~ (Iranian official)

views and opinions  
we encourage individuals to express their ~

President's view  
what's the ~ on that (press question)

administration's view  
what is the ~ how the talks stand right now

outsider's view  
an ~

consensus view

the ~ on Wall Street is...

establishment view  
the BBC tended to take an ~

minority view  
the Hippocratic Oath represented the ~

mainstream (Saudi) view  
the ~ on social issues (women in sports, etc.)

anti-establishment view  
prison terms strengthen ~s

opposing views  
to justify their ~s...

accepted views  
his studies were controversial and challenged ~

distorted view  
the media has presented a ~ of the case

widely held view  
the books debunk the ~ that...

Saudi view  
the mainstream ~ on social issues (women and sports)

Western and Arab views  
the difference in perspective between the ~ of Hezbollah

complex views  
his ~ on politics and religion

controversial views  
he holds ~ on intelligence and genetics

conventional view  
scientists said their findings challenged the ~ that...

different views  
there were a number of ~ on this

dim view  
lawmakers took a ~ of people who...

local view  
whenever I asked what the ~ of abortion was...

militant views  
the mosque attracted worshippers with ~ on Islam

optimistic view  
whites hold a more ~ than minorities about race relations

pessimistic view  
those holding this ~

racist views  
~ have influenced his decisions (politics)

revisionist view  
a ~ of the Jack the Ripper story

same views  
we both have the ~ on children

strong views

this article includes some ~  
indigenous peoples have ~ about the land

tolerant view  
a more ~ of sin, marriage and human nature (adultery)

unpopular views  
speakers with ~

politically correct views  
Abraham-Santos had all the appropriate ~

more optimistic view  
whites generally hold a ~ than minorities about race relations

number of (different) views  
there were a ~ on this

speakers with (unpopular) views

worshippers with (militant) views  
the mosque attracted ~ on Islam

view (on the issue) changed  
her ~ (Ann Landers / divorce)

views evolved  
yet she was not rigid, and her ~ (Ann Landers)

view is echoed  
his ~ by many Central Asians... (a university professor's)

debunk the (widely held) view  
the books ~ that...

express their views  
we encourage individuals to ~ and opinions

heard a different view  
I ~ from Dr. Muhammad al-Musfir

make your views known  
~ (elections, democracy)

denounced the view as hypocritical  
he ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**  
**view (perspective)**

helicopter view  
sometimes you have to take the ~

warped views  
he denigrates ideas that don't dovetail with his ~

long view  
India has always taken the ~

strategic view  
they are taking the ~ (terrorists chose not to fight)

bird's-eye view  
drones give commanders a ~ of the battlefield  
you get a ~ from a plane

fish-eye view

a ~ from Spirit's navigation camera shows... (Mars)

point of view  
(see *point of view*)

colors his views  
his vegetarianism ~ of certain countries

taking the strategic view  
they are ~ (terrorists chose not to fight, wait US out)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye / position**  
**view (out of view)**

dropped out of (public) view  
he ~ (politician)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye**  
**consciousness & awareness: eye**  
**appearance & disappearance: eye**  
**view (attention)**

public view  
wall off some things from ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye**  
**viewed**

viewed as apostasy  
conversions from Islam are ~ (Egypt)

viewed (by many Estonians) as a symbol  
the monument is ~ of... (USSR)

viewed as a tradition  
the practice is ~ (polygamy / eastern Turkey)

viewed as the will of God  
in the Philippines, pain is ~

viewed with suspicion  
Mormonism is ~ by Christian conservatives (politics)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**  
**viral (computers)**

viral video  
what to release in an age of ~ (reporting school massacre)  
he's watching a ~ of a drunk cat (party)

go viral  
she saw a video of herself ~ on YouTube (a celebrity)

went viral  
the pictures ~ on the Internet

**transmission: health & medicine**  
**computer: health & medicine**  
**virgin (noun)**

virgin market  
the Arab markets are a ~ for local TV (Afghanistan)

gambling virgin  
we're ~s (two young women at Las Vegas)

**experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex**

## virulent (adjective)

virulent form

our social ailments include a ~ of stupidity (elections)

virulent hatred

they espouse a ~

virulent opposition

the statement provoked ~ from the Communists

**transmission: health & medicine**

## virus (computers)

computer virus

a ~ is spreading

**computer: health & medicine**

## vise (pressure)

vise is closing

a ~ on Saddam's regime (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

caught in the (same) vise

middle-class teenagers ~ (police interrogation)

put Baghdad in a vise

troops attacking from the north and south would ~

**pressure / situation: tools & technology**

**oppression: pressure**

## vision (noun)

vision of an editor

the power of a writer and the ~

vision of the founder

staying true to the ~ (J.C. Penney)

vision of the future

his dark, sadistic and medieval ~ (al-Zarqawi)

vision of the world and the universe

the Maya, Toltec and Iztec ~ (Chichen Itza)

vision for space travel

his most lasting legacy is his ~ (Von Braun)

America's vision

~ of personal reinvention and hope (vs. Europe)

Maya, Toltec and Iztec vision

the ~ of the world and the universe (Chichen Itza)

television

village elders say ~ is a particularly disturbing force

medieval vision

his dark, sadistic and ~ of the future (al-Zarqawi)

dream, fantasy, or vision

the only way to keep a ~ intact or rosy is never...

voices and visions

she claims ~ led her to drown her five children

pursues his vision

Wangurri clan Elder Timothy Buthimang ~

takes vision

it ~ to involve the common good (versus profit)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**

## visionary (adjective)

visionary plan

he had a ~ to digitalize the library's collection

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye**

## vitriol (noun)

anti-American vitriol

Iran's leaders escalated their ~

**accusation & criticism: materials & substances**

**feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances**

**speech: materials & substances**

## voice (speak with a single voice)

speak with a single voice on this issue

we must ~

**unanimity & consensus: speech**

## voice (voice of reason)

listen to the voice of reason

I was in no reason to ~

sound like the voice of reason

he is beginning to ~

welcomed as a voice of reason

he was ~

**message: speech**

## voice (representation)

voice

the poor and the powerless don't have a ~

they want to make sure their ~s are heard

voice of millennials

he positioned himself as the ~ (candidate)

no voice

populations that have ~ (MSF)

Voice of the Mountains

~ Asheville Citizen-Times

voice of the people

the ~ will be heard

voice for the needy

colleagues praised him as a ~ (a politician)

have a voice

I sympathize with the poor don't have a ~

♦ "Hip-hop is a voice for people who don't have another voice."

**representation: speech**

## voice (message)

anti-immigration voice

he's the leading ~ in town (Arkansas town)

Himalayan voices

here the ~ called me (Tomaz Humar in Slovenia)

additional voice

there's room and a need for an ~ (new newspaper)

inner voice

just follow your ~

voices are heard

they want to make sure their ~

raise my voice

I started thinking and I had to ~ (about AIDS)

make our voices heard

if we make a stand, if we ~ (athletes)

make their voices heard

protestors are using the delay to ~

**message: speech**

## void (noun)

fill the void

nobody will be able to ~ (death of politician)

**presence & absence: air / atmosphere**

## volatile

volatile atmosphere

it's a ~ (national outrage over child abuse by clergy)

volatile behavior

despite his ~ on the court (basketball)

volatile border

fighting along the ~ (Kashmir)

volatile crises

he was sent in to defuse ~ (FBI hostage negotiator)

volatile relationship

they had a ~

volatile temper

she has a ~

volatile Persian Gulf

ease China's reliance on a ~ for its energy needs

volatile West Africa

its reputation as an oasis of peace in ~ (Ivory Coast)

volatile Horn of Africa

terrorists in the ~... (Somalia, Eritrea)

prices will be volatile

~ for the foreseeable future

extremely volatile

their marriage was ~

politically volatile

the tiny nation is among the most ~ in the Gulf

tense and volatile

Basra remained ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

**initiation: explosion / fire**

## volcanic

volcanic temper

his ~ led to his firing (a coach)

**feeling, emotion & effect: volcano**

## volcano (pressure)

volcano

it's a ~ and its now starting to erupt (a scandal)

volcano of revenge

a ~ has built up inside him (Shiite in Baghdad)

**pressure: volcano**

## volley (noun)

volley of questions

when she does speak, it is often in a ~

**speech: weapon**

## vote (vote with one's feet, etc.)

voting with their feet

the population is ~ (refugees leave camps)

the result sees Texas parents ~ (home schooling)

vote with their wallets

people ~ (support of bistros in France)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping / verb**

## vote (noun)

vote of confidence

he has my ~

got my vote

he's ~ for the most improved player

**allegiance, support & betrayal: government**

## vow (verb)

vowed to find

he ~ a solution to the problem

**commitment & determination: religion**

## vulture (noun)

vultures of the abyss

hagfish are the ~, feeding on carcasses of dead fish

Vulture Club

he's a member of the "~" (journalists who follow conflict)

vultures are (already) circling

the ~ on the web (gossip about Chancellor's health)

♦ What do humans and vultures have in common? Answer: Both eat only dead flesh.

**behavior: animal / bird / vulture**

## W

### wade (wade in / into)

waded into (treacherous political) waters

he has ~ (taking sides in controversy)

**involvement: water / verb**

### wagon (circle the wagons)

circle the wagons

they ~ in a time of crisis (universities, church)

"circle-the-wagons mentality" backfired

the ~

wagon were circled

the ~ (opposition to desegregation in Mississippi)

**protection & lack of protection: history / Native Americans / verb**

**conflict: history / Native Americans / verb**

### wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)

hitched his wagon to Donald Trump

he ~ and saw his life unravel

**allegiance, support & betrayal: history / horse / verb**

### waiting game

waiting game

for us, it's a ~ (police investigation of serial killings)

played a waiting game with the weather

they ~ (military operation)

**strategy: sports & games**

**action, inaction & delay: sports & games**

### wake (resemblance)

wakes

while man sleeps, the jungle ~ (animal activity)

**resemblance: sleep / verb**

**activity: sleep / verb**

### wake up (verb)

wake up

people are starting to ~ (an AIDS issue)

woke up

an Arab nation ~, and said enough (Tunisia / 2011)

woken up

I was one of the sleeping majority, but now I have ~

wake up to the dangers

West African states have begun to ~ of the drug trade

people have woken up

the Baluch ~ (Brahamdagh, a rebel leader)

**consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb**

### wake (in the wake)

in the wake of the (merger) announcement

in the wake of disaster

how strong we can be ~ (terrorism)

in the wake of the (Arab oil) embargo

in the wake of (terrorist) hijackings

new security measures ~

in the wake of the invasion

the potential for chaos ~ (Iraq)

in the wake of (another) (accounting) scandal

~ hitting a US giant

in the wake of a (sleet) storm

in Mid-December, ~

in the wake of Sept. 11

flag-waving ~

♦ NO WAKE ZONE (A sign directed at boaters in a channel.)

**sequence: boat / water**

### wake (wake-up call)

wake-up call

this death is a ~

the oil spill has been a ~

wake-up call to the Saudis

the bombings are a ~ (terrorists)

**consciousness & awareness / warning: sleep**

### walk (walk the walk)

walked the walk

you knew he ~ (a biker outlaw)

**commitment & determination: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### walk (walk somebody through something)

walk me through why

~ somebody would be afraid to participate (census)

walk us through what

can you ~ police are doing right now (breaking news)

walk us through (exactly) what

~ happened here (tell us what happened)

walk us through the data

so ~, what did you find (talk radio)

walk us through that moment

can you ~ that you found out... (TV interview)

walk us through the procedure  
could you ~ (explain)

walk us through the results  
and here to ~ is our lead political editor (new poll)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### walk (walk somebody back)

walk us back a bit  
could you ~ (speak about what happened before)

**past & present: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping**

### walk (crawl, walk, run)

crawl, walk, run (m)  
instruction should follow a ~ sequence (military)

**sequence: walking, running & jumping**

### walk (walk away from something)

walk away  
mining companies ~ without paying for cleanups (gold)

walked away  
he spoke to the BBC about why he ~ (quit Royal Ballet)

walked away from a (potential) deal  
the president ~ (negotiations)

walk away from it  
why didn't you just ~ (a scam)

walk away from the European Union  
should the United Kingdom ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb / walking, running & jumping**

**avoidance & separation: verb / walking, running & jumping**  
**allegiance, support & betrayal: verb / walking, running & jumping**

### walk back (noun)

walk back  
let's talk about the ~ (reversal)

**reversal: walking, running & jumping**

### walk back (verb)

walk back his (previous) comments  
he tried to ~ (a politician)

walked back his earlier statement  
the witness ~

walked back from earlier pledges  
he has ~ to overturn reforms

walked the advisor's assertion back  
his campaign manager ~

**reversal: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### walkover (noun)

walkover  
the campaign won't be a ~  
the war won't be a ~

**difficulty, easiness & effort: walking, running & jumping**

### wall (obstacle)

wall of (Republican) opposition  
President Obama ran into a stone ~

wall of privacy  
biographers ran up against a ~

wall of silence  
breaking down the famous "blue ~" (NYC police)

brick wall  
law enforcement has run into a ~  
this new bill is expected to hit a ~ in the Senate (politics)

paywall  
advocates of open access bemoan the ~ (academic articles)

stone wall  
President Obama ran into a ~ of opposition

bureaucratic wall  
it felt like I had hit a ~

cultural walls  
the ~ that keep the rest of the world out (reservation)

broke the wall  
she ~ of silence on the issue (protection rackets)

ran up against a wall  
biographers ~ of privacy

ran into a (stone) wall  
President Obama ~ of Republican opposition

set up (high) walls  
kings ~ of etiquette to keep the world out

**obstacles & impedance: wall**

**division & connection: wall**

### wall (wall of flames, etc.)

wall of flames  
fleeing a ~ (wildfire firefighters)

wall of water  
the dam failure sent a ~ downstream  
the ~ destroyed everything in its path (tsunami)

**resemblance: wall**

### wall (constraint)

walls come down  
this is where the ~ (Las Vegas partying)

**constraint & lack of constraint: wall**

## wall (ricochet off the wall)

ricocheting off the wall  
she's going to be ~ (surprised / upset / unhappy)

**behavior: movement / verb**

## wall (the walls have ears)

wall  
the ~s have ears

**surveillance: wall**

## wall (walls close in)

walls may be closing in on him  
the ~ (manhunt)

**pressure: wall / verb**

## wall (hit a wall)

hitting a wall  
some heretics argue that deep learning is ~ (AI)

**progress & lack of progress: wall / verb**

## wallet

implications on your wallets  
what is the ~

worried about their wallets  
they're more ~ than moral issues

open their wallets  
they have inspired millions to ~ (aid to Haiti)

watch their wallets  
retirees need to ~ (US)

**money: purses & wallets**

## wallow (verb)

wallows in nostalgia  
the show ~

wallow in self-pity  
my job means that I can't ~

♦ "Sambur (Sambar) and other game used this pool as a drinking place and wallow." (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett.)

♦ "He found a mud hole, let out a tremendous cry, and rolled and wallowed." (*An elk during rut.*)

**involvement: animal / verb**

**behavior: animal / verb**

## Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)

Wall Street of the South  
Charlotte, North Carolina, the ~ (Bank of America)

Wall Street of fish  
Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market is the ~ (sets prices, etc.)

**money: epithet / place**  
**epithet: money**

## Walter Mitty

Walter Mittys with Everest dreams  
~ need to keep in mind... (climbing)

**fantasy & reality: allusion / person**

## waltz (last waltz)

last waltz  
and so, there was a ~ (dinner at bankrupt restaurant)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: music**

## waltz (attain)

waltzed to re-election  
he should have ~ but is now in a fight (politics)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: music / verb**

**attainment: movement / verb**

## waltz in (verb)

waltz (right) in  
we shouldn't let them just ~ (terrorists return to England)

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: music / verb**

## wane (on the wane)

on the wane  
his once promising ability is ~ (athlete)  
summer is ~ and autumn on the way  
tolerance is ~ and extremism is thriving  
support for the climate bill is ~  
empathy is ~  
America's power and influence is ~

**decline: astronomy / moon**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon**

## wane (verb)

wanes a bit  
my new-found euphoria ~ (for new hobby)

career waned  
his ~ after his "Airwolf" heyday (actor)

epidemic is (now) waning  
the cholera ~, having run its natural, devastating course

influence (in Iraq) is waning  
the American's ~

popularity has waned  
since then, however, its ~... (barbiturate abuse)

sense of urgency wanes  
people forget and the ~... (wildfires)

starts to wane  
the fight's urgency ~.(pit bulls)

tendency (for the effect) to wane  
there is a ~ after... (a medication)

waxed and waned  
their grip on the area ~ (Chinese in Xinjiang)

**decline:** astronomy / moon / verb  
**increase & decrease:** astronomy / moon / verb  
**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence:** astronomy / moon / verb  
**development:** astronomy / moon / verb

## war (at war)

at war with her (nagging) fears  
her hopes were ~ (health of child)

**conflict:** military

## war (flame war)

flame war  
spam, ~s, dumb jokes...

burst into flame wars  
Web sites ~

sparked a flame war  
he ~ by writing that... (Internet)

**computer:** fire / military

## war (conflict)

war  
this is ~ (attempts to repeal the death tax)

war to make the Internet safe  
the ~ was lost long ago

war of attrition  
he turns football into a ~

war of (racially charged) slurs  
they fought a ~ (high schoolers)

war of words  
an interesting ~ develops between... (politics)  
the arrests provoked a ~ between the two countries

war of insults and namecalling  
a virtual ~ between Turks and Greeks on YouTube

war on Islam  
what he called the West's ~

war on their bosses  
Corps officials quietly declared ~, skipping meetings

war on cancer  
Richard Nixon began America's ~

War on Drugs  
the ~

war on meth  
in 2003 Thailand launched an all-out ~ (Yaba)

war on piracy  
~ bears fruit (pirated music, software in Dubai)

War on Poverty

the 1960s produced the ~

war on poverty  
finding a drug for black hypertension is cheaper than a ~

war on smallpox  
Dr. Donald A. Henderson led the successful ~

war with the European Union  
the banana ~ over imports

war against doctors  
the D.E.A.'s ~ (drugs-for-sex cases)

war against the environment  
the ~ is also a war against traditional people

war against traditional people  
the war against the environment is also a ~

war against cybercafes  
Beijing declares ~

war (with the European Union) over imports  
the banana ~

war over (union) representation  
sparked a labor ~

war between the two  
it's not a ~ (sales and marketing)

war between consumers and record labels  
the file-sharing ~ (burning)

war between theorists and engineers  
the ~ (over artificial intelligence)

wars among (Ecstasy) dealers  
turf ~

war chant  
fans and players intoned their ~ (football)

war-simulation (m)  
a ~ game (console game)

war stories  
as he recounts his ~ (about the film industry)

war-gaming  
civilian ~ spread...

"banana war"  
the ~ with the European Union over imports

banana war  
the ~ has been the world's longest running trade dispute

culture war  
"~s" that have wracked universities

drug war  
Colombia's ~  
the ~ became a bipartisan effort

gang war  
this was the beginning of a full-blown ~ (LA)



labor war  
a ~ over union representation

price war  
fierce ~s have reduced profits  
a ~ broke out (illegal drugs)

race war  
preparing for a ~

taxi war  
the ~s are a national problem in South Africa (rival cartels)

trade war  
sanctions could set off a ~

one-man war  
he was waged a ~ against the bill (government)

all-out war  
it had become an ~ (Egypt and US issue)

reading wars  
the so-called ~—the battle over the best method

file-sharing war  
the ~ between consumers and record labels (burning)

bidding war  
a ~ had begun for exclusive photo rights

full-blown (gang) war  
this was the beginning of a ~ (LA)

diplomatic war  
he has won the ~

"virtual war"  
a ~ of insults and namecalling between Turks and Greeks

public opinion war  
they would lose the ~ (educational vouchers)

12-round war  
a ~ that was one of the year's best fights (boxing)

in the midst of a (culture) war  
America is ~

language of war  
its language is the ~ (US football)

war broke out  
a price ~ (illegal drugs)

war continues and escalates  
the ~ (Internet popup ads)

declared war  
Corps officials quietly ~ on their bosses

declares war  
Beijing ~ against cybercafes

launched an (all-out) war  
in 2003 Thailand ~ on meth (Yaba)

lose the (public opinion) war  
they would ~ (educational vouchers)

set off a (trade) war  
by imposing sanctions, the administration could ~

sparked a (flame) war  
he ~ by writing that... (Internet)

wage war  
communities in this state ~ on their youth

**conflict: military**

**war chest**

war chest  
his ~ is below the poverty line (a politician)

war chest of \$200,000  
armed with a ~ that they'd raised...

campaign war chest  
he has a much larger ~

**money: military**

**warehouse (neglect)**

Dickensian warehouses  
it's orphanages became famous as ~ (Romania)

**environment: mental health / warehouse**

**warehouse (amount)**

viral warehouses  
monkeys are ~

**amount: infrastructure / warehouse**

**warehousing (data)**

data warehousing  
~ and consumer information

data-warehousing (m)  
he develops ~ software

**computer: infrastructure / warehouse**

**warfare (noun)**

warfare against Democrats  
there is likely to be a session of trench ~ (politics)

trench warfare  
this has become political ~ (politics)

**conflict: military**

**warm (verb)**

warmed up to California  
in time, he ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb**  
**acceptance & rejection: temperature / verb**

**warm (adjective)**

warm  
the relationship between them has never been ~ (politics)

warm heart  
he praised her for her ~ can concern for others

warm reception  
we got a ~ everywhere we went

warm welcome  
they gave us a ~

warm 28-year-old  
she is a ~ with big brown eyes

warm and receptive  
the audience was ~ (for a folksinger)

warm and sympathetic  
voters perceive her as ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

### **warmed-up**

getting warmed-up  
I'm just ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: temperature / engine**

### **warmhearted (adjective)**

warmhearted person  
she is a ~

**character & personality / heart: temperature**

### **warmly**

greeted us warmly  
he ~

received us warmly  
she ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

### **warmth**

support, encouragement, and warmth  
she provides ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: temperature**

### **warn (a sign can warn, etc.)**

sign warns  
a road ~, "Watch for children and dogs"

signs warn  
~ visitors to stay clear of the falls

sign warned  
a ~, "Danger Do Not Enter Steep Drops" (cliffs)

**fictive communication: speech / verb**

### **war of nerves**

war of nerves  
how soldiers cope with the ~ (waiting for combat)

**conflict: skin, muscle, nerves & bone**

### **warpath (on the warpath)**

on the warpath with Wall Street  
his finer days were as attorney general ~

back on the warpath  
nativists are ~

gone on the warpath  
they have ~

**conflict: history / Native Americans**

### **warrior (noun)**

Warrior Girls  
"~" is about the injury epidemic of young female athletes

heart of a (true) warrior  
battered and bloodied, but showing the ~ (boxing)

**conflict: history / person / violence**

### **war zone**

urban war zone  
an ~ (crime)

**environment: military**

### **washboard**

washboard road  
driving down a ~

**shape: clothing & accessories**

### **washed-up (adjective)**

washed up  
at age 50, I found myself ~

**decline: sea / water / wave**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sea / water / wave**

### **wash in (verb)**

washed into Germany  
millions of migrants have ~

**movement: verb / water / wave**

### **wash up (verb)**

washed (back) up  
when was the next time the picture ~ in your life

washed up  
his dishonesty had finally ~ at his brother's feet

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sea / verb / water / wave**

### **waste (lay waste)**

lay waste to the myths  
it is time to ~ of Soviet propaganda (Katyn)

**destruction: military / ruins / verb**

## watch (on one's watch)

on my watch  
not ~  
it will not happen ~ (constitutional sheriff)

on his watch  
Bush was haunted by a replay of 9/11 ~

happened on your watch  
these problems ~ (investigation)

**responsibility: military**

## watchdog (noun)

watchdog  
every industry needs a ~

watchdog organization  
a national ~

public's watchdog  
the media is supposed to be the ~

drug industry watchdog  
his self-appointed role as the ~

**surveillance / warning: animal / dog**  
**protection & lack of protection: animal / dog**

## water (deep water)

found himself in deep water  
in ~ (a boxer during match)

**involvement / situation: water**

## water (blow something out of the water)

blows your theory out of the water  
this ~

blew Phelps out of the water  
Lochte ~ (Olympics)

blown out of the water  
that theory was ~ (criminal trial)

**destruction: boat / sea / verb**

## water (keep one's head above water)

keep our heads above water  
we are struggling to ~ (financial woes)

**survival, persistence & endurance: water / verb**

## water (tread water)

treading water  
the middle class is still ~, and trying not to drown

**survival, persistence & endurance: water / verb**

## water (hold water)

hold water  
the theory doesn't ~  
the idea you can add adversity to the SAT doesn't really ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: water / verb**

## waterboarding (noun)

fiscal waterboarding  
the country is being subjected to a ~ (austerity)

**affliction / coercion & motivation / oppression: violence**

## water cooler

digital water cooler  
the Website is a sort of ~ for the tech industry

**gossip: place**

## water down (verb)

water down the program  
the government wants to ~

**attenuation: verb / water**

**strength & weakness: verb / water**

## watered down

get watered down  
most reform bills ~ (US)

**attenuation: water**

**strength & weakness: water**

## Waterloo

Waterloo for Mr. Brown  
the debates could be a ~ (politics)

Obama's Waterloo  
the Republicans hope to turn health care into ~

mayor's Waterloo  
failure to clear snow can be a ~ (Chicago, etc.)

**failure, accident & impairment: allusion / history / military**

**success & failure: allusion / history / military**

**resistance, opposition & defeat: allusion / history / military**

**epithet: history / military**

## waters (uncharted waters, etc.)

uncertain waters  
Egypt has sailed into freer but more ~

uncharted water  
the NCAA is wading into ~

uncharted waters  
we're in ~ here, or very little charted waters (legal issue)

uncharted (legal) waters  
the charges have led the country into ~ (soldiers)

**area: journeys & trips / map / sea**

**certainty & uncertainty: journeys & trips / map / sea**

## waters (dangerous waters, etc.)

dangerous waters  
you are in ~, Mr. Starbuck (*Moby Dick*)

treacherous (political) waters  
he has waded into ~

**danger: boat / sea / water**

### **waters (muddy the waters)**

muddy the waters about salt and health  
the Salt Institute has done nothing but ~

muddy the (legal) waters  
the case did nothing but ~

**perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark / verb / water**

**comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark / verb / water**

**certainty & uncertainty: light & dark / water**

### **waters (test the waters)**

testing the waters  
they are ~

**experimentation: verb / water**

### **watershed (noun)**

watershed  
the death of Tom Simpson was a ~ (athletes doping)

watershed event  
it was a ~ for the company

watershed moment  
the arrival of the drones will be a ~ (war)  
the affair was a ~ for British Muslims (Rushdie book)

watershed in (American) politics  
the 1968 presidential election was a ~

watershed in that (fractious) relationship  
this day could be a ~ between fans (Liverpool / Man U)

historic watershed  
the violence was a ~ (Sri Lanka / 1983)

**importance & significance / source: river**

### **watertight (adjective)**

legally watertight  
they will ensure their position is ~

**flaws & lack of flaws: water**

### **wave (Wave Rock, etc.)**

Wave Rock  
natural wonders like ~ in western Australia

**proper name: sea / water / wave**

### **wave (shape)**

waves of (wind-hardened) snow  
~ called "sastrugi" (Antarctic)

stony wave  
Half Dome looms over Yosemite Valley like a ~

**shape: sea / water / wave**

### **wave (wave of the future, etc.)**

wave of the future  
online banking is the ~

next big wave  
the ~ was cloud computing

catch the wave  
some companies were too big to ~

**development: sea / water / wave**

### **wave (effect)**

waves are washing  
the ~ over other parts of the region (peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea)

**feeling, emotion & effect: sea / water / wave**

### **wave (blast wave, etc.)**

blast radius  
the target was Ukraine, but its ~ was the entire world (NotPetya worm)

**effect: explosion**

### **wave (in a wave)**

in a wave of dissention  
the team dissolved ~, losing all 3 matches (soccer)

in a wave of kidnappings  
dozens of foreigners have been abducted ~ (Iraq)

in the (first) wave of infections  
hospital workers infected ~ (SARS)

in a (weeklong) wave of violence  
more than 100 were killed ~

in the first wave  
hospital workers infected ~ of infections (SARS)

in a great wave  
engulfed ~ of hate and anger (mob)

in a weeklong wave  
more than 100 were killed ~ of violence

dissolved in a wave  
the team ~ of dissension, losing all 3 matches (soccer)

abducted in a wave  
dozens of foreigners have been ~ of kidnappings (Iraq)

engulfed in a (great) wave  
~ of hate and anger (mob)

infected in the (first) wave  
hospital workers ~ of infections (SARS)

**amount & effect: sea / water / wave**

## wave (amount and effect)

wave

this ~ is going to build and grow (flexible workplace)

wave of (neo-Nazi) activity

we must combat a ~

wave of (cigarette) advertising

the new ~

wave of (new) applications

a ~ for accommodations (SAT disability)

wave of arrests

this summer, there was a further ~ in Saudi Arabia

wave of (Palestinian) attacks

a ~ killed five Israelis

wave of (HIV-positive) babies

a ~ still to be born

wave of (commercial space) cameras

the new ~

wave of criticism

the slow response has brought a ~

wave of emigration

the ~ that followed (the fall of Soviet Union)

wave of emotions

the resignations set off a ~ from sadness to relief

wave of euphoria

the South Korean ~ (World Cup)

wave of explosions

a ~ marred Algeria's independence celebration

wave of fury

the nominee list set off a ~

waves of grief

the wreck is sending ~ across the mountains

waves of immigrants

the cold war's end has brought ~

~ who have crossed the sea to live in France

wave of immigration

the latest ~ threatens to change...

a ~ that has changed schools and neighborhoods

he came here as part of a ~ from Uzbekistan (to Israel)

waves of immigration

the ~ to the US over the past 20 years

wave of (national) indignation

a ~

wave of pride

his success has set off a ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

wave of self-criticism

a ~ swept the press

wave of (reported) sightings

a ~ in 1993 (UFOs)

wave of sympathy

setting in motion a fast-rolling ~ (psychogenic illness)

wave of (national) unity

the ~ following 9/11

wave of unrest

the ~ has toppled two presidents (Middle East)

wave of (democratic) uprisings

a ~ is transforming the Islamic world

wave of (sectarian) vengeance

a ~ is sweeping the capital (Baghdad)

waves of arrivals and departures

orchestrated ~ (busy airport)

wave of (criminal) charges

the ~ and civil lawsuits (church sex abuse)

wave of (corporate) divestitures

the next ~ and spin-offs

wave of car bombs

a ~ against westerners (Saudi Arabia)

wave of kidnappings

victims of a ~ (Lebanon)

waves of killing and ethnic cleansing

subjected to ~ (Hutu-Tutsi)

Republican wave

a ~ swamped them (elections)

attack wave

the main ~

crime wave

unassimilated immigrants have set off ~s in Europe

enemy wave

slowed the on-coming ~ with machine gun fire

heat wave

a killer ~ claimed an estimated 10,000 lives (France)

immigration wave

the US is in an ~ that rivals the start of 20th century

murder wave

a ~ engulfed the U.S. around 1960

technology wave

you're riding on a ~ that's going to crash

on-coming (enemy) wave

slowed the ~ with machine gun fire

fast-rolling wave

setting in motion a ~ of sympathy (psychogenic illness)

orchestrated wave

~s of arrivals and departures (airport)

first wave  
he was part of the ~ of immigrants from Laos (Hmong)

further wave  
this summer, there was a ~ of arrests in Saudi Arabia

great wave  
engulfed in a ~ of hate and anger (mob)

human wave (m)  
the determined enemy launched ~ assaults (war)

latest wave  
the ~ of immigration threatens to change... (France)

main (attack) wave  
the ~ (military)

new wave  
the ~ of commercial space cameras  
the ~ of cigarette advertising

New Wave  
the French ~, especially Truffaut and Goddard

next wave  
the ~ will be "semantic web" applications

previous waves  
~ of US immigrants

successive wave  
each ~ of (U.S.) strikes (military)

consequences of a wave  
one of the many ~ of immigration (schools)

victims of a wave  
~ of kidnappings (Lebanon)

wave has spread  
the revolution ~ from Egypt to Libya

wave (of self-criticism) swept  
a ~ the press

wave (of sectarian vengeance) is sweeping  
a ~ the capital (Baghdad)

wave (of immigration) threatens  
the latest ~ to change...

brought a wave  
the slow response has ~ of criticism

combat a wave  
we must ~ of neo-Nazi activity

wave has crested (and the waters receded)  
the ~ to reveal a changed landscape (refugee tsunami)

rode that wave  
two years later she ~ of attention to a seat in the US Senate

sending waves  
the wreck is ~ of grief across the mountains

set off a wave  
the resignations ~ of emotions from sadness to relief

the nominee list ~ of fury  
his success has ~ of pride (Japanese ballplayer in US)

subjected to waves  
~ of killing and ethnic cleansing (Hutu-Tutsi)

♦ Rogue waves, also known as freak or monster waves, have sunk ships and snatched people from coastlines.

♦ Surfers have ridden waves of 80 feet or more along the Cortes Bank.

♦ "If you want to ride the ultimate wave, you have to be willing to pay the ultimate price." (Mark Foo.)

♦ A 60-foot wave is like a cement truck falling on you. (Surfing.)

♦ When the wave height reaches three quarters of the water depth, the wave breaks.

**amount & effect: sea / water / wave**

**movement: sea / water / wave**

**waver (verb)**

wavering over what to do  
the city has been ~

**commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability / movement / verb**

**wavelength (on the same wavelength)**

on the same wavelength as his teammates  
he has not been ~ (a soccer striker)

**unanimity & consensus: tools & technology**

**wax (wax and wane)**

wax and wane  
separation anxiety tends to ~ (toddlers)

waxed and waned  
anti-American protests have ~ in South Korea

waxes and wanes  
her apparent awareness ~ (GHB rape on video)

♦ It's always a treat to see a very young moon, such as one that is 24 hours old or less. It takes clear skies and good eyesight or binoculars.

**increase & decrease: astronomy / moon / verb**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon / verb**

**development: astronomy / moon / verb**

**way (along the way)**

along the way  
so many friends we've lost ~  
~, the Dali Lama prevented... (history)

**course: journeys & trips**

**way (in harm's way)**

in harm's way  
people and homes are ~ (wildfire)

go in harm's way  
I intend to ~ (combat)

puts volunteers in harm's way  
the Peace Corp commonly ~

**danger / situation: route**

### **way (know one's way around)**

knows his way around the European Union  
he ~ (a British politician)

**knowledge & intelligence: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips**

**direction: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips**

### **way (out of harm's way)**

out of harm's way  
I directed myself toward river right, ~ (kayaking)

dragged him out of harm's way  
he ~ (combat)

**danger: route**

### **way (out of the way / remote)**

geographically out of the way  
Siberia may be ~, but...

**isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips**

### **way (in the way)**

unwanted, in the way, and useless  
some old people feel ~

get in the way  
don't let anger or prejudice ~ of peace

gets in the way  
all this stuff ~ of instruction (adolescent problems)

gets in his own way  
the president constantly ~ on these things (by his tweets)

stand in your way  
let nothing ~ (dreams)

stands in her way  
she will hurt anyone who ~

stood in her way  
she didn't care who ~

stand in the way  
just a few contract details ~ (boxing)  
if you want to quit, I won't ~

stand in their way  
and nothing is going to ~

**obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips**

### **way (get out of the way)**

get out of my way  
people were smart enough to ~ and let me handle it

♦ **Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way!**

**obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping / verb**

### **way (out of the way / obstacles)**

out of the way  
Americans praise Indian enemies once they are ~

got their jitters out of the way  
our guys finally ~ (sports)

**obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips**

### **way (go out of one's way)**

go out of their way  
moray eels do not ~ to attack humans

go out of the way to explain  
they don't ~

went out of his way to meet  
the President ~ with opposition leaders

gone out of his way to woo  
he has ~ friends in the other party  
Gates has ~ to woo Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

**difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / verb**

### **way (way out / escape)**

way out  
there is simply no other ~ (a Palestinian State)

way out of the abyss  
he worked his ~ of crime and hopelessness

way out of the (poor) neighborhood  
the Army was a ~

way out of a (dire) situation  
she sought a ~

way out of (criminal) trouble  
you can often buy your ~ (police corruption)

easy way out  
teens will take the ~ (cheating)  
I took the ~ (didn't graduate from high school)

only way out  
she saw suicide as her ~

no way out  
there was ~ (hopelessness)

buy your way out  
you can often ~ of trouble (corruption)

dig his way out  
he found a way to ~ of his problems

find some way out  
we must try to ~ of it (world economies)

lie her way out  
she tried to ~ of it, but she got caught

look for a way out  
teen suspects often ~ (false confessions)

looked for a way out  
and so he ~ (of a bad situation)

sought a way out  
she ~ of a dire situation

take the (easy) way out  
teens will ~ (cheating)

worked his way out  
he ~ of the abyss of crime and hopelessness

saw suicide as her (only) way out  
she ~

♦ "Oh, wait, it's upside-down." (A member of a group of people navigating a corn maze, referring to their map of the maze.)

**pursuit, capture & escape: container  
situation: container**

### **way (get one's way)**

gets its way  
as an arm of the Kremlin, Gazprom usually ~

get her way  
she schemes and plans and manipulates to ~

**wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb**

### **way (on the way)**

on the way to (cold war) victory  
Afghanistan was the last battle ~

on your way there  
you're ~ (to becoming successful and famous)

help is on the way

relief is on the way

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips**

### **way (on the way out)**

on its way out  
the fastest way down is ~ (firehouse poles)  
gun control is ~ (US attempts to regulate guns)

on their way out  
the network anchor and evening news are ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips**

### **way (give way to something)**

giving way to diesel  
by the nineteen-seventies, steam was ~ (India / trains)

gives way to knowledge  
what happens when innocence ~

gives way to the new  
the old order ~

give way to the lit stage  
the fading daylight began to ~ (concert)

gave way to a (gentler) slope

the steep shale ~ of snow (South Col)

give way to new industries  
dominant industries of today will ~ tomorrow

gave way to palaces and villas  
during the Renaissance, castles ~ (Italy)

gives way to clear-cutting  
selective logging often ~ (Amazon)

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips  
/ verb**

### **way (go the way of something)**

going the way of the corset  
the push-up bra may be finally ~ (decline of Victoria's Secret)

going the way of the phone booth  
street-corner mailboxes are ~ (email)

going the way of the rotary dial  
common courtesy is ~

go the way of the rotary-dialed phone  
residential white-page phone books may ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips  
/ verb**

### **way (go a long way)**

go a long way  
American dollars ~ in Canada

goes a long way  
a little humiliation ~ (resistance)

go a long way towards improving  
this will ~ things

**extent & scope: distance**

**cost & benefit: distance**

### **way (lose one's way)**

lost our way  
we've ~  
we have all ~ from time to time  
lost its way  
Manchester United has ~ (2018-19)

**direction: journeys & trips / verb**

**failure, accident & impedance: journeys & trips / verb**

### **way (lead the way)**

leading the way  
the Democrats are ~ on this (vote of disapproval)

**direction: journeys & trips / verb**

**driving force: journeys & trips / verb**

### **way (find one's way)**

find my way  
it was easy to ~ (a difficult job)



find our way  
but we'll ~ (out of a problem)

find his own way  
I'm not trying to force the boy, I know he will ~

**direction: journeys & trips / verb**

### **way (pave the way)**

pave the way for the (surfing) boom  
Hoffman helped ~

pave the way for (new) drugs  
the landmark discovery could ~ to beat viruses

paves the way for gays  
the bill ~ to serve openly in the military

paved the way for an recovery  
the government program ~ (economy)

paved the way for (better) relations  
the treaty has ~ between the two countries

paved the way for the rise  
repeal of the Fairness Doctrine ~ of Fox News

paved the way for an (economic) comeback  
the government program ~

**amelioration & renewal: journeys & trips / verb**

### **way (a long way)**

long way to climb  
the people of Africa have a ~

long way to go  
we've got a ~, but we've had some success  
there is still a ~ (a legal process)

long way towards meeting  
we've come a ~ that goal

long way from throwing  
we're a ~ in the towel

come a long way  
we've ~ towards meeting that goal  
the city has ~ (Warsaw / improvement)

go a long way  
she will ~ (a young singer)

gone a long way  
we have ~

have a long way  
the people of Africa ~ to climb

**progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips**

### **way (a long way off)**

a long way off  
the 2024 election is ~

**future / time: distance**

### **way (direction)**

gone the other way  
events could have ~

**direction: journeys & trips**

### **way (the wrong way)**

going the wrong way  
we're ~

**direction: journeys & trips**

### **way (every step of the way)**

every step of the way  
they've helped us ~  
her mother had approved the relationship ~

**starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips**

### **way (all the way)**

all the way  
a suit won't get them ~ they need to go to stop the president

**success & failure / attainment: journeys & trips**

### **way (route)**

way to (anyone's) heart  
the quickest ~ is with an MCL gift card

quickest way  
the ~ to anyone's heart is with an MCL gift card

**route: journeys & trips**

### **wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)**

fallen by the wayside  
the US has ~ (competitive weightlifting)

**success & failure: journeys & trips**

**survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips**

### **weak (fragile)**

fragile and weak  
the caretaker government is ~

**strength & weakness: materials & substances**

**flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances**

### **weak-minded (adjective)**

weak-minded man  
he was a ~

**mind: materials & substances**

### **wealth (amount)**

wealth of (forensic) evidence  
police have a ~

wealth of experience  
he's bringing a ~ into the classroom

wealth of (allosaurus) fossils  
the area is known for its ~ (Jurassic Monument in Utah)

wealth of information  
the flight data recorder provided a ~ (crash)

wealth of (company) information  
the ~ held by the government

wealth of materials  
he uncovered a ~ (sunken boat)

wealth of (educational) options  
giving parents a ~

wealth of talent  
the team has a ~

wealth of titles  
producing a ~ (publishing houses)

wealth of information, perspective, opportunities  
we provide you with a ~ (ad for Fidelity Wealth)

**amount: money**

**worth & lack of worth: money**

## **wean (verb)**

wean itself off coal  
the US cannot ~ quickly

wean countries off coal  
the European Commission seeks to ~

wean yourself off cigarettes  
it's a bad idea to ~ with smokeless tobacco

wean himself off heroin  
he was able to ~ with the help of his family

wean the nation off fossil fuels  
we must ~

wean ourselves off of fossil fuels  
we must ~ (energy independence)

wean itself from ad revenues  
the magazine wants to ~ (vs. subscriptions, online fees)

wean the US from (messy and expensive) heating oil  
while federal officials try to ~, Main remains addicted

wean the planet from the burning  
we must ~ of fossil fuels

**dependency: baby / verb**

## **weapon (help)**

weapons of the weak  
~ include foot-dragging and feigned ignorance

weapon in solving  
seamless teamwork can be a potent ~disease outbreaks

weapon against prejudice  
black and gay comedians have wielded jokes as a ~

political weapon  
Sadat gained diplomatic leverage using oil as a ~ (1973)

potent weapon  
teamwork can be a ~ in solving disease outbreaks

**help & assistance: weapon / military**

## **weapon (secret weapon)**

secret weapon of diplomacy  
cultural exchanges are the ~

secret weapon for Nokia  
better developer tools could be a ~

secret weapon in fighting  
women are his ~ lawlessness

campaign's secret weapon  
she has been the ~ (politician's wife)

group's secret weapon  
technology has been the group's ~

virus's secret weapon  
evolution is a ~

unleashed a secret weapon  
supporters of reform have ~ (clerical support)

**strength & weakness: weapon**

## **weaponization (noun)**

weaponization of social media  
the ~ to influence elections and sow discord

**creation & transformation: weapon**

## **weaponize (verb)**

weaponize children  
the Democrats are happy to ~ (immigration)

**creation & transformation: verb / weapon**

## **weary (condition)**

weary of war  
the public is ~ (US)

**condition & status: health & medicine**

**feeling, emotion & effect: sleep**

## **weather (survive)**

weather their (financial) crisis  
the extra income allowed them to ~

weather this (economic) storm  
cities need help to ~

weathered (all sorts of) storms  
the Catholic Church has ~ across the centuries

**survival, persistence & endurance: storm / verb**

## weather (environment)

weather

it's as good as an example as any given the ~

**environment:** air / atmosphere / weather & climate

## weave (creation)

weaves a tale of first contract

she ~ (author)

**creation & transformation:** cloth / verb

## weave (move)

weaves in and out of (Indian) stereotypes

he ~ (Native American writer)

weave to his right

Tyson would take a short step and ~ (boxer)

trail weaved

the ~ downhill... (mountain biking)

**movement:** cloth / verb

## weave (mixture)

weave of information

the Web's tangled ~ and misinformation (hoaxes)

tangled weave

the Web's ~ of information and misinformation

**mixture:** cloth

## weave together (verb)

weave together what

I wanted to ~ life is like in the city (a book)

**division & connection:** cloth / verb

## web (entanglement)

web of lawsuits

a thick ~

web of bribery

a ~, kickbacks, theft and conspiracy (war contracts)

thick web

a ~ of lawsuits

caught up in a web

~ of drug addiction and crime

**involvement:** animal / cloth / insect / spider

## web (situation)

web of (drug) addiction and crime

caught up in a ~

**situation:** animal / container / insect / spider

## web (spider web, etc.)

spider web of mountain biking trails

there is a ~ (in a state park)

**shape:** animal / insect / spider

## web (spin a web)

spinning a web

they are accused of ~ of lies (murder)

**creation & transformation:** animal / insect / spider

**subterfuge:** animal / insect / spider

## wedge (edge of the wedge)

thin edge of the wedge

politicians fear this is the ~ (sending a few troops)

**driving force:** tools & technology / wedge

## wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)

drive a wedge between Muslims, Christians

a sinister attempt to ~

♦ A British negotiator being interviewed on NPR about sanctions against a country used the verb *wedge-drive*: "They will see this an opportunity to wedge-drive between the EU and the United States' allies in Europe."

**division & connection:** tools & technology / wedge / verb

## wedged

wedged between the DRC and Republic of Congo

Cabinda is ~ (enclave of Angola)

wedged between Switzerland and Austria

Liechtenstein, ~

wedged between Ukraine and Romania

Moldova is ~

wedged between the Gulf and the Gulf of Oman

the UAE, ~

**configuration:** wedge

## weed (in the weeds)

get in the weeds

it's not my job to ~ (lack of knowledge of details)

**perception, perspective & point of view:** ground, terrain & land

## weed out (verb)

weed out bad products

her agent helps ~ (a social-media influencer)

weed out the rebels

we will ~, but they are dug in

weed out the slackers

it's time to ~ who aren't pulling their weight

**dismissal, removal & resignation:** plant / farming & agriculture / verb

## weigh (analyze)

weigh the merits against the risks

we ~ (the press and the publishing of secrets)

weighed whether  
parents ~ to send their kids to school or... (sniper)

weigh the benefits  
commanders must ~ of a rigid versus a flexible plan

weighing bids  
the Coast Guard is ~ from three companies (for boats)

weigh the credibility  
they must ~ or various threats (police)

weigh all the evidence  
a decision-maker will ~

weigh the merits  
we ~ of publishing against the risks (press / secrets)

weighing the offer  
she is ~ (of employment)

weigh my options  
I have to ~

weighed plans  
Rumsfeld ~ to deploy up to 200,000 troops in the Gulf

weighed the price  
weary but optimistic, he ~ of success (a rapper)

weighs response  
India ~ after Kashmir attack

weigh the risks  
your doctor can help you ~ and potential benefits

weigh the value  
registrars must ~ of transfer credits

weigh the pros and cons  
you must ~ (job offers)

weighed the pros and cons  
~ of joining in the condemnation

weigh the successes and inadequacies  
they ~ of the criminal-justice-dominated approach

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: scale / verb / weight**  
**judgment: scale / verb / weight**  
**weigh (oppress)**

weigh (down) on me  
it's all starting to ~ (pressure)

weighs on you  
it ~ like a ton of bricks (harassment / gay students)

weighed on my conscience  
it ~ (terrorism)

weighing on her mind  
that's still ~ as she sits... (no classes for adjunct)

weighed heavily  
Beijing's opposition ~

weighs heavily  
the bank's decline ~ on the city

let grief weigh him down  
he didn't ~

**affliction: burden / verb / weight**  
**oppression: burden / verb / weight**  
**weighed down**

weighed down by debts and deficits  
the nation is ~

**affliction: burden / weight**  
**oppression: burden / weight**  
**weigh in (verb)**

weighing in  
now his mother is ~ (expressing her opinion)

weigh in on (major strategic) decisions  
he will still ~ (executive takes sick leave)

weighing in on the issue  
women are ~

weigh in (more heavily) on the issue  
Congress has begun to ~ of...

weighed in on the (newspaper's) Web site  
hundreds of readers ~

weighed in with concerns  
groups ~ about the FBI's use of...

weighed in with a national study  
JAMA ~ asserting that...

weighed in against the project  
Sen. Barbara Boxer ~  
♦ **Boxers weigh in before a fight.**

**involvement: boxing / sports & games / verb / weight**  
**weight (under the weight)**

under the weight of so many laws  
the people are ~

caved in under the weight  
the regime finally ~ of its impossible contradictions

**oppression: burden / weight**  
**affliction: burden / weight**  
**weight (pull one's weight)**

pulling their weight  
we need to weed out the slackers who aren't ~

**work & duty: burden / verb / weight**  
**weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)**

throw its weight behind the (democracy) movement  
the US did not ~ (diplomacy)

throwing their weight behind the opposition  
they are ~ (an organization)

put all of their weight behind trying  
the government ~ to prevent us from publishing

**allegiance, support & betrayal: weight / verb**

**power: weight / verb**

### **weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)**

fight above our weight  
we're going to have to ~ (politics)

punches above its weight  
Hungary ~ in math, it has produced many mathematicians

**power / substance & lack of substance: boxing / verb / weight**

**effect: boxing / verb / weight**

### **weight (oppression)**

feel the weight  
they ~ every day (White House scandal)

**oppression: burden / weight**

### **weight (substance)**

weight of the data  
the ~ would suggest that... (inconsistent studies)

weight of the tragedy  
as the full ~ fell over the neighborhood (AIDS)

weight with listeners  
her apology didn't carry much ~ (a singer)

weight and attention  
these fears are given too much ~ (of AI)

full weight  
as the ~ of the tragedy fell over the neighborhood (AIDS)

great weight  
his words and opinions carry ~

moral weight  
his being a Catholic helped give ~ to his speech

carry (much) weight  
her apology didn't ~ with listeners (a singer)

gives more weight  
the ranking system ~ to selectivity than efficacy

**substance & lack of substance: weight**

### **weighted**

weighted variables  
his methodology relies on 7 ~ (college rankings)

weighted equally  
the three criteria were all ~ (a rating survey)

**substance & lack of substance: weight**

### **weighty (substance)**

weighty decision  
it was a ~  
what to do was a ~ (war)

weighty issue  
Congress has taken up a series of ~s

weighty step  
renouncing one's citizenship is a ~

weighty topic  
she writes about ~s

weighty (literary) works  
he was known for filming ~ (Joseph Strick)

**importance & significance / substance & lack of substance: weight**

### **welcome (welcome news, etc.)**

welcome news  
the new economic data is ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: house**

### **welcome (verb)**

welcome an investigation  
we ~

**acceptance & rejection: house**

### **well (source)**

well of outrage  
the ~ is bottomless (fundamentalists)

well of (wifely) goodwill and loyalty  
her ~, which had overflowed for so long, was drained dry

**source: water**

### **well (health)**

get well  
we're sorry this happened, ~ soon (Treaty Oak in Austin)

♦ In 1989, Paul Stedman Cullen tried to kill the Treaty Oak in Austin, Texas. Thousands of kids addressed letters to the Treaty Oak, hoping it would get well.

**condition & status: health & medicine**

### **wellspring**

wellspring of pride  
a ~ in the gym (Sequoyah High's women's basketball)

wellsprings of our society  
sacrifice and self-reliance are the ~

**source: water**

### **west (go west)**

'goes west'  
a one-pounder ~ (destroyed by tank in WW I)

gone west

in ten days McCray had ~ to join McClintic (both died circa 1920)

♦ This expression seems to have gone out of favor.

**failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb**

## West Point (epithet)

Thailand's West Point

Chulachomklao Military Academy is considered to be ~

Australian West Point

he studied counterinsurgency at Duntroon, the ~

**education: epithet / military / school & education**

**epithet: military**

## wheel (grease the wheels)

grease the wheels

the government is trying to ~ of growth (economy)  
flattery and civility ~ of all human dealings

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb**

**social interaction: mechanism / verb**

## wheel (training wheels)

remove the training wheels

we're going to ~

♦ The Vice President of the US, Joe Biden, explained the 2012 withdrawal of US troops in Afghanistan as removing the training wheels from a bicycle.

**dependency: mechanism**

**help & assistance: mechanism**

## wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.)

Wheels Are Falling Off

City fans responded to chants of "Ole's At The Wheel" with "The ~"

wheels are (well and truly) off at Manchester United  
well, the ~

♦ "Nurses are the linchpins of hospitals, and when we lose them the wheels of medicine fall off."

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism**

## wheel (spin one's wheels)

spinning our wheels

we're in a rut and are ~ (financial reform)

spinning our wheels in Iraq and Afghanistan

we're just ~

spinning our wheels on too many important issues

we've been ~ (government politics)

just spinning our wheels

we're ~, hoping to get out of the ditch

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / movement**

**progress & lack of progress: mechanism / movement**

## wheel (hamster wheel)

hamster wheel of social media

we spend our time on this ~ and our newsfeeds

♦ The Rat Race is for Rats! (A bumper sticker.)

♦ Even if you win the rat race, you're still a rat. (A bumper sticker.)

**progress & lack of progress: mechanism / movement**

## wheel (wheels of fate)

wheels of fate

the ~ had started to turn, and for me there was no way out

**fate, fortune & chance: mechanism**

## wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)

wheels of capital

they want us to keep oiling the big ~ (US)

wheels of government

the ~ turn slowly

wheels of justice

the ~ must now turn (Hillsborough disaster / soccer)

**operation: government / justice / mechanism**

## wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)

wheels (of justice) operate slowly

the ~ (grand-jury investigation)

wheels (of government) turn slowly

the ~

wheels (many feel) turn (too) slowly

a justice system whose ~

**operation / speed: mechanism**

## wheel (asleep at the wheel)

asleep at the wheel

several Republican incumbents have been ~ (election)

many states have been ~ (girls marrying too young in US)

the World Health Organization was ~ (response to epidemic)

**consciousness & awareness: mechanism**

**control & lack of control: mechanism**

## wheel (hand on the wheel)

put his hand on the wheel at the Justice Department

Trump tried to ~ and control the investigation

**control & lack of control: mechanism**

## wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)

turn of the wheel

federal judges are assigned the case by the ~, the spin of the wheel

**fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games**

## wheelhouse (noun)

in my wheelhouse

it's not exactly ~

in the executive branch's wheelhouse  
things that are clearly in the ~ (rules, regulations)

**experience / interest: boat**

### wheezing (condition)

wheezing businesses  
a landscape dominated by abandoned street fronts and ~

**condition & status: breathing / health & medicine**

### whet (whet the appetite)

whet audiences' appetites for films  
movie trailers ~

whet people's appetite for spending  
museums try to ~

whet the appetites of fans  
the ad campaign is designed to ~ (TV)

whet the appetites of investors  
the company's performance will not ~

whet appetites for a rematch  
their fight ~ (boxing)

**increase & decrease: blade / knife**

### whiff (noun)

whiff of anxiety  
there's a ~ in the Asian air (about China)

whiff of bias  
journalists must be free of any ~

whiff of corruption  
the organization is tainted by the ~

whiff of incompetence  
the government's handling of the crisis has the ~

whiff of insurrection  
the ~ is in the air (street protests)

whiff of opportunism  
behind his good intentions is a ~

whiff of scandal  
only one ~ has tainted the casino (Cherokee)

whiff of (Western) supremacy  
some critics detect a ~ in his book

**evidence: smell**

### whiner (person)

hand wringers, worriers and whiners  
~ (foreign policy)

**character & personality: animal / person / sound**

### whining

whining  
her ~ is rubbing fans the wrong way (auto racer)

**sound / speech: animal**

### whip (violence)

whipped them into shape  
it took a while, but I ~ (a coach)

**coercion & motivation: verb / violence / whip**

**oppression: verb / violence / whip**

**directing: verb / violence / whip**

### whip (crack the whip)

crack the whip  
he taught his deputy how to ~ (politician)

cracking the whip on them  
he is ~ (President against BP for oil spill)

**coercion & motivation: verb / violence / whip**

**oppression: verb / violence / whip**

### whip (resemblance)

whipped the snow into a frenzy  
the winds ~ (ground blizzard)

**hitting, slamming & lashing: violence / whip**

**resemblance: whip**

### whip hand (noun)

has the whip hand  
Iran ~ (in the Gulf)

**coercion & motivation: verb / violence / whip**

**oppression: verb / violence / whip**

### whipping boy (person)

whipping boy  
China is used as a ~ in the campaign (politics)  
♦ The whipping boy was punished in the prince's stead at school.

**punishment & recrimination: person / royalty / whip**

**person: royalty / whip**

### whirlpool (in a whirlpool)

in a whirlpool of thought and bewilderment  
they were lost ~ (Bedouins)

stuck in a whirlpool  
we are ~ of violence and extremism

**amount & effect: sea / water**

### whirlpool (other)

whirlpool of (religious) violence and extremism  
his murder laid bare the ~

entering the whirlpool  
the film was made as the Greek economy was ~

**amount & effect: sea / water**

## **whirlwind (noun)**

whirlwind of attention

he has been at the center of a ~ (Nobel Prize)

whirlwind of controversy

a ~ surrounds him

whirlwind of (pent-up) civic forces

the dictator's ouster unleashed a ~

whirlwind existence

she lived at a totally different pace from her husband's ~

whirlwind romance

they got married after a ~

whirlwind relationship

they had a ~ and got married

whirlwind visit

he made a ~ to Afghanistan (Obama)

whirlwind 12 months

it has been a ~ since he returned to the sport (a boxer)

multitasking whirlwind

she was a ~ (sports, school, etc.)

unleashed a whirlwind

the dictator's ouster ~ of pent-up civic forces (Suharto)

reap the whirlwind

he who sows the wind shall ~ (Bible)

♦ In the US, people speak of dust devils. Dust whirlwinds are called *zawabi* in Arabic. In Australia, a whirlwind is called a willy willy.

♦ "Just on the stroke of seven o'clock we heard a shrill whistling in the north-east, and, two or three minutes later, down came a black buran. Shagdur set out to return to his own sleeping-place. Half an hour later...he [re-] appeared at the opening of the yurt. He had lost his way, although his sleeping-place was only 15 paces from mine...It was pitch dark [and] impossible for any man to stand. Shagdur had been on his hands and knees the whole time. Only those who have been out in such a storm can form any conception of what it is like. You get bewildered, and want to keep going, without knowing where...and it affects the brain. Next morning, the effects of this grim desert tempest were very easy to see; the sand was heaped up all round my yurt, and there were little mounds on the sheltered side of the camels." (A windstorm on the salt desert of Lop Nur in Xinjiang. From *Central Asia and Tibet* by Sven Hedin.)

**amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind**

**activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind**

## **whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)**

riding the whirlwind

he's ~

**control & lack of control: atmosphere / storm / wind**

## **whisper (sound)**

whisper of a (distant) waterfall

the ~

**sound: speech**

**resemblance: sound**

## **whistle (blow the whistle)**

blow the whistle on corruption

~, bribery, or abuse

blow the whistle on them

maybe they were afraid he might ~

**warning: sound / verb**

## **whistle (dog whistle)**

dog whistles

these are ~, Islamophobic tactics (politics)

racist dog whistles

he is launching his election campaign with ~

♦ In the US, a white politician claimed a black politician would "monkey things up." The black politician replied, "He's not using a (racist dog) whistle, he's using a bullhorn."

**message / speech: sound**

## **whistleblower (noun)**

whistle-blower

he's a ~

whistleblower complaint

the charges, contained in a ~ (against FAA)

drawn criticism from whistle-blowers

the company has ~

**warning: person / sound**

## **white (White Sea, etc.)**

White Nile

the Blue Nile and the ~ come together in Khartoum

White Sea

the Solovetsky Islands are in the ~

White Volta

the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

**proper name: color**

## **white elephant**

white elephant

in English a ~ is simply a useless extravagance

**worth & lack of worth: animal / color**

## **white knight**

white knight

they needed a ~ to save the hospital

**help & assistance: Middle Ages / person**

## **whitewash (noun)**

whitewash of justice

the mayor and police Superintendent railed against it as a ~

branded a whitewash

a public inquiry was ~ by victims' families



**concealment & lack of concealment: infrastructure**  
**appearance & reality: infrastructure**

## **whitewash (verb)**

textbooks whitewash

a number of ~ Japan's wartime conduct (in Japan)

**concealment & lack of concealment: infrastructure / verb**  
**appearance & reality: infrastructure / verb**

## **whittled**

whittled away

his control has been ~ (a ruler facing protests)

**decline: blade / knife**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife**

## **whittling (whittling down)**

task of whittling down

he will leave the ~ the embassy to his successor (in Iraq)

**decline: blade / knife**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife**

## **wild (people)**

wild beast

those ~s shot you in the back (said at funeral)

wild celebration

the victory set off a ~ at the finish line (Olympics)

wild child

he was always mature for his age, he wasn't a ~

wild guess

the '~' is that 100,000...

wild hunch

she acted on a ~ (an inventor)

wild look

she burst through the door, a ~ in her eyes

wild melee

a ~ broke out (soccer riot in Kabul)

wild (tailgate) parties

the ~ outside Arrowhead Stadium

wild rampage

dozens of teenage boys set off on a ~ (Central Park)

wild revelry

feasting accompanied by ~ (Mardi Gras)

wild rumor

another ~ going around was...

wild side

I love to show my ~ every now and then (sex)

wild streak

he must have brought out some ~ in me

wild youth

whether to remember his ~ or forget it

wild rite of passage

Las Vegas becomes a ~ for new 21-year-olds (booze)

wild and crazy

he was ~, young and dumb

wild and crazy (m)

the NFL has its ~ side

wild and reckless

I was at times ~ (gang member)

crazy and wild

it was ~ (wedding in non-traditional location)

Gone Wild

the creator of the "Girls ~" video series (spring break)

went wild

the 100,000 fans at the Camp Nou stadium ~ (soccer)

run wild

I will not ~ when my teacher is away

**behavior: animal**

**restraint & lack of restraint: animal**

## **wild (control)**

wild ending

in a ~ to the regular season (basketball)

wild shot

he flung up a ~ that missed horribly (basketball)

wild swings

protect consumers from ~ in energy prices

**control & lack of control: animal**

## **wild (run wild)**

let their imaginations run wild

painters in the 18th Century ~ in the ruins (Piranesi, etc.)

**constraint & lack of constraint: animal**

**restraint & lack of restraint: animal**

## **wildcard (computers)**

wildcard

you can fine-tune a search by using ~s (computers)

wildcard character

type the ~ and other text in the Find What box

word combinations, wildcards, part-of-speech tags

~ (searching)

**computers: cards**

## **wild card (people)**

wild card

Saddam Hussein is a ~

**behavior / character & personality: cards**

## wilderness (in the wilderness)

in the wilderness of (intellectual) life

Chomsky is an important voice ~ in America

in the (international) wilderness

he spent 3 years ~ (player left off national team)

in the (musical) wilderness

she managed to record her album after a painful period ~

voices in the wilderness

there are some ~ calling for a digital Geneva Convention

wondering in the wilderness

formerly in charge of the city, now ~ (a leader)

**society: ground, terrain & land**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: society**

**acceptance & rejection: society**

## wilderness (society)

wilderness years

the play was written during his ~ (while struggling)

**society: ground, terrain & land**

**dismissal, removal & resignation: society**

**acceptance & rejection: society**

## wilderness (area)

uncharted wilderness

new routes into the ~ of the 21-century economy

online wilderness

international students are often in an ~ (universities)

**area: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips**

## wild West

Wild West

this is the ~, there's a lot of things to figure out (venture)

it's like the ~, there are no rules (Instagram)

it really is a ~ in terms of facial recognition (no rules, limits)

wild west

it's the ~ with automatic weapons (Afghanistan)

Wild West of copyright infringement

Google has tamed the ~

**behavior: history**

**control & lack of control: history**

**environment: history**

## wilt (verb)

wilted in the second half

the team ~

wilted in the heat

the city's residents ~

wilted in theaters

the film ~

wilted under cross-examination

he ~ (convicted)

wilted under pressure

the offense ~ (sports)

wilted under his successor

the investigation ~

wilted sales

the sweltering heat ~ (retail)

efforts have wilted

legislative ~ (climate action)

stocks (also) wilted

European ~ (downturn)

**decline: plant / verb**

## wind (get / catch wind of something)

caught wind of this

she first ~ in March (press investigation)

gotten wind of an attack

a few days earlier, US intelligence had ~

got wind of some improprieties

he ~ (fraud)

get wind of the war

the Israelis did not ~ (1973)

♦ "There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression for something suspicious.)

**evidence: smell / verb / wind**

## wind (throw something to the wind)

throwing civil liberties to the wind

we are ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: atmosphere / verb / wind**

## wind (dangle in the wind)

left dangling in the wind

the prosecutor was ~ (not supported by others)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / verb / wind**

## wind (wind of change, etc.)

wind of change

but the ~ is blowing (rural areas)

there is a ~ blowing (state politics)

new wind

~s were whipping on the political stage (history)

political winds

anticipate the ~ blowing in Washington

the shifting ~ on campuses these days (Title IX)

buffeted by the (political) winds

the Hmong were ~ that blew through Vietnam

♦ Arabian horse are called "drinkers of the wind" because of their flaring nostrils.

**driving force: atmosphere / wind**

## wind (wind its way)

winding their way through the courts  
their cases are ~ (migrants)

**progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb**

**fictive motion: verb**

**complexity: verb**

## wind back (verb)

wind back to the spring  
to understand, ~ of 2014

**past & present: clock / mechanism**

## wind down (verb)

winding down  
the murder trial is ~

wound down  
as 2010 ~...

**starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism**

## wind down (relax)

wind down  
after a performance, it takes him a long time to ~  
he took a sleeping pill to ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb**

**amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb**

## windfall (noun)

windfall of \$1.7 billion  
higher commodity prices contributed to a ~ (BHP)

oil windfall  
elites use their ~ to ensconce themselves in power

financial windfall  
rising oil prices have brought them a ~

♦ You can collect dead limbs that the wind has blown down and use them to start a fire. Or, you can collect fruit that the wind has blown down and eat it. A windfall "falls into your lap" and is an unanticipated benefit.

**cost & benefit: tree**

**worth & lack of worth: tree**

## window (window of opportunity)

window of opportunity  
we've missed our ~  
there was a little, little ~ (to win an Olympic medal)  
the ~ could slam shut (stopping AIDS in India)  
there is a small ~ for the motor system... (peak performance)

window of opportunity to solve  
the ~ the crimes is closing (passage of time)

missed our window of opportunity  
we've ~

**target / timeliness & lack of timeliness: window**

## window (launch window, etc.)

window  
the ~ for doing a deal is small and closing  
people don't realize how close or narrow that ~ is (climate change)

window of time  
we only have a small ~ (to prosecute rape cases)

window of good weather  
the climbers had been waiting for a ~

windows between the (guard's) rounds  
the 15-minute ~ (prison suicide)

application window  
a second ~ will be opened (computer)

launch window  
we don't think we can make the ~ for March (NASA)  
the ~ for Wednesday's mission opens at 0900 (space)  
the ~ runs for 3 hours and 22 minutes (space)

summit window  
weather forecasts show a potential ~ (Everest)  
more and more are climbing during the same good ~s

weather window  
Nasa had a ~ of 65 minutes to launch  
everyone is trying to reach the summit in the same 12-hour ~

clear-weather window  
the first feasible ~ was 19 and 20 May (Mount Everest)

legal window  
the eight-year ~ when a suit could be filed

narrow window  
the ship had a ~ of time to take out a ballistic missile

small window  
the ~ between the end of the night and beginning of the day (birdsong)

15-minute windows  
the ~ between the guard's rounds (prison suicide)

eight-year (legal) window  
the ~ when a suit could be filed

window would close  
there was a risk the weather ~ (Mount Everest)

make the (launch) window  
we don't think we can ~ for March (NASA)

**target / timeliness & lack of timeliness: window**

## window (window to the West, etc.)

window to the West  
'Dallas' in Finnish was our ~ (a 37-year-old Estonian)

window to the world  
the computer screen is his ~ (homeless man)

window on relations

the leaked cables are a ~ with the world (diplomacy)

"window on the West"

St. Petersburg was Russia's ~ (Peter the Great)

window on a nervous planet

the Diplomatic Security Daily is a ~

window into his mind

his letters to his wife were a ~ (a politician)

this statement is a ~ (politician's gaffe about rape)

windows into (other) worlds

they were ~ and landscapes (museum dioramas)

window onto the wonders

his narrow focus opens a larger ~ of natural science

world's window

the ~ to Thailand (the Bangkok Post)

illuminating window

the case is an ~ into the pitfalls of capital punishment

opens a window

she ~ on Cape Verde's music (a singer)

**portal: window**

**window (out the window)**

window

gender goes out the ~ (female sports broadcaster)

went out the window

his game plan ~ (a boxer)

thrown the law out the window

the judge has ~

**dismissal, removal & resignation: window**

**appearance & disappearance: window**

**window (Overton window)**

Overton window

the ~ is the range of ideas tolerated in public discourse

**acceptance & rejection: allusion / window**

**window dressing**

window dressing

I was ~ (hired to fix problems, but ignored)

♦ Scott Simon: Do you feel like you were window dressing? Deborah Epstein: That is why I stepped down when I was first invited to join the commission. I asked them specifically whether there was any risk of that because I didn't want to participate in being window dressing on such a serious and important issue. But almost four years in, I've seen no evidence of that. And so I do feel like it was a fig leaf to cover up the problem, and I can't participate in that." ("Domestic Violence Expert Resigns From NFL Players Association Committee," NPR, All Things Considered, Weekend Edition (Sports) with Scott Simon, June 16, 2018.)

**substance & lack of substance: window**

**wing (division)**

right wing

in the US, the ~ is adamantly opposed to abortion

"political" and "military" wings

no difference between ~ (terrorists)

**division: bird**

**wing (building)**

amputee wing

Ward 57, the ~ at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

**branching system: bird**

**wing (under one's wing)**

took her under his wing

Clark Terry noticed Reeves' abilities and ~ (jazz)

he took me under his wing

~ (a film mentor)

took the teacher under his wing

he ~ (mentor / first-year teacher)

took Tommy under his wing

so Andy ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

got you under our wing

we have ~ (support)

**help & assistance: animal / bird**

**wing (in the wings)**

in the wings

there are extremists ~

waiting in the wings

many fine musicians are ~

**readiness & preparedness: theater**

**center & periphery: theater**

**wing (clip / stretch one's wings)**

stretch my wings

my fans have allowed me to ~

clipped his wings

his bosses had ~ (cop assigned to desk)

**constraint & lack of constraint: bird / verb**

**wink (noun)**

wink

there's a bit of a ~, it's a joke (subtitle of book)

there's a bit of a ~, we're all in on it (subtitle of book)

**subterfuge: eye / gesture**

**winner (noun)**

winner

I don't think there are any ~s (politics)

**competition / success & failure: sports & games**

**winnow (verb)**

winnows (preparatory) information

his staff ~ to a concise packet

**searching & discovery: verb / wheat**

**worth & lack of worth: verb / wheat**

## **win over (verb)**

win over Brexiteers

can she ~ (English Prime Minister)

win over Hispanics

they are trying to ~ (politics)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: sports & games / verb**

## **winter (decline)**

in the winter of my life

now ~, it was a great honor to... (explorer Don Walsh)

winter has (finally) come

~ to Game of Thrones (final two episodes)

♦ "I salute Victor Vescovo and his outstanding team for the successful completion of their historic explorations into the Mariana Trench. Six decades ago, Jacques Piccard and I were the first to visit that deepest place in the world's oceans. Now in the winter of my life, it was a great honour to be invited on this expedition to a place of my youth." ("Mariana Trench: Deepest-ever sub dive finds plastic bag" by Rebecca Morelle, BBC, May 13, 2019.)

**decline: season**

**primacy, currency, decline and obsolescence: season**

## **winter (resemblance)**

winter sleep

nature is awakening from its ~

**resemblance: season**

## **winter (nuclear winter, etc.)**

impact winter

debris from a comet strike could produce an ~

nuclear winter

a full-blown nuclear war would be followed by a ~

**destruction: season**

## **wire (down to the wire)**

going down to the wire

business leaders are furious because the new change is ~ (Brexit)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: horse / sports & games**

## **witch (noun)**

witch

she's a ~ (disliked or feared woman)

**character & personality: creature**

## **witch-hunt**

witch hunt

the campaign has sparked a ~ (for pedophiles)

witch hunts of the late 1940s

the anti-Communist ~ and early '50s

"witch-hunt" on Wikileaks

Assange urges the US to end its ~

"witch-hunt" against Wikileaks

Assange has urged the US to renounce its ~

witch hunt tactics

I will not be subjected to your ~

celebrity witch-hunt

police denied a ~ (sex offenses against boys)

political witch hunt

the administration claims this is just a ~

anti-Communist witch hunts

the ~ of the late 1940s and early '50s

end witch-hunt

~, Assange urges US (on Wikileaks)

renounce its "witch-hunt"

Assange has urged the US to ~

**oppression: allusion / creature / history / justice / violence**

**judgment: justice**

## **with (support)**

with you

I am ~

with him all the way

I am ~ (politics)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle**

## **wither (verb)**

withered

his faith in the government ~

wither in our (education) system

children ~ (rote learning)

**decline: plant / verb**

## **withering (adjective)**

withering criticism

he has faced ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: plant**

## **wizard (person)**

math wizard

only gifted ~s understand it (Poincare Conjecture)

dot-com wizard

~s becoming billionaires

marketing wizard

a ~ who hopes he had found the path to riches

financial wizard

he is regarded as a ~ and bankruptcy expert

**knowledge & intelligence:** creature / magic  
**ability & lack of ability:** creature / magic  
**epithet:** creature / magic  
**person:** magic

## wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)

Wizard of Menlo Park  
Edison was known as "The ~"

**ability & lack of ability:** epithet  
**knowledge & intelligence:** epithet

## wizardry

high-tech wizardry  
the new weapon is a bit of ~

technological wizardry  
in an age of ~...

**knowledge & intelligence:** creature / magic  
**ability & lack of ability:** creature / magic

## wobbly (adjective)

wobbly state  
City Opera has been in a ~ since 2008

**flaws & lack of flaws:** equilibrium & stability

## woke (adjective)

super woke  
she's like ~, you know, she's like policing me (black family)

**consciousness & awareness:** sleep

## wolf (predation)

wolf  
a ~ can wear scrubs or doctor's clothing or be a beautiful woman

- ♦ If you are not a wolf, a wolf will eat you. (Saudi Arabia.)
- ♦ Man is a wolf to man. (Russia.)
- ♦ He's a wolf in sheep's clothing.
- ♦ "Forgive me. I was raised by wolves." (A bumper sticker seen in Asheville, North Carolina.)

**behavior / predation:** animal / wolf

## wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

wolf in sheep's clothing  
we've all heard of a ~ (district attorney)  
two Middle East scholars portray him as a ~

**subterfuge:** animal / clothing & accessories / wolf  
**predation:** animal / clothing & accessories / wolf  
**appearance & reality:** animal / clothing & accessories / wolf

## wolf (wolf down food)

wolfed down his meal  
he ~

**behavior:** food & drink

## wolf (cry wolf)

cry wolf  
we certainly don't want to ~

**warning:** allusion / animal / verb / wolf

## wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)

throw him to the wolves  
I'm not going to ~

**allegiance, support & betrayal:** animal / verb / violence / wolf

## woo (verb)

wooed doctors with free trips  
the company aggressively ~ to seminars

woo the masses with (new) spending  
he could attempt to ~ (a politician)

woos far-right voters  
Sarkozy ~ after losing narrowly (elections)

**pursuit, capture & escape:** love, courtship & marriage / verb

**attraction & repulsion:** love, courtship & marriage / verb

## woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)

coming out of the woodwork  
people are ~ (survivors of wildfire thought dead)

come streaming out of the woodwork  
first dull Super Bowl in years and the whingers ~

**appearance & disappearance:** animal / house / insect

## wooded

wooded to aerial skiing by the US Ski Team  
she was ~

**pursuit, capture & escaped:** love, courtship & marriage  
**attraction & repulsion:** love, courtship & marriage

## woods (out of the woods)

out of the woods  
she was not ~ after the operation (transplant)  
we are not in any way ~ (hurricane)

**survival, persistence & endurance:** forest / journeys & trips  
**danger:** forest / journeys & trips

## woods (neck of the woods)

neck of the woods  
someone from our ~ (Western North Carolina)

happening in your neck of the woods  
here's what's ~ (national TV weather report)

make its way to our neck of the woods  
the storm will ~ (weather report / North Carolina)

**area / location: forest**

## **workhorse (noun)**

workhorse  
he's a ~

workhorse of an airplane  
the 767 is a ~ (flying since 1981, also used for cargo)

workhorses of the aviation world  
the 737 and A320 are the ~

**strength & weakness / work & duty: horse**

## **world (exploration)**

totally different world  
I was taken by the ~ down there (caving)

♦ "I was taken by the totally different world down there. I began to go caving every weekend." (David Bunnell.)

♦ "Under the earth's crust there exists such an enormously great world, in absolute darkness, that we can with some justice speak of a new continent." (Alfred Bogli.)

♦ "You can't really say very much, if anything at all, about below the surface." (David E. Smith, chief of NASA's Laboratory for Terrestrial Physics.)

♦ "After the Roc Noir, I had the feeling of closing a door behind me. I was entering another world. I was far from the world of the living. I had never had this feeling on any other mountain." (Jean-Christophe Lafaille on the east ridge of Annapurna in 2002.)

♦ "The deep sea is full of surprises. We may find species unlike any seen before. The Cayman Trough may be like Arthur Conan Doyle's 'Lost World.'" (From the Web site of Britain's National Oceanography Center.)

**area: earth & world**

## **world (on top of the world)**

on top of the world  
he was ~ again (happy)

**feeling, emotion & effect: earth & world**

## **world (fantasy)**

dream world  
it was her ~

live in a fantasy world  
people think I ~  
you can't ~

lived in a make-believe world  
I ~ that afforded me great comfort (abused)

retreated into a fantasy world  
she ~ (9-year-old, father jailed)

**fantasy & reality: earth & world**

## **world (Disney World, etc.)**

World of Warcraft  
he spent a lot of time online playing ~

Disney World (m)  
live entertainment in all four ~ parks

**proper name: earth & world**

## **world (in the world)**

in the (fickle) world of (New York) restaurants  
he did what he could to survive ~

in the (staid) world of sumo  
a rare event ~

in the (tempestuous) world of boxing  
nothing is impossible ~

in the world of (horse) racing  
he is a force ~

in the world of mountain biking  
North Shore riding is legendary ~ (BC)

in the (murky) world of the (Japanese) bar trade  
foreign women working ~

in today's world  
it is risky, ~, to go to work (workplace violence)

in the design world  
people ~ think...

in this (new) Internet world

in the bowling world  
~, he is perceived as a...

in the surfing world  
there have been a number of movies set ~

in (today's) privatized world

in a simulated world  
influencing events and characters in a ~ (computers)

in the academic world  
a debate that's currently going on ~

in the ancient world  
the temple, a pilgrimage site ~

in both worlds  
unlike some relatives, he lives ~ (Hispanic in US school)

in their own world  
they're ~ (females having party-within-party at party)

in different worlds  
experimentalists and theorists live ~s

in a perfect world  
~ we would be able to...

in the (highly competitive) scientific world

in the non-Indian world  
~ (Native Americans)

force in the world  
he is a ~ of horse racing

live in (different) worlds  
experimentalists and theorists ~

set in the (surfing) world

there have been a number of movies ~

survive in the (fickle) world  
he did what he could to ~ of New York restaurants

**environment: earth & world**

**world (particular)**

world of (midtown) Manhattan  
the ~

world of Washington  
the ~ and the business world

world of ghosts  
the ~ that blankets Southeast Asia (fortunetellers, etc.)

world of (branded) goods  
the competitive ~

world of (academic) medicine  
the publish-or-perish ~

world of (dive) travel  
the ~

world of tomorrow  
fixed aircraft will still exist in the ~ (military)

world of black magic and voodoo  
a bizarre ~ (muti murders)

world of street life  
the twilight ~ and girls for hire

world of cyberdrugstores  
the new ~

world of boxing  
welcome to the ~ (a Web site)

world of (extreme) kayaking  
the ~

world of haves and have-nots  
a Dickensian ~

world of rock and roll  
the sex-and-drug-filled ~

today's world  
~ offers us more choices but, ironically, less satisfaction

nomad's world  
the Tibetan Plateau is a ~ (over 13,000 feet)

art world  
the ~

art-world (m)  
a comment on ~ politics

aviation world  
the ~ uses nautical miles (vs. statute miles)

blog world  
some restaurants have embraced the ~ (instant marketing)

business world

does the ~ really need Harvard  
the world of Washington and the ~  
the ~ he inhabits

chess world  
young Soviet-trained players dazzled the ~

entertainment world  
the stratospheric reaches of the ~

hockey world  
the news of his arrest shocked the ~

magazine world  
the New York ~

rave world  
he opened the door to the ~ for us

spirit world  
long journeys to the ~ (Inuit)  
West African Islam maintains ties to the African ~

twilight world  
the ~ of street life and women for hire

plant, animal and insect worlds  
how electrification has affected the ~

dog show world  
Mick is the Michael Jordan of the ~ (a blue terrier)

music-business world  
the ~ of midtown Manhattan

high-tech world  
he's striking alliances throughout the ~

celebrity-mad world  
a ~

3-D world  
players roam around a ~

online world  
the ~ has its perils (pro-ana, suicide sites, etc.)

boxing world  
Foreman astounded the ~ by returning to the ring

collecting world  
the ~ (artifacts of pop culture)

sportscasting world  
open up the ~ for women

sex-and-drug-filled world  
the ~ of rock and roll

Muslim world  
the Kaaba is literally the center of the ~

Arab world  
the anger and humiliation emanating from the ~  
he is a folk hero in much of the ~ (Muntader al-Zaidi)

Islamic world  
the Jews who came to Israel from the ~  
the troubled ~



when Baghdad was capital of the ~ (9th century);  
Iran wants to be a leader in the ~

#### Dickensian world

a ~ of haves and have-nots

#### academic world

the close-knit Polish ~  
the sentences sent a chill through the ~ (China)  
following the war and his return to the ~  
the ~ has started a self-examination

#### avian world

the ~ is known for its great migrations (tern, albatross)

#### bizarre world

a ~ of black magic and voodoo (muti murders)

#### different world

it was a ~ when he started (coaching)

#### literary world

the ~ of Belfast

#### natural world

people and the ~ are on a collision course

#### new world

the ~ of cyberdrugstores

#### tribal worlds

the mountains shelter ~ lost in time (Caucasus)

#### virtual worlds

computer games that create ~ onscreen

#### leave-me-alone world

she retreats into her own ~ (athlete on game day)

#### Michael Jordan of the dog-show world

Mick is the ~ (a blue terrier)

#### reaches of the (entertainment) world

the stratospheric ~ of the ~

#### lives in both worlds

unlike some relatives, he ~ (Hispanic in US school)

#### opened up a (whole new) world

it ~ (radio)

#### open up the (sportscasting) world

~ for women

#### see the world

people who from a different perspective ~ (autism)

#### shocked the (hockey) world

the news of his arrest ~

#### maintains ties to the (African) spirit world

West African Islam ~

#### opened the door to the (rave) world

he ~ for us

#### environment: earth & world

### world (into a world)

stroll into another world

Wright Creek Trailhead— ~

#### environment: earth & world

### world (lost world)

celebrate that lost world

I'm going to ~ (rock journalism)

#### primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: earth & world

### world (extent)

world of difference

listening can make a ~

world of good

it did me a ~

means the world to them

it ~ (care packages to military abroad)

meant the world to me

she ~ (a kind person)

#### extent & scope: earth & world

### worm (can of worms)

open up a can of worms

an investigation will ~

#### initiation: creature

### worm (computers )

worm

he took an existing ~ and tweaked it (a variant)

worm's code

it required only a few changes to the original ~

worms and pop-ups

spam, spyware, viruses, ~ (Internet)

Code Red worm

protect themselves from the ~ (computers)

Slammer worm

the ~ that downed corporate networks in January

network worm

the ~ struck many corporations and compromised data

Internet worm

a new ~, "Goner," spread across the globe via e-mail

e-mail worm

the ~ can send itself to all addresses in Outlook

the ~ attempts to shut down anti-virus products

authors of (viruses and) worms

~ and viruses (computers)

viruses and worms

authors of ~ (computers)

**computer: animal**

## worm's-eye (adjective)

worm's-eye charm

the book has a ~ (about a lowly adjunct)

**perception, perspective & point of view: eye / ground, terrain & land / insect / position**

## worship (verb)

worship Snowbird Creek

trout fishing devotees ~

**enthusiasm: religion / verb**

**importance & significance: religion / verb**

**reverence: religion / verb**

## worth

worth it

it's not ~

**cost & benefit: money**

## wound (noun)

wounds of Vietnam

healing the ~ (dissent vs. service)

wounds of the past

cold cases rip open the ~ (crime investigations)

wounds of war

and with the ~ all but healed... (US / Vietnam)

wounds of the war

the center addresses both the invisible and visible ~

war wounds

the ~ are still raw (between Japan and its neighbors)

childhood wound

real healing of our ~s

long-standing wounds

the report could heal ~ (Hillsborough disaster)

emotional wounds

people use drugs or sex to medicate ~

invisible wound

soldiers suffer from ~s (combat)

old wounds

talking with me opened ~ (World War II vets)

open wound

this is an ~ in Swedish society (murder of Olof Palme)

racial wounds

help heal old ~

invisible and visible wounds

the center addresses both the ~ of the war

healing of our (childhood) wounds

real ~

carry those wounds into adulthood

those who ~ (sexual abuse)

heal (old racial) wounds

help ~

heal the wounds

a ceremony of reconciliation meant to ~ (Nez Perce War)

licking their wounds

a lot of stock market investors are ~

open (old) wounds

these pictures will ~ (prisoner abuse repeated)

reopen (old) wounds

trials would ~ (Bloody Sunday)

reopen (these old) wounds

why ~ (historic civil rights crimes)

rubs salt in the wounds

it ~ to find that...

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (A Turkish proverb.)

♦ "You've got to open the wound and clean it before it can heal. It's as if we've had this open gash on the arm for 40 years and have done nothing but put a bandage on it." (James E. Prince III, on the arraignment of Edgar Ray Killen for the murders of 3 civil-rights workers 40 years early in Mississippi.)

**affliction: health & medicine / wounds & scars**

## wound (tightly wound)

tightly wound

he was bright, hardworking, but he seemed ~

**character & personality: mechanism**

**feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism**

## wounded (adjective)

fatally wounded

the campaign is ~ (politics / election)

remains (badly) wounded

the economy ~

**condition & status: health & medicine**

## woven

woven into the fabric

cheating is ~ of accepted conduct

Arab Americans are deeply ~ of America

Mexico is deeply ~ of the US economy

woven through the fabric

their legacy is ~ of our nation today (WW II generation)

**division & connection: cloth**

## wow (verb)

wowing audiences

he has been ~ for decades (a singer)

**feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / verb**

## wrap (under wraps)

kept his debt under wraps  
he ~ (financial infidelity)

keep it under wraps  
if they know something, they ~ (cops)

kept under wraps  
terms of the agreement were ~

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth**

## wrap (take the wraps off something)

took the wraps off its (latest) project  
on Monday, Microsoft ~

takes the wraps off a (top-secret) mission  
the book ~

**inauguration: cloth / verb**

**concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb**

## wraparound

wraparound porch  
on the west side of its ~ porch

wraparound (double) deck  
its ~ of stands

wraparound (NASCAR) sunglasses  
they've got ~ and mullets

**configuration: cloth**

## wrapped (covered)

wrapped with (thick) clouds  
the upper mountain was ~ (Everest)

♦ "The living glow of the desert dawn wrapped a blue turban around the mountain's lofty peak." (Ibrahim al-Koni.)

**cover / resemblance: cloth**

## wrapped (wrapped up in something)

wrapped up in the sex trade  
middle-class kids also get ~

wrapped up in being  
my identity had been ~ an athlete

get wrapped up in the sex trade  
middle-class kids also ~

**involvement: cloth**

## wrap up (verb)

wrap up within a few weeks  
the work might ~ (investigation)

wrap up in 2020  
the construction project was expected to ~

wrap up in May or June  
that investigation is expected to ~ (government)

wraps on April 15  
the session ~ (state legislature)

wrapped up the case  
we ~ (an investigation)

wrap up a deal  
is that possible that this week they could ~

wrap up the demonstration  
activists agreed to ~ if the police...

wrapped up his report  
he ~ on the president's address by... (newscaster)

wraps up today's show  
that ~, thanks to everyone...

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth / verb**

**starting, going, continuing & ending: cloth / verb**

## wreck (verb)

wrecked his career  
a throwing problem ~ (catcher can't throw to pitcher)

wrecking the markets  
his wildly irresponsible comments are ~ (politics)

**destruction: crashes & collisions / ruins / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / ruins / verb**

## wreck (train wreck)

train wreck  
that interview with those NALF women was a real ~  
he is a ~ waiting to happen (job)

fiscal train wreck  
a ~ looms ahead (deficit government spending)

extent of the train wreck  
the diplomats don't fully comprehend the ~ (UN)

headed for a train wreck  
we are ~ (a politician about budget proposal)

**destruction: crashes & collisions / train**

**failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / train**

## wreck (person)

coke-sniffing wreck  
he was a ~

nervous wreck  
I was a ~ at the job interview

**destruction: crashes & collisions / person / ruins**

**failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / person / ruins**

## wreckage (noun)

wreckage of misfortune  
money to salvage a decent life from the ~

social wreckage

she describes the ~ of her bipolar episodes  
salvage a (decent) life from the wreckage  
money to ~ of misfortune

found a way out of his own wreckage  
he ~ with the therapist's help

**destruction: ruins**

## wrecked

wrecked by (phone) hacking  
her life was ~

**destruction: ruins**

## wrecking ball (noun)

5ft 10in wrecking ball  
there was nowhere to hide against the ~ (Mike Tyson vs. Frank Bruno)

anti-globalist wrecking ball  
she has done much to protect the UN from Trump's ~

taken a wrecking ball to reform  
they have ~ (Supreme Court)

**destruction: ruins / tools & technology**

## wrench (throw a wrench)

throw a wrench into the works  
this could ~

throw a wrench in the works  
does this ~ (negotiations)

**destruction: mechanism / verb**

**failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb**

**functioning: mechanism / verb**

## wrenching (adjective)

wrenching climax  
the novel reaches a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect sensation**

## wrestle (verb)

wrestling over her emotions  
she is ~ (a celebrity)

wrestles over whether  
he ~ he should have moved to Atlanta

wrestle with  
that's one of the issues we have to ~ (terrorism)

wrestle with (tough) decisions  
as you ~

wrestling with these issues  
the government is ~ (info in wartime)

wrestle with its (economic) problems  
Uzbekistan is now free to ~

wrestle with changing  
they ~ the system

♦ In "A Photographer's Pilgrimage," the great Kazuyoshi Nomachi has wonderful pictures and text relating to the actual annual wrestling matches in the Nuba Mountains in southern Sudan. A victor might win a wife.

**confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb / wrestling**

## wring (wring something from / out of something)

wring concessions from banks  
the government hopes to ~

wring a (big) profit from his restaurant  
he hopes to ~

wring art out of the rubble  
in Kosovo, artists ~

wring (more) water from (existing) supplies  
conservation can ~

wring (pay) concessions from the union  
the city wants to ~

**creation & transformation: pressure / verb**

**taking & removing: pressure / verb**

## wringer (through the wringer)

social-media wringer  
Y.A. titles that passed through the ~ (books)

put contestants through the wringer  
they ~ (a quiz show)

put the FAA through the wringer  
the congressman ~ (congressional hearings)

put his (approval) rating through the wringer  
the government shutdown ~ (politics)

gone through the wringer  
she has ~ with assorted investigations (a politician)

put through the wringer  
a black comedy about a weakling being ~  
he has been ~ this week and deserves it (a sports doper)

**oppression: clothing & accessories / mechanism / pressure**

**affliction: mechanism**

**accusation & criticism: mechanism**

## wrinkle (noun)

another wrinkle  
~ in the trans-Atlantic relationship concerns Moscow

some wrinkles  
there are some ~ to be ironed out

iron out wrinkles  
they still need to ~ in their new contract

**flaws & lack of flaws: cloth**

## wrist (slap on the wrist)

slap on the wrist

he needs more than just a ~ (justice / sentencing)

slap on the wrist for a pedophile

a ~ (title of article)

financial slap on the wrist

the FTC's fine will be more than just a ~ (on Facebook)

**punishment & recrimination: hand**

## write (write out)

write you out

don't let anybody ~ (dwarf plays basketball)

**dismissal, removal & resignation: writing & spelling**

## writing (writing on the wall)

writing

the ~ is on the wall

**fate, fortune & chance: Bible / religion**

## written (written on it, etc.)

written all over it

the attack has Iran ~

**evidence: writing & spelling**

# Y

## yardstick (noun)

yardstick to measure

we need to know the actual distance so we have a ~

yardstick for measuring

the real ~ probability is "How surprised should we be?"

China's yardstick

India measures its economic development against ~

celestial yardstick

certain stars could serve as ~s to measure distances

most important yardstick

it is the ~ of their skill and achievement (birders' lists)

view money as a yardstick

I ~ for how much I've accomplished (versus greed)

use it as a yardstick

once you have an initial bracket, ~ for correction (artillery)

serve as (celestial) yardsticks

certain stars could ~ to measure larger distances

**measurement: tools & technology**

## yawn (verb)

yawn (wide) open

the ship's hatches ~ (container ship full of cocoa)

**resemblance: bodily process / verb**

## yawn (noun)

big yawn

high school quickly became a ~ (bored teen)

**feeling, emotion & effect: bodily process**

## yawning (adjective)

yawning gap

the ~ is now wider (cultural and economic inequality)

**extent & scope: bodily process**

## year (year has come and gone)

year has come and gone

a ~ since we heard the news about Billy Joe

**past & present: movement**

## yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)

Yellow River

the ~ is known as the cradle of Chinese civilization

Yellow Sea

the ~ lies between China and the Korean Peninsula

**proper name: color**

## yesterday (noun)

one single yesterday

"I'd trade all my tomorrows, for that ~"

yesterday and the day before

he is just as committed today as he was ~ (anti-terrorism)

**past & present: day**

## yesteryear

standards of yesteryear

can Russia maintain the ~ (Soyuz rocket malfunction)

**past & present: direction**

## young (adjective)

young aircraft

very ~ also carry a high risk (of crashing)

young country

Macedonia is a ~

**age: baby / death & life**

**growth & development: baby / death & life**

## yo-yo (up and down)

yo-yo dieting

~ is not good

yo-yo team

why the Tigers are such a ~ (Bangladeshi cricket)

♦ [The World Yo-Yo Championship is held each year and has its own website.](#)

**increase & decrease: direction / movement / sports & games**

### **yoke (under the yoke)**

under the yoke of corruption  
the people have suffered for too long ~

under a yoke of hatred  
~, prejudice and bigotry (Armenians in 1915)

**oppression: animal**

### **yoke (from the yoke)**

from the yoke of (Arab) domination  
we must liberate them ~ (Darfur)

free themselves from the yoke  
they seek to ~ of the federal government

rescued them from the yoke  
we ~ of dictatorship

**oppression: animal**

### **yoke (other)**

take up the yoke  
more people must ~ of responsibility

threw off the yoke  
they ~ of British colonial rule

throwing off the yoke  
South American leaders are ~ of US imperialism

♦ The three types of yokes are: the head yoke, the neck yoke, and the withers yoke. India has the largest number of working oxen or cattle in the world.

**oppression: animal**

## **Z**

### **zenith (at the zenith)**

at its zenith  
the fall marathon season is ~  
Portugal then was ~ (history)

at the zenith of influence  
he is ~ in Washington

**achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / height / sun**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun**

### **zenith (during the zenith)**

during its (commercial) zenith  
the division sold millions ~ (cars)

**achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / height / sun**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun**

### **zenith (other)**

zenith of (judicial) restraint  
the decision is the ~

zenith of wealth and power  
Djenné and Timbuktu reached their ~ in the 16th century

glow of its zenith  
the band has tried to capture the ~ (music)

zenith comes  
the ~ on July 12 (Protestant marching in N. Ireland)

passed its zenith  
liberal democracy has ~ (opinion)

reached its zenith  
opera ~ during the romantic period

**achievement, recognition & praise: astronomy / height / sun**

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun**

### **zero in on (verb)**

zeroing in on his location  
police are ~

**target: weapon / verb**

### **zip (verb)**

zipped through (many) witnesses  
we ~ today (a trial)

**speed: sound / verb**

### **zombie (computers)**

zombie  
computers recruited as ~s need to be on when called

zombie attack  
~s have tried to block access to Web sites

zombie computer  
the user of a ~ is unaware it has been commandeered  
~s can be used for denial-of-service attacks  
one case involves as many as 300,000 ~s  
the use of ~s to launch attacks is not new

zombie network  
those seeking to create ~s, known as botnets

army of zombies  
they band these computers together into an ~ (botnets)

ranks of zombies  
hundreds of thousands of computers belong to the ~

**computer: creature**

### **zombie (behavior)**

mindless zombies  
we are becoming ~ (reliance on smart phones, etc.)

**behavior: creature**

### **zone (combat zone)**

combat zone of massage parlors  
the seedy, neon-drenched ~

**conflict / environment: military**

### **zone (target zone)**

"target zone" for your heart rate  
exercising in a ~

**target: weapon**

### **zone (red zone, etc.)**

red zone  
that area is considered a ~, where you should go

**danger: color / sign, signal, symbol**

### **zoo (environment)**

ZOO  
it's a kind of ~ (social scene at Newport mansion)

**environment: animal / zoo**

### **zoo (group)**

zoo of (subatomic) particles  
the Standard Model includes a ~ (physics)

**group, set & collection: animal / zoo**

### **zoom (zoom out)**

zoom out  
I think we have to ~ and see some of the context here

**perception, perspective & point of view: position / verb**

## The thesaurus / categories

### ABILITY & LACK OF ABILITY (1) (see also condition & status; functioning)

- basketball: Michael Jordan (epithet)
- blade: edge (lose one's edge)
- body: agile (adj), agility (n), clumsy (adj), fit (adj), fitness (ability), nimble
- books & reading: illiterate (adj)
- boxing: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- creature: wizard (person), wizardry
- epithet: Kipling (Rudyard), Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: lean (size)
- gift: gift (gift for languages, etc.), gifted
- health & medicine: basket case, fit (adj), fitness (ability), handicapped
- knife: edge (lose one's edge)
- magic: wizard person), wizardry
- materials & substances: brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), flexible (adj), flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- mechanism: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology)
- music: chops (expertise)
- nose: nose (ability)
- school & education: IQ (ability), study (quick study)
- speech: mute (speech)
- sports & games: Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.)
- water: depth (out of one's depth)

### ABSORPTION & IMMERSION (1)

- animal: sponge (n)
- breathing: inhale (v)
- burial: bury (immerse)
- food & drink: drink in (v), lap up (v)
- mechanism: Hoover (Hoover up, etc.)
- tongue: lap up (v)
- verb: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), bury (immerse), drink in (v), Hoover (Hoover up, etc.), imbibe (v), immerse (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), steep (v), suck up (v)
- water: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), absorbed, immerse (v), immersed, immersion, sink in (v), soak up (v), soaked, sponge (n), steep (v), steeped, suck up (v), sunk in

### ACCEPTANCE & REJECTION (1) (see also attraction & repulsion; avoidance & separation; dismissal, removal & resignation; division & connection; inclusion & exclusion)

- allusion: window (Overton window)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced, reach (reach out)
- back: back (turn one's back)
- bodily process: retch (v)
- color: blackball (v), blacklist (v)
- direction: turn down (v)



- food & drink: Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), stomach (accept)
- health & medicine: leper (person), quarantine (v)
- house: welcome (v)
- love, courtship & marriage: spurned
- mark: blackball (v), blacklist (v)
- materials & substances: attachment (n)
- money: buy (buy into something), buy (other), buy-in
- person: hermit (person), leper (person), outcast (person), pariah (n)
- sheep: fold (to / into the fold)
- society: banished, banishment (n), blackball (v), blacklist (v), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, leper (person), ostracized (society), outcast (person), shun (v), shunned, untouchable (person), wilderness (in the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- stomach: choke (v), swallow (accept), swallowed
- temperature: cold shoulder, freeze out (v), warm (v)
- throat: swallow (accept), swallowed
- throwing, putting & planting: outcast (person)
- verb: back (turn one's back), blackball (v), buy (other), embrace (v), freeze out (v), quarantine (v), reach (reach out), retch (v), shun (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), turn down (v), warm (v)
- window: window (Overton window)

### **ACCESS & LACK OF ACCESS (1) (see also opportunities & possibilities; portal)**

- astronomy: black hole
- bottle: bottle up (v)
- container: bottle up (v), open up (access)
- doors & thresholds: door (access), foot (foot in the door), shut out (v)
- foot: foot (foot in the door)
- gate: gate (society)
- tools & technology: black box (n)
- verb: bottle up (v), open up (access), shut out (v), tap (v), tap into (v)
- water: tap (v), tap (n), tap into (v)

### **ACCESS & LACK OF ACCESS (2)**

- constraint & lack of constraint: open (open marriage, etc.)
- mind: close-minded (adj), mind (open mind), open-minded, openness (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: open (open marriage, etc.)

### **ACCUSATION & CRITICISM (1) (see also speech)**

- allusion: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- animal: savage (v), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- Bible: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- blade: hatchet job (n)
- boat: broadside (n)
- boxing: come (come out swinging), jab (n), pummel (v)
- cooking: grill (v), skewer (v), skewered
- creature: demonization (n), demonized
- direction: come down on (v), take down (v), takedown (n)
- family: scold (v)
- finger: finger (accusation), finger (point a finger), finger-pointing
- fist: bash (v), beaten (beaten up), pummel (v)
- force: blast (v), lay (lay into), slam (v)

- ground, terrain & land: dirt (political dirt, etc.), mud (drag something through the mud), mudslinging (n), stone (throw stones, etc.), sully (v)
- light & dark: shade (throw shade)
- materials & substances: vitriol (n)
- mechanism: wringer (through the wringer)
- military: ammunition, attack (under attack, etc.), blast (v), broadside (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire), fire (fire back), firing squad, flak (criticism), fusillade (n), salvo (n), snipe (v), sniping (n)
- pile: pile-on (n)
- predation: savage (v)
- religion: jeremiad (bitter lament), crucified, crucify (v)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- sound: boo (n), rail (v)
- speech: assassination (character assassination), callout (criticism), rail (v)
- sports & games: game (blame game, etc.), pile-on (n), take down (v), takedown (n)
- storm: thunderbolt (n)
- temperature: heat (criticism)
- tongue: tongue-lashing
- verb: bash (v), blast (v), come down on (v), crucify (v), finger (point a finger), go (go after somebody / attack), grill (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mud (drag something through the mud), pillory (v), pummel (v), rail (v), scold (v), skewer (v), slam (v), snipe (v), sully (v), take down (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- violence: assassination (character assassination), bash (v), beaten (beaten up), crucified, crucify (v), lash out (v), pillory (v), pilloried, pummel (v), savage (v), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- weapon: ammunition, attack (under attack, etc.), attack (n), blast (v), broadside (noun), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), go (go after somebody / attack), gun (criticism), potshot (n), salvo (n), shot (criticism), snipe (v), sniping (n)
- whip: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- wrestling: take down (v), takedown (n)

## **ACHIEVEMENT, RECOGNITION & PRAISE (1) (see also bases; importance & significance; priority; superlative)**

- allusion: Matilda effect
- apple: apple (Golden Apple)
- astronomy: galaxy (n), star (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- back: back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun)
- clapping: applaud (v)
- creature: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- day: heyday (n)
- direction: apex (achievement), elevate (v), elevation (n), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rise (rising), summit (at the summit), top (on / at / to the top)
- fruits & vegetables: apple (Golden Apple)
- gesture: applaud (v), back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun), cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody), nod (refer), salute (v)
- ground, terrain & land: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), heights (other)
- hat: cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody)
- height: elevate (v), elevation (n), heights (to new heights, etc.), lofty (adj), pinnacle (achievement), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rise (rising), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- history: laurels (praise)

- infrastructure: pinnacle (achievement)
- journeys & trips: milestone
- light & dark: luminary (n), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- materials & substances: golden (golden girl, boy)
- military: coup (achievement), salute (v)
- mining: golden (golden girl, boy)
- money: tribute (pay tribute)
- mountains & hills: peak (at the peak), summit (at the summit)
- music: praise (sing someone's praises), unsung (praise)
- person: golden (golden girl, boy), star (person)
- picture: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- school & education: apple (Golden Apple)
- sign, signal, symbol: badge (badge of honor), medal (n), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- size: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- sound: cheer (n), cheer (cheer on)
- speech: ode (praise)
- sports & games: lap (victory lap), track record
- star: star (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- sun: zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- theater: gallery (cheering gallery)
- tree: laurels (praise)
- verb: applaud (v), cheer (cheer on), elevate (v), hat (take off one's hat to somebody), nod (refer), praise (sing someone's praises), rise (achieve), salute (v)

**ACTION, INACTION & DELAY (1) (see also avoidance & separation; confronting, dealing with & ignoring things; eagerness & reluctance; reconciliation, resolution & conclusion; responsibility; starting, going, continuing & ending)**

- allusion: Gordian knot
- ball: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- clock: clock (run out the clock)
- face: face up (face up to something)
- foot: feet (drag one's feet), foot-dragging
- football: clock (run out the clock), tackle (v)
- gesture: hand (throw up one's hands)
- government: red tape
- ground, terrain & land: dust (collect dust)
- hand: hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handwringing (n), hold (on hold), holdup (n)
- journeys & trips: can (kick the can down the road), road (push something down the road)
- mechanism: button (pause button)
- military: stand down (v)
- movement: can (kick the can down the road), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), inertia (n), move (take action), road (push something down the road), sit (sit on one's hands), slow (adj), stand by (v), step in (v)
- religion: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- rope: Gordian knot
- sleep: nap (noun)
- sports & games: ball (ball in somebody's court), tackle (v), waiting game
- standing, sitting & lying: sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), stand by (v), stand down (v)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)

- verb: can (kick the can down the road), clock (run out the clock), dust (collect dust), face up (face up to something), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (throw up one's hands), handle (deal with), move (take action), needle (move the needle, etc.), road (push something down the road), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), stand by (v), stand down (v), step in (v), tackle (v), trigger (pull the trigger)
- walking, running & jumping: step in (v), tackle (v)
- weapon: trigger (pull the trigger)

## ACTIVITY (1)

- air: whirlwind (n)
- alcohol: ferment (n)
- animal: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), bristle (v), crawl (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hornet's nest, swarm (v), swarm (n)
- atmosphere: whirlwind (n)
- bird: fly (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- bubble: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- creature: ghost town
- death & life: alive (activity), alive (come alive), hibernation (in hibernation), life (spring to life)
- dog: bristle (v)
- engine: overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- explosion: boom (jade boom, etc.), boom (increase), burst (activity)
- fire: burning (slow-burning), smolder (v)
- flying & falling: flurry (activity), fly (activity)
- hair: bristle (v)
- health & medicine: comatose (adj), febrile (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch (n), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), lethargic (adj), torpor (n)
- heating water: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- insect: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), beehive (activity), buzz (activity), crawl (activity), hive (n), hornet's nest, swarm (v), swarm (n)
- light & dark: alight (activity), light (lit up)
- mechanism: gear (in full gear), gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (hum along), hum (n), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- mental health: frenzied (adj), frenzy (other)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: bonanza (n), gold rush
- movement: hop (v), swirl (v)
- pendulum: swing (in full swing)
- predation: frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- sleep: restlessness, sleepy, wake (resemblance)
- snow & ice: freeze (v), freeze (activity), frozen (activity)
- sound: abuzz, boom (increase), chatter (data), hum (n), hum (hum along), noise (data), quiet (adj), static (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: lie (lie low)
- storm: storm (calm before the storm), whirlwind (n)
- temperature: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), cold (cold case, etc.), cool (cool off / activity), febrile (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch, frozen (activity), heat up (v), hot (adj), hotspot (place), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- verb: boom (increase), brew (activity), bristle (v), bubble (v), bubble up (v), cool (cool off / activity), crawl (activity), fly (activity), freeze (v), heat up (v), hop (v), hum (hum along), lie (lie low), life (spring to life), lit (lit up), percolate (v), simmer (v), scramble (v), swirl (v), smolder (v), swarm (v), wake (resemblance)

- walking, running & jumping: scramble (v)
- water: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble (n), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), swirl (v)
- wind: whirlwind (n)

### **ADAPTING (1)**

- allusion: procrustean (adj)
- clothing & accessories: one-size-fits-all, tailor (v)
- verb: tailor (v)

### **ADDICTION (2) (see also health & medicine; mental health)**

- behavior: addictive (adj)
- condition & status: clean (addiction)
- consciousness & awareness: opiate (n)
- dependency: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- enthusiasm: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), addictive (adj), crave (v), fix (n), habit, high (enthusiasm), hooked, junkie (person)
- fantasy & reality: pipe dream, rabbit hole
- feeling, emotion & effect: addictive (adj), narcotic
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overdose (n)

### **ADMIRATION & CONTEMPT (1) (see also achievement, recognition & praise; superiority & inferiority)**

- eye: look (look up to somebody), look (look down on something), nose (look down one's nose)
- gesture: look (look down on something), nose (look down one's nose)
- height: look (look up to somebody), look down (look down on somebody), nose (look down one's nose), pedestal (on a pedestal), pedestaled
- nose: nose (look down one's nose)
- verb: look (look up to somebody), look (look down on something)

### **AFFIX (2)**

- flaws & lack of flaws: over (overheated, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: over (overheated, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: out (outpace, etc.)

### **AFFLICTION (1) (see also corruption; predation)**

- allusion: albatross (n), Frankenstein (product), fury (creature), monster (create a monster), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- animal: albatross (n), back (off one's back), dog (afflict), dogged (hounded), eat (destroy), gadfly (person), heel (nip at somebody's heels), hounded (dogged), leech (person), parasite (n), riddled
- atmosphere: fallout (effect)
- back: back (off one's back)
- bird: albatross
- blade: cut (a thousand cuts)
- bodily process: choke (v)
- breathing: choke (v)
- burden: bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), straw (the last straw), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- cooking: skewer (v), skewered

- creature: bedevil (v), bedeviled, bogeyman (n), demon (affliction), Frankenstein (product), fury (creature), genie (initiation), ghost (memory), gremlin (n), haunt (v), haunted, monster (create a monster), monster (affliction), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), specter (n)
- dog: bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dogged (hounded), heel (nip at somebody's heels), hounded (dogged)
- food & drink: eat (destroy)
- health & medicine: alley (Cancer Alley), boil (affliction), cancer (n), cancerous (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), disease (affliction), endemic (adj), epidemic, gall (v), growth (cancerous, etc.), headache, hives (n), infection (corruption), metastasize (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (n), pathology (n), patient zero, plague (v), plague (n), plagued, rash (affliction), scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, sore (affliction), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), tumor (n), unscathed (adj), wound (n)
- horse: gadfly (person)
- infrastructure: alley (Cancer Alley)
- insect: gadfly (person), infest (v), infested, riddled
- knife: cut (a thousand cuts)
- magic: cursed
- mark: scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring
- mechanism: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- neck: neck (pain in the neck)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect)
- person: gadfly (person), leech (person)
- plant: bane (n), thorn, thorny
- predation: eat (destroy), heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- religion: bedevil (v), bedeviled, cursed, fury (creature), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- sensation: gall (v), irritant (n), irritated, needle (v), neck (pain in the neck), pinch (n), prick (v), shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- throat: choke (v)
- verb: bear (a weight, etc.), bedevil (v), burden (v), choke (v), convulse (v), dog (afflict), eat (destroy), fester (v), gall (v), haunt (v), heel (nip at somebody's heels), infest (v), needle (v), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), plague (v), prick (v), scar (v), skewer (v), torture (afflict), weigh (oppress)
- violence: scourge (n), torture (afflict), torture (affliction), tortured, waterboarding (n)
- weapon: shrapnel (n)
- weight: bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), straw (the last straw), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- whip: scourge (n)
- wolf: heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- wounds & scars: scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, unscathed (adj), wound (n)

## AGE (1)

- baby: baby (younger), young (adj)
- death & life: young (adj)

## AIR (2) (see also atmosphere; sky; wind)

- activity: whirlwind (n)
- amelioration & renewal: air (breath of fresh air), air (clear the air)
- amount & effect: downdraft, storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- appearance: air (appearance)
- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), nowhere (out of nowhere), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- attenuation: deflate (pressure)

- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air)
- conflict: turbulence
- corruption: miasma
- destruction: puncture (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: filter (v)
- environment: air (environment), air (in the air), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (environment), weather (environment)
- feeling, emotion & effect: air (breath of fresh air), deflate (emotion), deflated, pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- identity & nature: air (environment)
- increase & decrease: ballooning, inflate (v), inflated, overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v)
- initiation: oxygen (fuel)
- occurrence: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- origin: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- presence & absence: vacuum (n), void (n)
- substance & lack of substance: air (hot air), empty (adj)

## **ALCOHOL (2)**

- activity: ferment (n)
- behavior: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bootleg (adj), bootlegger
- consciousness & awareness: black out (v)
- control & lack of control: drunk (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: drunk (adj), hangover, intoxicate (v), intoxicated, intoxicating, sober (v), sober (adj), sobering
- mixture: cocktail
- restraint & lack of restraint: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)

## **ALLEGIANCE, SUPPORT & BETRAYAL (1) (see also disruption; help & assistance; sanctioning; authority & non-conformity; unanimity & consensus)**

- allusion: believer (true believer), road (road to Damascus)
- animal: horse (switch horses), rat (snitch), shark (throw someone to the sharks), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced
- atmosphere: wind (dangle in the wind)
- back: back (v), back (behind somebody's back), backed, backing (support)
- blade: cutthroat
- boat: board (on board), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n), ship (abandon / jump ship)
- boxing: corner (in one's corner)
- bullet: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- burden: pull (pull for someone)
- carpets & rugs: rug (pull the rug out)
- clothing & accessories: hung (hung out to dry)
- container: out (want out)
- corner: corner (in one's corner)
- direction: bring around (v), down (down for something), go (go along), side (on one's side), turn (turn against / on something), up (up for something)
- fence: fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-straddling), straddle (straddle the fence)
- flags & banners: banner (under the banner), banner (behind the banner), banner (banner of Islam, etc.)
- food & drink: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)

- government: vote (n)
- heart: heart (allegiance), heart (change of heart)
- history: wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- horse: horse (switch horses), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- infrastructure: prop up (v)
- journeys & trips: go (go along)
- knife: backstabber, backstabbing, cutthroat, stab (stab somebody in the back)
- leg: leg (leg to stand on)
- love, courtship & marriage: bed (jump into bed with someone), infidelity (n)
- materials & substances: stick (stick to / by / with something)
- mechanism: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- military: AWOL, desert (v), insurrection, rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rank-and-file (adj)
- money: buy (buy into something), buy-in, sell out (v)
- movement: go (go along)
- person: rat (snitch)
- position: back (v), backed, backing (support), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (opposition), behind (support), down (down for something), for (support), in (all in), out (want out), there (there for me, etc.), up (up for something), with (support)
- rat: rat (snitch)
- religion: faith, recant (v)
- royalty: fealty (n)
- shark: shark (throw someone to the sharks)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- sound: cheer (cheer on), drum up (v)
- sports & games: bat (go to bat for somebody), win over (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean towards (v), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by someone (support), stand up (stand up for something), straddle (straddle the fence)
- temperature: lukewarm (adj)
- train: train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- verb: back (v), bed (jump into bed with someone), bring around (v), bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bus (throw somebody under the bus), cheer (cheer on), desert (v), embrace (v), go (go along), horse (switch horses), hung (hung out to dry), lean towards (v), post (abandon one's post), prop up (v), pull (pull for someone), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), recant (v), rug (pull the rug out), sell out (v), shark (throw someone to the sharks), stab (stab somebody in the back), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by someone (support), stand up (stand up for something), stick (stick to / by / with something), straddle (straddle the fence), turn (turn against / on something), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something), walk (walk away from something), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), win over (v), wind (dangle in the wind), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- violence: bus (throw somebody under the bus), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), jump (move), step (every step of the way), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), walk (walk away from something)
- weight: weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)
- wind: wind (dangle in the wind)
- wolf: wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)

## ALLUSION (2)

- acceptance & rejection: window (Overton window)
- accusation & criticism: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- achievement, recognition & praise: Matilda effect



- action, inaction & delay: Gordian knot
- adapting: procrustean (adj)
- affliction: albatross (n), Frankenstein (product), fury (creature), monster (create a monster), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: believer (true believer), road (road to Damascus)
- alternatives & choices: Hobson's choice, Scylla and Charybdis
- amelioration & renewal: panacea (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: Rosetta Stone
- appearance & reality: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum, it (it girl, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: pied piper, siren (siren call / song), siren (other)
- behavior: Lord of the Flies
- biodiversity: Noah's Ark
- canal: Venice (epithet)
- certainty & uncertainty: Bermuda Triangle
- character & personality: Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Panglossian, Pollyanna, Pollyannaish (adj)
- coercion & motivation: hector (v)
- commitment & determination: believer (true believer), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- competition: Darwinian
- complexity: Gordian knot, labyrinth
- comprehension & incomprehension: Delphic (adj), Rosetta Stone
- concealment & lack of concealment: cat (bell the cat)
- conflict: cold war, Gandhi, Gandhian, Lawrence (T.E.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: frog (frog in boiling water)
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), road (road to Damascus)
- control & lack of control: King Canute, Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- creation & transformation: Phoenix (myth), road (road to Damascus)
- danger: Scylla and Charybdis
- destruction: Armageddon, holocaust, kiss of death, vandal (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: cat (bell the cat), herculean (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, Sisyphean (adj)
- direction: breadcrumb
- disruption: Jacobin
- division & connection: iron curtain, Maginot Line, Paradise Lost (allusion)
- environment: Dantesque (adj), Dickensian, frog (frog in boiling water), never-never land, Promised Land
- failure, accident & impairment: Waterloo
- fantasy & reality: curiouser and curiouser, El Dorado, heffalump (creature), Kafkaesque (adj), never-never land, quixotic (adj), rabbit hole, Twilight Zone, Walter Mitty
- fate, fortune & chance: chalice (poisoned chalice), Faustian (adj), kiss of death, midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: stoic (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), sweet spot
- future: oracle (person)
- help & assistance: Marshall Plan
- identity & nature: believer (true believer)
- importance & significance: triumvirate (n)
- initiation: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), ship (launched a thousand ships)
- judgment: draconian (adj), Solomonic (adj)
- message: Cassandra, jeremiad (bitter lament)

- money: Great Gatsby, Midas (Midas touch)
- oppression: Big Brother, Cinderella, draconian (adj), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), Lord of the Flies, McCarthy, McCarthyite, Orwellian (adj), pitchfork (oppression), procrustean (adj), reign of terror / fear, etc.; witch-hunt
- perception, perspective & point of view: Rashomon (point of view), Rorschach (test)
- predation: Darwinian
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: old guard
- product: Frankenstein (product)
- proper name: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Achilles' heel (n)
- punishment & recrimination: nemesis (n)
- race: Obama
- resistance, opposition & defeat: Pyrrhic victory
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- reversal: road (road to Damascus)
- ruins: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- searching & discovery: eureka (eureka moment, etc.), Sherlock Holmes
- sex: Casanova
- situation: Dantesque (adj), frog (frog in boiling water)
- size: behemoth, Brobdingnagian, colossal (adj), gargantuan (size), Goliath (Bible), leviathan, Lilliputian (adj), Olympian (adj), Pharaonic (adj), spartan (adj)
- speech: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), pander (v)
- strength & weakness: Achilles' heel (n), David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- subterfuge: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Trojan Horse (subterfuge)
- success & failure: Cinderella, Waterloo
- superlative: Homeric (adj), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Promised Land, Shakespearean
- survival, persistence & endurance: Phoenix (myth)
- transmission: Johnny Appleseed
- unanimity & consensus: procrustean (adj)
- violence: Lord of the Flies
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: El Dorado, pander (v)
- warning: cat (bell the cat), wolf (cry wolf)
- worth & lack of worth: fool's errand

### **ALTERNATIVES & CHOICES (1)**

- allusion: Hobson's choice, Scylla and Charybdis
- boxing: corner (situation)
- corner: corner (situation)
- direction: turn (turn to something, etc.)
- food & drink: buffet (n), menu, smorgasbord (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Scylla and Charybdis
- journeys & trips: crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), path (alternatives and choices), road (fork in the road, etc.)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)

### **AMELIORATION & RENEWAL (1) (see also resiliency)**

- air: air (breath of fresh air), air (clear the air)
- allusion: panacea (n)

- animal: tame (v)
- atmosphere: air (clear the air), air (breath of fresh air)
- ball: rebound (on the rebound)
- birth: rebirth, reborn, renaissance
- blade: hack (fix), hone (v), sharpen (v)
- boat: bailout (n), bail out (save), damage control, salvage (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- breathing: breathing space, etc.), life (breathe life)
- bridge: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- burden: get out (get out from under)
- cloth: iron out (v), patch (amelioration), patched, patchwork (n), untangle (v)
- clothing & accessories: tailor (v)
- creature: exorcise (v)
- death & life: alive (come alive), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), reinvigorate (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v)
- destruction: piece (pick up the pieces)
- direction: straighten out (v), turn around (v)
- document: lease (lease on life)
- electricity: battery (recharge one's batteries)
- engine: tune-up (n)
- equilibrium & stability: counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), right (right a wrong, etc.), stabilize (v)
- explosion: defuse (v)
- face: facelift
- fence: fence (mend fences)
- fire: ashes (from the ashes), burn off (v)
- food & drink: fresh (adj), spice up (v)
- foot: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- fountain: fountain (fountain of youth)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (bring back)
- history: renaissance
- hardness & softness: cushion (v), cushion (n), smooth (v), soften (speech)
- health & medicine: antidote (n), balm (n), Band-Aid (n), bromide (n), cure (n), cure (v), cure-all, disinfectant (n), heal (v), lance (v), panacea (n), pill (miracle pill), prescription, reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), remedy (n), resuscitate (v), salve (n), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), soothe (sensation), surgery (n), tonic (effect)
- house: house (a house in order), house (clean house)
- hygiene: act (clean up one's act), clean (come clean), clean (v), clean up (improve), disinfectant (n), house (clean house), order (get something in order, etc.)
- infrastructure: bolster (v), bolstered, buttress (v), put (put something back together), prop up, rebuild (v), scaffolding, shore up
- journeys & trips: way (pave the way)
- key: unlock (v)
- knife: hone (v), sharpen (v)
- light & dark: clear up (v), polish (v)
- magic: dust (fairy dust, etc.), magic (magic bullet, etc.)
- mechanism: fix (v), lubricant, mend (on the mend), mend (v), put (put something back together), repair (v), repair (n), tinker (v), tune-up (n), unwind (v), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- manufacturing: recycle (v), salvage (v)
- military: damage control
- music: fine-tune (v), tune-up (n)
- orientation: right (right a wrong, etc.)

- pressure: decompression, outlet (n), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), vent (v)
- religion: dead (rise from the dead), exorcise (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), wand (magic wand)
- river: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- rope: straighten out (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)
- scale: counterbalance (v)
- sea: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- sensation: soothe (sensation)
- snow & ice: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- sports & games: playing field (level the playing field)
- swamp: swamp (drain the swamp)
- temperature: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- tide: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- tools & technology: calibrate (adjust), plug (v), plugged (fixed), tighten (v), tweak (n)
- verb: act (clean up one's act), air (clear the air), bail out (save), bailed out, battery (recharge one's batteries), bolster (v), bridge (v), bring (bring back), burn off (v), buttress (v), calibrate (adjust), clean (v), clean (come clean), clean up (improve), clear up (v), counterbalance (v), cure (v), cushion (v), dead (rise from the dead), defuse (v), exorcise (v), fence (mend fences), fine-tune (v), get out (get out from under), hack (fix), heal (v), hone (v), house (clean house), ice (break the ice), iron out (v), lance (v), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), mend (v), patch (amelioration), piece (pick up the pieces), playing field (level the playing field), plug (v), polish (v), prop up (v), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), recycle (v), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), repair (v), resurrect (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), right (right a wrong, etc.), salvage (v), scaffold (v), sharpen (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), shore up (v), smooth (v), soothe (sensation), stabilize (v), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), straighten out (v), swamp (drain the swamp), tame (v), tide (stem the tide, etc.), tighten (v), tinker (v), turn around (v), unlock (v), untangle (v), unwind (v), vent (v), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- volcano: vent (v)
- water: fountain (fountain of youth), plug (v), plugged (fixed)
- weight: get out (get out from under), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), tailor (v), thaw (v), way (page the way)
- wind: air (breath of fresh air)

## **AMOUNT (1) (see also extent & scope)**

- animal: drove (herd or flock), lion's share
- atmosphere: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- boat: raft (amount)
- boundary: boundless
- container: bottomless (adj), brim (v), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- cloth: shred (shred of hope, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: laundry (laundry list)
- crime: mob (group)
- dam: reservoir (amount)
- direction: bottomless (adj)
- epithet: Saudi Arabia (of coal, etc.)
- family: twin (two)
- fire: backlog (amount), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- food & drink: crumb (amount), helping (amount), lion's share, scrap (n), smorgasbord (n), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- hand: handful (amount)
- health & medicine: dose (amount), rash (affliction)

- infrastructure: suite (n), warehouse (amount)
- knife: slice (piece)
- light & dark: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- lion: lion's share
- military: army, arsenal (amount), host (host of questions, etc.), legion (n)
- mountains & hills: mountain (amount)
- money: rich (plentiful), tight (money), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- pile: pile (pile of money, etc.)
- place: Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- religion: litany (n)
- river: reservoir (amount)
- sea: sea (amount)
- size: grain (grain of truth)
- taste: taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- theater: repertoire (n)
- verb: brim (v)
- warehouse: warehouse (amount)
- water: aquifer (n), reservoir (amount)
- weapon: arsenal (amount), battery (amount)
- weight: heavy (amount), ounce (amount), pound (amount), ton (amount)

## **AMOUNT & EFFECT (1)**

- air: downdraft, storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- animal: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- atmosphere: downdraft (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- avalanche: avalanche (n)
- boat: swamp (v), swamped
- breathing: smother (amount & effect)
- dam: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- earthquake: earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), tectonic (adj), tremor (n)
- explosion: blockbuster, bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n)
- fire: conflagration, fire (n), fire (flash fire), firestorm
- flood: deluge (n), deluged, flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flood (amount), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated
- flying & falling: flurry (activity)
- fortification: siege (under siege), siege (other)
- ground, terrain & land: earthshaking (adj), landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other), Niagara (the river and falls)
- health & medicine: epidemic, plague (n), rash (affliction)
- insect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- landslide: landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other)
- military: barrage (n), besiege (v), besieged, blitz, invade (v), invasion (n), onslaught (n), siege (under siege), siege (other)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: bonanza (n), gold rush
- music: chorus (n), crescendo (n)
- rain: flurry (activity), rain (amount & effect), rain (rain down), shower (v)

- river: flood (amount), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, Niagara (the river and falls), river (amount and effect)
- sea: floodtide, groundswell, maelstrom (in a maelstrom), maelstrom (other), sea change (n), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other), tsunami, wave (in a wave), wave (amount and effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- snow & ice: avalanche (n), blizzard (n), hail (in a hail), hail (n)
- sound: crescendo (n), drip (drip-drip), uproar (controversy)
- storm: blizzard (n), downdraft, hail (n), hail (in a hail), nature (force of nature), storm (v), storm (by storm), storm (perfect storm), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- tide: floodtide, surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other)
- tsunami: tsunami
- verb: besiege (v), bombard (v), erupt (v), flood (amount), gush (v), inundate (v), invade (v), pour (in, into, out, etc.), rain (rain down), shower (v), smother (amount and effect), spill (amount and effect), storm (v), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swarm (v)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption, tremor (n)
- water: awash, cascade (n), clogged, deluge (n), deluged, drenched, drip (drip-drop), flood (amount), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), floodtide, floodwaters, gush (v), inundate (v), inundated, Niagara (the river and falls), outpouring, pour (in, into, out, etc.), river (amount and effect), spill (amount and effect), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swamped, tide (rising tide), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount and effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- wave: groundswell, swamp (v), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tsunami, wave (in a wave)
- weapon: barrage (n), blitz, blockbuster, bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n)
- wind: downdraft, storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)

## **ANALYSIS, INTERPRETATION & EXPLANATION (1) (see also context; picture)**

- allusion: Rosetta Stone
- books & reading: misread (v), read (read something in something), read (analyze)
- chemistry: essence
- cloth: pick apart (analyze), tease out (v), unpick (v), untangle (v)
- clothing & accessories: strip (strip something down)
- container: unpack (v)
- day: day (at the end of the day)
- death & life: autopsy (analysis), dissect (v), post-mortem (analysis)
- direction: bottom (get to the bottom of something), drill (analysis)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- eye: look (analysis), microscope (under a microscope)
- food & drink: nutshell (in a nutshell)
- fruits & vegetables: layer (analysis), onion (n), peel (peel back the layers, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: takeaway (n)
- ground, terrain & land: contour (n), dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), drill (drill down, etc.), lay of the land
- head: head (reason)
- health & medicine: diagnosis (n), dissect, misdiagnose (v)
- heating water: boil (boil down to something)
- history: Rosetta Stone
- infrastructure: deconstruct (v), deconstruction (n), frame (characterize)
- journeys & trips: explore (analyze), get (get somewhere), go on (explain)

- letters & characters: spelled out, spell out (v)
- light & dark: illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (shed light), opacity (n), opaque (adj)
- mechanism: break down (explain), sort out (analyze)
- mining: dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), drill (analysis), layer (analysis)
- number: add up (v), arithmetic, calculus
- picture: dot (connect the dots), mosaic (n), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture), picture (view)
- plant: root (root cause)
- puzzle: fall (fall into place), puzzle (problem), put (put something together), piece (missing pieces), piece together (v)
- religion: soul-searching
- scale: weigh (analyze)
- school & education: study (n)
- sound: chatter (data), din (n), noise (data), signal (other), static (n)
- speech: parse (v), talk (talk somebody through something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.)
- stomach: gut (n)
- surveying: baseline
- temperature: boil (boil down to something)
- tools & technology: black box (n), microscope (under a microscope), signal (other)
- tree: root (root cause)
- verb: boil (boil down to something), break down (explain), chase down (v), deconstruct (v), dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dissect (v), dot (connect the dots), drill (analysis), explore (analyze), get (get somewhere), go on (explain), illuminate (v), light (shed light), look (analysis), make (make of something), misdiagnose (v), misread (v), parse (v), peel (peel back the layers, etc.), pick apart (analyze), piece together (v), put (put something together), read (read something in something), read (analyze), spell out (v), strip (strip something down), talk (talk somebody through something), tease out (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), unpack (v), unpick (v), untangle (v), walk (walk somebody through something), weigh (analyze)
- walking, running & jumping: chase down (v), walk (walk somebody through something)
- waste: garbage (data)
- water: boil (boil down to something), dive (deep dive)
- weight: weigh (analyze)
- writing & spelling: spelled out, spell out (v)

## **ANIMAL (2) (see also bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- absorption & immersion: sponge (n)
- activity: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), bristle (v), crawl (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hornet's nest, swarm (v), swarm (n)
- accusation & criticism: savage (v), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- affliction: albatross (n), back (off one's back), dog (afflict), dogged (hounded), eat (destroy), gadfly (person), heel (nip at somebody's heels), hounded (dogged), leech (person), parasite (n), riddled
- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (switch horses), rat (snitch), shark (throw someone to the sharks), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- amelioration & renewal: tame (v)
- amount: drove (herd or flock), lion's share
- amount & effect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- appearance: ruffled (feathers)
- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground), holed up, woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- appearance & reality: chameleon (change), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- area: stomping grounds

- assembling: round up (assemble)
- attenuation: defang (v), tame (adj), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- avoidance & separation: duck (avoid)
- behavior: backbiting, bask (v), bloodthirsty, drove (herd or flock), flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hog (v), rabid, rapidly, stampede (n), swarm (v), swarm (n), tame (v), vulture (n), wallow (v), wild (people), wolf (animal)
- branching system: prong (river)
- character & personality: bloodthirsty, creature (creature of habit, etc.), donkey, feisty (adj), gadfly (person), jackass, leech (person), maverick (person), mule-headed, pack rat (person), rogue (n), sheep (black sheep), snake (character), stud (n), whiner (person)
- coercion & motivation: dog (attack dog), goad (v), herd (ride herd), pit bull (dog)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: roar back (v), swan song
- commitment & determination: dogged (determined), pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- competition: dog-eat-dog, game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), jockey (v), law (law of the jungle, etc.), pack (competition), rat race, underdog (competition)
- computer: worm (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: burrow (burrow into), cat (bell the cat), ground (go to ground), hole (spider hole), holed up, mole (n)
- configuration: dovetail (v), nestled, sardined
- conflict: back (off one's back), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v), bear (bear pit), bearbaiting, blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), dogfight, growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), head-to-head, horn (lock horns), hornet's nest, roll over (v), snake pit
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: frog (frog in boiling water)
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), sheep
- constraint & lack of constraint: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, leash (on a leash), muzzle (v), rein (free rein), wild (run wild)
- consumption: lap up (v)
- control & lack of control: harness (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), horse (hold your horses), leash (on a leash), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rogue, runaway, tame (v), tiger (n), wild (control)
- courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, chicken (chicken out), lion (courage)
- creation & transformation: breed (create), breeding ground, spawn (v), spawned, web (spin a web)
- danger: hornet's nest, sitting duck, snake pit
- decline: breed (dying breed, etc.), cat (dead-cat bounce)
- destruction: carcass (n), devour (destroy), eat (destroy), nibble (destroy), trample (v), trampled
- difficulty, easiness & effort: beaver (v), cat (bell the cat)
- directing: drive (v), goad (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: pasture (put out to pasture), perch (knock something off its perch)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), ground (hold / stand one's ground), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail)
- eagerness & reluctance: chops (lick one's chops), dog (dog won't hunt), pounce (v)
- enthusiasm: bookworm, hound (autograph hound, etc.), pet (pet cause, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- environment: frog (frog in boiling water), hornet's nest, snake pit, zoo (environment)
- evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave), rat (smell a rat)
- experience: greenhorn (person)
- experimentation: guinea pig
- failure, accident & impairment: astray (direction), straw (the last straw), stray (behavior), stray (direction)
- fantasy & reality: rabbit hole
- fate, fortune & chance: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), snake (snake-bit)



- feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), bristle (v), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), gnaw (v), hackles (raise hackles), ruffled (feathers), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- fictive motion: snake (a trail can snake)
- force: bull (bull in a china shop), defang (n), paper tiger, teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- group, set & collection: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), pack (group), stable (n), zoo (group)
- growth & development: lamb
- help & assistance: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- hierarchy: apex (apex animal, etc.), food chain, pecking order, top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- idea: sacred cow
- identity & nature: animal (political animal, etc.), creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- importance & significance: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- insult: animal (insult), dog (insult), beast (insult), donkey, jackass (n), pig (insult)
- involvement: wallow (v), web (entanglement)
- isolation & remoteness: carapace (protection), shell (protection)
- judgment: chicken (come home to roost), kangaroo court
- money: nest egg
- movement: duck (v), fishtail (v), pounce (v), quail (movement), snake (a trail can snake)
- oppression: back (off one's back), goad (v), kangaroo court, lighten (v), trample (v), yoke (under the yoke), yoke (from the yoke), yoke (other)
- orientation: nose (orientation), tail (orientation)
- past & present: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur, dodo, fossil
- perception: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)
- performance: dog-and-pony show (n)
- person: gadfly (person), greenhorn (person), leech (person), lion (courage), snake (character)
- place: foxhole, hole (spider hole), nest (mortar nest, etc.), nest (empty nest)
- power: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats)
- predation: apex (apex animal, etc.), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), circle (predation), coyote (predation), dog-eat-dog, food chain, hawk (n), hawkish (adj), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jugular (go for the jugular), law (law of the jungle, etc.), loan shark, lone wolf, lurk (v), lurking, pounce (v), predation, predator (people), predatory (adj), prey (prey on somebody), prey (fall prey to something), prey (other), prowl (on the prowl), shark (predation), stalk (v), tooth and nail (adv), victim (fall victim to something), wolf (predation), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur, dodo, fossil, pasture (put out to pasture), species (vanishing species)
- progress & lack of progress: tail (chase one's tail)
- proper name: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), Predator (UAV)
- protection & lack of protection: carapace (protection), foxhole, ground (go to ground), holed up, shell (protection), sitting duck, watchdog (n)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood), doghouse (in the doghouse), scapegoat (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: dragnet (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), expedition (fishing expedition), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), ground (go to ground), holed up, land (land a job, etc.), low (lying low), stalk (v)
- relationship: pet (pet cause, etc.)
- resemblance: carcass (n), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), snake (a trail can snake), tail (orientation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), buck (v), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), howl (v), roll over (v), squeal (protest), stare down (v), stare-down (n), tail (turn tail), tooth and nail (adv)
- restraint & lack of restraint: wild (people), wild (run wild)
- reversal: bite (bite back, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), tail (turn tail)

- sacrifice: lamb (sacrificial lamb)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: black sheep, buck (v), maverick (person), sacred cow
- searching & discovery: expedition (fishing expedition), ferret (ferret out)
- sensation: biting, gnaw (v), gnawing
- sex: stud (n)
- shape: dogleg (shape), horn (shape), plume (shape), web (spider web, etc.)
- situation: doghouse (in the doghouse), frog (frog in boiling water), web (situation)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow, mouse (size)
- society: lone wolf, rogue (n)
- sound: bark (v), gallop (n), growl (v), howl (v), roar (n), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), whining
- speech: badger (v), bark (v), growl (v), howl (v), savage (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), venom (n), venomous (adj), whining
- speed: breakneck (adj), galloping, sluggish (adj), snail mail, snail (at a snail's pace), snail (snail's pace / other)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: camel (camel's nose), swan song, tail end (at the tail end)
- strength & weakness: defang (v), eggshell (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), lion (strength and weakness), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), paper tiger, teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out) toothless (adj), underdog (competition)
- substance & lack of substance: elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), gorilla, paper tiger
- subterfuge: burrow (burrow into), fox (n), mole (n), outfox (v), web (spin a web), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)
- superiority & inferiority: underdog (competition)
- surveillance: eagle eye, fly (fly on the wall), watchdog (n)
- suspicion: fishy (adj), rat (smell a rat)
- taxonomy & classification: animal (different animal), beast (different beast, etc.), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.), fish (different kettle of fish), species (type)
- transportation: cart (cart off), drag, haul (v), hauled in, hauled off, mule (drug mule, etc.)
- violence: dove (n), hawk (n), hawkish (adj), termite (n)
- vocative: pet (vocative)
- warning: cat (bell the cat), watchdog (n), wolf (cry wolf)
- wolf: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- work & duty: beaver (v), rat race
- worth & lack of worth: cow (cash cow), white elephant

## ANTIQUES (2)

- past & present: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)

## APPEAL (1)

- military: call (call to arms), cry (rallying cry), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)
- sound: call (call to arms)
- speech: call (appeal), call for (appeal), cry (cry for help), cry (v), cry out (v), outcry (n), speak (speak to something)
- verb: call for (appeal), cry out (v), speak (speak to something), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)

## APPEARANCE (1) (see also resemblance)

- air: air (appearance)
- animal: ruffled (feathers)
- atmosphere: air (appearance), aura (n)
- baby: baby (baby face, etc.)

- bird: ruffled
- books & reading: book (judge a book by its cover)
- cards: poker-faced
- creature: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- eye: eye (for the eyes), eye (eye candy), eyesore
- face: baby (baby face, etc.), face (appearance), game (game face), poker-faced
- food & drink: feast (feast for the eyes)
- gambling: poker-faced
- infrastructure: street (cloud street, etc.)
- moon: moonscape
- religion: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- sports & games: game (game face)
- train: bell (bells and whistles)

## **APPEARANCE & DISAPPEARANCE (1) (see also occurrence; presence & absence; searching & discovery)**

- air: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), nowhere (out of nowhere), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- animal: ground (go to ground), holed up, woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), nowhere (out of nowhere), sky (a clear blue sky)
- baseball: left field (out of left field)
- boat: dredge up (v)
- bodily process: blink (light), swallow (disappearance)
- bubble: bubble up (v)
- color: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- creature: ghost (verb), ghost (ghost ship, etc.), phantom
- death & life: lose (extinction), vanishing (disappearance)
- direction: arise (v), come forward (v), come up (appearance), fall (fall of the radar screen, etc.), pop up (v), turn out (rally), turnout
- eye: peek (v), view (out of view)
- face: face (in the face of)
- farming & agriculture: crop up (v)
- fox: ground (go to ground), holed up
- ground, terrain & land: ground (go to ground), holed up, turn up (appear), uncover (v)
- head: head (rear its head, etc.)
- heating water: bubble up (v)
- house: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- hunting: ground (go to ground), holed up
- insect: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- light & dark: fade (v), fade away, light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- military: missing in action (MIA)
- picture: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v)
- plant: crop up (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v)
- sky: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), nowhere (out of nowhere), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- snow & ice: melt away
- sports & games: left field (out of left field)

- temperature: bubble up (v)
- theater: curtain call
- tools & technology: radar (drop off the radar)
- verb: arise (v), background (fade into the background), blink (light), bubble up (v), come forward (v), come up (appearance), crop up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dredge up (v), dry up (v), emerge (v), evaporate (v), fade (v), fade away (v), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), ghost (verb), ground (go to ground), head (rear its head, etc.), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light), lose (extinction), melt (v), melt away (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), radar (drop off the radar), spring up (v), sprout (v), surface (v), surface (bring to the surface), swallow (disappearance), turn out (rally), turn up (appear), uncover (v)
- water: bubble up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dry up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), evaporate (v), surface (v), surface (bring to the surface)
- window: window (out the window)

## **APPEARANCE & REALITY (1) (see also performance; substance & lack of substance; subterfuge)**

- allusion: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- animal: chameleon (change), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- clothing & accessories: dressed (dressed up, etc.), dress up (v), naked (unadorned), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- direction: underneath (reality)
- eye: eye (appearance and reality)
- food & drink: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- ground, terrain & land: fool's gold
- infrastructure: facade (n), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- magic: magical (versus reality)
- materials & substances: lipstick (appearance), unvarnished (adj), veneer (appearance)
- mining: fool's gold
- orientation: underbelly, underside (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: underneath (reality)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin-deep
- snow & ice: iceberg (tip of the iceberg)
- stomach: underbelly, underside (n)
- theater: theater (appearance), trial (show trial)
- verb: whitewash (v)
- water: surface (on the surface), surface (under the surface)
- wolf: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

## **APPLE (2)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: apple (Golden Apple)
- character & personality: apple (bad / rotten apple)
- transmission: Johnny Appleseed

## **AREA (1)**

- animal: stomping grounds
- center & periphery: corner (in remote corners, etc.), corner (other)
- corner: corner (in remote corners, etc.)
- direction: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory)
- earth & world: sphere (in the sphere), world (exploration)
- forest: woods (neck of the woods)

- ground, terrain & land: area (territory), contour (n), ecosystem (n), ground (area), landscape (n), lay of the land, terrain (known and unknown terrain), terrain (area), territory (area), territory (assigned area), topography (n), turf (control), wilderness (area)
- journeys & trips: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.), wilderness (area)
- map: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- royalty: realm (area)
- shape: beak (area), belt (area), corridor (area), horn, neck (area), panhandle (area), triangle (area)
- sea: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)

## **ARM (2)**

- acceptance & rejection: embrace (v), embraced, reach (reach out)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: embrace (v), embraced
- attachment: embrace (v), embraced
- attainment: push (attainment), reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- avoidance & separation: arm's length (at arm's length), push (push somebody away, etc.)
- behavior: overreach (v), pushy (people)
- character & personality: pushy (people)
- coercion & motivation: arm (twist arms, etc.), arm (long arm), arm-twisting, nudge (n), push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people)
- commitment & determination: pushing
- configuration: hug (configuration)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: toss back (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hold back (obstacle), overreach (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: push (summit push, etc.), pushover
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cast aside (v), pushed (pushed out), throw out (v), toss out (v)
- division: arm (arm of an organization)
- division & connection: embrace (v), embraced, reach (reach out)
- extent & scope: arm (long arm), far-reaching, reach (extent and scope), tentacle
- feeling, emotion & effect: hold back (restraint)
- force: elbow (force), push (force)
- importance & significance: arm (right arm)
- obstacles & impedance: hold back (obstacle)
- proper name: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- proximity: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach), stone's throw
- resistance, opposition & defeat: pushback (n), push back (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hold back (restraint), overreach (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: hold down (a job, etc.)
- throwing, putting & planting: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), hurl (v), throw out (v)
- unanimity & consensus: reach (reach out)
- welcome: arm (open arms)

## **ASSEMBLING (1) (see also group, set & collection)**

- animal: round up (assemble)
- military: muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v)
- verb: muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v), round up (assemble)

## **ASTRONOMY (2) (see also moon; star; sun)**

- access & lack of access: black hole

- achievement, recognition & praise: galaxy (n), star (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: big bang (in a big bang), supernova (attention)
- attraction & repulsion: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n)
- bases: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- character & personality: eye (stars in the eyes)
- configuration: constellation (n), orbit (n)
- consciousness & awareness: black hole
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), star (decline), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- development: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- direction: lodestar, lodestone
- distance: light year
- division & connection: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n)
- environment: firmament (n), universe
- extent & scope: light year
- fate, fortune & chance: star (fate)
- group, set & collection: constellation (n), galaxy (n)
- growth & development: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), supernova (achievement)
- importance & significance: planet (n)
- increase & decrease: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- isolation & remoteness: black hole
- person: star (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), outshine (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax (wax and wane), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- proper name: star (Silver Star, etc.)
- proximity: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n)
- relationship: satellite (n)
- shape: star (shape)
- size: astronomical
- speed: meteoric (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- superlative: star (person), star (achievement), stellar, supernova (achievement)

## **ATMOSPHERE (2) (see also air; sky; wind)**

- activity: whirlwind (n)
- affliction: fallout (effect)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wind (dangle in the wind)
- amelioration & renewal: air (clear the air), air (breath of fresh air)
- amount: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- amount & effect: downdraft (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- appearance: air (appearance), aura (n)
- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), nowhere (out of nowhere), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), trial balloon
- behavior: bask (v)
- biodiversity: lung (atmosphere)

- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air)
- color: rainbow (color)
- conflict: turbulence
- consciousness & awareness: cloud (consciousness), cloud (v), clouded, cloudy (consciousness), drift (consciousness)
- control & lack of control: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- corruption: miasma
- destruction: puncture (v)
- dismissal: wind (throw something to the wind)
- division & connection: drift (drift apart)
- driving force: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- effect: fallout (effect)
- environment: air (environment), air (in the air), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (environment), weather (environment)
- evidence: cloud (sign), glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- experimentation: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- extent & scope: sky-high, stratosphere, stratospheric
- fate, fortune & chance: sky (the sky can fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other), air (breath of fresh air), bask (v), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, fallout (effect), pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- identity & nature: air (environment)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), balloon (n), ballooning, inflate (v), inflated, overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v), stratospheric
- initiation: oxygen (fuel)
- journeys & trips: skyway
- mixture: rainbow (mixture)
- movement: drift (move)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)
- occurrence: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), cloud (cast a cloud)
- origin: air (out of thing air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- presence & absence: vacuum (n), void (n)
- proper name: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- resemblance: cloud (resemblance)
- searching & discovery: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- size: skyscraper
- sound: drift (sound)
- substance & lack of substance: empty (adj), gas (substance), gravity, air (hot air)

## **ATTACHMENT (1)**

- arm: embrace (v), embraced
- cloth: pin (attach), pinned, pinned (pinned down)
- cooking: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- ground, terrain & land: embedded
- hand: cling (v)
- infrastructure: built in, locked (locked in a battle, etc.)

- materials & substances: adhere (adhere to something), attached (attributed), glued, stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something), stick (endurance), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)
- rope: bind (connect), tethered
- tools & technology: riveted
- verb: adhere (adhere to something), bind (connect), cling (v), embrace (v), pin (attach), stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something)

### **ATTAINMENT (1) (see also possession)**

- arm: push (attainment), reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- boat: sail (sail to victory, etc.)
- finger: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- hand: empty-handed, finger (slip through one's fingers), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (attainment), palm (in the palm of one's hand)
- journeys & trips: get (get somewhere), way (all the way)
- movement: coast (attain), sail (sail to victory, etc.), waltz (attain)
- verb: coast (attain), finger (slip through one's fingers), get (get somewhere), hit (hit \$30, etc.), meet (attain), push (attainment), sail (sail to victory, etc.), waltz (attain)

### **ATTEMPT (1)**

- direction: go (go for something), go (have a go at something)
- hand: hand (try one's hand)
- knife: stab (attempt)
- movement: go (go for something)
- sound: crack (attempt)
- verb: go (have a go at something), hand (try one's hand)
- weapon: shot (attempt), shot (best shot)

### **ATTENTION, SCRUTINY & PROMOTION (1)**

- allusion: Barnum, it (it girl, etc.)
- astronomy: big bang (in a big bang), supernova (attention)
- atmosphere: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), trial balloon
- balloon: trial balloon
- boat: showboat (v)
- circus: Barnum, circus (media circus, etc.)
- container: showcase (v), showcase (n)
- crime: steal (steal the show, etc.)
- direction: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- ear: ear (have somebody's ear), ear (attention)
- explosion: blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), burst on / onto the scene, etc., explode (onto the scene, etc.)
- eye: eye (public eye), eye (attention), eyeball (attention), eye-catching, focus (v), focus (n), microscope (under a microscope), view (out of view), view (attention)
- film: it (it girl, etc.), marquee (attention)
- finger: point out (v)
- fire: blaze (in a blaze of glory)
- flags & banners: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- food & drink: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- game: ball (related to attention)
- hand: grabbing (attention-grabbing)
- head: head (turn heads)



- heating water: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- height: loom (loom large, etc.), low (lying low), profile (low profile), profile (high profile), profile (attention), raise (attention), relief (in bold relief)
- hunting: catchy (attention)
- letters & characters: exclamation point, full stop, punctuate (v), underline (attention), underscore (attention)
- light & dark: blaze (in a blaze of glory), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), glare (attention), highlight (v), light (shine a light), limelight (in the limelight), outshine (v), overshadow (v), shadow (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), sunlight (concealment), supernova (attention)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mixture: blend in (v)
- money: sell (promote)
- music: fanfare (attention)
- nose: nose (attention)
- object: it (it girl, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- person: Barnum, cheerleader (person), name-check (v), showman (person), tout (person)
- picture: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v), photobomb (v)
- plane: barnstorm (v)
- radio: tuned (stay tuned)
- rocket: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- royalty: herald (v), herald (n)
- school & education: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- shadow: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- sign, signal, symbol: marquee (attention)
- sky: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- sound: bang (with a bang), big bang (in a big bang), blaring (headlines, etc.), buzz (attention), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat, drum up (v), teapot (internet teapot, etc.), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)
- speech: pitch (promote)
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- star: supernova (attention)
- storm: thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap
- theater: backstage (adj), downplay (v), limelight (in the limelight), photobomb (v), platform (n), play down (v), show (steal the show), showman (person), stage (center stage), stage (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), upstage (v)
- tools & technology: lens (other), magnifying glass (under a magnifying glass), microscope (under a microscope), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- verb: background (fade into the background), ball (take one's eye off the ball), barnstorm (v), blend in (v), blow up (attention / verb), burst on / onto the scene, etc., cheerlead (v), downplay (v), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat, drum up (v), eclipse (v), explode (onto the scene, etc.), focus (v), herald (v), herald (n), highlight (v), light (shine a light), loom (loom large, etc.), name-check (v), overshadow (v), photobomb (v), pitch (promote), play down (v), point out (v), punctuate (v), radar (drop off the radar), raise (attention), sell (promote), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showcase (v), skyrocket (to attention, etc.), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), stand out (attention), steal (steal the show, etc.), tout (v), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), tuned (stay tuned), underline (attention), underscore (attention), upstage (verb)
- water: splash (effect)

## **ATTENUATION (1) (see also force; protection & lack of protection; strength & weakness)**

- air: deflate (pressure)
- animal: defang (v), tame (adj), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- center & periphery: marginalized
- hardness & softness: soften (v)
- health & medicine: atrophy (v), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized), tarnish (v), tarnished
- pressure: deflate (pressure)
- shadow: shadow (devitalized)
- skin, muscle & bone: atrophy (v)
- snake: defang (v)
- speech: tone down (v)
- teeth: teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- theater: play down
- verb: dampen (v), defang (v), deflate (pressure), play down (v), soften (v), tarnish (v), teeth (take the teeth out), tone down (v), water down (v)
- walking, running & jumping: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- water: dampen (v), diluted (water), drained (attenuation), water down (v), watered down

## **ATTRACTION & REPULSION (1) (see also acceptance & rejection; avoidance & separation; division & connection; inclusion & exclusion)**

- allusion: pied piper, siren (siren call / song), siren (other)
- astronomy: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n)
- chemistry: valence (attraction)
- crashes & collisions: hit (hit it off)
- electricity: lightning rod
- epithet: pied piper
- fire: flame (attraction), moth (attraction)
- fish: bait (n), lure (n), lure (v)
- food & drink: marmite (n)
- hunting: bait (n), lure (n), lure (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: siren (siren call), siren (other)
- light & dark: flame (attraction), moth (attraction)
- lightning: lightning rod
- love, courtship & marriage: court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), embrace (v), embraced, flirt (v), seduced, swoon (v), woo (v), wooed
- magic: charm (v), charm (n), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), charming (people), pied piper, spell (under a spell)
- place: mecca, pilgrimage (trip)
- religion: charisma (attraction), mecca, pilgrimage (trip)
- sea: pull (tidal pull)
- sex: alluring (adj), seductive (adj)
- speech: invite (v), invitation (n), inviting
- taste: juicy
- tide: pull (tidal pull)
- tools & technology: magnet (attraction), magnetic (adj) recoil (v)

- verb: charm (v), court (v), draw (attract), flirt (v), hit (hit it off), invite (v), lure (v), recoil (v), revolve (revolve around something), swoon (v), woo (v)

## **AVALANCHE (2)**

- amount & effect: avalanche (n)

## **AVOIDANCE & SEPARATION (1) (see also action, inaction & delay; attraction & repulsion; confronting, dealing with & ignoring things; division & connection; eagerness & reluctance; reconciliation, resolution & conclusion; responsibility)**

- animal: duck (avoid)
- arm: arm's length (at arm's length), push (push somebody away, etc.)
- bird: duck (avoid)
- boat: steer (steer clear of something)
- clothing & accessories: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- direction: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v)
- distance: arm's length (at arm's length)
- dog: bay (at bay)
- electricity: insulated
- football: end run (n)
- hand: hands-on, hands-off
- health & medicine: allergic (adj), allergy (n), quarantine (v)
- horse: shy (shy away)
- insect: cocoon (isolation)
- mechanism: steer (steer clear of something)
- movement: bypass (v), end run (n), go around, sidestep (v)
- nuclear energy: radioactive (adj)
- person: hermit (person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: apart (division)
- proximity: distance (v)
- religion: cloistered
- sports & games: end run (n)
- verb: back away (v), bypass (v), dodge (v), duck (avoid), flee (v), go around (v), pull back (v), push (push somebody away, etc.), quarantine (v), run (run away), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), steer (steer clear of something), step (step back from something), walk (walk away from something)
- walking, running & jumping: back away (v), bypass (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), flee (v), go around (v), run (run away), sidestep (v), step (step back from something), walk (walk away from something)

## **AX (2) (see also blade; knife; sword; weapon)**

- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (n), cut (v), slash (v), slash-and-burn (adj), trim (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other)
- punishment & recrimination: ax (ax to grind)

## **BABY (2) (see also birth)**

- age: baby (younger), young (adj)
- appearance: baby (baby face, etc.)
- behavior: crybaby (person)
- creation & transformation: stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)

- dependency: babysitter (role), nanny (person), wean (v)
- destruction: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- enthusiasm: baby (relationship)
- failure, accident & impairment: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: baby (relationship)
- growth & development: infancy (in infancy), infancy, infant (n), nascent (beginning), newborn, nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, stillborn, teething, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.), young (adj)
- person: babysitter (role), crybaby (person)
- progress & lack of progress: step (baby steps, etc.)
- relationship: baby (relationship)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: abort (v)
- success & failure: stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- vocative: baby (vocative)

## BACK (2)

- acceptance & rejection: back (turn one's back)
- achievement, recognition & praise: back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun)
- affliction: back (off one's back)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (v), back (behind somebody's back), backed, backing (support)
- bases: backbone (basis), spine (branching)
- behavior: backbiting
- branching system: backbone (branching system), spine (branching)
- conflict: back (off one's back), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v)
- courage & lack of courage: backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- destruction: back (break the back)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), backbreaking
- dominance & submission: back down (v)
- proper name: backbone (Devil's Backbone, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: back (vulnerability, attack)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (back to the wall), back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v)
- social interaction: back (scratch somebody's back)
- strength & weakness: backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- subterfuge: back (behind somebody's back)
- survival, persistence & endurance: back (back to the wall)

## BALL (2)

- action, inaction & delay: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: rebound (rebound headache, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- failure & accident: ball (drop the ball), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- flaws & lack of flaws: roll (on a roll)
- increase & decrease: rebound (v)
- movement: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roll (move), roll in (v), rolling (moving)
- position, policy & negotiation: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- progress & lack of progress: roll (on a roll)
- resiliency: bounce back (v), rebound (v), rebound (on the rebound)
- social interaction: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v)

## **BALLOON (2)**

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: trial balloon
- experimentation: float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), balloon (n), ballooning, inflate (v), inflated

## **BASES (1) (see also achievement, recognition & praise; importance & significance; priority; superlative)**

- astronomy: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- back: backbone (basis), spine (branching)
- blood: lifeblood
- boat: anchor, boat (boat of science, etc.), mainstay, ship (ship of state, etc.)
- center & periphery: core (basis)
- chemistry: essence
- death & life: lifeblood
- direction: behind (basis), bottom (get to the bottom of something), underlie, underlying
- food & drink: bread and butter (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk)
- ground, terrain & land: bedrock (n), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.), grassroots, ground (prepare the ground), groundwork, rock (support)
- heart: heart (basis)
- heating water: boil (boil down to something)
- house: edifice (n), foundation
- infrastructure: building block, cornerstone, infrastructure (n), keystone, pillar (basis), plank (n), plumbing (n)
- materials & substances: rock (support)
- mechanism: kingpin, linchpin, nuts and bolts
- movement: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- plant: deep-rooted (adj), root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- position: behind (basis)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (basis)
- religion: mythology (n)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- sign, signal, symbol: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- stomach: guts (insides)
- temperature: boil (boil down to something)
- tree: root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- verb: boil (boil down to something), ground (prepare the ground), revolve (revolve around something), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders), underlie (v)
- water: boil (boil down to something)

## **BASEBALL (2) (see also basketball; boxing; cards; chess; gambling; sports & games; wrestling)**

- appearance & disappearance: left field (out of left field)
- commitment & determination: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- development: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: strike out (v)
- judgment: call (close call), call (the right call)
- position, policy & negotiation: hardball (n)
- punishment & recrimination: one-strike-and-you're-out
- responsibility: plate (step up to the plate)

- success & failure: grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)

## **BASKETBALL (2) (see also baseball; boxing; cards; chess; gambling; sports & games; wrestling)**

- ability & lack of ability: Michael Jordan (epithet)
- certainty & uncertainty: slam-dunk
- commitment & determination: full-court press
- difficulty, easiness & effort: full-court press, slam-dunk
- epithet: Michael Jordan (epithet)
- superlative: Michael Jordan (epithet)

## **BEDROOM (2)**

- sex: bedroom (sex)

## **BEHAVIOR (1) (see also character & personality; identity & nature) (see also constraint & lack of constraint; control & lack of control; restraint & lack of restraint)**

- activity: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- addiction: addictive (adj)
- alcohol: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- allusion: Lord of the Flies
- animal: backbiting, bask (v), bloodthirsty, drove (herd or flock), flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hog (v), rabid, rabidly, stampede (n), swarm (v), swarm (n), tame (v), vulture (n), wallow (v), wild (people), wolf (predation)
- arm: overreach (v), pushy (people)
- atmosphere: bask (v)
- baby: crybaby (person)
- back: backbiting
- bird: flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), vulture
- blade: cutthroat
- blood: bloodthirsty
- boat: overboard (behavior), showboat (v)
- boundary: bound (n), boundary (behavior), guardrail (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (out of line), line (over the line), line (cross the line), line (red line), overreach (v), overstep (v)
- boxing: belt (below the belt)
- cards: wild card (people)
- circus: clown (v)
- control & lack of control: control (behavior)
- creature: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), zombie (behavior)
- crime: mob (group)
- direction: above (above the fray, etc.), aboveboard, beneath (that's beneath you, etc.), descend (v), fall down (v), fray (above the fray), go (behavior), ground (high ground), gutter (in the gutter), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road), sink (behavior), standard (higher standard), stoop (behavior), straight (the straight and narrow), straight arrow (person), stray (behavior)
- distance: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- dog: rabid, rabidly
- explosion: self-destructive (adj)
- family: child (spoiled child)

- food & drink: wolf (wolf down food)
- fruits & vegetables: nuts (crazy)
- government: diplomacy, diplomatic
- ground, terrain & land: edge (over the edge), ground (high ground), mud (in the mud)
- head: hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- health & medicine: addictive (adj), delirious (adj), delirium (n), demented, fever (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rabid, rabidly
- height: rise (rise above something), road (the high road)
- history: barbaric (behavior), cowboy (person), wild West
- hunting: hotshot (n)
- hygiene: act (clean up one's act), dirty (behavior)
- infrastructure: gutter (in the gutter), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- insect: descend (descend on), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- knife: backstabber, backstabbing, cutthroat
- line: line (out of line), line (over the line), line (cross the line), line (red line)
- love, courtship & marriage: infidelity (n)
- manufacturing: mold (n)
- materials & substances: brazen (adj)
- mental health: amok (run amok), bedlam, berserk, craze, crazed, crazy (behavior), crazy (enthusiasm), demented, frenzied (adj), frenzy, nuts (crazy)
- mining: gold-digging
- mountains & hills: edge (over the edge)
- movement: go (behavior), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- person: cannon (loose cannon), child (spoiled child), choirboy (behavior), hothead (person), hotshot (n), straight arrow (person)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot)
- predation: backbiting, bloodthirsty, frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- religion: choirboy (behavior), halo (n), hell (raise hell), hell-raiser, hell-raising, ritual, saint (superlative)
- sheep: flock (v)
- sports & games: cheap shot, free-for-all (control)
- temperature: bask (v), hothead (person)
- theater: dramatic (dramatic child, etc.)
- tools & technology: compass (moral compass)
- train: rail (off the rails)
- verb: act (clean up one's act), bask (v), clown (v), descend (v), end (go off the deep end), fall down (v), flock (v), go (behavior), hell (raise hell), hog (v), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (cross the line), overreach (v), overstep (v), rise (rise above something), showboat (v), sink (behavior), stoop (behavior), stop (stop at nothing), stray (behavior), swarm (v), tame (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), wallow (v)
- vulture: vulture (n)
- walking, running & jumping: overstep (v)
- water: end (go off the deep end)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (n)
- wolf: rabid, rabidly, wolf (predation)

## **BELL (2)**

- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- reversal: bell (unring a bell)
- shape: bell curve (shape)

- sound: ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)
- starting, stopping & continuing: bell (unring a bell), ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- warning: bell (alarm bell, etc.)

## **BIBLE (2) (see also religion)**

- accusation & criticism: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: road (road to Damascus)
- biodiversity: Noah's Ark
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exodus (n)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)
- creation & transformation: road (road to Damascus)
- destruction: Armageddon, kiss of death
- environment: Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- fate, fortune & chance: handwriting (on the wall), kiss of death, writing (writing on the wall)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Garden of Eden
- judgment: Solomonic (adj)
- message: gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), jeremiad (bitter lament), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)
- revenge: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- reversal: road (road to Damascus)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Bible (authority)
- size: behemoth, Goliath (Bible), leviathan (n)
- strength & weakness: David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- superlative: Promised Land
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)

## **BIODIVERSITY (1)**

- allusion: Noah's Ark
- atmosphere: lung (atmosphere)
- breathing: lung (atmosphere)
- Bible: Noah's Ark
- epithet: Amazon (epithet), Galapagos (epithet), lung (atmosphere), mother (Mother Nature), Noah's Ark, rainforest (epithet), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: biodiversity (n)
- lung: lung (atmosphere)
- place: Amazon (epithet), Galapagos (epithet), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- religion: Noah's Ark

## **BIOLOGY (2)**

- growth & development: embryonic, petri dish
- identity & nature: DNA (in the DNA), DNA (other), gene (in one's genes)

## **BIRD (2) (see also animal; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- activity: fly (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- affliction: albatross (n)
- appearance: ruffled
- avoidance & separation: duck (avoid)
- behavior: flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), vulture
- branching system: wing (building)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: swan song
- configuration: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v)



- constraint & lack of constraint: fly (constraint), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, chicken (chicken out)
- danger: sitting duck
- dismissal, removal & resignation: perch (knock something off its perch)
- division: wing (division)
- environment: incubator
- evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- extent & scope: full-fledged (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- group, set & collection: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- growth & development: fledgling, full-fledged (adj), incubator
- haste: fly (on the fly)
- heart: chicken-hearted
- help & assistance: mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- hierarchy: pecking order
- initiation: hatch (v), hatched
- isolation & remoteness: cooped up
- judgment: chicken (come home to roost)
- mixture: cocktail
- money: nest egg
- movement: duck (v), quail (movement)
- perception, perspective & point of view: bird's eye (bird's-eye view)
- place: nest (mortar nest, etc.), nest (empty nest)
- predation: hawk (n), hawkish (adj)
- proper name: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: sitting duck
- relationship: chicken (chicken and egg)
- repetition: parrot (v)
- resemblance: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: face (fly in the face)
- reversal: chicken (come home to roost)
- sex: bird (the birds and the bees)
- shape: beak (area), plume (shape)
- speech: crow (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: swan song
- strength & weakness: eggshell (n)
- surveillance: eagle eye
- violence: dove (n), hawk (n), hawkish (adj)

## **BIRTH (2) (see also baby)**

- amelioration & renewal: rebirth, reborn, renaissance
- creation & transformation: birth (creation), birthday (creation), birthed (created), born (creation), born-on (adj), germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), labor pains, midwife, spawn (v), stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- growth & development: embryonic, gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), nascent (beginning), renaissance, stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- identity & nature: born (born teacher, etc.)
- origin: birthplace, cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)

- success & failure: birth, stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.)

## **BLADE (2) (see also ax; knife; sword; weapon)**

- ability & lack of ability: edge (lose one's edge)
- accusation & criticism: hatchet job (n)
- affliction: cut (a thousand cuts)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: cutthroat
- amelioration & renewal: hack (fix), hone (v), sharpen (v)
- behavior: cutthroat
- coercion & motivation: hatchet man (person)
- competition: cutthroat
- computer: hack (get into), hack (fix), scrape (v)
- conflict: stab (v)
- condition & status: honed, sharp
- creation & transformation: carved out, carve out (v)
- curtailment: cut off (v)
- danger: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- decline: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- destruction: dagger, heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (n), cut (v), cut off (v), scrape (v), shave (removal), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- driving force: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- fate, fortune & chance: call (close call / danger), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), shave (removal), sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: cut (cut both ways), dagger, double-edged (sword), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- flaws & lack of flaws: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- functioning: honed, sharp (adj)
- increase & decrease: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- protection & lack of protection: hack (get into)
- proximity: edge (at the edge)
- punishment & recrimination: ax (ax to grind)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- resemblance: slice (v)
- shape: knife-edged, sickle (shape)
- speech: blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- survival, persistence & endurance: scrape by (v)
- taking & removing: chip away (v)
- verb: hack (get inside)

## **BLANKET (2)**

- configuration: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- cover: blanket (v), blanket (cover), blanketed
- extent & scope: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)

## **BLOOD (2)**

- bases: lifeblood
- behavior: bloodthirsty

- branching system: artery, system (circulatory system)
- character & personality: bloodthirsty
- condition & status: pulse (n)
- conflict: blood (bad blood), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), bloodbath, blood sport (n)
- death & life: blood (blood represents life)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: blood (effort)
- experience: blood (young blood, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), livid (adj), mist (red mist), vein (ice in one's veins)
- guilt: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- identity & nature: blood (in one's blood), vein (tap a vein)
- involvement: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- journeys & trips: artery
- leaking: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (n)
- measurement: pulse (n)
- predation: blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood)
- violence: bloodbath, mist (red mist)

## BOAT (2)

- accusation & criticism: broadside (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: board (on board), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n), ship (abandon / jump ship)
- amelioration & renewal: bailout (n), bail out (save), damage control, salvage (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- amount: raft (amount)
- amount & effect: swamp (v), swamped
- appearance & disappearance: dredge up (v)
- attainment: sail (sail to victory, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: showboat (v)
- avoidance & separation: steer (steer clear of something)
- bases: anchor, boat (boat of science, etc.), mainstay, ship (ship of state, etc.)
- behavior: overboard (behavior), showboat (v)
- character & personality: showboat (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ship (abandon / jump ship)
- computer: navigation (cyberspace)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dredge up (v)
- conflict: shot (shot across the bow)
- constraint & lack of constraint: leeway (n)
- control & lack of control: adrift, drift (control), helm (at the helm), helm (other), rudderless, ship (tight ship, etc.)
- danger: lighthouse, rock (on the rocks), shoal (n), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- destruction: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shipwreck (n), shoal (n), sink (destroy), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sail (sail to victory, etc.), sailing (smooth sailing)
- directing: pilot (v), steward (role)
- direction: adrift, chart (v), lighthouse, navigate (v), navigation, rudderless, sea (at sea), tack (v), tack (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: jettison (v), jettisoned
- disruption: boat (rock the boat)
- division & connection: drift (drift apart)

- empathy & lack of empathy: boat (in the same boat)
- epithet: ship (ship of state, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- equilibrium & stability: boat (rock the boat), keel (even keel), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), wheelhouse (n)
- extent & scope: stem (from stem to stern)
- failure, accident & impairment: aground (run aground), founder (v), rock (on the rocks), shipwreck (n), shoal (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: stack (blow one's stack)
- help & assistance: steward (role)
- interest: wheelhouse (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n), shoal (n)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- progress & lack of progress: adrift, doldrums (n), headway (n), moored
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety), lighthouse
- pursuit, capture & escape: trawl (v)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- representation: figurehead (n)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: mutinous (adj), mutiny (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: overboard (behavior)
- reversal: row (row back)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boat (rock the boat)
- searching & discovery: dredge up (v), trawl (v)
- sequence: wake (in the wake)
- situation: boat (in the same boat)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: embark (embark on something), underway
- superlative: flagship (superlative)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bailout (n), bail out (save), bailed out, batten (batten down), hand (all hands on deck), ride out (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: ship (ship has sailed, etc.)
- transportation: ship (ship of the desert)
- unanimity & consensus: board (on board), boat (in the same boat), boat (rock the boat), row (row in the same direction, etc.)
- warning: shot (shot over the bow, etc.)

## **BODILY PROCESS (2) (see also breathing; gesture)**

- acceptance & rejection: retch (v)
- affliction: choke (v)
- appearance & disappearance: blink (light), swallow (disappearance)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: flinch (v)
- courage & lack of courage: flinch (v)
- creation & transformation: spit out (v)
- danger: sigh (sigh of relief)
- eagerness & reluctance: drool (v), mouthwatering (adj), salivate (v)
- extent & scope: yawning (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: hiccup (n)

- feeling, emotion & effect: breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), eye-roll (dismissal), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), goosebumps, retch (v), sigh (sigh of relief), sweat (feeling), teeth (gnash one's teeth), yawn (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: hiccup (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: cough up (v)
- hyperbole: retch (v)
- place: bowel (n)
- relationship: sneeze (v)
- resemblance: belch (v), bowel (n), breathe (v), spit (spit down), spit (v), yawn (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: gasp (last gasp)
- revenge: laugh (last laugh)
- speech: spew (vomit)
- throwing, putting & planting: spew (vomit)
- transmission: sneeze (v)

## **BODY (2)**

- ability & lack of ability: agile (adj), agility (n), clumsy (adj), fit (adj), fitness (ability), nimble
- government: body politic
- possession: lap (possession)
- responsibility: lap (in the lap of)
- situation: lap (lap of luxury)
- society: body politic

## **BOOKS & READING (2) (see also letters & characters; writing & spelling)**

- ability & lack of ability: illiterate (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: misread (v), read (read something in something), read (analyze)
- appearance: book (judge a book by its cover)
- certainty & uncertainty: open-and-shut (adj)
- character & personality: book (open book), book (by the book)
- constraint & lack of constraint: book (by the book)
- creation & transformation: author (person)
- curtailment: book (close the book)
- development: book (close the book), book (development), chapter, page (development)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shelve (v)
- enthusiasm: bookworm
- experience: story (war story)
- fictive communication: read (a sign can read something)
- flaws & lack of flaws: storybook
- judgment: book (judge a book by its cover)
- knowledge & intelligence: encyclopedia (n), encyclopedic (adj)
- person: author (person)
- punishment & recrimination: book (throw the book at somebody)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: book (close the book)
- resemblance: fairy tale, story (horror story), storybook
- script: playbook
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: book (open book)
- superlative: storybook
- unanimity & consensus: page (on the same page)

## **BOTTLE (2)**

- access & lack of access: bottle up (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bottle up (v)
- initiation: uncork (v)
- obstacles & impedance: bottleneck

## **BOUNDARY (2) (see also line)**

- amount: boundless
- behavior: bound (n), boundary (behavior), guardrail (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (out of line), line (over the line), line (cross the line), line (red line), overreach (v), overstep (v)
- configuration: bounded
- constraint & lack of constraint: limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overstep (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: limits (push something to its limits)
- division & connection: boundary (division), line (n), line (division), line (categories)
- extent & scope: boundless
- fate, fortune & chance: line (tread a line, etc.)
- possession: claim (stake a claim)
- proximity: border (proximity)
- restraint & lack of restraint: limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overstep (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: limits (push something to its limits)

## **BOXING (2) (see also baseball; basketball; cards; chess; gambling; sports & games; wrestling)**

- ability & lack of ability: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- accusation & criticism: come (come out swinging), jab (n), pummel (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: corner (in one's corner)
- alternatives & choices: corner (situation)
- behavior: belt (below the belt)
- conflict: bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), come (come out swinging), glove (the gloves are off), hitter (heavy hitter), jab (n), spar (v), square off (v), swing (take a swing), slug (slug something out), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), uppercutting
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner)
- development: round (boxing)
- effect: punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- epithet: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blow (body blow), punch (effect)
- help & assistance: sparring partner (role)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: knock out (v), knockout (n), pummel (v), pummeled, punch (force)
- involvement: weigh in (v)
- power: heavyweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- resiliency: punch (roll with the punches)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: Muhammad Ali (epithet), punch (punch back), towel (throw in the towel)
- restraint & lack of restraint: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (pull a punch)
- sequence: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- speech: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), come (come out swinging), jab (n), punch (pull a punch)
- strength & weakness: glass jaw

- substance & lack of substance: heavyweight (n), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- subterfuge: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- superlative: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- survival, persistence & endurance: punch (roll with the punches), rope (on the ropes)
- violence: bare-knuckled (adj), glove (the gloves are off)

## **BRANCHING SYSTEM (1)**

- animal: prong (river)
- back: backbone (branching system), spine (branching)
- bird: wing (building)
- blood: artery, system (circulatory system)
- family: family tree
- horn: multipronged
- mechanism: hub (branching system)
- plant: offshoot, tendril (growth)
- river: confluence, feed (feed into), prong (river), stream (bloodstream, etc.), tributary (n)
- tree: branch (taxonomy), branch out (v), family tree, trunk (branching system)
- verb: feed (feed into)
- water: stream (bloodstream, etc.)

## **BREADTH (2)**

- mind: narrow-minded (adj), narrowness (n)
- size: narrow (breadth), razor (razor-thin), thin (breadth)
- situation: strait (dire straits, etc.)

## **BREAKING (2)**

- destruction: tear apart (v), tear up (v)

## **BREATHING (2) (see also bodily process; gesture)**

- absorption & immersion: inhale (v)
- affliction: choke (v)
- amelioration & renewal: breathing space, etc., life (breathe life)
- amount & effect: smother (amount & effect)
- biodiversity: lung (atmosphere)
- condition & status: wheezing (condition)
- consumption: breathe (consume), inhale (v)
- cover: smother (cover)
- danger: sigh (sigh of relief)
- destruction: strangled, strangulation
- dismissal, removal & resignation: blow off (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: breath (hold one's breath)
- feeling, emotion & effect: breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), sigh (sigh of relief), suffocating
- obstacles & impedance: choked, chokepoint
- oppression: smother (oppress), stifling (adj), strangle (v), strangled, stranglehold, strangulation, strangled, suffocate (v), suffocated, suffocating
- resistance, opposition & defeat: gasp (last gasp)
- success & failure: choke (fail)

## **BRIDGE (2)**

- amelioration & renewal: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building

- confronting, dealing with & avoiding things: bridge (cross that bridge)
- division & connection: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge)
- presence & absence: bridgehead (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge)
- route: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bridgehead (n)
- timeliness & lack of timelessness: bridge (cross that bridge)
- transportation: bridge (air bridge, etc.)

## **BUBBLE (2)**

- activity: bubble (v), bubble (n), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- initiation: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation)
- substance & lack of substance: bubble (n)

## **BULLET (2)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- commitment & determination: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- fate, fortune & chance: bullet (dodge a bullet)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bulletproof (adj)
- shape: bullet (shape)
- speed: bullet (velocity)

## **BURDEN (2) (see also weight)**

- affliction: bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), straw (the last straw), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: pull (pull for someone)
- amelioration & renewal: get out (get out from under)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), drag (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: pull out (v)
- eagerness & reluctance: drag (drag somebody into something)
- failure, accident & impairment: strain (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: straw (the last straw)
- history: baggage, freighted
- involvement: drag (drag somebody into something)
- obstacles & impedance: drag (drag on the economy, etc.)
- oppression: bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), straw (the last straw), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- resiliency: carry on (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: carry on (v), drag (drag on / out / through), pull out (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: carry on (v)
- time: drag (drag on / out / through), haul (for the long haul)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: drag (drag on / out / through)
- unanimity & consensus: pull (pull together)
- work & duty: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), pull (pull together), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)



## BURIAL (2)

- absorption & immersion: bury (immerse)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bury (conceal)
- decline: knell (death knell)
- destruction: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (destruction), knell (death knell)
- euphemism: place (resting place)
- fate, fortune & chance: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pall (cast a pall)
- involvement: buried (buried in debt, etc.)
- oppression: pall (cast a pall)
- place: grave (place), graveyard (place), place (resting place)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ghost (bury the ghost), put (put something to rest)
- searching & discovery: exhume (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: knell (death knell)

## CAMPAIGN (1)

- Middle Ages: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- military: blitz (n)
- person: crusader (role)
- religion: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- sound: drum (beat / bang the drum)
- weapon: blitz

## CANAL (1)

- allusion: Venice (epithet)
- epithet: Venice (epithet)
- place: Venice (epithet)

## CANAL (2)

- shape: canal (birth canal, etc.)

## CARDS (2) (see also baseball; basketball; boxing; chess; gambling; sports & games; wrestling)

- appearance: poker-faced
- behavior: wild card (people)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close), wild card (people)
- commitment & determination: double down (v)
- computer: wildcard (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (cards on the table), hold (close hold, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest)
- curtailment: fold (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: discard (v), fold (v)
- disruption: deck (re-shuffle the deck)
- failure, accident & impairment: overplay (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), hand (dealt a hand)
- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (n)
- power: hand (strengthen one's hand)

- resistance, opposition & defeat: fold (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hand (overplay one's hand)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: card (cards on the table)
- strategy: bluff (n), card (guilt card, etc.), card (play one's cards), move (chess move, etc.), poker (game)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fold (v)
- strength & weakness: ace (n), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- substance & lack of substance: house of cards
- subterfuge: aboveboard, bluff (n)
- success & failure: hand (hot hand)
- unanimity & consensus: suit (follow suit)

## **CARPETS & RUGS (2)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rug (pull the rug out)
- concealment & lack of concealment: carpet (under the carpet), rug (under the rug)
- configuration: carpet (v), carpet (n), carpeted
- cover: carpet (v), carpet (n), carpeted
- identity & nature: tapestry (n)
- mixture: tapestry (n)
- welcome: mat (welcome mat), red carpet (treatment)

## **CAT (2) (see also animal; bird; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- competition: game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: cat (bell the cat)
- decline: cat (dead-cat bounce)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: cat (bell the cat)
- money: fat cat
- pursuit, capture & escape: cat (cat and mouse / noun), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- warning: cat (bell the cat)

## **CENTER & PERIPHERY (1)**

- cloth: fringe (edge), fringe (versus mainstream), fringe (on the fringe)
- direction: fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), foreground (n)
- ground, terrain & land: coast (n)
- heart: heart (center), heartland, heartwood
- mechanism: hub (center)
- river: backwater (n), mainstream
- sports & games: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (other)
- theater: stage (attention), stage (center stage), wings (in the wings)

## **CENTER & PERIPHERY (2)**

- area: corner (in remote corners, etc.), corner (area)
- attenuation: marginalized
- bases: core (basis)
- importance & significance: centerpiece, central (adj), sideshow (n)
- power: inner circle (n), insider (person), outsider (person)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: outlier (n)
- society: center (society), fringe (on the fringes), fringe (versus mainstream), inner circle (n), insider (person), mainstream (n), margin (on the margins), outlier (n), outsider (person)
- strength & weakness: marginalized

## CERTAINTY & UNCERTAINTY (1)

- air: air (up in the air)
- allusion: Bermuda Triangle
- atmosphere: air (up in the air)
- basketball: slam-dunk
- books & reading: open-and-shut (adj)
- cloud: cloudy (certainty)
- color: gray (gray area)
- direction: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory)
- ground, terrain & land: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (in uncharted territory), uncharted (adj)
- history: Bermuda Triangle
- horse: hands down (certainty)
- journeys & trips: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- justice: jury (the jury is out)
- letters & characters: question mark
- light & dark: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), cloudy (certainty), murky (adj), open-and-shut (adj), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- map: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- money: deal (done deal)
- picture: sketchy (adj)
- religion: limbo (in limbo)
- sea: uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- shadow: shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- sports & games: game (guessing game), slam-dunk
- water: murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- weapon: surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)

## CHAIN (2)

- configuration: chain (configuration)
- hierarchy: chain of command
- oppression: chain (oppression)
- sequence: chain (chain of events), chain (other), chain reaction
- strength & weakness: link (weak link)

## CHARACTER & PERSONALITY (1) (see also behavior; identity & nature)

- allusion: Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Panglossian, Pollyanna, Pollyannaish (adj)
- animal: bloodthirsty, creature (creature of habit, etc.), donkey, feisty (adj), gadfly (person), jackass, leech (person), maverick (person), mule-headed, pack rat (person), rogue (n), sheep (black sheep), snake (character), stud (n), whiner (person)
- arm: pushy (people)
- astronomy: eye (stars in the eyes)
- blood: bloodthirsty
- boat: showboat (v)
- books & reading: book (open book), book (by the book)
- cards: card (hold one's cards close), wild card (people)
- circus: clown (n), strongman (person)
- cloth: cloth (cut from cloth)

- conflict: mercenary
- cows & cattle: maverick (person)
- creature: angel (behavior), creature (creature of habit, etc.), devil (behavior), sphinx (n), witch (n)
- direction: buoyant (personality), crooked, high-minded (adj), shifty (adj), straight (honest), straight (the straight and narrow), straightforward, straight arrow, twisted (character), upstanding
- dog: feisty (adj), hot dog (person)
- earth & world: earthiness (character)
- electricity: live wire (person)
- equilibrium & stability: levelheaded
- explosion: grenade (n), self-destructive (v), time bomb (person)
- eye: eye (character and personality)
- feeling, emotion & effect: irritating
- food & drink: bitter (personality), sour (personality), sweet (personality)
- fruits & vegetables: apple (bad / rotten apple), nut (person)
- gambling: card (hold one's cards close)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (both feet on the ground)
- hand: handwringer (n)
- hardness & softness: hard (character), hard-nosed, snowflake (person), teacup (person), teddy bear
- head: coolheaded (adj), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- health & medicine: incurable
- heart: bighearted, good-hearted, hard-hearted (adj), heart (young at heart, etc.), kind-hearted, soft-hearted
- height: cavalier (adj), upstanding
- history: cowboy (person)
- horse: cavalier (adj), gadfly (person), hard-charging (adj), maverick (person), stud (noun)
- hunting: hotshot (n)
- hygiene: mess (person)
- insect: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person)
- journeys & trips: easygoing
- knife: backstabber
- love, courtship & marriage: odd couple
- magic: charming
- materials & substances: flexible (character), inflexible (character), mercurial (adj), putty (n), rigid (character), smooth (character)
- mechanism: wound (tightly wound)
- mental health: nut (person)
- military: strongman (person)
- mining: gold digger
- money: mercenary
- nose: hard-nosed (adj)
- person: cannon (loose cannon), dandelion (character), firebrand (person), gadfly (person), gold digger, handwringer (n), hot dog (person), hothead (person), killjoy (person), leech (person), live wire (person), mercenary (person), nut (person), orchid (character), snake (character), snowflake (person), straight arrow (person), strongman (person), teacup (person), whiner (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), orchid (character)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: about (character)
- religion: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), public-spirited
- sensation: abrasive (adj), irritating
- sheep: black sheep
- snake: snake (character)

- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- sound: whiner (person)
- speech: loudmouth (person)
- sports & games: card (hold one's cards close)
- statue: sphinx (n)
- storm: nature (force of nature)
- taste: bitter (personality); flavor (other), sour (personality); sweet (personality)
- temperature: cold (feeling), coolheaded (adj), fiery (character), firebrand, hot dog (person), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- theater: dramatic (dramatic child, etc.)
- verb: card (hold one's cards close)
- water: buoyant (personality)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (n)

### **CHARACTERIZATION (1)**

- clothing & accessories: cameo (n)
- creature: demonization (n), demonized
- fire: brand (v)
- infrastructure: frame (characterize)
- manufacturing: cast (characterize), recast (v)
- mark: brand (v), mark (black mark), stigmatize (v)
- picture: cameo (n), paint (characterize), picture (view), portrait, profile, snapshot
- product: label (n), labeled
- religion: christen (v)
- verb: brand (v), cast (characterize), christen (v), paint (characterize), recast (v)

### **CHEMISTRY (2)**

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: essence
- attraction & repulsion: valence (attraction)
- bases: essence
- evidence: litmus test
- experimentation: experiment (n), litmus test
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), corrosive (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- functioning: chemistry, rust (functioning), rusty
- increase & decrease: oxygen (fuel)
- initiation: catalyst (n), oxygen (fuel)
- mixture: chemistry
- resemblance: rust (resemblance)
- speech: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically
- substance & lack of substance: essence

### **CHESS (2) (see also baseball; basketball; boxing; cards; gambling; sports & games; wrestling)**

- control & lack of control: check (in check), pawn (n)
- power: pawn (n)
- progress & lack of progress: stalemate (n)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: checkmate (n)
- strategy: endgame, gambit (n), game (chess game), move (chess move, etc.)
- strength & weakness: pawn (n)

## **CIRCUS (2)**

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum, circus (media circus, etc.)
- behavior: clown (v)
- character & personality: clown (n), strongman (person)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobatics (n), tightrope
- directing: ringmaster (person)
- fate, fortune & chance: tightrope
- importance & significance: sideshow (n)
- performance: circus (media circus, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: safety net
- resemblance: circus (media circus, etc.)

## **CITY (2) (see place)**

## **CLAPPING (2)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: applaud (v)

## **CLOCK (2)**

- action, inaction & delay: clock (run out the clock)
- competition: clock (race with the clock)
- fate, fortune & chance: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- past & present: clock (turn back the clock), wind back (v)
- sequence: tick-tock (n)
- shape: hourglass (shape)
- starting, going, continuing & stopping: tick on (v)
- time: clock (turn back the clock), clock (types), clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), hourglass (time)

## **CLOTH (2) (see also clothing & accessories)**

- amelioration & renewal: iron out (v), patch (amelioration), patched, patchwork (n), untangle (v)
- amount: shred (shred of hope, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: pick apart (analyze), tease out (v), unpick (v), untangle (v)
- attachment: pin (attach), pinned, pinned (pinned down)
- avoidance & separation: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- center & periphery: fringe (edge), fringe (versus mainstream), fringe (on the fringe)
- character & personality: cloth (cut from cloth)
- cloth: skein (entanglement)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), come out (v), cover (under cover), covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (pull back the curtain), shrouded (concealment), wrap (under wraps), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- condition & status: done and dusted, tatters (in tatters)
- configuration: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, fringe (configuration), fringed, shrouded (covered, tucked, wraparound)
- cover: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, shroud (n), shrouded (covered), wrapped (covered)
- creation & transformation: embroider (v), patch (patch together), stitch together (v), weave (creation)
- development: unfold (develop), unfolding (developing)
- division & connection: intertwined, interwoven, knit (knit together), seamless, seamlessly, strand (connection), thread (connection), thread (v), tight-knit, weave together (v), woven

- environment: fabric (environment)
- extent & scope: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: thread (by a thread)
- failure, accident & impairment: fray (v), frayed, tatters (in tatters), unravel (fail)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pall (cast a pall)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fray (v), frayed, seamless (adj), tatters (in tatters), wrinkle (n)
- identity & nature: cloth (cut from cloth), dyed-in-the-wool, tapestry (n)
- inauguration: wrap (take the wraps off something)
- involvement: skein (entanglement), web (entanglement), wrapped (wrapped up in something)
- mixture: tapestry (n), weave (mixture)
- movement: weave (move)
- oppression: pall (cast a pall)
- proper name: ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- resemblance: strand (strand of hair, etc.), unfolding (opening), wrapped (covered)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: done and dusted, sewn (sewn up), wrap up (v)
- searching & discovery: unfold (discover), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unraveled
- shape: needle (shape)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: done and dusted, wrap up (v)
- taxonomy & classification: cloth (cut from cloth), strand (n), stripe (of all stripes)

## **CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES (2) (see also hygiene) (see also purses & wallets) (see also cloth)**

- adapting: one-size-fits-all, tailor (v)
- affliction: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hung (hung out to dry)
- amelioration & renewal: tailor (v)
- amount: laundry (laundry list)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: strip (strip something down)
- appearance & reality: dressed (dressed up, etc.), dress up (v), naked (unadorned), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- characterization: cameo (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (other), cloaked (concealed), dirty laundry, fig leaf, launder (v), lay (lay bare), naked (unadorned), search (strip search), veil (concealment), veil (under a veil), veiled
- condition & status: tatters (in tatters)
- configuration: cloaked (covered), necklace (n), skirt (configuration)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- cover: cloaked (covered), veil (covering)
- creation & transformation: cobble together (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: boot (get the boot), boot out (v)
- empathy & lack of empathy: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- experience: belt (under one's belt), hat (old hat)
- failure, accident & impairment: clotheslined, tatters (in tatters)
- fate, fortune & chance: shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- flaws & lack of flaws: tatters (in tatters)
- help & assistance: eye (naked eye)
- hyperbole: pants (scare the pants off somebody)
- inauguration: unveil (make public)

- oppression: boot (oppression), wringer (through the wringer)
- perception, perspective & point of view: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- person: boot (soldier)
- predation: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: fashion (out of fashion)
- protection & lack of protection: naked (protection)
- readiness & preparedness: pants (caught with one's pants down)
- removal: strip (v), stripped
- representation: mantle (n)
- resemblance: veil (covering)
- role: hat (role)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mantle (n)
- sex: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- shape: washboard
- size: seam (burst at the seams)
- substance & lack of substance: dress up (v), fig leaf, naked (substance), strip (strip something down)
- subterfuge: cloak-and-dagger, dressed (dressed up, etc.), launder (v), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: shoestring (n)

## **CLOUD (2)**

- certainty & uncertainty: cloudy (certainty)
- consciousness & awareness: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness)
- evidence: cloud (sign)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- resemblance: cloud (resemblance)

## **COERCION & MOTIVATION (1)**

- allusion: hector (v)
- animal: dog (attack dog), goad (v), herd (ride herd), pit bull (dog)
- arm: arm (twist arms, etc.), arm (long arm), arm-twisting, nudge (n), push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people)
- blade: hatchet man (person)
- courtship & marriage: marriage (shotgun marriage)
- dog: dog (attack dog), pit bull (dog)
- finger: prod (v)
- fire: feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire up (v), grill (v)
- fruits & vegetables: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- gesture: nudge (n)
- hand: hand (force someone's hand)
- head: head (hold something over one's head)
- Iliad & Odyssey: hector (v)
- military: draft (v)
- Native Americans: hatchet man (person)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- person: bully (person), bully (v), hatchet man (n)
- plant: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- pressure: press (v), pressure (under pressure), pressured
- school & education: bully (v), bully (person)



- speech: cudgel (n), goad (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean (lean on)
- temperature: heat (turn up the heat, etc.)
- tools & technology: screw (tighten the screws)
- train: railroad (v), railroaded
- verb: arm (twist arms, etc.), bully (v), crack down (v), draft (v), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire up (v), goad (v), grill (v), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hand (force someone's hand), head (hold something over one's head), hector (v), herd (ride herd), lean (lean on), press (v), prod (v), push (coercion and motivation), railroad (v), screw (tighten the screws), strong-arm (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- violence: arm-twisting, clampdown (n), crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), goad (v), strong-arm (v), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- weapon: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

## COLOR (1)

- atmosphere: rainbow (color)
- sky: rainbow (color)

## COLOR (2)

- acceptance & rejection: blackball (v), blacklist (v)
- appearance & disappearance: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: gray (gray area)
- consciousness & awareness: black out (v)
- danger: zone (red zone, etc.)
- identity & nature: blue (politics), red (politics)
- occurrence: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: black (feeling), blue (feeling), green (green with envy), livid (adj)
- oppression: blackball (v), blacklist (v)
- origin: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- person: greenhorn (person)
- proper name: black (Black Sea, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: red alert (on red alert)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit)
- worth & lack of worth: white elephant

## COMB (2)

- searching & discovery: comb (v)

## COMING, ARRIVING, STAYING, LEAVING & RETURNING (1)

- animal: roar back (v), swan song
- ball: rebound (rebound headache, etc.)
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- Bible: exodus (n)
- bird: swan song
- boat: ship (abandon / jump ship)
- day: day (day has arrived, etc.), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- direction: circle back (v), come back (v), comeback (n), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (come and go), turnover (work)
- doors & thresholds: exit (n), revolving door, usher in (v)
- explosion: burst on / onto the scene, etc.

- film: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- foot: footstep (retrace one's footsteps)
- government: vote (vote with one's feet)
- head: head (rear its head, etc.)
- horse: cavalcade (n)
- insect: descend (descend on)
- journeys & trips: circle back (v), get (get somewhere)
- light & dark: fade away (v)
- movement: circle back (v), conga line, day (day has arrived, etc.), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), go (come and go), linger (v), lingering, loiter (v), parade (n), remain (v), return (v), return (n), revolving door
- music: waltz in (v)
- plane: bail out (leave), parachuted, parachute (golden parachute)
- religion: exodus (n)
- royalty: herald (v), herald (n)
- sea: wash up (v)
- sound: last hurrah, roar back (v), swan song
- sports & games: merry-go-round, musical chairs
- sun: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- table: table (come back to the table)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- theater: bow out (v), curtain call, encore, exit (n), usher in (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: time (the time can arrive, etc.)
- verb: bail out (leave), bow out (v), burst on / onto the scene, etc., circle back (v), come back (v), descend (descend on), fade away (v), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), get (get somewhere), go (come and go), head (rear its head, etc.), herald (v), hit (arrive), hover (other), linger (v), loiter (v), remain (v), return (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), table (come back to the table), tent (fold one's tent), usher in (v), walk (walk away from something), waltz in (v), wash up (v)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (move), parade (n)
- water: wash up (v)
- wave: wash up (v)
- weapon: boomerang (n)

## **COMMITMENT & DETERMINATION (1)**

- allusion: believer (true believer), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- animal: dogged (determined), pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- arm: pushing
- baseball: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- basketball: full-court press
- bullet: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- cards: double down (v)
- direction: down (down for something), go (go for something), live up to (something), up (up for something)
- dog: dogged (determined), pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- equilibrium & stability: waver (v), unwavering (adj)
- eye: blind (disregarding evidence, logic), blindly
- face: game (game face)
- fence: straddle (straddle the fence)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag)
- food & drink: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.)
- gambling: double down (v)

- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (bring it)
- heart: half-hearted, heart (commitment)
- history: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- journeys & trips: return (point of no return)
- materials & substances: grit (political grit, etc.), stick (stick to / by / with something)
- military: draft (v), flag (plant one's flag)
- money: invest (v), investment (n), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- movement: budge (v), go (go for something), waver (v), unwavering (adj)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops)
- number: percent (one hundred and ten percent)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (down for something), in (all in), up (up for something)
- religion: born-again, vow (v)
- river: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- size: go (go big)
- sports & games: full-court press, game (game face), home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean in / into (lean into something), stand (stand firm), straddle (straddle the fence)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- verb: bring (bring it), budge (v), double down (v), draft (v), go (go big), go (go for something), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), invest (v), lean into (lean in / into something), live up to (something), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stand (stand firm), stick (stick to / by / with something), stop (pull out all the stops), straddle (straddle the fence), tent (fold one's tent), walk (walk the walk), waver (v)
- walking, running & jumping: leap (commitment), walk (walk the walk)

## COMPARISON & CONTRAST

- film: screen (split screen)
- hand: hand (on the one / other hand)

## COMPETITION (1) (see also predation)

- allusion: Darwinian
- animal: dog-eat-dog, game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), jockey (v), law (law of the jungle, etc.), pack (competition), rat race, underdog (competition)
- blade: cutthroat
- cat: game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- clock: clock (race with the clock)
- direction: ahead (competition), dust (leave somebody in the dust)
- dog: dog-eat-dog, pack (competition), underdog (competition)
- football: football (n)
- ground, terrain & land: turf (turf war, etc.)
- government: race (elections)
- ground, terrain & land: jungle (competition)
- horse: dead heat, jockey (v), neck and neck (adj)
- hunting: game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- journeys & trips: pass (progress)
- jungle: jungle (competition), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- knife: cutthroat
- money: marketplace (n)
- position: underdog (competition)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (competition)
- rat: rat race

- sports & games: contest (n), dust (leave somebody in the dust), football (n), front-runner, game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), lose out (v), pace-setter, race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, etc.), winner (n)
- verb: jockey (v), lose out (v), pass (progress)
- violence: cutthroat
- walking, running & jumping: front-runner, jump (get the jump), outpace (v), pace-setter, race (hurry), step (a step ahead / competition)
- weapon: duel (n), dueling (adj)
- wolf: pack (competition)

## COMPETITION (2)

- time: clock (race with the clock)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock (race with the clock), race (race against time, etc.)

## COMPLEXITY (1)

- allusion: Gordian knot, labyrinth
- cloth: skein (entanglement)
- ground, terrain & land: morass (n)
- history: byzantine
- infrastructure: labyrinth, maze
- mechanism: part (moving parts)
- rope: Gordian knot
- verb: wind (wind its way)

## COMPREHENSION & INCOMPREHENSION (1)

- allusion: Delphic (adjective), Rosetta Stone
- day: dawn (v)
- electricity: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- eye: see (comprehension)
- fist: hit (comprehension)
- food & drink: digest (v)
- force: hit (comprehension)
- gesture: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head-scratching
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: get (understand)
- hand: grasp (comprehend)
- head: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head, etc.), head (get one's head around something, etc.)
- history: Rosetta Stone
- journeys & trips: follow (argument)
- light & dark: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), clear (unambiguous), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb, murky (adj), opacity (n), opaque (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- lightning: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- mind: mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.)
- movement: follow (argument)
- puzzle: puzzle (problem), puzzling
- religion: Delphic (adj)
- sea: fathom (v), unfathomable
- speech: Aha! (Aha! moment), joke (you must be joking, etc.)
- storm: lightning bolt (comprehension)

- verb: dawn (v), digest (v), follow (argument), get (understand), grasp (comprehend), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head, etc.), head (get one's head around something, etc.), hit (comprehension), illuminate (v), mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), see (comprehension), waters (muddy the waters)
- water: eureka, murky (adj), sunk in, unfathomable, waters (muddy the waters)

## COMPUTER (1)

- animal: worm (computers)
- blade: hack (get into), hack (fix), scrape (v)
- boat: navigation (cyberspace)
- cards: wildcard (computers)
- container: locker (n)
- creature: troll (computers), unicorn (rarity), zombie (computers)
- doors & thresholds: trapdoor (computers)
- earth & world: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other)
- explosion: bomb (code bomb)
- fire: firewall (computers), war (flame war)
- food & drink: menu
- force: hit (computer)
- health & medicine: infect (computers), quarantine (v), viral (computers), virus (computers)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Trojan horse (computers)
- infrastructure: warehousing (data)
- knife: scrape (v)
- light & dark: darknet
- military: war (flame war)
- place: alley (Silicon Alley)
- plant: root (root server)
- puppet: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- sports & games: surf (computers)
- verb: hack (get into), hack (fix), infect (computers), quarantine (v), scrape (v), surf (computers)
- warehouse: warehousing (data)
- weapon: bomb (code bomb)

## CONCEALMENT & LACK OF CONCEALMENT (1) (see also involvement)

- alcohol: bootleg (adj), bootlegger
- allusion: cat (bell the cat)
- animal: burrow (burrow into), cat (bell the cat), ground (go to ground), hole (spider hole), holed up, mole (n)
- boat: dredge up (verb)
- burial: bury (conceal)
- cards: card (cards on the table), hold (close hold, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (under the carpet), rug (under the rug)
- cat: cat (bell the cat)
- cloth: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), come out (v), cover (under cover), covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (pull back the curtain), shrouded (concealment), wrap (under wraps), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- clothing & accessories: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (other), cloaked (concealed), dirty laundry, fig leaf, launder (v), lay (lay bare), naked (unadorned), search (strip search), veil (concealment), veil (under a veil), veiled
- creature: ghostwriter (n)

- crime: search (search)
- direction: hide (hide behind something), netherworld, underground, underworld
- doors & thresholds: trapdoor (computers)
- eye: hidden
- face: mask (drop the mask), mask (hide)
- fox: ground (go to ground), holed up
- gambling: card (cards on the table), hold (close hold, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest)
- ground, terrain & land: bury (conceal), buried (concealment), ground (go to ground), hole (spider hole), holed up, open (in / into the open), uncover (v)
- hand: hold (close hold, etc.), vest (play something close to the vest)
- house: basement (concealment), closet
- hunting: ground (go to ground), holed up
- hygiene: clean (come clean), dirty laundry, launder (v), sanitize (v), sanitized, scrub (remove)
- infrastructure: facade (n), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- key: lock (lock something away), lock (under lock and key)
- light & dark: day (the light of day), light (shed light), shadow (concealment), shadowy, sunlight (concealment), transparency, transparent
- love, courtship and marriage: infidelity (n)
- mixture: blend in (v)
- orientation: underbelly, underside (n)
- river: undercurrent (n)
- shadow: shadow (concealment), shadowy
- skeleton: skeleton (skeleton in the closet)
- sports & games: card (cards on the table), hold (close hold, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest)
- stomach: underbelly, underside (n)
- theater: backstage (adj), behind-the-scenes, curtain (pull back the curtain), scene (behind the scenes)
- tools & technology: black box (n)
- verb: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), betray (v), blend in (v), bury (conceal), cat (bell the cat), clean (come clean), cloak (conceal), come out (v), cover up (v), dredge up (v), erase (v), ground (go to ground), hide (hide behind something), launder (v), lay (lay bare), light (shed light), lock (lock something away), mask (hide), reveal (v), sanitize (v), scrub (remove), surface (bring to the surface), uncover (v), whitewash (v), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- verb to noun: reveal (big reveal, etc.)
- water: surface (under the surface), surface (bring to the surface)
- writing & spelling: erase (v), erased

## **CONDITION & STATUS (1) (see also ability & lack of ability; functioning)**

- blade: honed, sharp
- blood: pulse (n)
- breathing: wheezing (condition)
- cloth: done and dusted, tatters (in tatters)
- clothing & accessories: tatters (in tatters)
- death & life: alive (status), alive (alive and well), dead (status), dead (dead on arrival), dead (dead in the water), last rites (n), life support (on life support), live (alive), moribund (adj)
- fish: dead (dead in the water)
- health & medicine: ailing (adj), anemic (adj), atrophy (v), basket case, bill of health, clean (addiction), dead (dead on arrival), diseased, exhausted (adj), exhaustion (n), handicapped, health (condition), healthy

(condition), hurting, last rites (n), life support (on life support), moribund (adj), prognosis (n), robust (adj), sclerotic (adj), shape (condition), sick (condition), sluggish (adj), test (stress test), unhealthy (condition), weary (condition), well (health), wheezing (condition), wounded (adj)

- hygiene: clean (addiction)
- journeys & trips: go (progress)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- knife: honed, sharp
- materials & substances: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other)
- mental health: troubled
- movement: dead (dead in the water), go (progress), limp (v), ongoing (investigation, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: atrophy (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- verb: go (progress), knee (bring to one's knees), limp (v)
- walking, running & jumping: limp (v)

## **CONFIGURATION (1)**

- animal: dovetail (v), nestled, sardined
- arm: hug (configuration)
- astronomy: constellation (n), orbit (n)
- bird: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v)
- blanket: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- boundary: bounded
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (n), carpeted
- chain: chain (configuration)
- cloth: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, fringe (configuration), fringed, shrouded (covered), tucked, wraparound
- clothing & accessories: cloaked (covered), necklace (n), skirt (configuration)
- cooking: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- container: package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- fish: sardined
- flying & falling: hover (numbers)
- food & drink: pancake (v), pancake (n), pancaked, sandwiched, spaghetti (snarl)
- infrastructure: built, built in, built-in
- island: archipelago (n)
- leg: straddle (configuration)
- letters & characters: punctuate (configuration)
- light & dark: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- line: straddle (configuration)
- mark: dot (v), dotted (arrangement), speckled (configuration)
- materials & substances: marbled
- pendulum: suspended
- plant: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- pressure: sardined, squeeze (fit), squeezed (fitted)
- rain: sprinkle (v), sprinkled (configuration)
- sea: archipelago (n), pearl (string of pearls)
- shadow: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)

- shape: ringed (circled)
- sports & games: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: sprawling (adj), straddle (configuration)
- verb: blanket (v), dot (v), dovetail (v), hover (numbers), hug (configuration), pancake (v), perch (v), punctuate (v), skirt (configuration), sprinkle (v), squeeze (fit), straddle (configuration)
- weapon: scattershot (adj)
- wedge: wedged
- waste: littered

## **CONFLICT (1) (see also dominance & submission; resistance, opposition & defeat)**

- air: turbulence
- allusion: cold war, Gandhi, Gandhian, Lawrence (T.E.)
- animal: back (off one's back), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v), bear (bear pit), bearbaiting, blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), dogfight, growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), head-to-head, horn (lock horns), hornet's nest, roll over (v), snake pit
- atmosphere: turbulence
- back: back (off one's back), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v)
- blade: stab (v)
- blood: blood (bad blood), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), bloodbath, blood sport (n)
- boat: shot (shot across the bow)
- boxing: bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), come (come out swinging), glove (the gloves are off), hitter (heavy hitter), jab (n), spar (v), square off (v), swing (take a swing), slug (slug something out), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), uppercutting
- character & personality: mercenary
- crashes & collisions: collide (v), course (on a collision course)
- crime: hit (mob hit)
- death & life: hit (mob hit)
- direction: side (conflict)
- dog: back (get one's back up, etc.), dogfight, hackles (raise hackles), roll over (v)
- epithet: Gandhi, Lawrence (T.E.), Stalingrad (epithet)
- explosion: blowup (conflict), fireworks (conflict)
- eye: blink (v)
- face: face (conflict)
- farming & adjective: slash-and-burn (adj)
- film: match (death match)
- fire: fire (conflict), flame (conflict), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj)
- fist: hitter (heavy hitter)
- football: football (n)
- fortification: siege (under siege)
- gesture: blink (v)
- ground, terrain & land: turf (turf war, etc.)
- hair: hackles (raise hackles)
- hardness & softness: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- history: arena (in / inside the arena), cold war, gladiator (n), joust (v), jousting, match (death match), Stalingrad (epithet), wagon (circle the wagons), warpath (on the warpath), warrior (n)
- horn: head (butt heads), head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- infrastructure: arena (in / inside the arena)



- insect: hornet's nest
- love, courtship & marriage: honeymoon
- Middle Ages: gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet), joust (v), jousting
- military: attack (under attack, etc.), battle (v), battle (n), battle cry, battleground, ceasefire (n), combat (v), embattled, enemy (conflict), force (show of force), fray (above the fray), fray (conflict), front (conflict), last-ditch (adj), line (battle lines, etc.), rebellion (n), scorched-earth, siege (under siege), skirmish, Stalingrad (epithet), truce (n), war (at war), war (conflict), warfare (n), zone (combat zone)
- Native Americans: wagon (circle the wagons), warpath (on the warpath)
- person: fighter (street fighter), gladiator (n), warrior (n)
- physics: friction (conflict)
- pressure: blowup (conflict)
- shape: vicious circle
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: war of nerves
- smell: stink (raise a stink)
- snake: snake pit
- sound: clamor (v), clash (n), clash (v), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), outcry (n), uproar (controversy)
- speech: fireworks (conflict)
- sports & games: arena (in / inside the arena), blood sport (n), football (n), hitter (heavy hitter), match (death match), tug of war
- standing, sitting & lying: standoff (n)
- storm: storm (in the storm), storm (conflict)
- sword: sword (cross swords), sword (at swords' points)
- temperature: cold war
- toe: toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)
- verb: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), battle (v), blink (v), blood (smell blood), clash (v), collide (v), combat (v), fight (v), fire (a question, etc.), gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), horn (lock horns), joust (v), roll over (v), slug (slug something out), spar (v), square off (v), stink (raise a stink), swing (take a swing), sword (cross swords), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), wagon (circle the wagons)
- violence: bear (bear pit), bearbaiting, bloodbath, feud (n), fighter (street fighter), gladiator (n), vendetta, warrior (n)
- water: turbulence
- weapon: arm (up in arms), attack (under attack, etc.), blowup (conflict), crossfire (n), duel (n), dueling (adj), fire (a question, etc.), outduel (v), shoot-out (n), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot)

**CONFRONTING, DEALING WITH & IGNORING THINGS (1) (see also action, inaction & delay; avoidance & separation; attraction & repulsion; division & connection; eagerness & reluctance; reconciliation, resolution & conclusion; responsibility)**

- allusion: frog (frog in boiling water)
- animal: frog (frog in boiling water)
- arm: toss back (v)
- ball: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- bodily process: flinch (v)
- bridge: bridge (cross that bridge)
- clothing & accessories: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- direction: bypass (v), come forward (v), end run (n), go (let something go), go around (v), man up (v), retreat (withdraw), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- ear: ear (turn a deaf ear)

- eye: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blind spot, blink (v), eye (turn a blind eye), look (look the other way), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)
- face: face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face (in the face of), face up (face up to something)
- football: end run (n), punt (v), tackle (v)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- gesture: shrug (gesture), shrug off (v)
- ground, terrain & land: dust (collect dust)
- hand: grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handling
- health & medicine: triage (n)
- height: rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- horse: shy (shy away)
- journeys & trips: bridge (cross that bridge), can (kick the can down the road), go (not go there), road (go down that road, etc.), road (push something down the road)
- military: AWOL, retreat (withdraw)
- movement: bypass (v), end run (n), go (not go there), go around (v), road (go down that road, etc.), sidestep (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: above (above the fray, etc.)
- river: bridge (cross that bridge)
- sports & games: ball (ball in somebody's court), end run (n), field (v), grapple (v), juggle (v), juggling, tackle (v), wrestle (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean in (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v)
- teeth: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- temperature: frog (frog in boiling water)
- verb: bridge (cross that bridge), bypass (v), can (kick the can down the road), come forward (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), dust (collect dust), eye (turn a blind eye), face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face up (face up to something), flinch (v), go (let something go), go around (v), grapple (v), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), juggle (v), lean in (v), look (look the other way), put up with (v), punt (v), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.), road (push something down the road), shrug off (v), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), step in (v), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v), toss back (v), wrestle (v)
- walking, running & jumping: bypass (v), can (kick the can down the road), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), go around (v), road (push something down the road), sidestep (v), step in (v), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v)
- water: frog (frog in boiling water)
- wrestling: grapple (v), wrestle (v)

## CONSCIOUSNESS & AWARENESS (1)

- addiction: opiate (n)
- alcohol: black out (v)
- allusion: frog (frog in boiling water), road (road to Damascus)
- animal: frog (frog in boiling water), sheep (consciousness)
- astronomy: black hole
- atmosphere: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness), drift (consciousness)
- Bible: road (road to Damascus)
- cloud: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness)
- color: black out (v)
- creature: giant (sleeping giant)
- day: dawn (v)

- direction: come (see something coming), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- ear: deaf, ear (fall on deaf ears)
- eye: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blinded, blinder (n), blindsided, blind spot, clear-eyed (adj), envision (v), eye (open eyes, etc.), eye (closed eyes, etc.), eye-opening, eye-opener, eye-opening, see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), view (out of view)
- fog: fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- fruits & vegetables: vegetable (consciousness)
- ground, terrain & land: open (in / into the open)
- hand: hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)
- head: head (clear head)
- health & medicine: amnesia, conscious (aware), opiate (n)
- horse: blinder (n), blinkered (adj)
- journeys & trips: road (road to Damascus)
- light & dark: dark (in the dark), haze (perception), opaque (adj)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mechanism: wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- mirror: mirror (n)
- nose: nose (under somebody's nose)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot), blind (flying blind)
- radio: tune (stayed tuned)
- religion: road (road to Damascus)
- sensation: numb (adj)
- sheep: sheep (consciousness)
- size: giant (sleeping giant)
- sleep: asleep (adj), asleep (at the switch, etc.), awake (adj), awaken (awareness), awakening, nap (n), sleeping, sleepwalking, slumber (n), wake up (v), wake (wake-up call), woke (adj)
- snow & ice: blizzard (consciousness)
- speech: Aha! ("Aha" moment)
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball), game (get one's head into the game)
- temperature: frog (frog in boiling water)
- tools & technology: antenna, radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- train: asleep (asleep at the switch)
- verb: awaken (awareness), ball (take one's eye off the ball), black out (v), cloud (verb), come (see something coming), dawn (v), drift (consciousness), envision (v), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), keep up (awareness), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), sink (sink into a coma, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), wake up (v)
- walking, running & jumping: keep up (awareness)
- warning: wake-up call
- water: frog (frog in boiling water)
- weather: blizzard (consciousness), fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy

## **CONSTRAINT & LACK OF CONSTRAINT (1) (see also behavior; control & lack of control; restraint & lack of restraint)**

- access & lack of access: open (open marriage, etc.)
- animal: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, leash (on a leash), muzzle (v), rein (free rein), wild (run wild)
- arm: hold back (obstacle), overreach (v)
- bird: fly (constraint), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)

- boat: leeway (n)
- books & reading: book (by the book)
- boundary: limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overstep (v)
- boxing: box (box somebody into a corner)
- container: box (out / outside the box), boxed in (v), open-minded (adj), openness (n), pent-up (constrained)
- crime: Geneva Convention, handcuff (v), handcuffed, hostage, manacle (n), prisoner (constraint), shackle (n), unfettered, unshackle (v)
- dam: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- dog: leash (on a leash)
- flood: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- flying & falling: fly (constraint)
- ground, terrain & land: room (wiggle room)
- hand: hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed, loose (let loose)
- health & medicine: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- history: Geneva Convention
- horse: rein (free rein), unbridled
- infrastructure: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), spigot (n)
- justice: Geneva Convention
- leg: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- map: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- materials & substances: elastic, flexible (adj), rigid (constraint), supple (adj)
- mental health: straitjacket (n)
- money: budget (attention budget, etc.)
- movement: creep (mission creep, etc.)
- plane: envelope (push the envelope)
- river: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- rope: bind (constraint), bind (constrain), binding (adj), bound (constraint), slack (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: hidebound
- snow & ice: ice (put on ice)
- space: room (opportunity), room (space)
- speech: gag (n), loose (let loose), muffled
- sports & games: box (box somebody into a corner)
- temperature: ice (put on ice)
- verb: bind (constrain), envelope (push the envelope), fly (constraint), hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), hobble (v), hold back (obstacle), hostage (held hostage), jump (lines), limits (push something to its limits), loose (let loose), muzzle (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), unshackle (v), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- walking, running & jumping: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (lines), overstep (v)
- wall: wall (constraint)
- water: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), spigot (n)

## CONSUMPTION (1)

- animal: lap up (v)
- breathing: breathe (consume), inhale (v)
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- food & drink: appetite (appetite for fur, etc.), choke (v), consume (consumption), diet (n), digest (v), drink in (v), eat (consume), fed up, feed (fuel), feed (supply), feed (satisfy), feed (feed on / off / into something), gobble up (v), glutton (person), gorge (gorge on), hungry (adj), imbibe (v), insatiable (adj), lap up (v), palatable (adj), ravenous (adj), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), swallowed, taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of

freedom, etc.), taste (taste for violence, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), thirst (n), unsavory

- person: glutton (person)
- taste: palatable (adj), saccharine (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- tongue: lap up (v)
- verb: breathe (consume), consume (consumption), devour (devour the classics, etc.), digest (v), eat (consume), feed (fuel), feed (supply), gobble up (v), gorge (gorge on), imbibe (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), run out (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- walking, running & jumping: run out (v)
- water: absorb (books, culture, etc.)

## CONSUMPTION (2)

- time: time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (use time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: time (run out of time), time (waste time)

## CONTAINER (2)

- access & lack of access: bottle up (v), open up (access)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: out (want out)
- amount: bottomless (adj), brim (v), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: unpack (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: showcase (v), showcase (n)
- computer: locker (n)
- configuration: package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (out / outside the box), boxed in (v), open-minded (adj), openness (n), pent up (constrained)
- cost & benefit: jar (cookie jar)
- death & life: life (container)
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bottle up (v), drained (feeling), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), hold (hold something in), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pent-up (constrained)
- future: hold (future)
- heart: heart (container)
- idea: box (out / outside the box)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- involvement: get (get into something), in (in deep, etc.), into (involvement)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation)
- mind: close-minded (adj), mind (container), mind (open mind), open-minded
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- past & present: past (in the past), time capsule
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: time capsule
- pursuit, capture & escape: way (way out / escape)
- responsibility: lap (in the lap of)
- situation: bind (in a bind), box (situation), get out (escape), jam (situation), lap (lap of luxury), limbo (in limbo), out (want out), spot (in a tight spot, etc.), spot (tight spot, etc.), trap (Chinese finger trap), trouble (in trouble), way (way out / escape)
- speech: open up (emotions, speech, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: brim (v)

## CONTENT (1)

- farming & agriculture: fodder (n), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)

- food & drink: food (food for thought)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (political dirt, etc.)
- manufacturing: mill (grist for the mill), mill (gossip / rumor mill)
- plant: fodder, grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- wheat: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

### **CONTEXT (1) (see also analysis, interpretation & explanation; picture)**

- picture: picture (in the big picture)
- position: step (step back / perspective)
- theater: backdrop (against a backdrop)
- verb: step (step back / perspective)

### **CONTROL & LACK OF CONTROL (1) (see also behavior; constraint & lack of constraint; restraint & lack of restraint)**

- allusion: King Canute, Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- animal: harness (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), horse (hold your horses), leash (on a leash), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rogue, runaway, tame (v), tiger (n), wild (control)
- atmosphere: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- boat: adrift, drift (control), helm (at the helm), helm (other), rudderless, ship (tight ship, etc.)
- chess: check (in check), pawn (n)
- crime: hijack (v), hijacked, usurp (v)
- direction: adrift, top (on top / control)
- dog: leash (on a leash)
- engine: driver (in the driver's seat)
- epithet: Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- gate: gatekeeper
- ground, terrain & land: turf (control)
- hand: grip (in the grip), grip (control), hand (get out of hand), hand (upper hand), hand (in hand), hand (control), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), handled, handling, hands-off, hands-on, loosen (v)
- head: head (keep / lose one's head), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- health & medicine: knee-jerk (adj)
- history: cowboy (person), no man's land, wild West
- horse: harness (v), horse (hold your horses), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, unbridled
- justice: police (v)
- magic: hypnotize (v)
- materials & substances: putty (n), unglued
- mechanism: brake (control), lever (levers of power, etc.), wheel (asleep at the wheel), wheel (hand on the wheel)
- mental health: amok (run amok), berserk, crazy (behavior)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), marching orders, no man's land (war and violence)
- movement: brake (control), spin (out of control), spiral (out of control)
- person: cannon (loose cannon), chaperon (person), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj), police (thought police, etc.)
- plane: spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)
- puppet: puppet (control), puppeteer (n), string (pull strings)
- purses & wallets: pocket (in the pocket)
- religion: god (play god, etc.)
- royalty: ruled, usurp (v)
- sea: King Canute

- society: gatekeeper
- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flinch (v), knee-jerk (adj), reflex (n), twitch (quick-twitch)
- sleep: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- speech: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- sports & games: check (in check), free-for-all (control), pawn (n)
- storm: whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- temperature: hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- tide: King Canute
- tiger: tiger (n)
- tongue: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- train: train (runaway train)
- verb: flinch (v), hand (get out of hand), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), harness (v), head (keep / lose one's head), herd (v), herd (ride herd), hijack (v), horse (hold your horses), loosen (v), police (v), rein (rein in), shot (call the shots), spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.), string (pull strings), tame (v), usurp (v)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), runaway
- water: fluid (adj)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), shot (call the shots)
- wind: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)

## **CONTROL & LACK OF CONTROL (2)**

- alcohol: drunk (adj)
- behavior: control (behavior)
- fate, fortune & chance: control (out of one's control)
- feeling, emotion & effect: control (in control)
- restraint & lack of restraint: control (out of control), control (in control), control (under control)

## **COOKING (2) (see also food & drink; fruits & vegetables; meat; taste)**

- accusation & criticism: grill (v), skewer (v), skewered
- affliction: skewer (v), skewered
- attachment: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- configuration: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- creation & transformation: concoct (v), cook up (v), cooked up
- effect: stir (effect)
- fate, fortune & chance: frying pan
- feeling, emotion & effect: stir (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: half-baked (adj)
- identity & nature: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- initiation: stir (v), stir up (v)
- speech: mince (v), roast (v), skewer (v), skewered

## **CORNER (2)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: corner (in one's corner)
- alternatives & choices: corner (situation)
- area: corner (in remote corners, etc.)
- development: corner (turn the corner)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners)
- future: corner (around the corner)
- progress & lack of progress: corner (turn the corner)

- proximity: corner (around the corner)
- situation: corner (situation)

## **CORRUPTION (1) (see also affliction; predation)**

- air: miasma
- atmosphere: miasma
- direction: twist (v), twisted (corruption)
- environment: cesspool
- food & drink: curdle (v), fresh (adj), rot (v), rot (n), rotten (adj), sour (adj), sour (v), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- ground, terrain & land: swamp (fever swamp)
- health & medicine: contagion (n), corrupting, corruption (n), fester (v), infect (corrupt), infected, infection (corruption), sickness (n)
- hygiene: filthy (corruption)
- light & dark: shady (adj), tarnish (v), tarnished
- materials & substances: contaminate (v), contaminated, contamination, poison (v), taint (v), tainted
- plant: blight (v), blight (n), blighted
- shadow: shady (adj)
- size: stunted
- smell: cesspool, miasma, noxious (adj), stink (v)
- swamp: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- taste: sour (v), sour (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.)
- verb: blight (v), contaminate (v), curdle (corruption), infect (corrupt), poison (v), pollute (v), rot (v), sour (v), stink (v), swamp (drain the swamp), taint (v), tarnish (v), twist (v)
- water: pollute (v), polluted, swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)

## **COST & BENEFIT (1) (see also waste; worth & lack of worth)**

- container: jar (cookie jar)
- distance: mileage, way (go a long way)
- explosion: boom (jade boom, etc.)
- food & drink: gravy, gravy train, jar (cookie jar), meal ticket
- fruits & vegetables: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- gift: gift (benefit)
- letters & characters: plus (benefit)
- magic: curse (n)
- military: Pyrrhic victory
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: afford (v), bonanza (n), bottom line, capital (money), cash in (v), cost (v), cost (at a cost), cost (at all costs), costly (adj), dividend (pay dividends), expense (at the expense), gold rush, pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off, payoff, price (n), price tag, prize (n), prized, profit (v), reward (v), reward (n), rewarding, spend (energy, etc.), toll (n), toll (take a toll, etc.), worth
- religion: blessed, blessing (benefit), curse (n), graced, miracle (other)
- scale: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- sound: bang (bang for the buck)
- ticket: meal ticket
- tree: fruit (low-hanging fruit), windfall (n)
- verb: afford (v), cash in (v), cost (v), outweigh (cost and benefit), pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off (v), profit (v), reward (v), spend (spend energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.)
- weight: outweigh (cost and benefit)



## **COUNTRY (see place)**

## **COURAGE & LACK OF COURAGE (1) (see also strength & weakness)**

- animal: chicken-hearted, chicken (chicken out), lion (courage)
- back: backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- bird: chicken-hearted, chicken (chicken out)
- bodily process: flinch (v)
- heart: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- lion: lion (courage)
- person: lion (courage)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerve (courage)
- stomach: guts (courage)
- verb: brave (v), chicken (chicken out), flinch (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody)

## **COURSE (1) (see also direction)**

- journeys & trips: detour (n), direction (in a direction), direction (journey), journey (in one's journey), journey (on a journey), journey (n), passage, path (on the path), path (on a path), path (down a path), path (path of peace, etc.), path (path to / toward legalization, etc.), rite (rite of passage), road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road), road (long road), route (course), shortcut (n), way (along the way)

## **COVER (1)**

- blanket: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- breathing: smother (cover)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (n), carpeted
- cloth: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, shroud (n), shrouded (covered), wrapped (covered)
- clothing & accessories: cloaked (covered), veil (covering)
- umbrella: umbrella (under an umbrella), umbrella (other)
- verb: blanket (v), carpet (v), smother (cover)

## **COWS & CATTLE (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- character & personality: maverick (person)
- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- force: bull (bull in a china shop)
- idea: sacred cow
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sacred cow
- taking & removing: milk (v)
- worth & lack of worth: cow (cash cow)

## **CRASHES & COLLISIONS (2)**

- attraction & repulsion: hit (hit it off)
- conflict: collide (v), course (on a collision course)
- destruction: crash (crash down), shipwreck (n), wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: crash (population crash, etc.), crash-land (v), shipwreck (n), T-bone (v), T-boned, wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- functioning: crash (population crash, etc.)
- haste: crash (crash course, etc.)

## **CREATION & TRANSFORMATION (1)**

- allusion: Phoenix (myth), road (road to Damascus)
- animal: breed (create), breeding ground, spawn (v), spawned, web (spin a web)

- baby: stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- Bible: road (road to Damascus)
- birth: birth (creation), birthday (creation), birthed (created), born (creation), born-on (adj), germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), labor pains, midwife, spawn (v), stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- blade: carved out, carve out (v)
- bodily process: spit out (v)
- books & reading: author (person)
- cloth: embroider (v), patch (patch together), stitch together (v), weave (creation)
- clothing & transformation: cobble together (v)
- cooking: concoct (v), cook up (v), cooked up
- cows & cattle: calve (v), calving
- death & life: stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- direction: turn (transform), turn out (create)
- epithet: Edison (Thomas Alva), father (father of India, etc.), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), mother (mother of invention, etc.)
- family: brainchild, father (father of India, etc.), godfather, mother (mother of invention, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: plant (create), seed (n), sow (v)
- finger: finger (snap one's fingers)
- fire: Phoenix (myth)
- fish: spawn (v), spawned
- food & drink: hash out (v)
- gesture: finger (snap one's fingers)
- glacier: calve (v)
- hammer: hammer out (v), hammered out
- head: brainchild
- health & medicine: doctored
- infrastructure: architect, build (create), drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other), engineered
- insect: web (spin a web)
- journeys & trips: road (road to Damascus)
- knife: carved out, carve out (v)
- magic: finger (snap one's fingers)
- manufacturing: byproduct, churn out (v), fabricate (v), fabricated, fabrication, forge (v), forged, grind out (v), machine (publicity machine, etc.), making (creation), mill (n), mold (v), reshape (v), shape (v), shaped, strike (strike a deal, etc.)
- mechanism: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- money: coin (v), minted
- mouth: spit out (v)
- movement: spin-off (n)
- nuclear energy: breeder reactor (n)
- person: author (person)
- picture: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- plant: germinate (v), kernel (n), planted (create), seed (n), sow (v)
- pressure: squeeze (squeeze something for / from / out of something), wring (wring something from / out of something)
- religion: born-again, road (road to Damascus)
- sea: sea change (n)
- snow & ice: calve (v)

- sound: drum up
- speech: translate (v)
- spider: web (spin a web)
- tools & technology: churn out (v), grind out (v)
- verb: breed (create), build (create), calve (v), carve out (v), churn out (v), cobble together (v), coin (v), concoct (v), cook up (v), drum up (v), embroider (v), fabricate (v), forge (v), germinate (v), gestate (v), grind out (v), hammer out (verb), hash out (v), make up (v), mold (v), patch (patch together), plant (create), recast (v), reshape (v), shape (v), sow (v), spawn (v), spit out (v), squeeze (squeeze something for / from / out of something), stitch together (v), strike (strike a deal, etc.), translate (v), turn (transform), turn out (create), weaponize (v), weave (creation), wring (wring something from / out of something)
- weapon: weaponization (n), weaponize (v)

## CREATURE (2)

- ability & lack of ability: wizard (person), wizardry
- affliction: Frankenstein (product), monster (create a monster), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: demonization (n), demonized
- achievement, recognition & praise: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- activity: ghost town
- affliction: bedevil (v), bedeviled, bogeyman (n), demon (affliction), fury (creature), genie (initiation), ghost (memory), gremlin (n), haunt (v), haunted, monster (affliction), specter (n)
- amelioration & renewal: exorcise (v)
- appearance: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: ghost (verb), ghost (ghost ship, etc.), phantom
- behavior: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), zombie (behavior)
- character & personality: angel, creature (creature of habit, etc.), devil (behavior), sphinx (n), witch (n)
- characterization: demonization (n), demonized
- computer: troll (computers), unicorn (rarity), zombie (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: ghostwriter (n)
- consciousness & awareness: giant (sleeping giant)
- creature: ghost (bury the ghost)
- destruction: heart (knife in the heart, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: exorcise (v)
- epithet: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: demonic (adj), haunting, spook (v), spooked
- fantasy & reality: ghost (fantasy and delusion), heffalump (creature), phantom
- help & assistance: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.)
- identity & nature: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- importance & significance: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- initiation: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), worm (can of worms)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), wizard (person), wizardry
- oppression: pitchfork (oppression)
- power: giant (sleeping giant)
- presence & absence: ghost town
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ghost (ghost signs, etc.)
- product: Frankenstein (product)
- proper name: angel (Guardian Angels, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), elf (Elves Chamber, etc.), fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), giant (Giants Causeway, etc.), monster (Monster.com, etc.), troll (Troll Wall, etc.)
- oppression: witch hunt

- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bury (bury the ghosts, etc.), exorcise (v)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ghost (ghost children, etc.)
- shape: angel (snow angel)
- size: behemoth, giant (size), leviathan (n), monster (size), titan (n)
- subterfuge: ghostwriter (n)
- superlative: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), angel (superlative)
- taxonomy & classification: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: creature comfort
- worth & lack of worth: unicorn (rarity)

## **CRIME (2)**

- amount: mob (group)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: steal (steal the show, etc.)
- behavior: mob (group)
- concealment & lack of concealment: search (strip search)
- conflict: hit (mob hit)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention, handcuff (v), handcuffed, hostage, manacle (n), prisoner (constraint), shackle (n), unfettered, unshackle (v)
- control & lack of control: hijack (v), usurp (v)
- crime: poach (v)
- group, set & collection: mob (group)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- possession: hijack (v), hijacked, usurp (v)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), piracy, pirate (person), plundered, poach (v), poached, rob (v), robbed, robbery (n), steal (steal customers, etc.), usurp (v)

## **CURTAILMENT (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)**

- blade: cut off (v)
- books & reading: book (close the book)
- cards: fold (v)
- death & life: kill (v), kill off (v)
- direction: take down (v)
- fire: snuff (v)
- hand: break off (v)
- infrastructure: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- mechanism: shut down (v)
- water: dissolve (terminate)
- verb: book (close the book), break off (v), cut off (v), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), fold (v), kill (v), kill off (v), plug (pull the plug), shut down (v), snuff (v), take down (v)
- water: plug (pull the plug)

## **DAM (2) (see also infrastructure) (see also flood; river)**

- amount: reservoir (amount)
- amount & effect: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgates (other)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- driving force: powerhouse
- obstacles & impedance: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- portal: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- power: powerhouse

- source: reservoir (source)
- strength & weakness: powerhouse

## **DANGER (1) (see also decline; destruction; failure, accident & impairment; flaws & lack of flaws; predation; success & failure)**

- allusion: Scylla and Charybdis
- animal: hornet's nest, sitting duck, snake pit
- bird: sitting duck
- blade: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- boat: lighthouse, rock (on the rocks), shoal (n), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- bodily process: sigh (sigh of relief)
- breathing: sigh (sigh of relief)
- color: zone (red zone, etc.)
- electricity: rail (third rail)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- explosion: bomb (danger), booby trap, landmine, minefield, powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- eye: evil eye
- forest: woods (out of the woods)
- ground, terrain & land: jungle (competition), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- hair: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- hunting: pitfall (n), trap (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Scylla and Charybdis
- insect: hornet's nest
- journeys & trips: woods (out of the woods)
- jungle: jungle (competition)
- military: bomb (danger), booby trap, landmine, minefield, powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- mountains & hills: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- place: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- route: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- sea: lighthouse, rock (on the rocks), shoal (n), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: zone (red zone, etc.)
- snake: snake pit
- speech: tongue (danger)
- teeth: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- tongue: tongue (danger)
- train: rail (third rail)
- verb: tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: landmine, minefield, pitfall (n), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- water: waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- weapon: bomb (danger), booby trap, landmine, minefield, powder keg, tripwire (danger)

## **DAY (2)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: heyday (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: day (at the end of the day)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day (day has arrived, etc.), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- comprehension & lack of comprehension: dawn (v)
- death & life: night (death)
- decline: twilight (in the twilight)
- fate, fortune & chance: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- future: day (new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), tomorrow (future)

- growth & development: day (early days)
- past & present: day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day), day (these days), day (those days), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (modern day), old (of old), today (n), yesterday (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day), day (those days), day (have one's day), day (glory days), heyday (n), latest (most recent), sun (currency and obsolescence), twilight (in the twilight)
- proximity: eve (on the eve)
- speed: overnight
- starting, going, continuing & ending: dawn (from / since the dawn), dawn (n), day (new day), day (early days)
- superlative: Christmas
- timeliness and lack of timeliness: day (early / late in the day), late (timeliness), morning (early in the morning)

## DEATH & LIFE (1)

- blood: blood (blood represents life)
- container: life (container)
- day: night (death)
- direction: fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen)
- epithet: killer (silent killer, etc.)
- heart: heartbeat (n), heart (beating heart)
- infrastructure: life (life is a building)
- justice: capital punishment, death (death sentence)
- movement: passing (death)
- religion: last rites (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (blood represents life), cradle (symbol), grave (symbol), night (death)
- sound: heartbeat (n), heart (beating heart)

## DEATH & LIFE (2)

- activity: alive (activity), alive (come alive), hibernation (in hibernation), life (spring to life)
- age: young (adj)
- amelioration & renewal: alive (come alive), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), reinvigorate (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: autopsy (analysis), dissect (v), post-mortem (analysis)
- appearance & disappearance: lose (extinction), vanishing (disappearance)
- bases: lifeblood
- condition & status: alive (status), alive (alive and well), dead (status), dead (dead on arrival), dead (dead on arrival), last rites (n), life support (on life support), live (alive), moribund (adj)
- conflict: hit (mob hit)
- creation & transformation: stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- curtailment: kill (v), kill off (v)
- decline: cat (dead-cat bounce), death (decline), die down (v), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell)
- destruction: coup de grace (deathblow), deadly (adj), deathblow, death warrant, flatline (v), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (destruction), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), kill (v), kill off (v), kiss of death, knell (death knell), knife (knife in the heart), suicide (career suicide, etc.)
- epithet: graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- euphemism: dust (bite the dust), fallen (the fallen), feet (feet first), lose (through death), lost (death), pass away (v), passing (death), place (resting place)
- failure, accident & impairment: flatline (v)

- fate, fortune & chance: coup de grace (deathblow), death (cheat death), death warrant, doomed, funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), kiss of death, noose (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: deadening (effect), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), killjoy (person), knife (knife in the heart)
- foot: feet (feet first)
- functioning: dead (functioning)
- growth & development: age (come of age), mature (v), maturity, stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.), young (adj)
- hyperbole: death (to death), die (hyperbole)
- initiation: life (spring to life)
- mechanism: life (mechanism, etc.)
- neck: neck (save one's neck)
- person: survivor (person)
- place: grave (place), graveyard (place), live (location)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell), live on (v), living (adj), vanishing (disappearance)
- searching & discovery: exhume (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: alive (status), coup de grace (deathblow), dead (dead in the water), die (survival), die out (end), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell), life (spring to life), live (alive), live on (v), suicide (career suicide, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: alive (come alive), flesh and blood, life (bring to life)
- success & failure: kill (verb / accomplishment), stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: alive (keep something alive), die (survival), life (survival), life (give life), lifeline, live (live with something), live on (v), rescue (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), save (v)

## **DECLINE (1) (see also increase & decrease; destruction)**

- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.), cat (dead-cat bounce)
- astronomy: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), star (decline), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- blade: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- burial: knell (death knell)
- cat: cat (dead-cat bounce)
- day: twilight (in the twilight)
- death & life: cat (dead-cat bounce), death (decline), die down (v), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell)
- direction: bottom (hit bottom), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), descend (v), descent (decline), dive (n), down (decline), downfall (n), drop (v), downhill, downturn (n), drop, fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (n), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall on / upon), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), falloff (n), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), low (decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), race (race to the bottom), sag (v), sink (decline), slide (n), slide (v), slip (v), slump (v), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- erosion: crumble (v), erode, eroding, erosion
- fire: burn out (v), burnout (n), die (die down)
- flying & falling: free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease)
- ground, terrain & land: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rock-bottom (adj)
- health & medicine: life support (on life support)
- history: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other)

- infrastructure: gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- knife: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- ground, terrain & land: precipitous (adj), sinkhole (n)
- light & dark: dim (decline), fade (v), star (decline), twilight (in the twilight)
- mechanism: grind (grind down)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- mountains & hills: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), downhill, hill (over the hill), precipitous (adj)
- movement: slide (n), slide (v), stagnant (adj), stagnate (v) tailspin (in a tailspin)
- plane: crater (v), nosedive (v / decline), nosedive (n / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- plant: shrivel (v), wilt (v), wither (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: fall (n)
- sea: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb), washed-up (adj)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- size: shrink (decline)
- sound: knell (death knell)
- sports & games: race (race to the bottom)
- star: star (decline)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- tide: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb)
- verb: burn out (v), crater (v), crumble (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), descend (v), die down (v), dim (decline), ebb (decline), eclipse (v), erode (v), fade (v), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), grind (grind down), nosedive (verb / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), shrink (decline), shrivel (v), sink (decline), slide (v), slip (v), slump (v), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), stagnate (v), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), wane (v), wilt (v)
- walking, running & jumping: race (race to the bottom), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- water: stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), washed-up (adjective), sag (v)
- wave: washed-up (adj)

## DEPENDENCY (1)

- addiction: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- baby: babysitter (role), nanny (person), wean (v)
- family: babysitter (role), nanny (person)
- health & medicine: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency), crutch (n)
- mechanism: wheel (training wheels)
- person: babysitter (role), nanny (person), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- riding: ride (ride on something)
- verb: wean (v)

## DESERT (2)

- environment: desert (environment), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.)
- epithet: ship (ship of the desert)
- proper name: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- resemblance: desert (environment)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert (food desert, etc.)

## DESTRUCTION (1) (see also danger; decline; failure, accident & impairment; flaws & lack of flaws; success & failure)

- air: puncture (v)
- allusion: Armageddon, kiss of death, holocaust, vandal (n)
- animal: carcass (n), devour (destroy), eat (destroy), nibble (destroy), trample (v), trampled



- atmosphere: puncture (v)
- baby: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- back: back (break the back)
- Bible: Armageddon, kiss of death
- blade: dagger, heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- boat: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shipwreck (n), shoal (n), sink (destroy), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- breaking: tear apart (v)
- breathing: strangled, strangulation
- burial: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (destruction), knell (death knell)
- crashes & collisions: crash (crash down), shipwreck (n), wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- creature: heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- death & life: coup de grace (deathblow), deadly (adj), deathblow, death warrant, flatline (v), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (destruction), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), kill (v), kill off (v), kiss of death, knell (death knell), knife (knife in the heart), suicide (career suicide, etc.)
- direction: bring down (v), crash (crash down), downfall (n), fell (v), topple (v)
- epithet: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: topple (v)
- erosion: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration
- explosion: blasted apart, blow up (destroy / disrupt), explode (destroy), implode (v), self-destructive (adj)
- farming & agriculture: slash-and-burn (adj)
- fire: ashes, extinguish (v), Phoenix (myth), slash-and-burn (adj), snuff (v)
- food & drink: cannibalized, consume (destroy), devour (destroy), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, nibble (destroy)
- foot: stamp out (v), trample (v), trampled
- ground, terrain & land: abyss (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge), precipice (at the precipice)
- hand: crush (destroy), crush (feeling and emotion)
- health & medicine: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), pill (poison pill)
- heart: heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- history: Chernobyl, holocaust, vandal (n)
- house: roof (a roof can cave in)
- hunting: gut (destroy)
- infrastructure: buckle (give way), collapse (n), crash (crash down), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), ruin (verb), ruin (in ruins), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- knife: dagger, heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- manufacturing: unmaking (destruction)
- materials & substances: shatter (v), shattered, shattering
- mechanism: break (destroy), break down (destroy)
- military: sabotage (v), sabotaged, scorched-earth, waste (lay waste)
- mountains & hills: abyss (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge), precipice (at the precipice)
- nuclear energy: Chernobyl, meltdown (n)
- paper: tear up (v)
- person: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), vandal (n), wreck (person)
- place: Chernobyl
- predation: consume (destroy), devour (destroy), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, nibble (destroy)

- religion: kiss of death
- roof: roof (a roof can cave in)
- ruins: buckle (give way), collapse (n), crash (crash down), damage (n), debris, destruction (n), roof (a roof can cave in), rubble (in the rubble), rubble (other), ruin (v), ruin (in ruins), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, topple (v), tumble down (v), waste (lay waste), wreck (v), wreck (persons), wreckage (n), wrecked, wrecking ball (n)
- sea: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shoal (n), sink (destroy), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- season: winter (nuclear winter, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: lacerate (v)
- sound: knell (death knell)
- stomach: gut (destroy)
- tools & technology: bulldoze (v), steamroll (v), wrecking ball (n)
- train: wreck (train wreck)
- verb: back (break the back), blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy), brink down (v), buckle (give way), break down (destroy), bulldoze (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), consume (destroy), crash (crash down), crumble (v), crush (destroy), crush (feeling and emotion), devour (destroy), disintegrate (v), drain (go down the drain), eat (destroy), eviscerate (v), extinguish (v), fell (v), flatline (v), gut (destroy), implode (v), kill (v), kill off (v), lacerate (v), nibble (destroy), pipe (go down the pipes), puncture (v), ruin (v), sabotage (v), scupper (v), scuttle (v), shatter (v), sink (destroy), snuff (v), stamp out (v), steamroll (v), tear apart (v), tear up (v), topple (v), torpedo (v), trample (v), tube (go down the tubes), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), wreck (v), wrench (throw a wrench)
- violence: coup de grace (deathblow), rape (v), rape (n)
- weapon: coup de grace (deathblow), deathblow

## **DESTRUCTION (2) (see also danger; decline; failure, accident & impairment; flaws & lack of flaws; predation; success & failure)**

- amelioration & renewal: piece (pick up the pieces)
- division & connection: torn
- feeling, emotion & effect: torn up
- resiliency: piece (pick up the pieces)

## **DEVELOPMENT (1)**

- astronomy: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- baseball: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- books & reading: book (close the book), book (development), chapter, page (development)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- cloth: unfold (develop), unfolding (developing)
- corner: corner (turn the corner)
- direction: come (something can come along), go (development), lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (n), pivotal, point (tipping point), roller coaster (development), see (see something coming), seesaw (n), swing (swing around), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point, turn out (develop), twist (n), ups and downs
- flying & falling: trajectory (n)
- food & drink: appetizer (n), main course
- health & medicine: head (come to a head)
- journeys & trips: course (development), hegira (and hejira), odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other), path (a path can turn), return (point of no return), road (turn in the road, etc.), saga (n), trajectory (n), turn (development)
- mechanism: pivotal, point (tipping point), turning point
- moon: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)

- movement: come (something can come along), go (development), lead (one thing leads to another), progress (v), roller coaster (development), stand (stand still / progress)
- odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal), swing (development)
- physics: trajectory (n)
- plane: land (plane lands)
- radio: tuned (stay tuned)
- religion: hejira (and hejira)
- rope: play (play / play out)
- scale: scale (tip the scales)
- sea: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.), wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- season: season (time)
- shape: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle)
- sports & games: game (game-changer), homestretch (n), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), roller coaster (development)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand still / development)
- storm: storm (calm before the storm)
- theater: act (development), climax (n), finale (n), script (to script), stage (set the stage)
- tide: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- verb: corner (turn the corner), go (development), land (plane lands), lead (one thing leads to another), play (play out), progress (v), scale (tip the scales), stage (set the stage), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), turn (take a turn), turn out (develop), unfold (develop), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- water: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- wave: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- weight: scale (tip the scales), stand (stand still / development), straw (the last straw)

## **DIFFICULTY, EASINESS & EFFORT (1)**

- allusion: cat (bell the cat), herculean (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, Sisyphean (adj)
- animal: beaver (v), cat (bell the cat)
- arm: push (summit push, etc.), pushover
- back: back (carry something on one's back), backbreaking
- baseball: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- basketball: full-court press, slam-dunk
- blood: blood (effort)
- boat: hand (all hands on deck), sail (sail to victory, etc.), sailing (smooth sailing)
- boundary: limits (push something to its limits)
- burden: back (carry something on one's back), drag (v)
- cat: cat (bell the cat)
- circus: acrobatics (n), tightrope
- corner: corner (cut corners)
- direction: hill (difficulty), uphill (difficult), upstream (swim upstream)
- distance: mile (the extra mile)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- explosion: blowout (n)
- farming & agriculture: plow (plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- finger: finger (lift a finger)
- food & drink: cakewalk (dance), picnic (n)
- fruits & vegetables: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- ground, terrain & land: rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)

- hand: hand (have one's hands full), hand (all hands on deck)
- history: Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, slave (v)
- horse: hands down (easily)
- journeys & trips: corner (cut corners), path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (long road), road (tough / easy road, etc.), shortcut (n), slog (long hard slog, etc.), way (go out of one's way)
- mechanism: gear up (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (daily grind, etc.), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), grinding (grind down)
- military: battle (uphill battle, etc.), last-ditch (adj)
- money: taxing (adj)
- mountains & hills: hill (difficulty), mountain (difficulty), Mount Everest (and Everest), uphill (difficult)
- movement: coast (attain), shortcut (n)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (attain)
- orientation: upstream (swim upstream)
- person: hand (all hands on deck)
- place: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- religion: heaven (move heaven and earth)
- river: upstream (swim upstream)
- snow & ice: sledding (tough sledding)
- sports & games: bar (bar is set high, etc.), full-court press, home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops), marathon (effort), slam-dunk, softball (n)
- speech: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- standing, sitting & lying: bend (bend over backwards)
- target: target (easy target)
- tongue: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- tree: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- verb: beaver (v), bend (bend over backwards), cat (bell the cat), coast (attain), drag (v), finger (lift a finger), gear up (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (grind down), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops), limits (push something to its limits), plow (plow through, etc.), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), slave (v), slog (v), stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (attain), way (go out of one's way)
- walking, running & jumping: marathon (effort), park (walk in the park), scramble (v), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), walkover (n)
- weapon: target (easy target)
- weight: back (carry something on one's back)

## **DIRECTION (1) (see also course)**

- allusion: breadcrumb
- astronomy: lodestar, lodestone
- boat: adrift, chart (v), lighthouse, navigate (v), navigation, sea (at sea), rudderless, tack (v), tack (n)
- fire: beacon (n)
- foot: footstep (in the footsteps)
- ground, terrain & land: landmark, negotiate (terrain, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (know one's way around)
- infrastructure: lighthouse
- journeys & trips: beacon (n), bearing (direction), chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (course of action, etc.), course (direction), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), guide (person), guide (nonperson), head (into the future), headed, landmark, lead (one thing leads to another), light (guiding light), lodestar, lodestone, lost (direction), mislead (v), misleading, navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), plot (v), road

(turn in the road, etc.), stray (direction), uncharted (adj), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (direction), way (the wrong way), way (know one's way around)

- light & dark: light (guiding light), lighthouse
- map: navigate (v), plot (v), uncharted (adj)
- movement: follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), head (into the future), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), move (direction)
- person: guide (person)
- sea: lighthouse, sea (at sea), uncharted (adj)
- shape: corkscrew (v), corkscrew (shape)
- sheep: bellwether
- tools & technology: bearing (direction), compass (moral compass), lodestone
- train: track (direction), track (on track)
- verb: chart (v), corkscrew (v), course (change course, etc.), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), head (into the future), meander (v), mislead (v), move (direction), negotiate (terrain, etc.), plot (v), stray (direction), tack (v), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way)

## **DIRECTION (2) (see also position)**

- acceptance & rejection: turn down (v)
- accusation & criticism: come down on (v), take down (v), takedown (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: apex (achievement), elevate (v), elevation (n), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rise (rising), top (on / at / to the top)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bring around (v), down (down for something), go (go along), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person), turn (turn against / on something), up (up for something)
- alternatives & choices: turn (turn to something, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: straighten out (v), turn around (v)
- amount: bottomless (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: bottom (get to the bottom of something), drill (analysis)
- appearance & disappearance: arise (v), come forward (v), come up (appearance), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), pop up (v), turn out (rally), turnout
- appearance & reality: underneath (reality)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory)
- attempt: go (go for something), go (have a go at something)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v)
- bases: behind (basis), bottom (get to the bottom of something), underlie, underlying
- behavior: above (above the fray, etc.), aboveboard, beneath (that's beneath you, etc.), descend (v), fall down (v), fray (above the fray), go (behavior), ground (high ground), gutter (in the gutter), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), rise (rise above something), road (the high road), sink (behavior), standard (higher standard), stoop (behavior), straight (the straight and narrow), straight arrow (person), stray (behavior)
- center & periphery: fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), foreground (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory)
- character & personality: buoyant (personality), crooked, high-minded (adj), shifty (adj), straight (honest), straight (the straight and narrow), straightforward, straight arrow, twisted (character), upstanding
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: circle back (v), come back (v), comeback (n), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (come and go), turnover (work)
- commitment & determination: down (down for something), go (go for something), live up to (something), up (up for something)
- competition: ahead (competition), dust (leave somebody in the dust)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hide (hide behind something), netherworld (n), underground, underworld

- conflict: side (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bypass (v), come forward (v), end run (n), go (let something go), go around (v), man up (v), retreat (withdraw), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: come (see something coming), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- control & lack of control: adrift, top (on top / control)
- corruption: twist (v), twisted (corruption)
- creation & transformation: turn (transform), turn out (create)
- curtailment: take down (v)
- death & life: fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen)
- decline: bottom (hit bottom), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), descend (v), descent (decline), dive (n), down (decline), downfall (n), drop (v), downhill, downturn (n), drop, fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (n), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall on / upon), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), falloff (n), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), low (decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), race (race to the bottom), sag (v), sink (decline), slide (n), slide (v), slip (v), slump (v), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- destruction: bring down (v), crash (crash down), downfall (n), fell (v), topple (v)
- development: come (something can come along), go (development), lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (n), pivotal, point (tipping point), roller coaster (development), see (see something coming), seesaw (n), swing (swing around), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point, turn out (develop), twist (n), ups and downs
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hill (difficulty), uphill (difficult), upstream (swim upstream)
- direction: roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, step down (v), strike down (v), topple (v)
- division & connection: polarizing (adj), side (conflict)
- environment: netherworld (n), underground, underworld
- extent & scope: bottomless (adj), direction (in every direction), stratospheric
- failure, accident & impairment: astray (direction), fall through (v), sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), south (go south), stray (behavior), stray (direction), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), turn (wrong turn), west (go west)
- feeling, emotion & effect: buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyant (personality), buoyed, depression, down (feeling), downhearted, fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall (an emotion can fall), fall (fall in love), feeling (sinking feeling), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), head (keep one's head up), heart (heart sank), high (on a high), high (emotion), high-spirited, lift (n), lift (v), raise (feeling), retreat (withdraw), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), slide (v), up (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: downside (n)
- functioning: down (functioning)
- future: ahead (future), approach (v), approaching, before (future), come (future), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on, coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), forward (future), front (in front / future), head (into the future), headed, lie (lie ahead), look (look forward to something, etc.), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), train (future)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: turn in (give)
- growth & development: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arise (v), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the ascent), ascent, rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise (on the rise), top (on / at / to the top)
- heart: downhearted, heart (heart sank)
- help & assistance: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)
- hierarchy: basement (hierarchy), ladder (hierarchy), tier (hierarchy)

- importance & significance: burner (front burner), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), front (front and center)
- increase & decrease: boost (v), boost (n), ceiling (high point), climb (increase), dial (dial down), dip (n), elevated, floor (low point), heighten (v), jack up (v), level (take something to a higher level), level off (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rise (on the rise), rocket (increase), roller coaster (development), soar (v), skyrocket (increase), slip (v), spiral (downward or upward), spiraling (increase), stratospheric, up (increase), up (higher), upsurge (n), uptick (n), upturn (n), yo-yo (up and down)
- involvement: get (get into something), leave (leave something alone)
- mind: high-minded (adj)
- movement: go (direction)
- obstacles & impedance: bypass (v), end zone, go around (v), hump (n)
- occurrence: fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), fall (silence fell, etc.)
- oppression: fall (weight)
- orientation: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), nose (orientation), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.), tail (orientation), upstage (v), upstream (swim upstream)
- past & present: back (go back in time, etc.), backwards (past), behind (in the past), circle back (v), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), hindsight (with hindsight), look (look back), throwback (n), walk (walk somebody back), yesteryear
- perception, perspective & point of view: forward-looking
- person: guide (person)
- position, policy & negotiation: back (back and forth), give-and-take
- possession: fall (fall into the hands, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the descent), ascent (other), bottom (hit bottom), bring down (v), descent (decline), downfall (n), fall (fall from power, etc.), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), height (at the height), in (currency), out (currency), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, plunge (noun / decline), return (animals, etc.), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), step down (v), strike down (v), throwback (n), top (on / at / to the top), topple (v)
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), front (front and center), front burner
- progress & lack of progress: adrift, advance (v), advance (n), ahead (progress), ahead (adv), ahead (get ahead, etc.), backwards (progress), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), left behind (progress), look up, march (march ahead, etc.), move (move up), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), runaround, setback (progress), tail (chase one's tail), wind (wind its way)
- proximity: front (in front / proximity)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: behind (put something behind), bottom (get to the bottom of something), go (let something go)
- reputation: high (high regard)
- resiliency: behind (put something behind), head (keep one's head up), pick (pick oneself up)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: fall (defeat), uprising (resistance)
- responsibility: fall (devolve), live up to (something), man up (v)
- reversal: about-face (in an about-face), about-face, about-turn, backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), boomerang (v), climb down (v), course (reverse course), flip (v), flip-flopping (reversal), overturn (v), overturned, pivot (n), retreat (reverse), row (row back), turnabout (reversal), turn around (v), turnaround
- route: climb (roads, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: go-ahead, ground (high ground), high (on high)
- searching & discovery: bottom (get to the bottom of something), come up with (discovery)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: crooked, straight (honest)

- social interaction: go (go along)
- society: netherworld (n), underground, underworld
- speech: shooter (straight shooter), straight-talking
- starting, going, continuing & ending: drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out, ahead (go ahead, etc.), level off (v), step down (v)
- strategy: bypass (v), go around (v)
- subterfuge: aboveboard, bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), shifty (adj), table (under the table), underhand (or underhanded)
- success & failure: fall (fall short), fall down (v), fall through (v), let down (fail)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: buoyed, sink (sink into debt, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: fall (fall into a category, etc.)
- time: go (time), side (on one's side / time), time (time has passed)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (past time), up (your time is up, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: go (go along)
- warning: heads-up (warning)

## **DIRECTING (1)**

- animal: drive (v), goad (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v)
- boat: pilot (v), steward (role)
- circus: ringmaster (person)
- food & drink: feed (direct)
- health & medicine: inject (v), injection (n)
- journeys & trips: guide (v), shepherd (v), take (take somebody somewhere)
- mechanism: steer (v)
- music: orchestrate (v), orchestrated
- person: ringmaster (person), steward (role)
- plane: steward (role)
- pumped: pumped (directed)
- sea: lighthouse
- sheep: shepherd (v)
- speech: goad (v)
- sports & games: coach (v)
- theater: stage (v), staged (directed)
- tide: surge (transitive verb)
- train: steward (role)
- verb: channel (direct), drive (v), feed (direct), funnel (v), goad (v), guide (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v), inject (v), orchestrate (v), pilot (v), plow (put), pour (put), pump (direct), shepherd (v), steer (v), shot (call the shots), siphon (v), stage (v), surge (transitive verb), take (take somebody somewhere), whip (violence)
- violence: goad (v), whip (violence)
- water: channel (direct), channeled, drip-fed (v), funnel (direct), infusion (n), pour (put), pump (direct), pumped (directed), siphon (v), surge (transitive verb)
- weapon: shot (call the shots)
- whip: whip (violence)

## **DISMISSAL, REMOVAL & RESIGNATION (1) (see also inclusion & exclusion)**

- air: filter (v)
- animal: pasture (put out to pasture), perch (knock something off its perch)
- arm: cast aside (v), pushed (pushed out), throw out (v), toss out (v)



- atmosphere: wind (throw something to the wind)
- ax: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (n), cut (v), slash (v), slash-and-burn (adj), trim (v)
- bird: perch (knock something off its perch)
- blade: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (n), cut (v), cut off (v), scrape (v), shave (removal), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- boat: jettison (v), jettisoned
- books & reading: shelve (v)
- breathing: blow off (v)
- burden: pull out (v)
- cards: discard (v), fold (v)
- clothing & accessories: boot (get the boot), boot out (v), strip (v), stripped
- creature: exorcise
- direction: drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, step down (v), strike down (v), topple (v)
- doors & thresholds: door (shown the door, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: topple (v)
- farming & agriculture: prune (v), weed out (v), slash-and-burn (adj)
- fire: slash-and-burn (adj)
- foot: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- hair: shave (removal), shed (v)
- hand: brush (brush off), brush-off
- health & medicine: amputate (remove)
- horse: pasture (put out to pasture), unseat (v)
- hygiene: filter (v)
- infrastructure: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- insect: mothball (v)
- knife: cut (n), cut (v), scrape (v), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- leg: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- manufacturing: scrap (v), scrapped
- military: body count, coup (power), drummed out, guard (changing of the guard)
- movement: shake (remove)
- person: outcast (person)
- pile: dump (v), dumped
- plant: prune (v), root out (v), transplant (n), weed out (v), uprooted
- religion: exorcise (v)
- river: swept away (removal)
- royalty: dethrone (v)
- ruins: topple (v)
- sea: swept away (removal)
- society: banished, banishment (n), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, outcast (person), wilderness (in the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- sports & games: bench (v)
- table: table (off the table)
- throwing, putting & planting: outcast (person)
- tools & technology: ax (n), chainsaw (n)
- tree: root out (v), uprooted
- verb: bench (v), blow off (v), boot out (v), brush (brush off), cast aside (v), cut off (v), dethrone (v), discard (v), dismantle (v), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), dump (v), exorcise (v), erase (v), flush (remove), fold (v),

jettison (v), kick out (v), lift (amelioration), mothball (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pasture (put out to pasture), plug (pull the plug), pull out (v), prune (v), retire (v), root out (v), scrap (v), scrape (v), shake (remove), shave (removal), shed (v), shelve (v), slash (v), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v), strike down (v), strip (v), throw out (v), topple (v), toss out (v), trim (v), weed out (v), wind (throw something to the wind)

- walking, running & jumping: step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v)
- water: dissolve (terminate), dissolved, filter (v), flush (remove), plug (pull the plug), swept away (removal)
- weight: lift (amelioration)
- wind: wind (throw something to the wind)
- window: window (out the window)
- work & duty: retire (v)
- writing & spelling: erase (v), erased, write (write out)

## **DISRUPTION (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; help & assistance; sanctioning, authority & non-conformity; unanimity & consensus)**

- allusion: Jacobin
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- cards: deck (re-shuffle the deck)
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), shake-up (n), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- explosion: blow up (destroy / disrupt), grenade (disruption)
- foot: toe (step on toes)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- head: head (turn something on its head)
- history: Jacobin, revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v)
- horse: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- house: house (clean house)
- hygiene: house (clean house)
- mixture: scramble (disrupt)
- movement: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- orientation: head (turn something on its head), upend (v), upside down
- scale: balance (off balance)
- sensation: toe (step on toes)
- sound: rattle (disrupt), tumult (disruption)
- sports & games: game (game-changer)
- toe: toe (step on toes)
- verb: blow up (destroy / disrupt), head (turn something on its head), house (clean house), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), revolutionize (v), rock (v), roil (v), scramble (disrupt), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), toe (step on toes), upend (v)
- violence: Jacobin
- walking, running & jumping: reel (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- water: roil (v)

## **DISTANCE (1)**

- astronomy: light year

## **DISTANCE (2)**

- avoidance & separation: arm's length (at arm's length)

- behavior: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- cost & benefit: mileage, way (go a long way)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: mile (the extra mile)
- extent & scope: way (go a long way)
- future: way (a long way off)
- restraint & lack of restraint: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- time: long (time), long-run (adj), run (in / over the long run), way (a long way off)

## **DIVISION & CONNECTION (1) (see also acceptance & rejection; attraction & repulsion; avoidance & separation; inclusion & exclusion; relationship)**

- allusion: iron curtain, Maginot Line, Paradise Lost (allusion)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced, reach (reach out)
- astronomy: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n)
- atmosphere: drift (drift apart)
- boat: drift (drift apart)
- boundary: boundary (division), line (division), line (categories)
- bridge: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone
- cloth: intertwined, interwoven, knit (knit together), seamless, seamlessly, strand (connection), thread (connection), thread (v), tight-knit, weave together (v), woven
- destruction: torn
- direction: polarizing (adj), side (conflict)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- earthquake: fault (fault line)
- electricity: insulated, plugged in / into
- family: brother (n), brotherhood, kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (relationship), twin (relationship)
- farming & agriculture: silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- fence: fence (division)
- finger: touch (lose touch), touch (other)
- fortification: drawbridge (protection)
- gate: gate (society)
- ground, terrain & land: balkanization (n), barrier, chasm, crack (division), divide (n), fissure, gap (n), ground (common ground), ground (middle ground), rift (division)
- hand: hand in hand (go hand in hand)
- health & medicine: hip (joined at the hip)
- history: balkanization (n), iron curtain, Maginot Line
- insect: cocoon (isolation)
- island: insular (adj)
- leg: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- light & dark: daylight (division)
- line: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), line (division), line (categories), straddle (connect)
- love, courtship & marriage: divorce (n), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married
- materials & substances: fractured (separated), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.)
- military: drawbridge (protection), Maginot Line
- mechanism: rupture (n)
- number: common denominator
- pendulum: suspended
- prep, adv, adj, particle: apart (division), between (come between, etc.)

- proximity: daylight (division), distance (n)
- religion: cloistered, Paradise Lost (allusion), schism (n)
- river: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone
- rope: bind (connect), tie (v), tied, tie together (v)
- sea: gulf (division), insular (adj)
- shadow: daylight (division)
- snow & ice: ice (break the ice)
- society: caste
- standing, sitting & lying: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- temperature: ice (break the ice)
- tools & technology: connect (v), coupled, disconnect (n), hook up (connect), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- train: track (across the tracks, etc.)
- verb: bind (connect), bridge (v), connect (v), drift (drift apart), embrace (v), hook up (connect), ice (break the ice), knit (knit together), reach (reach out), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), straddle (connect), thread (v), tie (v), tie together (v), touch (lose touch), weave together (v), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- wall: wall (obstacle)
- wedge: wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- wind: drift (drift apart)

### **DIVISION (in an organization) (see also taxonomy & classification)**

- arm: arm (arm of an organization)
- bird: wing (division)
- family: parent (parent company, etc.)
- military: camp (n)

### **DOCUMENT (2)**

- amelioration & renewal: lease (lease on life)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: license (n), passport (n)

### **DOG (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- activity: bristle (v)
- affliction: bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dogged (hounded), heel (nip at somebody's heels), hounded (dogged)
- avoidance & separation: bay (at bay)
- behavior: rabid, rabidly
- character & personality: feisty (adj), hot dog (person)
- coercion & motivation: dog (attack dog), pit bull (dog)
- commitment & determination: dogged (determined), pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- competition: dog-eat-dog, pack (competition), underdog (competition)
- conflict: back (get one's back up, etc.), dogfight, hackles (raise hackles), roll over (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: leash (on a leash)
- control & lack of control: leash (on a leash)
- dominance & submission: lapdog, poodle (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: dog (dog won't hunt)
- enthusiasm: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bristle (v), hackles (raise hackles)
- hierarchy: top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- initiation: unleash (v), unleashed
- insult: dog (insult)

- predation: dog-eat-dog, heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- progress & lack of progress: tail (chase one's tail)
- protection & lack of protection: watchdog (n)
- punishment & recrimination: doghouse (in the doghouse)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), roll over (v)
- shape: dogleg (shape)
- situation: doghouse (in the doghouse)
- sound: bark (v)
- speech: bark (v)
- strength & weakness: underdog (competition)
- superiority & inferiority: underdog (competition)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)
- surveillance: watchdog (n)
- warning: watchdog (n)

### **DOMINANCE & SUBMISSION (1) (see also conflict; resistance, opposition & defeat; superiority & inferiority)**

- animal: back down (v), ground (hold / stand one's ground), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail)
- back: back down (v)
- dog: lapdog, poodle (n)
- eye: blink (v)
- gesture: back down (v), blink (v)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (hold / stand one's ground)
- hand: hand (upper hand)
- religion: bow (v), kowtow (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), cower (v), supine (adj)
- verb: back down (v), blink (v), bow (v), cower (v), kowtow (v), tail (turn tail)

### **DOORS & THRESHOLDS (2)**

- access & lack of access: door (access), foot (foot in the door), shut out (v)
- computer: trapdoor (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: trapdoor (computers)
- configuration: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exit (n), revolving door, usher in (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: door (shown the door, etc.)
- division & connection: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- measurement: threshold (below the threshold), threshold (measurement)
- opportunities & possibilities: door (opportunity), door (hold the door open, etc.), door (leave the door open), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)
- portal: door (portal), portal (entrance), threshold (cross the threshold), threshold (portal)
- proximity: door (knock at / on the door), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), threshold (on the threshold)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: door (closure)
- subterfuge: trapdoor (computers)

### **DRIVING FORCE (1) (see also force; oppression; power; superiority & inferiority)**

- atmosphere: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- blade: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- dam: powerhouse
- electricity: powerhouse (n)

- engine: drive (v), driver (in the driver's seat), engine (driving force)
- fist: fist (armored fist, etc.)
- horse: outrider (n)
- journeys & trips: pioneer (person), way (lead the way)
- military: charge (lead the charge), front line (on the front line), front line, point man (person), trench (in the trenches), vanguard, vanguard (in the vanguard), vanguard (other)
- person: pioneer (person), point man (person)
- sports & games: pace-setter
- tools & technology: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- train: train (hype train, etc.)
- verb: charge (lead the charge), drive (v), spearhead (v), way (lead the way)
- walking, running & jumping: pace-setter
- weapon: spear (tip of the spear), spearhead (v), spearhead (n)
- wedge: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- wind: wind (wind of change, etc.)

## **EAGERNESS & RELUCTANCE (1) (see also action, inaction & delay; avoidance & separation; confronting, dealing with & ignoring things)**

- animal: chops (lick one's chops), dog (dog won't hunt), pounce (v)
- bodily process: drool (v), mouthwatering (adj), salivate (v)
- burden: drag (drag somebody into something)
- dog: dog (dog won't hunt)
- food & drink: drool (v), hungry (adj), mouthwatering (adj), stomach (eagerness)
- foot: feet (cold feet), foot-dragging, heel (dig in one's heels)
- hand: handwringing (noun)
- heart: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted), heart (eagerness and reluctance)
- heel: heel (dig in one's heels)
- horse: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), horse (hold your horses)
- hunting: dog (dog won't hunt)
- journeys & trips: go (not go there), path (beat a path), road (go down that road, etc.)
- love, courtship & marriage: coy (adj), marriage (shotgun marriage), shy (adj)
- military: draft (v)
- mouth: chops (lick one's chops), salivate (v)
- movement: go (not go there), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), road (go down that road, etc.), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- sensation: itchy
- sex: slut (enthusiasm)
- sports & games: gun (jump the gun)
- stomach: stomach (eagerness)
- temperature: cold feet, lukewarm (adj)
- verb: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), draft (v), drag (drag somebody into something), drool (v), gun (jump the gun), heel (dig in one's heels), horse (hold your horses), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), path (beat a path), pounce (v), salivate (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- weapon: gun-shy

## **EAR (2)**

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear (have somebody's ear), ear (attention)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear (turn a deaf ear)

- consciousness & awareness: deaf, ear (fall on deaf ears)
- flaws & lack of flaws: tin-eared (adj)
- proper name: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- resemblance: ear (ear of corn, etc.)
- surveillance: ear (surveillance)

## **EARTH & WORLD (2)**

- area: sphere (in the sphere), world (exploration)
- character & personality: earthiness (character)
- computer: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other)
- environment: world (in the world), world (into a world), world (particular)
- extent & scope: earth (extent), world (extent)
- feeling, emotion & effect: world (on top of the world)
- fantasy & reality: world (fantasy)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: world (lost world)
- proper name: world (Disney World, etc.)
- searching & discovery: earth (extent)

## **EARTHQUAKE (2) (see also ground, terrain & land; landslide; mountains & hills, volcano)**

- amount & effect: earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), tectonic (adj), tremor (n)
- disruption: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- division & connection: fault (fault line)
- effect: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, tremor (n), upheaval (disruption)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), upheaval (disruption)
- evidence: tremor (n)
- extent & scope: earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), tectonic (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, upheaval (disruption)
- initiation: tremor (n)
- location: epicenter

## **EDUCATION (1)**

- epithet: Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), West Point (epithet)
- military: Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), West Point (epithet)
- school & education: Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), West Point (epithet)

## **EFFECT (1)**

- atmosphere: fallout (effect)
- boxing: punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- cooking: stir (effect)
- earthquake: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, tremor (n), upheaval (disruption)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- explosion: shock wave, wave (blast wave, etc.)
- force: impact (effect)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- house: home (hit home)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect)
- mark: mark (effect)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)
- sound: chord (strike a chord), repercussion (n), reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)

- verb: chord (strike a chord), home (hit home), needle (move the needle, etc.), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- volcano: tremor (n)
- water: ripple (v), ripple (n), splash (effect)
- weight: punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)

## **ELECTRICITY (2)**

- amelioration & renewal: battery (recharge one's batteries)
- attraction & repulsion: lightning rod
- avoidance & separation: insulated
- character & personality: live wire (person)
- comprehension & incomprehension: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- danger: rail (third rail)
- division & connection: insulated, plugged in / into
- driving force: powerhouse (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: short-circuit (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: amped (feeling), electric (feeling), electrify (v), galvanize (v), lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocker (n), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), thunderstruck (adj)
- increase & decrease: amp up (v), step up (increase)
- initiation: galvanize (v), spark plug
- isolation & remoteness: insulate (v), insulated, insulation
- power: powerhouse (n)
- protection & lack of protection: insulate (v), insulated, insulation
- strength & weakness: amped (strength), powerhouse (n)

## **EMPATHY & LACK OF EMPATHY (1)**

- boat: boat (in the same boat)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- feeling, emotion & effect: stone (heart of stone)
- heart: coldhearted (adj), heart (empathy), heartless, stone-hearted
- shoulder: shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)
- temperature: coldhearted (adj), coldly

## **ENGINE (2) (see also manufacturing; mechanism; tools & technology)**

- activity: overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- amelioration & renewal: tune-up (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- control & lack of control: driver (in the driver's seat)
- driving force: drive (v), driver (in the driver's seat), engine (driving force)
- failure, accident & impairment: flameout, flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled
- feeling, emotion & effect: revved (revved up)
- functioning: sputter (v), stall (v), stalled
- haste: gas (take one's foot off the gas)
- increase & decrease: rev up (v), turbocharge (v)
- initiation: jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v)
- power: turbocharge (v)
- progress & lack of progress: stall (v), stalled
- readiness & preparedness: tune-up (n)



- searching & discovery: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- speed: downshift (v), gas (take one's foot off the gas), turbocharge (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: downshift (v), flameout, flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v), stall (v), stalled, warmed-up
- strength & weakness: turbocharge (v)
- verb: turbocharge (v)

## ENTHUSIASM (1)

- addiction: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), addictive (adj), crave (v), fix (n), habit, high (enthusiasm), hooked, junkie (person)
- animal: bookworm, hound (autograph hound, etc.), pet (pet cause, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- books & reading: bookworm
- dog: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- fish: hooked
- feeling: baby
- food & drink: crave (v), glutton (person), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- health & medicine: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), bitten (enthusiasm), bug (enthusiasm), crave (v), delirious (adj), delirium (n), disease (enthusiasm), flu (enthusiasm), infection (enthusiasm), junkie (person), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n)
- love, courtship & marriage: fall (fall in love), infatuated (enthusiasm), romance (n)
- mental health: craze (n), crazed, crazy (enthusiasm), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n), obsessed
- object: thing (one's thing)
- person: acolyte (person), addict (chess addict, etc.), bookworm, cheerleader (person), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), glutton (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), junkie (person), missionary (person), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: into (be into something)
- rat: rat (lab rat, etc.)
- religion: acolyte (person), cathedral (other), church (n), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), religion (enthusiasm), pilgrimage (trip), shrine (reverence), worship (v)
- school & education: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- sensation: itch (enthusiasm)
- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, slut (enthusiasm)
- speech: pitch (promote)
- taste: distaste (n), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- verb: crave (v), pitch (promote), worship (v)

## ENVIRONMENT (1) (see also area; situation)

- air: air (environment), air (in the air), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (environment), weather (environment)
- allusion: Dantesque (adj), Dickensian, frog (frog in boiling water), never-never land, Promised Land
- animal: frog (frog in boiling water), hornet's nest, snake pit, zoo (environment)
- astronomy: firmament (n), universe
- atmosphere: air (environment), air (in the air), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (environment), weather (environment)
- Bible: Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- bird: incubator
- cloth: fabric (environment)
- container: cauldron (n), crucible (n)
- desert: desert, oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.)

- direction: netherworld (n), underground, underworld
- earth & world: sphere (in the sphere), world (in the world), world (into a world), world (particular)
- fire: cauldron (n), crucible (n), furnace (n)
- fish: fish (fish out of water), fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- ground, terrain & land: badlands (environment), contour (n), desert (environment), ecosystem (n), jungle (n), landscape (n), lay of the land, morass (n), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.), swamp (fever swamp), terrain (area), territory (area)
- heating water: cauldron (n)
- history: wild West
- hygiene: cesspool (n)
- insect: beehive (activity), hornet's nest
- island: island (island of affluence, etc.)
- jungle: jungle (competition)
- manufacturing: crucible (n)
- mental health: bedlam, snake pit, warehouse (neglect)
- military: no man's land (war and violence), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- pressure: pressure cooker
- religion: Dantesque (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), hell (living hell, etc.), hell (situation), hellhole, limbo (in limbo), paradise, Promised Land, purgatory (n)
- school & education: playground
- sea: island (island of affluence, etc.), sea (in a sea), sea (environment)
- snake: snake pit
- swamp: swamp (fever swamp)
- temperature: cauldron (n), crucible (n), frog (frog in boiling water), furnace (n)
- warehouse: warehouse (neglect)
- water: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), frog (frog in boiling water), sea (in a sea), sea (environment), swamp (fever swamp)
- weather & climate: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (environment), microclimate, weather (environment)
- zoo: zoo (environment)

## EPITHET (1)

- basketball: Michael Jordan (epithet)
- boat: ship (ship of state, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- boxing: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- creature: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- death & life: graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- family: father (father of India, etc.), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: rock (support)
- history: Lawrence (T.E.), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Stalingrad (epithet), Waterloo
- infrastructure: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)
- justice: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- magic: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- military: Lawrence (T.E.), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Stalingrad (epithet), Waterloo (epithet), West Point (epithet)
- mining: gold (black gold, etc.)
- money: Great Gatsby, Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)

- mountains & hills: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- place: Paris (epithet)
- religion: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.), Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
- royalty: king (King of Beers, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.)
- school & education: Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.)
- sea: pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), ship (ship of state, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- sports & games: Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.)
- volcano: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)

## EPITHET (2)

- ability & lack of ability: Kipling (Rudyard), Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- amount: Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: pied piper
- biodiversity: Amazon (epithet), Galapagos (epithet), lung (atmosphere), mother (Mother Nature), Noah's Ark, rainforest (epithet), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- canal: Venice (epithet)
- conflict: Lawrence (T.E.), Stalingrad (epithet)
- control & lack of control: Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- creation & transformation: Edison (Thomas Alva), father (father of India, etc.), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), mother (mother of invention, etc.)
- danger: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- death & life: killer (silent killer, etc.)
- destruction: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- education: Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), West Point (epithet)
- fate, fortune & chance: miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.)
- force: express (Pineapple Express, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: hermit (epithet), North Korea (epithet)
- knowledge & intelligence: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- migration: Ellis Island (epithet), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.)
- money: Great Gatsby, Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- oppression: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)
- origin: birthplace, cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- place: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- relationship: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), mother (mother earth)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- route: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), alley (Bat Alley, etc.), alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), alley (Death Alley, etc.), expressway (expressway to death, etc.), road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- ruins: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
- sequence: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- sex: Casanova
- size: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- steel: Ruhr Valley
- subterfuge: nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)

- superlative: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), capital (capital of crime, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Christmas, golden (golden girl, boy), king (King of Beers, etc.), Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.), Paris (epithet), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Super Bowl, team (dream team)
- transportation: ship (ship of the desert)
- violence: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)
- weather & climate: mother (Mother Nature)
- worth & lack of worth: gold (black gold, etc.)

## **EQUILIBRIUM & STABILITY (1)**

- boat: boat (rock the boat), keel (even keel), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), upheaval (disruption)
- foot: foot (one foot planted)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), footing (find one's footing, etc.), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), upheaval (disruption)
- orientation: upend (v), upside down
- scale: balance (v), balance (out of balance), balance (off balance), balance (work & job, etc.), balance (n), balanced, balance of power, counterbalance (n), disequilibrium (n), equilibrium (n)
- verb: balance (v), lurch (v), reel (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), stumble (v), trip up (v), upend (v)
- walking, running & jumping: footing (find one's footing, etc.), lurch (v), reel (v), stride (in stride), stumble (v), stumble (n), trip up (v)

## **EQUILIBRIUM & STABILITY (2) (see also foot; heel)**

- amelioration & renewal: counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), right (right a wrong, etc.), stabilize (v)
- character & personality: levelheaded
- commitment & determination: waver (v), unwavering (adj)
- destruction: topple (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: topple (v)
- disruption: balance (off balance), destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), shake-up (n), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- fate, fortune & chance: balance (hang in the balance), teeter (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), edge (on edge), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened, floored (emotion), head-spinning, rattled (feeling), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (feeling), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- flaws & lack of flaws: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), disequilibrium (n), shaky (equilibrium), solid (adj), sure-footed (adj), unstable (adj), wobbly (adj)
- functioning: stability (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: topple (v)
- readiness & preparedness: balance (off balance), poised (adj)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: settle down (v)
- reversal: overturn (v), overturned

## **EROSION (2)**

- decline: crumble (v), erode, eroding, erosion
- destruction: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration
- failure, accident & impairment: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration, erode (v), eroding, erosion

## **EUPHEMISM (1)**

- burial: place (resting place)
- death & life: fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen), feet (feet first), dust (bite the dust), lose (through death), lost (death), pass away (v), passing (death), place (resting place)

- sex: bedroom (sex), bee (the birds and the bees)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin (save one's skin)
- verb: dust (bite the dust), skin (save one's skin)

## **EVALUATION (see judgment)**

### **EVIDENCE (1) (see also message; warning)**

- activity: alight
- animal: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave), rat (smell a rat)
- atmosphere: cloud (sign), glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- bird: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- chemistry: litmus test
- cloud: cloud (sign)
- earthquake: tremor (n)
- finger: fingerprint
- fire: fire (evidence), smoke (evidence)
- health & medicine: symptom
- hunting: trail (digital trail, etc.)
- light & dark: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- mark: fingerprint, hallmark
- materials & substances: taint (n)
- mining: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- object: calling card
- picture: illustration
- rat: rat (smell a rat)
- sign, signal, symbol: sign (n), signal (v), signpost
- sound: chord (resemblance)
- smell: rat (smell a rat), smell (evidence), sniff out (v), stench (n), whiff (n), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- speech: hint (n), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), suggestion, telling
- verb: betray (v), reveal (v), signal (v), sniff out (v), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- volcano: tremor (n)
- weapon: smoking gun
- wind: wind (get / catch wind of something)
- writing & spelling: signature, written (written on it, etc.)

### **EXCLAMATION (2)**

- feeling, emotion & effect: wow (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: farewell (n)

### **EXPERIENCE (1)**

- animal: greenhorn (person)
- blood: blood (young blood, etc.)
- boat: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), wheelhouse (n)
- books & reading: story (war story)
- clothing & accessories: belt (under one's belt), hat (old hat)
- education: freshman (adj)
- eye: see (see action, etc.)
- food & drink: diet (n), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), treat (in for a treat)

- hand: old hand (experience)
- hardness & softness: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- horizon: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- horn: greenhorn (person)
- horse: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- infrastructure: alley (up one's alley), lane (experience)
- journeys & trips: go (go through something), road (down a road before)
- love, courtship & marriage: coming (coming out), debutant (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- meat: meat (fresh meat)
- mechanism: speed (up to speed)
- military: front line (on the front line), story (war story), stripe (n), trench (in the trenches), veteran (n), veteran (adj)
- movement: go (go through something), ride (rough ride, etc.), speed (up to speed)
- music: chops (expertise)
- person: adult (person), chaperon (person), greenhorn (person), grownup (person), stranger (no stranger)
- religion: baptism, baptized
- riding: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- rope: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- school & education: schooled
- sex: coming (coming out), debutant (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- sky: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- sports & games: varsity (n)
- story: story (war story)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), salt (sailor), seasoned (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- verb: go (go through something), see (see action, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.)
- water: baptism, baptized, depth (out of one's depth), feet (get one's feet wet)

## **EXPERIMENTATION (1)**

- animal: guinea pig
- atmosphere: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- balloon: float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- chemistry: experiment (n), litmus test
- flags & banners: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- foot: toe (dip one's toes)
- place: laboratory
- toe: toe (dip one's toes)
- verb: toe (dip one's toes), waters (test the waters)
- water: toe (dip one's toes), waters (test the waters)

## **EXPLOSION (2) (see also fortification; military; weapon)**

- activity: boom (jade boom, etc.), boom (increase), burst (activity)
- amelioration & renewal: defuse (v)
- amount & effect: blockbuster, bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), burst on / onto the scene, etc., explode (onto the scene, etc.)
- behavior: self-destructive (adj)
- character & personality: grenade (n), self-destructive (adj), time bomb (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: burst on / onto the scene, etc.

- computer: bomb (code bomb)
- conflict: blowup (conflict), fireworks (conflict)
- cost & benefit: boom (jade boom, etc.)
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, landmine, minefield, powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- destruction: blasted apart, blow up (destroy / disrupt), explode (destroy), implode (v), self-destructive (adj)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: blowout (n)
- disruption: blow up (destroy / disrupt), grenade (disruption)
- effect: shock wave, wave (blast wave, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: dud (n), fizzle (fizzle out)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blockbuster, blown away, blow up (emotion), bombshell (n), burst (burst into tears, etc.), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), go off (v), Molotov cocktail, set off (feeling and emotion), shellshocked, shock wave, stack (blow one's stack), steam (v), top (blow one's top)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bombproof
- increase & decrease: boom (increase), explode (increase), exploding, explosion (increase), explosive (increase), blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun)
- initiation: blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), burst (burst into violence, etc.), detonate (v), dynamite (n), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), explosion (violence, etc.), explosive (violence, etc.), fuse (n), go off (v), powder keg, set off (v), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (initiation), volatile
- power: explosive (power)
- resemblance: bomb (roach bomb, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blowback
- reversal: blowback, blow up (blow up in one's face), face (blow up in one's face)
- situation: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- sound: explosion (sound)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fizzle (fizzle out)
- success & failure: blockbuster, dud (n)

## **EXTENT & SCOPE (1) (see also amount)**

- arm: arm (long arm), far-reaching, reach (extent and scope), tentacle
- astronomy: light year
- atmosphere: sky-high, stratosphere, stratospheric
- bird: full-fledged (adj)
- blanket: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- boat: stem (from stem to stern)
- bodily process: yawning (adj)
- boundary: boundless
- cloth: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- direction: bottomless (adj), direction (in every direction), stratospheric
- distance: way (go a long way)
- earth & world: earth (extent), world (extent)
- earthquake: earthshaking (adj), seismic, tectonic
- fan: fan out (v)
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- flood: high-water (high-water mark)
- flying & falling: roof (through the roof)
- ground, terrain & land: earthshaking (adj), ground (cover ground)
- health & medicine: endemic (adj), epidemic
- horizon: horizon (extent and scope)

- house: roof (through the roof)
- map: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- materials & substances: stretch (extent)
- mechanism: full-on (adj)
- pendulum: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- plant: tendril (growth)
- roof: roof (through the roof)
- school & education: extracurricular
- sea: high tide
- size: go (go big), small-minded
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin-deep, surface (scratch the surface)
- sky: horizon (extent and scope), sky-high
- standing, sitting & lying: sprawling (adj)
- teeth: teeth (to the teeth)
- theater: dramatic (extent), dramatically
- tide: high tide
- tools & technology: compass (within / outside the compass)
- verb: deepen (v), go (go big), ground (cover ground), sound (measure), surface (scratch the surface)
- water: deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), depth (extent), shallow, sound (measure), stretch (extent)
- weapon: scattershot (adj)

## EYE (2)

- admiration & contempt: look (look up to somebody), look (look down on something), nose (look down one's nose)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: look (analysis), microscope (under a microscope)
- appearance: eye (for the eyes), eye (eye candy), eyesore
- appearance & disappearance: peek (v), view (out of view)
- appearance & reality: eye (appearance and reality)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye (public eye), eye (attention), eyeball (attention), eye-catching, focus (v), focus (n), microscope (under a microscope), view (out of view), view (attention)
- character & personality: eye (character and personality)
- commitment & determination: blind (disregarding evidence, logic), blindly
- comprehension & incomprehension: see (comprehension)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hidden
- conflict: blink (v)
- consciousness & awareness: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blinded, blindsided, blind spot, blinder (n), blinkered (adj), clear-eyed (adj), envision (v), eye (open eyes, etc.), eye (closed eyes, etc.), eye-opener, eye-opening, see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), view (out of view)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blind spot, blink (v), eye (turn a blind eye), look (look the other way), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)
- danger: evil eye
- dominance & submission: blink (v)
- experience: see (see action, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: blind (not controlled by intelligence)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blink (v), eyebrow (raise eyebrows), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eye-popping, eye-roll (dismissal)
- fictive meeting & seeing: see (a date can see something), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: black eye



- future: horizon (on the horizon), look (it looks like, etc.), look (look forward to something, etc.), myopia (n), myopic (adj), see (see something coming), see (future), sight (in sight)
- involvement: eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)
- occurrence: see (a date can see, etc.)
- past & present: look (look back)
- perception, perspective & point of view: blinder (n), eye (perception), see (perceive), view (v), view (in view), view (in somebody's view), view (opinion), viewed, vision (n), visionary (adj), worm's-eye (adj)
- perception, perspective & point of view: blinded, blind spot, blinkered (adj), farsighted, myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted, optics (n), shortsighted, view (perspective)
- progress & lack of progress: look up (v)
- proper name: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- proximity: sight (in sight)
- readiness & preparedness: blindsided
- reference: see (refer to)
- resemblance: eye (resemblance), peek (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: stare down (v), stare-down (n)
- revenge: eye (an eye for an eye)
- searching & discovery: look (look for), look (look into something)
- shape: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- sight: blind (hard to see, hidden), blind date, blinding, blind side (from the blind side), eye (v), eye (sight), eyeball (sight)
- social interaction: see (visit / meet)
- speed: blink (in the blink of an eye)
- subterfuge: eye (subterfuge), see (see through something), wink (n)
- surveillance: eagle eye, eye (surveillance)
- unanimity & consensus: eye (see eye to eye, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: eye (goal)

## FACE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: facelift
- appearance: baby (baby face, etc.), face (appearance), game (game face), poker-faced
- appearance & disappearance: face (in the face of)
- commitment & determination: game (game face)
- concealment & lack of concealment: mask (drop the mask), mask (hide)
- conflict: face (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face (in the face of), face up (face up to something)
- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced
- fictive meeting & seeing: face (face anger, etc.)
- identity & nature: faceless
- insult: face (slap in the face), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- face: frown (v), smile (v)
- representation: face (international face, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: face (in one's face), face (in the face of)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: frown (v), smile (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: face (concept)
- social interaction: face (concept), face-saving

## **FAILURE, ACCIDENT & IMPAIRMENT (1) (see also danger; decline; destruction; flaws & lack of flaws; success & failure)**

- allusion: Waterloo
- animal: astray (direction), straw (the last straw), stray (behavior), stray (direction)
- baby: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- ball: ball (drop the ball), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- baseball: strike out (v)
- birth: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- boat: aground (run aground), founder (v), rock (on the rocks), shipwreck (n), shoal (n)
- bodily process: hiccup (n)
- burden: strain (v)
- cards: overplay (v)
- cloth: fray (v), frayed, tatters (in tatters), unravel (fail)
- clothing & accessories: clotheslined, tatters (in tatters)
- crashes & collisions: crash (population crash, etc.), crash-land (v), shipwreck (n), T-bone (v), T-boned, wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- death & life: flatline (v)
- direction: astray (direction), down (functioning), fall through (v), sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), south (go south), stray (behavior), stray (direction), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), turn (wrong turn), west (go west)
- electricity: short-circuit (v)
- engine: flameout, flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled
- erosion: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration, erode (v), eroding, erosion
- explosion: dud (n), fizzle (fizzle out)
- film: dust (bite the dust)
- fire: flame (up in flames)
- fish: belly-up (adj), dead (dead in the water)
- football: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fruits & vegetables: banana (n), lemon (n)
- ground, terrain & land: crack (fall through the cracks, etc.)
- hand: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- head: head (down on one's head)
- health & medicine: malpractice (n), miscarriage (of justice, etc.), misdiagnose (v)
- history: Chernobyl, Waterloo
- horse: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- house: roof (a roof can cave in)
- infrastructure: buckle (give way), collapse (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), pothole (noun), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- journeys & trips: dead end, pothole (n), turn (wrong turn), way (lose one's way)
- letters & characters: T-bone (v), T-boned
- light & dark: tarnish (v), tarnished
- materials & substances: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), crack (v), fracture (failure), meltdown (n), snap (v), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), unglued
- meat: butcher (v)
- mechanism: break down (functioning), broken (failure), fall apart (v), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind down), grind (grind to a halt), gum up (v), rupture (n), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled, wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench)

- military: casualty (n), Waterloo
- mining: cave in (v), undermine (v)
- movement: falter (v), go (go wrong), momentum (lose momentum), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), turn (wrong turn)
- nuclear energy: Chernobyl, meltdown (n)
- person: wreck (person)
- place: Chernobyl
- plane: crash-land (v), flameout, flame out (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (functioning)
- roof: roof (a roof can cave in)
- ruins: buckle (give way), collapse (n), roof (a roof can cave in), tumble down (v), wreck (v), wreck (person)
- sea: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), shoal (n)
- shape: T-bone (v), T-boned
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: strain (v), stretch (v)
- sleep: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- speech: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- sports & games: ball (drop the ball), baton (drop the baton), belly flop (n), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled, goal (own goal), miscue (n), overplay (v), strike out (v)
- tongue: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- tools & technology: screw up (v)
- train: derail (v), derailed, rail (off the rails), train (failure), wreck (train wreck)
- verb: aground (run aground), ball (drop the ball), break down (functioning), crack (v), crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), buckle (give way), butcher (v), cave (cave in), crack (v), crash-land (v), crumble (v), derail (v), erode (v), fall apart (v), fizzle (fizzle out), flatline (v), founder (v), fray (v), fumble (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind down), grind (grind to a halt), gum up (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misdiagnose (v), overplay (v), pipe (go down the pipes), screw up (v), short-circuit (v), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), snap (v), sputter (v), stall (v), strain (v), stray (behavior), stray (direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), strike out (v), stumble (v), tarnish (v), trip up (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), tumble down (v), undermine (v), unravel (v), west (go west), wreck (v), wrench (throw a wrench)
- verb to noun: fail (a stunning fail, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: falter (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misstep (n), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), trip up (v)
- water: belly flop (n)
- weapon: dud (n)
- weight: straw (the last straw)

## **FAMILY (2)**

- accusation & criticism: scold (v)
- amount: twin (two)
- behavior: child (spoiled child)
- branching system: family tree
- creation & transformation: brainchild, father (father of India, etc.), godfather, mother (mother of invention, etc.)
- dependency: babysitter (role), nanny (person)
- division: parent (parent company, etc.)
- division & connection: brother (n), brotherhood, kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (relationship), twin (relationship)
- epithet: father (father of India, etc.), godfather (God father of Soul, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: kinship

- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- group, set & collection: brotherhood, family (gang / group)
- help & assistance: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, sister (big sister)
- identity & nature: child (product)
- origin: background
- person: brother (brother in arms, etc.), cousin (person), father (father of India, etc.), favorite son, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), sister (relationship), stepchild (weakness)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: legacy (obsolescence)
- product: daughter (n), offspring
- proper name: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.), sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.), twin (the Twins, etc.)
- relationship: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), brother (n), brotherhood, cousin (person), daughter (n), family (group), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), incestuous (adj), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), mother (mother earth), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (relationship), relative (relationship), sibling, sister (relationship), stepchild (weakness), stepmother (cruelty), twin (relationship)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- speech: mother tongue
- strength & weakness: stepchild (weakness)
- superlative: granddaddy, mother (superlative)
- taxonomy & classification: family (plants), family (animals), family (viruses), family (products), family (languages), generation (products, etc.)
- time: father (Father Time)
- transmission: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (obsolescence), legacy (effect), legacy (reputation)
- worth & lack of worth: favorite son, illegitimate (adj), stepchild (weakness)

## **FAN (2)**

- extent & scope: fan out (v)
- movement: fan out
- shape: fan (shape)

## **FANTASY & REALITY (1)**

- addiction: pipe dream, rabbit hole
- allusion: curiouser and curiouser, El Dorado, heffalump (creature), Kafkaesque (adj), never-never land, quixotic (adj), rabbit hole, Twilight Zone, Walter Mitty
- animal: rabbit hole
- creature: ghost (fantasy and delusion), heffalump (creature), phantom
- earth & world: world (fantasy)
- health & medicine: demented, dream (fever dream)
- history: El Dorado
- hole: rabbit hole
- magic: make-believe (n), make-believe (adj)
- mental health: delusion (under a delusion), delusion, demented, pipe dream, rabbit hole
- person: Kafkaesque, quixotic (adj), rabbit hole, Walter Mitty
- theater: theater of the absurd

## **FARMING & AGRICULTURE (2) (see also plant; tree; wheat)**

- appearance & disappearance: crop up
- configuration: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- conflict: slash-and-burn (adj)
- content: fodder (n), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- creation & transformation: plant (create), seed (n), sow (v)

- destruction: slash-and-burn (adj)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: plow (plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: prune (v), weed out (v), slash-and-burn (adj)
- division & connection: silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- feeling, emotion & effect: harrowing (adj)
- growth & development: cultivate (v), cultivated, fallow (adj), fruition (n), ground (fertile ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed, plant (create), seed (n), soil (fertile soil), sow (v)
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), groundbreaking
- isolation & remoteness: silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- place: bowl (rice bowl), bowl (salad bowl / agriculture), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)
- product: commodity, crop (n), farm (enterprise), fruit (product), reap (v), harvest (v), harvest (n), harvested
- searching & discovery: glean (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: plow (plow through, etc.)
- subterfuge: straw man (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: plant (put), plow (put), sow (v), sown (planted)
- work & duty: plow (plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- worth & lack of worth: commodity, fruitful (adj)

## **FATE, FORTUNE & CHANCE (1)**

- allusion: chalice (poisoned chalice), Faustian (adj), kiss of death, midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), Sword of Damocles
- animal: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), snake (snake-bit)
- astronomy: star (fate)
- atmosphere: sky (the sky can fall)
- ax: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other)
- Bible: handwriting (on the wall), kiss of death, writing (writing on the wall)
- blade: call (close call / danger), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), shave (close shave), sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- boundary: line (tread a line, etc.)
- breathing: breath (hold one's breath)
- bullet: bullet (dodge a bullet)
- burial: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave)
- cards: card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), hand (dealt a hand)
- circus: tightrope
- clock: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- cloth: thread (by a thread)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)
- cooking: frying pan
- control & lack of control: control (out of one's control)
- day: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- death & life: coup de grace (deathblow), death (cheat death), death warrant, doomed, funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), kiss of death, noose (fate)
- electricity: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- epithet: miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (hang in the balance), teeter (v)
- eye: blind (not controlled by intelligence)
- finger: finger (fingers crossed)
- fire: fire (play with fire), frying pan
- food & drink: chalice (poisoned chalice), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)

- football: Hail Mary
- gambling: card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), dice (n), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (n), gamble (v), lottery, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- gesture: finger (fingers crossed)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (from the brink), brinksmanship (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge), precipice (at the precipice), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- hair: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- hand: hand (fate)
- head: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- history: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- justice: reprieve (n)
- journeys & trips: path (cross paths), return (point of no return)
- lightning: lightning (fate)
- line: line (tread a line, etc.), line (on the line)
- love, courtship & marriage: flirt (v)
- magic: crystal ball, cursed, magic (trail magic, etc.), tea leaves
- mechanism: wheel (wheels of fate)
- military: last-ditch (adj)
- mountains & hills: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge), precipice (at the precipice), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- neck: neck (save one's neck), neck (fate)
- number: number (n), numbered
- predation: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)
- religion: cursed, god (mountain gods, etc.), Hail Mary, handwriting (on the wall), karma (fate), kiss of death, miracle (other), miraculous (adj), original sin, writing (writing on the wall)
- river: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- scale: balance (hang in the balance)
- shape: circle (a circle can close)
- sky: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate), sky (the sky can fall)
- snake: snake (snake-bit)
- snow & ice: ice (on thin ice)
- sports & games: card (in the cards), cards (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (v), gamble (n), game (guessing game), Hail Mary, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- star: star (fate)
- storm: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- sword: sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- tree: chip (chips fall, etc.), limb (go out on a limb)
- verb: breath (hold one's breath), bullet (dodge a bullet), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), finger (fingers crossed), fire (play with fire), flirt (v), gamble (v), grave (dig one's grave), head (hold something over one's head), limb (go out on a limb), line (tread a line, etc.), path (cross paths), shoe (a shoe can drop or fall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), teeter (v)
- violence: coup de grace (deathblow), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: leap (commitment), line (tread a line, etc.)
- weapon: bullet (dodge a bullet), coup de grace (deathblow), gun (under the gun), long shot, Russian roulette, shot (chance)
- writing & spelling: handwriting (on the wall), spell (spell disaster, etc.)

## **FATNESS & THINNESS (2)**

- ability & lack of ability: lean (size)
- size: bloated (size), lean (size), slender (adj), slim (small)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fat (adj), lean (insufficiency)

## **FEELING, EMOTION & EFFECT (1)**

- addiction: addictive (adj), narcotic
- air: air (breath of fresh air), deflate (emotion), deflated, pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- alcohol: drunk (adj), hangover, intoxicate (v), intoxicated, intoxicating, sober (v), sober (adj), sobering
- allusion: stoic (adj)
- animal: bask (v), bristle (v), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), gnaw (v), gnawing, hackles (raise hackles), ruffled (feathers), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- arm: hold back (restraint)
- atmosphere: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other), air (breath of fresh air), bask (v), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, fallout (effect), pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- bird: eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- blade: cut (cut both ways), dagger, double-edged (sword), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- blood: blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), livid (adj), mist (red mist), vein (ice in one's veins)
- boat: stack (blow one's stack)
- bodily process: breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), eye-roll (dismissal), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), goosebumps, retch (v), sigh (sigh of relief), sweat (feeling), teeth (gnash one's teeth), yawn (n)
- bottle: bottle up (v)
- boxing: blow (body blow), punch (effect)
- breathing: breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), sigh (sigh of relief), suffocating
- burden: straw (the last straw)
- burial: pall (cast a pall)
- cards: poker-faced
- chemistry: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), corrosive (adj)
- cloth: pall (cast a pall)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- cloud: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- color: black (feeling), blue (feeling), green (green with envy), livid (adj)
- container: bottle up (v), drained (feeling), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), hold (hold something in), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pent-up (constrained)
- control & lack of control: control (in control)
- cooking: stir (effect)
- creature: demonic (adj), haunting, spook (v), spooked
- death & life: deadening (effect), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), killjoy (person), knife (knife in the heart)
- destruction: torn up
- direction: buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyant (personality), buoyed, depression, down (feeling), downhearted, fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall (an emotion can fall), fall (fall in love), feeling (sinking feeling), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), head (keep one's head up), heart (heart sank), high (on a high), high (emotion), high-spirited, lift (n), lift (v), raise (feeling), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), slide (v), up (feeling), retreat (withdraw)

- dog: bristle (v), hackles (raise hackles)
- earthquake: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, upheaval (disruption)
- earth & world: world (on top of the world)
- electricity: amped (feeling), electric (feeling), electrify (v), galvanize (v), lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocker (n), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), thunderstruck (adj)
- engine: revved (revved up)
- equilibrium & stability: destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), edge (on edge), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened (emotion), floored (emotion), head-spinning, rattled (feeling), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (feeling), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- exclamation: wow (v)
- explosion: blockbuster, blown away, blow up (emotion), bombshell (n), burst (burst into tears, etc.), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), go off (v), Molotov cocktail, set off (feeling and emotion), shellshocked, shock wave, stack (blow one's stack), steam (v), top (blow one's top)
- eye: blink (v), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyebrow (raise eyebrows), eye-popping, eye-roll (dismissal)
- face: poker-faced
- family: kinship
- farming & agriculture: harrowing (adj)
- finger: nail-biting, touch (v), touching (adj)
- fire: burned (hurt), burning (burning desire, etc.), burn out (v), burnout (n), consume (emotions), consumed, fire (on fire / feeling), fire (fire and desire, etc.), fired up, firebrand, fume (v), incendiary, scorching (adj), searing (adj)
- fist: beating (take a beating), blow (bitter blow, etc.), hit (effect), punch (effect), smitten (effect), striking (adj), struck (effect), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- flying & falling: fly (fly into a rage, etc.)
- food & drink: bitter (personality), bittersweet, devoured, eaten alive, fed up, savor, taste (a bad taste, etc.)
- foot: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), teeth (kick in the teeth), toe (step on toes)
- force: crush (love), crushed, daze (in a daze), hit (effect), smitten (effect), struck (effect), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- functioning: broken (feeling), broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (broken heart), heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken, paralyzed (feeling)
- gesture: eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyebrow (raise eyebrows), eye-roll (dismissal), hat (hold on to your hat), jaw (jaw-dropper, etc.), jaw (jaw-dropping), nail-biting (fingernails)
- gambling: poker-faced
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- hair: bristle (v), hackles (raise hackles), hair-raising
- hand: crush (feeling and emotion), gripped, handwringing (n), hold (hold something in)
- hardness & softness: harden (feelings), hardened
- hat: hat (hold on to your hat)
- head: coolheaded (adj), head (keep / lose one's head), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- health & medicine: addictive (adj), anodyne (adj), bromide (n), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), crippling, febrile (adj), heartsick, injury, narcotic, nostrum (n), painful (adj), paralyzed (feeling), pill (bitter pill), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), sick (disgusted), sick (other), soothe (sensation), tonic (effect)
- heart: broken-hearted, coldhearted (adj), downhearted, heart (miscellaneous), heart (heart sank), heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (heavy heart), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heartache, heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartfelt, heartsick, heart-stopping, heartthrob, heartwarming (adj), heart-wrenching, heavy-hearted (adj), knife (knife in the heart), light-hearted (adj)
- heating water: boiling point, boil over (v), seethe (v)



- height: raise (feeling)
- hole: hole (feeling)
- house: home (feel at home), home (hit home), home (close to home), welcome (welcome news, etc.)
- hunting: gutted (feeling)
- insect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), stinging (adj), stung (feeling)
- journeys & trips: follow (follow a feeling or emotion)
- key: lock (lock something away)
- knife: cut (cut both ways), dagger, heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), stab (sensation)
- light & dark: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), day (dark day), dazzle (v), dim (feeling), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), illuminating (adj), scintillating (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.), sunny
- lightning: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: crush (love), swoon (v)
- magic: charm (v), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), entranced, magic (effect), magic (magic moment, etc.), magical (effect), mesmerizing (adj), spell (under a spell), spell (cast a spell), spellbinding, spellbound
- mark: bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dent (n), mark (effect)
- materials & substances: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), crack (verb / emotion), eggshell (walking on eggshells), fragile (feelings), meltdown (n), noxious (adj), poisonous (adj), shattering, snap (v), stick (emotion), toxic (adj), unglued, shatter (v), vitriol (n)
- mechanism: breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), broken (feeling), button (push a button), button (panic button), button (hot button), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), heart (a broken heart, etc.), pump up (v), turned off, turned on, turn on (v), turn-off (disgust), turn-on, wind down (relax), wound (tightly wound)
- mental health: emptiness (depression), empty (depression), possessed
- military: retreat (withdraw)
- movement: carry (carry me away, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), pulsating (adj), slide (v)
- Native Americans: trail (trail of tears)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect)
- person: firebrand (person), hothead (person), killjoy (person)
- plant: withering (adj)
- predation: devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (feeling), up (feeling)
- pressure: blow up (emotion), decompression, explode (emotion), pressure (under pressure), pressure (n), pressured, pressure-filled, steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), vent (v)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distance (feeling)
- pump: pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- religion: dispirited (adj), godforsaken, hellish (adj), miraculous (adj), paradisiacal (adj), possessed, spirit (feeling)
- river: run (run deep / high / strong), swept away (emotion)
- rocket: ballistic (go ballistic)
- rope: rope (at the end of one's rope)
- rubbing & washing: scoured
- sea: swept away (emotion), wave (effect)
- sensation: abrasive (adj), blistering, blow (bitter blow, etc.), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), burned (hurt), burning (burning desire, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), grate (v), gut-wrenching (adj), heartache, heartfelt, heartthrob, heart-wrenching, hurt (feeling and emotion), irritant, irritated, irritating, irritation, numb (adj), painful (adj), pinch (n), raw (adj), rub (rub somebody the wrong way, sensitive (adj), shoe (a stone in the shoe),

smart (v), soothe (sensation), sore (sensation), stinging (adj), stoic (adj), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stung (feeling), thick-skinned, thin-skinned, toe (step on toes), wrenching (adj)

- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- shadow: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- shape: vicious circle
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerve (anxiety), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, skin (feeling), skin (jump out of one's skin), sore (sensation), thick-skinned, thin-skinned, touchy (adj)
- sky: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other)
- sleep: nightmare (n), nightmare (worst nightmare), nightmarish (adj), tired (adj), weary (condition)
- smell: noxious (adj)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- snow & ice: frosty (adj), ice (break the ice), ice-cold
- sound: alarm (feeling), bang (with a bang), bang (bang for the buck), chord (strike a chord), echo (verb / effect), echo (noun / effect), note (on a note), note (note of caution, etc.), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), thunderstruck (adj)
- speech: saccharine (adj)
- sports & games: domino (n), domino (domino effect)
- storm: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- stomach: gut (n), gutted (feeling), gut-wrenching (adj), stomach (turn one's stomach)
- sword: double-edged (sword), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- taste: bitter (personality), bittersweet, saccharine (adj), savor (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- teeth: gnaw (v), gnawing, teeth (gnash one's teeth), teeth (kick in the teeth)
- temperature: bask (v), boil (initiation), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), boiling point, boil over (v), button (hot button), chill (feeling), chilling (adj), chilly, cold (feeling), coldhearted (adj), coldly, cool (cool off, etc.), cool (feeling), coolly (adverb), cozy (adj), febrile (adj), frosty (adj), heartwarming (adj), heat (in the heat of passion, etc.), heated (emotion), heatedly, hot (controversial), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj), hotly, ice (break the ice), ice-cold, incendiary (speech), lukewarm (adj), overheated (adj), scorching (adj), seethe (v), steam (v), temperature (raise the temperature), tepid, vein (ice in one's veins), warm (v), warm (adj), warmly, warmth
- theater: drama (tense drama, etc.), dramatic (the dramatic), dramatic (effect), farce (n), melodrama (n), melodramatic (adj), tragedy (n)
- toe: toe (step on toes)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- transportation: carry (carry me away, etc.)
- verb: bask (v), beating (take a beating), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), bottle up (v), break down (feeling), bristle (v), bruise (v), buoy (v), burn out (v), burst (burst into tears, etc.), button (push a button), carry (carry me away, etc.), charm (v), chord (strike a chord), consume (emotions), cool (cool off, etc.), crack (verb / emotion), crush (feeling and emotion), dampen (v), darken (v), dazzle (v), deflate (emotion), dim (feeling), dissolve (emotions), echo (verb / effect), electrify (v), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fire up (v), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), fume (v), galvanize (v), gnaw (v), go off (v), grate (v), hackles (raise hackles), harden (feelings), hat (hold on to your hat), head (keep / lose one's head), head (keep one's head up), hit (effect), hold (hold something in), hold back (restraint), home (hit home), home (feel at home), hurt (feeling and emotion), ice (break the ice), intoxicate (v), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lift (v), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), lock (lock something away), needle (move the needle, etc.), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pall (cast a pall), raise (feeling), resonate (v), retch (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rock (v), roil (v), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), savor (v), seethe (v), set off (feeling and emotion), shake (disrupt), shatter (v), shock (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), slide (v), smart (v), snap (v), sober (v), soothe (sensation), spell (cast a

spell), spook (v), stack (blow one's stack), stagger (v), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), stomach (turn one's stomach), stick (emotion), stun (v), stung (feeling), swoon (v), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword), teeth (gnash one's teeth), temperature (raise the temperature), toe (step on toes), top (blow one's top), touch (v), turn on (v), unwind (v), vent (v), warm (v), wind down (relax), wow (v)

- violence: punch (effect), torturous
- volcano: top (blow one's top), vent (v), volcanic
- water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyed, dampen (v), dissolve (emotions), drained (feeling), drip (drip-drip), ripple (n), ripple (v), roil (v), seethe (v), splash (effect), swept away (emotion), wave (effect)
- wave: wave (effect)
- weapon: blockbuster, blown away, blow up (emotion), explode (emotion), shrapnel (n), smitten (effect)
- weight: heart (heavy heart), heavy (emotion), heavy-hearted (adj), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), light-hearted (adj), straw (the last straw)
- wind: hat (hold on to your hat)

## **FENCE (2)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-straddling), straddle (straddle the fence)
- amelioration & renewal: fence (mend fences)
- commitment & determination: straddle (straddle the fence)
- division & connection: fence (division)
- position, policy & negotiation: straddle (straddle the fence)

## **FICTIVE COMMUNICATION (1)**

- books & reading: read (a sign can read something)
- speech: address (v), call for (a recipe can call for something), invite (v), language (of sports, cars, etc.), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), speak (speak to something), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), time (time will tell), warn (a sign can warn, etc.)
- verb: address (v), call for (a recipe can call for something), invite (v), read (a sign can read something), say (a sign can say something, etc.), speak (speak to something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), warn (a sign can warn, etc.)

## **FICTIVE MEETING & SEEING (1)**

- eye: see (a date can see, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)
- face: face (face anger, etc.)
- verb: encounter (difficulties, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), find (a date can find us, etc.), meet (something can meet you), see (a date can see something), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), stumble (stumble across / on / upon)

## **FICTIVE MOTION (1)**

- animal: snake (a trail can snake)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake)
- verb: climb (roads, etc.), cross (a bridge can cross), follow (a road can follow, etc.), go (a road can go, etc.), meander (v), run (a road can run, etc.), snake (a trail can snake), wind (wind its way)
- walking, running & jumping: go (a road can go, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)

## **FICTIVE POSITION (1) (see also configuration)**

- standing, sitting & lying: sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- verb: sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)

## **FICTIVE POSSESSION (1)**

- hand: capture (v), grab (v), grabbing (attention-grabbing), grip (in the grip), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (take hold), possessed, seize (v)

- verb: capture (v), grab (v), hold (verb / possession), hold (take hold), seize (v)

## **FICTIVE TRANSPORTATION (1)**

- journeys & trips: take (take somebody somewhere)
- verb: carry (carry me away, etc.), take (take somebody somewhere), ride (ride on something)

## **FILM (2)**

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: it (it girl, etc.), marquee (attention)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- comparison & contrast: screen (split screen)
- conflict: match (death match)
- failure, accident & impairment: dust (bite the dust)
- perception, perspective & point of view: Rashomon (point of view)
- speech: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n)
- subterfuge: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n)

## **FINGER (2)**

- accusation & criticism: finger (accusation), finger (point a finger), finger-pointing
- attainment: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: point out (v)
- coercion & motivation: prod (v)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: finger (lift a finger)
- division & connection: touch (lose touch), touch (other)
- evidence: fingerprint
- fate, fortune & chance: finger (fingers crossed)
- feeling, emotion & effect: nail-biting, touch (v), touching (adj)
- help & assistance: finger (lift a finger)
- proximity: fingertip (at one's fingertips)

## **FIRE (2) (see also temperature)**

- activity: burning (slow-burning), smolder (v)
- amelioration & renewal: ashes (from the ashes), burn off (v)
- amount: backlog (amount), spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- amount & effect: conflagration, fire (n), fire (flash fire), firestorm
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blaze (in a blaze of glory)
- attraction & repulsion: flame (attraction), moth (attraction)
- characterization: brand (v)
- coercion & motivation: feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire up (v), grill (v)
- computer: firewall (computers), war (flame war)
- conflict: fire (conflict), flame (conflict), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj)
- creation & transformation: Phoenix (myth)
- curtailment: snuff (v)
- decline: burn out (v), burnout (n), die (die down)
- destruction: ashes, extinguish (v), Phoenix (myth), slash-and-burn (adj), snuff (v)
- direction: beacon (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: slash-and-burn (adj)
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), furnace (n)
- evidence: fire (evidence), smoke (evidence)
- failure, accident & impairment: flame (up in flames)

- fate, fortune & chance: fire (play with fire), frying pan
- feeling, emotion & effect: burned (hurt), burning (burning desire, etc.), burn out (v), burnout (n), consume (emotions), consumed, fire (on fire / feeling), fire (fire and desire, etc.), fired up, firebrand, fume (v), incendiary, scorching (adj), searing (adj)
- fire: firebrand (person)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- impression: burned (impressed), seared
- increase & decrease: accelerant (n), fan (v), fire (fuel on the fire, etc.), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle (v), oil (pour oil), oxygen (fuel), stoke (v)
- initiation: ablaze (set something ablaze), alight (fire), combustible, fan (v), fiery (character), fiery (speech), fire (catch fire), flare (v), flare up (v), flare-up (n), flashpoint, fuel (v), fuel (n), ignite (v), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle, oxygen (fuel), re-ignite, rekindle, spark (v), spark (n), stoke (v), tinderbox (violence, etc.), volatile
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- origin: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- protection & lack of protection: firewall
- pursuit, capture & escape: smoke out
- punishment & recrimination: coal (rake somebody over the coals)
- representation: torch (carry a torch), torch (other), torchbearer
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: smoke (smoke clears)
- resemblance: tinderbox (resemblance)
- sensation: burning (burning desire, etc.), seared, searing (adj)
- speech: coal (rake somebody over the coals), combustible, grill (v), incendiary (speech), inflammatory (adj), roast (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: die out (end), ignite (v), rekindle (v), smolder (v)
- substance & lack of substance: fire (substance)
- subterfuge: smokescreen
- supplying: fuel (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: Phoenix (myth)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: backlog (amount)
- transmission: torch (other)

## **FISH (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- attraction & repulsion: bait (n), lure (v), lure (n)
- condition & status: dead (dead in the water)
- configuration: sardined
- consumption: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- creation & transformation: spawn (v), spawned
- enthusiasm: hooked
- environment: fish (fish out of water), fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other)
- extent & scope: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly-up (adj), dead (dead in the water)
- importance & significance: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- movement: fishtail (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: fisheye
- power: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- punishment & recrimination: hook (off the hook)

- pursuit, capture & escape: dragnet (cast a dragnet), dragnet (n), expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), hook (off the hook), land (land a job, etc.), lure (v), lure (n), net (cast a net), nibble (n), reel in (v), trawl (v), troll (v)
- searching & discovery: expedition (fishing expedition), trawl (v)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: dead (dead in the water)
- strength & weakness: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow
- suspicion: fishy (adj)
- taxonomy & classification: fish (different kettle of fish)

## **FIST (2)**

- accusation & criticism: bash (v), beaten (beaten up), pummel (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: hit (comprehension)
- conflict: hitter (heavy hitter)
- driving force: fist (armored fist, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: beating (take a beating), blow (bitter blow, etc.), hit (effect), punch (effect), smitten (effect), striking (adj), struck (effect), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: bash (v), bashing (n), batter (v), beat (beat down), beat up (v), clobbered, clout (n), hit (affected), hit (force), knock out (v), knockout (n), pound (v), pummel (v), pummeled, punch (force), smitten, strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- occurrence: strike (tragedy, etc.)
- oppression: fist (with an iron fist), ironfisted
- power: clout (n)
- punishment & recrimination: beat (beat oneself up)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: beat back (v), hit back (v)
- speech: bash (v), bashing
- subterfuge: punch (sucker punch / verb)

## **FLAGS & BANNERS (2)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: banner (under the banner), banner (behind the banner), banner (banner of Islam, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- commitment & determination: flag (plant one's flag)
- experimentation: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- identity & nature: colors (true colors)
- representation: banner (carry a banner), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- resistance, opposition & defeat: flag (plant one's flag), stand (last stand, etc.)
- size: banner (size)
- subterfuge: flag (false flag)
- warning: red flag

## **FLAWS & LACK OF FLAWS (1) (see also danger; decline; destruction; failure, accident & impairment; success & failure)**

- affix: over (overheated, etc.)
- air: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- allusion: Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), sweet spot
- atmosphere: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adjective), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- ball: roll (on a roll)
- Bible: Garden of Eden
- blade: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- bodily process: hiccup (n)

- books & reading: storybook
- bullet: bulletproof (adj)
- chemistry: rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- cloth: fray (v), frayed, seamless (adj), tatters (in tatters), wrinkle (n)
- clothing & accessories: tatters (in tatters)
- cooking: half-baked (adj)
- direction: downside (n)
- ear: tin-eared (adj)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), disequilibrium (n), shaky (equilibrium), solid (adj), sure-footed (adj), unstable (adj), wobbly (adj)
- explosion: bombproof
- eye: black eye
- food & drink: palatable (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- fruits & vegetables: lemon (n), plum (desirable)
- ground, terrain & land: bumpy (adj), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), mired (stuck), rocky (adj), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- hardness & softness: edge (rough edges, etc.), smooth (lack of flaws)
- health & medicine: fit (adj), fitness (ability), lethargic (adj)
- hole: chink (n), hole (flaw)
- hygiene: clean (a clean record, etc.), mess (n), messy (adj)
- journeys & trips: path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (tough / easy road, etc.)
- knife: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- light & dark: bright (bright side), side (dark side)
- mark: blemish (n), black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), scar (blemish), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.), smear (n), smear (v), stain (n), stain (v), unblemished
- materials & substances: coarse (adj), crack (flaw), crude (adj), flawed (adj), flawless (adj), flimsy (adj), jewel (n), lapidary (adj), polish (v), polished (adj), sag (v), solid (adj), sound (solid), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.), unpolished, weak (fragile)
- mechanism: broken (failure), misbehave (v), point (sticking / friction point)
- movement: roll (on a roll)
- music: note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- orientation downside, underbelly, underside (n), upside (n)
- plant: thorny
- religion: Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), paradise
- rope: kink (n)
- scale: balance (off balance)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: strain (pressure), strained, stretch (v)
- speech: broken (English, etc.), note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), stumble (stumble over one's words), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- sports & games: level (fairness), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.)
- stomach: underbelly, underside (n)
- storm: stormy, tempestuous (adj)
- taste: palatable (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- teeth: teething
- verb: fray (v), polish (v), smear (v), stretch (v), stumble (v), stumble (stumble over one's words), water (hold water)
- walking, running & jumping: lame (lame excuse, etc.), misstep (n), stumble (v), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- water: water (hold water), watertight (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)

- wind: tempestuous (adj)
- weapon: bulletproof (adj), surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- wounds & scars: scar (blemish), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)

## **FLOOD (1)**

- verb: jump (rivers can jump their banks)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (rivers can jump their banks)

## **FLOOD (2) (see also dam; river)**

- amount & effect: deluge (n), deluged, flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flood (amount), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated
- constraint & lack of constraint: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- extent & scope: high-water (high-water mark)
- movement: deluge (n), flood (move)
- obstacles & impedance: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- portal: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high-water (high-water mark)

## **FLYING & FALLING (2) (see also plane)**

- activity: flurry (activity), fly (activity)
- amount & effect: flurry (activity)
- configuration: hover (numbers)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fly (constraint)
- decline: free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease)
- development: trajectory (n)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- feeling, emotion & effect: fly (fly into a rage, etc.)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- haste: fly (on the fly)
- inauguration: launch (v)
- increase & decrease: nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), soar (v)
- initiation: launch (v), take off (v)
- involvement: plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: fall (defeat)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: launch (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: launch (v)

## **FOG (2)**

- consciousness & awareness: fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy

## **FOOD & DRINK (2) (see also cooking; fruits & vegetables; meat; taste)**

- absorption & immersion: drink in (v), lap up (v)
- acceptance & rejection: Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), stomach (accept)
- affliction: eat (destroy)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- alternatives & choices: buffet (n), menu, smorgasbord (n)
- amelioration & renewal: fresh (adj), spice up (v)
- amount: crumb (amount), helping (amount), lion's share, scrap (n), smorgasbord (n), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: nutshell (in a nutshell)



- appearance: feast (feast for the eyes)
- appearance & reality: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: marmite (n)
- bases: break and better (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk)
- behavior: wolf (wolf down food)
- character & personality: bitter (personality), sour (personality), sweet (personality)
- commitment & determination: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: digest (v)
- computer: menu
- configuration: pancake (v), pancake (n), pancaked, sandwiched, spaghetti (snarl)
- consumption: appetite (appetite for fur, etc.), choke (v), diet (n), digest (v), drink in (v), eat (consume), fed up, feed (fuel), feed (supply), feed (satisfy), feed (feed on / off / into something), glutton (person), gobble up (v), gorge (gorge on), hungry (adj), imbibe (v), insatiable (adj), lap up (v), palatable (adj), ravenous (adj), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), swallowed, taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), taste (taste for violence, etc.), taste (a bad taste), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), thirst (n), unsavory
- content: food (food for thought)
- corruption: curdle (v), fresh (adj), rot (v), rot (n), rotten (adj), sour (adj), sour (v), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- cost & benefit: gravy, gravy train, jar (cookie jar), meal ticket
- creation & transformation: hash out (v)
- destruction: cannibalized, consume (destroy), devour (destroy), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, nibble (destroy)
- development: appetizer (n), main course
- difficulty, easiness & effort: cakewalk (dance), picnic (n)
- directing: feed (direct)
- eagerness & reluctance: drool (v), hungry (adj), mouthwatering (adj), stomach (eagerness)
- enthusiasm: crave (v), glutton (person), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- experience: diet (n), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), treat (in for a treat)
- fate, fortune & chance: chalice (poisoned chalice), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bitter (personality), bittersweet, fed up, savor (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: palatable (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: dish out (v), fork over (v), pepper (v), peppered
- identity & nature: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), gumbo (mixture), pie (apple pie)
- importance & significance: bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk), nothing-burger
- increase & decrease: feed (fuel), feed (feed on / off / into something)
- involvement: teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- judgment: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- mixture: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), brew (mixture), gumbo (mixture), soup (mixture), soup (alphabet soup), stew (mixture)
- person: cannibal (other), glutton (person)
- possession: fork over (v)
- revenge: dish (revenge)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- sacrifice: belt-tightening
- script: recipe
- shape: pancake (pancake ice, etc.)

- substance & lack of substance: food (food for thought), meat (substance), nothing-burger, teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: famine (feast to famine), feast (feast to famine), glut (n), glutton (person), insatiable (adj), starvation (n), starvation wages (n)
- superlative: cream (superlative)
- supplying: feed (supply), feed (feed on / off / into something), serve up (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: shelf life
- taxonomy & classification: fish (different kettle of fish)
- transmission: feed (video, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: crave (v), feed (satisfy), hunger (n), hungry (adj), ravenous (adj), starved, stomach (food), taste (taste for violence, etc.), thirst (n)
- work & duty (plate (on one's plate)

## **FOOT (2) (see also equilibrium & stability; heel; leg)**

- access & lack of access: foot (foot in the door)
- action, inaction & delay: feet (drag one's feet), foot-dragging
- amelioration & renewal: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: footstep (retrace one's footsteps)
- death & life: feet (feet first)
- destruction: stamp out (v), trample (v), trampled
- direction: footstep (in the footsteps)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- eagerness & reluctance: feet (cold feet), foot-dragging, heel (dig in one's heels)
- equilibrium & stability: foot (one foot planted)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes)
- feeling, emotion & effect: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), teeth (kick in the teeth), toe (step on toes)
- foot: kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick off (v)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: kickback
- initiation: kick in (start), kick up (v)
- involvement: toe (dip one's toes)
- oppression: trample (v)
- position, policy & negotiation: footing (position)
- presence & absence: foothold (n), footprint (n), toehold (n)
- punishment & recrimination: kick (kick oneself)
- readiness & preparedness: flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot)
- representation: foot (put a foot forward)
- resiliency: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: foot (put one's foot down), heel (dig in one's heels), kick (kick one's butt, etc.)
- social interaction: kickback
- speed: pace (at a pace), pace (speed)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: foot (on the right / wrong foot), kick in (start)
- strength & weakness: foot (one foot planted)
- subterfuge: track (cover one's tracks)
- survival, persistence & endurance: toehold (n), foothold (n)
- work & duty: foot soldier (duty)

## **FOOTBALL (2)**

- action, inaction & delay: clock (run out the clock), tackle (v)
- avoidance & separation: end run (n)

- competition: football (n)
- conflict: football (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: end run (n), punt (v), tackle (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fate, fortune & chance: Hail Mary
- obstacles & impedance: end run (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: kick off (v)
- strategy: end run (n)
- subterfuge: end run (n)
- success & failure: goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line)
- superlative: Super Bowl
- target: goalpost (target)

**FORCE (1) (see also attenuation; protection & lack of protection; strength & weakness) (see also driving force; oppression; power; superiority & inferiority) (see also hitting, slamming & lashing)**

- animal: bull (bull in a china shop), defang (v), paper tiger, teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- arm: elbow (force), push (force)
- cows & cattle: bull (bull in a china shop)
- epithet: express (Pineapple Express, etc.)
- hammer: hammer (n)
- health & medicine: impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: crush (love)
- movement: momentum (n), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- religion: juggernaut
- river: current (n), undercurrent (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (v)
- snake: defang (v)
- storm: storm (v), storm (by storm)
- teeth: teeth (take the teeth out), teeth (force), toothless (adj)
- tiger: paper tiger
- train: express (Pineapple Express, etc.), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (full steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.)
- verb: defang (v), elbow (force), muscle (v), push (force), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), storm (v), teeth (take the teeth out), traction (gain / build / get traction)

**FORCE (2) (see also hitting, slamming & lashing)**

- accusation & criticism: blast (v), lay (lay into), slam (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: hit (comprehension)
- computer: hit (computer)
- effect: impact (effect)
- feeling, emotion & effect: crush (love), crushed, daze (in a daze), hit (effect), smitten (effect), struck (effect), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- increase & decrease: boost (v), boost (n)
- movement: barrel (v), churn (move), muscle (verb)
- resiliency: push (push on)
- speech: lay (lay into)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: push (push on)
- survival, persistence & endurance: push (push on), take (endure)

## **FOREST (2)**

- area: woods (neck of the woods)
- danger: woods (out of the woods)
- location: woods (neck of the woods)
- resemblance: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: woods (out of the woods)

## **FORTIFICATION (2) (see also explosion; military; weapon)**

- amount & effect: siege (under siege), siege (other)
- conflict: siege (under siege)
- division & connection: drawbridge (protection)
- importance & significance: salient (important)
- proper name: castle (Castle Peaks, etc.), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bastion, breach (n), bulwark (n), castle (protection), citadel (n), drawbridge (protection), entrenched, fort, fortress, loophole (n), moat (n), rampart (protection), redoubt (n), stronghold
- resemblance: palisade (n), rampart (other)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: siege (under siege), siege (other)
- shape: castle (sand castle)

## **FOUNTAIN (2)**

- amelioration & renewal: fountain (fountain of youth)
- resemblance: fountain (resemblance)
- source: fountain (source), fountainhead

## **FOX (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground), holed up
- concealment & lack of concealment: ground (go to ground), holed up
- place: foxhole
- protection & lack of protection: foxhole, ground (go to ground), holed up
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground), holed up
- subterfuge: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)

## **FROG (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: frog (frog in boiling water)
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water)
- environment: frog (frog in boiling water)
- situation: frog (frog in boiling water)

## **FRUITS & VEGETABLES (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; meat; taste)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: apple (Golden Apple)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: layer (analysis), onion (n), peel (peel back the layers, etc.)
- behavior: nuts (crazy)
- character & personality: apple (bad / rotten apple), nut (person)
- coercion & motivation: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- consciousness & awareness: vegetable (consciousness)
- cost & benefit: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- failure, accident & impairment: banana (n), lemon (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: lemon (n), plum (desirable)

- gift: apple (gift)
- growth & development: fruition (n), ripe (adj)
- product: apple (product), bear (bear fruit, etc.), fruit (product)
- superlative: plum (desirable)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: ripe (adj)
- worth & lack of worth: fruitful (adj), plum (desirable)

## **FUNCTIONING (1) (see also operation) (see also ability & lack of ability; condition & status)**

- blade: honed, sharp (adj)
- chemistry: chemistry, rust (functioning), rusty
- crashes & collisions: crash (population crash, etc.)
- death & life: dead (functioning)
- direction: down (functioning)
- engine: sputter (v), stall (v), stalled
- equilibrium & stability: stability (n)
- health & medicine: atrophy (v), basket case, cripple (v), crippled, handicapped, impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), paralysis (n), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- knife: honed, sharp (adj)
- manufacturing: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- mechanism: break down (functioning), broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), gum up (v), hum (hum along), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery (n), misbehave (v), nuts and bolts, speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled, wrench (throw a wrench)
- movement: speed (up to speed)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (functioning)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: atrophy (v)
- snow & ice: freeze (computers, etc.)
- sound: click (v), hum (v), sputter (v)
- speech: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- tongue: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- verb: break down (functioning), click (v), cripple (v), gum up (v), hum (hum along), misbehave (v), paralyze (v), sputter (v), stall (v), wrench (throw a wrench)

## **FUNCTIONING (2)**

- feeling, emotion & effect: broken (feeling), broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (broken heart), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken, paralyzed (feeling)
- heart: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- speech: broken (English, etc.)

## **FUTURE (1) (see also past & present)**

- allusion: oracle (person)
- container: hold (future)
- corner: corner (around the corner)
- day: day (new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), tomorrow (future)
- direction: ahead (future), approach (v), approaching, before (future), come (future), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on, coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), forward (future), front (in front / future), head (into the future), headed, lie (lie ahead), look (look forward to something, etc.), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), train (future)
- distance: way (a long way off)

- eye: horizon (on the horizon), look (it looks like, etc.), look (look forward to something, etc.), myopia (n), myopic (adj), see (see something coming), see (future), sight (in sight)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (future)
- health & medicine: prognosis (n)
- horizon: horizon (on the horizon)
- journeys & trips: ahead (future), forward (future), go (where are we going, etc.), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.)
- magic: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), soothsayer (person), tea leaves
- mechanism: time machine
- movement: ahead (future), approach (v), approaching, come (future), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on, coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), forward (future), go (where are we going, etc.), head (into the future), headed, run (run into next week, etc.), see (see something coming), time (time has passed)
- person: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), soothsayer (person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (future), forward (future)
- religion: oracle (person), prophet (person), soothsayer (person)
- sky: horizon (on the horizon)
- speech: time (time will tell)
- train: train (future)
- verb: approach (v), bring (future), come (future), come (see something coming), come up on, coming (in the coming months, etc.), head (into the future), hold (future), lie (lie ahead), look (look forward to something, etc.), see (see something coming), see (future)
- walking, running & jumping: run (run into next week, etc.)
- water: tap (on tap)

## **GAMBLING (2) (see also baseball; basketball; boxing; cards; chess; sports & games; wrestling)**

- appearance: poker-faced
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close)
- commitment & determination: double down (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (cards on the table), hold (close hold, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest)
- fate, fortune & chance: card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), dice (n), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (n), lottery, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced
- importance & significance: stake (importance), stake (high stakes)
- interest: stakeholder
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (n), chip (bargaining chip)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: card (cards on the table)
- strategy: bluff (n), card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), gamble (v), gamble (n), poker (game)
- strength & weakness: ace (n), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- subterfuge: bluff (n)
- success & failure: jackpot (hit the jackpot), lottery, sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)

## **GATE (2)**

- access & lack of access: gate (society)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper
- division & connection: gate (society)
- obstacles & impedance: gate (society)
- portal: gate (portal), gateway, portal (entrance)

- proper name: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gatecrasher, gatekeeper
- society: gate (society)

## **GEOMETRY (2)**

- perception, perspective & point of view: angle (from an angle)
- proper name: Triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- relationship: triangle (things), triangle (people)
- speech: tangent (on a tangent)

## **GESTURE (2) (see also bodily process; breathing)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: applaud (v), back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun), cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody), nod (refer), salute (v)
- action, inaction & delay: hand (throw up one's hands)
- admiration & contempt: look (look down on something), nose (look down one's nose)
- coercion & motivation: nudge (n)
- comprehension & incomprehension: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head-scratching
- conflict: blink (v)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: shrug (gesture), shrug off (v)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), blink (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: finger (fingers crossed)
- feeling, emotion & effect: eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyebrow (raise eyebrows), eye-roll (dismissal), hat (hold on to your hat), jaw (jaw-dropper, etc.), jaw (jaw-dropping), nail-biting (fingernails)
- insult: nose (thumb one's nose), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- judgment: frown (v), nod (agree), smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- protection & lack of protection: head (keep one's head down)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: frown (v), smile (v)
- subterfuge: wink (n)

## **GIFT (2)**

- ability & lack of ability: gift (gift for languages, etc.), gifted
- cost & benefit: gift (benefit)
- fruits & vegetables: apple (gift)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gift (v)
- worth & lack of worth: gift (benefit)

## **GIVING, RECEIVING, BRINGING & RETURNING (1) (see also taking & removing)**

- bodily process: cough up (v)
- direction: turn in (give)
- family: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- food & drink: dish out (v), fork over (v), pepper (v), peppered
- foot: kickback
- gift: gift (v)
- hand: handed (given), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), handover
- history: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- money: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- speech: command (deserve and get)
- tools & technology: rake in (v)

- verb: bring (v), dish out (v), fork over (v), furnish (give), gift (v), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), offer (v), pepper (v), rake in (v), turn in (give)

## **GIVING, RECEIVING, BRINGING & RETURNING (2)**

- amelioration & renewal: bring (bring back)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: takeaway (n)
- commitment & determination: bring (bring it)
- comprehension & incomprehension: get (understand)
- future: bring (future)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bring (bring back)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bring (bring back)

## **GLACIER (2) (see also snow & ice)**

- creation & transformation: calve (v)
- speed: glacial

## **GOSSIP (1)**

- manufacturing: mill (gossip / rumor mill), mill (grist for the mill)
- place: water cooler
- plant: fodder (n), grapevine (through / over the grapevine)

## **GOVERNMENT (1)**

- mechanism: apparatus (government)

## **GOVERNMENT (2)**

- action, inaction & delay: red tape
- allegiance, support & betrayal: vote (n)
- behavior: diplomacy, diplomatic
- body: body politic
- competition: race (elections)
- obstacles & impedance: red tape
- operation: wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)
- representation: ambassador (role)
- role: diplomacy, diplomatic
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: franchise (n), license (n), passport (n)
- superlative: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)

## **GROUND, TERRAIN & LAND (2) (see also earthquake; landslide; mountains & hills, volcano)**

- accusation & criticism: dirt (political dirt, etc.), mud (drag something through the mud), mudslinging (n), stone (throw stones, etc.), sully (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), heights (other)
- action, inaction & delay: dust (collect dust)
- amount & effect: earthshaking (adj), landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other), Niagara (the river and falls)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: contour (n), dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), drill (drill down, etc.), lay of the land
- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground), holed up, turn up (appear), uncover (v)
- appearance & reality: fool's gold
- area: area (territory), contour (n), ecosystem (n), ground (area), lay of the land, landscape (n), terrain (known and unknown terrain), terrain (area), territory (area), territory (assigned area), topography (n), turf (control), wilderness (area)



- attachment: embedded
- bases: bedrock (n), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (finding one's footing, etc.), grassroots, ground (prepare the ground), groundwork, rock (support)
- behavior: edge (over the edge), ground (high ground), mud (in the mud)
- biodiversity: ecosystem (n)
- center & periphery: coast (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj)
- character & personality: ground (both feet on the ground)
- competition: jungle (competition), turf (turf war, etc.)
- complexity: morass (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bury (conceal), buried (concealment), ground (go to ground), holed up, open (in / into the open), uncover (v)
- conflict: turf (turf war, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: dust (collect dust)
- consciousness & awareness: open (in / into the open)
- constraint & lack of constraint: room (wiggle room)
- content: dirt (political dirt, etc.)
- control & lack of control: turf (control)
- corruption: swamp (fever swamp)
- danger: jungle (competition), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- decline: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), precipitous (adj), rock-bottom (adj), sinkhole (n)
- destruction: abyss (n), edge (push something over the edge), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- direction: landmark, negotiate (terrain, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (know one's way around)
- disruption: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- division & connection: balkanization (n), barrier, chasm, crack (division), divide (n), fissure, gap (n), ground (common ground), ground (middle ground), rift (division)
- dominance & submission: ground (hold / stand one's ground)
- effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- environment: badlands (environment), contour (n), desert (environment), ecosystem (n), jungle (environment), landscape (n), lay of the land, morass (n), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.), swamp (fever swamp), terrain (area), territory (area)
- epithet: rock (support)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), footing (find one's footing, etc.), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), upheaval (disruption)
- extent & scope: earthshaking (adj), ground (cover ground)
- fate, fortune & chance: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (from the brink), brinkmanship (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge), precipice (at the precipice), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- failure, accident & impairment: crack (fall through the cracks, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bumpy (adj), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), mired (stuck), rocky (adj), terrain (easy & difficult terrain)
- ground, terrain & land: level (from the ground level)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), ground (fertile ground)
- identity & nature: embedded
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), groundbreaking, landmark, salient (important)

- involvement: thick (in the thick of things)
- knowledge & intelligence: way (know one's way around)
- obstacles & impedance: barrier, ditch (n), bogged down, mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), quicksand (in / into the quicksand), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj), thicket (n)
- oppression: buried (buried in debt, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: grassroots, ground (on the ground), level (from the ground level), worm's-eye (adj)
- possession: claim (stake a claim), soil (on one's soil), territory (stake out territory)
- position, policy & negotiation: brinkmanship (n)
- presence & absence: footprint (n), ground (on the ground), territory (with the territory)
- progress & lack of progress: ditch (n), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj)
- proper name: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: dug in, entrenched, foxhole, ground (go to ground), holed up
- proximity: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (back from the brink), edge (on the edge), precipice (at the precipice), verge (on the verge), verge (to the verge)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground), holed up, rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: ground (prepare the ground)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: dust (dust settles)
- reputation: mud (drag something through the mud)
- resemblance: desert (environment)
- resiliency: dig (dig out), hole (dig oneself out of a hole)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: dig in (v), ground (hold / stand one's ground), ground (give ground), last-ditch (adj)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ground (high ground)
- searching & discovery: come up with (discovery), dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dig out (v), dig up (v), frontier (n), pay dirt, rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), turned up (discovered), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- situation: room (wiggle room), spot (in a tight spot, etc.), spot (tight spot, etc.), trapped
- society: exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, shore (far shore), wilderness (in the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- source: aquifer (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: slope (slippery slope)
- strength & weakness: rock (support)
- success & failure: pay dirt
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert (food desert, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: brink (back from the brink), dig (dig out)
- worth & lack of worth: dirt (worthless), fool's gold, pay dirt

### **GROUP, SET & COLLECTION (1) (see also assembling)**

- animal: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), pack (group), stable (n), zoo (group)
- astronomy: constellation (n), galaxy (n)
- bird: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- center & periphery: inner circle (n)
- crime: mob (group)
- family: brotherhood, family (gang / group)
- horse: cavalcade (n), stable (n)
- infrastructure: suite (suite of tools, etc.)
- military: arsenal (amount)

- money: treasure trove (and trove), treasure house
- person: tribe (group)
- religion: cult (n)
- school & education: fraternity (n)
- sports & games: all-star (adj), scrum (reporters), team (dream team), varsity (n)
- theater: cast (cast of candidates, etc.), repertoire (n)
- tools & technology: set (skill set), toolbox, toolkit
- verb: pool (v)
- walking, running & jumping: parade (n)
- water: pool (v), pool (people), pool (things)
- weapon: arsenal (amount), quiver (n)
- zoo: zoo (group)

## **GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT (1)**

- animal: lamb
- architecture: drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other)
- astronomy: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), supernova (achievement)
- baby: infancy (in infancy), infancy, infant (n), nascent (beginning), newborn, nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, stillborn, teething, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.), young (adj)
- biology: embryonic, petri dish
- bird: fledgling, full-fledged (adj), incubator
- birth: embryonic, germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), nascent (beginning), renaissance, stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- day: day (early days)
- death & life: age (come of age), mature (v), maturity, stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.), young (adj)
- direction: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arise (v), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the ascent), ascent, rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise (on the rise), top (on / at / to the top)
- farming & agriculture: cultivate (v), cultivated, fallow (adj), fruition (n), ground (fertile ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed, plant (create), seed (n), soil (fertile soil), sow (v)
- flying & falling: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- fruits & vegetables: fruition (n), ripe (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (get off the ground), ground (fertile ground)
- hand: hold (take hold)
- health & medicine: cancer (n), cancerous (adj), growth (cancerous, etc.), metastasize (v), tumor (n)
- history: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), renaissance, revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v), Stone Age
- journeys & trips: passage, rite (rite of passage)
- leg: leg (grow legs)
- light & dark: supernova (achievement)
- mechanism: full-on (adj)
- mountains & hills: peak (at the peak)
- movement: lag (progress)
- plane: take off (v)
- plant: bloom (v), blossom (v), budding, burgeoning (adj), cross-pollination, cultivate (v), cultivated, fallow (adj), flourish (v), flower (v), flowering, fruition (n), germinate (v), ground (fertile ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed, kernel (n), nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, plant (create), root (growth), ripe (adj), seed (n), soil (fertile soil), sow (v), tendril (growth), thrive (v), transplant (n)
- religion: rite (rite of passage)

- school: graduate (v)
- season: spring (growth)
- sheep: lamb
- size: stunted
- snow & ice: frozen (development)
- standing, sitting & lying: feet (stand on one's own two feet)
- star: supernova (achievement)
- teeth: teething
- tree: branch out (v), root (take root, etc.)
- verb: bloom (v), blossom (v), branch out (v), cultivate (v), flourish (v), flower (v), gestate (v), graduate (v), ground (get off the ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hold (take hold), leg (grow legs), mature (v), nurture (v), plant (create), revolutionize (v), sow (v), take off (v), thrive (v)
- walking, running & jumping: lag (progress)

## **GUILT (1)**

- blood: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hand: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- light & dark: clear (clear conscience)

## **HAIR (2)**

- activity: bristle (v)
- conflict: hackles (raise hackles)
- danger: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shave (removal), shed (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bristle (v), hackles (raise hackles), hair-raising
- proximity: hair's-breadth
- resemblance: hair (resemblance)
- searching & discovery: comb (v)
- shape: hairpin (shape)
- success & failure: scalp (n)

## **HAMMER (2)**

- creation & transformation: hammer out (v), hammered out
- force: hammer (n)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: hammer (v), hammer (n)
- proper name: hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)

## **HAND (2)**

- action, inaction & delay: hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handwringing (n), hold (on hold), holdup (n)
- amount: handful (amount)
- attachment: cling (v)
- attainment: empty-handed, fingers (slip through one's fingers), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (attainment), palm (in the palm of one's hand)
- attempt: hand (try one's hand)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: grabbing (attention-grabbing)
- avoidance & separation: hands-on, hands-off
- character & personality: handwringer (n)
- coercion & motivation: hand (force someone's hand)

- comparison & contrast: hand (on the one / other hand)
- comprehension & incomprehension: grasp (comprehend)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hold (close hold, etc.), vest (play something close to the vest)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handling
- consciousness & awareness: hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed, loose (let loose)
- control & lack of control: grip (in the grip), grip (control), hand (get out of hand), hand (upper hand), hand (in hand), hand (control), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), handled, handling, hands-off, hands-on, loosen (v)
- curtailment: break off (v)
- destruction: crush (destroy)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hand (have one's hands full), hand (all hands on deck)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: brush (brush off), brush-off
- division & connection: hand in hand (go hand in hand)
- dominance & submission: hand (upper hand)
- eagerness & reluctance: handwringing (n)
- experience: old hand (experience)
- failure, accident & impairment: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fate, fortune & chance: hand (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: crush (feeling and emotion), gripped, handwringing (n), hold (hold something in)
- fictive possession: capture (v), grab (v), grabbing (attention-grabbing), grip (in the grip), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (take hold), possessed, seize (v)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: handed (given), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), handover
- growth & development: hold (take hold)
- guilt: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- help & assistance: hand (bite the hand that feeds one), hand (help), handmaiden (help), handout
- importance & significance: right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- involvement: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- judgment: even-handed (adj), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- obstacles & impedance: holdup (n)
- oppression: grip (control), hand (iron hand, etc.), ham-handed, heavy-handed
- person: handmaiden (help)
- possession: cling (v), empty-handed, fall (fall into the hands, etc.), grab (land grab, etc.), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (possession), hand (possession), handed, handed over (possession), hand-me-down, hand over (v), handover, hang on to (v), hold (long-held), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold on (possession), seize (v)
- presence & absence: hand (on hand)
- protection & lack of protection: hand (hands off)
- proximity: fingertip (at one's fingertips), hand (at hand)
- punishment & recrimination: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), wrist (slap on the wrist)
- relationship: hand in hand
- resiliency: hold on (survival), pick apart (analyze)
- responsibility: hand (at the hands)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hand (get out of hand)
- shape: handle (shape)

- situation: hold (on hold)
- subterfuge: underhand (or underhanded)
- survival, persistence & endurance: cling (v), hand (all hands on deck), hold on (survival)
- starting, stopping & continuing: break off (v)
- taking & removing: grab (v), snatch (v)
- transmission: handed down (transmission), hand-me-down
- work & duty: hand (work), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck)

## **HARDNESS & SOFTNESS (2)**

- amelioration & renewal: cushion (v), cushion (n), smooth (v), soften (speech)
- attenuation: soften (v)
- character & personality: hard (character), hard-nosed, snowflake (person), teacup (person), teddy bear
- conflict: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- experience: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: harden (feelings), hardened
- flaws & lack of flaws: edge (rough edges, etc.), smooth (lack of flaws)
- heart: hard-hearted (adj), soft-hearted (adj)
- increase & decrease: harden (increase)
- protection & lack of protection: harden (protect)
- speech: soften (speech)
- strength & weakness: soft (soft on crime, etc.), snowflake (person), teacup (person)

## **HASTE (1)**

- bird: fly (on the fly)
- crashes & collisions: crash (crash course, etc.)
- engine: gas (take one's foot off the gas)
- flying & falling: fly (on the fly)
- health & medicine: rash (hasty)
- horse: canter (n), headlong, spur (on the spur of the moment), spur-of-the-moment
- justice: rush (rush to judgment)
- verb: scramble (v)
- walking, running & jumping: run (on the run / haste), scramble (v)

## **HAT (2)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hat (hold on to your hat)

## **HEAD (2)**

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: head (reason)
- appearance & disappearance: head (rear its head, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: head (turn heads)
- behavior: hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- character & personality: coolheaded (adj), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- coercion & motivation: head (hold something over one's head)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: head (rear its head, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head, etc.), head (get one's head around something, etc.)
- conflict: head to head
- consciousness & awareness: head (clear head)
- control & lack of control: head (keep / lose one's head), hothead (n), hotheaded (adj)
- creation & transformation: brainchild

- disruption: head (turn something on its head)
- failure, accident & impairment: head (down on one's head)
- fate, fortune & chance: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: coolheaded (adj), head (keep / lose one's head), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), hothead (n), hotheaded (adj)
- gesture: nod (agree)
- idea: brainchild, brainstorm (v), brainstorm (n)
- initiation: head start
- interest: brain (on the brain)
- knowledge & intelligence: brain (n), brain drain / gain, brain trust
- person: hothead (person)
- protection & lack of protection: head (keep one's head down)
- punishment & recrimination: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- resiliency: head (keep one's head up)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: head start
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: head start
- violence: brainwash (v), brainwashed
- warning: heads-up (warning)

## **HEALTH & MEDICINE (2) (see also addiction; mental health) (see also skin, muscle, nerves & bone; wounds & scars)**

- ability & lack of ability: basket case, fit (adj), fitness (ability), handicapped
- acceptance & rejection: leper (person), quarantine (v)
- activity: comatose (adj), febrile (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch (n), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), lethargic (adj), torpor (n)
- affliction: alley (Cancer Alley), boil (affliction), cancer (n), cancerous (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), disease (affliction), endemic (adj), epidemic, gall (v), growth (cancerous, etc.), headache, hives (n), infection (corruption), metastasize (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (n), pathology (n), patient zero, plague (v), plague (n), plagued, rash (affliction), scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, sore (affliction), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), tumor (n), unscathed (adj), wound (n)
- amelioration & renewal: antidote (n), balm (n), Band-Aid (n), bromide (n), cure (n), cure (v), cure-all, disinfectant (n), heal (v), lance (v), panacea, pill (miracle pill), prescription, reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), remedy (n), resuscitate (v), salve (n), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), soothe (sensation), surgery (n), tonic (effect)
- amount: dose (amount), rash (affliction)
- amount & effect: epidemic, plague (n), rash (affliction)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: diagnosis (n), dissect, misdiagnose (v)
- attenuation: atrophy (v), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- avoidance & separation: allergic (adj), allergy (n), quarantine (v)
- behavior: addictive (adj), delirious (adj), delirium (n), demented, fever (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rabid, rabidly
- character & personality: incurable
- computer: infect (computers), quarantine (v), viral (computers), virus (computers)
- condition & status: ailing (adj), anemic (adj), atrophy (v), basket case, bill of health, dead (dead on arrival), diseased, exhausted (adj), exhaustion (n), handicapped, health (condition), healthy (condition), hurting, last rites (n), life support (on life support), moribund (adj), prognosis (n), robust (adj), sclerotic (adj), shape (condition), sick (condition), sluggish (adj), test (stress test), unhealthy (condition), weary (condition), well (health), wheezing (condition), wounded (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: triage (n)
- consciousness & awareness: amnesia, conscious (aware), opiate (n)

- constraint & lack of constraint: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- control & lack of control: knee-jerk (adj)
- corruption: contagion (n), corrupting, corruption (n), fester (v), infect (corrupt), infected, infection (corruption), sickness (n)
- creation & transformation: doctored
- decline: life support (on life support)
- dependency: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency), crutch (n)
- destruction: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), pill (poison pill)
- development: head (come to a head)
- directing: inject (v), injection (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: amputate (remove)
- division & connection: hip (joined at the hip)
- enthusiasm: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), bitten (enthusiasm), bug (enthusiasm), crave (v), delirious (adj), delirium (n), disease (enthusiasm), flu (enthusiasm), infection (enthusiasm), junkie (person), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n)
- evidence: symptom
- experience: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- extent & scope: endemic (adj), epidemic
- failure, accident & impairment: malpractice (n), miscarriage (of justice, etc.), misdiagnose (v)
- fantasy & reality: demented, dream (fever dream)
- fate, fortune & chance: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: addictive (adj), anodyne (adj), bromide (n), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), crippling, febrile (adj), heartsick, injury, nostrum (n), painful (adj), paralyzed (feeling), pill (bitter pill), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), sick (disgusted), sick (other), soothe (sensation), tonic (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fit (adj), fitness (ability), lethargic (adj)
- force: impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- functioning: atrophy (v), basket case, cripple (v), crippled, handicapped, impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), paralysis (n), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- future: prognosis (n)
- growth & development: cancer (n), cancerous (adj), growth (cancerous, etc.), metastasize (v), tumor (n)
- haste: rash (hasty)
- heart: heartsick
- identity & nature: incurable
- increase & decrease: steroids (on steroids)
- initiation: patient zero
- judgment: triage (v), triage (n)
- power: potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- proper name: fever (fever tree, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: immune, immunity, inoculate (v), inoculation, quarantine (v)
- resemblance: rash (road rash, etc.)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- script: prescription
- society: leper (person)
- speech: bromide (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: abort (v), spasmodic (adj)
- strength & weakness: anemic (adj), flabby (adj), healthy (strength), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), puny (adj), robust (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- substance & lack of substance: Band-Aid (n)
- subterfuge: pill (poison pill)



- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overdose (n)
- taxonomy & classification: strain (type)
- throwing, putting & planting: inject (v), injection (n)
- transmission: contagious, infectious, sneeze (v), viral, virulent (adj)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: crave (v)

## HEART (1)

- bird: chicken-hearted
- container: heart (container)
- direction: downhearted, heart (heart sank)
- functioning: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- hardness & softness: hard-hearted (adj), soft-hearted (adj)
- health & medicine: heartsick
- materials & substances: heart (heart of stone, etc.), stone-hearted
- mechanism: : broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- memorization: heart (by heart)
- size: bighearted
- taste: sweetheart (other)
- temperature: coldhearted (adj), heartwarming (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- weight: heart (heavy heart), heavy-hearted, light-hearted (adj)

## HEART (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: heart (allegiance), heart (change of heart)
- amount: heart (half-hearted, etc.)
- bases: heart (basis)
- center & periphery: heart (center), heartland, heartwood
- character & personality: good-hearted, hard-hearted (adj), heart (young at heart, etc.), kind-hearted, soft-hearted (adj)
- commitment & determination: half-hearted, heart (commitment)
- courage & lack of courage: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- death & life: heartbeat (n), heart (beating heart)
- destruction: heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- eagerness & reluctance: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted), heart (eagerness and reluctance)
- empathy & lack of empathy: coldhearted (adj), heart (empathy), heartless, stone-hearted
- feeling, emotion & effect: broken-hearted, coldhearted (adj), downhearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (heart sank), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (miscellaneous), heartache, heartbreaking (adj), heartfelt, heartsick, heart-stopping, heartthrob, heartwarming (adj), heart-wrenching, heavy-hearted (adj), knife (knife in the heart), light-hearted (adj)
- identity & nature: heart (young at heart, etc.), heart (identity), heartland
- reversal: heart (change of heart)
- shape: heart (shape)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart (sincerity), heartfelt (adj), heart-to-heart
- size: bighearted
- speed: heartbeat (in a heartbeat)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: heart-stopping
- vocative: sweetheart (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: heart (goal)

## HEATING WATER (2)

- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- bases: boil (boil down to something)
- environment: cauldron (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boiling point, boil over (v), seethe (verb)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- situation: hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water)

## HEEL (2) (see also equilibrium & stability; foot; leg)

- eagerness & reluctance: heel (dig in one's heels)
- oppression: heel (under the heel)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: heel (dig in one's heels), heel (on one's heels)
- sequence: heel (on the heels)

## HEIGHT (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: elevate (v), elevation (n), heights (to new heights, etc.), lofty (adj), pinnacle (achievement), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rise (rising), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- admiration & contempt: look (look up to somebody), look down (look down on somebody), nose (look down one's nose), pedestal (on a pedestal), pedestaled
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: loom (loom large, etc.), low (lying low), profile (low profile), profile (high profile), profile (attention), raise (attention), relief (in bold relief)
- behavior: rise (rise above something), road (the high road)
- character & personality: cavalier (adj), upstanding
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: raise (feeling)
- hierarchy: cavalier (adj)
- importance & significance: capstone, paramount (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- increase & decrease: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), heighten (v)
- presence & absence: loom (loom large, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- pursuit, capture & escape: low (lying low)
- superiority & inferiority: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), loom (loom large, etc.)

## HELP & ASSISTANCE (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; disruption; sanctioning, authority & non-conformity; unanimity & consensus)

- allusion: Marshall Plan
- animal: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- bird: mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- boat: steward (n)
- boxing: sparring partner (role)
- clothing & accessories: eye (naked eye)
- creature: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.)
- direction: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)

- family: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, sister (big sister)
- finger: finger (lift a finger)
- hand: hand (bite the hand that feeds one), hand (help), handmaiden (help), handout
- history: Marshall Plan
- infrastructure: caretaker (role)
- journeys & trips: stepping stone
- ladder: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)
- magic: magic (trail magic, etc.)
- mechanism: wheel (training wheels)
- Middle Ages: knight (knight in shining armor), white knight
- military: armed, arsenal (amount), weapon (help)
- money: lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- person: caretaker (role), handmaiden (help), knight (knight in shining armor), mother (den mother, etc.), servant (n), sparring partner (role), steward (n), white knight
- plane: steward (role), tailwind (n)
- religion: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.), savior (n)
- river: stepping stone
- royalty: handmaiden (help)
- speech: thanks (n)
- theater: repertoire (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: pitch in (help)
- tools & technology: device (n), instrument, tool (help)
- train: steward (role)
- verb: finger (lift a finger), lend (lend a hand, etc.), pitch in (help)
- verb to noun: thanks (n)
- weapon: armed, arsenal (amount), weapon (help)
- wind: tailwind (n)

## HIERARCHY (1)

- animal: apex (apex animal, etc.), food chain, pecking order, top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- bird: pecking order
- chain: chain of command
- direction: basement (hierarchy), ladder (hierarchy), tier (hierarchy)
- dog: top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- height: cavalier (adj)
- history: pyramid (hierarchy)
- horse: cavalier (adj)
- ladder: ladder (hierarchy), rung (on the bottom rung), rung (bottom rung), rung (other)
- military: chain of command
- Native Americans: totem pole
- number: common denominator
- position: apex (apex animal, etc.), barrel (at the bottom of the barrel), bottom (at the bottom), over (dominance), tier (hierarchy), top (on top), top dog (hierarchy), under (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: over (dominance), under (hierarchy)
- shape: pyramid (hierarchy)
- society: caste, untouchable (person)

## HISTORY (1)

- burden: freighted
- journeys & trips: baggage, freighted

- burden: baggage
- weight: baggage, freighted

## HISTORY (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: laurels (praise)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- amelioration & renewal: renaissance
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: Rosetta Stone
- behavior: barbaric (behavior), cowboy (person), wild West
- birth: renaissance
- certainty & uncertainty: Bermuda Triangle
- character & personality: cowboy (person)
- commitment & determination: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- complexity: byzantine
- comprehension & incomprehension: Rosetta Stone
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena), cold war, gladiator (n), joust (v), jousting, match (death match), Stalingrad (epithet), wagon (circle the wagons), warpath (on the warpath), warrior (n)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention
- control & lack of control: cowboy (person), no man's land (war and violence), wild West
- decline: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other)
- destruction: Chernobyl, holocaust, vandal (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, slave (v)
- disruption: Jacobin, revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v)
- division & connection: balkanization (n), iron curtain, Maginot Line
- epithet: Lawrence (T.E.), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Stalingrad (epithet), Waterloo
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl, Waterloo
- fantasy & reality: El Dorado
- fate, fortune & chance: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- growth & development: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), renaissance, revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v), Stone Age
- help & assistance: Marshall Plan
- hierarchy: pyramid (hierarchy)
- hyperbole: slave (v)
- importance & significance: blaze (verb), pioneer (person), pioneering, revolution (n), revolutionary, revolutionize (v), triumvirate (n)
- judgment: inquisition (n), lynching (media lynching, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: Dark Ages (in the Dark Ages), Dark Ages (other), medieval (adj), prehistoric (adj)
- money: gilded (Gilded Age)
- oppression: Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), lynching (media lynching, etc.), McCarthy, McCarthyite, reign of terror / fear, etc., tyrant, witch-hunt
- power: czar (n), empire (enterprise), mogul (n), overlord (person), pharaoh (power), tyrant
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, legacy (obsolescence), medieval (adj), old guard, prehistoric (adj), renaissance, Stone Age
- protection & lack of protection: wagon (circle the wagons)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: barricade (storm the barricades), underground railroad, Waterloo

- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- size: Pharaonic (adj)
- subterfuge: nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- superlative: golden age / era
- success & failure: Waterloo
- transmission: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- violence: medieval (adj)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: El Dorado
- work & duty: slave (v)

## **HITTING, SLAMMING & LASHING (1) (see also force)**

- boxing: knock out (v), knockout (n), pummel (v), pummeled, punch (force)
- fist: bash (v), bashing (n), batter (v), beat (beat down), beat up (v), clobbered, clout (n), hit (affected), hit (force), knock out (v), knockout (n), pound (v), pummel (v), pummeled, punch (force), smitten, strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- foot: kick (kick one's butt, etc.)
- hammer: hammer (v), hammer (n)
- leg: kick (kick one's butt, etc.)
- verb: bash (v), bashing (n), batter (v), beat (beat down), beat up (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), knock out (v), lash (v), pound (v), pummel (v), slam (v), strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.), thrash (v)
- violence: backlash, bash (v), bashing (n), batter (v), beat (beat down), beat up (v), clobbered, clout (n), lash (v), pummel (v), pummeled, punch (force), slam (v), thrash (v), thrashed, trounced, whip (resemblance)
- weapon: smitten
- whip: backlash, thrash (v), thrashed, lash (v), whip (resemblance)

## **HOLE (2)**

- concealment & lack of concealment: hole (spider hole)
- fantasy & reality: rabbit hole
- feeling, emotion & effect: hole (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: chink (n), hole (flaw)
- involvement: hole (situation)
- protection & lack of protection: chink (n), foxhole
- situation: hole (situation)

## **HORIZON (2)**

- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: horizon (extent and scope)
- future: horizon (on the horizon)

## **HORN (2)**

- branching system: multipronged
- conflict: head (butt heads), head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- experience: greenhorn (person)
- proper name: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)
- shape: horn (shape)

## **HORSE (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- affliction: gadfly (person)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (switch horses), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- avoidance & separation: shy (shy away)

- certainty & uncertainty: hands down (certainty)
- character & personality: cavalier (adj), gadfly (person), hard-charging (adj), maverick (person), stud (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: cavalcade (n)
- competition: dead heat, jockey (v), neck and neck (adj)
- consciousness & awareness: blinder (n), blinkered (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: shy (shy away)
- consciousness & awareness: blindered (adj)
- control & lack of control: harness (v), horse (hold your horses), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, unbridled
- constraint & lack of constraint: rein (free rein), unbridled
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hands down (easily)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: pasture (put out to pasture), unseat (v)
- disruption: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- driving force: outrider (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), horse (hold your horses)
- experience: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- group, set & collection: cavalcade (n), stable (n)
- haste: canter (n), headlong, spur (on the spur of the moment), spur-of-the-moment
- hierarchy: cavalier (adj)
- initiation: spur (v), spurred
- position, policy & negotiation: horse-trading
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: pasture (put out to pasture)
- protection & lack of protection: inroads (make inroads)
- oppression: saddle (oppress), saddled
- perception, perspective & point of view: blinder (n), blinkered (adj)
- power: oats (feel one's oats)
- proper name: saddle (Saddle Island, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)
- resiliency: saddle (get back in the saddle)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: balk (v), buck (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: unbridled
- role: saddle (acting saddle, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: buck (v)
- sex: stud (n)
- shape: saddle (shape), spur (shape)
- sound: gallop (n)
- speed: breakneck (adj), galloping
- starting, going, continuing & ending: balk (v), saddle (saddle up)
- strength & weakness: oats (feel one's oats), workhorse (n)
- subterfuge: stalking-horse (n)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: wire (down to the wire)
- work & duty: workhorse (n)

## HOOR (2)

- superlative: hour (finest hour)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: golden hour, hour (timeliness)

## HOUSE (2) (see also doors & thresholds)

- acceptance & rejection: welcome (v)
- amelioration & renewal: house (a house in order), house (clean house)

- appearance & disappearance: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- bases: edifice (n), foundation (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: basement (hierarchy), closet
- destruction: roof (a roof can cave in)
- disruption: house (clean house)
- effect: home (hit home)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- failure, accident & impairment: roof (a roof can cave in)
- feeling, emotion & effect: home (hit home), home (feel at home), home (close to home), welcome (welcome news, etc.)
- increase & decrease: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), roof (through the roof)
- location: home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location)
- orientation: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- origin: home (home of golf, etc.), house (origin)
- place: home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location)
- protection & lack of protection: home (home in Islam, etc.)
- proximity: backyard (in somebody's backyard), backyard (other), home (hit home), home (close to home), neighborhood (in the neighborhood)
- substance & lack of substance: house of cards
- welcome: home (feel at home)

## HUNTING (2)

- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground), holed up
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: catchy (attention)
- attraction & repulsion: bait (n), lure (n), lure (v)
- behavior: hotshot (n)
- character & personality: hotshot (n)
- competition: game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: ground (go to ground), holed up
- danger: pitfall (n), trap (n)
- destruction: gut (destroy)
- eagerness & reluctance: dog (dog won't hunt)
- evidence: trail (digital trail, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gutted (feeling)
- involvement: caught (caught up in something), caught (other), ensnare (v), ensnared, snare (v), trapped
- past & present: catch up (pursuit)
- protection & lack of protection: ground (go to ground), holed up
- pursuit, capture & escape: bait (n), capture (v), catch up (pursuit), ensnare (v), ensnared, expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), go (go after somebody / attack), ground (go to ground), headhunter (n), holed up, hunt (v), hunt (n), hunt (in the hunt), hunt down (v), hunter (plant), hunter (other), low (lying low), lure (v), lure (n), out (leave somebody an out, etc.), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), pursuit (in pursuit), pursuit (other), scent (throw somebody off the scent), snare (v), stalk (v), track (cover one's tracks), track down (v), tracked (followed), tracking, trail (follow), trail (throw somebody off the trail), trail (digital trail, etc.), trap (n), trapped
- searching & discovery: expedition (fishing expedition), search (for truth, cure, etc.), track down (v)
- subterfuge: scent (throw somebody off the scent), stalking-horse, trail (throw somebody off the trail), trap (n)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)

## **HYGIENE (2) (see also clothing & accessories)**

- amelioration & renewal: act (clean up one's act), clean (come clean), clean (v), clean up (improve), disinfectant (n), house (clean house), order (get something in order, etc.)
- behavior: act (clean up one's act), dirty (behavior)
- character & personality: mess (person)
- concealment & lack of concealment: clean (come clean), dirty laundry, launder (v), sanitize (v), sanitized, scrub (remove)
- condition & status: clean (addiction)
- corruption: filthy (corruption)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: filter (v)
- disruption: house (clean house)
- environment: cesspool (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: clean (a clean record, etc.), mess (n), messy (adj)
- guilt: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- insult: scum (insult)
- involvement: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- sex: dirty (sex), filthy (sex)
- situation: mess (n)
- speech: clean up (speech), dirty word
- subterfuge: launder (v)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: filthy (filthy rich)
- violence: brainwash (v), brainwashed, cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), scum (insult)
- worth & lack of worth: filthy (bad), scum (insult)

## **HYPERBOLE (1)**

- bodily process: retch (v)
- clothing & accessories: pants (scare the pants off somebody)
- death & life: die (hyperbole), death (to death)
- history: slave (v)
- money: sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin (jump out of one's skin)
- verb: retch (v), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), skin (jump out of one's skin), slave (v)

## **IDEA (1)**

- animal: sacred cow
- container: box (out / outside the box)
- head: brainchild, brainstorm (v), brainstorm (n)
- light & dark: light bulb
- religion: iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth
- storm: brainstorm (n), brainstorm (v)
- verb: brainstorm (v)

## **IDENTITY & NATURE (1) (see also behavior; character & personality)**

- air: air (environment)
- allusion: believer (true believer)
- animal: animal (political animal, etc.), creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (environment)
- biology: DNA (in the DNA), DNA (other), gene (in one's genes)
- birth: born (born teacher, etc.)



- blood: blood (in one's blood), vein (tap a vein)
- carpets & rugs: tapestry (n)
- cloth: cloth (cut from cloth), dyed-in-the-wool, tapestry (n)
- color: blue (politics), red (politics)
- container: melting pot (n)
- cooking: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- creature: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- face: faceless
- family: child (product)
- fire: melting pot (n)
- flags & banners: colors (true colors)
- food & drink: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), gumbo (mixture), pie (apple pie)
- ground, terrain & land: embedded
- health & medicine: incurable
- heart: heart (young at heart, etc.), heart (identity), heartland
- infrastructure: built in
- mental health: identity crisis
- mining: melting pot (n)
- music: anthem
- person: child (product)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: about (character)
- religion: born-again, soul (identity)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bone (racist bone, etc.)
- temperature: melting pot (n)

## **ILIAD & ODYSSEY (2)**

- alternatives & choices: Scylla and Charybdis
- attraction & repulsion: siren (siren call), siren (other)
- coercion & motivation: hector (v)
- computer: Trojan horse (computers)
- danger: Scylla and Charybdis
- development: odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other)
- initiation: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- message: Cassandra
- proper name: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Achilles' heel (n)
- strength & weakness: Achilles' heel
- subterfuge: Trojan horse (subterfuge)
- superlative: epic, Homeric (adj)

## **IMPORTANCE & SIGNIFICANCE (1) (see also achievement, recognition & praise; bases; priority; superlative)**

- allusion: triumvirate (n)
- animal: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- arm: arm (right arm)
- astronomy: planet (n)
- center & periphery: centerpiece, central (adj), sideshow (n)
- circus: sideshow (n)
- creature: giant (achievement), titan (n)

- direction: burner (front burner), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), front (front and center)
- farming & agriculture: ground (break ground), groundbreaking
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- food & drink: bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk), nothing-burger
- fortification: salient (important)
- gambling: stake (importance), stake (high stakes)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (break ground), groundbreaking, landmark, salient (important)
- hand: right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- height: capstone, paramount (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- history: blaze (v), pioneer (person), pioneering, revolution (n), revolutionary, revolutionize (v), triumvirate (n)
- infrastructure: capstone, ground (break ground), monument, monumental, towering (towering figure, etc.)
- journeys & trips: blaze (v), landmark, milestone, pathbreaking, trail (blaze a trail), trailblazer (person), trailblazing
- key: key (important)
- mechanism: cog (n), kingpin, linchpin, pivotal
- military: breakthrough (n), salient (important)
- money: million-dollar
- mountains & hills: paramount (adj)
- movement: breakthrough (n)
- person: pioneer (person), trailblazer (person)
- position: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), centerpiece, front (front and center), right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- potato: potato (small potatoes)
- religion: fetish (n), fetishize (v), hallowed (adj), idolized, sacred (adj), venerate (v), worship (v)
- river: watershed (n)
- size: big (big name, etc.), colossus (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (achievement), minnow (n), potato (small potatoes), titan (n), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- sound: keynote (n)
- sports & games: big-league, game (game-changer)
- statue: colossus (n)
- theater: role (function or part)
- verb: fetishize (v), revolutionize (v), trail (blaze a trail), venerate (v), worship (v)
- weight: weighty (substance)

## IMPRESSION (1)

- fire: burned (impressed), seared
- mark: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, imprint, mark (effect), seared, stamp (impression), stamped
- materials & substances: plastered (impression)
- sensation: burned (impressed), sensation
- tools & technology: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, stamp (impression), stamped
- verb: etch (v)

## INAUGURATION (1)

- cloth: unveil (make public), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- flying & falling: launch (v)
- mechanism: drop (product launch), drop (v), roll out (v), launch (v)
- verb: launch (v), drop (v), roll out (v), unveil (make public), wrap (take the wraps off something)

## **INCLUSION & EXCLUSION (1) (see also acceptance & rejection; attraction & repulsion; avoidance & separation; division & connection; dismissal, removal & resignation)**

- infrastructure: square (public square)
- snow & ice: frozen out (excluded)
- speech: square (public square)
- table: table (inclusivity)
- temperature: cold (in the cold), freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- tent: tent (inclusivity)
- verb: freeze out (v)

## **INCREASE & DECREASE (1) (see also decline)**

- air: ballooning, inflate (v), inflated, overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v)
- astronomy: wane (v), wax (wax & wane)
- atmosphere: balloon (v), balloon (n), ballooning, inflate (v), inflated, overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v), stratospheric
- ball: rebound (v)
- balloon: balloon (v), balloon (n), ballooning, inflate (v), inflated
- blade: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- chemistry: oxygen (fuel)
- direction: boost (v), boost (n), ceiling (high point), climb (increase), dial (dial down / back), dip (n), elevated, floor (low point), heighten (v), jack up (v), level (take something to a higher level), level off (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rise (on the rise), rocket (increase), roller coaster (development), skyrocket (increase), slip (v), soar (v), spiral (downward or upward), spiraling (increase), stratospheric, up (increase), up (higher), upsurge (n), uptick (n), upturn (n), yo-yo (up and down)
- electricity: amp up (v), step up (increase)
- engine: rev up (v), turbocharge (v)
- explosion: blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), boom (increase), explode (increase), exploding, explosion (increase), explosive (increase)
- fire: accelerant (n), fan (v), fire (fuel on the fire, etc.), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle (v), oil (pour oil), oxygen (fuel), stoke (v)
- flying & falling: nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), soar (v)
- food & drink: feed (fuel), feed (feed on / off / into something)
- force: boost (v), boost (n)
- hardness & softness: harden (increase)
- health & medicine: steroids (on steroids)
- height: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), heighten (v)
- house: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), roof (through the roof)
- infrastructure: build up (v)
- knife: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- light & dark: burnish (v)
- mechanism: crank up (v), dial (dial down / back), gear up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), turn up (increase)
- military: multiplier (force multiplier)
- moon: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- mountains & hills: peak (at the peak), peak (other), plateau (n), plateau (v)
- movement: accelerate (v), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), momentum (n), roller coaster (development), yo-yo (up and down)
- number: multiplier (force multiplier)

- pile: mount (v), mounting, pile on (increase), pile up (v)
- plane: nosedive (noun / decrease), nosedive (verb / decrease), spiral (downward or upward)
- plant: burgeoning (adj), grow (increase), growing (increasing)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: up (higher)
- pressure: ratchet up (v)
- rocket: rocket (increase), skyrocket (increase)
- roof: roof (through the roof)
- shape: bump (increase), plateau (n), plateau (v), spike (increase), spike (spike in business, etc.)
- size: big (v), shrink (downsize), swell (v)
- sky: skyrocket (increase)
- snow & ice: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- sound: amplify (v), amplified
- sports & games: roller coaster (development), yo-yo (up and down)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v)
- tide: flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase)
- tools & technology: jack up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v)
- verb: accelerate (v), amplify (v), balloon (v), big (v), blow up (attention / verb), boom (increase), boost (v), boost (n), build up (v), burnish (v), climb (increase), crank up (v), dial (dial down / back), escalate (v), explode (increase), fan (v), feed (fuel), flow (increase), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), gear up (v), grow (increase), harden (increase), heighten (v), inflame (v), inflate (v), jack up (v), jump (increase), kindle (v), level off (v), mount (v), nosedive (verb / decrease), oil (pour oil), pile on (increase), pile up (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), rebound (v), rev up (v), rocket (increase), sharpen (v), shoot (shoot up), shrink (downsize), skyrocket (increase), slip (v), snowball (v), soar (v), spike (increase), spiral (downward or upward), step up (increase), stoke (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), swell (v), turbocharge (v), turn up (increase), up (increase), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (increase), jump (n), leap (leaps and bounds)
- water: buoyant (strong), flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase)
- weapon: shoot (shoot up)

## **INFRASTRUCTURE (2) (see also dam)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: pinnacle (achievement)
- affliction: alley (Cancer Alley)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: prop up (v)
- amelioration & renewal: bolster (v), bolstered, buttress (v), prop up, put (put something back together), rebuild (v), scaffolding, shore up
- amount: suite (n), warehouse (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: deconstruct (v), deconstruction (n), frame (characterize)
- appearance & reality: facade (n), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- attachment: built in, locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- bases: building block, cornerstone, infrastructure (n), keystone, pillar (basis), plank (n), plumbing (n)
- behavior: gutter (in the gutter), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- characterization: frame (characterize)
- complexity: labyrinth, maze
- computer: warehousing (data)
- concealment & lack of concealment: facade (n), whitewash (n), whitewash (v)
- configuration: built, built in, built-in
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), spigot (n)

- creation & transformation: architect, build (create), drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other), engineered
- curtailment: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- death & life: life (life is a building)
- decline: gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- destruction: buckle (give way), collapse (n), crash (crash down), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), ruin (v), ruin (in ruins), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, tube (go down the tubes)
- direction: lighthouse
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- epithet: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)
- experience: alley (up one's alley), lane (experience)
- failure, accident & impairment: buckle (give way), collapse (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), pothole (n), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- group, set & collection: suite (suite of tools, etc.)
- growth & development: drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other)
- help & assistance: caretaker (role)
- identity & nature: built in
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), capstone, monument, monumental, towering (towering figure, etc.)
- inclusion & exclusion: square (public square)
- increase & decrease: build up (v)
- interest: alley (up one's alley), lane (experience)
- leaking: spigot (n)
- obstacles & impedance: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), pothole (n)
- past & present: memory lane (down memory lane)
- perception, perspective & point of view: tunnel vision
- portal: avenue (portal)
- power: hall (halls of academe, etc.), corridor (corridors of power)
- progress & lack of progress: blind alley (n)
- proper name: buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.), courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.), Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.), pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.), pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: guardrail (protection)
- readiness & preparedness: brace (v), braced
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- resemblance: buttress (n), pillar (resemblance), street (cloud street, etc.), tunnel (resemblance)
- resiliency: put (put something back together)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: buckle (give way)
- route: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), alley (Bat Alley, etc.), alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), alley (Death Alley, etc.), avenue (route), bridge (air bridge, etc.), corridor (route), expressway, highway (iceberg highway, etc.), pipeline (other), superhighway
- script: blueprint
- shape: canal (birth canal, etc.), pipe (sports), pipeline (shape)
- situation: maze (other)
- social interaction: street (two-way street)
- society: square (public square), street (society)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ramp (off-ramp)
- substance & lack of substance: facade (n)
- success & failure: blind alley (n)

## **INITIATION (1) (see also reconciliation, resolution & conclusion; starting, going, continuing & stopping)**

- air: oxygen (fuel)
- allusion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), ship (launched a thousand ships)
- atmosphere: oxygen (fuel)
- bird: hatch (v), hatched
- bottle: uncork (v)
- bubble: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- chemistry: catalyst (n), oxygen (fuel)
- cooking: stir (v), stir up (v)
- creature: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), worm (can of worms)
- death & life: life (spring to life)
- dog: unleash (v), unleashed
- earthquake: tremor (n)
- electricity: galvanize (v), spark plug
- engine: jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v)
- explosion: blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), burst (burst into violence, etc.), detonate (v), dynamite (n), explode (increase), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explosion (violence, etc.), explosive (violence, etc.), fuse (n), go off (v), powder keg, set off (v), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (initiation), volatile
- fire: ablaze (set something ablaze), alight (fire), combustible, fan (v), fiery (character), fiery (speech), fire (catch fire), flare (v), flare up (v), flare-up (n), flashpoint, fuel (v), fuel (n), ignite, incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle, oxygen (fuel), re-ignite, rekindle, spark (v), spark (n), stoke (v), tinderbox (violence, etc.), volatile
- flying & falling: launch (v), take off (v)
- foot: kick in (start), kick up (v)
- head: head start
- health & medicine: patient zero
- heating water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- horse: spur (v), spurred
- initiation: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- journeys & trips: head start
- leg: kick in (start), kick-start (v), kick up (v)
- mechanism: kick in (start), launching pad, springboard (n)
- military: tripwire (initiation)
- movement: head start, swirl (v)
- plane: take off (v)
- pressure: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), uncork (v)
- religion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- rocket: launching pad
- scale: scale (tip the scales)
- teeth: toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- temperature: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), combustible, fiery (character), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- throwing, putting & planting: launch (v)

- verb: blow up (attention / verb), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), burst (burst into violence, etc.), detonate (v), erupt (v), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), fan (v), flare (v), flare up (v), fuel (v), galvanize (v), go off (v), hatch (v), ignite (v), inflame (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick-start (v), kick up (v), kindle (v), launch (v), life (spring to life), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), percolate (v), re-ignite (v), rekindle (v), scale (tip the scales), seethe (v), set off (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), spark (v), spur (v), stir (v), stir up (v), stoke (v), swirl (v), take off (v), trigger (v), trigger (pull the trigger), unleash (v)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption, tremor (n)
- walking, running & jumping: jumping-off place / point
- water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), springboard (n), swirl (v)
- weapon: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), fuse (n), hair-trigger, trigger (v), trigger (n), trigger (pull the trigger), tripwire (initiation)
- weight: scale (tip the scales), straw (the last straw)

## **INSECT (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; lion; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- activity: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), beehive (activity), buzz (activity), crawl (activity), hive (n), hornet's nest, swarm (v), swarm (n)
- affliction: gadfly (person), infest (v), infested, riddled
- amount & effect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- appearance & disappearance: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: cocoon (isolation)
- behavior: descend (descend on), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- character & personality: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: descend (descend on)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hole (spider hole)
- conflict: hornet's nest
- creation & transformation: web (spin a web)
- danger: hornet's nest
- dismissal, removal & resignation: mothball (v)
- division & connection: cocoon (isolation)
- environment: beehive (activity), hornet's nest
- feeling, emotion & effect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), stinging (adj), stung (feeling)
- involvement: web (entanglement)
- isolation & remoteness: cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- perception, perspective & point of view: worm's eye (adj)
- person: gadfly (person)
- place: hole (spider hole)
- proper name: beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: cocoon (isolation)
- resemblance: cocoon (resemblance)
- sensation: sting (n)
- sex: bee (the birds and the bees)
- shape: butterfly (shape), web (spider web, etc.)
- situation: web (situation)
- sound: buzz (sound), cricket (n)
- subterfuge: web (spin a web)
- surveillance: fly (fly on the wall)

- violence: termite (n)

## **INSULT (1)**

- animal: animal (insult), dog (insult), beast (insult), donkey, jackass (n), pig (insult)
- dog: dog (insult)
- face: face (slap in the face), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- gesture: nose (thumb one's nose), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- hygiene: scum (insult)
- nose: thumb (thumb one's nose)
- religion: hell (go to hell)
- speech: joke (it's a joke, etc.), punchline (joke), talk (trash talk)
- verb: nose (thumb one's nose)
- waste: talk (trash talk)

## **INTEREST (1)**

- boat: wheelhouse (n)
- dog: dog (dog in the hunt)
- gambling: stakeholder
- head: brain (on the brain)
- infrastructure: alley (up one's alley), lane (experience)

## **INVOLVEMENT (1) (see also concealment & lack of concealment)**

- animal: wallow (v), web (entanglement)
- blood: hand (bloody hands, etc.), blood (blood on one's hands, etc.)
- boxing: weigh in (v)
- burden: drag (drag somebody into something)
- burial: buried (buried in debt, etc.)
- cloth: skein (entanglement), web (entanglement), wrapped (wrapped up in something)
- container: get (get into something), in (in deep, etc.), into (involvement)
- direction: get (get into something), leave (leave something alone)
- eye: eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)
- flying & falling: plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement)
- food & drink: teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- foot: toe (dip one's toes)
- ground, terrain & land: thick (in the thick of things)
- hand: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hole: hole (situation)
- hunting: caught (caught up in something), caught (other), ensnare (v), ensnared, snare (v), trapped
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- insect: web (entanglement)
- meat: teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- military: missing in action (MIA)
- mixture: mix (in / into the mix), mixed up
- neck: neck (up to one's neck)
- picture: frame (in the frame / involvement), picture (out of the picture), picture (in the picture)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (in deep, etc.), into (involvement)
- rope: bound up, enmeshed, entangled (involvement), string (attachment)
- sound: chime in (v)
- spider: web (entanglement)



- sports & games: game (in / into the game), sideline (on the sideline), sideline (other), weigh in (v)
- teeth: teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something)
- toe: toe (dip one's toes)
- verb: chime in (v), dive in (v), drag (drag somebody into something), ensnare (v), get (get into something), head (get in over one's head, etc.), jump (jump in), leave (leave something alone), plunge (plunge into something), snare (v), step in (v), stumble (stumble into something), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / into), wallow (v), weigh in (v)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump in), step in (v), stumble (stumble into something)
- water: deep (in deep), dive in (v), end (go off the deep end), end (deep end), head (get in over one's head, etc.), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement), toe (dip one's toes), wade (wade in / into), water (deep water)
- weight: weigh in (v)

## **ISLAND (2) (see also sea)**

- configuration: archipelago (n)
- division & connection: insular (adj)
- environment: island (island of affluence, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned
- migration: Ellis Island (epithet)
- person: castaway (person)
- resemblance: island (beech island, etc.)
- society: castaway (person), island (society), marooned

## **ISOLATION & REMOTENESS (1)**

- animal: carapace (protection), shell (protection)
- astronomy: black hole
- bird: cooped up
- bubble: bubble (isolation)
- container: bubble (isolation)
- electricity: insulate (v), insulated, insulation
- epithet: hermit (epithet), North Korea (epithet)
- farming & agriculture: silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- insect: cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- island: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned
- journeys & trips: no man's land (people), path (off the beaten path), track (off the beaten track), way (out of the way / remote)
- map: no man's land (people)
- person: castaway (person), hermit (person)
- religion: cloistered
- river: backwater
- sea: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, shell (protection)
- throwing, putting & planting: castaway (person)
- verb: insulate (v)
- water: bubble (isolation), shell (protection)

## **JOURNEYS & TRIPS (2) (see also movement)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: milestone
- action, inaction & delay: can (kick the can down the road), road (push something down the road)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: go (go along), road (road to Damascus)

- alternatives & choices: crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), path (alternatives and choices), road (fork in the road, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: way (pave the way)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: explore (analyze), get (get somewhere), go on (explain)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.), wilderness (area)
- attainment: get (get somewhere), way (all the way)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- character & personality: easygoing
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: circle back (v), get (get somewhere)
- commitment & determination: return (point of no return)
- competition: pass (progress)
- comprehension & incomprehension: follow (argument)
- condition & status: go (progress)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: can (kick the can down the road), bridge (cross that bridge), go (not go there), road (go down that road, etc.), road (push something down the road)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)
- course: detour (n), direction (in a direction), direction (journey), journey (in one's journey), journey (on a journey), journey (n), passage, path (on the path), path (on a path), path (down a path), path (path of peace, etc.), path (path to / toward legalization, etc.), rite (rite of passage), road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road), road (long road), route (course), shortcut (n), way (along the way)
- creation & transformation: road (road to Damascus)
- danger: woods (out of the woods)
- development: course (development), hegira (and hejira), odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other), path (a path can turn), return (point of no return), road (turn in the road, etc.), saga (n), trajectory (n), turn (development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners), path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (long road), road (tough / easy road, etc.), shortcut (n), slog (long hard slog, etc.), way (go out of one's way)
- directing: guide (v), shepherd (v), take (take somebody somewhere)
- direction: beacon (n), bearing (direction), chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (course of action, etc.), course (direction), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), guide (person), guide (nonperson), head (into the future), headed, landmark, lead (one thing leads to another), light (guiding light), lodestar, lodestone, lost (direction), mislead (v), misleading, navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), plot (v), road (turn in the road, etc.), stray (direction), uncharted (adj), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (direction), way (the wrong way), way (know one's way around)
- driving force: pioneer (person), way (lead the way)
- eagerness & reluctance: go (not go there), path (beat a path), road (go down that road, etc.)
- experience: go (go through something), road (down a road before)
- failure, accident & impairment: dead end, pothole (n), turn (wrong turn), way (lose one's way)
- fate, fortune & chance: path (cross paths), return (point of no return)
- feeling, emotion & effect: follow (follow a feeling or emotion)
- fictive transportation: take (take somebody somewhere)
- flaws & lack of flaws: path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (tough / easy road, etc.)
- future: ahead (future), forward (future), go (where are we going, etc.), road (down the road, etc.)
- growth & development: passage, rite (rite of passage)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- history: baggage, freighted

- importance & significance: blaze (v), landmark, milestone, pathbreaking, trail (blaze a trail), trailblazer (person), trailblazing
- initiation: head start
- isolation & remoteness: no man's land (people), path (off the beaten path), track (off the beaten track), way (out of the way / remote)
- knowledge & intelligence: way (know one's way around)
- migration: nomad (person)
- obstacles & impedance: bump (bump in the road, etc.), gridlocked, impasse (n), path (in the path), pothole (n), roadblock, way (in the way), way (out of the way / obstacles)
- operation: course (course of justice, etc.)
- oppression: freighted
- past & present: back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), back up (v), circle back (v), road (down a road before), walk (walk somebody back)
- person: guide (person), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), nomad (person), pioneer (person), trailblazer (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: lost (extinction), pass by (progress), way (on the way out), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: beginning (progress), blind alley (n), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), come (come a long way), far (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), journey, keep up (progress), milestone, move (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), road (road from / to something), setback (progress), step (a step in the right direction), there (destination), turn back (v), way (a long way), wind (wind its way)
- proper name: road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end (no end in sight), get (get through something), get (get over something), move on (resiliency)
- resiliency: get (get through something), get (get over something), go on (v), move on (resiliency)
- reversal: backtrack (reversal), course (reverse course), road (road to Damascus), turnabout (reversal)
- route: pathway (route), trail (campaign trail, etc.), way (route)
- script: road map
- social interaction: go (go along)
- speed: plod (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (go ahead), embark (embark on something), beginning (progress), end (no end in sight), end (no end in sight), go on (v), head start, jumping-off place / point, move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), outset (from the outset), outset (at the outset), push (push on), road (end of the road), set out / off (v), track (stop something in its tracks), underway, way (on the way), way (every step of the way)
- success & failure: blind alley (n), dead end, way (all the way), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: get (get through something), get (get over something), go (go through something), go on (v), road (road from / to something), trail (trail of tears), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.), woods (out of the woods)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (cross that bridge), head start
- unanimity & consensus: go (go along)

## **JUDGMENT (1) (see also punishment & recrimination; sanctioning, authority & non-conformity)**

- allusion: draconian (adj), Solomonic (adj)
- animal: chicken (come home to roost), kangaroo court
- baseball: call (close call), call (the right call)
- Bible: Solomonic (adj)

- bird: chicken (come home to roost)
- books & reading: book (judge a book by its cover)
- face: frown (v), smile (v)
- food & drink: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- gesture: frown (v), nod (agree), smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- hand: even-handed (adj), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- head: nod (agree)
- health & medicine: triage (v), triage (n)
- history: inquisition (n), lynching (media lynching, etc.)
- justice: call (close call), call (the right call), chicken (come home to roost), court (in the court), court (other), crime (judgment), hanging (hanging offense), judge (role), judged, jury (the jury is out), kangaroo court, trial (show trial), verdict (n), witch-hunt
- military: firing squad, muster (pass muster)
- person: judge (role)
- religion: Solomonic (adj)
- scale: weigh (analyze)
- school & education: mark (high mark), report card
- sign, signal, symbol: frown (v), smile (v)
- sound: boo (n), cheer (n)
- speech: callout (criticism), speak (the people have spoken, etc.)
- sports & games: call (close call), call (the right call)
- stomach: gut (n)
- sword: sword (fall on one's sword)
- taste: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- theater: review (n)
- verb: frown (v), muster (pass muster), nod (agree), smile (v), triage (v), weigh (analyze)
- violence: hanging (hanging offense), inquisition (n), lynching (media lynching, etc.)
- weight: weigh (analyze)

## JUNGLE (2)

- competition: jungle (competition), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- danger: jungle (competition)
- environment: jungle (environment)
- predation: law (law of the jungle, etc.)

## JUSTICE (2)

- certainty & uncertainty: jury (the jury is out)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention
- control & lack of control: police (v)
- death & life: capital punishment, death (death sentence)
- epithet: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: reprieve (n)
- haste: rush (rush to judgment)
- judgment: call (close call), call (the right call), chicken (come home to roost), court (in the court), court (other), crime (judgment), hanging (hanging offense), judge (role), judged, jury (the jury is out), kangaroo court, trial (show trial), verdict (n), witch-hunt
- operation: wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)
- oppression: kangaroo court, police (thought police, etc.), trial (show trial), witch-hunt
- punishment & recrimination: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hook (off the hook), reprieve (n), sentence (life sentence)

- pursuit, capture & escape: hook (off the hook)
- reversal: chicken (come home to roost)

## **KEY (2)**

- concealment & lack of concealment: lock (lock something away), lock (under lock and key)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lock (lock something away)
- importance & significance: key (important)
- punishment & recrimination: key (throw away the key)
- searching & discovery: unlock (v)

## **KNEE (2)**

- condition & status: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: knee (bring to one's knees)

## **KNIFE (2) (see also ax; blade; sword; weapon)**

- ability & lack of ability: edge (lose one's edge)
- affliction: cut (a thousand cuts)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: backstabber, backstabbing, cutthroat, stab (stab somebody in the back)
- amelioration & renewal: hone (v), sharpen (v)
- amount: slice (piece)
- attempt: stab (attempt)
- behavior: backstabber, backstabbing, cutthroat
- character & personality: backstabber
- competition: cutthroat
- computer: scrape (v)
- condition & status: honed, sharp
- creation & transformation: carved out, carve out (v)
- decline: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- destruction: dagger, heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cut (n), cut (v), scrape (v), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cut (cut both ways), dagger, heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), stab (sensation)
- flaws & lack of flaws: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- functioning: honed, sharp (adj)
- increase & decrease: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- resemblance: slice (road slices, etc.)
- sensation: stab (sensation), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)
- shape: knife-edged
- speech: blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- survival, persistence & endurance: scrape by (v)

## **KNOWLEDGE & INTELLIGENCE (1)**

- books & reading: encyclopedia (n), encyclopedic (adj)
- boat: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- creature: genie (knowledge), wizard (person), wizardry
- epithet: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: way (know one's way around)
- head: brain (n), brain drain / gain, brain trust
- history: Dark Ages (in the Dark Ages), Dark Ages (other), medieval (adj), prehistoric (adj)
- journeys & trips: way (know one's way around)

- magic: wizard (person), wizardry
- mechanism: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology)
- music: chops (expertise)
- person: guru (person), savant (n), scientist (rock scientist)
- religion: guru (person)
- school & education: IQ (ability), masterclass (n)
- shape: loop (in the loop)
- school & education: learn (v), lesson, note (compare notes), schooled
- stomach: gut (n)
- verb: learn (v)

## **LADDER (2)**

- help & assistance: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)
- hierarchy: ladder (hierarchy), rung (on the bottom rung), rung (bottom rung), rung (other)

## **LANDSLIDE (2) (see also earthquake; ground, terrain & land; mountains & hills; volcano)**

- amount & effect: landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other)

## **LANGUAGE (1)**

- tongue: tongue (language)

## **LEAKING (1) (see also movement)**

- blood: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (n)
- infrastructure: spigot (n)
- verb: bleed (v), drain (v), leak (v), leak out (v)
- water: drain (v), drain (n), leak (v), leak (n), leaked, leak out (v), spigot (n)

## **LEG (2) (see also equilibrium & stability; foot; heel; walking, running & jumping)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: leg (leg to stand on)
- configuration: straddle (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- dismissal, removal & resignation: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- division & connection: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- growth & development: leg (grow legs)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: kick (kick one's butt, etc.)
- initiation: kick in (start), kick-start (v), kick up (v)
- sequence: leg (first leg, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v)

## **LETTERS & CHARACTERS (2) (see also books & reading; writing & spelling)**

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: spelled out, spell out (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: exclamation point, full stop, punctuate (v), underline (attention), underscore (attention)
- failure, accident & impairment: T-bone (v), T-boned
- certainty & uncertainty: question mark
- configuration: punctuate (configuration)
- cost & benefit: plus (benefit)
- mixture: soup (alphabet soup)
- reversal: U-turn

## LIGHT & DARK (2)

- accusation & criticism: shade (throw shade)
- achievement, recognition & praise: luminary (n), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- activity: alight (activity), light (lit up)
- amelioration & renewal: clear up (v), polish (v)
- amount: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (shed light), opacity (n), opaque (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: fade (v), fade away, light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blaze (in a blaze of glory), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), glare (attention), highlight (v), light (shine a light), limelight (in the limelight), outshine (v), overshadow (v), shadow (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), sunlight (concealment), supernova (attention)
- attenuation: shadow (devitalized), tarnish (v), tarnished
- attraction & repulsion: flame (attraction), moth (attraction)
- certainty & uncertainty: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), cloudy (certainty), murky (adj), open-and-shut (adj), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: fade away (v)
- comprehension & lack of comprehension: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), clear (unambiguous), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb, murky (adj), opacity (n), opaque (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- computer: darknet
- concealment & lack of concealment: day (the light of day), light (shed light), shadow (concealment), shadowy, sunlight (concealment), transparency, transparent
- configuration: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: dark (in the dark), haze (perception), opaque (adj)
- corruption: shady (adj), tarnish (v), tarnished
- decline: dim (decline), fade (v), star (decline), twilight (in the twilight)
- direction: light (guiding light), lighthouse
- division & connection: daylight (division)
- evidence: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: tarnish (v), tarnished
- feeling, emotion & effect: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), day (dark day), dazzle (v), dim (feeling), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), illuminating (adj), scintillating (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.), sunny
- flaws & lack of flaws: bright (bright side), side (dark side)
- growth & development: supernova (achievement)
- guilt: clear (clear conscience)
- idea: light bulb
- increase & decrease: burnish (v)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: clear (perception), haze (perception), light (in light of), light (in a light), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dim (primacy), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), twilight (in the twilight)

- proximity: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- repetition: shadow (mirror)
- reputation: luster
- resiliency: bright (bright side)
- searching & discovery: light (come to light), light (bring something to light)
- situation: twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: shadow (devalued), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- subterfuge: shady (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- superlative: bright, brilliance (superlative), brilliant (superlative), coruscating (adj), glittering (adj), glowing (adj), light (shining light), light up (v), luminary (n), outshine (v), scintillating (adj), shining (superlative), sparkling (superlative), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)

## **LIGHTNING (2) (see also rain; storm; weather & climate; wind)**

- appearance & disappearance: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: lightning rod
- fate, fortune & chance: lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- occurrence: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- origin: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- speed: lightning

## **LINE (2) (see also boundary)**

- behavior: line (out of line), line (over the line), line (cross the line), line (red line)
- configuration: straddle (configuration)
- division & connection: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), line (division), line (categories), straddle (connect)
- fate, fortune & chance: line (tread a line, etc.), line (on the line)
- position, policy & negotiation: line (a hard line, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: line (government line, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: line (finish line), line (end of the line, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), lockstep (in lockstep), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rank-and-file (adj)

## **LION (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- amount: lion's share
- courage & lack of courage: lion
- person: lion (courage)
- strength & weakness: lion (strength & weakness)

## **LOCATION (1) (see also place)**

- earthquake: epicenter
- forest: woods (neck of the woods)
- house: home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- temperature: hotspot (place)
- verb: pinpoint (locate)



## LOVE, COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE (2)

- acceptance & rejection: spurned
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bed (jump into bed with someone), infidelity (n)
- attraction & repulsion: court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), embrace (v), embraced, flirt (v), seduced, swoon (v), woo (v), wooed
- behavior: infidelity (n)
- character & personality: odd couple
- coercion & motivation: marriage (shotgun marriage)
- concealment & lack of concealment: infidelity (n)
- conflict: honeymoon
- division & connection: divorce (n), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married
- eagerness & reluctance: coy (adj), marriage (shotgun marriage), shy (adj)
- enthusiasm: fall (fall in love), infatuated (enthusiasm), romance (n)
- experience: coming (coming out), debutant (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: flirt (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: crush (love), swoon (v)
- person: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), seduce (v), seduced, suitor (n), woo (v), wooed
- relationship: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), divorce (n), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, odd couple
- season: summer
- subterfuge: infidelity (n)

## LUNG (2)

- biodiversity: lung (atmosphere)

## MAGIC (2)

- ability & lack of ability: wizard (person), wizardry
- affliction: cursed
- amelioration & renewal: dust (fairy dust, etc.), magic (magic bullet, etc.)
- appearance & reality: magical (versus reality)
- attraction & repulsion: charm (v), charm (n), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), charming (people), piper, spell (under a spell)
- character & personality: charming
- control & lack of control: hypnotize (v)
- cost & benefit: curse (n)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers)
- epithet: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: crystal ball, cursed, tea leaves
- feeling, emotion & effect: charm (v), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), entranced, magic (effect), magic (magic moment, etc.), magical (effect), mesmerizing, spell (under a spell), spell (cast a spell), spellbinding, spellbound
- fantasy & reality: make-believe (n), make-believe (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: magic (trail magic, etc.)
- future: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), soothsayer (person), tea leaves
- help & assistance: magic (trail magic, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: wizard (person), wizardry
- person: fortuneteller (person), soothsayer (person), wizard (person)
- proper name: Magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: charmed (charmed life, etc.)

- subterfuge: sleight of hand
- worth & lack of worth: curse (n)

## **MANUFACTURING (2) (see also engine; mechanism; tools & technology)**

- amelioration & renewal: recycle (v), salvage (v)
- characterization: cast (characterize), recast (v)
- content: mill (grist for the mill), mill (gossip / rumor mill)
- creation & transformation: byproduct, churn out (v), fabricate (v), fabricated, fabrication, forge (v), forged, grind out (v), machine (publicity machine, etc.), making (creation), mill (n), mold (v), reshape (v), shape (v), shaped, strike (strike a deal, etc.)
- destruction: unmaking (destruction)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: scrap (v), scrapped
- environment: crucible (n)
- functioning: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- gossip: mill (gossip / rumor mill), mill (grist for the mill)
- operation: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- place: Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.)
- product: byproduct
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mold (fit a mold)
- script: boilerplate (n)
- worth & lack of worth: run-of-the-mill

## **MAP (2)**

- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- direction: navigate (v), plot (v), uncharted (adj)
- extent & scope: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: no man's land (people)
- location: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)
- place: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- script: road map

## **MARK (2)**

- acceptance & rejection: blackball (v), blacklist (v)
- affliction: scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring
- characterization: brand (v), mark (black mark), stigmatize (v)
- configuration: dot (v), dotted (arrangement), speckled (configuration)
- effect: mark (effect)
- evidence: fingerprint, hallmark
- feeling, emotion & effect: bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dent (n), mark (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: blemish (n), black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), scar (blemish), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.), smear (n), smear (v), stain (n), stain (v), unblemished
- impression: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, imprint, mark (effect), seared, stamp (impression), stamped
- measurement: benchmark (at a benchmark), benchmark
- oppression: blackball (v), blacklist (v)

- representation: touchstone
- reputation: black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), smear (v), smear (n), stain (v), stain (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: rubber stamp (n), stamp (stamp of approval)
- sensation: seared
- speech: smear (v), smear (n)

## **MATERIALS & SUBSTANCES (2) (see also steel)**

- ability & lack of ability: brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), flexible (adj), flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- acceptance & rejection: attachment (n)
- accusation & criticism: vitriol (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: golden (golden girl, boy)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: stick (stick to / by / with something)
- appearance & reality: lipstick (appearance), unvarnished (adj), veneer (appearance)
- attachment: adhere (adhere to something), attached (attributed), glued, stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something), stick (endurance), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)
- bases: rock (support)
- behavior: brazen (adj)
- character & personality: flexible (character), inflexible (character), mercurial (adj), putty (n), rigid (character), smooth (character)
- commitment & determination: grit (political grit, etc.), stick (stick to / by / with something)
- condition & status: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other)
- configuration: marbled
- constraint & lack of constraint: elastic, flexible (adj), rigid (constraint), supple (adj)
- control & lack of control: putty (n), unglued
- corruption: contaminate (v), contaminated, contamination, poison (v), taint (v), tainted
- destruction: shatter (v), shattered, shattering
- division & connection: fractured (separated), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.)
- evidence: taint (n)
- extent & scope: stretch (extent)
- failure, accident & impairment: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), breaking point (other), crack (v), fracture (failure), meltdown (n), snap (v), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), unglued, shatter (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), crack (v), eggshell (walking on eggshells), fragile (feelings), meltdown (n), noxious (adj), poisonous (adj), shattering, snap (v), stick (emotion), toxic (adj), unglued, vitriol (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: coarse (adj), crack (flaw), crude (adj), flawed (adj), flawless (adj), flimsy (adj), jewel (n), lapidary (adj), polish (v), polished (adj), sag (v), solid (adj), sound (solid), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.), unpolished, weak (fragile)
- heart: heart (heart of stone, etc.), stone-hearted
- impression: plastered (impression)
- mind: minded (steely-minded), tough-minded, weak-minded (adj)
- mixture: amalgam (n)
- oppression: ironfisted
- resistance, opposition & defeat: bend (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: brazen (adj)
- situation: sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)

- speech: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, crude (adj), silver (speech), silver-tongued, tongued (silver-tongued), vitriol (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something)
- strength & weakness: cement (v), eggshell (n), flimsy (adj), fragile (weak), hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), oak (strength), rock (support), sag (v), solid (adj), sound (measure), steel (strength), teak (wood), weak (fragile)
- substance & lack of substance: concrete, flimsy (adj), hollow (adj), solid (adj), veneer (appearance)
- superlative: golden (golden girl, boy), golden (golden opportunity, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: cement (v), grit (political grit, etc.), stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something), stick (endurance)

## **MEASUREMENT (1)**

- blood: pulse (n)
- doors & thresholds: threshold (below the threshold), threshold (measurement)
- mark: benchmark (at a benchmark), benchmark
- surveying: baseline
- temperature: thermometer (n)
- tools & technology: barometer (n), calibrate (adjust), gauge (n), thermometer (n), tweak (n), yardstick (n)
- verb: calibrate (adjust), sound (measure)
- water: sound (measure)

## **MEAT (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; fruits & vegetables; taste)**

- experience: meat (fresh meat)
- failure, accident & impairment: butcher (v)
- involvement: teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- oppression: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)
- product: meat (piece of meat)
- shape: T-bone (v), T-boned
- strength & weakness: beef up (v)
- substance & lack of substance: meat (substance), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- violence: butcher (n)
- worth & lack of worth: meat (piece of meat)

## **MECHANISM (1)**

- death & life: life (mechanism, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: smart (technology)

## **MECHANISM (2) (see also engine; manufacturing; tools & technology)**

- ability & lack of ability: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology)
- absorption & immersion: Hoover (Hoover up, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: wringer (through the wringer)
- action, inaction & delay: button (pause button)
- activity: gear (in full gear), gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (hum along), hum (n), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- affliction: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- amelioration & renewal: fix (v), lubricant, mend (on the mend), mend (v), put (put something back together), repair (v), repair (n), tinker (v), tune-up (n), unwind (v), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: break down (explain), sort out (analyze)
- avoidance & separation: steer (steer clear of something)
- bases: kingpin, linchpin, nuts and bolts
- branching system: hub (branching system)

- center & periphery: hub (center)
- character & personality: wound (tightly wound)
- complexity: part (moving parts)
- consciousness & awareness: wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- control & lack of control: brake (control), lever (levers of power, etc.), wheel (asleep at the wheel), wheel (hand on the wheel)
- creation & transformation: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- curtailment: shut down (v)
- decline: grind (grind down)
- dependency: wheel (training wheels)
- destruction: break (destroy), break down (destroy)
- development: pivotal, point (tipping point), turning point
- difficulty, easiness & effort: gear up (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (daily grind, etc.), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), grind (grind down)
- directing: steer (v)
- division & connection: rupture (n)
- experience: speed (up to speed)
- extent & scope: full-on (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: break down (functioning), broken (failure), fall apart (v), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind down), grind (grind to a halt), gum up (v), rupture (n), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled, wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench)
- fate, fortune & chance: wheel (wheels of fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), broken (feeling), button (push a button), button (panic button), button (hot button), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), heart (a broken heart, etc.), pump up (v), turned off, turned on, turn on (v), turn-off (disgust), turn-on, wind down (relax), wound (tightly wound)
- flaws & lack of flaws: broken (failure), misbehave (v), point (sticking / friction point)
- functioning: break down (functioning), broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), gum up (v), hum (hum along), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery (n), misbehave (v), nuts and bolts, speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled, wrench (throw a wrench)
- future: time machine
- government: apparatus (government)
- growth & development: full-on (adj)
- heart: heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- help & assistance: wheel (training wheels)
- importance & significance: cog (n), kingpin, linchpin, pivotal
- inauguration: drop (product launch), drop (v), launch (v), roll out (v)
- increase & decrease: crank up (v), dial (dial down / back), gear up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), turn up (increase)
- initiation: kick in (start), launching pad, springboard (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: dumb (technology), brilliant (technology), smart (technology)
- location: hub (center)
- obstacles & impedance: damper (n)
- operation: machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery, wheel (wheels of justice, etc.), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- oppression: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- past & present: time machine, wind back (v)
- place: hub (center)
- progress & lack of progress: stall (v), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel)

- pursuit, capture & escape: hatch (escape hatch)
- readiness & preparedness: tune-up (n)
- resiliency: put (put something back together)
- reversal: backpedal (v), gear (switch gears), pivot (n), roll back (v)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: fit in (v)
- sex: machine (sex machine)
- shape: hub (center)
- social interaction: wheel (grease the wheels)
- speed: brake (control), speed (up to speed), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: button (pause button), gear (in full gear), gear (kick into gear, etc.), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind away, etc.), grind on (v), grind (grind to a halt), kick in (start), pause (n), reboot (v), reset (n), reset (v), stall (v), stalled, treadmill (n), wheel (spin one's wheels), wind down (v)
- strength & weakness: robot (n)
- taxonomy & classification: break down (divide)
- throwing, putting & planting: catapult (v), catapulted, launch (v), launching pad, thrust (v)
- time: time machine
- unanimity & consensus: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- work & duty: grind (daily grind, etc.), treadmill (n)

## **MEMORIZATION (2)**

- heart: heart (by heart)

## **MENTAL HEALTH (2) (see also addiction; health & medicine)**

- activity: frenzied (adj), frenzy (other)
- behavior: amok (run amok), bedlam, berserk, craze, crazed, crazy (behavior), crazy (enthusiasm), demented, frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), nuts (crazy)
- character & personality: nut (person)
- condition & status: troubled
- constraint & lack of constrain: straitjacket (n)
- control & lack of control: amok (run amok), berserk, crazy (behavior)
- enthusiasm: craze (n), crazed, crazy (enthusiasm), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n), obsessed
- environment: bedlam, snake pit, warehouse (neglect)
- fantasy & reality: delusion (under a delusion), delusion, demented, pipe dream, rabbit hole
- feeling, emotion & effect: emptiness (depression), empty (depression), possessed
- identity & nature: identity crisis
- speech: rave (v)

## **MESSAGE (1) (see also evidence; warning)**

- allusion: Cassandra, jeremiad (bitter lament)
- Bible: gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), jeremiad (bitter lament), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Cassandra
- Middle Ages: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- military: call (call to arms), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat, saber rattling
- money: sell (promote)
- movement: spin (message), spin (spin control)
- person: convert (person), crusader (role), guru (person), missionary (person), tout (person)
- plane: barnstorm (v)
- religion: apostle (n), choir (preach to the choir), convert (person), crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role), evangelical (adj), evangelist (person), golden rule, gospel (preach the gospel, etc.),

guru (person), high priest, jeremiad (bitter lament), mantra (message), missionary (person), preach, prophet (person), proselytize (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)

- sound: call (call to arms), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat, saber rattling, signal (other), whistle (dog whistle)
- speech: preach (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message), voice (voice of reason), voice (message)
- sword: saber rattling
- tools & technology: megaphone (n), message (send a message, etc.), signal (mixed signals), signal (other)
- verb: barnstorm (v), drum (beat / bang the drum), proselytize (v), sell (promote), tout (v)

## **MIDDLE AGES (2)**

- campaign: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- conflict: gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet), joust (v), jousting
- help & assistance: knight (knight in shining armor), white knight
- message: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- proper name: Knight (Black Knights, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: armor (protection)
- pursuit, capture & escape: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- searching & discovery: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)

## **MIGRATION (1)**

- epithet: Ellis Island (epithet), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.)
- island: Ellis Island (epithet)
- journeys & trips: nomad (person)
- person: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), nomad (person)
- place: Ellis Island (epithet)

## **MILITARY (2) (see also explosion; fortification; knife; sword; weapon)**

- accusation & criticism: ammunition, attack (under attack, etc.), blast (v), broadside (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire), fire (fire back), firing squad, flak (criticism), fusillade (n), salvo (n), snipe (v), sniping (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: coup (achievement), salute (v)
- action, inaction & delay: stand down (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: desert (v), insurrection, rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rank-and-file (adj)
- amelioration & renewal: damage control
- amount: army, arsenal (amount), host (host of questions, etc.), legion (n)
- amount & effect: barrage (n), besiege (v), besieged, blitz, invade (v), invasion (n), onslaught (n), siege (under siege), siege (other)
- appeal: call (call to arms), cry (rallying cry), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)
- appearance & disappearance: missing in action (MIA)
- assembling: muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v)
- campaign: blitz
- character & personality: strongman (person)
- coercion & motivation: draft (v)
- commitment & determination: draft (v), flag (plant one's flag)
- campaign: blitz (n)
- computer: war (flame war)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hole (spider hole)

- conflict: attack (under attack, etc.), battle (v), battle (n), battleground, battle cry, ceasefire (n), combat (v), embattled, enemy (conflict), force (show of force), fight (v), fray (above the fray), fray (conflict), front (conflict), last-ditch (adj), line (battle lines, etc.), rebellion (n), scorched-earth, siege (under siege), skirmish, Stalingrad (epithet), truce (n), war (at war), war (conflict), warfare (n), zone (combat zone)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: AWOL, retreat (withdraw)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), marching orders, no man's land (war and violence)
- cost & benefit: Pyrrhic victory
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, landmine, minefield, powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- destruction: sabotage (v), sabotaged, scorched-earth, waste (lay waste)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: battle (uphill battle, etc.), last-ditch (adj)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: body count, coup (power), drummed out, guard (changing of the guard)
- division: camp (n)
- division & connection: drawbridge (protection), Maginot Line
- driving force: charge (lead the charge), front line (on the front line), front line, point man (person), trench (in the trenches), vanguard, vanguard (in the vanguard), vanguard (other)
- eagerness & reluctance: draft (v)
- education: Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), West Point (epithet)
- environment: no man's land (war and violence), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- epithet: Lawrence (T.E.), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Stalingrad (epithet), West Point (epithet), Waterloo
- experience: front line (on the front line), story (war story), stripe (n), trench (in the trenches), veteran (n), veteran (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: casualty (n), Waterloo
- fate, fortune & chance: last-ditch (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: retreat (withdraw)
- group, set & collection: arsenal (amount)
- help & assistance: armed, arsenal (amount), weapon (help)
- hierarchy: chain of command
- importance & significance: breakthrough (n), salient (important)
- increase & decrease: multiplier (force multiplier)
- initiation: tripwire (initiation)
- involvement: missing in action (MIA)
- judgment: firing squad, muster (pass muster)
- message: call (call to arms), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat, saber rattling
- money: war chest
- person: cannon (loose cannon), foot soldier (duty), point man (person)
- place: foxhole, nest (mortar nest, etc.), hole (spider hole)
- possession: surrender (v)
- power: chieftain (n), coup (power)
- presence & absence: missing in action (MIA)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: guard (changing of the guard)
- progress & lack of progress: breakthrough (n)
- proper name: Aegis Combat System, Predator (UAV), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (n), armor (protection), bastion, breach (n), bulwark, castle (protection), citadel (n), drawbridge (protection), entrenched, fort, fortress, foxhole, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guardian (protection), head (keep one's head down), loophole (n), moat (n), rampart (protection), redoubt (n), shield (n), stronghold
- punishment & recrimination: prisoner (no prisoners)



- readiness & preparedness: ambush (v), ambushed, dry run, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ceasefire (n), hatchet (bury the hatchet), truce (n)
- representation: standard-bearer
- resemblance: rampart (other)
- resiliency: soldier (soldier on)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: combat (v), counterattack (n), fight (v), flag (plant one's flag), give in (v), give up (stop trying), insurrection, last-ditch (adj), Pyrrhic victory, rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebellion (n), revolt (v), siege (under siege), siege (other), stand (last stand, etc.), surrender (v), Waterloo
- responsibility: watch (on one's watch)
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), over-the-top (adj)
- reversal: about face; retreat (reverse)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: rebel (person), rebel (adj)
- searching & discovery: scout (n), search (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ceasefire (n), soldier (soldier on), stand down (v), truce (n)
- success & failure: conquer (v), Pyrrhic victory, Waterloo
- superlative: champion (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: entrenched, soldier (soldier on)
- unanimity & consensus: lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), marching orders, rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rank-and-file (adj)
- warning: sentinel (n)
- work & duty: foot soldier (duty), soldier (soldier on)

## **MIND (1)**

- access & lack of access: close-minded, mind (open mind), open-minded (adj), openness (n)
- breadth: narrow-minded (adj), narrowness (n)
- comprehension & incomprehension: mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.)
- container: close-minded (adj), mind (container), mind (open mind), open-minded (adj)
- direction: high-minded (adj)
- materials & substances: minded (steely-minded), tough-minded (adj), weak-minded (adj)
- platform: mind (platform)
- size: small-minded (adj)
- space: mind (area)

## **MINING (2)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: golden (golden girl, boy)
- activity: bonanza (n), gold rush
- amount & effect: bonanza (n), gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), drill (drill down, etc.), layer (analysis)
- appearance & reality: fool's gold
- behavior: gold-digging
- character & personality: gold digger
- cost & benefit: bonanza (n), gold rush
- epithet: gold (black gold, etc.), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.)
- evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- failure, accident & impairment: cave (cave in), undermine (v)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- person: gold digger, golden (golden girl, boy)

- resiliency: dig (dig out)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: cave (cave in)
- searching & discovery: dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dig out, dig up, eureka, gold (strike gold), mine (search), mining (data, etc.), pay dirt, unearth (v), unearthed
- source: gold mine, mother lode, vein (source)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: vein (in that vein, etc.)
- success & failure: eureka, gold (strike gold), pan out (v), pay dirt
- superlative: gem (n), golden (golden girl, boy), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), jewel (n), lapidary (adj)
- survival, persistence & endurance: dig (dig out)
- worth & lack of worth: bonanza (n), fool's gold, gold (worth), gold (black gold, etc.), gold mine, gold rush, karat (24-karat), pan out (v), pay dirt

## **MIRROR (2)**

- consciousness & awareness: mirror (n)
- past & present: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- repetition: mirror (v)

## **MIXTURE (1)**

- alcohol: cocktail
- atmosphere: rainbow (mixture)
- bird: cocktail
- chemistry: chemistry
- cloth: tapestry (n), weave (mixture)
- container: melting pot (n)
- fire: melting pot (n)
- food & drink: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), brew (mixture), gumbo (mixture), soup (mixture), soup (alphabet soup), stew (mixture)
- letters & characters: soup (alphabet soup)
- materials & substances: amalgam (n)
- mining: melting pot (noun)
- sky: rainbow (mixture)
- temperature: melting pot (n)

## **MIXTURE (2)**

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blend in (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: blend in (v)
- disruption: scramble (disrupt)
- involvement: mix (in / into the mix), mixed up

## **MONEY (1)**

- allusion: Great Gatsby, Midas (Midas touch)
- animal: nest egg
- bird: nest egg
- cat: fat cat
- epithet: Great Gatsby, Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- history: gilded (Gilded Age)
- military: war chest
- place: Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- purses & wallets: purse (money), purse strings, pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook, checkbook, wallet
- sensation: tight (money)
- sign, signal, symbol: treasure (money)

## **MONEY (2)**

- acceptance & rejection: buy (buy into something), buy (other), buy-in
- achievement, recognition & praise: tribute (pay tribute)
- activity: bonanza (n), gold rush
- allegiance, support & betrayal: buy (buy into something), buy-in, sell out (v)
- amount: rich (plentiful), tight (money), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- amount & effect: bonanza (n), gold rush
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: sell (promote)
- certainty & uncertainty: deal (done deal)
- character & personality: mercenary
- commitment & determination: invest (v), investment (n), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- competition: marketplace (n)
- constraint & lack of constraint: budget (attention budget, etc.)
- cost & benefit: afford (v), bonanza (n), bottom line, capital (money), cash in (v), cost (v), cost (at a cost), cost (at all costs), costly (adj), dividend (pay dividends), expense (at the expense), gold rush, pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off, payoff, price (n), price tag, prize (n), prized, profit (v), reward (v), reward (n), rewarding, spend (energy, etc.), toll (n), toll (take a toll, etc.), worth
- creation & transformation: coin (v), minted
- epithet: Great Gatsby, Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- group, set & collection: treasure trove (and trove), treasure house
- help & assistance: lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- hyperbole: sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- importance & significance: million-dollar
- message: sell (promote)
- obligation: debt (in somebody's debt), debt (obligation), owe, pay (obligation), repay (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- position, policy & negotiation: haggle (v), haggling, horse-trading
- possession: own (v), own (make something one's own), ownership (n), trade (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: legacy (obsolescence), own (v)
- protection & lack of protection: insurance
- relationship: coin (side of a coin), coin (double-sided coin)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: sell out (v)
- revenge: pay (revenge), payback (n), score (settle a score, etc.)
- searching & discovery: treasure trove (and trove)
- success & failure: jackpot (hit the jackpot)
- superlative: rich (superlative)
- time: spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: spare (a minute to spare, etc.)
- transmission: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: prize (n), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: bankrupt (adj), bonanza (n), currency (worth), gold rush, pay off (v), payoff, prized, profit (v), rich (rich land, etc.), stock (worth), treasure (worth), treasured (worth), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)

## **MOON (2) (see also astronomy; star; sun)**

- appearance: moonscape
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- development: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)

- increase & decrease: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- resemblance: moonscape
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)

## **MOUNTAINS & HILLS (2) (see also earthquake; ground, terrain & land; landslide; volcano)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: peak (at the peak), summit (at the summit)
- amount: mountain (amount)
- behavior: edge (over the edge)
- danger: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- decline: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), downhill, hill (over the hill)
- destruction: abyss (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge), precipice (at the precipice)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hill (difficulty), mountain (difficulty), Mount Everest (and Everest), uphill (difficult)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- fate, fortune & chance: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge), precipice (at the precipice), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- growth & development: peak (at the peak)
- importance & significance: paramount (adj)
- increase & decrease: peak (at the peak), peak (other), plateau (n), plateau (v)
- presence & absence: foothold (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: hill (over the hill), peak (at the peak), peak (other)
- progress & lack of progress: level off (v), peak (other), plateau (n), valley (n)
- proper name: valley (Silicon Valley, etc.)
- proximity: edge (on the edge), precipice (at the precipice)
- shape: peak (other), plateau (n), valley
- size: mountainous (adj), Mount Everest (and Everest), Olympian (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: slope (slippery slope)
- superlative: Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus)
- survival, persistence & endurance: foothold (n)

## **MOUTH (2)**

- creation & transformation: spit out (v)
- eagerness & reluctance: chops (lick one's chops), salivate (v)
- resemblance: mouth (entrance), spit (spit down), spit (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: mouth (speech), mouthpiece (n)
- speech: lip (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (n), mouthy (adj), muzzle (v)

## **MOVEMENT (1) (see also leaking)**

- animal: duck (v), fishtail (v), quail (movement), snake (a trail can snake)
- atmosphere: drift (move)
- ball: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roll (move), roll in (v), rolling (moving)
- bird: duck (v), quail (movement)
- cloth: weave (move)
- fan: fan out (v)
- fish: fishtail (v)
- flood: deluge (n), flood (move)

- force: barrel (v), churn (move)
- river: flood (move), flow (move), flow (n), river (amount and effect)
- sea: ebb (movement), tide (other), wave (amount and effect)
- shape: corkscrew (v), fan (fan out)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake)
- snow & ice: freeze (position of body), frozen (movement)
- tide: ebb (movement), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (other)
- verb: barrel (v), bounce (v), churn (move), corkscrew (v), dance (resemblance), dart (dart about), drift (move), duck (v), fishtail (v), flood (move), flow (move), jump (movement), ping-pong (v), pour (in, into, out, etc.), roll (move), roll in (v), seep (v), snake (a trail can snake), spill (amount and effect), stream (move), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), weave (move)
- walking, running & jumping: dance (resemblance), jump (move), jump (movement)
- water: cascade (v), deluge (n), flood (move), flow (move), flow (n), gush (n), pour (in, into, out, etc.), river (amount and effect), seep (v), spill (v), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- wave: swamp (v), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- weapon: dart (dart about)
- wind: drift (move)

## MOVEMENT (2) (see also journeys & trips)

- action, inaction & delay: can (kick the can down the road), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), inertia (n), move (take action), road (push something down the road), sit (sit on one's hands), slow (adj), stand by (v), step in (v)
- activity: hop (v), swirl (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: go (go along)
- attainment: coast (attain), sail (sail to victory, etc.), waltz (attain)
- avoidance & separation: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v)
- attempt: go (go for something)
- bases: orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- behavior: go (behavior), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: circle back (v), conga line, day (day has arrived, etc.), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), go (come and go), linger (v), lingering, loiter (v), parade (n), remain (v), return (v), return (n), revolving door
- commitment & determination: budge (v), go (go for something), waver (v), unwavering (adj)
- comprehension & incomprehension: follow (argument)
- condition & status: dead (dead in the water), go (progress), limp (v), ongoing (investigation, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bypass (v), end run (n), go (not go there), go around (v), road (go down that road, etc.), sidestep (v)
- control & lack of control: brake (control), spin (out of control); spiral (out of control)
- creation & transformation: spin-off (n)
- death & life: passing (death)
- decline: slide (n), slide (v), stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- development: come (something can come along), go (development), lead (one thing leads to another), progress (v), roller coaster (development), stand (stand still / development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: coast (attain), shortcut (n)
- direction: follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), go (direction), head (into the future), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), move (direction)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shake (remove)
- disruption: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)

- eagerness & reluctance: go (not go there), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), road (go down that road, etc.), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- experience: go (go through something), ride (rough ride, etc.), speed (up to speed)
- failure, accident & impairment: falter (v), go (go wrong), momentum (lose momentum), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), turn (wrong turn)
- feeling, emotion & effect: follow (follow a feeling or emotion), slide (v)
- fictive motion: run (a road can run, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: roll (on a roll)
- force: momentum (n), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- functioning: speed (up to speed)
- future: ahead (future), approach (v), approaching, come (future), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on, coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), forward (future), go (where are we going, etc.), head (into the future), headed, run (run into next week, etc.), see (see something coming), time (time has passed)
- growth & development: lag (progress)
- importance & significance: breakthrough (n)
- increase & decrease: accelerate (v), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), momentum (n), roller coaster (development), yo-yo (up and down)
- initiation: head start, swirl (v)
- message: spin (message), spin (spin control)
- obstacles & impedance: bypass (v), drag (drag on the economy, etc.), end run (n), go around (v), impasse (n), sidestep (v)
- past & present: back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), back up (v), backwards (past), bygone (adj), circle back (v), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (time), time warp, walk (walk somebody back), year (year has come and gone)
- position, policy & negotiation: budge (v), shift (change)
- predation: pounce (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: go (come and go), pass by (progress), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin), time (time has passed)
- product: spin-off (n)
- progress & lack of progress: advance (v), ahead (get ahead, etc.), backwards (progress), beginning (progress), breakthrough (n), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), come (come a long way), forward (move forward, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), inertia (n), keep up (progress), lag (progress), limp (v), march (march ahead, etc.), march (n), momentum (n), moored, move (progress), move (move up), movement (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), roll (on a roll), rut (in a rut), setback (progress), sidetracked, stand (stand still / progress), standstill (n), there (destination), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
- resiliency: go on (v), move on (resiliency)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: budge (v), come out (against something), move (move an inch, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: move on (resiliency)
- reversal: backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal)
- route: go (a road can go, etc.)
- social interaction: go (go along)
- speed: accelerate (v), brake (control), lethargic (adj), plod (v), slow (adj), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v), ahead (go ahead, etc.), beginning (progress), creep (mission creep, etc.), dead (dead in the water), escalate (v), falter (v), follow-through (investigation, etc.), go on (v), halt (a screeching halt), head start, inertia (n), momentum (n), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject,

etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v), rolling (movement), set out / off (v), traction (gain / build / get traction), track (stop something in its tracks), wheel (spin one's wheels)

- strategy: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- subterfuge: bypass, end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: go (go through something), go on (v), remain (v)
- time: crawl (speed), drag (drag on / out / through), fly (time flies), go (time), race (time), stand (stand still / time), time (time has passed)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: head start, lethargic (adj), slow (adj)
- unanimity & consensus: go (go along)

## **MUSIC (2)**

- ability & lack of ability: chops (expertise)
- achievement, recognition & praise: praise (sing someone's praises), unsung (praise)
- amount & effect: chorus (n), crescendo (n)
- amelioration & renewal: fine-tune (v), tune-up (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: fanfare (attention)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: waltz in (v)
- commitment & determination: stop (pull out all the stops)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (attain)
- directing: orchestrate (v), orchestrated
- experience: chops (expertise)
- flaws & lack of flaws: note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- identity & nature: anthem
- knowledge & intelligence: chops (expertise)
- readiness & preparedness: tune-up (noun)
- resemblance: opera, symphony (n)
- reversal: tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune)
- sound: opera, symphony
- starting, going, continuing & ending: waltz (last waltz)
- unanimity & consensus: bandwagon (n), harmony (in harmony), tune (in tune, etc.), tune (out of tune)

## **NAIL (2)**

- pursuit, capture & escape: nail (nail somebody)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: nail down (settle)
- success & failure: nail (nail something), nail down (gain)

## **NATIVE AMERICANS (2)**

- coercion & motivation: hatchet man (person)
- conflict: warpath (on the warpath), wagon (circle the wagons)
- feeling, emotion & effect: trail (trail of tears)
- hierarchy: totem pole
- protection & lack of protection: wagon (circle the wagons)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- success & failure: scalp (n)

## **NECK (2)**

- affliction: neck (pain in the neck)
- death & life: neck (save one's neck)
- fate, fortune & chance: neck (save one's neck), neck (fate)
- involvement: neck (up to one's neck)
- obstacle & impedance: bottleneck

- oppression: neck (oppression)
- shape: neck (area)
- survival, persistence & endurance: neck (save one's neck)

## **NOSE (2)**

- ability & lack of ability: nose (ability)
- admiration & contempt: nose (look down one's nose)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: nose (attention)
- character & personality: hard-nosed (adjective)
- consciousness & awareness: nose (under somebody's nose)
- insult: nose (thumb one's nose)
- orientation: nose (orientation)
- proper name: Nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: nose (thumb one's nose)
- shape: nose (shape)

## **NUCLEAR ENERGY (2)**

- affliction: fallout (effect)
- alternatives & choices: option (nuclear option)
- avoidance & separation: radioactive (adj)
- coercion & motivation: option (nuclear option)
- creation & transformation: breeder reactor (n)
- destruction: Chernobyl, meltdown (n)
- effect: fallout (effect)
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl, meltdown (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: fallout (effect)
- location: ground zero

## **NUMBER (2)**

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: add up (v), arithmetic, calculus
- commitment & determination: percent (one hundred and ten percent)
- division & connection: common denominator
- fate, fortune & chance: number (n), numbered
- hierarchy: common denominator
- increase & decrease: multiplier (force multiplier)
- script: formula
- strategy: arithmetic, calculus, game (numbers game)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: countdown (n)

## **OBJECT (2)**

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: it (it girl, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- enthusiasm: thing (one's thing)
- evidence: calling card
- searching & discovery: search (n)

## **OBLIGATION (1)**

- money: debt (in somebody's debt), debt (obligation), owe, pay (obligation), repay (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- verb: owe (v), pay (obligation), repay (v)

## **OBSTACLES & IMPEDANCE (1)**

- arm: hold back (obstacle)
- atmosphere: headwind (n)



- boat: headwind (n), shoal (n)
- bottle: bottleneck
- breathing: choked, chokepoint
- burden: drag (drag on the economy, etc.)
- dam: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- direction: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), hump (n)
- flood: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- football: end run (n)
- gate: gate (society)
- government: red tape
- ground, terrain & land: barrier, bogged down, ditch (n), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), quicksand (in / into the quicksand), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj), thicket (n)
- hand: holdup (n)
- infrastructure: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), pothole (n)
- journeys & trips: bump (bump in the road, etc.), gridlocked, impasse (n), path (in the path), pothole (n), roadblock, way (in the way), way (out of the way / obstacles)
- mechanism: damper (n)
- movement: bypass (v), drag (drag on the economy, etc.), end run (n), go around (v), impasse (n), sidestep (v)
- neck: bottleneck
- physics: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), friction (impedance), frictionless
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (up against)
- river: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), logjam, snag (n)
- rope: knot (n), snarl (v)
- sea: shoal (n)
- shape: bottleneck, hump (n)
- sound: chatter (data), din (n), noise (data), static (n)
- sports & games: end run (n), hoop (jump through hoops), hurdle (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand in the way)
- verb: bypass (v), go around (v), hold back (obstacle), hoop (jump through hoops), jump (lines), mud (sink in the mud), run (run into something), sidestep (v), snarl (v), stand (stand in the way), stonewall (v), stumble (v), way (get out of the way)
- walking, running & jumping: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), hurdle (n), jump (lines), run (run into something), sidestep (v), stumble (v), stumble (n), stumbling block, way (get out of the way)
- wall: stonewall (v), wall (obstacle)
- water: clog (n), clogged, floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- wind: headwind (n)

## **OCCURRENCE (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; presence & absence; searching & discovery)**

- air: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- atmosphere: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- color: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- direction: fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), fall (silence fell, etc.)
- eye: see (a date can see, etc.)
- fist: strike (tragedy, etc.)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: break out (v)
- sky: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- verb: see (a date can see, etc.), strike (tragedy, etc.)

## **OPERATION (1) (see also functioning)**

- journeys & trips: course (course of justice, etc.)
- manufacturing: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- mechanism: machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery, wheel (wheels of justice, etc.), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- train: train (operation)

## **OPPORTUNITIES & POSSIBILITIES (1) (see also access & lack of access; portal)**

- doors & thresholds: door (opportunity), door (open the door, etc.), door (hold the door open, etc.), door (leave the door open), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)

## **OPPRESSION (1) (see also revenge; violence) (see also driving force; force; power; superiority & inferiority)**

- allusion: Big Brother, Cinderella, draconian (adj), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), Lord of the Flies, McCarthy, McCarthyite, Orwellian (adj), pitchfork (oppression), procrustean (adj), reign of terror / fear, etc., witch-hunt
- animal: back (off one's back), goad (v), kangaroo court, lighten (v), trample (v), yoke (under the yoke), yoke (from the yoke), yoke (other)
- atmosphere: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), cloud (cast a cloud)
- back: back (off one's back)
- breathing: smother (oppress), stifling (adj), strangle (v), strangled, stranglehold, strangulation, strangled, suffocate (v), suffocated, suffocating
- burden: bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), straw (the last straw), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- burial: buried (buried in debt, etc.), pall (cast a pall)
- chain: chain (oppression)
- cloth: pall (cast a pall)
- clothing & accessories: boot (oppression), wringer (through the wringer)
- cloud: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- color: blackball (v), blacklist (v)
- creature: pitchfork (oppression), witch hunt
- direction: fall (weight)
- epithet: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)
- fist: fist (with an iron fist), ironfisted
- foot: trample (v)
- ground, terrain & land: buried (buried in debt, etc.)
- hand: grip (control), hand (iron hand, etc.), ham-handed, heavy-handed
- heel: heel (under the heel)
- history: Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), lynching (media lynching, etc.), McCarthy, McCarthyite, reign of terror / fear, etc., tyrant, witch-hunt
- horse: saddle (oppress), saddled
- journeys & trips: freighted
- justice: kangaroo court, police (thought police, etc.), trial (show trial), witch-hunt
- light & dark: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- mark: blackball (v), blacklist (v)
- materials & substances: ironfisted
- meat: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)

- mechanism: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- neck: neck (oppression)
- person: bully (person), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), police (thought police, etc.)
- pressure: clampdown (n), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), vise (pressure), wringer (through the wringer)
- royalty: lord over (v), reign of terror / fear, etc.
- shadow: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- shoulder: shoulder (oppression)
- society: blackball (v), blacklist (v)
- speech: cudgel (n), goad (v)
- temperature: chill (oppression)
- throat: throat (ram something down the throat)
- thumb: thumb (under the thumb)
- train: railroad (v)
- verb: bear (burden), blackball (v), blacklist (v), bully (v), burden (v), crack down (v), darken (v), get out (get out from under), goad (v), lord over (v), pall (cast a pall), railroad (v), saddle (oppress), smother (oppress), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), strangle (v), suffocate (v), throat (ram something down the throat), weigh (oppress), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- violence: crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), goad (v), inquisition (n), lynching (media lynching, etc.), reign of terror / fear, etc., waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n), witch-hunt
- weapon: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (under the gun)
- weight: baggage, bear (a weight, etc.), burden (n), burden (v), fall (weight), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), heavy-handed, saddle (oppress), saddled, shoulder (oppression), straw (the last straw), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

## ORIENTATION (1)

- animal: nose (orientation), tail (orientation)
- direction: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), nose (orientation), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.), tail (orientation), upstage (v), upstream (swim upstream)
- house: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- nose: nose (orientation)
- river: downstream, upstream (swim upstream)
- roof: roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh (inside), skin (outside)
- stomach: belly (orientation), underbelly, underside (n)
- theater: upstage (v)
- verb: upstage (v)

## ORIENTATION (2)

- amelioration & renewal: right (right a wrong, etc.)
- appearance & reality: underbelly, underside (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underbelly, underside (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: upstream (swim upstream)
- disruption: upend (v), head (turn something on its head), upside down
- equilibrium & stability: upend (v), upside down
- flaws & lack of flaws: downside, underbelly, underside (n), upside (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: end (the end)

## **ORIGIN (1) (see also source)**

- air: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- birth: birthplace, cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- color: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- epithet: birthplace, cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- family: background
- fire: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- house: home (home of golf, etc.), house (origin)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- plant: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- royalty: house (origin)
- sky: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- tree: root (origin), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- verb: come (come from)

## **PARTY (2)**

- timeliness & lack of timeliness: party (late to the party)

## **PAST & PRESENT (1) (see also future)**

- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur, dodo, fossil
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge)
- clock: clock (turn back the clock), wind back (v)
- container: past (in the past), time capsule
- day: day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day), day (these days), day (those days), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (modern day), old (of old), today (n), yesterday (n)
- direction: back (go back in time, etc.), backwards (past), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), circle back (v), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (time), gone (those days are gone, etc.), hindsight (with hindsight), look (look back), throwback (n), walk (walk somebody back), yesteryear
- eye: look (look back)
- hunting: catch up (pursuit)
- infrastructure: memory land (down memory lane)
- journeys & trips: back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), back up (v), circle back (v), road (down a road before), walk (walk somebody back)
- mechanism: time machine, wind back (v)
- mirror: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- movement: back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), back up (v), backwards (past), circle back (v), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (time), time warp, walk (walk somebody back), year (year has come and gone)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: back (go back in time, etc.)
- school & education: new school, old school
- verb: back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), back up (v), circle back (v), clock (turn back the clock), go (time), look (look back), walk (walk somebody back)
- walking, running & jumping: walk (walk somebody back)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge)

## **PENDULUM (2)**

- activity: swing (in full swing)

- configuration: suspended
- development: pendulum (reversal), swing (development)
- division & connection: suspended
- extent & scope: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: pendulum (reversal)
- reversal: pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: swing (in full swing)

## **PERCEPTION, PERSPECTIVE & POINT OF VIEW (1)**

- allusion: Rashomon (point of view), Rorschach (test)
- animal: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)
- bird: bird's eye (bird's-eye view)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- direction: forward-looking
- eye: blinded, blinder (n), blind spot, blinkered (adj), eye (perception), farsighted, myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted, optics (n), see (perceive), shortsighted, view (perspective), view (v), view (in view), view (in somebody's view), view (opinion), viewed, vision (n), visionary (adj), worm's-eye (adj)
- fish: fisheye
- film: Rashomon (point of view)
- geometry: angle (from an angle)
- ground, terrain & land: grassroots, ground (on the ground), level (from the ground level), worm's-eye (adj)
- horse: blinker (n), blinkered (adj)
- infrastructure: tunnel vision
- insect: worm's eye (adj)
- light & dark: clear (perception), haze (perception), light (in light of), light (in a light), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adjective), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- picture: background (fade into the background), color (v), colored, foreground (n), foreground (v), picture (in the big picture), Rorschach (test)
- position: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), fisheye, grassroots, perspective (from a perspective), perspective (in perspective), perspective (into perspective), perspective (other), point of view (from somebody's point of view), point of view (other), step (step back / perspective), vantage point (from a vantage point), view (perspective), worm's-eye (adj), zoom (zoom out)
- sound: ring (ring false, etc.), ring (ring of truth, etc.), sound (perception)
- speech: greet (v), greeted
- tools & technology: lens (through a lens), lens (other), microscope (through a microscope), optics (n), prism (through the prism), prism (other)
- verb: background (fade into the background), color (v), greet (v), ring (ring false, etc.), see (perceive), step (step back / perspective), view (v), waters (muddy the waters), zoom (zoom out)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)

## **PERFORMANCE (1) (see also appearance & reality; substance & lack of substance; subterfuge)**

- animal: dog-and-pony show (n)
- circus: circus (media circus, etc.)
- person: ringmaster (person)
- sports & games: charade (n), game (project, scheme, plan)
- standing, sitting & lying: posture (performance), posturing
- theater: act (performance), act (insincere show), dog-and-pony show (n), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), gallery (play to the gallery), grandstanding (n), play (v), repertoire (n), role (act), set piece

(n), show (performance), show business (performance), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), theater (performance), theatrics (n), trial (show trial)

- verb: play (v), stage (v), stage-manage (v)

## PERSON (1)

- animal: gadfly (person), greenhorn (person), leech (person), lion (courage), snake (character)
- astronomy: star (person)
- baby: babysitter (role), crybaby (person)
- boat: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- books & reading: author (person)
- color: greenhorn (person)
- crime: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- death & life: survivor (person)
- direction: guide (person)
- family: brother (brother in arms, etc.), cousin (person), father (father of India, etc.), favorite son, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), sister (relationship), stepchild (weakness)
- fire: firebrand (person)
- food & drink: cannibal (other), glutton (person)
- hand: handmaiden (help)
- head: hothead (person)
- insect: gadfly (person)
- island: castaway (person)
- journeys & trips: guide (person), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), nomad (person), pioneer (person), trailblazer (person)
- lion: lion (courage)
- love, courtship & marriage: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)
- magic: fortuneteller (person), soothsayer (person), wizard (person)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), foot soldier (duty), point man (person)
- mining: gold digger, golden (golden girl, boy)
- religion: acolyte (person), choirboy (behavior), convert (person), crusader (role), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), guru (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), martyr (person), missionary (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), soothsayer (person)
- royalty: handmaiden (help), king (primacy), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (role), whipping boy (person)
- school & education: bully (person), cheerleader (person)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- snake: snake (character)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- society: castaway (person), hermit (person), leper (person), outcast (person), pariah (person), untouchable (person)
- star: star (person)
- temperature: firebrand (person), hothead (person)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon)
- whip: whipping boy (person)

## PERSON (2)

- acceptance & rejection: hermit (person), leper (person), outcast (person), pariah (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: golden (golden girl, boy), star (person)
- affliction: gadfly (person), leech (person)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: rat (snitch)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum, cheerleader (person), name-check (v), showman (person), tout (person)
- avoidance & separation: hermit (person)
- behavior: cannon (loose cannon), child (spoiled child), choirboy (behavior), hothead, hotshot (n), straight arrow (person)
- campaign: crusader (role)
- character & personality: cannon (loose cannon), dandelion (character), firebrand (person), gadfly (person), gold digger, handwringer (n), hot dog (person), hothead (n), hotshot (n), killjoy (person), leech (person), live wire (person), mercenary (person), nut (person), orchid (character), snake (character), snowflake (person), straight arrow (person), strongman (person), teacup (person), whiner (person)
- clothing & accessories: boot (soldier)
- coercion & motivation: bully (person), hatchet man (n)
- conflict: fighter (street fighter), gladiator (n), warrior (n)
- consumption: glutton (person)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), chaperon (person), hothead (n), hotheaded (adj), police (thought police, etc.)
- courage & lack of courage: lion (courage)
- creation & transformation: author (person)
- dependency: babysitter (role), nanny (person), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- destruction: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), vandal (n), wreck (person)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hand (all hands on deck)
- directing: ringmaster (person), steward (role)
- direction: guide (person)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: outcast (person)
- driving force: pioneer (person), point man (person)
- enthusiasm: acolyte (person), addict (chess addict, etc.), bookworm, cheerleader (person), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), glutton (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), junkie (person), missionary (person), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- experience: adult (person), chaperon (person), greenhorn (person), grownup (person), stranger (no stranger)
- failure, accident & impairment: wreck (person)
- fantasy & reality: Kafkaesque, quixotic (adj), rabbit hole, Walter Mitty
- feeling, emotion & effect: firebrand (person), hothead (n), killjoy (person)
- future: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), soothsayer (person)
- group, set & collection: tribe (group)
- help & assistance: caretaker (role), handmaiden (help), knight (knight in shining armor), mother (den mother, etc.), servant (n), sparring partner (role), steward (role), white knight
- identity & nature: child (product)
- importance & significance: pioneer (person), trailblazer (person)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), hermit (person)
- journeys & trips: pioneer (person)
- judgment: judge (role)
- knowledge & intelligence: guru (person), savant (n), scientist (rocket scientist)
- message: convert (person), crusader (role), guru (person), missionary (person), tout (person)
- migration: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), nomad (person)
- oppression: bully (person), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), police (thought police, etc.)
- performance: ringmaster (person)
- person: survivor (person)
- position, policy & negotiation: middle-of-the-roader
- power: chieftain (n), czar (n), insider (person), mogul (n), outsider (person), overlord (person)

- protection & lack of protection: guardian (protection)
- punishment & recrimination: whipping boy (person)
- relationship: companion, cousin (person), stepchild (weakness)
- representation: ambassador (role), standard-bearer
- resiliency: dandelion (character), orchid (character)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: martyr (person), rebel (person)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: heretic (person), iconoclast (person), maverick (person), rebel (person)
- searching & discovery: scout (n), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- size: dwarf (size), pygmy (size)
- social interaction: hermit (person)
- society: castaway (person), caste, hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), mob (society), outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (n), untouchable (person)
- speech: loudmouth (person)
- strength & weakness: dandelion (character), fighter (street fighter), lion (strength and weakness), orchid (character), stepchild (weakness), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: glutton (person)
- superlative: golden (golden girl, boy), king (primacy), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), star (person), star (achievement)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hand (all hands on deck), survivor (person)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person)
- warning: sentinel (n), whistleblower (n)
- work & duty: foot soldier (duty), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck), servant (n), slave (modern-day slave, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: stepchild (weakness)

## PHYSICS (2)

- conflict: friction (conflict)
- development: trajectory (n)
- obstacles & impedance: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), friction (impedance), frictionless

## PICTURE (2) (see also analysis, interpretation & explanation; context)

- achievement, recognition & praise: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: dot (connect the dots), mosaic (n), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture), picture (view)
- appearance & disappearance: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v), photobomb (v)
- certainty & uncertainty: sketchy (adj)
- characterization: cameo (n), paint (characterize), picture (view), portrait, profile, snapshot
- context: picture (in the big picture)
- creation & transformation: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- evidence: illustration
- involvement: frame (in the frame / involvement), picture (out of the picture), picture (in the picture)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), color (v), colored, foreground (n), foreground (v), picture (in the big picture), Rorschach (test)
- presence & absence: picture (out of the picture)
- representation: poster (poster child, etc.)
- resemblance: paint (resemblance)
- superlative: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)



## **PILE (2)**

- accusation & criticism: pile-on (n)
- amount: pile (pile of money, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dump (v), dumped
- increase & decrease: mount (v), mounting, pile on (increase), pile up (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: heap (v)
- unanimity & consensus: pile-on (noun), pile on (consensus)

## **PLACE (1) (see also location)**

- animal: foxhole, hole (spider hole), nest (mortar nest, etc.), nest (empty nest)
- bird: nest (mortar nest, etc.), nest (empty nest)
- bodily process: bowel (n)
- burial: grave (place), graveyard (place), place (resting place)
- death & life: grave (place), graveyard (place), live (location)
- epithet: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: bowl (rice bowl), bowl (salad bowl / agriculture), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)
- fox: foxhole
- house: home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location)
- insect: hole (spider hole)
- manufacturing: Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- military: foxhole, hole (spider hole), nest (mortar nest, etc.)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- sign, signal, symbol: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)
- spider: hole (spider hole)
- temperature: hotspot (place)

## **PLACE (2)**

- amount: Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: mecca, pilgrimage (trip)
- biodiversity: Amazon (epithet), Galapagos (epithet), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- canals: Venice (epithet)
- computer: alley (Silicon Alley)
- danger: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- destruction: Chernobyl
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- epithet: Paris (epithet)
- experimentation: laboratory
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl
- gossip: water cooler
- migration: Ellis Island (epithet)
- money: Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: haven (safety), refuge, shelter (v)
- punishment & recrimination: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: getaway
- ruins: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- size: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- steel: Ruhr Valley

- superlative: capital (capital of crime, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Paris (epithet), Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- volcano: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)

## **PLANE (2) (see also flying & falling)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: parachute (golden parachute)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: barnstorm (v)
- behavior: autopilot (on autopilot)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bail out (leave), parachuted, parachute (golden parachute)
- consciousness & awareness: autopilot (on autopilot), blind (flying blind)
- control & lack of control: spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)
- decline: crater (v), nosedive (v / decline), nosedive (n / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- development: land (plane lands)
- directing: steward (role)
- failure, accident & impairment: crash-land (v), flameout, flame out (v)
- growth & development: take off (v)
- help & assistance: steward (role), tailwind (n)
- increase & decrease: nosedive (noun / decrease), nosedive (verb / decrease), spiral (downward or upward)
- initiation: take off (v)
- message: barnstorm (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: envelope (push the envelope)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: flameout, flame out (v)

## **PLANT (2) (see also farming & agriculture; tree; wheat)**

- affliction: bane (n), thorn, thorny
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: root (root cause)
- appearance & disappearance: crop up (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v)
- bases: deep-rooted (adj), root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- branching system: offshoot, tendril (growth)
- character & personality: dandelion (character), orchid (character)
- coercion & motivation: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- computer: root (root server)
- configuration: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- content: fodder, grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- corruption: blight (v), blight (n), blighted
- creation & transformation: germinate (v), kernel (n), plant (create), seed (n), sow (v)
- decline: shrivel (v), wilt (v), wither (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: prune (v), root out (v), transplant (n), weed out (v), uprooted
- extent & scope: tendril (growth)
- feeling, emotion & effect: withering (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: thorny
- gossip: fodder (n), grapevine (through / over the grapevine)
- growth & development: bloom (v), blossom (v), budding, burgeoning (adj), cross-pollination, cultivate (v), cultivated, fallow (adj), flourish (v), flower (v), flowering, fruition (n), ground (fertile ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed, kernel (n), nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, plant (create), ripe (adj), root (take root, etc.), seed (n), soil (fertile soil), sow (v), tendril (growth), thrive (v), transplant (n)
- increase & decrease: burgeoning (adj), grow (increase), growing (increasing)
- origin: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- product: fruit (product), reap (v)
- proper name: garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)

- resemblance: garden (resemblance), tendril (resemblance)
- resiliency: dandelion (character), orchid (character)
- strength & weakness: dandelion (character), orchid (character)
- substance & lack of substance: husk (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: plant (put), plant (create), planted, sow (v), sown (planted)
- worth & lack of worth: fruitful (adj)

## **PLATFORM (2)**

- mind: mind (platform)

## **PORTAL (1) (see also access & lack of access; opportunities & possibilities)**

- dam: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- doors & thresholds: door (portal), portal (entrance), threshold (cross the threshold), threshold (portal)
- flood: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- gate: gate (portal), gateway, portal (entrance)
- infrastructure: avenue (portal)
- river: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- verb: threshold (cross the threshold)
- water: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- window: window (window to the West, etc.)

## **POSITION (2) (see also direction)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (v), backed, backing (support), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person)
- basis: behind (basis)
- competition: underdog (competition)
- context: step (step back / perspective)
- hierarchy: apex (apex animal, etc.), barrel (at the bottom of the barrel), bottom (at the bottom), over (dominance), tier (hierarchy), top (on top), top dog (hierarchy), under (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- importance & significance: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner), centerpiece, front (front and center), right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), fisheye, grassroots, perspective (from a perspective), perspective (in perspective), perspective (into perspective), perspective (other), point of view (from somebody's point of view), point of view (other), step (step back / perspective), vantage point (from a vantage point), view (perspective), worm's-eye (adj), zoom (zoom out)
- position, policy & negotiation: middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader, shift (change)
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), front (front and center)
- situation: middle (in the middle)
- social interaction: side (on the good side, etc.), side (on the wrong side, etc.)
- strength & weakness: underdog (competition)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.), underdog (competition)
- time: side (on one's side / time)

## **POSITION, POLICY & NEGOTIATION (1) (see also strategy; subterfuge)**

- ball: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- baseball: hardball (n)
- cards: bluff (n)
- direction: back (back and forth), give-and-take
- fence: straddle (straddle the fence)
- foot: footing (position)

- gambling: bluff (n), chip (bargaining chip)
- ground, terrain & land: brinksmanship (n)
- horse: horse-trading
- line: line (a hard line, etc.)
- money: haggle (v), haggling, horse-trading
- movement: budge (v), shift (change)
- person: middle-of-the-roader
- position: middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader, shift (change)
- sports & games: ball (ball in somebody's court), hardball (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: footing (position), posture (position), posturing, sit down (v), sit-down (other), stand (position), stance (take a stance), stand (a tough stand, etc.), straddle (straddle the fence)
- table: sit down (v), sit-down (other), table (on the table), table (come back to the table), table (off the table), table (turn the tables)
- verb: budge (v), haggle (v), sit down (v), stance (take a stance), stand (position), straddle (straddle the fence), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)

## **POSSESSION (1) (see also attainment)**

- body: lap (possession)
- boundary: claim (stake a claim)
- crime: hijack (v), hijacked, usurp (v)
- direction: fall (fall into the hands, etc.)
- food & drink: fork over (v)
- ground, terrain & land: claim (stake a claim), soil (on one's soil), territory (stake out territory)
- hand: cling (v), empty-handed, fall (fall into the hands, etc.), grab (land grab, etc.), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (possession), hand (possession), handed over (possession), hand-me-down, hand over (v), handover, hang on to (v), hold (long-held), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold on (possession), seize (v)
- military: surrender (v)
- money: own (v), own (make something one's own), ownership (n), trade (v)
- royalty: usurp (v)
- surveying: claim (stake a claim), stake out (v)
- verb: cling (v), fall (fall into the hands, etc.), fork over (v), hand over (v), hang on to (v), hijack (v), hold (verb / possession), hold on (possession), own (v), own (make something one's own), seize (v), stake out (v), surrender (v), trade (v), usurp (v)

## **POTATO (2)**

- importance & significance: potato (small potatoes)

## **POWER (1) (see also driving force; force; oppression; superiority & inferiority)**

- animal: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats)
- boxing: heavyweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- cards: hand (strengthen one's hand)
- center & periphery: inner circle (n), insider (person), outsider (person)
- chess: pawn (n)
- creature: giant (sleeping giant)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- electricity: powerhouse (n)
- engine: turbocharge (v)
- explosion: explosive (power)

- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- fist: clout (n)
- health & medicine: potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- history: czar (n), empire (enterprise), mogul (n), overlord (person), pharaoh (power), tyrant
- horse: oats (feel one's oats)
- infrastructure: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.)
- military: chieftain (n), coup (power)
- person: chieftain (n), czar (n), insider (person), mogul (n), overlord (person), outsider (person)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- royalty: dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), lord over (v), overlord (person), throne (power)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (sleeping giant), minnow (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (v)
- sports & games: pawn (n)
- tools & technology: high-powered (adj), leverage (n), leverage (v)
- verb: flex (muscle, etc.), hand (strengthen one's hand), leverage (v), lord over (v), muscle (v), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), turbocharge (v), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- violence: clout (n)
- weapon: big shot
- weight: heavyweight (n), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)

## **PREDATION (1) (see also affliction; competition; corruption, danger)**

- allusion: Darwinian
- animal: apex (apex animal, etc.), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), circle (predation), coyote (coyote), dog-eat-dog, food chain, hawk (n), hawkish (adj), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jugular (go for the jugular), law (law of the jungle, etc.), loan shark, lone wolf, lurk (v), lurking, pounce (v), predation, predator (people), predatory (adj), prey (prey on somebody), prey (fall prey to something), prey (other), prowl (on the prowl), shark (predation), stalk (v), tooth and nail (adv), victim (fall victim to something), wolf (predation), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- bird: hawk (n), hawkish (adj)
- blood: blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood)
- clothing & accessories: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- dog: dog-eat-dog; heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- jungle: law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- movement: pounce (v)
- shark: circle (predation), loan shark, shark (predation)
- throat: jugular (go for the jugular), throat (predation)
- verb: blood (smell blood), circle (predation), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jugular (go for the jugular), lurk (v), pounce (v), prey (prey on somebody), prey (fall prey to something), stalk (v), victim (fall victim to something)
- wolf: heel (nip at somebody's heels), lone wolf, wolf (n), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

## **PREDATION (2)**

- accusation & criticism: savage (v)
- activity: frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- affliction: eat (destroy), heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- animal: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- behavior: backbiting, bloodthirsty, frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- blood: bloodthirsty

- concealment & lack of concealment: hole (spider hole)
- conflict: blood sport (n)
- destruction: consume (destroy), devour (destroy), eat (destroy), nibble (destroy)
- fate, fortune & chance: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)
- proper name: Predator (UAV)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood)
- pursuit, capture & escape: stalk (v)
- speech: savage (v)
- walking, running & jumping: pounce (v)

## **PREP, ADV, ADJ, PARTICLE (2)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: against (opposition), behind (support), down (down for something), for (support), in (all in), out (want out), there (there for me, etc.), up (up for something), with (support)
- appearance & reality: underneath (reality)
- avoidance & separation: apart (division)
- bases: behind (basis)
- behavior: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- character & personality: about (character)
- commitment & determination: down (down for something), in (all in), up (up for something)
- competition: ahead (competition)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: above (above the fray, etc.)
- decline: down (decline)
- division & connection: apart (division), between (come between, etc.)
- enthusiasm: into (be into something)
- failure & accident: down (functioning)
- feeling, emotion & effect: down (feeling), up (feeling)
- functioning: down (functioning)
- future: ahead (future), forward (future)
- hierarchy: over (dominance), under (hierarchy)
- identity & nature: about (character)
- increase & decrease: up (higher)
- involvement: in (in deep, etc.), into (involvement)
- obstacles & impedance: against (up against)
- past & present: back (go back in time, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: in (currency), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), out (currency), over (finished)
- progress & lack of progress: ahead (progress), there (destination)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: behind (put something behind)
- resiliency: behind (put something behind)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: against (opposition)
- sequence: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (go ahead, etc.), off (it is off, etc.), on (it is on, etc.), over (finished)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (past time), time (it's time, etc.), up (your time is up, etc.)

## **PRESENCE & ABSENCE (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; occurrence; searching & discovery)**

- air: vacuum (n), void (n)
- atmosphere: vacuum (n), void (n)

- bridge: bridgehead (n)
- creature: ghost town
- foot: foothold (n), footprint (n), toehold (n)
- ground, terrain & land: footprint (n), ground (on the ground), territory (with the territory)
- hand: hand (on hand)
- height: loom (loom large, etc.)
- military: missing in action (MIA)
- mountains & hills: foothold (n)
- picture: picture (out of the picture)
- river: bridgehead (n)
- toe: toehold (n)
- verb: loom (loom large, etc.)

## **PRESSURE (1)**

- temperature: heat (pressure)
- tools & technology: clampdown, screw (tighten the screws), vise (pressure)
- verb: screw (tighten the screws), wall (walls close in)
- volcano: volcano (pressure)
- wall: wall (walls close in)

## **PRESSURE (2)**

- amelioration & renewal: decompression, outlet (n), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), vent (v)
- attenuation: deflate (pressure)
- coercion & motivation: press (v), pressure (under pressure, pressured)
- configuration: sardined, squeeze (fit), squeezed (fitted)
- conflict: blowup (conflict)
- creation & transformation: squeeze (squeeze something for / from / out of something), wring (wring something from / out of something)
- environment: pressure cooker
- feeling, emotion & effect: blow up (emotion), explode (emotion), pressure (under pressure), pressure (n), pressured, pressure-filled, steam (blow / let off steam), vent (v)
- increase & decrease: ratchet up (v)
- initiation: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), uncork (v)
- oppression: clampdown (n), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), vise (pressure), wringer (through the wringer)
- situation: crunch (crunch time), trap (Chinese finger trap)
- taking & removing: wring (wring something from / out of something)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: crunch (crunch time), crunch (cash crunch, etc.)

## **PRIMACY, CURRENCY, DECLINE & OBSOLESCENCE (1)**

- allusion: old guard
- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur, dodo, fossil, pasture (put out to pasture), species (vanishing species)
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- astronomy: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), outshine (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax (wax and wane), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- birth: renaissance
- blade: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- burial: knell (death knell)

- clothing & accessories: fashion (out of fashion)
- container: time capsule
- creature: ghost (ghost signs, etc.)
- day: day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (have one's day), day (of one's day), day (those days), day (glory days), heyday (n), latest (most recent), sun (currency and obsolescence), twilight (in the twilight)
- death & life: doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell), live on (v), living (adj), vanishing (disappearance)
- decline: fall (n)
- direction: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the descent), ascent (other), bottom (hit bottom), bring down (v), descent (decline), downfall (n), fall (fall from power, etc.), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), height (at the height), in (currency), out (currency), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, plunge (noun / decline), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), return (animals, etc.), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), step down (v), strike down (v), throwback (n), top (on / at / to the top), topple (v)
- earth & world: world (lost world)
- epithet: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: topple (v)
- family: legacy (obsolescence)
- flood: high-water (high-water mark)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (bring back)
- height: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- history: gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, legacy (obsolescence), medieval (adj), old guard, prehistoric (adj), renaissance, Stone Age
- horse: pasture (put out to pasture)
- journeys & trips: lost (extinction), pass by (progress), way (on the way out), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)
- light & dark: dim (primacy), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), twilight (in the twilight)
- military: guard (changing of the guard)
- money: legacy (obsolescence), own (v)
- moon: wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- mountains & hills: hill (over the hill), peak (at the peak), peak (other)
- movement: go (come and go), pass by (progress), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin), time (time has passed)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal)
- plane: nosedive (noun / decline), nosedive (verb / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (currency), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), out (currency), over (finished)
- religion: relic
- royalty: dethrone (v), dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), king (primacy), monarch (primacy), reign (n), reigning, throne (in line for the throne), throne (pretender to the throne), throne (primacy)
- ruins: topple (v)
- school & education: old school
- sea: high tide, washed-up (adj)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- shadow: overshadow (v)
- sound: knell (death knell)
- sports & games: lose out (v)



- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand the test of time, etc.)
- star: star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sun (currency and obsolescence), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- taste: flavor (flavor of the month)
- temperature: cold (cold case, etc.)
- tide: high tide
- verb: bring (bring back), bring down (v), dethrone (v), dim (primacy), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), go (come and go), live on (v), lose out (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), own (v), pasture (put out to pasture), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), step down (v), topple (v), wane (v), wax (wax and wane), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something)
- walking, running & jumping: step down (v)
- waste: dustbin (n)
- water: washed-up (adj)
- wave: washed-up (adj)

### **PRIORITY (1) (see also achievement, recognition & praise; bases; importance & significance; superlative)**

- direction: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), front (front and center)
- position: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), front (front and center)

### **PRODUCT (1)**

- allusion: Frankenstein (product)
- characterization: label (n), labeled
- creature: Frankenstein (product)
- family: daughter (n), offspring
- farming & agriculture: commodity, crop (n), farm (enterprise), fruit (product), reap (v), harvest (v), harvest (n), harvested
- fruits & vegetables: apple (product), bear (bear fruit, etc.), fruit (product)
- manufacturing: byproduct
- meat: meat (piece of meat)
- movement: spin-off (n)
- plant: fruit (product), reap (v)
- verb: bear (bear fruit, etc.), harvest (v), reap (v)

### **PROGRESS & LACK OF PROGRESS (1)**

- animal: tail (chase one's tail)
- baby: step (baby steps, etc.)
- ball: roll (on a roll)
- boat: adrift, doldrums (n), headway (n), moored
- chess: stalemate (n)
- corner: corner (turn the corner)
- direction: adrift, advance (v), advance (n), ahead (progress), ahead (adv), ahead (get ahead, etc.), backwards (progress), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), left behind (progress), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (move up), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), runaround, setback (progress), tail (chase one's tail), wind (wind its way)
- dog: tail (chase one's tail)
- engine: stall (v), stalled

- eye: look up (v)
- ground, terrain & land: ditch (n), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj)
- infrastructure: blind alley (n)
- journeys & trips: beginning (progress), journey: blind alley (n), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), come (come a long way), far (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), keep up (progress), milestone, move (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), road (road from / to something), setback (progress), sidetracked, step (a step in the right direction), there (destination), turn back (v), way (a long way), wind (wind its way)
- mechanism: stall (v), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel)
- military: breakthrough (n)
- mountains & hills: level off (v), peak (other), plateau (n), valley (n)
- movement: advance (v), advance (n), ahead (get ahead, etc.), backwards (progress), beginning (progress), breakthrough (n), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), come (come a long way), forward (move forward, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), inertia (n), keep up (progress), lag (progress), limp (v), march (march ahead, etc.), march (n), momentum (n), moored, move (progress), move (move up), movement (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), roll (on a roll), rut (in a rut), setback (progress), sidetracked, stand (stand still / progress), standstill (n), there (destination), traction (gain / build / get traction), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (progress), there (destination)
- religion: limbo (in limbo)
- river: backwater (n)
- shape: trough (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand still / progress), standstill (n)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- train: track (on track)
- verb: advance (v), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), corner (turn the corner), forward (move forward, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), jump (progress), keep up (progress), leapfrog (v), level off (v), limp (v), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (progress), move (move up), mud (sink in the mud), needle (move the needle, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), plod (v), progress (v), stall (v), stand (stand still / progress), stumble (v), tail (chase one's tail), traction (gain / build / get traction), turn back (v), vault (v), wall (hit a wall), wind (wind its way)
- walking, running & jumping: catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leap (n), leapfrog (v), limp (v), limp (n), march (n), march (march ahead, etc.), plod (v), step (a step forward), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step back / backwards), step (baby steps, etc.), stride (progress), stumble (v), stumble (n), stumbling block, vault (v)
- wall: wall (hit a wall)
- weather & climate: drought (in a drought), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- wind: doldrums (n)

## PROPER NAME (1)

- allusion: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- animal: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), Predator (UAV)
- arm: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)

- astronomy: star (Silver Star, etc.)
- atmosphere: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- back: backbone (Devil's Backbone, etc.)
- bird: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)
- cloth: ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- color: black (Black Sea, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- creature: angel (Guardian Angels, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), elf (Elves Chamber, etc.), fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), giant (Giants Causeway, etc.), monster (Monster.com, etc.), troll (Troll Wall, etc.)
- desert: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- ear: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- earth & world: world (Disney World, etc.)
- eye: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- family: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.), sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.), twin (the Twins, etc.)
- fortification: castle (Castle Peaks, etc.), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)
- gate: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- geometry: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- hammer: hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)
- health & medicine: fever (fever tree, etc.)
- horn: Horn of Africa, etc.
- horse: saddle (Saddle Island, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)
- infrastructure: buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.), courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.), Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.), pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.), pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)
- insect: beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.)
- journeys & trips: pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.), road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- magic: magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)
- Middle Ages: knight (Black Knights, etc.)
- military: Aegis Combat System, Predator (UAV), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- mountains & hills: valley (Silicon Valley, etc.)
- nose: nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)
- plant: garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)
- predation: Predator (UAV)
- religion: angel (Guardian Angels, etc.), apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hell (Hell's Gate, etc.), oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.)
- river: river (Niger River, etc.)
- royalty: emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.), queen (Dairy Queen, etc.), throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)
- sea: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- sky: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- stair: stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- star: (Silver Star, etc.)
- storm: storm (Desert Storm, etc.)
- sword: swordfish
- table: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- throat: throat (Devil's Throat, etc.)
- tools & technology: barometer (Arab Barometer, etc.)
- tree: Oak (Royal Oak, etc.)

- water: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- wave: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- weapon: Aegis Combat System

## PROPER NAME (2)

- reputation: name (reputation)

## PROTECTION & LACK OF PROTECTION (1) (see also attenuation; force; strength & weakness)

- allusion: Achilles' heel (n)
- animal: carapace (protection), foxhole, ground (go to ground), holed up, shell (protection), sitting duck, watchdog (n)
- back: back (vulnerability, attack)
- bird: sitting duck
- blade: hack (get into)
- boat: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety), lighthouse
- circus: safety net
- clothing & accessories: naked (protection)
- dog: watchdog (n)
- electricity: insulate (v), insulated, insulation
- fire: firewall
- fox: foxhole, ground (go to ground), holed up
- fortification: bastion, breach (n), bulwark (n), castle (protection), citadel (n), drawbridge (protection), entrenched, fort (n), fortress (n), loophole (n), moat (n), rampart (fortification), redoubt (n), stronghold
- gesture: head (keep one's head down)
- ground, terrain & land: dug in, entrenched, foxhole, ground (go to ground), holed up
- hand: hand (hands off)
- hardness & softness: harden (protect)
- head: head (keep one's head down)
- health & medicine: immune, immunity, inoculate (v), inoculation, quarantine (v)
- history: wagon (circle the wagons)
- hole: chink (n), foxhole
- horse: inroads (make inroads)
- house: home (home in Islam, etc.)
- hunting: ground (go to ground), holed up
- Iliad & Odyssey: Achilles' heel (n)
- infrastructure: guardrail (protection)
- insect: cocoon (isolation)
- magic: charmed (charmed life, etc.)
- Middle Ages: armor (protection)
- military: aegis (n), bastion, armor (protection), breach (n), bulwark, castle (protection), citadel (n), drawbridge (protection), entrenched, fort, fortress, foxhole, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guardian (protection), head (keep one's head down), loophole (n), moat (n), rampart (protection), redoubt (n), shield (n), stronghold
- money: insurance
- Native Americans: wagon (circle the wagons)
- person: guardian (protection)
- place: haven (safety), refuge, shelter (v)
- religion: cloistered
- royalty: castle (protection)

- sea: harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor)
- storm: batten (batten down)
- target: target (easy target)
- umbrella: umbrella (protection)
- verb: ground (go to ground), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), hack (get into), harbor (v), harden (protect), head (keep one's head down), inoculate (v), insulate (v), quarantine (v), shelter (v), wagon (circle the wagons)
- weapon: aegis (n), armor (protection), shield (n), target (easy target)

## **PROXIMITY (1)**

- arm: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach), stone's throw
- astronomy: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n)
- blade: edge (at the edge)
- boundary: border (proximity)
- corner: corner (around the corner)
- day: eve (on the eve)
- direction: front (in front / proximity)
- doors & thresholds: door (knock at / on the door), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), threshold (on the threshold)
- eye: sight (in sight)
- finger: fingertip (at one's fingertips)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (back from the brink), edge (on the edge), precipice (at the precipice), verge (on the verge), verge (to the verge)
- hair: hair's-breadth
- hand: fingertip (at one's fingertips), hand (at hand)
- house: backyard (in somebody's backyard), backyard (other), home (close to home), home (hit home), neighborhood (in the neighborhood)
- light & dark: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- mountains & hills: edge (on the edge), precipice (at the precipice)
- shadow: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bone (close to the bone, etc.)
- theater: seat (front seat), seat (front-row seat)
- verb: door (knock at / on the door), home (hit home), shadow (follow)
- walking, running & jumping: step (a step away), step (a step closer)

## **PROXIMITY (2)**

- avoidance & separation: distance (v)
- division & connection: daylight (division), distance (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distance (feeling)
- relationship: close (feeling), cozy (adj)

## **PUMP (2)**

- directing: pumped (directed)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- increase & decrease: pump up (v)

## **PUNISHMENT & RECRIMINATION (1) (see also judgement)**

- allusion: nemesis (n)
- animal: blood (out for blood), doghouse (in the doghouse), scapegoat (n)
- ax: ax (ax to grind)
- baseball: one-strike-and-you're-out
- blade: ax (ax to grind)

- blood: blood (out for blood)
- books & reading: book (throw the book at somebody)
- dog: doghouse (in the doghouse)
- epithet: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- fire: coal (rake somebody over the coals)
- fish: hook (off the hook)
- fist: beat (beat oneself up)
- foot: kick (kick oneself)
- hand: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), wrist (slap on the wrist)
- head: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- justice: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hook (off the hook), reprieve (n), sentence (life sentence)
- key: key (throw away the key)
- military: prisoner (no prisoners)
- person: whipping boy (person)
- place: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- predation: blood (out for blood)
- religion: hell (hell to pay), nemesis (n)
- royalty: whipping boy (person)
- speech: flog (criticize)
- sports & games: one-strike-and-you're-out
- temperature: heat (criticism)
- verb: beat (beat oneself up), book (throw the book at somebody), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crack down (v), flog (criticize), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), key (throw away the key), kick (kick oneself), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- violence: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flog (criticize), hanging (hanging offense), head (heads will roll, etc.), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flog (criticize), whipping boy (person)

## **PUPPET (2)**

- computer: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- control & lack of control: puppet (control), puppeteer (n), string (pull strings)
- subterfuge: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)

## **PURSES & WALLETS (2) (see also clothing & accessories)**

- money: purse (money), purse strings, pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook, checkbook, wallet

## **PURSUIT, CAPTURE & ESCAPE (1)**

- animal: expedition (fishing expedition), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), dragnet (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ground (go to ground), holed up, land (land a job, etc.), low (lying low), stalk (v)
- boat: trawl (v)
- cat: cat (cat and mouse / noun), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective)
- container: way (way out / escape)
- control & lack of control: pocket (in the pocket)
- crime: poach (v)
- fire: smoke out
- fish: dragnet (cast a dragnet), dragnet (n), expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), hook (off the hook), land (land a job, etc.), lure (v), lure (n), net (cast a net), nibble (n), reel in (v), troll (v)
- fox: ground (go to ground), holed up

- ground, terrain & land: ground (go to ground), holed up, rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- height: low (lying low)
- hunting: bait (n), capture (v), catch up (pursuit), ensnare (v), ensnared, expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), go (go after somebody / attack), ground (go to ground), headhunter (n), holed up, hunt (v), hunt (n), hunt (in the hunt), hunt down (v), hunter (plant), hunter (other), low (lying low), lure (v), lure (n), out (leave somebody an out, etc.), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), pursuit (in pursuit), pursuit (other), scent (throw somebody off the scent), snare (v), stalk (v), track (cover one's tracks), track down (v), tracked (followed), tracking, trail (follow), trail (throw somebody off the trail), trail (digital trail, etc.), trap (n), trapped
- justice: hook (off the hook)
- love, courtship & marriage: court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), seduce (v), seduced, suitor (n), woo (v), wooed
- mechanism: hatch (escape hatch)
- Middle Ages: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- nail: nail (nail somebody)
- occurrence: break out (v)
- place: getaway
- predation: stalk (v)
- smell: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- sports & games: game (game of hide and seek, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), hide-and-seek
- subterfuge: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- verb: capture (v), catch up (pursuit), chase (v), court (v), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ensnare (v), fish (v), go (go after somebody / attack), ground (go to ground), hunt (v), hunt down (v), lure (v), nail (nail somebody), net (cast a net), poach (v), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), reel in (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), seduce (v), smoke out (v), snare (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), stalk (v), track (cover one's tracks), track down (v), trail (follow), trawl (v), troll (v), woo (v)
- walking, running & jumping: chase (v), step (step ahead / pursuit)

## **PUZZLE (2)**

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: fall (fall into place), puzzle (problem), put (put something together), piece (missing pieces), piece together (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle (problem), puzzling

## **RADIO (2)**

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: tuned (stay tuned)
- consciousness & awareness: tuned (stay tuned)
- development: tuned (stay tuned)
- unanimity & consensus: wavelength (on the same wavelength)

## **RAIN (2) (see also lightning; storm; weather & climate; wind)**

- amount & effect: flurry (activity), rain (amount & effect), rain (rain down), shower (v)
- configuration: sprinkle (v), sprinkled (configuration)

## **RAT (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rat (snitch)
- competition: rat race
- enthusiasm: rat (lab rat, etc.)
- evidence: rat (smell a rat)
- suspicion: rat (smell a rat)
- work & duty: rat race

## READINESS & PREPAREDNESS (1)

- boat: batten (batten down)
- boxing: punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- color: red alert (on red alert)
- clothing & accessories: pants (caught with one's pants down)
- engine: tune-up (n)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), poised (adj)
- eye: blindsided
- foot: flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back foot)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (prepare the ground)
- infrastructure: brace (v), braced
- mechanism: tune-up (n)
- military: ambush (v), ambushed, dry run, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up)
- music: tune-up (n)
- scale: balance (off balance)
- school & education: homework
- shape: curve (behind / ahead of the curve)
- standing, sitting & lying: flatfooted (caught flatfooted), toe (on one's toes)
- storm: batten (batten down)
- theater: rehearsal, rehearse, wing (in the wings)
- toe: toe (on one's toes)
- verb: ambush (v), brace (v), ground (prepare the ground), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), pants (caught with one's pants down), punch (beat somebody to the punch), rehearse (v)

## RECONCILIATION, RESOLUTION & CONCLUSION (1) (see also initiation; starting, going, continuing & ending)

- blade: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- books & reading: book (close the book)
- burial: ghost (bury the ghost), put (put something to rest)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge)
- cloth: done and dusted, sewn (sewn up), wrap up (v)
- creature: bury (bury the ghosts, etc.), exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost)
- direction: behind (put something behind), bottom (get to the bottom of something), go (let something go)
- equilibrium & stability: settle down (v)
- fire: smoke (smoke clears)
- ground, terrain & land: dust (dust settles)
- infrastructure: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- journeys & trips: end (no end in sight), get (get through something), get (get over something), move on (resiliency)
- military: ceasefire (n), hatchet (bury the hatchet), truce (n)
- movement: move (take action), move on (resiliency)
- nail: nail down (settle)
- Native Americans: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (put something behind)
- religion: exorcise (v)
- rope: loose ends
- sleep: bed (put something to bed), rest (put something to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- storm: blow over (v)



- tree: olive branch
- verb: behind (put something behind), book (close the book), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), exorcise (v), go (let something go), get (get through something), get (get over something), ghost (bury the ghost), hatchet (bury the hatchet), move on (resiliency), nail down (settle), rest (put something to rest), settle down (v), sleep (put something to sleep), wrap up (v)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge)
- wind: blow over (v)

## REFERENCE (1)

- eye: see (refer to)
- verb: see (perceive)

## RELATIONSHIP (1) (see also division & connection)

- animal: pet (pet cause, etc.)
- astronomy: satellite (n)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- bird: chicken (chicken and egg)
- bodily process: sneeze (v)
- family: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), brother (n), brotherhood, cousin (person), daughter (n), family (group), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), incestuous (adj), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), mother (mother earth), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (relationship), relative (relationship), sibling, sister (relationship), stepchild (weakness), stepmother (cruelty), twin (relationship)
- geometry: triangle (things), triangle (people)
- hand: hand in hand
- love, courtship & marriage: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), divorce (n), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, odd couple
- money: coin (side of a coin), coin (double-sided coin)
- person: companion, cousin (person), stepchild (weakness)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj)
- shape: triangle (things), triangle (people)
- sign, signal, symbol: triangle (things), triangle (people)
- temperature: cozy (adj)
- verb: sneeze (v)

## RELIGION (2) (see also Bible)

- accusation & criticism: crucified, crucify (v), jeremiad (bitter lament)
- action, inaction & delay: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- affliction: bedevil, bedeviled, cursed, fury (creature), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: faith, recant (v), road (road to Damascus)
- amelioration & renewal: dead (rise from the dead), exorcise (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), wand (magic wand)
- amount: litany (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: soul-searching
- appearance: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- attraction & repulsion: charisma (attraction), mecca, pilgrimage (trip)
- avoidance & separation: cloistered
- bases: mythology (n)
- behavior: angel (behavior), choirboy (behavior), devil (behavior), halo (n), hell (raise hell), hell-raiser, hell-raising, ritual, saint (superlative)
- biodiversity: Noah's Ark

- campaign: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- certainty & uncertainty: limbo (in limbo)
- character & personality: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), public-spirited
- characterization: christen (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exodus (n)
- commitment & determination: born-again, vow (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Delphic (adj)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)
- control & lack of control: god (play god, etc.)
- cost & benefit: blessed, blessing (benefit), curse (n), graced, miracle (other)
- creation & transformation: born-again, road (road to Damascus)
- death & life: last rites (n)
- destruction: kiss of death
- development: hegira (and hejira)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: exorcise (v)
- division & connection: cloistered, Paradise Lost (allusion), schism (n)
- dominance & submission: bow (v), kowtow (v)
- easiness, difficulty & effort: heaven (move heaven and earth)
- enthusiasm: acolyte (person), cathedral (other), church (n), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), missionary (person), religion (enthusiasm), pilgrimage (trip), shrine (reverence), worship (v)
- environment: Dantesque (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), hell (living hell, etc.), hell (situation), hellhole, limbo (in limbo), paradise, Promised Land, purgatory (n)
- epithet: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.), Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
- experience: baptism, baptized
- fate, fortune & chance: cursed, god (mountain gods, etc.), Hail Mary, handwriting (on the wall), karma (fate), kiss of death, miracle (other), miraculous (adj), original sin, writing (writing on the wall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: dispirited (adj), godforsaken, hellish (adj), miraculous (adj), paradisiacal (adj), possessed, spirit (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), paradise
- force: juggernaut
- future: oracle (person), prophet (person), soothsayer (person)
- group, set & collection: cult (n)
- growth & development: rite (rite of passage)
- help & assistance: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.), savior (n)
- idea: iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth
- identity & nature: born-again, soul (identity)
- importance & significance: fetish (n), fetishize (v), hallowed (adj), sacred (adj), venerate (v), worship (v)
- initiation: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- insult: hell (go to hell)
- isolation & remoteness: cloistered
- judgment: Solomonic (adj)
- knowledge & intelligence: guru (person)
- message: apostle (n), choir (preach to the choir), convert (person), crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role), evangelical (adj), evangelist (person), golden rule, gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), guru (person), high priest, jeremiad (bitter lament), missionary (person), mantra (message), preach (v), prophet (person), proselytize (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)

- person: acolyte (person), choirboy (behavior), convert (person), crusader (role), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), guru (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), martyr (person), missionary (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), soothsayer (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: relic
- progress & lack of progress: limbo (in limbo)
- proper name: angel (Guardian Angels, etc.), apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hell (Hell's Gate, etc.), oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: cloistered
- punishment & recrimination: hell (hell to pay), nemesis (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exorcise (v)
- repetition: mantra (message)
- representation: icon (symbol), iconic, patron saint
- resemblance: cathedral (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: bow (v), kowtow (v), martyr (person)
- revenge: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- reverence: cathedral (other), enshrine (v), enshrined, hymn (n), idolized, shrine (reverence), venerate (v), worship (v)
- reversal: road (road to Damascus)
- sacrifice: altar (at / on / upon the altar), sacrifice (give up something)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: anoint (v), anointed, beatification (n), beatify (v), Bible (authority), blasphemy, blessing (sanction), canon (literature), canon (other), canonical (adj), dogma (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, excommunicated, heresy (n), heretic (person), iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), imprimatur, Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), myth (n), pantheon (n), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth (n), taboo (n)
- shape: angel (snow angel)
- sign, signal, symbol: icon (graphic), icon (symbol), iconic
- situation: Dantesque (adj), hell (living hell, etc.), hell (situation), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- size: behemoth, Goliath (Bible), leviathan, Olympian (adj)
- script: hymnal (n)
- speech: pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v)
- strength & weakness: David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- superlative: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), angel (superlative), Garden of Eden, goddess, heaven (environment), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), paradise, Promised Land, saint (superlative), sainthood (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hell (situation)
- time: grace (grace period)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: grace (grace period)
- unanimity & consensus: choir (preach to the choir)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail), pray (v)
- worth & lack of worth: blessing (benefit), curse (n)

## **REPETITION (1) (see also transmission)**

- bird: parrot (v)
- light & dark: shadow (mirror)
- mirror: mirror (v)
- religion: mantra (message)
- shadow: shadow (mirror)
- sound: echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), echo (in an echo), echo chamber, echoed
- verb: echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), mirror (v), parrot (v)

## **REPRESENTATION (1) (see also sign, signal, symbol)**

- boat: figurehead (n)
- clothing & accessories: mantle (n)
- face: face (international face, etc.)
- fire: torch (carry a torch), torch (other), torchbearer
- flags & banners: banner (carry a banner), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- foot: foot (put a foot forward)
- government: ambassador (role)
- mark: touchstone
- military: standard-bearer
- person: ambassador (role), standard-bearer
- picture: poster (poster child, etc.)
- religion: icon (symbol), iconic, patron saint
- sign, signal, symbol: poster (poster child, etc.)
- speech: voice (representation)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand for (v)
- verb: banner (carry a banner), stand for (v), torch (carry a torch)

## **REPUTATION (1)**

- direction: high (high regard)
- family: legacy (reputation)
- ground, terrain & land: mud (drag something through the mud)
- history: legacy (reputation)
- light & dark: luster
- mark: black eye, mark (black mark), smear (v), smear (n), stain (v), stain (n)
- money: legacy (reputation)
- proper name: name (reputation)
- verb: mud (drag something through the mud), smear (v), stain (v)

## **RESEMBLANCE (1) (see also appearance)**

- animal: carcass (n), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), snake (a trail can snake), tail (orientation)
- atmosphere: cloud (resemblance)
- bird: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- blade: slice (road slices, etc.)
- bodily process: belch (v), bowel (n), breathe (v), spit (spit down), spit (v), yawn (v)
- books & reading: fairy tale, story (horror story), storybook
- chemistry: rust (resemblance)
- circus: circus (media circus, etc.)
- cloth: strand (strand of hair, etc.), unfolding (opening), wrapped (covered)
- clothing & accessories: veil (covering)
- cloud: cloud (resemblance)
- desert: desert (environment)
- ear: ear (ear of corn, etc.)
- explosion: bomb (roach bomb, etc.)
- eye: eye (resemblance), peek (v)
- fire: tinderbox (resemblance)
- forest: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- fortification: palisade (n), rampart (other)
- fountain: fountain (resemblance)
- ground, terrain & land: desert (environment)

- hair: hair (resemblance)
- health & medicine: rash (road rash, etc.)
- infrastructure: buttress (n), pillar (resemblance), street (cloud street, etc.), tunnel (resemblance)
- insect: cocoon (resemblance)
- island: island (beech island, etc.)
- knife: slice (road slices, etc.)
- military: rampart (other)
- moon: moonscape
- mountains & hills: mountainous (adj)
- mouth: mouth (entrance), spit (spit down), spit (v)
- music: opera, symphony (n)
- picture: paint (resemblance)
- plant: garden (resemblance), tendril (resemblance)
- religion: cathedral (resemblance)
- river: river (resemblance)
- rocket: rocket (resemblance)
- royalty: palace (movie palace, etc.)
- sea: island (beech island, etc.), lagoon, ocean, sea (sea of sand, etc.), shore (resemblance)
- season: winter (resemblance)
- skeleton: skeleton (resemblance)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh (inside), skeleton (resemblance)
- sleep: awaken (nature, etc.), sleep (n), wake (resemblance)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake)
- sound: roar (n), symphony (n), whisper (sound)
- storm: storm (immune-system storm, etc.), thunder (sound), thunder (speech), thunderous
- story: fairy tale, story (horror story), storybook
- sword: swordfish
- symphony: symphony (n)
- theater: light show
- throat: throat (resemblance)
- tree: tree (resemblance)
- verb: belch (v), dance (resemblance), paint (resemblance), pour (resemblance), slice (road slices, etc.), spit (spit down), spit (v), stream (tears stream, etc.), thunder (speech), wake (resemblance), yawn (v)
- walking, running & jumping: resemblance: dance (resemblance), leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)
- wall: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- waste: confetti
- water: cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.), flowing, fountain (resemblance), lake, pour (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), stream (resemblance)
- whip: whip (resemblance)

## **RESILIENCY (1) (see also amelioration & renewal; survival, persistence & endurance)**

- ball: bounce back (v), rebound (v), rebound (on the rebound)
- boxing: punch (roll with the punches)
- burden: carry on (v)
- destruction: piece (pick up the pieces)
- direction: behind (put something behind), comeback (n), head (keep one's head up), pick (pick oneself up)
- foot: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)

- force: push (push on)
- ground, terrain & land: dig (dig out), hole (dig oneself out of a hole)
- hand: hold on (survival), pick (pick oneself up)
- head: head (keep one's head up)
- horse: saddle (get back in the saddle)
- infrastructure: put (put something back together)
- journeys & trips: get (get through something), get (get over something), go on (v), move on (resiliency)
- light & dark: bright (bright side)
- materials & substances: flexible (character)
- mechanism: put (put something back together)
- military: soldier (soldier on)
- mining: dig (dig out)
- movement: go on (v), move on (resiliency)
- person: dandelion (character), orchid (character), survivor (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), orchid (character)
- verb: behind (put something behind), bounce back (v), carry on (v), come back (v), dig (dig out), get (get through something), get (get over something), go on (v), head (keep one's head up), hold on (survival), pick (pick oneself up), piece (pick up the pieces), punch (roll with the punches), push (push on), put (put something back together), rebound (v), soldier (soldier on)

## **RESISTANCE, OPPOSITION & DEFEAT (1) (see also conflict; dominance & submission)**

- allusion: Pyrrhic victory, Waterloo
- animal: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), buck (v), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), howl (v), roll over (v), squeal (protest), stare down (v), stare-down (n), tail (turn tail), tooth and nail (adv)
- arm: pushback (n), push back (v)
- back: back (back to the wall), back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v)
- bird: face (fly in the face)
- boat: mutinous (adj), mutiny (n)
- bodily process: gasp (last gasp)
- boxing: Muhammad Ali (epithet), punch (punch back), towel (throw in the towel)
- breathing: gasp (last gasp)
- cards: fold (v)
- chess: checkmate (n)
- direction: fall (defeat), uprising (resistance)
- dog: back (get one's back up, etc.), roll over (v)
- epithet: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- explosion: blowback
- eye: stare down (v), stare-down (n)
- face: face (in one's face), face (in the face of)
- fist: beat back (v), hit back (v)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag), stand (last stand, etc.)
- flying & falling: fall (defeat)
- foot: foot (put one's foot down), heel (dig in one's heels), kick (kick one's butt, etc.)
- fortification: siege (under siege), siege (other)
- ground, terrain & land: dig in (v), ground (hold / stand one's ground), ground (give ground), last-ditch (adj)
- horse: buck (v)
- heel: heel (dig in one's heels), heel (on one's heels)

- history: barricade (storm the barricades), underground railroad, Waterloo
- horse: balk (v)
- infrastructure: buckle (give way)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees)
- materials & substances: bend (v)
- military: combat (v), counterattack (n), fight (v), flag (plant one's flag), give in (v), give up (stop trying), insurrection, last-ditch (adj), Pyrrhic victory, rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebellion (n), revolt (v), siege (under siege), siege (other), stand (last stand, etc.), surrender (v), Waterloo
- mining: cave (cave in)
- money: sell out (v)
- movement: budge (v), come out (against something), move (move an inch, etc.)
- nose: nose (thumb one's nose)
- person: martyr (person), rebel (person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (opposition)
- religion: bow (v), kowtow (v), martyr (person)
- ruins: buckle (give way)
- sea: tide (buck the tide)
- sound: grumble (n), howl (v), squeal (protest)
- speech: speak out (v), speak up (v)
- sports & games: checkmate (n), Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), knee (bring to one's knees), lie down (v), rise (resistance), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand up (stand up to something), supine (adj)
- tide: tide (buck the tide)
- verb: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), balk (v), barricade (storm the barricades), beat back (v), bow (v), buck (v), buckle (give way), budge (v), cave in (v), combat (v), come out (against something), counterattack (n), dig in (v), fall (defeat), fight (v), fold (v), foot (put one's foot down), give in (v), give up (stop trying), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), heel (dig in one's heels), howl (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), kowtow (v), lie down (v), move (move an inch, etc.), punch (punch back), push back (v), put up with (v), revolt (v), rise (resistance), roll over (v), sell out (v), speak out (v), squeal (protest), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand up (stand up to something), stare down (v), stonewall (v), surrender (v), tail (turn tail), take on (v), tide (buck the tide), towel (throw in the towel)
- violence: backlash
- walking, running & jumping: run (on the run / retreat)
- wall: stonewall (v)
- weapon: blowback
- whip: backlash

## **RESPONSIBILITY (1) (see also action, inaction & delay; reconciliation, resolution & conclusion)**

- baseball: plate (step up to the plate)
- body: lap (in the lap of)
- direction: fall (devolve), live up to (something), man up (v)
- hand: hand (at the hands)
- shoulder: shoulder (fall on the shoulders), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)
- sports & games: plate (step up to the plate)
- sword: sword (fall on one's sword)
- verb: live up to (something), man up (v), plate (step up to the plate), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), step in (v), sword (fall on one's sword)
- walking, running & jumping: step in (v), step up (rise to the occasion)

- weight: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (fall on the shoulders)
- military: watch (on one's watch)

## **RESTRAINT & LACK OF RESTRAINT (1) (see also behavior; constraint & lack of constraint; control & lack of control)**

- access & lack of access: open (open marriage, etc.)
- alcohol: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- allusion: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- animal: wild (people), wild (run wild)
- arm: hold back (restraint), overreach (v)
- boat: overboard (behavior)
- boundary: limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overstep (v)
- boxing: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (pull a punch)
- cards: hand (overplay one's hand)
- control & lack of control: control (out of control), control (in control), control (under control)
- distance: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), stop (stop at nothing)
- hand: hand (get out of hand)
- history: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- horse: unbridled
- materials & substances: brazen (adj)
- military: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), over-the-top (adj)
- plane: envelope (push the envelope)
- sex: orgy
- speech: punch (pull a punch)
- sports & games: no-holds-barred, punch (pull a punch)
- verb: end (go off the deep end), envelope (push the envelope), hand (get out of hand), hand (overplay one's hand), help (keep from, avoid), hold back (restraint), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overstep (v), punch (pull a punch), stop (stop at nothing)
- walking, running & jumping: overstep (v)
- water: end (go off the deep end)
- wrestling: no-holds-barred

## **REVENGE (1) (see also conflict) (see also oppression; violence)**

- Bible: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- bodily process: laugh (last laugh)
- eye: eye (an eye for an eye)
- food & drink: dish (revenge)
- money: pay (revenge), payback, score (settle a score, etc.)
- religion: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- teeth: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- verb: pay (revenge), score (settle a score, etc.)
- violence: vendetta

## **REVERENCE (1)**

- religion: cathedral (other), enshrine (v), enshrined, hymn (n), idolized, shrine (reverence), venerate (v), worship (v)
- verb: enshrine (v), venerate (v), worship (v)

## **REVERSAL (1)**

- allusion: road (road to Damascus)
- animal: bite (bite back, etc.), chicken (come home to roost), tail (turn tail)



- bell: bell (unring a bell)
- Bible: road (road to Damascus)
- bird: chicken (come home to roost)
- boat: row (row back)
- direction: about-face (in an about-face), about-face, about-turn, backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), boomerang (n), climb down (v), course (reverse course), flip (v), flip-flopping (reversal), overturn (v), overturned, pivot (n), retreat (v), row (row back), turnabout (reversal), turn around (v), turnaround
- equilibrium & stability: overturn (v), overturned
- explosion: blowback, blow up (blow up in one's face), face (blow up in one's face)
- food & drink: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- heart: heart (change of heart)
- journeys & trips: backtrack (reversal), course (reverse course), road (road to Damascus), turnabout (reversal)
- justice: chicken (come home to roost)
- letters & characters: U-turn
- mechanism: backpedal (v), gear (switch gears), pivot (n), roll back (v)
- military: retreat (reverse)
- movement: backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal)
- music: tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- religion: road (road to Damascus)
- sea: tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- table: table (turn the tables)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- teeth: bite (bite back, etc.)
- tide: tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- verb: backfire (v), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), bell (unring a bell), bite (bite back, etc.), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), climb down (v), course (reverse course), face (blow up in one's face), flip (v), gear (switch gears), overturn (v), overturned, retreat (reverse), ricochet (v), roll back (v), table (turn the tables), tail (turn tail), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune), walk back (v)
- violence: backlash
- walking, running & jumping: walk back (n), walk back (v)
- weapon: backfire (v), blowback, blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), ricochet (v)
- whip: backlash

## **RIDING (2)**

- dependency: ride (ride on something)
- experience: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: ride out (v)

## **RIVER (2) (see also dam; flood)**

- amelioration & renewal: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- amount: reservoir (amount)
- amount & effect: flood (amount), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, Niagara (the river and falls), river (amount and effect)
- branching system: confluence, feed (feed into), prong (river), stream (bloodstream, etc.), tributary (n)
- center & periphery: backwater (n), mainstream
- commitment & determination: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: undercurrent (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (cross that bridge)

- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: upstream (swim upstream)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: swept away (removal)
- division & connection: bridge (n), bridge (v), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone
- fate, fortune & chance: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: run (run deep / high / strong), swept away (emotion)
- force: current (n), undercurrent (n)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- importance & significance: watershed (n)
- isolation & remoteness: backwater
- movement: flood (move), flow (move), flow (n), river (amount and effect), stream (amount & effect)
- obstacles & impedance: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), logjam, snag (n)
- orientation: downstream, upstream (swim upstream)
- portal: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- presence & absence: bridgehead (n)
- progress & lack of progress: backwater (n)
- proper name: river (Niger River, etc.)
- resemblance: river (resemblance)
- route: bridge (air bridge, etc.), stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- society: mainstream
- source: fountainhead, reservoir (source), watershed (n)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (cross that bridge)

## **ROCKET (2)**

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic)
- increase & decrease: rocket (increase), skyrocket (increase)
- initiation: launching pad
- resemblance: rocket (resemblance)
- speed: rocket (speed)
- throwing, putting & planting: launching pad

## **ROLE (1)**

- clothing & accessories: hat (role)
- government: diplomacy, diplomatic
- horse: saddle (acting saddle, etc.)
- theater: act (insincere show), act (performance)

## **ROOF (2)**

- destruction: roof (a roof can cave in)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- failure, accident & impairment: roof (a roof can cave in)
- increase & decrease: roof (through the roof)
- orientation: roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)

## **ROPE (2)**

- action, inaction & delay: Gordian knot

- amelioration & renewal: straighten out (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)
- attachment: bind (connect), tethered
- complexity: Gordian knot
- constraint & lack of constraint: bind (constraint), bind (constrain), binding (adj), bound (constraint), slack (n)
- development: play (play / play out)
- division & connection: bind (connect), tie (v), tied, tie together (v)
- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: rope (at the end of one's rope)
- flaws & lack of flaws: kink (n)
- involvement: bound up, enmeshed, entangled (involvement), string (attachment)
- obstacles & impedance: knot (n), snarl (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: loose ends
- rope: play (play / play out)
- sequence: string (sequence)
- situation: bind (in a bind), enmeshed, entangled (involvement)
- survival, persistence & endurance: rope (on the ropes)

## ROUTE (1)

- atmosphere: skyway
- blood: artery
- bridge: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- direction: climb (roads, etc.)
- epithet: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), alley (Bat Alley, etc.), alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), alley (Death Alley, etc.), expressway (expressway to death, etc.), road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- infrastructure: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), alley (Bat Alley, etc.), alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.), alley (Death Alley, etc.), avenue (route), bridge (air bridge, etc.), corridor (route), expressway, highway (iceberg highway, etc.), pipeline (other), superhighway
- journeys & trips: pathway (route), way (route)
- movement: go (a road can go, etc.)
- river: bridge (air bridge, etc.), stream (bloodstream etc.)
- sky: skyway
- walking, running & jumping: go (a road can go, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)
- water: channel (distribution channel, etc.), channel (through channels), conduit, stream (bloodstream, etc.)

## ROUTE (2)

- danger: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)

## ROYALTY (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: fealty (n)
- area: realm (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: herald (v), herald (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: herald (v), herald (n), usher in (v)
- control & lack of control: ruled, usurp (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dethrone (v)
- epithet: king (King of Beers, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.)
- help & assistance: handmaiden (help)
- oppression: lord over (v), reign of terror / fear, etc.
- origin: house (origin)
- person: handmaiden (help), king (primacy), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (role), whipping boy (person)

- possession: usurp (v)
- power: dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), lord over (v), overlord (person), throne (power)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dethrone (v), dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), king (primacy), monarch (primacy), reign (n), reigning, throne (in line for the throne), throne (pretender to the throne), throne (primacy)
- proper name: Emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.), king (king cobra, etc.), Kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.), Queen (Dairy Queen, etc.), throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: castle (protection)
- punishment & recrimination: whipping boy (person)
- resemblance: palace (movie palace, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: crowned (v)
- size: palatial (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: reign (v)
- superlative: aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.), crown (n), crown jewels, king (animals), king (King of Beers, etc.), king (primacy), monarch (primacy), prince (epithet), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role)
- taking & removing: usurp (v)
- taxonomy & classification: kingdom (animal kingdom)
- welcome: red carpet (treatment)

## **RUBBING & WASHING (2)**

- feeling, emotion & effect: scoured
- searching & discovery: scour (v), scrape (v)
- transmission: rub off (v)

## **RUINS (1)**

- allusion: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- epithet: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- place: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)

## **RUINS (2)**

- destruction: buckle (give way), collapse (n), crash (crash down), damage (n), debris, roof (a roof can cave in), rubble (in the rubble), rubble (other), ruin (v), ruin (in ruins), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, topple (v), waste (lay waste), wreck (v), wreck (person), wreckage (n), wrecked, wrecking ball (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: topple (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: buckle (give way), collapse (n), roof (a roof can cave in), tumble down (v), wreck (v), wreck (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: topple (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: buckle (give way)

## **SACRIFICE (1)**

- animal: lamb (sacrificial lamb)
- food & drink: belt-tightening
- religion: altar (at / on / upon the altar), sacrifice (give up something)
- sheep: lamb (sacrificial lamb)
- verb: sacrifice (give up something)

## **SANCTIONING, AUTHORITY & NON-CONFORMITY (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; disruption; help & assistance; judgement; unanimity & consensus)**

- animal: black sheep, buck (v), maverick (person), sacred cow

- Bible: Bible (authority)
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- center & periphery: outlier (n)
- clothing & accessories: mantle (n)
- color: green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit)
- cows & cattle: sacred cow
- creature: ghost (ghost children, etc.)
- direction: go-ahead, ground (high ground), high (on high)
- document: license (n), passport (n)
- epithet: Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
- face: frown (v), smile (v)
- gate: gatecrasher, gatekeeper
- gesture: frown (v), smile (v)
- government: franchise (n), license (n), passport (n)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (high ground)
- horse: buck (v)
- license: license (n)
- line: line (government line, etc.)
- manufacturing: mold (fit a mold)
- mark: rubber stamp (n), stamp (stamp of approval)
- mechanism: fit in (v)
- military: rebel (person), rebel (adj)
- person: heretic (person), iconoclast (person), maverick (person), rebel (person)
- religion: anoint (v), anointed, beatification (n), beatify (v), Bible (authority), blasphemy, blessing (sanction), canon (literature), canon (other), canonical (adj), dogma (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, excommunicated, heresy (n), heretic (person), iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), imprimatur, Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), myth (n), pantheon (n), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth (n), taboo (n)
- royalty: crowned (v)
- school & education: slip (permission slip)
- sea: tide (buck the tide)
- sign, signal, symbol: frown (v), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), seal of approval, smile (v), traffic light (n)
- sound: applaud (v)
- sports & games: ground rule, playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field)
- ticket: pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- tide: tide (buck the tide)
- verb: anoint (v), beatify (v), buck (v), enshrine (v), frown (v), green light (v), playing field (level the playing field), sign (sign off), smile (v), tide (buck the tide)
- writing & spelling: sign (sign off)

## SCALE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: counterbalance (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: weigh (analyze)
- cost & benefit: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- development: scale (tip the scales)
- disruption: balance (off balance)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (v), balance (out of balance), balance (off balance), balance (work & job, etc.), balance (n), balanced, balance of power, counterbalance (n), disequilibrium (n), equilibrium (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: balance (hang in the balance)

- flaws & lack of flaws: balance (off balance)
- initiation: scale (tip the scales)
- judgment: weigh (analyze)
- readiness & preparedness: balance (off balance)

## **SCHOOL & EDUCATION (2)**

- ability & lack of ability: IQ (ability), study (quick study)
- achievement, recognition & praise: apple (Golden Apple)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: study (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- coercion & motivation: bully (v), bully (person)
- enthusiasm: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- environment: playground
- epithet: Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.)
- experience: freshman (adj), schooled
- extent & scope: extracurricular
- group, set & collection: fraternity (n)
- growth & development: graduate (v)
- judgment: mark (high mark), report card
- knowledge & intelligence: IQ (ability), learn (v), lesson, masterclass, note (compare notes), schooled
- oppression: bully (v), bully (person)
- person: bully (person), cheerleader (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: old school
- past & present: new school, old school
- readiness & preparedness: homework
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: slip (permission slip)
- society: fraternity (n)
- superlative: masterclass (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: test (test of time)

## **SCRIPT (1)**

- books & reading: playbook
- food & drink: recipe
- health & medicine: prescription
- infrastructure: blueprint
- journeys & trips: road map
- map: road map
- manufacturing: boilerplate (n)
- number: formula (n)
- religion: hymnal (n)
- sports & games: playbook
- theater: script (to script)
- tools & technology: boilerplate (n)

## **SEA (2) (see also tide; tsunami; wave) (see also island)**

- amelioration & renewal: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- amount: sea (amount)
- amount & effect: floodtide, groundswell, maelstrom (in a maelstrom), maelstrom (other), sea change (n), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (on a tide), tide (rising tide), tide (other), tsunami, wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)

- area: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: pull (tidal pull)
- certainty & uncertainty: uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: wash up (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: fathom (v), unfathomable
- configuration: archipelago (n), pearl (string of pearls)
- control & lack of control: King Canute
- creation & transformation: sea change (n)
- danger: lighthouse, rock (on the rocks), shoal (n), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb), washed-up (adj)
- destruction: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shoal (n), sink (destroy), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- development: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.), wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- direction: lighthouse, sea (at sea), uncharted (adj)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: swept away (removal)
- division & connection: insular (adj)
- division & connection: gulf (division)
- environment: island (island of affluence, etc.), sea (in a sea), sea (environment)
- epithet: pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), ship (ship of state, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- extent & scope: high tide
- failure, accident & impairment: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), shoal (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: swept away (emotion), wave (effect)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, shell (protection)
- movement: ebb (movement), tide (other), wave (amount and effect)
- obstacles & impedance: shoal (n)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high tide, washed-up (adj)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor)
- resemblance: island (beech island, etc.), lagoon, ocean, sea (sea of sand, etc.), shore (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tide (buck the tide)
- reversal: tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tide (buck the tide)
- shape: wave (shape)
- society: castaway (person), marooned
- substance & lack of substance: shell (substance)
- superlative: pearl
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)

## **SEARCHING & DISCOVERY (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; occurrence; presence & absence)**

- allusion: eureka, Sherlock Holmes
- animal: expedition (fishing expedition), ferret (ferret out)
- atmosphere: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- boat: dredge up (v), trawl (v)
- burial: exhume (v)
- cloth: unfold (discover), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unraveled
- comb: comb (v)
- death & life: exhume (v)

- direction: bottom (get to the bottom of something), come up with (discovery)
- earth & world: earth (extent)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- eye: look (look for), look (look into something)
- farming & agriculture: glean (v)
- fish: expedition (fishing expedition), trawl (v)
- ground, terrain & land: come up with (discovery), dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dig out (v), dig up (v), frontier (n), pay dirt, rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), turned up (discovered), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- hair: comb (v)
- hunting: expedition (fishing expedition), search (for truth, cure, etc.), track down (v)
- journeys & trips: explore (discover)
- key: unlock (v)
- light & dark: light (come to light), light (bring something to light)
- Middle Ages: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- military: scout (n), scout (v)
- mining: dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dig out, dig up, eureka, gold (strike gold), mine (search), mining (data, etc.), pay dirt, unearth (v), unearthed
- money: treasure trove (and trove)
- object: search (n)
- person: scout (n), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- rubbing & washing: scour (v), scrape (v)
- sky: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- smell: sniff out (v)
- theater: talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- tools & technology: needle (needle in a haystack), rake up (v), sift (searching), sifted
- verb: comb (v), come up with (discovery), dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig out (v), dig (dig through), dredge up (v), exhume (v), explore (discover), ferret (ferret out), glean (v), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), look (look for), look (look into something), mine (search), rake up (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scour (v), scout (v), scrape (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), sift (searching), sniff out (v), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), track down (v), trawl (v), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unfold (discover), unlock (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), winnow (v)
- walking, running & jumping: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- water: sound (measure)
- wheat: winnow (v)

## SEASON (2)

- decline: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- destruction: winter (nuclear winter, etc.)
- development: season (time)
- growth & development: spring (growth)
- love, courtship & marriage: summer
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- resemblance: winter (resemblance)
- time: season (time)

## SENSATION (1)

- animal: biting, gnaw (v), gnawing
- fire: burning (burning desire, etc.), seared, searing (adj)
- insect: sting (n)



- knife: stab (sensation), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)
- mark: seared
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: sore (sensation)
- sound: buzz (sensation)
- teeth: biting, gnaw (v), gnawing
- verb: gnaw (v)

## SENSATION (2)

- affliction: gall (v), irritant (n), irritated, needle (v), neck (pain in the neck), pinch (n), prick (v), shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- amelioration & renewal: soothe (sensation)
- character & personality: abrasive (adj), irritating
- consciousness & awareness: numb (adj)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- eagerness & reluctance: itchy
- enthusiasm: itch (enthusiasm)
- feeling, emotion & effect: abrasive (adj), blistering, blow (bitter blow, etc.), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), burned (hurt), burning (burning desire, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), grate (v), gut-wrenching (adj), heartache, heartfelt, heartthrob, heart-wrenching, hurt (feeling and emotion), irritant, irritated, irritating, irritation, numb (adj), painful (adj), pinch (n), raw (adj), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), sensitive (adj), shoe (a stone in the shoe), smart (v), soothe (sensation), sore (sensation), stinging (adj), stoic (adj), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stung (feeling), thick-skinned, thin-skinned, toe (step on toes), wrenching (adj)
- money: tight (money)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heartfelt (adj)
- speech: caustic (adj), caustically, needle (v)

## SEQUENCE (1)

- boat: wake (in the wake)
- boxing: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- chain: chain (chain of events), chain (other), chain reaction
- clock: tick-tock (n)
- epithet: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- heel: heel (on the heels)
- leg: leg (first leg, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- rope: string (sequence)
- sound: tick-tock (n)
- sports & games: domino (n), domino (domino effect)
- time: tick-tock (n)
- train: train (in one's train)
- verb: jump (jump ahead), punch (beat somebody to the punch), step (step back / sequence)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump ahead), step (first step, etc.), step (step back / sequence), walk (crawl, walk, run)
- water: wake (in the wake)

## SEX (1)

- allusion: Casanova
- animal: stud (n)
- bedroom: bedroom (sex)
- bird: (the birds and the bees)

- clothing & accessories: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- epithet: Casanova
- horse: stud (n)
- hygiene: dirty (sex), filthy (sex)
- insect: bee (the birds and the bees)
- mechanism: machine (sex machine)
- temperature: steamy
- tools & technology: hookup (sex)
- verb: pants (get in somebody's pants)

## SEX (2)

- attraction & repulsion: alluring (adj), seductive (adj)
- control & lack of control: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- eagerness & reluctance: slut (enthusiasm)
- enthusiasm: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, slut (enthusiasm)
- experience: coming (coming out), debutant (n)
- euphemism: bedroom (sex), bee (the birds and the bees)
- experience: maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- restraint & lack of restraint: orgy
- speech: pander (v)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: lust (n), pander (v)

## SHADOW (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- attenuation: shadow (devitalized)
- certainty & uncertainty: shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: shadow (concealment), shadowy
- configuration: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- corruption: shady (adj)
- division & connection: daylight (division)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: overshadow (v)
- proximity: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- repetition: shadow (mirror)
- substance & lack of substance: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- subterfuge: shady (adj)

## SHAPE (1)

- animal: dogleg (shape), horn (shape), plume (shape), web (spider web, etc.)
- arm: elbow (shape)
- astronomy: star (shape)
- bell: bell curve (shape)
- bird: beak (area), plume (shape)
- blade: knife-edged, sickle (shape)
- bullet: bullet (shape)

- canal: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- clock: hourglass (shape)
- cloth: needle (shape), ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: washboard
- creature: angel (snow angel)
- dog: dogleg (shape)
- eye: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- fan: fan (shape)
- food & drink: pancake (pancake ice, etc.)
- fortification: castle (sand castle)
- ground, terrain & land: contour (n)
- hand: handle (shape)
- hair: hairpin (shape)
- heart: heart (shape)
- horn: horn (shape)
- horse: saddle (shape), spur (shape)
- infrastructure: canal (birth canal, etc.), pipe (sports), pipeline (shape)
- insect: butterfly (shape), web (spider web, etc.)
- knife: knife-edged
- meat: T-bone (v), T-boned
- mechanism: hub (center)
- mountains & hills: peak (other), plateau (n), valley
- neck: neck (area)
- nose: nose (shape)
- readiness & preparedness: curve (behind / ahead of the curve)
- religion: angel (snow angel)
- route: alley
- sea: wave (shape)
- spider: (web (spider web, etc.))
- stair: stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.), step (shape)
- star: star (shape)
- table: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- target: bull's-eye (shape)
- throat: throat (resemblance)
- tools & technology: hourglass (shape)
- water: funnel (water), wave (shape)
- wave: wave (shape)
- weapon: bullet (shape), bull's-eye (shape)

## SHAPE (2)

- area: beak (area), belt (area), corridor (area), horn, neck (area), panhandle (area), triangle (area)
- bullet: bullet (shape)
- configuration: ringed (circled)
- conflict & lack of conflict: vicious circle
- development: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle)
- direction: corkscrew (v), corkscrew (shape)
- failure, accident & impairment: T-bone (v), T-boned
- feeling, emotion & effect: vicious circle
- hierarchy: pyramid (hierarchy)

- increase & decrease: bump (increase), plateau (n), plateau (v), spike (increase), spike (spike in business, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: loop (in the loop)
- movement: corkscrew (v), fan out (v)
- obstacle & impedance: bottleneck, hump (n)
- progress & lack of progress: trough (n)
- relationship: triangle (things), triangle (people)
- sequence: vicious circle
- speed: streamline (speed up)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: curve (behind / ahead of the curve), streamline (speed up)

## **SHARK (2)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: shark (throw someone to the sharks)
- predation: circle (predation), loan shark, shark (predation)

## **SHEEP (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- acceptance & rejection: fold (to / into the fold)
- behavior: flock (v)
- character & personality: black sheep
- consciousness & awareness: sheep (consciousness)
- directing: shepherd (v)
- direction: bellwether
- growth & development: lamb
- sacrifice: lamb (sacrificial lamb)
- society: fold (to / into the fold)
- taking & removing: fleeced

## **SHOULDER (2)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- bases: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- empathy & lack of empathy: shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)
- oppression: shoulder (oppression)
- responsibility: shoulder (fall on the shoulders), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)
- surveillance: shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)
- unanimity & consensus: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- work & duty: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)

## **SIGHT (1)**

- eye: blind (hard to see, hidden), blind date, blinding, blind side (from the blind side), eye (v), eye (sight), eyeball (sight)
- verb: eye (v)

## **SIGN, SIGNAL, SYMBOL (2) (see also representation)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: badge (badge of honor), medal (n), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: marquee (attention)
- bases: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- death & life: blood (blood represents life), cradle (symbol), grave (symbol), night (death)
- danger: zone (red zone, etc.)
- evidence: sign (n), signal (v), signpost
- judgment: frown (v), smile (v)
- money: treasure (money)

- place: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)
- relationship: triangle (things), triangle (people)
- religion: icon (graphic), icon (symbol), iconic
- representation: poster (poster child, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: frown (v), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), seal of approval, smile (v), traffic light (n)
- superlative: trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- warning: red flag, sign (warning sign)

## **SINCERITY, LACK OF SINCERITY & HONESTY (1)**

- book (open book)
- cards: card (cards on the table)
- direction: crooked, straight (honest)
- face: face (concept)
- gambling: card (cards on the table)
- heart: heart (sincerity), heartfelt (adj), heart-to-heart
- mouth: mouth (speech), mouthpiece (n)
- sensation: heartfelt (adj)
- speech: lip service (pay lip service, etc.)
- sports & games: card (cards on the table)

## **SITUATION (1) (see also environment)**

- allusion: Dantesque (adj), frog (frog in boiling water)
- animal: doghouse (in the doghouse), frog (frog in boiling water), web (situation)
- boat (in the same boat)
- body: lap (lap of luxury)
- breadth: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- container: bind (in a bind), box (situation), get out (escape), jam (situation), lap (lap of luxury), limbo (in limbo), out (want out), spot (in a tight spot, etc.), spot (tight spot, etc.), strait (dire straits, etc.), trap (Chinese finger trap), trouble (in trouble), way (way out / escape), web (situation)
- corner: corner (situation)
- dog: doghouse (in the doghouse)
- explosion: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- ground, terrain & land: room (wiggle room), spot (in a tight spot, etc.), spot (tight spot, etc.), trapped
- hand: hold (on hold)
- hole: hole (situation)
- heating water: hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water)
- hygiene: mess (n)
- infrastructure: maze (other)
- insect: web (situation)
- light & dark: twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)
- materials & substances: sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)
- position: middle (in the middle)
- pressure: crunch (crunch time), trap (Chinese finger trap)
- religion: Dantesque (adj), hell (living hell, etc.), hell (situation), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- rope: bind (in a bind), enmeshed, entangled (involvement)
- route: way (in harm's way)
- space: room (opportunity)
- spider: web (situation)

- sports & games: ballgame (new ballgame), game (situation)
- temperature: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water)
- tools & technology: jam (situation), vise (pressure)
- verb: out (want out)
- water: deep (in deep), frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water), water (deep water)

## SIZE (1)

- allusion: behemoth, Brobdingnagian, colossal (adj), gargantuan (size), Goliath (Bible), leviathan, Lilliputian (adj), Olympian (adj), Pharaonic (adj), spartan (adj)
- animal: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow, mouse (size)
- astronomy: astronomical
- atmosphere: skyscraper
- Bible: behemoth, Goliath (Bible), leviathan (n)
- breadth: narrow (breadth), razor (razor-thin), thin (breadth)
- clothing & accessories: seam (burst at the seams)
- creature: behemoth, giant (size), leviathan (n), monster (size), titan (n)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- fatness & thinness: bloated (size), lean (size), slender (adj), slim (small)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- flags & banners: banner (size)
- heart: bighearted
- history: Pharaonic (adj)
- mountains & hills: mountainous (adj), Mount Everest (and Everest), Olympian (adj)
- person: dwarf (size), pygmy (size)
- place: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- religion: behemoth, Goliath (Bible), leviathan, Olympian (adj)
- royalty: palatial (adj)
- sky: skyscraper (tall building)
- standing, sitting & lying: sprawling (adj)
- statue: colossal (adj)

## SIZE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- amount: grain (grain of truth)
- commitment & determination: go (go big)
- corruption: stunted
- consciousness & awareness: giant (sleeping giant)
- decline: shrink (decline)
- extent & scope: go (go big), small-minded
- growth & development: stunted
- heart: bighearted
- importance & significance: big (big name, etc.), colossus (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (achievement), minnow (n), potato (small potatoes), titan (n), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- increase & decrease: big (v), shrink (downsize), swell (v)
- mind: small-minded
- power: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (sleeping giant), minnow (n)
- strength & weakness: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), puny

## **SKELETON (2)**

- concealment & lack of concealment: skeleton (skeleton in the closet)
- resemblance: skeleton (resemblance)
- substance & lack of substance: skeleton (substance)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)

## **SKIN, MUSCLE, NERVES & BONE (2) (see also health & medicine; wounds & scars)**

- appearance & reality: skin-deep
- attenuation: atrophy (v)
- condition & status: atrophy (v)
- conflict: war of nerves
- constraint & lack of constraint: hidebound
- control & lack of control: flinch (v), knee-jerk (adj), reflex (n), twitch (quick-twitch)
- courage & lack of courage: nerve (courage)
- destruction: lacerate (v)
- effect: nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)
- euphemism: skin (save one's skin)
- extent & scope: skin-deep, surface (scratch the surface)
- failure, accident & impairment: strain (v), stretch (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: nerve (anxiety), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, skin (feeling), skin (jump out of one's skin), sore (sensation), thick-skinned, thin-skinned, touchy (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: strain (pressure), strained, stretch (v)
- force: muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (v)
- functioning: atrophy (v)
- hyperbole: skin (jump out of one's skin)
- identity & nature: bone (racist bone, etc.)
- orientation: flesh (inside), skin (outside)
- power: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (v)
- proximity: bone (close to the bone, etc.)
- resemblance: flesh (inside), skeleton (resemblance)
- sensation: sore (sensation)
- substance & lack of substance: flesh and blood, flesh out (v), fleshed out, skeleton, skin-deep
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bare-bones, skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: skin (save one's skin)
- work & duty: strain (v)

## **SKY (2) (see also air; atmosphere; wind)**

- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), nowhere (out of nowhere), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- color: rainbow (color)
- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: horizon (extent and scope), sky-high
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate), sky (the sky can fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other)
- future: horizon (on the horizon)
- increase & decrease: skyrocket (increase)
- mixture: rainbow (mixture)

- occurrence: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- origin: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- proper name: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- route: skyway
- searching & discovery: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- size: skyscraper (tall building)

## **SLEEP (2)**

- action, inaction & delay: nap (n)
- activity: restlessness, sleepy, wake (resemblance)
- consciousness & awareness: asleep (adj), asleep (at the switch, etc.), awake (adj), awaken (awareness), awakening, nap (n), sleeping, sleepwalking, slumber (n), wake up (v), wake (wake-up call), woke (adj)
- control & lack of control: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: nightmare (n), nightmare (worst nightmare), nightmarish (adj), tired (adj), weary (condition)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bed (put something to bed), rest (put something to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- resemblance: awaken (nature, etc.), sleep (n), wake (resemblance)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: bed (put something to bed), rest (put something to rest)
- verb: rest (put something to rest)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: dream (n), dream (v)
- warning: wake (wake-up call)

## **SMELL (2)**

- conflict: stink (raise a stink)
- corruption: cesspool, miasma, noxious (adj), stink (v)
- evidence: rat (smell a rat), wind (get / catch wind of something), smell (evidence), sniff out (v), stench (n), whiff (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: noxious (adj)
- searching & discovery: sniff out (v)
- subterfuge: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- suspicion: rat (smell a rat), smell (suspicion)

## **SNAIL (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snake; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- speed: snail mail, snail (at a snail's pace), snail (snail's pace / other)

## **SNAKE (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; tiger; vulture; wolf)**

- attenuation: defang (v)
- character & personality: snake (character)
- conflict: snake pit
- danger: snake pit
- environment: snake pit
- fate, fortune & chance: snake (snake-bit)
- feeling, emotion & effect: venom (n), venomous
- fictive motion: snake (a trail can snake)
- force: defang (v)
- movement: snake (a trail can snake)
- person: snake (character)



- resemblance: snake (a trail can snake)
- speech: venom (n), venomous
- strength & weakness: defang (v)

## **SNOW & ICE (2) (see also glacier)**

- access & lack of access: freeze (assets, etc.)
- activity: freeze (v), freeze (activity), frozen (activity)
- amelioration & renewal: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- amount & effect: avalanche (n), blizzard (n), hail (in a hail), hail (n)
- appearance & disappearance: melt away
- appearance & reality: iceberg (tip of the iceberg)
- character & personality: snowflake (person)
- consciousness & awareness: blizzard (consciousness)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ice (put on ice)
- creation & transformation: calve (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sledding (tough sledding)
- division & connection: ice (break the ice)
- fate, fortune & chance: ice (on thin ice)
- feeling, emotion & effect: frosty (adj), ice (break the ice), ice-cold
- functioning: freeze (computers, etc.)
- growth & development: frozen (development)
- inclusion & exclusion: frozen out (excluded)
- increase & decrease: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- movement: freeze (position of body), frozen (movement)
- person: snowflake (person)
- strength & weakness: snowflake (person)
- substance & lack of substance: iceberg (tip of the iceberg)

## **SOCIAL INTERACTION (1) (see also society)**

- back: back (scratch somebody's back)
- ball: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- direction: go (go along)
- eye: see (visit / meet)
- face: face (concept), face-saving
- foot: kickback
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give-and-take
- infrastructure: street (two-way street)
- journeys & trips: go (go along)
- mechanism: wheel (grease the wheels)
- movement: go (go along)
- person: hermit (person)
- position: side (on the good side, etc.), side (on the wrong side, etc.)
- sports & games: ball (play ball), ball (ball in somebody's court), game (social interaction)
- tools & technology: connect (v), hook up (relationship)
- verb: back (scratch somebody's back), ball (play ball), connect (v), go (go along), see (visit / meet), wheel (grease the wheels)

## **SOCIETY (1) (see also social interaction)**

- animal: lone wolf, rogue (n)
- body: body politic

- center & periphery: center (society), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), inner circle (n), insider (person), mainstream, margin (on the margins), outlier (n), outsider (person)
- cloth: fringe (on the fringe)
- direction: netherworld (n), underground, underworld
- gate: gate (society)
- ground, terrain & land: exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, shore (far shore), wilderness (in the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- health & medicine: leper (person)
- infrastructure: square (public square), street (society)
- island: castaway (person), island (society), marooned
- person: castaway (person), caste, hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), mob (society), outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (n), untouchable (person)
- river: mainstream
- school & education: fraternity (n)
- sea: castaway (person), marooned
- sheep: fold (to / into the fold)
- speech: square (public square)
- throwing, putting & planting: castaway (person), outcast (person)
- walking, running & jumping: life (from walks of life), life (in walks of life), life (walks of life)
- wolf: lone wolf

## **SOCIETY (2)**

- acceptance & rejection: banished, banishment (n), blackball (v), blacklist (v), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, leper (person), ostracized (society), outcast (person), shun (v), shunned, untouchable (person), wilderness (in the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper
- dismissal, removal & resignation: banished, banishment (n), exile (in exile), exile (n), outcast (person), wilderness (in the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- division & connection: caste
- hierarchy: caste, untouchable (person)
- oppression: blackball (v), blacklist (v)
- person: castaway (person), hermit (person), leper (person), outcast (person), pariah (person), untouchable (person)

## **SOUND (1)**

- animal: bark (v), gallop (n), growl (v), howl (v), roar (n), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), whining
- atmosphere: drift (sound)
- bell: ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)
- dog: bark (v)
- explosion: explosion (sound)
- horse: gallop (n)
- insect: buzz (sound), cricket (n)
- message: drum (beat / bang the drum)
- music: opera, symphony
- speech: rail (v), whisper (sound)
- storm: thunder (sound), thunderous
- symphony: symphony (n)
- verb: bark (v), drown out (v), growl (v), howl (v), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest)
- water: drown out (v), drowned out

## SOUND (2)

- accusation & criticism: boo (n), rail (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: cheer (n), cheer (cheer on)
- activity: abuzz, boom (increase), chatter (data), hum (hum along), hum (n), noise (data), quiet (adj), static (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: cheer (cheer on)
- amount & effect: crescendo (n), drip (drip-drip), uproar (controversy)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chatter (data), din (n), noise (data), signal (other), static (n)
- appeal: call (call to arms)
- attempt: crack (attempt)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bang (with a bang), big bang (in a big bang), blaring (headlines, etc.), buzz (attention), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat, drum up (v), teapot (internet teapot, etc.), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)
- character & personality: whiner (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: last hurrah, roar back (v), swan song
- conflict: clamor (v), clash (n), clash (v), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), outcry (n), uproar (controversy)
- cost & benefit: bang (bang for the buck)
- creation & transformation: drum up
- death & life: heartbeat (n), heart (beating heart)
- decline: knell (death knell)
- destruction: knell (death knell)
- disruption: rattle (disrupt), tumult (disruption)
- effect: chord (strike a chord), repercussion (n), reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- evidence: chord (resemblance)
- feeling, emotion & effect: alarm (feeling), bang (with a bang), bang (bang for the buck), echo (verb / effect), echo (noun / effect), chord (strike a chord), note (on a note), note (note of caution, etc.), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), thunderstruck (adj)
- functioning: click (v), hum (v), sputter (v)
- importance & significance: keynote (n)
- increase & decrease: amplify (v), amplified
- involvement: chime in (v)
- judgment: boo (n), cheer (n)
- message: call (call to arms), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat, saber rattling, signal (other), whistle (dog whistle)
- obstacles & impedance: chatter (data), din (n), noise (data), static (n)
- perception, perspective & point of view: ring (ring false, etc.), ring (ring of truth, etc.), sound (perception)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell)
- repetition: echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), echo (in an echo), echo chamber, echoed
- resemblance: roar (n), symphony (n), whisper (sound)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: grumble (n), howl (v), squeal (protest)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: applaud (v)
- sensation: buzz (sensation)
- sequence: tick-tock (n)
- sound: tick-tock (n)
- speech: chime in (v), growl (v), howl (v), rail (v), ring out (voice), squeal (protest), thunder (speech), whistle (dog whistle)
- speed: finger (in the snap of a finger), zip (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: knell (death knell), last hurrah, silent (fall silent), swan song, tick on (v)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: crunch (cash crunch, etc.)

- transmission: echo (repeat), echo chamber, echoed, reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- warning: alarm (warning), bell (warning), whistle (blow the whistle), whistleblower

### **SOURCE (1) (see also origin)**

- dam: reservoir (source)
- fountain: fountain (source), fountainhead
- ground, terrain & land: aquifer (n)
- mining: gold mine, mother lode, vein (source)
- river: fountainhead, reservoir (source), watershed (n)
- water: aquifer (n), fountain (source), fountainhead, reservoir (source), well (source), wellspring

### **SPACE (2)**

- constraint & lack of constraint: room (opportunity), room (space)
- situation: room (opportunity)
- mind: mind (area)

### **SPEECH (1) (see also accusation & criticism)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: ode (praise)
- allusion: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), pander (v)
- animal: badger (v), bark (v), growl (v), howl (v), savage (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), venom (n), venomous (adj), whining
- bird: crow (v)
- blade: blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- bodily process: spew (vomit)
- boxing: blow-by-blow ( a blow-by-blow account, etc.), come (come out swinging), jab (n), punch (pull a punch)
- chemistry: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically
- container: open up (emotions, speech, etc.)
- cooking: mince (v), roast (v), skewer (v), skewered
- direction: shooter (straight shooter), straight-talking
- dog: bark (v)
- family: mother tongue
- film: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n)
- fire: coal (rake somebody over the coals), combustible, grill (v), incendiary (speech), inflammatory (adj), roast (v)
- fist: bash (v), bashing (n)
- force: lay (lay into)
- functioning: broken (English, etc.)
- geometry: tangent (on a tangent)
- hardness & softness: soften (speech)
- health & medicine: bromide (n)
- hygiene: clean up (speech), dirty word
- knife: blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- mark: smear (v), smear (n)
- materials & substances: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, crude (adj), silver (speech), silver-tongued, vitriol (n)
- mental health: rave (v)
- mouth: lip (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (n), mouthy (adj), muzzle (v)
- person: loudmouth (person)
- predation: savage (v)
- religion: pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v)

- sensation: caustic (adj), caustically, needle (v)
- sex: pander (v)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- sound: chime in (v), growl (v), howl (v), rail (v), ring out (voice), squeal (protest), thunder (speech), whistle (dog whistle)
- sports & games: cheap shot, punch (pull a punch)
- storm: thunder (speech)
- taste: honey-tongued, salty (language), smooth (speech), talk (sweet talk)
- temperature: combustible, fiery (speech), incendiary (speech)
- throat: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- tools & technology: retort (speech)
- tongue: acid-tongued, honey-tongued, sharp-tongued, silver-tongued, tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), tongue-lashing
- verb: badger (v), bark (v), bash (v), blast (v), chime in (v), clean up (speech), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crow (v), cut off (speech), fire (fire back), gaslight (v), grill (v), growl (v), gush (v), howl (v), jump (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mince (v), muzzle (v), needle (v), pander (v), pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v), rail (v), rave (v), ring out (voice), roast (v), savage (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), skewer (v), slam (v), smear (v), snarl (speech), snipe (v), soften (speech), spew (vomit), spill (speech), squeal (protest), stumble (stumble over one's words), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), thunder (speech), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue)
- violence: assassination (character assassination), bash (v), bashing (n), cheap shot, lash out (v), lay (lay into), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (speech), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- waste: talk (trash talk) brag
- water: gush (v), spill (speech)
- weapon: blast (v), broadside (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire), fire (fire back), fusillade (n), salvo (n), shoot (shoot back), shooter (straight shooter), shot (criticism), shot (parting shot), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (n)
- whip: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)

## **SPEECH (2)**

- ability & lack of ability: mute (speech)
- accusation & criticism: assassination (character assassination), callout (criticism), rail (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: parse (v), talk (talk somebody through something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.)
- appeal: call (appeal), call for (v), cry (cry for help), cry (v), cry out (v), outcry (n), speak (speak to something)
- attenuation: tone down (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: pitch (promote)
- attraction & repulsion: invite (v), invitation (n), inviting
- character & personality: loudmouth (person)
- coercion & motivation: cudgel (n), goad (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Aha! (Aha! moment), joke (you must be joking, etc.)
- conflict: fireworks (conflict)
- consciousness & awareness: Aha! (Aha moment)
- constraint & lack of constraint: gag (n), loose (let loose), muffled
- control & lack of control: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- creation & transformation: translate (v)
- danger: tongue (danger)

- difficulty, easiness & effort: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- directing: goad (v)
- enthusiasm: pitch (promote)
- evidence: hint (n), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), suggestion, telling
- failure, accident & impairment: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- feeling, emotion & effect: saccharine (adj)
- fictive communication: address (v), call for (a recipe can call for something), invite (v), language (of sports, cars, etc.), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream “premium,” etc.), speak (speak to something), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), time (time will tell), warn (a sign can warn, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: broken (English, etc.), note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), stumble (stumble over one’s words), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- functioning: tongue (lose one’s tongue)
- future: time (time will tell)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: command (deserve and get)
- help & assistance: thanks (n)
- inclusion & exclusion: square (public square)
- insult: joke (it’s a joke, etc.), punchline (joke), talk (trash talk)
- judgment: callout (criticism), speak (the people have spoken, etc.)
- message: preach (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message), voice (voice of reason), voice (message)
- oppression: cudgel (n), goad (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: greet (v), greeted
- punishment & recrimination: flog (criticize)
- representation: voice (representation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: speak out (v), speak up (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: punch (pull a punch)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: lip service (pay lip service, etc.)
- society: square (public square)
- sound: whisper (sound)
- unanimity & consensus: voice (speak with a single voice)
- worth & lack of worth: joke (it’s a joke, etc.)

## **SPEED (1)**

- animal: breakneck (adj), galloping, sluggish (adj), snail mail, snail (at a snail’s pace), snail (snail’s pace / other)
- astronomy: meteoric (adj)
- baby (baby steps)
- bullet: bullet (velocity)
- day: overnight
- engine: downshift (v), gas (take one’s foot off the gas), turbocharge (v)
- eye: blink (in the blink of an eye)
- foot: pace (at a pace), pace (speed)
- glacier: glacial
- heart: heartbeat (in a heartbeat)
- horse: breakneck (adj), galloping
- journeys & trips: plod (v)
- lightning: lightning
- mechanism: brake (control), speed (up to speed), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- movement: accelerate (v), brake (control), lethargic (adj), plod (v), slow (adj), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed)
- rocket: rocket (speed)

- shape: streamline (speed up)
- snail: snail mail, snail (at a snail's pace), snail (snail's pace / other)
- sound: finger (in the snap of a finger), zip (v)
- storm: lightning (adj)
- train: track (fast track)
- verb: accelerate (v), dart (dart about), downshift (v), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), streamline (speed up), turbocharge (v), zip (v)
- walking, running & jumping: crawl (speed), crawl (n), leap (leaps and bounds), pace (at a pace), pace (speed), plod (v), race (hurry)
- weapon: dart (dart about), bullet (velocity)

## **SPIDER (2)**

- concealment & lack of concealment: hole (spider hole)
- creation & transformation: web (spin a web)
- involvement: web (entanglement)
- place: hole (spider hole)
- shape: web (spider web, etc.)
- situation: web (situation)
- subterfuge: web (spin a web)

## **SPORTS & GAMES (2) (see also baseball; basketball; boxing; cards; chess; gambling; wrestling)**

- ability & lack of ability: Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: game (blame game, etc.), pile-on (n), take down (v), takedown (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: lap (victory lap), track record
- action, inaction & delay: fall (ball in somebody's court), tackle (v), waiting game
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bat (go to bat for somebody), win over (v)
- amelioration & renewal: playing field (level the playing field)
- appearance: game (game face)
- appearance & disappearance: left field (out of left field)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- avoidance & separation: end run (n)
- behavior: cheap shot, free-for-all (control)
- center & periphery: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (other)
- certainty & uncertainty: game (guessing game), slam-dunk
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: merry-go-round, musical chairs
- commitment & determination: full-court press, game (game face), home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- competition: contest (n), dust (leave somebody in the dust), football (n), front-runner, game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), lose out (v), pace-setter, race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, etc.), winner (n)
- computer: surf (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (cards on the table), hold (close hold, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest)
- configuration: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena), blood sport (n), football (n), hitter (heavy hitter), match (death match), tug of war
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball (ball in somebody's court), end run (n), field (v), grapple (v), juggle (v), juggling, tackle (v), wrestle (v)
- consciousness & awareness: ball (take one's eye off the ball), game (get one's head into the game)

- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner)
- control & lack of control: check (in check), free-for-all (control), pawn (n)
- decline: race (race to the bottom)
- development: game (game-changer), homestretch (n), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), roller coaster (development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: bar (bar is set high, etc.), full-court press, home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops), marathon (effort), slam-dunk, softball (n)
- directing: coach (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bench (v)
- disruption: game (game-changer)
- driving force: pace-setter
- eagerness & reluctance: gun (jump the gun)
- epithet: Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.)
- experience: varsity (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: ball (drop the ball), baton (drop; the baton), belly flop (n), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled, goal (own goal), miscue (n), overplay (v), strike out (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (v), gamble (n), game (guessing game), Hail Mary, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: domino (n), domino (domino effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: level (fairness), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.)
- group, set & collection: all-star (adj), scrum (reporters), team (dream team), varsity (n)
- importance & significance: big-league, game (game-changer)
- increase & decrease: roller coaster (development), yo-yo (up and down)
- involvement: game (in / into the game), sideline (on the sideline), sideline (other), weigh in (v)
- judgment: call (close call), call (the right call)
- obstacle & impedance: end run (n), hoop (jump through hoops), hurdle (n)
- performance: charade (n), game (project, scheme, plan)
- position, policy & negotiation: ball (ball in somebody's court), hardball (n)
- power: pawn (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: lose out (v)
- punishment & recrimination: one-strike-and-you're-out
- pursuit, capture & escape: game (game of hide and seek, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), hide-and-seek
- resistance, opposition & defeat: checkmate (n), Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- responsibility: plate (step up to the plate)
- restraint & lack of restraint: no-holds-barred, punch (pull a punch)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ground rule, playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field)
- script: playbook
- sequence: domino (n), domino (domino effect)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: card (cards on the table)
- situation: ballgame (new ballgame), game (situation)
- social interaction: ball (play ball), ball (ball in somebody's court), game (social interaction)
- speech: cheap shot, punch (pull a punch)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: baton (pass on the baton), follow-through (investigation, etc.), homestretch (n), kick off (v), line (starting line), start (running start), tee off (v)
- strategy: card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), end run (n), gambit (n), gamble (n), gamble (v), game (chess game), game (numbers game), move (chess move, etc.), waiting game
- strength & weakness: card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards), pawn (n)



- substance & lack of substance: charade (n)
- subterfuge: charade (n), end run (n), game (game the system, etc.), game (project, scheme, plan)
- success & failure: goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), loser (n), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), streak (winning streak), strike out (v), winner (n)
- superlative: all-star (adj), Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), Super Bowl, team (dream team)
- survival, persistence & endurance: game (game of life, etc.)
- target: goalpost (target)
- taxonomy & classification: ballgame (different ballgame)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: game (late in the game), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), race (race against time, etc.), wire (down to the wire)
- transmission: baton (pass on the baton)
- unanimity & consensus: ball (play ball), pile-on (n), pile on (consensus), sport (team sport), team up (v)
- work & duty: game (stock market game, etc.)

## STAIR (2)

- proper name: stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- shape: stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.), step (shape)

## STANDING, SITTING & LYING (2)

- action, inaction & delay: sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), stand by (v), stand down (v)
- activity: lie (lie low)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: lean towards (v), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by someone (support), stand up (stand up for something), straddle (straddle the fence)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- coercion & motivation: lean (lean on)
- commitment & determination: lean into (lean in / into something), stand (stand firm), straddle (straddle the fence)
- condition & status: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- configuration: sprawling (adj), straddle (configuration)
- conflict: standoff (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: lean in (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v)
- development: stand (stand still / development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: bend (bend over backwards)
- division & connection: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), cower (v), supine (adj)
- extent & scope: sprawling (adj)
- fictive position: sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- growth & development: feet (stand on one's own two feet)
- obstacles & impedance: stand (stand in the way)
- performance: posture (performance), posturing
- position, policy & negotiation: footing (position), posture (position), posturing, sit down (v), sit-down (other), stance (take a stance), stand (position), stand (a tough stand, etc.), straddle (straddle the fence)
- progress & lack of progress: stand (stand still / progress), standstill (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: stand (stand the test of time, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: flatfooted (caught flatfooted), toe (on one's toes)
- representation: stand for (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back down (v), knee (bring to one's knees), lie down (v), rise (resistance), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand up (stand up to something), supine (adj)

- size: sprawling (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: standing (continuing)
- superlative: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: stand (stand the test of time, etc.), standing (continuing)
- time: stand (stand still / time)
- unanimity & consensus: stand (stand as one, etc.)

## **STAR (2) (see also astronomy; moon; sun)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: star (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: supernova (attention)
- decline: star (decline)
- fate, fortune & chance: star (fate)
- growth & development: supernova (achievement)
- person: star (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement)
- proper name: star (Silver Star, etc.)
- shape: star (shape)
- superlative: star (person), star (achievement), stellar, supernova (achievement)

## **STARTING, GOING, CONTINUING & ENDING (1) (see also curtailment) (see also initiation; reconciliation, resolution & conclusion)**

- animal: camel (camel's nose), swan song, tail end (at the tail end)
- arm: hold down (a job, etc.)
- baby: abort (v)
- ball: ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v)
- bell: bell (unring a bell), ring in (the New Year, etc.)
- bird: swan song
- birth: abort (v)
- boat: embark (embark on something), underway
- burden: carry on (v), drag (drag on / out / through), pull out (v)
- burial: knell (death knell)
- cards: fold (v)
- clock: tick on (v)
- cloth: done and dusted, wrap up (v)
- day: dawn (from / since the dawn), dawn (n), day (new day), day (early days)
- death & life: alive (status), coup de grace (deathblow), dead (dead in the water), die (survival), die out (end), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell), life (spring to life), life (alive), live on (v), suicide (career suicide, etc.)
- direction: ahead (go ahead, etc.), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out, level off (v), step down (v)
- doors & thresholds: door (closure)
- engine: downshift (v), flameout, flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v), stall (v), stalled, warmed-up
- exclamation: farewell (n)
- explosion: fizzle (fizzle out)
- farming & agriculture: plow (plow through, etc.)
- fire: die out (end), ignite (v), rekindle (v), smolder (v)
- fish: dead (dead in the water)
- flying & falling: launch (v)
- foot: foot (foot in the door), foot (on the right / wrong foot), kick in (start), kick off (v)
- football: kick off (v)

- force: push (push on)
- ground, terrain & land: slope (slippery slope)
- hand: break off (v)
- head: head start
- health & medicine: abort (v), spasmodic (adj)
- heart: heart-stopping
- horse: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), saddle (saddle up)
- infrastructure: ramp (off-ramp)
- journeys & trips: ahead (go ahead), beginning (progress), embark (embark on something), end (no end in sight), go on (v), head start, jumping-off place / point, move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), outset (from the outset), outset (at the outset), push (push on), road (end of the road), set out / off (v), track (stop something in its tracks), underway, way (on the way), way (every step of the way)
- leg: kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v)
- line: line (finish line), line (end of the line, etc.)
- materials & substances: stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something)
- mechanism: button (pause button), gear (in full gear), fear (into gear), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind away, etc.), grind on (v), grind (grind to a halt), kick in (start), pause (n), reboot (v), reset (n), reset (v), stall (v), stalled, treadmill (n), wheel (spin one's wheels), wind down (verb)
- military: ceasefire (n), soldier (soldier on), stand down (v), truce (n)
- mining: vein (in that vein, etc.)
- mountains & hills: slope (slippery slope)
- movement: accelerate (v), ahead (go ahead, etc.), beginning (progress), creep (mission creep, etc.), dead (dead in the water), escalate (v), falter (v), follow-through (investigation, etc.), go on (v), halt (a screeching halt), head start, inertia (n), momentum (n), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v), rolling (movement), set out / off (v), track (stop something in its tracks), traction (gain / build / get traction), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- music: waltz (last waltz)
- orientation: end (the end)
- pendulum: swing (in full swing)
- plane: flameout, flame out (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (go ahead, etc.), off (it is off, etc.), on (it is on, etc.), over (finished)
- rope: play (play / play out)
- royalty: reign (v)
- sleep: bed (put something to bed), rest (put something to rest)
- sound: knell (death knell), last hurrah, silent (fall silent), swan song, tick on (v)
- sports & games: baton (pass on the baton), follow-through (investigation, etc.), homestretch (n), kick off (v), line (starting line), start (running start)
- standing, sitting & lying: running (continuing)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: tee off (v)
- storm: blow over (v)
- temperature: warmed-up
- theater: bow out, intermission (n), show (the show must go on)
- throwing, putting & planting: launch (v)
- train: line (end of the line, etc.)
- verb: accelerate (v), ahead (go ahead, etc.), balk (v), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), bed (put something to bed), bell (unring a bell), blow over (v), break off (v), bow out (v), carry on (v), die (survival), die out (end), downshift (v), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), embark (embark on something), escalate (v), falter (v), fizzle (fizzle out), fold (v), gas (run out of gas), go on (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (grind to a halt), grind on (v), ignite (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v), level off (v), life (spring

to life), live on (v), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), play (play out), plow (plow through, etc.), plug (pull the plug), pull back (v), pull out (v), push (push on), reign (v), reboot (v), rekindle (v), reset (v), rest (put something to rest), ring in (the New Year, etc.), roll (v), saddle (saddle up), set out / off (v), smolder (v), soldier (soldier on), stall (v), stand down (v), step down (v), stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something), stride (hit one's stride), tee off (v), tick on (v), track (stop something in its tracks), traction (gain / build / get traction), wind down (v), wrap up (v)

- violence: coup de grace (deathblow)
- walking, running & jumping: falter (v), jump (get the jump), jumping-off place / point, pass (end), run (run into next week, etc.), running (continuing), step (first step, etc.), step down (v), stride (hit one's stride), track (stop something in its tracks), track (stopped in one's tracks)
- water: dissolved
- weapon: coup de grace (deathblow)
- wind: blow over (v)

## **STATUE (2)**

- character & personality: sphinx (n)
- size: colossal (adj), colossus (n)

## **STEEL (1)**

- epithet: Ruhr Valley
- place: Ruhr Valley
- strength & weakness: steel (strength)

## **STOMACH (2)**

- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), swallow (accept), swallowed
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: gut (n)
- appearance & reality: underbelly, underside (n)
- bases: guts (insides)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underbelly, underside (n)
- courage & lack of courage: guts (courage)
- destruction: gut (destroy)
- eagerness & reluctance: stomach (eagerness)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gut (n), gutted (feeling), gut-wrenching (adj), stomach (turn one's stomach)
- flaws & lack of flaws: underbelly, underside (n)
- judgment: gut (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: gut (n)
- orientation: belly (orientation), underbelly, underside (n)

## **STORM (2) (see also lightning; rain; weather & climate; wind)**

- accusation & criticism: thunderbolt (n)
- activity: storm (calm before the storm), whirlwind (n)
- amount & effect: blizzard (n), downdraft, hail (n), hail (in a hail), nature (force of nature), storm (by storm), storm (perfect storm), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap
- character & personality: nature (force of nature)
- comprehension & incomprehension: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- conflict: storm (in the storm), storm (conflict)
- control & lack of control: whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- development: storm (calm before the storm)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)

- flaws & lack of flaws: stormy, tempestuous (adj)
- force: storm (v), storm (by storm)
- idea: brainstorm (n), brainstorm (v)
- proper name: Storm (Desert Storm, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- resemblance: storm (immune-system storm, etc.), thunder (sound), thunder (speech), thunderous
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blow over (v)
- sound: thunder (sound), thunderous
- speech: thunder (speech)
- speed: lightning (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blow over (v)
- storm: batten (batten down)
- survival, persistence & endurance: storm (weather the storm), weather (survive)

## **STORY (2)**

- experience: story (war story)
- resemblance: fairy tale, story (horror story), storybook

## **STRATEGY (1) (see also position, policy & negotiation; subterfuge)**

- cards: bluff (n), card (guilt card, etc.), card (play one's cards), move (chess move, etc.), poker (game)
- chess: endgame, gambit (n), game (chess game), move (chess move, etc.)
- direction: bypass (v), go around (v)
- football: end run (n)
- gambling: bluff (n), card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), gamble (v), gamble (n), poker (game)
- movement: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- number: arithmetic, calculus, game (numbers game)
- sports & games: card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), end run (n), gambit (n), gamble (n), gamble (v), game (numbers game), game (chess game), move (chess move, etc.), waiting game
- verb: bypass (v), card (play one's cards), gamble (v), go around (v), hand (force someone's hand), sidestep (v)
- walking, running & jumping: end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)

## **STRENGTH & WEAKNESS (1) (see also attenuation; force; protection & lack of protection) (see also courage & lack of courage)**

- allusion: Achilles' heel (n), David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- animal: defang (v), eggshell (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), lion (strength and weakness), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), paper tiger, teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out) toothless (adj), underdog (competition)
- back: backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- Bible: David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- bird: eggshell (n)
- boxing: glass jaw
- cards: bluff (n), ace (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- center & periphery: marginalized
- chain: link (weak link)
- chess: pawn (n)
- dam: powerhouse
- dog: underdog (competition)
- electricity: amped (strength), powerhouse (n)
- engine: turbocharge (v)

- family: stepchild (weakness)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow
- foot: foot (one foot planted)
- gambling: ace (n), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- ground, terrain & land: rock (support)
- hardness & softness: snowflake (person), soft (soft on crime, etc.), teacup (person)
- health & medicine: anemic (adj), flabby (adj), healthy (strength), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), puny (adj), robust (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- horse: oats (feel one's oats), workhorse (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Achilles' heel
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized)
- lion: lion (strength & weakness)
- materials & substances: cement (v), eggshell (n), flimsy (adj), fragile (weak), hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), oak (strength), rock (support), sag (v), sound (solid), steel (strength), solid (adj), teak (wood), weak (fragile)
- meat: beef up (v)
- mechanism: robot (n)
- person: dandelion (character), fighter (street fighter), lion (strength and weakness), orchid (character), stepchild (weakness), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), orchid (character)
- position: underdog (competition)
- religion: David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), puny (adj)
- snake: defang (v)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- sports & games: card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards), pawn (n)
- steel: steel (strength)
- teeth: teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- tiger: paper tiger
- tree: oak (strength), teak (wood)
- verb: beef up (v), cement (v), defang (v), teeth (take the teeth out), turbocharge (v), water down (v)
- violence: fighter (street fighter)
- water: water down (v), watered down
- weapon: big gun (and heavy gun), weapon (secret weapon)

### **SUBSTANCE & LACK OF SUBSTANCE (1) (see also appearance & reality; performance; substance & lack of substance; subterfuge)**

- air: air (hot air), empty (adj)
- animal: elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), gorilla, paper tiger
- atmosphere: empty (adj), gas (substance), gravity, air (hot air)
- boxing: heavyweight (n), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- bubble: bubble (v)
- cards: house of cards
- chemistry: essence
- clothing & accessories: dress up (v), fig leaf, naked (substance), strip (strip something down)
- death & life: alive (come alive), flesh and blood, life (bring to life)
- fire: fire (substance), smoke (substance)
- food & drink: food (food for thought), meat (substance), nothing-burger, teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- health & medicine: Band-Aid (n)

- house: house of cards
- infrastructure: facade (n)
- light & dark: shadow (devalitized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- materials & substances: concrete, flimsy (adj), hollow (adj), solid (adj), veneer (appearance)
- meat: meat (substance), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- plant: husk (n)
- sea: shell (substance)
- shadow: shadow (devalitized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- skeleton: skeleton (substance)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh and blood, flesh out (v), fleshed out, skeleton, skin-deep
- snow & ice: iceberg (tip of the iceberg)
- sports & games: charade (n)
- teeth: teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- theater: show (performance)
- tiger: paper tiger
- verb: flesh out (v), life (bring to life), light (make light of something), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- water: bubble (n), deep (extent and scope), frothy (substance), shallow (adj)
- weight: gravity, heavyweight (n), heft (n), light (make light of something), lightly (take something lightly), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (substance), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.), weighted, weighty (substance)
- window: window dressing

### **SUBTERFUGE (1) (see also position, policy & negotiation; strategy) (see also appearance & reality; performance; substance & lack of substance)**

- allusion: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Trojan horse (subterfuge)
- animal: burrow (burrow into), fox (subterfuge), mole (n), outfox (v), web (spin a web), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- back: back (behind somebody's back)
- boxing: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- cards: aboveboard, bluff (n)
- clothing & accessories: cloak-and-dagger, dressed (dressed up, etc.), launder (v), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- creature: ghostwriter (n)
- direction: aboveboard, bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), shifty (adj), table (under the table), underhand (or underhanded)
- doors & thresholds: trapdoor (computers)
- epithet: nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- eye: eye (subterfuge), see (see through something), wink (n)
- farming & agriculture: straw man (n)
- film: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n)
- fire: smokescreen
- fist: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- flags & banners: flag (false flag)
- foot: track (cover one's tracks)
- football: end run (n)
- fox: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)
- gambling: bluff (n)

- gesture: wink (n)
- hand: underhand (or underhanded)
- health & medicine: pill (poison pill)
- history: nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- horse: stalking-horse (n)
- hunting: scent (throw somebody off the scent), stalking-horse, trap (n)
- hygiene: launder (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Trojan horse (subterfuge)
- insect: web (spin a web)
- light & dark: shady (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: infidelity (n)
- magic: sleight of hand
- movement: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- puppet: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- pursuit, capture & escape: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- shadow: shady (adj)
- smell: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- spider: web (spin a web)
- sports & games: charade (n), end run (n), game (game the system, etc.), game (project, scheme, plan)
- table: table (under the table)
- theater: smoke and mirrors
- verb: bypass (v), gaslight (v), go around (v), launder (v), outfox (v), punch (sucker punch / verb), scent (throw somebody off the scent), see (see through something), sidestep (v), track (cover one's tracks), trail (throw somebody off the trail)
- walking, running & jumping: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

### **SUCCESS & FAILURE (1) (see also danger; decline; destruction; failure, accident & impairment; flaws & lack of flaws)**

- allusion: Cinderella, Waterloo
- animal: dog (dog won't hunt)
- baby: stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- baseball: grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v)
- birth: stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- breathing: choke (fail)
- cards: hand (hot hand)
- death & life: kill (verb / accomplishment), stillborn, viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- direction: fall (fall short), fall through (v), fall down (v), let down (fail)
- dog: dog (dog won't hunt)
- explosion: blockbuster, dud (n)
- football: goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line)
- gambling: jackpot (hit the jackpot), lottery, sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)
- ground, terrain & land: pay dirt
- hair: scalp (n)
- history: Waterloo
- hunting: dog (dog won't hunt)
- infrastructure: blind alley (n)
- journeys & trips: blind alley (n), dead end, way (all the way), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)



- military: conquer (v), Pyrrhic victory, Waterloo
- mining: eureka, gold (strike gold), pan out (v), pay dirt
- money: jackpot (hit the jackpot)
- nail: nail (nail something), nail down (gain)
- Native Americans: scalp (n)
- sports & games: goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), loser (n), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), streak (winning streak), strike out (v), winner (n)
- target: goalpost (target), hit (success), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- temperature: hand (hot hand)
- verb: choke (fail), conquer (v), fall through (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), jackpot (hit the jackpot), kill (verb / accomplishment), let down (fail), nail (nail something), nail down (gain), pan out (v), strike out (v), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- violence: scalp (n)
- water: dry (come up dry)
- weapon: blockbuster, dud (n), hit (success), target (moving target), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)

### **SUFFICIENCY, INSUFFICIENCY & EXCESS (1)**

- addiction: overdose (n)
- affix: over (overheated, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: shoestring (n)
- container: brim (v)
- desert: desert (food desert, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: fat (adj), lean (insufficiency)
- food & drink: famine (feast to famine), feast (feast to famine), glut (n), glutton (person), insatiable (adj), starvation (n), starvation wages (n)
- ground, terrain & land: desert (food desert, etc.)
- health & medicine: overdose (n)
- hygiene: filthy (filthy rich)
- person: glutton (person)
- skeleton: skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bare-bones, skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- sound: crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- verb: brim (v)
- water: overflowing (adj)

### **SUN (2) (see also astronomy, moon, star)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sun (currency and obsolescence), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)

### **SUPERIORITY & INFERIORITY (1) (see also admiration & contempt; dominance & submission; driving force; force; oppression; power)**

- affix: out (outpace, etc.)
- animal: underdog (competition)
- astronomy: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)

- direction: above (above the law, etc.)
- dog: underdog (competition)
- height: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), loom (loom large, etc.)
- light & dark: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- position: above (above the law, etc.), underdog (competition)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: above (above the law, etc.)
- shadow: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), shadow (attention)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- ticket: second-class (adj)
- verb: circle (run circles around somebody), drown out (v), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), loom (loom large, etc.), outpace (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power), overshadow (v)
- walking, running & jumping: circle (run circles around somebody), outpace (v)
- water: drown out (v), drowned out
- weight: outweigh (power)

### **SUPERLATIVE (1) (see also achievement, recognition & praise; bases; importance & significance; priority)**

- allusion: Homeric (adj), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Promised Land, Shakespearean
- astronomy: star (person), star (achievement), stellar, supernova (achievement)
- basketball: Michael Jordan (epithet)
- Bible: Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- boat: flagship (superlative)
- books & reading: storybook
- boxing: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- creature: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), angel (superlative)
- day: Christmas
- epithet: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), capital (capital of crime, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Christmas, golden (golden girl, boy), king (King of Beers, etc.), Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.), Paris (epithet), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Super Bowl, team (dream team)
- family: granddaddy, mother (superlative)
- food & drink: cream (superlative)
- football: Super Bowl
- fruits & vegetables: plum (desirable)
- government: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)
- history: golden age / era
- hour: hour (finest hour)
- Iliad & Odyssey: epic, Homeric (adj)
- light & dark: bright, brilliance (superlative), brilliant (superlative), coruscating (adj), glittering (adj), glowing (adj), light (shining light), light up (v), luminary (n), outshine (v), scintillating (adj), shining (superlative), sparkling (superlative), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- materials & substances: golden (golden girl, boy), golden (golden opportunity, etc.)
- military: champion (n)
- mining: gem (n), golden (golden girl, boy), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), jewel (n), lapidary (adj)
- money: rich (superlative)
- mountains & hills: Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus)
- person: golden (golden girl, boy), king (primacy), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), star (person), star (achievement)

- picture: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- place: capital (capital of crime, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Paris (epithet), Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- religion: angel (Angel of the Battlefield, etc.), angel (superlative), Garden of Eden, goddess, heaven (environment), Promised Land, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), paradise, saint (superlative), sainthood (n)
- royalty: aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.), crown (n), crown jewels, king (animals), king (King of Beers, etc.), king (primacy), monarch (primacy), prince (epithet), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role)
- school & education: masterclass (n)
- sea: pearl
- sign, signal, symbol: trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- sports & games: all-star (adj), Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), Super Bowl, team (dream team)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- star: star (person), star (achievement), stellar, supernova (achievement)
- theater: Carnegie Hall (epithet)
- verb: light up (v)

## **SUPPLYING (1)**

- fire: fuel (v)
- food & drink: feed (supply), feed (feed on / off / into something), serve up (v)
- verb: feed (supply), fuel (v), serve up (v)

## **SURVEILLANCE (1)**

- animal: eagle eye, fly (fly on the wall), watchdog (n)
- bird: eagle eye
- dog: watchdog (n)
- ear: ear (surveillance)
- eye: eagle eye, eye (surveillance)
- insect: fly (fly on the wall)
- shoulder: shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)
- wall: wall (the walls have ears)

## **SURVEYING (2)**

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: baseline
- measurement: baseline
- possession: claim (stake a claim), stake out (v)

## **SURVIVAL, PERSISTENCE & ENDURANCE (1) (see also amelioration & renewal, resiliency)**

- allusion: Phoenix (myth)
- back: back (back to the wall)
- blade: scrape by (v)
- boat: bailout (n), bail out (n), bail out (save), bailed out, batten (batten down), hand (all hands on deck), ride out (v)
- boundary: limits (push something to its limits)
- boxing: punch (roll with the punches), rope (on the ropes)
- bridge: bridgehead (n)
- burden: carry on (v)

- death & life: alive (keep something alive), die (survival), life (survival), life (give life), lifeline, live (live with something), live on (v), rescue (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), save (v)
- direction: buoyed, sink (sink into debt, etc.)
- fire: Phoenix (myth)
- food & drink: shelf life
- foot: toehold (n), foothold (n)
- force: push (push on), take (endure)
- forest: woods (out of the woods)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (bring back)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (back from the brink), dig (dig out)
- hand: cling (v), hand (all hands on deck), hold on (survival)
- journeys & trips: get (get through something), get (get over something), go (go through something), go on (v), road (road from / to something), trail (trail of tears), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.), woods (out of the woods)
- knife: scrape by (v)
- materials & substances: cement (v), grit (political grit, etc.), stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something), stick (endure)
- military: entrenched, soldier (soldier on)
- mining: dig (dig out)
- mountains & hills: foothold (n)
- movement: go (go through something), go on (v), remain (v)
- neck: neck (save one's neck)
- person: hand (all hands on deck), survivor (person)
- religion: hell (situation)
- riding: ride out (v)
- river: bridgehead (n)
- rope: rope (on the ropes)
- school & education: test (test of time)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin (save one's skin)
- sports & games: game (game of life, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand the test of time, etc.), standing (continuing)
- storm: batten (batten down), storm (weather the storm), weather (survive)
- toe: toehold (n)
- verb: alive (keep something alive), bail out (save), bring (bring back), carry on (v), cement (v), cling (v), die (survival), dig (dig out), drown (v), get (get through something), get (get over something), go (go through something), go on (v), hack (hack something / endurance), hold on (survival), life (give life), limits (push something to its limits), live on (v), punch (roll with the punches), put up with (v), push (push on), remain (v), rescue (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), ride out (v), save (v), scrape by (v), sink (sink into debt, etc.), skin (save one's skin), soldier (soldier on), stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something), stick (endurance), storm (weather the storm), swim (v), take (endure), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water), weather (survive)
- walking, running & jumping: running (continuing)
- water: afloat, buoyed, depth (out of one's depth), drip (drip-drip), drown, lifeline, sink (sink into debt, etc.), sinking, sink or swim, swim (v), underwater (adj), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water)

## SUSPICION (1)

- animal: fishy (adj), rat (smell a rat)
- fish: fishy (adj)
- rat: rat (smell a rat)

- smell: rat (smell a rat), smell (suspicion)

## **SWAMP (2)**

- amelioration & renewal: swamp (drain the swamp)
- corruption: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- environment: swamp (fever swamp)

## **SWORD (2) (see also ax; blade; knife; weapon) (see also explosion; fortification; knife; military; weapon)**

- conflict: sword (cross swords), sword (at swords' points)
- fate, fortune & chance: sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: cut (cut both ways), dagger, double-edged (sword), knife (knife in the heart), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- judgment: sword (fall on one's sword)
- message: saber rattling
- proper name: swordfish
- resemblance: swordfish
- responsibility: sword (fall on one's sword)
- verb: sword (fall on one's sword)
- violence: sword (violence)

## **SYMPHONY (2)**

- resemblance: symphony (n)
- sound: symphony (n)

## **TABLE (2)**

- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: table (come back to the table)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: table (off the table)
- inclusion & exclusion: table (inclusivity)
- position, policy & negotiation: sit down (v), sit-down (other), table (on the table), table (off the table), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)
- proper name: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- reversal: table (turn the tables)
- shape: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- subterfuge: table (under the table)
- worth & lack of worth: table (bring something to the table)

## **TAKING & REMOVING (1) (see also giving, receiving, bringing & returning)**

- blade: chip away (v)
- cows & cattle: milk (v)
- crime: buccaneer (person), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), piracy, pirate (person), plundered, poach (v), poached, rob (v), robbed, robbery (n), steal (steal customers, etc.), usurp (v)
- hand: grab (v), snatch (v)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- pressure: wring something from / out of something)
- royalty: usurp (v)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- sheep: fleeced
- verb: chip away (v), grab (v), hijack (v), loot (v), milk (v), poach (v), rob (v), steal (steal customers, etc.), snatch (v), usurp (v), wring (wring something from / out of something)

## TARGET (1)

- football: goalpost (target)
- sports & games: goalpost (target)
- verb: aim (take aim at something), gun (v), target (v), zero in on (verb)
- weapon: aim (take aim at something), aimed, bull's-eye (target), cross hair (in the cross hairs), gun (v), mark (off the mark), sight (in somebody's sights), sight (sights), target (v), target (n), target (moving target), targeted, zero in on (v), zone (target zone)
- window: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

## TARGET (2)

- difficulty, easiness & effort: target (easy target)
- protection & lack of protection: target (easy target)
- shape: bull's-eye (shape)
- success & failure: goalpost (target), hit (success), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: target date

## TASTE (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; fruits & vegetables; meat)

- amount: taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: juicy
- character & personality: bitter (personality); flavor (other), sour (personality); sweet (personality)
- consumption: palatable (adj), saccharine (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- corruption: sour (v), sour (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.)
- enthusiasm: distaste (n), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- experience: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), salt (sailor), seasoned (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bitter (personality), bittersweet, savor (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- flaws & lack of flaws: palatable (adj), taste (a bad taste), unsavory
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- judgment: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: flavor (flavor of the month)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- speech: honey-tongued, salty (language), smooth (speech), talk (sweet talk)
- vocative: Honey, sweetheart (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: taste (taste for violence, etc.)

## TAXONOMY & CLASSIFICATION (1) (see also division)

- animal: animal (different animal), beast (different beast, etc.), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.), fish (different kettle of fish), species (type)
- cloth: cloth (cut from cloth), strand (n), stripe (of all stripes)
- creature: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- direction: fall (fall into a category, etc.)
- family: family (plants), family (animals), family (viruses), family (products), family (languages), generation (products, etc.)
- fish: fish (different kettle of fish)
- food & drink: fish (different kettle of fish)
- health & medicine: strain (type)
- mechanism: break down (divide)
- royalty: kingdom (animal kingdom)
- sports & games: ballgame (different ballgame)

- tree: branch (taxonomy)
- verb: curate (v)

## TEETH (2)

- attenuation: teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- danger: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- extent & scope: teeth (to the teeth)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gnaw (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), teeth (kick in the teeth)
- flaws & lack of flaws: teething
- force: teeth (take the teeth out), teeth (teeth), toothless (adj)
- growth & development: teething
- initiation: toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- involvement: teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- revenge: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- reversal: bite (bite back, etc.)
- sensation: biting, gnaw (v), gnawing
- strength & weakness: teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: teeth (sink one's teeth into something)

## TEMPERATURE (2) (see also fire)

- acceptance & rejection: cold shoulder, freeze out (v), warm (v)
- accusation & criticism: heat (criticism)
- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), cool (cool off / activity), febrile (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch, frozen (activity), heat up (v), hot (activity), hotspot (place), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: lukewarm (adj)
- amelioration & renewal: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- bases: boil (boil down to something)
- behavior: bask (v), hothead (n)
- character & personality: cold (feeling), coolheaded (adj), fiery (character), firebrand, hot dog (person), hothead (n), hotheaded (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- coercion & motivation: heat (turn up the heat, etc.)
- conflict: cold war
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: frog (frog in boiling water)
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ice (put on ice)
- control & lack of control: hothead (n), hotheaded (adj)
- division & connection: ice (break the ice)
- eagerness & reluctance: cold feet, lukewarm (adj)
- empathy & lack of empathy: coldhearted (adj), coldly
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), frog (frog in boiling water), furnace (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), blood (in cold blood), blood (blood runs cold), boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), button (hot button), chill (feeling), chilling (adj), cold (feeling), chilly, cold, coldly, cool (cool off, etc.), cool (feeling), coolly (adverb), cozy (adj), febrile (adj), frosty (adj), heat (in the heat of passion, etc.), heated (emotion), heatedly, hothead (n), hotly, ice (break the ice), ice-cold, incendiary (speech), lukewarm (adj), overheated (adj), scorching (adj), seethe (v), steam (v), temperature (raise the temperature), tepid, vein (ice in one's veins), warm (v), warm (adj), warmly, warmth

- heart: coldhearted (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- inclusion & exclusion: cold (in the cold), freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), combustible, fiery (character), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- location: hotspot (place)
- measurement: thermometer (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- oppression: chill (oppression)
- person: firebrand (person), hothead (person)
- place: hotspot (place)
- pressure: heat (pressure)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: cold (cold case, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: heat (criticism)
- relationship: cozy (adj)
- sex: steamy
- situation: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water)
- speech: combustible, fiery (speech), incendiary (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: warmed-up
- success & failure: hand (hot hand)

## TENT (2)

- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: tent (fold one's tent)
- commitment & determination: tent (fold one's tent)
- inclusion & exclusion: tent (inclusivity)

## THEATER (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: gallery (cheering gallery)
- amount: repertoire (n)
- appearance & disappearance: curtain call
- appearance & reality: theater (appearance), trial (show trial)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: backstage (adj), downplay (v), limelight (in the limelight), photobomb (v), platform (n), play down (v), show (steal the show), showman (person), stage (center stage), stage (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), upstage (v)
- attenuation: play down (v)
- behavior: dramatic (dramatic child, etc.)
- center & periphery: stage (attention), stage (center state), wings (in the wings)
- character & personality: dramatic (dramatic child, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bow out (v), curtain call, encore, exit (n), usher in (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: backstage (adj), behind-the-scenes, curtain (pull back the curtain), scene (behind the scenes)
- context: backdrop (against a backdrop)
- development: act (development), climax (n), finale (n), script (to script), stage (set the stage)
- directing: stage (v), staged (directed)
- extent & scope: dramatic (extent), dramatically
- fantasy & reality: theater of the absurd
- feeling, emotion & effect: drama (tense drama, etc.), dramatic (the dramatic), dramatic (effect), farce (n), melodrama (n), melodramatic (adj), tragedy (n)



- group, set & collection: cast (cast of candidates, etc.), repertoire (n)
- help & assistance: repertoire (n)
- importance & significance: role (function or part)
- judgment: review (n)
- orientation: upstage (v)
- performance: act (performance), act (insincere show), dog-and-pony show (performance), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), gallery (play to the gallery), grandstanding (n), play (v), repertoire (n), role (act), set piece (n), show (performance), show business (performance), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), theater (performance), theatrics (n), trial (show trial)
- proximity: seat (front seat), seat (front-row seat)
- readiness & preparedness: rehearsal, rehearse
- resemblance: light show
- role: act (insincere show), act (performance)
- script: script (to script)
- searching & discovery: talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: bow out, intermission (n), show (the show must go on)
- substance & lack of substance: show (performance)
- subterfuge: smoke and mirrors
- superlative: Carnegie Hall (epithet)

## **THROAT (2) (see also breathing)**

- acceptance & rejection: swallow (accept), swallowed
- affliction: choke (v)
- oppression: throat (ram something down the throat)
- predation: jugular (go for the jugular), throat (predation)
- resemblance: throat (resemblance)
- shape: throat (resemblance)
- speech: throat (jump down someone's throat)

## **THROWING, PUTTING & PLANTING (1)**

- arm: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), hurl (v), throw out (v)
- bodily process: spew (vomit)
- farming & agriculture: plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), sow (v), sown (planted)
- flying & falling: launch (v)
- health & medicine: inject (v), injection (n)
- mechanism: catapult (v), catapulted, launch (v), launching pad, thrust (v)
- pile: heap (v)
- plant: plant (put), plant (create), planted, sow (v), sown (planted)
- rocket: launching pad
- verb: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), catapult (v), heap (v), hurl (v), inject (v), launch (v), plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), pour (put), sink (put), sow (v), sown (planted), spew (vomit), throw out (v), thrust (v)
- walking, running & jumping: leap (n)
- water: infusion (n), pour (put), sink (put)

## **THROWING, PUTTING & PLANTING (2)**

- dismissal, removal & resignation: outcast (person)
- help & assistance: pitch in (help)
- initiation: launch (v)
- involvement: throw (throw oneself into something)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person)

- society: castaway (person), outcast (person)

## **THUMB (2)**

- oppression: thumb (under the thumb)

## **TICKET (2)**

- cost & benefit: meal ticket
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- superiority & inferiority: second-class (adj)

## **TIDE (2) (see also sea; tsunami; wave)**

- amelioration & renewal: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- amount & effect: floodtide, surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other)
- attraction & repulsion: pull (tidal pull)
- control & lack of control: King Canute
- decline: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb)
- development: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- directing: surge (transitive verb)
- extent & scope: high tide
- increase & decrease: flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase)
- movement: ebb (movement), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (other)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high tide
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tide (buck the tide)
- reversal: tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tide (buck the tide)

## **TIGER (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; vulture; wolf)**

- control & lack of control: tiger (n)
- force: paper tiger
- strength & weakness: paper tiger
- substance & lack of substance: paper tiger

## **TIME (1)**

- burden: drag (drag on / out / through), haul (for the long haul)
- clock: clock (turn back the clock), clock (types), clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.)
- competition: clock (race with the clock)
- consumption: time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (use time)
- container: past (in the past)
- direction: go (time), side (on one's side / time), time (time has passed)
- distance: long (time), long-run (adj), run (in / over the long run), way (a long way off)
- family: father (Father Time)
- mechanism: time machine
- money: spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (borrowed time)
- movement: crawl (speed), drag (drag on / out / through), fly (time flies), go (time), race (time), slow (adj), stand (stand still / time), time (time has passed)
- position: side (on one's side / time)
- religion: grace (grace period)

- season: season (time)
- sound: tick-tock (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand still / time)
- verb: crawl (speed), go (time), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), stand (stand still / time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (time has passed)
- walking, running & jumping: long-run (adj), race (time), run (in / over the long run)
- water: depth (depths of winter, etc.)
- weight: haul (for the long haul)

## **TIMELINESS & LACK OF TIMELINESS (1)**

- baseball: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- birth: gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.)
- boat: ship (ship has sailed, etc.)
- burden: drag (drag on / out / through)
- bridge: bridge (cross that bridge)
- clock: clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), hourglass (time)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: time (the time can arrive, etc.)
- competition: clock (race with the clock), race (race against time, etc.)
- consumption: time (run out of time), time (waste time)
- day: dearly (timeliness), day (early / late in the day), late (timeliness), morning (early in the morning)
- direction: ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (past time), up (your time is up, etc.)
- fire: backlog (amount)
- fruits & vegetables: ripe (adj)
- head: head start
- horse: wire (down to the wire)
- hour: golden hour, hour (timeliness)
- journeys & trips: bridge (cross that bridge), head start
- money: spare (a minute to spare, etc.)
- movement: head start, lethargic (adj), slow (adj)
- number: countdown (n)
- party: party (late to the party)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule), time (past time), time (it's time, etc.), up (your time is up, etc.)
- pressure: crunch (crunch time), crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- religion: grace (grace period)
- river: bridge (cross that bridge)
- shape: curve (behind / ahead of the curve), streamline (speed up)
- sports & games: game (late in the game), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), race (race against time, etc.), wire (down to the wire)
- target: target date
- train: train (train has left the station, etc.)
- verb: bridge (cross that bridge), gestate (v), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), streamline (speed up), time (run out of time), time (waste time), train (train has left the station, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (get the jump)
- weapon: target date
- window: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

## TOE (2)

- conflict: toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes)
- feeling, emotion & effect: toe (step on toes)
- involvement: toe (dip one's toes)
- presence & absence: toehold (n)
- readiness & preparedness: toe (on one's toes)
- survival, persistence & endurance: toehold (n)

## TONGUE (2)

- absorption & immersion: lap up (v)
- accusation & criticism: tongue-lashing
- consumption: lap up (v)
- control & lack of control: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- danger: tongue (danger)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- failure, accident & impairment: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- functioning: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- language: tongue (language)
- speech: acid-tongued, honey-tongued, sharp-tongued, silver-tongued, tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), tongue-lashing

## TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY (2) (see also engine; manufacturing; mechanism)

- access & lack of access: black box (n)
- action, inaction & delay: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: calibrate (adjust), plug (v), plugged (fixed), tighten (v), tweak (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: black box (n), microscope (under a microscope), signal (other)
- appearance & disappearance: radar (drop off the radar)
- attachment: riveted
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: lens (other), magnifying glass (under a magnifying glass), microscope (under a microscope), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- attraction & repulsion: magnet (attraction), magnetic (adj), recoil (v)
- behavior: compass (moral compass)
- coercion & motivation: screw (tighten the screws)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black box (n)
- consciousness & awareness: antenna, radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- creation & transformation: churn out (v), grind out (v)
- destruction: bulldoze (v), steamroll (v), wrecking ball (n)
- direction: bearing (direction), compass (moral compass), lodestone
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chainsaw (n)
- division & connection: connect (v), coupled, disconnect (n), hook up (connect), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- driving force: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- effect: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- extent & scope: compass (within / outside the compass)
- failure, accident & impairment: screw up (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: rake in (v)

- group, set & collection: set (skill set), toolbox, toolkit
- help & assistance: device (n), instrument, tool (help)
- impression: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, stamp (impression), stamped
- increase & decrease: jack up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v)
- measurement: barometer (n), calibrate (adjust), gauge (n), thermometer (n), tweak (n), yardstick (n)
- message: megaphone (n), message (send a message), signal (mixed signals), signal (other)
- perception, perspective & point of view: lens (through a lens), lens (other), microscope (through a microscope), prism (through the prism), prism (other)
- power: high-powered (adj), leverage (n), leverage (v)
- pressure: clampdown, screw (tighten the screws), vise (pressure)
- progress & lack of progress: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- proper name: barometer (Arab Barometer, etc.)
- searching & discovery: needle (needle in a haystack), sift (searching), sifted
- sex: hookup (sex)
- script: boilerplate (n)
- searching & discovery: rake up (v)
- shape: hourglass (shape)
- situation: jam (situation), vise (pressure)
- social interaction: hook up (relationship)
- speech: retort (speech)
- transmission: megaphone (n)
- unanimity & consensus: synch (in synch)
- worth & lack of worth: sift (searching)

## **TOOTH (see teeth)**

## **TRAIN (2)**

- allegiance, support & betrayal: train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- appearance: bell (bells and whistles)
- behavior: rail (off the rails)
- coercion & motivation: railroad (v), railroaded
- consciousness & awareness: asleep (asleep at the switch)
- control & lack of control: train (runaway train)
- danger: rail (third rail)
- destruction: wreck (train wreck)
- directing: steward (role)
- direction: track (direction), track (on track)
- division & connection: track (across the tracks, etc.)
- driving force: train (hype train, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: derail (v), derailed, rail (off the rails), train (failure), wreck (train wreck)
- force: express (Pineapple Express, etc.), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (full steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.)
- future: train (future)
- help & assistance: steward (role)
- oppression: railroad (v)
- progress & lack of progress: track (on track)
- sequence: train (in one's train)
- speed: track (fast track)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: line (end of the line, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: train (train has left the station, etc.)

- unanimity & consensus: train (get on the Trump train, etc.)

## **TRANSMISSION (1) (see also repetition)**

- allusion: Johnny Appleseed
- apple: Johnny Appleseed
- bodily process: sneeze (v)
- family: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (obsolescence), legacy (effect), legacy (reputation)
- fire: torch (other)
- food & drink: feed (video, etc.)
- hand: handed down (transmission), hand-me-down
- health & medicine: contagious, infectious, sneeze (v), viral, virulent (adj)
- history: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- money: heir (n), inheritance (n), legacy (effect)
- rubbing & washing: rub off (v)
- sound: echo (repeat), echo chamber, echoed, reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- sports & games: baton (pass on the baton)
- tools & technology: megaphone (n)
- verb: echo (repeat), jump (transmission), leap (transmission), reverberate (v), rub off (v), sneeze (v), stream (direct)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (transmission), leap (transmission)
- water: stream (direct), streamed (digital), streaming (digital), streaming (streaming media)

## **TRANSPORTATION (1)**

- animal: cart (cart off), drag, haul (v), hauled in, hauled off, mule (drug mule, etc.)
- boat: ship (ship of the desert)
- bridge: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- epithet: ship (ship of the desert)
- verb: cart (cart off), haul (v)

## **TREE (2) (see also farming & agriculture; plant; wheat)**

- achievement, recognition & praise: laurels (praise)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: root (root cause)
- bases: rooted, root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- branching system: branch (taxonomy), branch out (v), family tree, trunk (branching system)
- cost & benefit: fruit (low-hanging fruit), windfall (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: root out (v), uprooted
- fate, fortune & chance: chip (chips fall, etc.), limb (go out on a limb)
- growth & development: branch out (v), root (take root, etc.)
- origin: root (origin), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- proper name: Oak (Royal Oak, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: olive branch
- resemblance: tree (resemblance)
- strength & weakness: oak (strength), teak (wood)
- taxonomy & classification: branch (taxonomy)
- worth & lack of worth: deadwood, windfall (n)

## **TSUNAMI (2) (see also sea; tide; wave)**

- amount & effect: tsunami

## **UMBRELLA (2)**

- cover: umbrella (under an umbrella), umbrella (other)

- protection & lack of protection: umbrella (protection)

## **UNANIMITY & CONSENSUS (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; disruption; help & assistance; sanctioning, authority & non-conformity)**

- allusion: procrustean (adj)
- boat: board (on board), boat (in the same boat), boat (rock the boat), row (row in the same direction, etc.)
- books & reading: page (on the same page)
- burden: pull (pull together)
- cards: suit (follow suit)
- direction: go (go along)
- eye: eye (see eye to eye, etc.)
- journeys & trips: go (go along)
- line: line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), lockstep (in lockstep), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rank-and-file (adj)
- military: lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), marching orders, rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), rank-and-file (adj)
- mechanism: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- movement: go (go along)
- music: bandwagon (n), harmony (in harmony), tune (in tune, etc.), tune (out of tune)
- pile: pile-on (n), pile on (consensus)
- radio: wavelength (on the same wavelength)
- religion: choir (preach to the choir)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- speech: voice (speak with a single voice)
- sports & games: ball (play ball), pile-on (n), pile on (consensus), sport (team sport), team up (v)
- standing, sitting, & lying: stand (stand as one, etc.)
- tools & technology: synch (in synch)
- train: train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- verb: go (go along), line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), march (together, etc.), pile on (consensus), pull (pull together), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), stand (stand as one, etc.), suit (follow suit), team up (v)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), step (in step), step (out of step)

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- absorption & immersion: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), bury (immerse), drink in (v), Hoover (Hoover up, etc.), imbibe (v), immerse (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), steep (v), suck up (v)
- acceptance & rejection: back (turn one's back), blackball (v), blacklist (v), buy (other), embrace (v), freeze out (v), quarantine (v), reach (reach out), retch (v), shun (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), turn down (v), warm (v)
- access & lack of access: bottle up (v), open up (access), shut out (v), tap (v), tap into (v)
- accusation & criticism: bash (v), blast (v), come down on (v), crucify (v), finger (point a finger), go (go after somebody / attack), grill (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mud (drag something through the mud), pillory (v), pummel (v), rail (v), savage (v), scold (v), skewer (v), slam (v), snipe (v), sully (v), take down (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: applaud (v), cheer (cheer on), elevate (v), hat (take off one's hat to somebody), nod (refer), praise (sing someone's praises), rise (achieve), salute (v)
- action, inaction & delay: can (kick the can down the road), clock (run out the clock), dust (collect dust), face up (face up to something), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (throw up one's hands), handle

(deal with), move (take action), needle (move the needle, etc.), road (push something down the road), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), stand by (v), stand down (v), step in (v), tackle (v), trigger (pull the trigger)

- activity: boom (increase), brew (activity), bristle (v), bubble (v), bubble up (v), cool (cool off / activity), crawl (activity), fly (activity), freeze (v), heat up (v), hop (v), hum (hum along), lie (lie low), life (spring to life), lit (lit up), percolate (v), scramble (v), simmer (v), swirl (v), smolder (v), swarm (v), wake (resemblance)
- adapting: tailor (v)
- admiration & contempt: look (look up to somebody), look (look down on something)
- affliction: bear (a weight, etc.), bedevil (v), burden (v), choke (v), convulse (v), dog (afflict), eat (destroy), fester (v), gall (v), haunt (v), heel (nip at somebody's heels), infest (v), needle (v), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), plague (v), prick (v), scar (v), skewer (v), torture (afflict), weigh (oppress)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (v), backed, bed (jump into bed with someone), bring around (v), bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bus (throw somebody under the bus), cheer (cheer on), desert (v), drum up (v), embrace (v), go (go along), horse (switch horses), hung (hung out to dry), lean towards (v), post (abandon one's post), prop up (v), pull (pull for someone), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), recant (v), rug (pull the rug out), sell out (v), shark (throw someone to the sharks), stab (stab somebody in the back), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by someone (support), stand up (stand up for something), stick (stick to / by / with something), straddle (straddle the fence), turn (turn against / on something), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something), walk (walk away from something), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), win over (v), wind (dangle in the wind), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- amelioration & renewal: act (clean up one's act), air (clear the air), bail out (save), bailed out, battery (recharge one's batteries), bolster (v), bridge (v), bring (bring back), burn off (v), buttress (v), calibrate (adjust), clean (v), clean (come clean), clean up (improve), clear up (v), counterbalance (v), cure (v), cushion (v), dead (rise from the dead), defuse (v), exorcise (v), fence (mend fences), fine-tune (v), get out (get out from under), hack (fix), heal (v), hone (v), house (clean house), ice (break the ice), iron out (v), lance (v), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), mend (v), patch (amelioration), piece (pick up the pieces), playing field (level the playing field), plug (v), polish (v), prop up (v), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), recycle (v), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), repair (v), resurrect (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), right (right a wrong, etc.), salvage (v), scaffold (v), sharpen (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), shore up (v), smooth (v), soothe (sensation), stabilize (v), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), straighten out (v), swamp (drain the swamp), tailor (v), tame (v), thaw (v), tide (stem the tide, etc.), tighten (v), tinker (v), turn around (v), untangle (v), unwind (v), vent (v), way (pave the way), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- amount: brim (v)
- amount & effect: besiege (v), bombard (v), erupt (v), flood (amount), gush (v), inundate (v), invade (v), pour (in, into, out, etc.), rain (rain down), shower (v), smother (amount and effect), spill (amount and effect), storm (v), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swarm (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something), break down (explain), chase down (v), deconstruct (v), dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dissect (v), dot (connect the dots), drill (drill down, etc.), explore (analyze), get (get somewhere), go on (explain), illuminate (v), light (shed light), look (analysis), make (make of something), misdiagnose (v), misread (v), parse (v), peel (peel back the layers, etc.), pick apart (analyze), piece together (v), put (put something together), read (read something in something), read (analyze), spell out (v), strip (strip something down), talk (talk somebody through something), tease out (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), unpack (v), unpick (v), untangle (v), walk (walk somebody through something), weigh (analyze)
- appeal: call for (appeal), cry out (v), speak (speak to something), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)
- appearance & disappearance: arise (v), background (fade into the background), blink (light), bubble up (v), come forward (v), come up (appearance), crop up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dredge up (v), dry up (v), emerge (v), evaporate (v), fade (v), fade away (v), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.),



ghost (verb), ground (go to ground), head (rear its head, etc.), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light), lose (extinction), melt (v), melt away (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), radar (drop off the radar), spring up (v), sprout (v), surface (v), surface (bring to the surface), swallow (disappearance), turn out (rally), turn up (appear), uncover (v)

- appearance & reality: whitewash (v)
- assembling: muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v), round up (assemble)
- attachment: adhere (adhere to something), bind (connect), cling (v), embrace (v), pin (attach), stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something)
- attainment: coast (attain), finger (slip through one's fingers), get (get somewhere), hit (hit \$30, etc.), meet (attain), push (attainment), sail (sail to victory, etc.), waltz (attain)
- attempt: go (have a go at something), hand (try one's hand)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), ball (take one's eye off the ball), barnstorm (v), blend in (v), blow up (attention / verb), burst on / onto the scene, etc., cheerlead (v), downplay (v), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat, drum up (v), eclipse (v), explode (onto the scene, etc.), focus (v), herald (v), herald (n), highlight (v), light (shine a light), loom (loom large, etc.), name-check (v), overshadow (v), photobomb (v), pitch (promote), play down (v), point out (v), punctuate (v), radar (drop off the radar), raise (attention), sell (promote), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showcase (v), skyrocket (to attention, etc.), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), stand out (attention), steal (steal the show, etc.), tout (v), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), tuned (stay tuned), underline (attention), underscore (attention), upstage (v)
- attenuation: dampen (v), defang (v), deflate (pressure), play down (v), soften (v), tarnish (v), teeth (take the teeth out), tone down (v), water down (v)
- attraction & repulsion: charm (v), court (v), draw (attract), flirt (v), hit (hit it off), invite (v), lure (v), recoil (v), swoon (v), woo (v)
- avoidance & separation: back away (v), bypass (v), dodge (v), duck (avoid), flee (v), go around (v), pull back (v), push (push somebody away, etc.), quarantine (v), revolve (revolve around something), run (run away), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), steer (steer clear of something), step (step back from something), walk (walk away from something)
- bases: boil (boil down to something), ground (prepare the ground), revolve (revolve around something), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders), underlie (v)
- behavior: act (clean up one's act), bask (v), clown (v), descend (v), end (go off the deep end), fall down (v), flock (v), go (behavior), hog (v), hell (raise hell), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (cross the line), overreach (v), overstep (v), rise (rise above something), showboat (v), sink (behavior), stoop (behavior), stop (stop at nothing), stray (behavior), swarm (v), tame (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), wallow (v)
- branching system: feed (feed into)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close)
- characterization: brand (v), cast (characterize), christen (v), paint (characterize), recast (v)
- coercion & motivation: arm (twist arms, etc.), bully (v), crack down (v), draft (v), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire up (v), goad (v), grill (v), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hand (force someone's hand), head (hold something over one's head), hector (v), herd (ride herd), lean (lean on), press (v), prod (v), push (coercion and motivation), screw (tighten the screws), railroad (v), strong-arm (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bail out (leave), bow out (v), burst on / onto the scene, etc., circle back (v), come back (v), descend (descend on), fade away (v), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), get (get somewhere), go (come and go), head (rear its head, etc.), herald (v), hit (arrive), hover (other), linger (v), loiter (v), remain (v), return (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), table (come back to the table), tent (fold one's tent), usher in (v), walk (walk away from something), waltz in (v), wash up (v)
- commitment & determination: bring (bring it), budge (v), double down (v), draft (v), go (go big), go (go for something), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), invest (v), lean into (lean in / into something), live up to

- (something), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stand (stand firm), stick (stick to / by / with something), stop (pull out all the stops), straddle (straddle the fence), tent (fold one's tent), walk (walk the walk), waver (v)
- competition: jockey (v), lose out (v), pass (progress)
  - complexity: wind (wind its way)
  - comprehension & incomprehension: dawn (v), digest (v), follow (argument), get (understand), grasp (comprehend), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head, etc.), head (get one's head around something, etc.), hit (comprehension), illuminate (v), mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), see (comprehension), waters (muddy the waters)
  - computer: hack (get into), hack (fix), infect (computers), quarantine (v), scrape (v), surf (computers)
  - concealment & lack of concealment: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), betray (v), blend in (v), bury (conceal), cat (bell the cat), clean (come clean), cloak (conceal), come out (v), cover up (v), dredge up (v), erase (v), ground (go to ground), hide (hide behind something), launder (v), lay (lay bare), light (shed light), lock (lock something away), mask (hide), reveal (v), sanitize (v), scrub (remove), surface (bring to the surface), uncover (v), whitewash (v), wrap (take the wraps off something)
  - condition & status: go (progress), knee (bring to one's knees), limp (v)
  - configuration: blanket (v), dot (v), dovetail (v), hover (numbers), hug (configuration), pancake (v), perch (v), punctuate (v), skirt (configuration), sprinkle (v), squeeze (fit), straddle (configuration)
  - conflict: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), battle (v), blink (v), blood (smell blood), clash (v), collide, combat (v), fight (v), fire (a question, etc.), gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), horn (lock horns), joust (v), roll over (v), slug (slug something out), spar (v), square off (v), stink (raise a stink), swing (take a swing), sword (cross swords), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), wagon (circle the wagons)
  - confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (cross that bridge), bypass (v), can (kick the can down the road), come forward (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), dust (collect dust), eye (turn a blind eye), face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face up (face up to something), flinch (v), go (let something go), go around (v), grapple (v), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), juggle (v), lean in (v), look (look the other way), put up with (v), punt (v), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.), road (push something down the road), shrug off (v), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), step in (v), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v), toss back (v), wrestle (v)
  - consciousness & awareness: awaken (awareness), ball (take one's eye off the ball), black out (v), cloud (v), come (see something coming), dawn (v), drift (consciousness), envision (v), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), keep up (awareness), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), sink (sink into a coma, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), wake up (v)
  - constraint & lack of constraint: bind (constrain), envelope (push the envelope), fly (constraint), hand (tie one's hands, etc.), handcuff (v), hobble (v), hold back (obstacle), hostage (held hostage), jump (lines), limit (push the limits, etc.), loose (let loose), muzzle (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), unshackle (v), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
  - consumption: breathe (consume), consume (consumption), devour (devour the classics, etc.), digest (v), drink in (v), eat (consume), feed (fuel), feed (supply), gobble up (v), gorge (gorge on), imbibe (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), run out (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
  - context: step (step back / perspective)
  - control & lack of control: flinch (v), hand (get out of hand), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), harness (v), head (keep / lose one's head), herd (v), herd (ride herd), hijack (v), hijacked, horse (hold your horses), loosen (v), police (v), rein (rein in), shot (call the shots), spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.), string (pull strings), tame (v), usurp (v)
  - corruption: blight (v), contaminate (v), curdle (corruption), infect (corrupt), poison (v), pollute (v), rot (v), sour (v), stink (v), swamp (drain the swamp), taint (v), tarnish (v), twist (v)

- cost & benefit: afford (v), cash in (v), cost (v), outweigh (cost and benefit), pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off (v), profit (v), reward (v), spend (spend energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.)
- courage & lack of courage: brave (v), chicken (chicken out), flinch (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody)
- cover: blanket (v), carpet (v), smother (cover)
- creation & transformation: breed (create), build (create), calve (v), carve out (v), churn out (v), cobble together (v), coin (v), concoct (v), cook up (v), drum up (v), embroider (v), fabricate (v), forge (v), germinate (v), gestate (v), grind out (v), hammer out (v), hash out (v), make up (v), mold (v), patch (patch together), plant (create), recast (v), reshape (v), shape (v), sow (v), spawn (v), spit out (v), squeeze (squeeze something for / from / out of something), stitch together (v), strike (strike a deal, etc.), translate (v), turn (transform), turn out (create), weaponize (v), weave (creation), wring (wring something from / out of something)
- curtailment: book (close the book), break off (v), cut off (v), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), fold (v), kill (v), kill off (v), plug (pull the plug), shut down (v), snuff (v), take down (v)
- danger: tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- decline: burn out (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), crumble (v), descend (v), die down (v), dim (decline), erode (v), ebb (decline), eclipse (v), fade (v), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), grind (grind down), nosedive (verb / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), sag (v), shrink (decline), shrivel (v), sink (decline), slide (v), slip (v), slump (v), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), stagnate (v), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), wane (v), wilt (v)
- dependency: wean (v)
- destruction: back (break the back), blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy), break down (destroy), bring down (v), buckle (give way), bulldoze (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), consume (destroy), crash (crash down), crumble (v), crush (destroy), crush (feeling and emotion), devour (destroy), disintegrate (v), drain (go down the drain, etc.), eat (destroy), eviscerate (v), extinguish (v), fell (v), flatline (v), founder (v), gut (destroy), implode (v), kill (v), kill off (v), lacerate (v), nibble (destroy), pipe (go down the pipes), puncture (v), ruin (v), sabotage (v), scupper (v), scuttle (v), shatter (v), ship (sink the ship), sink (destroy), snuff (v), stamp out (v), steamroll (v), tear apart (v), tear up, topple (v), torpedo (v), trample (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), wreck (v), wrench (throw a wrench)
- development: book (close the book), corner (turn the corner), go (development), land (plane lands), lead (one thing leads to another), play (play out), progress (v), scale (tip the scales), stage (set the stage), stand (stand still / development), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), turn (take a turn), turn out (develop), unfold (development), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: beaver (v), bend (bend over backwards), cat (bell the cat), coast (attain), drag (v), finger (lift a finger), gear up (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (grind down), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops), limits (push something to its limits), plow (plow through, etc.), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), slave (v), slog (v), stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (attain), way (go out of one's way)
- directing: channel (direct), drive (v), feed (direct), funnel (direct), goad (v), guide (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v), inject (v), orchestrate (v), pilot (v), plow (put), pour (put), pump (direct), shepherd (v), shot (call the shots), siphon (v), steer (v), stage (v), surge (transitive verb), take (take somebody somewhere), whip (violence)
- direction: chart (v), corkscrew (v), course (change course, etc.), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), go (direction), head (into the future), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), mislead (v), move (direction), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), plot (v), stray (direction), tack (v), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bench (v), blow off (v), boot out (v), brush (brush off), cast aside (v), cut off (v), dethrone (v), discard (v), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), dump (v), erase (v), exorcise (v), fold (v), flush (remove), jettison (v), kick out (v), lift (amelioration), mothball (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pasture (put out to pasture), plug (pull the plug), pull out (v), prune (v), retire (v), root out (v), scrap (v), scrape (v), shake (remove), shave (removal), shed (v), shelve (v), slash (v), step aside (v),

step away (v), step down (v), strike down (v), strip (v), throw out (v), topple (v), toss out (v), trim (v), weed out (v), wind (throw something to the wind)

- disruption: blow up (destroy / disrupt), head (turn something on its head), house (clean house), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), revolutionize (v), rock (v), roil (v), scramble (disrupt), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), toe (step on toes), upend (v)
- division & connection: bind (connect), bridge (v), connect (v), drift (drift apart), embrace (v), hook up (connect), ice (break the ice), knit (knit together), reach (reach out), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), straddle (connect), thread (v), tie (v), tie together (v), touch (lose touch), weave together (v), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), blink (v), bow (v), cower (v), kowtow (v), tail (turn tail)
- driving force: charge (lead the charge), drive (v), spearhead (v), way (lead the way)
- eagerness & reluctance: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), draft (v), drag (drag somebody into something), drool (v), gun (jump the gun), heel (dig in one's heels), horse (hold your horses), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), path (beat a path), pounce (v), salivate (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- effect: chord (strike a chord), home (hit home), needle (move the needle, etc.), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), reverberate (v), ripple (v), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- enthusiasm: crave (v), pitch (promote), worship (v)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (v), lurch (v), reel (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), stumble (v), trip up (v), upend (v)
- euphemism: dust (bite the dust), skin (save one's skin)
- evidence: betray (v), reveal (v), signal (v), sniff out (v), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- experience: go (go through something), see (see action, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes), waters (test the waters)
- extent & scope: deepen (v), go (go big), ground (cover ground), sound (measure), stretch (extent), surface (scratch the surface)
- failure, accident & impairment: aground (run aground), ball (drop the ball), break down (functioning), buckle (give way), butcher (v), cave in (v), crack (v), crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), crash-land (v), crumble (v), derail (v), erode (v), fall apart (v), falter (v), fizzle (fizzle out), flatline (v), founder (v), fray (v), fumble (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind down), grind (grind to a halt), gum up (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misdiagnose (v), overplay (v), pipe (go down the pipes), screw up (v), short-circuit (v), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), snap (v), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), sputter (v), stall (v), strain (v), stray (behavior), stray (direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), strike out (v), stumble (v), tarnish (v), trip up (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), tumble down (v), undermine (v), unravel (v), west (go west), wreck (v), wrench (throw a wrench)
- fate, fortune & chance: breath (hold one's breath), bullet (dodge a bullet), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), finger (fingers crossed), fire (play with fire), flirt (v), gamble (v), grave (dig one's grave), head (hold something over one's head), limb (go out on a limb), line (tread a line, etc.), path (cross paths), shoe (a shoe can drop or fall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), teeter (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), beating (take a beating), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), bottle up (v), break down (feeling), bristle (v), bruise (v), buoy (v), burn out (v), burst (burst into tears, etc.), button (push a button), carry (carry me away, etc.), charm (v), chord (strike a chord), consume (emotions), cool (cool off, etc.), crack (verb / emotion), crush (feeling and emotion), dampen (v), darken (v), dazzle (v), deflate (emotion), dim (feeling), disintegrate (v), dissolve (emotions), eat (destroy), echo (verb / effect), electrify (v), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fire up (v), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), fume (v), galvanize (v), gnaw (v), go off (v), grate (v), hackles (raise hackles), harden (feelings), hat (hold on to your hat), head (keep / lose one's head), head (keep one's head up), hit (effect), hold (hold something in), hold back (restraint), home (hit home), home (feel at home), hurt (feeling and emotion), ice (break the ice), intoxicate (v), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lift (v), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), lock (lock something away), needle (move the needle, etc.), nerve (strike a

nerve, etc.), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pall (cast a pall), raise (feeling), resonate (v), retch (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rock (v), roil (v), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), savor (v), seethe (v), set off (feeling and emotion), shake (disrupt), shatter (v), shock (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), slide (v), smart (v), snap (v), sober (v), soothe (sensation), spell (cast a spell), spook (v), stack (blow one's stack), stagger (v), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), stick (emotion), stomach (turn one's stomach), stun (v), stung (feeling), swoon (v), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword), teeth (gnash one's teeth), temperature (raise the temperature), toe (step on toes), top (blow one's top), touch (v), turn on (v), unwind (v), vent (v), warm (v), wind down (relax), wow (v)

- fictive communication: address (v), call for (a recipe can call for something), invite (v), read (a sign can read something), say (a sign can say something, etc.), speak (speak to something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), warn (a sign can warn, etc.)
- fictive meeting & seeing: encounter (difficulties, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), find (a date can find us, etc.), meet (something can meet you), see (a date can see, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- fictive motion: climb (roads, etc.), cross (a bridge can cross), follow (a road can follow, etc.), go (a road can go, etc.), meander (v), run (a road can run, etc.), snake (a trail can snake), wind (wind its way)
- fictive position: sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- fictive possession: capture (v), grab (v), hold (verb / possession), hold (take hold), seize (v)
- fictive transportation: carry (carry me away, etc.), ride (ride on something), take (take somebody somewhere)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fray (v), polish (v), smear (v), stain (v), stretch (v), stumble (v), stumble (stumble over one's words), water (hold water)
- flood: jump (rivers can jump their banks)
- force: defang (v), elbow (force), knock out (verb), muscle (v), push (force), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), storm (v), teeth (take the teeth out), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- functioning: break down (functioning), click (v), cripple (v), gum up (v), hum (hum along), misbehave (v), paralyze (v), sputter (v), stall (v), wrench (throw a wrench)
- future: approach (v), bring (future), come (future), come (see something coming), come up on, coming (in the coming months, etc.), head (into the future), hold (future), lie (lie ahead), look (look forward to something, etc.), see (see something coming), see (future)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (v), dish out (v), fork over (v), furnish (give), gift (v), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), offer (v), pepper (v), rake in (v), turn in (give)
- group, set & collection: pool (v)
- growth & development: bloom (v), blossom (v), branch out (v), cultivate (v), flourish (v), flower (v), germinate (v), gestate (v), graduate (v), ground (get off the ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hold (take hold), leg (grow legs), mature (v), nurture (v), plant (create), revolutionize (v), sow (v), take off (v), thrive (v)
- haste: scramble (v)
- help & assistance: finger (lift a finger), lend (lend a hand, etc.), pitch in (help)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: bash (v), batter (v), beat (beat down), beat up (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), knock out (v), lash (v), pound (v), pummel (v), slam (v), strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.), thrash (v)
- hyperbole: retch (v), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), skin (jump out of one's skin), slave (v)
- idea: brainstorm (v)
- importance & significance: fetishize (v), revolutionize (v), trail (blaze a trail), venerate (v), worship (v)
- impression: etch (v)
- inauguration: drop (v), launch (v), roll out (v), unveil (make public), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- inclusion & exclusion: freeze out (v)
- increase & decrease: accelerate (v), amplify (v), balloon (v), big (v), blow up (attention / verb), boom (increase), boost (v), boost (n), build up (v), burnish (v), climb (increase), crank up (v), dial (dial down / back),

- escalate (v), explode (increase), fan (v), feed (fuel), fuel (v), gear up (v), grow (increase), harden (increase), heighten (v), inflame (v), inflate (v), jack up (v), jump (increase), kindle (v), level off (v), mount (v), nosedive (verb / decrease), oil (pour oil), pile on (increase), pile up (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), rebound (v), rev up (v), rocket (increase), sharpen (v), shoot (shoot up), shrink (downsize), skyrocket (increase), slip (v), snowball (v), soar (v), spike (increase), spiral (downward or upward), step up (increase), stoke (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), swell (v), turbocharge (v), turn up (increase), up (increase), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- initiation: blow up (attention / verb), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), burst (burst into violence, etc.), detonate (v), erupt (v), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), fan (v), flare (v), flare up (v), flow (increase), fuel (v), galvanize (v), go off (v), hatch (v), ignite (v), inflame (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick-start (v), kick up (v), kindle (v), launch (v), life (spring to life), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), percolate (v), re-ignite (v), rekindle (v), scale (tip the scales), seethe (v), set off (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), spark (v), spur (v), stir (v), stir up (v), stoke (v), swirl (v), take off (v), trigger (v), trigger (pull the trigger), unleash (v)
  - insult: nose (thumb one's nose)
  - involvement: chime in (v), dive in (v), drag (drag somebody into something), ensnare (v), get (get into something), head (get in over one's head, etc.), jump (jump in), leave (leave something alone), plunge (plunge into something), snare (v), step in (v), stumble (stumble into something), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes), wade (wade in / into), wallow (v), weigh in (v)
  - isolation & remoteness: insulate (v)
  - judgment: frown (v), muster (pass muster), nod (agree), smile (v), sword (fall on one's sword), triage (v), weigh (analyze)
  - knowledge & intelligence: learn (v)
  - leaking: bleed (v), drain (v), leak (v), leak out (v)
  - location: pinpoint (locate)
  - measurement: calibrate (adjust), sound (measure)
  - message: barnstorm (v), drum (beat / bang the drum), proselytize (v), sell (promote), tout (v)
  - movement: barrel (v), bounce (v), churn (move), corkscrew (v), dance (resemblance), dart (dart about), drift (move), duck (v), fishtail (v), flood (move), flow (move), jump (movement), ping-pong (v), pour (in, into, out, etc.), roll (move), roll in (v), seep (v), snake (a trail can snake), stream (move), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), weave (move)
  - obligation: owe (v), pay (obligation), repay (v)
  - obstacles & impedance: bypass (v), go around (v), hold back (obstacle), hoop (jump through hoops), jump (lines), mud (sink in the mud), run (run into something), sidestep (v), snarl (v), stand (stand in the way), stonewall (v), stumble (v), way (get out of the way)
  - occurrence: see (a date can see, etc.), strike (tragedy, etc.)
  - oppression: bear (a weight, etc.), blackball (v), blacklist (v), bully (v), burden (v), crack down (v), darken (v), get out (get out from under), goad (v), lord over (v), pall (cast a pall), railroad (v), saddle (oppress), smother (oppress), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), strangle (v), suffocate (v), throat (ram something down the throat), weigh (oppress), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
  - orientation: upstage (v)
  - origin: come (come from)
  - past & present: back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), back up (v), circle back (v), clock (turn back the clock), go (time), look (look back), walk (walk somebody back)
  - perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), color (v), greet (v), ring (ring false, etc.), see (perceive), step (step back / perspective), view (v), waters (muddy the waters), zoom (zoom out)
  - performance: play (v), stage (v), stage-manage (v)
  - portal: threshold (cross the threshold)

- position, policy & negotiation: budge (v), haggle (v), sit down (v), stance (take a stance), stand (position), straddle (straddle the fence), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)
- possession: cling (v), fall (fall into the hands, etc.), fork over (v), hand over (v), hang on to (v), hijack (v), hold (verb / possession), hold on (possession), own (v), own (make something one's own), seize (v), stake out (v), surrender (v), trade (v), usurp (v)
- power: flex (muscle, etc.), hand (strengthen one's hand), leverage (v), lord over (v), muscle (v), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), turbocharge (v), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- predation: blood (smell blood), circle (predation), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jugular (go for the jugular), lurk (v), pounce (v), prey (prey on somebody), prey (fall prey to something), stalk (v), victim (fall victim to something)
- presence & absence: loom (loom large, etc.)
- pressure: screw (tighten the screws), wall (walls close in)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bring (bring back), bring down (v), dethrone (v), dim (primacy), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), go (come and go), live on (v), lose out (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), own (v), pasture (put out to pasture), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), step down (v), topple (v), wane (v), wax (wax and wane), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something)
- product: bear (bear fruit, etc.), harvest (v), reap (v)
- progress & lack of progress: advance (v), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), corner (turn the corner), forward (move forward, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), jump (progress), keep up (progress), leapfrog (v), level off (v), limp (v), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (progress), move (move up), mud (sink in the mud), needle (move the needle, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), plod (v), progress (v), stall (v), stand (stand still / progress), stumble (v), tail (chase one's tail), traction (gain / build / get traction), turn back (v), vault (v), wall (hit a wall), wind (wind its way)
- protection & lack of protection: ground (go to ground), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), hack (get into), harbor (v), harden (protect), head (keep one's head down), inoculate (v), insulate (v), quarantine (v), shelter (v), wagon (circle the wagons)
- proximity: door (knock at / on the door), home (hit home), shadow (follow)
- punishment & recrimination: beat (beat oneself up), book (throw the book at somebody), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crack down (v), flog (criticize), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), key (throw away the key), kick (kick oneself), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: capture (v), catch up (pursuit), chase (v), court (v), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ensnare (v), fish (v), go (go after somebody / attack), ground (go to ground), hunt (v), hunt down (v), lure (v), nail (nail somebody), net (cast a net), poach (v), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), reel in (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), seduce (v), smoke out (v), snare (v), stalk (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), track (cover one's tracks), track down (v), trail (follow), trawl (v), troll (v), woo (v)
- readiness & preparedness: ambush (v), brace (v), ground (prepare the ground), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), pants (caught with one's pants down), punch (beat somebody to the punch), rehearse (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bed (put something to bed), behind (put something behind), blow over (v), book (close the book), exorcise (v), get (get through something), get (get over something), ghost (bury the ghost), go (let something go), hatchet (bury the hatchet), move on (resiliency), nail down (settle), rest (put something to rest), settle down (v), sleep (put something to sleep), wrap up (v)
- reference: see (refer to)
- relationship: sneeze (v)
- repetition: echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), mirror (v), parrot (v)
- representation: banner (carry a banner), stand for (v), torch (carry a torch)
- reputation: mud (drag something through the mud), smear (v), stain (v)

- resemblance: belch (v), dance (resemblance), paint (resemblance), pour (resemblance), slice (road slices, etc.), snake (a trail can snake), spit (spit down), spit (v), stream (tears stream, etc.), thunder (speech), wake (resemblance), yawn (v)
- resiliency: behind (put something behind), bounce back (v), carry on (v), come back (v), dig (dig out), get (get through something), get (get over something), go on (v), head (keep one's head up), hold on (survival), pick (pick oneself up), piece (pick up the pieces), punch (roll with the punches), push (push on), put (put something back together), rebound (v), soldier (soldier on)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), balk (v), barricade (storm the barricades), beat back (v), bend (v), bow (v), buck (v), buckle (give way), budge (v), cave in (v), combat (v), come out (against something), counterattack (v), dig in (v), fall (defeat), fight (v), fold (v), foot (put one's foot down), give in (v), give up (stop trying), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), heel (dig in one's heels), howl (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), kowtow (v), lie down (v), move (move an inch, etc.), punch (punch back), push back (v), put up with (v), revolt (v), rise (resistance), roll over (v), sell out (v), speak out (v), squeal (protest), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand up (stand up to something), stare down (v), stonewall (v), surrender (v), tail (turn tail), take on (v), tide (buck the tide), towel (throw in the towel)
- responsibility: live up to (something), man up (v), plate (step up to the plate), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), step in (v), sword (fall on one's sword)
- restraint & lack of restraint: end (go off the deep end), envelope (push the envelope), hand (get out of hand), hand (overplay one's hand), help (keep from, avoid), hold back (restraint), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overstep (v), punch (pull a punch), stop (stop at nothing)
- revenge: pay (revenge), score (settle a score, etc.)
- reverence: enshrine (v), venerate (v), worship (v)
- reversal: backfire (v), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), bell (unring a bell), bite (bite back, etc.), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), climb down (v), course (reverse course), face (blow up in one's face), flip (v), gear (switch gears), overturn (v), retreat (reverse), ricochet (v), roll back (v), table (turn the tables), tail (turn tail), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune), walk back (v)
- sacrifice: sacrifice (give up something)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: anoint (v), beatify (v), buck (v), enshrine (v), frown (v), green light (v), playing field (level the playing field), sign (sign off), smile (v), tide (buck the tide)
- searching & discovery: comb (v), come up with (discovery), dig (dig deeper, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig out (v), dig (dig through), dig up (v), dredge up (v), exhume (v), explore (discover), glean (v), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), look (look for), look (look into something), mine (search), rake up (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scour (v), scout (v), scrape (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), sift (searching), sniff out (v), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), track down (v), trawl (v), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unfold (discover), unlock (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), winnow (v)
- sequence: jump (jump ahead), punch (beat somebody to the punch), step (step back / sequence)
- sensation: gnaw (v)
- sex: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- sight: eye (v)
- situation: out (want out)
- social interaction: back (scratch somebody's back), ball (play ball), connect (v), go (go along), see (visit / meet), wheel (grease the wheels)
- sound: bark (v), drown out (v), growl (v), howl (v), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest)
- speech: badger (v), bark (v), bash (v), blast (v), chime in (v), clean up (speech), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crow (v), cut off (speech), fire (fire back), gaslight (v), grill (v), growl (v), gush (v), howl (v), jump (speech), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mince (v), muzzle (v), needle (v), pander (v), pontificate (v), preach (v),



proselytize (v), rail (v), rave (v), ring out (voice), roast (v), savage (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), skewer (v), slam (v), smear (v), snarl (speech), snipe (v), soften (speech), spew (vomit), spill (speech), squeal (protest), stumble (stumble over one's words), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), thunder (speech), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue)

- speed: accelerate (v), dart (dart about), downshift (v), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), streamline (speed up), turbocharge (v), zip (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v), ahead (go ahead, etc.), balk (v), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), bed (put something to bed), bell (unring a bell), blow over (v), bow out (v), break off (v), carry on (verb), die (survival), die out (end), downshift (v), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), embark (embark on something), escalate (v), falter (v), fold (v), gas (run out of gas), go on (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (grind to a halt), grind on (v), ignite (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v), launch (v), level off (v), life (spring to life), live on (v), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), play (play out), plow (plow through, etc.), pull back (v), pull out (v), push (push on), reboot (v), reign (v), rekindle (v), reset (v), rest (put something to rest), ring in (the New Year, etc.), roll (v), saddle (saddle up), set out / off (v), smolder (v), soldier (soldier on), stall (v), stand down (v), step down (v), stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something), stride (hit one's stride), tee off (v), tick on (v), track (stop something in its tracks), traction (gain / build / get traction), wind down (v), wrap up (v)
- strategy: bypass (v), card (play one's cards), gamble (v), go around (v), hand (force someone's hand), sidestep (v)
- strength & weakness: beef up (v), cement (v), defang (v), teeth (take the teeth out), turbocharge (v), water down (v)
- substance & lack of substance: flesh out (v), life (bring to life), light (make light of something), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), teeth (sink one's teeth into something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- subterfuge: bypass (v), gaslight (v), go around (v), launder (v), outfox (v), punch (sucker punch / verb), scent (throw somebody off the scent), see (see through something), sidestep (v), track (cover one's tracks), trail (throw somebody off the trail)
- success & failure: choke (fail), conquer (v), fall through (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), jackpot (hit the jackpot), kill (verb / accomplishment), let down (fail), nail (nail something), nail down (gain), pan out (v), strike out (v), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: brim (v)
- superiority & inferiority: circle (run circles around somebody), drown out (v), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), loom (loom large, etc.), outpace (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power), overshadow (v)
- superlative: light up (v)
- supplying: feed (supply), fuel (v), serve up (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: alive (keep something alive), bail out (save), bring (bring back), carry on (v), cement (v), cling (v), die (survival), dig (dig out), drown (v), get (get through something), get (get over something), go (go through something), go on (v), hack (hack something / endurance), hold on (survival), life (give life), limits (push something to its limits), live on (v), punch (roll with the punches), put up with (v), push (push on), remain (v), rescue (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), ride out (v), save (v), scrape by (v), sink (sink into debt, etc.), skin (save one's skin), soldier (soldier on), stand (stand the test of time, etc.), stick (emotion), stick (stick to / by / with something), stick (endurance), storm (weather the storm), swim (v), take (endure), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water), weather (survive)
- taking & removing: chip away (v), grab (v), hijack (v), loot (v), milk (v), poach (v), rob (v), snatch (v), steal (steal customers, etc.), usurp (v), wring (wring something from / out of something)
- target: aim (take aim at something), gun (v), target (v), zero in on (v)
- taxonomy & classification: curate (v)

- throwing, putting & planting: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), catapult (v), heap (v), hurl (v), inject (v), launch (v), plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), pour (put), sink (put), sow (v), sown (planted), spew (vomit), throw out (v), thrust (v)
- time: crawl (speed), go (time), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), stand (stand still / time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (time has passed)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (cross that bridge), gestate (v), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), streamline (speed up), time (run out of time), time (waste time), train (train has left the station, etc.)
- transmission: echo (repeat), jump (transmission), leap (transmission), reverberate (v), rub off (v), sneeze (v), stream (direct)
- transportation: cart (cart off), haul (v)
- unanimity & consensus: go (go along), line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), march (together, etc.), pile on (consensus), pull (pull together), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), stand (stand as one, etc.), suit (follow suit), team up (v)
- violence: brainwash (v), cleanse (violence), crack down (v)
- warning: cat (bell the cat), whistle (blow the whistle), wolf (cry wolf)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: aim (v), crave (v), dream (v), pander (v), pray (v), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), way (get one's way)
- work & duty: beaver (v), plow (plow through, etc.), post (abandon one's post), pull (pull together), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), slave (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
- worth & lack of worth: pan out (v), profit (v), sift (searching), table (bring something to the table), winnow (v)

## VERB TO NOUN (2)

- concealment & lack of concealment: reveal (big reveal, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: fail (a stunning fail, etc.)
- help & assistance: thanks (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: ask (big ask)

## VIOLENCE (1)

- allusion: Lord of the Flies
- animal: dove (n), hawk (n), hawkish (adj), termite (n)
- bird: dove (n), hawk (n), hawkish (adj)
- blood: bloodbath, mist (red mist)
- boxing: bare-knuckled (adj), glove (the gloves are off)
- epithet: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)
- head: brainwash (v), brainwashed
- history: medieval (adj)
- hygiene: brainwash (v), brainwashed, cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), scum (insult)
- insect: termite (n)
- sword: sword (violence)
- verb: brainwash (v), cleanse (violence), crack down (v)
- whip: crack down (v)

## VIOLENCE (2) (see also oppression; revenge)

- accusation & criticism: assassination (character assassination), bash (v), beaten (beaten up), crucified, crucify (v), lash out (v), pillory (v), pilloried, pummel (v), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- affliction: scourge (n), torture (afflict), torture (affliction), tortured, waterboarding (n)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: bus (throw somebody under the bus), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: drum (beat / bang the drum)
- coercion & motivation: arm-twisting, clampdown, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), goad (v), strong-arm (v), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- competition: cutthroat
- conflict: bear (bear pit), bearbaiting, bloodbath, feud (n), fighter (street fighter), gladiator (n), vendetta, warrior (n)
- destruction: coup de grace (deathblow), rape (v), rape (n)
- directing: goad (v), whip (violence)
- disruption: Jacobin
- fate, fortune & chance: coup de grace (deathblow), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: punch (effect), torturous
- hitting, slamming & lashing: backlash, bash (v), bashing (n), batter (v), beat (beat down), beat up (v), clobbered, clout (n), lash (v), pummel (v), pummeled, punch (force), slam (v), thrash (v), thrashed, trounced, whip (resemblance)
- judgment: hanging (hanging offense), inquisition (n), lynching (media lynching, etc.)
- meat: butcher (n)
- oppression: crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), goad (v), inquisition (n), lynching (media lynching, etc.), reign of terror / fear, etc., waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n), witch-hunt
- power: clout (n)
- punishment & recrimination: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flog (v), hanging (hanging offense), head (heads will roll, etc.), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash
- revenge: vendetta
- reversal: backlash
- speech: assassination (character assassination), bash (v), bashing (n), cheap shot, lash out (v), lay (lay into), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: coup de grace (deathblow)
- strength & weakness: fighter (street fighter)
- success & failure: scalp (n)
- whip: crack down (v)

## **VOCATIVE (1)**

- animal: pet (vocative)
- baby: baby (vocative)
- heart: sweetheart (vocative)
- taste: Honey, sweetheart (vocative)

## **VOLCANO (2) (see also earthquake; ground, terrain & land; landslide; mountains & hills)**

- amelioration & renewal: vent (v)
- amount & effect: erupt (v), eruption, tremor (n)
- effect: tremor (n)
- epithet: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- evidence: tremor (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: top (blow one's top), vent (v), volcanic
- initiation: erupt (v), eruption, tremor (n)
- pressure: volcano (pressure)
- ruins: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)

## **VULTURE (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; wolf)**

- behavior: vulture (n)

## **WALKING, RUNNING & JUMPING (2)**

- action, inaction & delay: step in (v), tackle (v)
- activity: scramble (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: highway (my way or the highway), jump (move), step (every step of the way), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), walk (walk away from something)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chase down (v), walk (walk somebody through something)
- attenuation: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: back away (v), bypass (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), flee (v), go around (v), run (run away), sidestep (v), step (step back from something), walk (walk away from something)
- behavior: overstep (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: jump (move), parade (n)
- commitment & determination: leap (commitment), walk (walk the walk)
- competition: front-runner, jump (get the jump), outpace (v), pace-setter, step (a step ahead / competition), race (hurry)
- condition & status: limp (v)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bypass (v), can (kick the can down the road), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), go around (v), road (push something down the road), sidestep (v), step up (v), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v)
- consciousness & awareness: keep up (awareness)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (lines), overstep (v)
- consumption: run out (v)
- control & lack of control: highway (my way or the highway), runaway
- danger: landmine, minefield, pitfall (n), tread (tread carefully)
- decline: race (race to the bottom), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: marathon (effort), park (walk in the park), scramble (v), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), walkover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v)
- disruption: reel (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- driving force: pace-setter
- eagerness & reluctance: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: footing (find one's footing, etc.), lurch (v), reel (v), stride (in stride), stumble (v), stumble (n), trip up (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: falter (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misstep (n), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), trip up (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: leap (commitment), line (tread a line, etc.)
- fictive motion: go (a road can go, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: lame (lame excuse, etc.), misstep (n), stumble (v), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- flood: jump (rivers can jump their banks)
- future: run (run into next week, etc.)
- group, set & collection: parade (n)
- growth & development: lag (progress)
- haste: run (on the run / haste), scramble (v)
- increase & decrease: jump (increase), jump (n), leap (leaps and bounds)

- initiation: jumping-off place / point
- involvement: jump (jump in), step in (v), stumble (stumble into something)
- movement: jump (move), jump (movement), run (a road can run, etc.)
- obstacle & impedance: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), hurdle (n), jump (lines), run (run into something), sidestep (v), stumble (v), stumble (n), stumbling block, way (get out of the way)
- past & present: walk (walk somebody back)
- predation: pounce (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: step down (v)
- progress & lack of progress: catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leap (n), leapfrog (v), limp (v), limp (n), march (n), march (march ahead, etc.), plod (v), step (a step forward), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step back / backwards), step (baby steps, etc.), stride (progress), stumble (v), stumble (n), stumbling block, vault (v)
- proximity: step (a step away), step (a step closer)
- pursuit, capture & escape: chase (v), step (step ahead / pursuit)
- resemblance: dance (resemblance), leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: run (on the run / retreat)
- responsibility: step in (v), step up (rise to the occasion)
- reversal: walk back (n), walk back (v)
- route: go (a road can go, etc.)
- searching & discovery: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- sequence: jump (jump ahead), step (first step, etc.), step (step back / sequence), walk (crawl, walk, run)
- society: life (from walks of life), life (in walks of life), life (walks of life)
- speech: jump (speech), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- speed: crawl (speed), crawl (n), leap (leaps and bounds), pace (at a pace), pace (speed), plod (v), race (hurry)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: falter (v), jump (get the jump), jumping-off place / point, pass (v), run (run into next week, etc.), running (continuing), step (first step, etc.), step down (v), stride (hit one's stride), track (stop something in its tracks), track (stopped in one's tracks)
- strategy: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- subterfuge: bypass (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- superiority & inferiority: circle (run circles around somebody), outpace (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: running (continuing)
- throwing, putting & planting: leap (n)
- time: long-run (adj), race (time), run (in / over the long run)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: jump (get the jump)
- transmission: jump (transmission), leap (transmission)
- unanimity & consensus: highway (my way or the highway), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), step (in step), step (out of step)

## WALL (2)

- constraint & lack of constraint: wall (constraint)
- division & connection: wall (obstacle)
- obstacles & impedance: stonewall (v), wall (obstacle)
- pressure: wall (walls close in)
- progress & lack of progress: wall (hit a wall)
- resemblance: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: stonewall (verb)
- surveillance: wall (the walls have ears)

## WANTS, NEEDS, HOPES & GOALS (1)

- addiction: crave (v)

- allusion: El Dorado, pander (v)
- Bible: grail (holy grail)
- creature: creature comfort
- food & drink: crave (v), feed (satisfy), hunger (n), hungry (adj), ravenous (adj), starved, stomach (food), taste (taste for violence, etc.), thirst (n)
- health & medicine: crave (v)
- heart: heart (goal)
- history: El Dorado
- Middle Ages: grail (holy grail)
- money: prize (n), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- religion: grail (holy grail), pray (v)
- sleep: dream (n), dream (v)
- sex: lust (n), pander (v)
- taste: taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- verb: aim (v), crave (v), dream (v), pander (v), pray (v), sell (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), way (get one's way)
- verb to noun: ask (big ask, etc.)

## **WAREHOUSE (2)**

- amount: warehouse (amount)
- environment: warehouse (neglect)

## **WARNING (1) (see also evidence; message)**

- allusion: cat (bell the cat), wolf (cry wolf)
- animal: cat (bell the cat), watchdog (n), wolf (cry wolf)
- boat: shot (shot over the bow, etc.)
- cat: cat (bell the cat)
- consciousness & awareness: wake-up call
- direction: heads-up (warning)
- dog: watchdog (n)
- flags & banners: red flag
- head: heads-up (warning)
- military: sentinel (n)
- person: sentinel (n), whistleblower (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: red flag, sign (warning sign)
- sleep: wake (wake-up call)
- sound: alarm (warning), bell (warning), whistle (blow the whistle), whistleblower
- verb: cat (bell the cat), whistle (blow the whistle), wolf (cry wolf)
- weapon: shot (shot over the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot)
- wolf: wolf (cry wolf)

## **WASTE (2) (see also cost & benefit; worth & lack of worth)**

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: garbage (data)
- configuration: littered
- insult: talk (trash talk)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dustbin (n)
- speech: talk (trash talk)
- resemblance: confetti
- worth & lack of worth: dustbin (n), garbage (waste), junk (worth), trash (n)

## WATER (2)

- ability & lack of ability: depth (out of one's depth)
- absorption & immersion: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), absorbed, immerse (v), immersed, immersion, sink in (v), soak up (v), soaked, sponge (n), steep (v), steeped, suck up (v), sunk in
- access & lack of access: tap (v), tap (n), tap into (v)
- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble (n), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), swirl (v)
- amelioration & renewal: fountain (fountain of youth), plug (v), plugged (fixed)
- amount: aquifer (n), reservoir (amount)
- amount & effect: awash, cascade (n), clogged, deluge (n), deluged, drenched, drip (drip-drip), flood (amount), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), floodtide, floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated, Niagara (the river and falls), outpouring, pour (in, into, out, etc.), river (amount and effect), spill (amount and effect), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swamped, tide (rising tide), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something), dive (deep dive)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dry up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), evaporate (v), surface (v), surface (bring to the surface)
- appearance & reality: surface (on the surface), surface (under the surface)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: splash (effect)
- attenuation: dampen (v), diluted (weakened), drained (attenuation), water down (v), watered down
- bases: boil (boil down to something)
- behavior: end (go off the deep end)
- branching system: stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- character & personality: buoyant (personality)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: wash up (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: eureka (eureka moment, etc.), murky (adj), sunk in, unfathomable, waters (muddy the waters)
- concealment & lack of concealment: surface (under the surface), surface (bring to the surface)
- conflict: turbulence
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water)
- constraint & lack of constraint: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other), spigot (n)
- consumption: absorb (books, culture, etc.)
- control & lack of control: fluid (adj)
- corruption: pollute (v), polluted, swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- curtailment: dissolve (terminate), plug (pull the plug)
- danger: waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), washed-up
- development: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- directing: channel (direct), channeled, drip-fed (v), funnel (direct), infusion (n), pour (put), pump (direct), pumped (directed), siphon (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dissolve (terminate), dissolved, filter (v), flush (remove), plug (pull the plug), swept away (removal)
- disruption: roil (v)
- effect: ripple (v), ripple (n), splash (effect)

- environment: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), frog (frog in boiling water), sea (in a sea), sea (environment), swamp (fever swamp)
- experience: baptism, baptized, depth (out of one's depth), feet (get one's feet wet)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes), waters (test the waters)
- extent & scope: deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), depth (extent), shallow, sound (measure)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly flop (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyed, dampen (v), dissolve (emotions), drained (feeling), drip (drip-drip), ripple (v), ripple (n), roil (v), seethe (v), splash (effect), swept away (emotion), wave (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.), water (hold water), watertight (adj)
- future: tap (on tap)
- group, set & collection: pool (v), pool (people), pool (things)
- increase & decrease: buoyant (strong), flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), springboard (n), swirl (v)
- involvement: deep (in deep), dive in (v), end (go off the deep end); head (get in over one's head, etc.), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement), toe (dip one's toes), wade (wade in / into), water (deep water)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), shell (protection)
- leaking: drain (v), drain (n), leak (v), leak (n), leaked, leak out (v), spigot (n)
- measurement: sound (measure)
- movement: cascade (v), deluge (n), flood (move), flow (move), flow (n), gush (n), river (amount and effect), seep (v), spill (v), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- obstacles & impedance: clog (n), clogged. floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge)
- perception, perspective & point of view: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- portal: floodgate (open the floodgates), floodgate (other)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge)
- resemblance: cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.), flowing, fountain (resemblance), lake, pour (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), stream (resemblance)
- restraint & lack of restraint: end (go off the deep end)
- route: channel (distribution channel, etc.), channel (through channels), conduit, stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- searching & discovery: sound (measure)
- sequence: wake (in the wake)
- shape: funnel (shape), wave (shape)
- situation: deep (in deep), frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water), water (in deep water)
- sound: drown out (v), drowned out
- source: aquifer (n), fountain (source), fountainhead, reservoir (source), well (source), wellspring
- speech: gush (v), spill (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: dissolved
- strength & weakness: water down (v), watered down
- substance & lack of substance: bubble (n), deep (extent and scope), frothy (substance), shallow (adj)
- success & failure: dry (come up dry)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overflowing (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: drown out (v), drowned out



- survival, persistence & endurance: afloat, buoyed, depth (out of one's depth), drown, lifeline, sink (sink into debt, etc.), sinking, sink or swim, swim (v), underwater (adj), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water)
- throwing, putting & planting: infusion (n), pour (put), sink (put)
- time: depth (depths of winter, etc.)
- transmission: stream (direct), streamed (digital), streaming (digital), streaming (streaming media)

### **WAVE (2) (see also sea; tide; tsunami)**

- amount & effect: groundswell, swamp (v), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tsunami, wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: wash up (v)
- decline: washed-up (adj)
- development: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: wave (effect)
- movement: swamp (v), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: washed-up (adj)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- shape: wave (shape)

### **WEAPON (2) (see also as; blade; knife; sword) (see also explosion; fortification; military)**

- accusation & criticism: ammunition, attack (under attack, etc.), attack (n), blast (v), broadside (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), go (go after somebody / attack), gun (criticism), potshot (n), salvo (n), shot (criticism), snipe (v), sniping (n)
- action, inaction & delay: trigger (pull the trigger)
- amount: arsenal (amount), battery (amount)
- amount & effect: barrage (n), blitz, blockbuster, bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n)
- attempt: shot (attempt), shot (best shot)
- behavior: cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (n)
- campaign: blitz
- certainty & uncertainty: surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- character & personality: cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (n)
- coercion & motivation: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: boomerang (n)
- competition: duel (n), dueling (adj)
- computer: bomb (code bomb)
- conflict: arm (up in arms), attack (under attack, etc.), blowup (conflict), crossfire (n), duel (n), dueling (adj), fire (a question, etc.), outduel (v), shoot-out (n), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot)
- configuration: scattershot (adj)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), shot (call the shots)
- creation & transformation: weaponization (n), weaponize (v)
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, landmine, minefield, powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- destruction: coup de grace (deathblow), deathblow
- difficulty, easiness & effort: target (easy target)
- directing: shot (call the shots)
- driving force: spear (tip of the spear), spearhead (v), spearhead (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: gun-shy
- evidence: smoking gun
- extent & scope: scattershot (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: dud (n)

- fate, fortune & chance: bullet (dodge a bullet), coup de grace (deathblow), gun (under the gun), long shot, Russian roulette, shot (chance)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blockbuster, blown away, blow up (emotion), explode (emotion), shrapnel (n), smitten (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bulletproof (adj), surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- group, set & collection: arsenal (amount), quiver (n)
- help & assistance: armed, arsenal (amount), weapon (help)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: smitten
- increase & decrease: shoot (shoot up)
- initiation: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), fuse (n), hair-trigger, trigger (n), trigger (v), trigger (pull the trigger), tripwire (initiation)
- movement: dart (dart about)
- oppression: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (under the gun)
- power: big shot
- proper name: Aegis Combat Systems
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (n), armor (protection), shield (n), target (easy target)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blowback
- reversal: backfire (v), blowback, blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), ricochet (v)
- shape: bullet (shape), bull's-eye (shape)
- speech: blast (v), broadside (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire), fire (fire back), fusillade (n), salvo (n), shoot (speech), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), shooter (straight shooter), shot (criticism), shot (parting shot), snipe (v), sniping (n), volley (n)
- speed: bullet (velocity), dart (dart about)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: coup de grace (deathblow)
- strength & weakness: big gun (and heavy gun), weapon (secret weapon)
- success & failure: blockbuster, dud (n), hit (success), target (moving target), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- target: aim (take aim at something), aimed, bull's-eye (target), cross hair (in the cross hairs), gun (v), mark (off the mark), sight (in somebody's sights), sight (sights), target (v), target (n), targeted, zero in on (v), zone (target zone)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: target date
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: aim (v), aim (n)
- warning: shot (shot over the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot)

## **WEATHER & CLIMATE (2) (see also lightning; rain; storm; wind)**

- consciousness & awareness: blizzard (consciousness), fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy
- environment: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (environment), microclimate, weather (environment)
- epithet: mother (Mother Nature)
- progress & lack of progress: drought (in a drought), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)

## **WEDGE (2)**

- division & connection: wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- driving force: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- configuration: wedged

## **WEIGHT (2) (see also burden)**

- affliction: bear (burden), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), straw (the last straw), weigh (oppress), weighted down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)
- amelioration & renewal: get out (get out from under), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.)
- amount: heavy (amount), ounce (amount), pound (amount), ton (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: weigh (analyze)
- cost & benefit: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- development: scale (tip the scales), straw (the last straw)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: lift (amelioration)
- effect: punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: straw (the last straw)
- feeling, emotion & effect: heart (heavy heart), heavy (emotion), heavy-hearted (adj), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), light-hearted (adj), straw (the last straw)
- heart: heart (heavy heart), heavy-hearted, light-hearted (adj)
- history: baggage, freighted
- importance & significance: weighty
- initiation: scale (tip the scales), straw (the last straw)
- involvement: weigh in (v)
- judgment: weigh (analyze)
- oppression: baggage, bear (burden), burden (n), burden (v), fall (weight), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), heavy-handed, saddle (oppress), saddled, shoulder (oppression), straw (the last straw), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- power: heavyweight (n), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- responsibility: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (fall on the shoulders)
- substance & lack of substance: gravity, heavyweight (n), heft (n), light (make light of something), lightly (take something lightly), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (substance), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.), weighted, weighty (substance)
- superiority & inferiority: outweigh (power)
- time: haul (for the long haul)
- work & duty: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone), weight (pull one's weight)

## WELCOME (1)

- arm: arm (open arms)
- carpets & rugs: mat (welcome mat), red carpet (treatment)
- house: home (feel at home)
- royalty: red carpet (treatment)

## WHEAT (2) (see also farming & agriculture; plant, tree)

- content: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- searching & discovery: winnow (v)
- worth & lack of worth: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (verb)

## WHIP (2)

- accusation & criticism: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- affliction: scourge (n)
- coercion & motivation: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- directing: whip (violence)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: backlash, lash (v), thrash (v), thrashed, whip (resemblance)
- oppression: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

- person: whipping boy (person)
- punishment & recrimination: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flog (criticize), whipping boy (person)
- resemblance: whip (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash
- reversal: backlash
- speech: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- violence: crack down (v)

## **WIND (2) (see also air; atmosphere; sky) (see also lightning; rain; storm; weather & climate)**

- activity: whirlwind (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wind (dangle in the wind)
- amelioration & renewal: air (breath of fresh air)
- amount & effect: downdraft, storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- control & lack of control: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: wind (throw something to the wind)
- division & connection: drift (drift apart)
- driving force: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- evidence: wind (get / catch wind of something)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hat (hold on to your hat)
- flaws & lack of flaws: tempestuous (adj)
- help & assistance: tailwind (n)
- movement: drift (move)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)
- progress & lack of progress: doldrums (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blow over (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blow over (v)

## **WINDOW (2)**

- acceptance & rejection: window (Overton window)
- appearance & disappearance: window (out the window)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: window (out the window)
- portal: window (window to the West, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: window dressing
- target: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

## **WOLF (2) (see also animal; bird; cat; cow; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snail; snake; tiger; vulture)**

- affliction: heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- appearance & reality: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- behavior: rabid, rabidly, wolf (predation)
- competition: pack (competition)
- predation: heel (nip at somebody's heels), lone wolf, wolf (n), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- society: lone wolf
- subterfuge: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- warning: wolf (cry wolf)

## **WORK & DUTY (1)**

- animal: beaver (v), rat race

- boat: hand (all hands on deck)
- burden: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), pull (pull together), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: retire (v)
- farming & agriculture: plow (plow through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- food & drink: plate (one one's plate)
- foot: foot soldier (duty)
- hand: hand (work), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck)
- history: slave (v)
- horse: workhorse (n)
- mechanism: grind (daily grind, etc.), treadmill (n)
- military: foot soldier (duty), post (abandon one's post), soldier (soldier on)
- person: foot soldier (duty), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck), servant (n), slave (modern-day slave, etc.)
- rat: rat race
- shoulder: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: strain (v)
- sports & games: game (stock market game, etc.)
- verb: beaver (v), plow (plow through, etc.), post (abandon one's post), pull (pull together), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), slave (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
- weight: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone), weight (pull one's weight)

### **WORTH & LACK OF WORTH (1) (see also cost & benefit; waste)**

- allusion: fool's errand
- animal: cow (cash cow), white elephant
- color: white elephant
- cows & cattle: cow (cash cow)
- creature: unicorn (rarity)
- epithet: gold (black gold, etc.)
- family: favorite son, illegitimate (adj), stepchild (weakness)
- farming & agriculture: commodity, fruitful (adj)
- fruits & vegetables: fruitful (adj), plum (desirable)
- gift: gift (benefit)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (worthless), fool's gold, pay dirt
- hygiene: filthy (bad), scum (insult)
- magic: curse (n)
- manufacturing: run-of-the-mill
- meat: meat (piece of meat)
- mining: bonanza (n), fool's gold, gold (worth), gold (black gold, etc.), gold mine, gold rush, karat (24-karat), pan out (v), pay dirt
- money: bankrupt (adj), bonanza (n), currency (worth), gold rush, pay off (v), payoff, prized, profit (v), rich (rich land, etc.), stock (worth), treasure (worth), treasured (worth), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- person: stepchild (weakness)
- plant: fruitful (adj)
- religion: blessing (benefit), curse (n)
- speech: joke (it's a joke, etc.)
- table: table (bring something to the table)
- tools & technology: sift (searching)
- tree: deadwood, windfall (n)

- verb: pan out (v), profit (v), sift (searching), table (bring something to the table), winnow (v)
- waste: dustbin (n), garbage (waste), junk (worth), trash (n)
- wheat: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)
- writing & spelling: box (tick all the boxes, etc.)

## **WOUNDS & SCARS (2) (see also health & medicine; skin, muscle, nerves & bone)**

- affliction: scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, unscathed (adj), wound (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: scar (blemish), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)

## **WRESTLING (2) (see also baseball; basketball; boxing; cards; chess; gambling; sports & games)**

- accusation & criticism: take down (v), takedown (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: grapple (v), wrestle (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: no-holds-barred

## **WRITING & SPELLING (2) (see also books & reading; letters & characters)**

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: spelled out, spell out (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: erase (v), erased
- dismissal, removal & resignation: erase (v), erased, write (write out)
- evidence: signature, written (written on it, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: handwriting (on the wall), spell (spell disaster, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign (sign off)
- worth & lack of worth: box (tick all the boxes, etc.)

## **ZOO (2)**

- environment: zoo (environment)
- group, set & collection: zoo (group)